

## President's Message - December

Hello everyone!

The holiday season is just around the corner. I can't believe it's almost 2008!! This has been a very busy year so far. Your executive have all been working very hard on your behalf to make your lives run a little more smooth. We know that you spend much of your day at work and if work is causing you too much stress, it can definitely upset the other parts of your day.

Negotiations are in full swing. We have met with the Board once and have dates set for January and February. We will keep you informed with updates. The website is a worthy source of information and I have been working hard to keep it current. Check it out! [www.d18osstf.com](http://www.d18osstf.com). The Board and Bargaining Unit are still meeting to work on pay equity. We met in November and will continue moving forward with this important issue.

Remember to take advantage of family time during this holiday break. This is also a very good time to relax and have a bit of 'YOU' time, especially after the rush of the season. Relax, recharge and refresh. That is so important in our positions, so please try and take some time just to do nothing, catch up on your reading, walk the dog and enjoy the beauty of the season. On behalf of your executive, district office and our colleagues at OSSTF provincial office, I wish you the happiest of holidays and best wishes for a prosperous, healthy New Year!

Warm regards,  
Tracey Selkirk