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2018 Labour Day Message

Today, URFA would like to wish all our members a safe and happy Labour Day long weekend.

However you choose to celebrate the last long weekend of summer, whether it’s one last weekend at the cottage, visiting friends and family, or taking in the Rider game at the Labour Day Classic, we hope that everyone is able to take some time to relax and refocus as we prepare for the start of the fall semester.

It’s also important to take a moment to reflect on the hard fought victories won by the labour movement over the years, from the elimination of child labour and the 40-hour work week, to parental leave, fairer pay, and the right to a safe workplace. At URFA, we continue the work to uphold your rights as members by negotiating and enforcing strong collective agreements that improve working conditions for all.

Earlier this year, we were able to negotiate agreements for URFA APT members at the U of R and the First Nations University of Canada that made gains in compensation, while protecting and improving language and benefits in their collective agreements that URFA members have fought hard for. This fall, as the U of R Academic Staff Bargaining Team continues their negotiations with the employer, it’s important that all URFA members show their solidarity- from stopping by to say hello when you see them tabling on campus to wearing a button or putting one of their postcards on your office door, we are stronger together and your support is greatly appreciated.

We’d also like to take a moment to invite everyone to the Regina and District Labour Council’s annual Labour Day Picnic on the west lawn of the Legislative Building, starting at 12:00 pm on Monday, September 3rd. This annual tradition is free and includes a barbecue as well as entertainment and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Have a great Labour Day weekend!

In Solidarity,

Sylvain Rheault,

URFA President