

# UNIFOR: LOCAL 25

## **Special Guest Speaker**

Joan Roberts will be speaking to the membership of Local 25 at the next membership meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Joan was a leading figure in the fight for the equality for women and was instrumental in leading the operators on strike in order to challenge Bell Canada on equity issues. Joan helped paved the way for women not only in the company but also the union. Joan is publishing a book titled 'Cracked: How Telephone Operators Took on Canada's Largest Corporation ... And Won'. Joan deserves our attention, her story is fascinating and inspirational. Joan will be at the Local 25 office located on 73 Richmond St W, unit 412 speaking from 5:15 to 6 pm. Food and refreshments will be served. There will be 40 spots available for those interested. Please RSVP in advance to [justin.connolly@unifor25.com](mailto:justin.connolly@unifor25.com)

## **New Chief Steward**

Deanne Smith has been acclaimed as the new Chief Steward of Local 25. Membership confirmed her appointment at the last meeting after she was the only individual to put forward her name to replace outgoing Chief Steward Rob Curtis. Deanne has been as steward for over a decade. Her dynamic personality and desire to help membership resolve grievances will serve everyone well. Deanne is an excellent candidate for the role and an established advocate for workers' rights.

## **Help Local 25**

With the new e-mailings receiving positive reviews, we ask everyone to turn to their co-workers and ask if they also are getting the e-mails. Unfortunately, because of the scope of the mailings, some people have notified Local 25 they found theirs going into the junk folder. Please take a minute to confer with your colleagues that they are getting the mailings so everyone can keep informed on union activity.