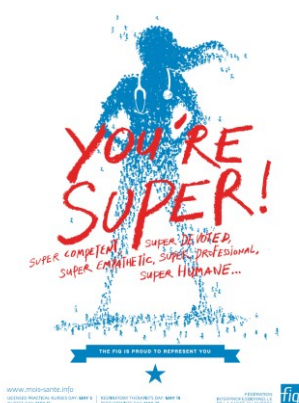


A super Health Month!

For the 2014 edition of Health Month, the FIQ is addressing its healthcare professional members who make a superhuman effort in their work. The message that it wants to send them? “You’re super! Super competent, super devoted, super empathetic, super professional, super humane. The FIQ is proud to represent you”.



Remember that, every year at the FIQ, the month of May is devoted to the recognition of the essential role of the healthcare professional. Thus, the Federation marks Licensed Practical Nurses Day on May 5, Nurses Day on May 12, Respiratory Therapists Day on May 19 and Perfusionists Day on May 26.

Angela Davis, an accomplished activist



The most recent Convention of the Federation was an opportunity to hear the American activist, Angela

Davis. A founding member of Critical Resistance, a national organization devoted to the dismantling of the prison system, Ms Davis is also associated with Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization located in Queensland, Australia that works in solidarity with imprisoned women.

Ms Davis also noted the social inequalities in the United States, whether in regards to income or ethnic origin. Mass imprisonment and injustice are among the concrete examples of these inequalities that disturbed the delegates of the Federation, present for this memorable conference.

The delegates choose not to join the Common Front



On April 3, when they were meeting in a Special Federal Council in Laval, the delegates of the Federation took the decision not to join the Common Front, made up of other labour organizations, for the upcoming negotiations in the public and parapublic sectors.

“Considering the operating rules that the Common Front organizations gave themselves, we are firmly convinced that we are in a better position to argue the interests of our members and thus concretely and truly make progress in their working conditions”, was among what Régine Laurent stated in a release directed at the media.

Support from the FIQ for the Nova Scotia nurses’ struggle

The ongoing debate for the nurses in Nova Scotia, demanding safe, quality care for the patients, is reminiscent of the numerous struggles that the Federation has waged over the last few years and that it intends to continue.

“A major paradox exists in an Act respecting essential services already in force in Québec, a law similar to the one that your government wants to pass. While the law forces unions, during pressure tactics or strikes, to respect a minimum percentage of professional resources, outside of periods of labour conflict, the employers often schedule less staff than the minimum required by the provisions on essential services, without ever being afraid of reprimands from the government”, wrote Régine Laurent in a letter addressed to the president of the union representing the nurses in Nova Scotia.

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