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***CEU members use humour to roast Bob and create visual show of union solidarity***

The CEU executive and staff extend its thanks to the membership for poking fun at Bob and participating in his birthday bash. All around the province, CEU members demonstrated a show of solidarity by putting balloons up EVERYWHERE! The visual sea of colour was simply beautiful.

Bob's "Baby Brag" books are being compiled into one document and copies will be sent to each steward to share with his/her jurisdiction. For those of you who asked what Bob stands for, every claim has to have a claim owner identified on it. When a claim is system owned it says "Bob SystemDesk". As part of the roast theme, some people offered very creative and entertaining explanations about what Bob should stand for!

Yesterday was a day to poke fun at past and ongoing CMS issues. It provided a much needed stress reliever for many, but we are all aware there is still plenty of room for improvement to address volume, staffing and systems fixes. These issues are not funny to those of you who have to deal with the fallout created by these problems.

CEU members also told us the circle of difficulty and ongoing challenges, related to CMS, is broader than many may think. While members from the divisions who deal directly with claims issues are impacted by CMS, others are also dealing with the fallout in different ways.

Members from the IT, EDS and Accounting areas revealed some challenges that we were not aware of. This information is a timely reminder of how important Bob's roast was to CEU members of every stripe, from every division, because it provided an opportunity for them to tell their stories.

Yesterday's mirthful celebration and roast clearly demonstrated your strong Union support and your desire to have the CEU continue with its efforts to get the employer to implement meaningful improvements to your working conditions.

