

## Our Legislative Action Committee

### Wins for Working Families...So Far



**Legislative Action Committee Members Gathered at the Capitol on the Final Day of the CT General Assembly**

Though the Connecticut General Assembly adjourned its 2007 Session on June 6, lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on a budget, leaving a number of initiatives important to our members in limbo. At press time, we learned that two weeks into a Special Session, the Governor and legislative leaders had reached an agreement on a tentative budget, which was approved in the House, and awaiting a vote in the Senate.

Our members have been directly involved in the legislative process since January, testifying in public hearings, meeting one-on-one with elected officials, and participating in activities at the capitol with community allies and labor partners. Direct member involvement is the primary reason for the gains we have made, and will determine if we can claim additional working families' victories at the capitol!

## Our Legislative Agenda Update

### Recognition of Military Service - **WON**

Our members working for the State serving the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, and along the US-Mexico border had been denied accrual of vacation time during their deployment because of a loophole in state law. Our SEIU State Council and International Union lobbyists worked with several lawmakers to draft a legislative fix and create access to vacation and leave for state workers on National Guard or active military duty.

The bill, which Governor Rell signed into law on June 11, is a significant victory for all state employees, and particularly for our members working as Education Professionals, who do not accrue vacation time under our P-3B contract.

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## Delivering Our Clean Contracting Message

### Pass Contract Reform Bill



**Oscar Gomez**

Systems Developer,  
 CT Dept. of Social Services  
 President, Chapter 33,  
 P-4 Council

do not want the abuse and waste of money to continue. We don't want to wait another year for contracting reform.

My fellow members in CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 and I have been calling for reform of the state's contracting-out policies for more than ten years. As an Information Technology professional with the Department of Social Services, I was one of the many voices sounding the alarm when the Rowland Administration threatened to outsource our vital services.

We exposed the way private contractors used the procurement system to get paid for work that was not delivered, not timely as promised, and with claims of "change orders" continued to bill taxpayers for shoddy work that State Employees had to fix or replace altogether.

This legislation would finally establish the protections our members have been advocating for since the bid-rigging scandals of the Rowland administration, which seem to have continued.

*(Editor's note: this Letter was submitted to the Hartford Courant in response to their June 8 Editorial "Session Ends With A Thud," and at press time was scheduled to be published in their June 23 edition)*

I was as stunned as the Hartford Courant's Editorial Board to learn that a historic contract reform bill passed in the State Senate by a vote of 34-2 on the last day of the session was tabled before it could be voted on the House. The landmark legislation, which Governor Rell, a majority of lawmakers from both parties, public employee unions, and the non-profit service sector came together to support, warrants a special legislative session.

With the "Little-Dig" on I-84 outsourcing disaster in the background, Connecticut taxpayers

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## Our Actions...in Brief

### Members' Current Issues, Meetings, & Events

#### »» Our New Haven School Bus Drivers are Being Heard:

More than 50 of our members working for First Student turned-out at the June 4 New Haven Board of Alders meeting, and persuaded the majority to vote to table approval of the City's proposed revenue contract with the company. Members met later in the week with Superintendent Reginald Mayo and Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., who pledged to become more involved in contract negotiations! Read the local news media reports of our successful efforts to move elected officials to support winning a strong new contract at our website's School Bus Workers United Campaign media coverage page, at [www.csea-ct.com/local\\_760/school\\_bus\\_safety.cfm](http://www.csea-ct.com/local_760/school_bus_safety.cfm).



**Our Council 760, Chapter 1108 Members Packed New Haven City Hall Chambers June 4**

(Look for the Arrows Symbol »» throughout this edition for more "Actions...In Brief")

## P-4 COUNCIL

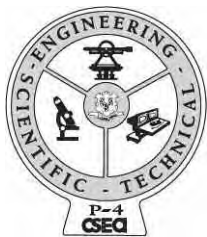
# SUMMER PICNIC

Friday, July 20

12:00 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Farmington Club

162 Town Farm Rd., Farmington, CT



P-4 Council Members: \$25 \* ▪ \$31 after July 13

\* Includes \$6 Council rebate if purchased before July 13.

All CHAPTERS are encouraged to provide an additional \$5.00 (minimum) rebate

Guests: \$31 Children: Free for 10 and under ▪ \$28 for ages 11-20

## LUNCH BUFFET - ALL YOU CAN EAT

Hot Dogs ▪ Hamburgers ▪ BBQ Chicken ▪ Corn on the Cob ▪ Fried Pepper & Onions ▪ Baked Beans ▪ Salads (Egg, Potato, Tossed) ▪ Sauerkraut ▪ Beverage ▪ Sundae Bar

**OPEN BAR - 12:30 - 3:00 P.M.**

Beer ▪ Wine

## ACTIVITIES

Basketball ▪ Horseshoes ▪ Tennis ▪ Volley Ball ▪ Swimming ▪ Softball (Bring Gloves) ▪ Shuffle Board ▪ Bingo ▪ Egg Toss ▪ Pool Relays ▪ Games and Playground for Kids

Tickets can be purchased from P-4 Council Officers, Stewards, and our Local Union Hall or call Council SAC Chair Linda King-Corbin at (860) 827-2817



## JOIN US for Our Retirees' Annual Outing

Wednesday, August 29 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*Rain or shine!*

at Holiday Hill 43 Candee Rd., Prospect, CT

Phone number for the facility: (203) 758-4547

Handicap accessible

### ACTIVITIES:

*(Showers and dressing facilities available)*

Swimming ▪ Bingo (with prizes) ▪ Dancing (music provided by a disc jockey) ▪ Tennis ▪ Bocie Ball ▪ Shuffleboard ▪ Horseshoes ▪ Badminton ▪ Volleyball ▪ Softball ▪ Basketball ▪ Golf ▪ Boating ▪ Canoeing

**(Editor's note:** a downloadable flyer for the Annual Outing with complete menus for all 3 buffets, and driving directions are posted online at our website's Events Calendar at [www.csea-ct.com/calendar](http://www.csea-ct.com/calendar))



**Chapter 401 President Kay Goulet Presented with Council 400 Leadership Award at Our 2006 Annual Outing**

### COST:

*(Includes 3 unlimited buffets served throughout the day, beverages and snacks, and tax and gratuity)*

**\$10.00**

Council 400 Members

**\$20.00**

Members' Spouses

**\$38.00**

Members' Guests

**(Editor's note:** Council 400 Delegates and Chapters do not hold regular meetings in July or August)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: August 24 (no refunds after this date). Please complete this coupon and mail with check (payable to CSEA Council 400) to:

**Council 400, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106**

(Please Note: You need only present your name to the gate attendant to obtain access to Holiday Hill on August 29.)

### Council 400 Annual Outing ▪ Wednesday, August 29, 2007

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

# Building Alliances

## Taking Our Message of Reform to the Nation's Capitol



**Stephen Livingston**  
Highway Safety Management Specialist 2, CT Dept. of Transportation Council P-4 Vice-President



**Kevin Ng**  
Transportation Engineer 2, CT Dept. of Transportation Member, Council P-4

For three days in May, we had the privilege of representing our fellow members in CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 at the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) Annual Conference in Washington, DC. As affiliates of NASHTU, we have sent a delegation to the event each year to report on contracting-out, privatization and public-private partnerships (PPPs) in our state, and discuss solutions for preventing outsourcing at the federal level.

NASHTU is comprised of 36 unions and associations representing hundreds of thousands of state and locally employed transportation engineers, construction managers and inspectors, technical workers and related public servants from throughout the US. Our collective goal is to ensure that public transportation dollars are spent on cost-effective, safe projects that serve the public interest.

Sixty-eight attendees from fifteen states came together for this year's conference, and it is clear that we are not alone in our fight to keep public sector work public. Many other states have their own horror stories about contracting-out. For three days, we learned the meaning of phrases such as "Pay to Play" and "Design Build."

On the first day of the Conference, we heard presentations from affiliated labor unions and Congressional

staffers. Subjects ranged from the risks and dangers of PPPs to strategies for increasing funding levels of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). We also heard reports from industry associations who share our opposition to privatization in a number of areas, such as public roads.

We spent much of the second afternoon lobbying our Connecticut Congressional delegation on two bills that if passed, would go a long way to end the waste, fraud, and abuse in outsourcing at the federal level:

- 1) "The Safety, Efficiency and Accountability in Transportation Project through Public Inspection Act of 2007 (HR 2485)" which will address threats to public safety, increased costs, and project delays caused by private contractors; and
- 2) "The Safety, Accountability and Funding Efficiency for Transportation (SAFE-T) Act" which when re-introduced would require government agencies to prepare a cost benefit analysis for private contracts with a cost threshold, as well as a performance history for contractors/consultants bidding for these contracts.

While we met with the staff of all of our delegation, Congressmen Christopher Murphy (D-CT 5) and Christopher Shays (R-CT 4) actually made time to meet with us and to listen to our

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# Our President's Desk

## Lost in the Rough



**Michael J. O'Brien**  
Supervising Sanitary Engineer, CT Dept. of Environmental Protection Executive Council President

his good friend Sen. Lou DeLuca used to hype. They decided it had to be given to me.

I was planning on using this column for an analysis of the results, or apparent lack thereof, of the recently completed legislative session. We had some victories and we had some disappointments but the session isn't over because we still don't have a budget (apparently imminent as I write this column).

With the Travelers Championship golf tournament at River Highlands in Cromwell, a column with a golf connection seems appropriate. Now I don't play golf -- someone has to be at work to cover the office on Fridays during the summer -- but I know and work with a number of people who do. There was a golf tournament held a few weeks back to much less fanfare than the Travelers Championship called the "Sewer Open."

A couple friends playing in the tournament found a lost golf ball in the rough -- it wasn't one of theirs. It was a brand new Pinnacle ball with barely a scuffmark with the following logo printed on it; "Republican Party." It must have been a give-away at one of those expensive GOP fund-raisers that our former governor and

The Democrats entered the session with plans to make the tax system more progressive at the higher incomes and give some property tax relief to working families. Sometimes the only money you make is the money you save! Insistence by the governor and her party that a tax break for low-income families -- the Earned Income Tax Credit -- be linked with a phase out of the Estate Tax for multi-millionaires apparently helped to derail those efforts.

Just like that golf ball, from my perspective, it seems that many lawmakers from the Governor's party are lost in the rough. To many of them, there is never a bad time to give a tax cut to the rich. Whether we have a surplus, when they feel the rich are being overtaxed, or we have a deficit, when they cling

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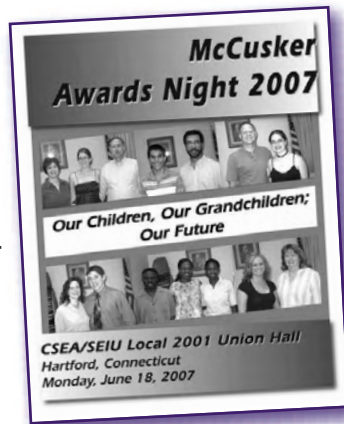
## Our Benefits

### Updates on Our Unique Membership Opportunities

#### ★ Our 2007 McCusker Hall of Fame

McCusker Awards Night 2007 was a great success in our continuing tradition of investing in the future of Connecticut's working families. Thanks to the generosity of individual members, Councils and Chapters, we were able to award \$1,000.00 scholarships to 41 of our members' children and grandchildren for their college educations. Our union hall was packed to standing room only capacity Monday, June 18 as family, friends, and union leaders past and present joined twenty-eight of this year's recipients.

We prepared a program for recipients, their families, and guests at this year's Awards Night, in which we recognized all of our 2007 donors, reproduced here, and shared the story behind our scholarship fund's 43-year history. The booklet also includes a brief biography of each of our award winners, and we will include the full list of recipients and their photos from the event in the next edition of the CSEA News.



**(Editor's note:** a printable version of the complete booklet will be available to download at our website's "McCusker Memorial Scholarship" page online)

#### Council and Chapter Gifts

- Council 760: \$8,000.00
- P-4 Council: \$5,700.00
- Council 400: \$5,000.00
- CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Executive Council: \$4,000.00
- P-3B Council: \$3,000.00
- P-3A Council: \$2,000.00
- CSC Council: \$1,500.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 24: \$1,500.00
- AMECSS: \$750.000
- Police Inspectors Council: \$750.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 148: \$750.00
- Council 400, Chapter 405: \$500.00
- Council 400, Chapter 411: \$500.00
- Council 400, Chapter 415: \$500.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 87: \$500.00
- Council 400, Chapter 421: \$300.00

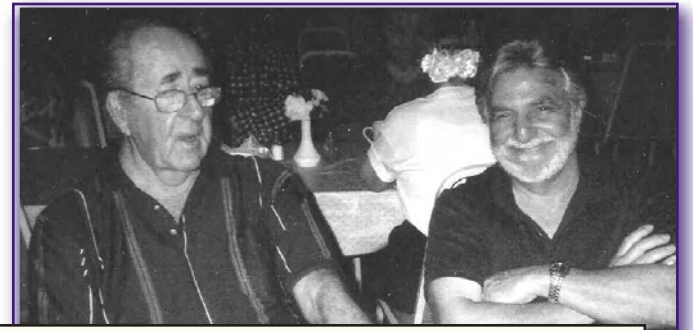
#### »» Bethany School Paraprofessionals Unite for a Greater Voice:

After more than a year of working together to build strength and unity, paraprofessionals working in the Bethany Public School District voted on June 15 to join our union. At press time, we had issued a release to announce this important victory, available at our website's Press Center at [www.csea-ct.com/ourlocal/press.cfm](http://www.csea-ct.com/ourlocal/press.cfm), and local news media interviewed our newest members on how we can make improvements on issues like lack of training, short-staffing, and low wages. Look

for more on our newest members in the next edition of the CSEA News!



**Bethany PSD Teacher Assistants Dorinda Barletta and April Holeva at our Paraprofessionals Conference in October**



**Council 400, Chapter 421 Members Richard Ryan and Frank Tamburrino at February Meeting Voting on 10th Annual \$300.00 Gift to Our McCusker Fund**

- Council 400, Chapter 410: \$250.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 119: \$250.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 9: \$250.00
- Council 400, Chapter 403: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 406: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 408: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 414: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 416: \$200.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 97: \$200.00
- Council 760, Chapter 1112: \$100.00
- Council 400, Chapter 412: \$100.00
- Council 400, Chapter 417: \$100.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 33: \$100.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 55: \$100.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 56: \$100.00
- Council 400, Chapter 425: \$50.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 27: \$50.00

#### Individual and Estate Gifts

- Estate of John Zuder, Member Council 400: \$2,030.000
- P-4 Council, Chapter 24 Member Joe Faryniarz: \$500.00
- CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Director of Collective Bargaining Robert Krzys: \$400.00
- Council 400, Chapter 414 President Karen Pineman: \$100.00 in honor of her "kids" in Mozambique
- Fran and Ken Messenger, Members Council 400: \$100.00 in memory of Sid Cohen
- Bob Rinker, Executive Director: \$100.00
- Executive President Mike O'Brien, Member P-4 Council: \$100.00
- Stacey Malitz, Organizing Director: \$100.00
- LAC Co-Chair Lynn Coda-Klein, Member P-4 Council: \$75.00 in memory of Joan Reviczky
- CSC Council President Cathy Osten: \$50.00
- Doris Curtis, Member Council 400: \$25.00

#### »» New Leadership for Our SJM Council:



**Our Newly Elected SJM Council Officers Gathered at Our Local Hall**

Congratulations to our SJM Council members for coming together to elect our first-ever Executive Board at our June 13 bi-monthly membership meeting; President Mark O'Brien, Vice President Calvin Patrick, Secretary Kevin Grosse, Treasurer Frank Castro, and Chief Steward Joe Tomasello. With the General Assembly voting to pass the first-ever contract our members working as Supervising Judicial Marshals for the Judicial Branch ratified back in February, we can now focus on negotiating a successor agreement at the bargaining table in August!

## Our Legislative Agenda...

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### **Protecting Retirement Security - WON**

Our members retired from State service in Tier I Plan-B have suffered loss and delay of pension earnings due to Social Security. Supporting a bill that would create equity and correct problems with the timing of offset payments, our Council 400 members played a critical role in resolving the issue at the legislative level. The new law will provide temporary retirement income until critical Social Security support begins, which is increasingly after age sixty-five.

Both chambers passed the legislation in the final week of the session, and at press time, the bill had been sent to Governor Rell's desk to be signed into law.

### **Mental Health Services in Correction - WON**

As more and more of our public psychiatric facilities have been closed, more and more former patients have ended up in our prisons, where critical mental health services are not available. "An Act Concerning the Rights of Inmates with Mental Illness" will begin to provide these critical MHDD services, creating a safer environment for our members working in the DOC.

CSC Council President Cathy Osten and her fellow members first raised this issue years ago when no one was willing to listen to concerns about inmates' mental health and the risk to correctional workers. The bill was passed in the final week of the session and at press time was on the way to the Governor's desk.

### **Raising Standards for School Paraprofessionals - WON**

A tremendous amount of work to educate our elected officials of the role of paraprofessionals in our public schools over the past nine months paid off. First, our members succeeded in moving legislators to remove unfunded credentialing mandates on local districts from a bill that would do absolutely nothing to resolve the inequities in Connecticut public school paraprofessionals' wages, training, and job security.

When it became clear that no funds would be appropriated for raising economic standards for paraprofessionals, our members convinced lawmakers not to pass the bill. We have raised the profile of paraeducators and have the attention of legislators, the news media, and labor leaders and are set to make real gains in 2008.

### **Clean Contracting - AWAITING OUTCOME**

We brought the Governor, the majority of GOP lawmakers, and even the non-profit service community together to agree on a comprehensive clean contracting bill, finalized on the last day of the regular session, for the first time in 2 years. It passed in the Senate 34-2, and more importantly, Governor Rell publicly committed to sign it! Once word of the agreement leaked, well-connected former Rowland appointees representing the American Council of Engineering Companies of CT (ACEC/CT) "persuaded" House GOP members to filibuster the bill, and the Majority leader decided to table it without a vote. At press time, though it had been assigned a fiscal note, lawmakers supporting reforms were moving toward calling on Governor Rell to convene a Special Session to focus exclusively on passing the bill.

We must prepare to move on this important public policy issue now. Having our lawmakers' undivided attention will provide our best opportunity to pass clean contracting yet!

### **Funding for Autism Services - AWAITING OUTCOME**

Our efforts to move lawmakers to invest in quality services, and the public sector workforce to deliver them, for families with autism, moved the issue to the top of the priority list for both chambers of the General Assembly. The bill that would create a new state agency to meet the needs of this growing population passed the Human Services Committee, was assigned a fiscal note, and tabled in the House to be included in budget deliberations.

At press time, the Speaker's Office announced funding for autism services had been included in the Democratic leaders' budget proposal. Once available, details will be forwarded to our Autism Services member messengers!

### **Health Care Reform - LOST**

A compromise bill that passed both chambers, which the Governor has threatened to veto, is at best a patchwork attempt to fix our state's broken health care system. Both the bill that would have established single-payer universal health care and the bill that would have pooled municipal health insurance coverage and greatly reduced costs for taxpayers were defeated by special interests. The insurance industry, a considerable force with deep pockets and strong connections to lawmakers, and the state's business and industry lobby put up a far greater fight than many of our allies were prepared for.

With Connecticut's shrinking middle class and the loss of jobs to cheaper labor markets out of state and overseas, we can't afford to wait to heal our state's bleeding. Applying the lessons learned in 2007, we must make health care reform a much higher priority in 2008. It is the key to creating the kinds of jobs that will allow our children and grandchildren to live and work here in the future.

### **Early Childhood Education - LOST**

By increasing the participation of home-based child care providers in reaching out to legislators, decision makers, and the media, we have raised the profile of these valued early childhood education professionals. Our Kids First organizing campaign successfully mobilized support for two key bills that would have extended union rights to child care providers and increased investment in the services they provide, and they passed in their respective committees. Unfortunately, they were defeated once sent to the full General Assembly due to lack of understanding and awareness among legislators.

We must prepare to build on the momentum our child care providers have created. Thousands of working families who rely on their services will be counting on us to win in the 2008 legislative session!

*(Editor's note: members signed up as "messengers" on priority issues will be notified of developments as news breaks and a wrap-up of the budget process and an updated agenda will be included in the August edition of the CSEA News)*

This session should remind all of us that our opposition can out-spend us in campaign donations, and out-number us in professional lobbyists. Where we can outflank them is by getting our members, who are real people, to make real connections to our lawmakers!

We have several unresolved battles yet to win this year, and we need to build greater strength for 2008. Sign-up to be a part of our issues advocacy team by visiting our website's Action Center at [www.csea-ct.com/action/](http://www.csea-ct.com/action/). You can complete an easy online form at the "Member Political Organizers" section or call our LAC Chairs Cathy Osten and Lynn-Coda Klein at the Local hall in Hartford at (800) 894-9479.

# Taking Our Message to the Nation's Capitol...

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issues.

On the last day of the conference, we were one of four states invited to conduct presentations on local legislative efforts to reform the contracting-out of transportation projects. Along with delegates from local unions in California, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts, we presented the PowerPoint first unveiled to our P-4 Council Delegates at the May Council meeting. Our presentation was as well received at the NASHTU Convention as it was

back in Hartford!

The conference closed with a presentation by 2008 Presidential Candidate

Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH). He emphasized his position that public work needs to stay public, and that contracting-out should only be used sparingly.

Learn more about NASHTU



and the efforts of fellow members' transportation unions throughout the country at their website online. Go to the "Quick Links: Affiliations" section of our website's home page at [www.csea-ct.com](http://www.csea-ct.com) and click on the NASHTU logo for access to a variety of reports, news clips, and valuable resources.

**(Editor's Note:** Our "Protecting the Public Interest - Clean Contracting for CT Campaign" PowerPoint presentation is linked to our Clean Contracting page at our website)



**P-4 Council Vice-President Stephen Livingston and Presidential Candidate Dennis Kucinich at the NASHTU Conference in Washington, DC**

**STRONGER CSEA SEIU Local 2001 TOGETHER**

## Social Activities

### TONY ORLANDO at the Thursday, September 6

Full Payment Due: July 27  
\$60.00 per person



**Includes:** deluxe motorcoach, time at Mohegan Sun Casino, lower level section seats, \$30.00 gaming packages, \$1,000.00 grand prize drawing!



### WEEKEND FIT FOR A KING 2-DAY PHILADELPHIA TOUR WITH THE GOLDEN TREASURES OF KING TUT

#### Saturday, September 8 & Sunday, September 9

Deposit deadline: June 15 (\$50 deposit - admission ticket is non-refundable)  
Final payment due: July 15.

\$279.00 per single accommodation;  
\$209.00 per person for double accommodations;  
\$189.00 per person for triple accommodations.

Trip cancellation insurance is available at \$15 per person and must be purchased at time of deposit.

**Includes:** Bus travel to and from city; hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express; guided tour of Philadelphia's historic sights; breakfast Sunday morning at the hotel; King Tut's Golden Exhibition at the Franklin Institute; gratuities for guides and driver.

**Bus pick-ups in** Glastonbury, Meriden, North Haven, & Stratford!

**Call phone number below for a flyer with full details on any trip.**

Trips sponsored by CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Social Activities Committee. For more information call the Local hall in Hartford at (860) 951-6614, or toll-free at (800) 894-9479.

**Make checks payable to CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Social Activities Committee and mail with reservation form below to the committee at: 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.**

Please call for availability after deadline. No refunds on cancellations on and after deadline. Travel insurance (cancellation waivers) available on some trips (see flyer) due with initial reservation.

*Reservations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.*

**DISCLAIMER:** CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 is not responsible in whole or in part for any loss, damage, injury, financial loss, or whatever to persons or property, however caused, during or in connection with any tour, trip or activity.

#### CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Social Activities RESERVATION FORM

Name of Trip		Date of Trip	
Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Work Phone		
Number of Tickets	Amount Enclosed	Cancellation Insurance Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Pick-up Place		Traveling with	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking	CSEA Chapter # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	

**"In The Beginning" Presented In Lancaster, PA Tuesday, Oct. 16 - Thursday, Oct. 18**  
Deposit Deadline: July 24 (\$150 per person deposit)  
Final Payment Due: Aug. 28  
Cost: \$361 per person twin

**Includes:** deluxe motorcoach, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, sightseeing & tickets to "In the Beginning," a presentation of the Christian view of the birth of the earth



### 12-Day Hawaii Cruise Wednesday, October 10 - Sunday, October 21

\$1,799.00 per person twin, plus \$275.00 taxes  
Reservation deadline is July 13 - \$500.00 deposit recommended by May 20



Visit 4 islands overnight onboard in 3 ports of call: Honolulu, Kahului, and Kauai.  
**Includes:** round-trip transportation to airport, airfare, all meals, 10 nights accommodations on board Pride of Aloha, all meals on board, entertainment, cocktail parties, and daily activities.

### 6-Day Ireland Tour Thursday, November 8 - Tuesday, November 13

Deposit deadline: June 1 (\$600 deposit).  
Final payment due: August 1.  
\$939.00 per person twin, plus \$210 taxes.  
Trip cancellation insurance is available and must be purchased within 14 days of deposit.



**Includes:** roundtrip motorcoach to airport, scheduled flights to Ireland, 4 nights 1st class Killarney Tower Hotel (or similar), daily sightseeing: Shannon, Killarney, ring of Kerry, Blarney, Dingle, Cork, & Sneem, portorage of 1 suitcase per person, 4 dinners, 4 breakfast, deluxe touring motorcoach, service of professional driver/ guide.

#### UPCOMING TRIPS and ACTIVITIES for 2007 - 08:

- 7-Day Great Smoky Mountains Tour: Oct. 7-13  
Reservation deadline: June 20 - Payment deadline: Sep. 7  
\$809.00 per person includes travel and double accommodations for 6 nights
- Meadowlands Flea Market & Macy's Balloons: Nov. 3  
Reservation deadline: Sep. 19  
\$40.00 per person includes bus transport, driver's gratuity
- Radio City Christmas Rockettes Spectacular: Nov. 15  
Reservation deadline: Oct. 21  
\$124.00 includes bus transport, Radio City Christmas Show, lunch at Waldorf Astoria Hotel, driver's gratuity
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## Dividend Rates – 2nd Quarter 2007

	Dividend Rate	Annual Percentage Yield
<b>REGULAR SAVINGS</b>	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>4.60%</b>
<b>SHARE DRAFTS (Checking)</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>2.53%</b>
<b>CLUB ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>3.50%</b>	<b>3.56%</b>

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### FOR RENT

**BRYSON CITY, NC PARK MODEL MOBILE HOME.** 12' by 35' with "L" shaped 9' deck around two sides, roofed over. Full kit outside on deck overlooking Tuckesegee River. Bank cemented. Unit on high land and seasonal from May - Oct.  
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**FREEPORT BAHAMAS,** Ocean Reef Yacht Club & Resort, 2 units avail, 2BR units sleep 6, fully equipped, avail. Aug. 4 - Aug. 11 or other week, \$900/per unit.  
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## DEATHS REPORTED

We regret to learn of the death of the following retired CSEA Council 400 members, as reported by the State Retirement Division.

Virginia Abbott of Chapter 405 died on 5/14/07  
 Celia Barniak, 415, 4/22/07  
 Ernest Bontya, 407, 4/10/07  
 Frank Carlino, 411, 4/26/07  
 Richard Carlson, 417, 4/23/07  
 John M. Carroll, 425, 4/23/07  
 Roberta Carter, 404, 5/12/07  
 Georgia Cox, 417, 5/06/07  
 John Dillon, 411, 4/25/07  
 John Felth, 404, 5/02/07  
 Barry Fox, 406, 4/20/07  
 Joseph Geary, 401, 4/22/07  
 Genevieve Giroux, 407, 4/17/07

Whitney Jacobs, 411, 4/17/07  
 Eileen Johnson, 417, 1/11/07  
 Griffin Jones, 402, 5/07/07  
 Everett Kandarian, 401, 4/28/07  
 Robert LaChapelle, 408, 4/19/07  
 Joseph Lapolla, 420, 4/15/07  
 Lyda LaPalombara, 405, 4/29/07  
 Mary Ledger, 401, 5/08/07  
 Anthony Leograndis, 417, 4/07/07  
 Josephine Lombardo, 411, 2/15/07  
 Ann Lynch, 402, 5/2/07  
 John Makar, 408, 4/22/07  
 Mario Maniccia, 414, 4/16/07  
 Lucien Mitchell, 412, 4/23/07

Peter Moore, 410, 5/12/07  
 Lorraine Pagliarello, 401, 4/18/07  
 Marie Phillips, 408, 5/11/07  
 Robert Rinas, 417, 4/20/07  
 Marjorie Rundle, 406, 4/2/07  
 Hazeline Sparks, 420, 5/03/07  
 Thomas Spotts, 422, 4/23/07  
 Duane Summa, 414, 5/02/07  
 Vera Trudel, 406, 5/05/07  
 Helen Washburn, 405, 3/31/07  
 Frederick Wheeler, 406, 4/20/07  
 Laurence Wolin, 407, 5/4/07  
 Natalie Zucker, 404, 2/20/07

### Building our Corrections Supervisors Council:

It's official -- after more than a year of working to unite with fellow Correctional Lieutenants and Training Officers in our CSC Council, the workplace rights of Captains and Counselor Supervisors working for the Connecticut Dept. of Correction have been recognized! After successfully joining our union through binding interest arbitration, the two new job classes were officially added to our CSC Bargaining Unit by vote in the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee in the final weeks of the session. Read the complete Arbitration decision, which is available in a downloadable version at the "Our Worksites" section of our CSC Council webpage, at [www.csea-ct.com/csc/index.cfm](http://www.csea-ct.com/csc/index.cfm). We will begin negotiations this summer for a successor agreement to replace the current contract, which expires in June of 2008.



**DOC Captains and Counselor Supervisors Arbitration Hearings with the State at Our Local Hall in January**

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*Our Thoughts Remain  
 with Our Troops Overseas  
 and their Families  
 Here at Home*



## Our President's Desk...

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to the belief the rich can stimulate the economy if only their taxes are cut. I seldom hear any of them say it's the right time to give working families a break!

I am not saying that all Republicans are lost in the rough. Remember in last month's column, I saluted all elected public officials, both Democrats and Republicans, for making the commitment to be a public servant. It is what they do, or don't do, after they get into office that sometimes causes me to lose my respect for them. But from the perspective of working families, they are seldom found in the middle of the fairway.

The Democratic Party is traditionally the party of the working class but I don't see where they have much to brag about after this session of lost opportunities, either. At a time of large budget surpluses, a veto-proof majority in both houses, and overwhelming public support to cover the uninsured, for example, we are

still left with an incremental piecemeal approach to improved health care coverage.

The delay in passing a clean contracting bill that finally has the support of the Governor and the majority of the Republicans in the General Assembly should remind us all that it's unwise to put all of our faith into any one political party. The fact that a small, but financially powerful special interest group like the American Consulting Engineers Council was able to convince a couple of GOP lawmakers to buck the Governor and the Democratic leadership and scuttle a vote on the bill on the last day of the session goes to show that campaign donations can trump party loyalty and non-partisan camaraderie alike...

Well, there is always hope for the budget process or special legislative sessions to enact the reforms Connecticut's working families need. Let's just not have any illusions that they'll pass unless we're willing to get involved and make our voices heard!



**Local 2001 President Mike O'Brien with LAC Co-Chair Lynn Coda-Klein and SJM Council Member Charlie Epstein at the Capitol Observing a Roll-Call Vote on the Last Day of the Legislative Session**