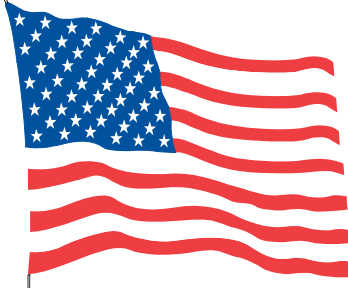




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The Good Works Committee tradition of providing turkey dinners for families at Thanksgiving continued in 2005.

Helping with package assembly are, from left: CSEA member Vernon Derbabian (P-4); Tony Flores, a deacon with First Baptist Church of Hartford and Comptroller's Office employee; Byron Lester (P-4); Pastor Albert Ortiz of First Baptist Church; and P-4 members Nate Jenkins, Peter Pierfederici, and Ned Statchen.

Packages, which included a turkey, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, yams and potatoes, were distributed to the Hartford Community Partnership, Hogar Crea International of CT, Hopewell Baptist Church, Friendship Service Center of New Britain, House of Bread, and Hartford's First Baptist Church.

Union Members Vote 'No Confidence' in DCF Juvenile Justice Director DeVore

More than 250 employees at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) in Middletown voted "no confidence" Nov. 18 in Donald DeVore, juvenile justice director. The group signed a petition asking Gov. M. Jodi Rell to call for his resignation. The petition also was sent to DCF Commissioner Darlene Dunbar.

The employees - teachers, parole officers, and youth services officers working in the Dept. of Children and Families, Bureau of Juvenile Justice - are members of CSEA, AFSCME and District 1199.

According to the petition, "DeVore's inability to provide effective and responsive leadership threatens the children in our care."

"His unwillingness to work with front-line staff undermines our goal of providing a safe and secure environment for boys and girls."

"The juvenile justice system needs a strong, involved leader who listens to staff and main-



Union members at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School are interviewed by Channel 3 reporter Eric Parker (back to camera) about their "no confidence" vote in Donald DeVore, director of the state juvenile justice system. CJTS employees have petitioned the governor for his removal.

Pictured, from left: Parker; Darlene Guthrie, AFSCME Council 4 Executive Board member; Paula Dillon, CSEA P-3B union steward; and Jeff Carr, Council 4 parole officers' union steward.

(Photo by Larry Dorman)

tains programmatic commitment, not one who makes excuses and only shows up in a crisis."

DeVore, a juvenile justice consultant, was appointed to the position by Rell in August 2004.

The employees feel

DeVore's focus is on shutting down the facility rather than bettering current programs with employee input.

"We are awaiting further action from the governor and the commissioner to

(See "CJTS," Page 8)

Connecticut Passes Model Campaign Finance Reform Law

Connecticut lawmakers in December passed the most sweeping campaign reform legislation in the country.

"In an effort to kill the bill, Rep. Paul Doyle (D-Wethersfield) proposed an amendment in the middle of the night Dec. 1 that would have established onerous standards for union members when exercising their Constitutional right to get involved in a political campaign," said CSEA Political Director Rick Melita.

A goal of the SB 2103 was to eliminate the disparity between labor and business contributions. Historically, business has been allowed to contribute much more to

political campaigns and candidates than labor.

The Doyle amendment would have required reporting of the name, number of hours and type of work done by any union members who volunteer on a campaign. No such requirement would have been made of volunteers from business and industry.

The amendment was defeated by a 66-79 vote.

"Shame on him and the other 65 anti-union state representatives, for voting for such an un-American concept," said Melita.

The bill was signed by the governor Dec. 7.

"It is unfortunate, however, that Gov. Rell endorses (See "Campaign," Page 8)

WELCOME!

West Hartford Part-timers Join SEIU Local 760

Part-time employees working for the town of West Hartford are the newest members of SEIU Local 760.

The Local had filed a petition to modify the existing full-time building maintenance bargaining unit to include those who work under 20 hours per week and/or less than 900 hours per calendar year.

The union had asked the town to grant recognition to the petitioning group. Following a card check, which determined that a "majority of the employees wanted to be represented by SEIU Local 760," the town agreed to do so.

(See "Welcome," Page 5)



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JOBS

The state of Connecticut has announced application closing dates for the positions listed below.

For information contact the offices of the Connecticut State Job Centers (see blue pages of your telephone directory), or call the state Dept. of Administrative Services at Hartford (860) 713-5205, toll-free 1-800-528-7442, TDD (860) 713-7463, for applications and announcements.

Applicants may also obtain copies of job announcements/descriptions, salary information and application forms on the Internet by accessing the DAS World Wide Web address:

<<http://www.das.state.ct.us/exam>>

EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING DATE JANUARY 4

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director of Tourism MP 70

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Behavioral Health Community

Monitor HC 24

Children & Families Program Dir. (Adm. Support/Program Services) MP 66

Community Clinician HC 22

Criminalist (Laboratory Physical Evidence) FP 22

Environmental Analyst 1 ES 19

Environmental Analyst 2 ES 22

Epidemiologist 1 (Toxic Hazards) (Infectious/Chronic Diseases) HC 20

Epidemiologist 2 (Toxic Hazards) (Infectious/Chronic Diseases) HC 23

Epidemiologist 3 (Toxic Hazards) (Infectious/Chronic Diseases) HC 28

Health Program Assistant 1 HC 19

Health Program Assistant 2 HC 21

Health Program Associate HC 24

Mental Retardation Case Manager HC 24

Nutrition Consultant 2 HC 24

Payroll Clerk CL 15

Primary Prevention Services Coordinator AR 26

Program Supervisor-Social Work (Adm. Support/Program Services) MP 62

Rehabilitation Therapist 1 (Therapeutic Recreation) HC 19

Rehabilitation Therapist 2 (Therapeutic Recreation) HC 23

Safety Education Instructor HC 19

Sanitary Engineer 1 (Environmental Protection) ES 19

Sanitary Engineer 2 (Environmental Protection) ES 22

Sanitary Engineer 3 (Environmental Protection) ES 26

Secretary 1 CL 14

Social Work Supervisor SH 26

OPEN TO AGENCY EMPLOYEES

Children & Families Program Dir. (Children's Protective Services) MP 66

Children Services Consultant SH 25

Labor Dept. Associate Community Services Representative SH 21

Labor Dept. Comm. Services Rep. SH 19

Labor Dept. Resource Associate SH 20

Labor Dept. Programs & Services Coordinator SH 23

Mental Health Assistant 2 HN 18

Mental Health Associate HN 20

Program Supervisor - Social Work (Children's Protective Services) MP 62

OPEN TO STATE EMPLOYEES

Administrative Assistant CL 19

Eligibility Services Supervisor SH 23

Lead Children Services Worker HN 20

Office Assistant CL 13

Processing Technician CL 16

Secretary 2 CL 16

CSEA Social Activities



A Day in BOSTON To Do As You Please

From Hartford Saturday, March 11, 2006

\$23 per person Full payment by Feb. 11th

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach, driver gratuity.

Walk the Freedom Trail; Visit Quincy Market; Tour Museums; Shopping; bus will drop passengers at the Expo Center for those who wish to attend the New England Spring Flower Show.

8:30 a.m.—depart Hartford, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford
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Washington, D.C.

April 6-9, 2006 (4 Days, 3 Nights, 5 Meals)

Special

On behalf of CSEA, the group will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Mount Vernon • Smithsonian Institute
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Bus Pick-ups:
East Hartford
North Haven



\$464 per person Twin, \$444 p.p. Triple, \$614 Single National Cemetery. \$50 p.p. deposit immediately, final payment due 1-26-06

Trip Insurance available and recommended. Payment due with initial deposit (see flyer).

Includes: Round-trip motorcoach, 3 nights hotel accommodations, 5 meals (3 breakfasts, 2 dinners), sightseeing/admissions per itinerary, driver gratuity.

DEPART: East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.; North Haven, Holiday Inn (Exit 12) – Times to be announced.

Southern Charm

April 21-29, 2006 (9 Days, 8 Nights, 15 Meals)

Savannah (GA) • Jekyll Island • Amelia Island (FL)
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Dinner at Paula Deen's Lady & Sons Restaurant

Bus Pick-up:
East Hartford



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DEPART: East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.; North Haven, Holiday Inn (Exit 12) – Times to be announced.

Niagara Falls

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DEPART: East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.; North Haven, Holiday Inn (Exit 12) – Times to be announced.

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2 TRAINS & 4 CORNERS: July 13-20

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AND MORE! Watch "CSEA News" for announcements.

Please note that Passports may be required for all travel outside the U.S., including Canada and cruises.

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Make checks payable to CSEA Social Activities Committee and mail to the committee at 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. (Checks for Eastern Canada Cruise should be made payable to The Ship Shop – see flyer.)

Please call for availability after deadline date. 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.

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Retiree Council and Chapters Set January Meeting Dates

COUNCIL 400 meets Thursday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m., at CSEA Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford.

CHAPTER 401, Hartford area, Thursday, Jan. 5, 1 p.m., CSEA Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. (Light lunch available at 12:15 p.m.) Speaker: David R. Baker, BankNorth Corporate Security: "Financial Crimes, Scams, Fraud, and Identity Theft."

CHAPTER 402, Danbury area, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m., at United Methodist Church, Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury. Speaker: Diane Yamin, Probate Judge. Refreshments. (If Danbury schools are closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be canceled.)

CHAPTER 403, Norwich area, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1:30 p.m. (meeting room not available until 1 p.m.), Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Dr., Norwich. CSEA Education Coordinator David McCluskey will speak on "CSEA's 2006 Connecticut Legislative Agenda." Refreshments. (Meeting cancellations due to weather will be broadcast over WICH 1310 AM and WNLC 98.7 FM.)

CHAPTER 404, Waterbury area, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m., Elks Club, Rubber Ave., Naugatuck. Speaker: Dr. Henry Berkowski, cardiology specialist. Door prizes, refreshments. (If Waterbury schools are closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be canceled.)

CHAPTER 405, New Haven area, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m., Southern Conn. State University, Student Center, Faculty Dining Room, 501 Crescent St., New Haven. (PLEASE NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION TO FACULTY DINING ROOM.) (Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on radio station WELI-A.M.)

CHAPTER 406, Middletown area, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post #75, 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr., Middletown. Speaker: Wayne Bartolotta, coordinator of 911. Refreshments, door prizes, raffle. (Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on radio station WTIC-A.M. and Channel 3.)

CHAPTER 407, Bridgeport area, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12:15 p.m. social, 1 p.m. meeting, St. Joseph's of Stratford National Catholic Church, 1300 Stratford Rd., Stratford (on Rt. 113 toward Sikorsky Airport). Speaker: Atty. Barry Horowitz, "Living Trust." Refreshments, door prizes. (Weather cancellations will be announced on the radio.)

CHAPTER 408, Willimantic area, Wednesday, Jan. 11, McSweeney Sr. Center, 47 Crescent St., Willimantic. Social 1-1:30 p.m., followed by meeting. Speaker: George O'Brien, Windham Judge of Probate. Refreshments. (If the McSweeney Center is closed due to inclement weather, the meeting will be canceled.)

CHAPTER 410, Windsor Locks area, Monday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m., VFW, Fairview St., Windsor Locks. Speaker: Diana Manzo, retiree specialist, Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield. Refreshments.

CHAPTER 411, Rocky Hill area, Thursday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m., William J. Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield. Speaker: Deputy Com-missioner Carl Bard, state Dept. of Transportation, "Functions of the Agency." Refreshments.

CHAPTER 412, Putnam area, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus, Providence St., Putnam. Speaker: Richard Pakenham, CSEA Social Activities Committee (SAC) chair. Slide show by Bill Stare of Premier Tours on "2 Trains & 4 Corners" trip planned by the SAC in July. Refreshments, door prizes. (Meeting cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on Putnam radio station WINY-A.M.)

CHAPTER 414, Torrington area, Monday, Jan. 16, refreshments at 9:30 a.m., meeting 10 a.m., at the Log House Restaurant, Rt. 44, Barkhamsted (PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY). Chapter President Karen Pineman will speak on her second trip to Mozambique.

CHAPTER 415, Manchester area, Monday, Jan. 23, 1:15 p.m., Eighth District Office, 18 Main St., Manchester.

CHAPTER 416, Southeastern Conn., Tuesday, Jan. 10, Social: 12 noon, Meeting: 12:30 p.m. (please note permanent change: social now precedes meeting), Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford. Speaker: Judy Liskov, assistant director, Waterford Public Library. Refreshments.

CHAPTER 417, Plainville area, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m., Church of our Savior Episcopal Church, 115 West Main St., Plainville. Speaker: Dr. Thomas C. Woodruff, director, Retirement and Benefit Services Div., Office of the State Comptroller: "Update on state health, dental and pharmacy plans." Refreshments. (If Plainville schools are closed due to inclement weather, meeting will be canceled.)

Attention Chapter Secretaries and Program Coordinators
January 3 is the deadline for February meeting information.

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Al Tee Named September Retiree of the Month



Al Tee, right, received the "Retiree of the Month" award at Council 400's Sept. 15 meeting. With him, from left, are Mike Lucas, member of the selection sub-committee, and 400 President Ed Daly. (Please see story below.)

Alfred Tee of Rocky Hill Retiree Chapter 411 was honored as Council 400's "Retiree of the Month" in September.

Al worked for the Dept. of Motor Vehicles 15 years, retiring in 1993.

Since joining Council 400, he served as president of Chapter 411 four years, is a delegate to Council 400 and member and its Legislative Action Committee (LAC).

He and his LAC colleagues Irving Schwartz and Stuart Fishbone collaborate on the "400 LAC In Action" column which appears in CSEA News.

He has been instrumental in organizing contact by Chapter 411 members with legislators and mem-

bers of Congress on issues concerning state retirees and seniors.

Al has also arranged and assisted with many social functions over the years, including his Chapter's 20th anniversary luncheon in 2003.

When it comes to helping others, Al Tee is someone you would want living next door. He regularly drives elderly neighbors to appointments and to the grocery store.

In his spare time (?), Al volunteers at Food Share, is an usher in his church, member of the Knights of Columbus - Past Grand Knight and 4th Degree Faithful Navigator, and is an American Diabetes Association advocate,

helping with programs and speakers.

He also is a U.S. Army and Korean War veteran.

Al responds to all calls and tasks, be it from CSEA or others. And he can be depended on to get the job done in a cheerful manner. He is a great asset to Chapter 411 and Council 400.

Members chosen for this monthly honor receive a plaque and \$25 gift.

Serving on the Council 400 selection sub-committee are: Katherine Goulet (Chapter 401), Mike Lucas (402), Nancy Driscoll, (416) and Donna Linkkila (408).

President's Desk

Weathermen

As I am writing this, we are in the middle of the first significant snowfall of the season. It's a Friday and I am home on my day off on the alternate work schedule. As a result, I luckily don't have to fight the rush-hour traffic going to Hartford in the middle of a snowstorm.

The weathermen got this one right on! The snow started early, around 5 a.m., and as it turned out it stopped early in the afternoon and the sun came out, just as predicted. Of course, that isn't always the case.

Last Monday night I went to bed expecting a white-knuckle drive-time commute on I-84 because another nasty storm was predicted to come on Tuesday and last most of the day. We even had meetings cancelled in advance because the weathermen seemed so convinced of the impending bad weather. What a pleasant surprise - the storm tracked further south and we got nothing.

We have all obviously experienced incorrect forecasts by the weathermen. Some are pleasant surprises like last week when we got good weather when we were expecting bad. Then at other times we've had plans ruined by rain when we were expecting sun or when we've gotten the 10" of supposed snow flurries.

We like to complain when the weathermen get it wrong but we don't accuse them of deliberately misleading us or withholding information from their forecasts. What meteorologist, when his computer models and satellite images predicted



Michael J. O'Brien


that a hurricane would slam through two states, would only issue a warning for one of the states?

Why can't we get the same full disclosure from our government officials? Now, we don't need to know everything; some things need to be kept secret. We don't need to broadcast planned troop movements in Iraq nor do we need to know the names of covert CIA operatives (although somebody in the White House apparently felt the need to disclose Valerie Plame's secret identity!).

The Bush administration likes to confront the Democrats in Congress who voted for the war and are now questioning it and say that they had the same information that the administration had and apparently reached the same conclusion and backed the war. But we now know that Congress didn't have the whole truth released to them by the administration. Secret CIA documents that the administration had access to, expressing reservations with the claims the


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OBITUARIES

Lester J. Horvath, Ph.D., Former P-3A Council President

Lester J. Horvath, Ph.D. of Chester passed away Dec. 11 at the age of 58.

Lester had a long, distinguished history with CSEA, having served as President of the P-3A (Education Administrators) Council and Chairperson of its Negotiating Committee. He was also a former member of the CSEA Executive Council.

In presenting Lester with the President's Award for Concern at CSEA's 2000 Convention, CSEA President Michael J.

O'Brien said: "Les' style is one of quiet persistence. His interests are always with the members. He is respected not only by the members, but by management as well. This is what makes him so effective."

Prior to retiring from state service in 2003, Lester had been Research and Evaluation Unit Coordinator for the Dept. of Education and Director of Special Projects Research Division for the Dept. of Children and Families, Behavioral Health.



CSEA President Mike O'Brien presents the President's Award for Concern to Les Horvath (left) at CSEA's 2000 Convention.

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

Wilfred Bellefleur of Chapter 416 died Aug. 29.
Elizabeth Benson, 404, Oct. 28
Teresalee Bertinuson, 410, Oct. 12
Mary Boublis, 411, Oct. 19
Donald Briggaman, 416, Oct. 19
Stephen Brush, 420, Oct. 8
Betty Burtsche, 421, Dec. 1
William Bycenski, 410, Sept. 15
Gerald Caron, 427, Oct. 3
Eriks Cerlins, 408, Oct. 27
Richard Chirgwin, 405, June 23
Arlene Cottrell, 416, Oct. 31
Virgil Cronk, 407, Oct. 18
Vincent DeMartino, 404, Sept. 13

Albert Derico, 421, Oct. 23
Daniel Donnelly, 401, Oct. 29
Arthur Fontane, 406, Oct. 29
Herbert Foster, 410, Nov. 9
Helen Gleason, 406, Nov. 5
Carol Hodio, 401, Oct. 25
James John, 403, Oct. 29
Robert Kinder, 420, Aug. 31
Virginia Leitch, 408, Oct. 4
William McDowell, 416, Nov. 11
Richard Morehead, 401, July 8
Charlie Nile, 426, Oct. 24

Louise Nobile, 406, Oct. 31
Mary Pandolfo, 406, Oct. 20
Leon Philbrick, 411, Nov. 8
Mary Pistrutto, 411, Oct. 26
Florence Remondi, 403, Oct. 31
Cecelia Sampson, 411, Oct. 24
Edmund Seagrave, 420, Oct. 28
Eugene Shelly, 420, Sept. 17
Raymond Shippee 420, Oct. 22
David Simone, 407, Sept. 5
Ann Smith, 404, Sept. 22
Marilyn Soulier, 417, Oct. 14
Jerry Spring, 403, Nov. 9
Robert Thompson, 416, Oct. 9



CSEA Social Activities Committee Chair Richard Pakenham and Betty Gardner, both of Retiree Chapter 408, recently paid a visit to the Pinegrove Dude Ranch located in the Catskills. The family resort offers non-stop activities, sumptuous dining and entertainment. The committee plans a trip there during 2006. (Watch CSEA News for details.)

'There's a storm coming. Is our meeting canceled?'

Listen to radio station **WTIC-1080 A.M.**, or check online at **Cancellations.com**. (Type the organization's name: **CSEA**, followed by the two-digit state abbreviation: **CT**)

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Attention State Retirees Who are Eligible for Medicare State Health Plans Provide 'Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage'

State Comptroller Nancy Wyman's Nov. 1 letter to Connecticut state retirees (a portion is pictured at right) documents that retirees and/or their spouses who are:

- enrolled in state of Connecticut Retirement Health Insurance **and**
 - eligible for Medicare
- do not need to enroll in a Medicare Rx Prescription Drug Plan.**

Wyman's letter was sent to all *eligible* retirees with their November pension checks or statements. It covers both the eligible retiree and/or their eligible spouse and serves as proof of coverage. As stated, **retirees should retain the letter in their files.**

In response to questions from members, CSEA has obtained clarification from the Retirement Division that: "Future eligible retirees and spouses will be sent the Creditable Coverage letter prior to turning age 65."



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(This Notice is directed to State of Connecticut Retirees and/or their spouses who are:
1. Enrolled in State Of Connecticut Retirement Health Insurance, and
2. Eligible for Medicare.
If you do not meet these requirements please disregard this Notice)

NOTICE OF CREDITABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding YOUR State of Connecticut prescription drug coverage

This notice is being sent to you, as a Medicare eligible retiree of the State of Connecticut, in order to inform you of your prescription drug coverage and choices you will have for Medicare drug coverage. Your drug coverage offered through the State of Connecticut is more comprehensive than the standard Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. **THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO ENROLL IN A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN.**



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Just call Ernie Colson at CSEA [Hartford (860)951-6614, toll-free in Connecticut 1-800-894-9479] and let her know your temporary address, and when you will be there.

Then, when you're ready to return, contact us again and tell us when you would like it changed back (if writing, please include your home address).

For those who will be wintering in Florida, you may call CSEA toll-free before you head home at 1-800-437-5630.

CSEA P-3B Council UPDATES

By Jeralyn Keltonic, P-3B Council President

DOC Has New Steward

State School Teacher Matt Parenti has taken on the role of Union Steward for P-3B members in the Dept. of Correction. He currently is a Special Education Teacher at Garner Correctional Institution, but has taught at various institutions over the last 11+ years.

Matt recently told me that "Working at these various correctional institutions has allowed me to establish great friendships with many of the wonderful education professionals within USD (Unified School District) #1 along with gathering a true understanding of the challenges they face every day to teach and work within our school district."

Matt believes that as a P-3B steward he can and will help in maintaining an educational environment within our correctional facilities which is safe and professionally rewarding to our members.

He has a Bachelor of Arts from Salve Regina College in administration of justice and a Masters Degree from Western Connecticut State University.

Matt, his wife Maria, and their three children (Matthew, Rocco, and Grace) live in the western part of the state.

DCF also has three new Stewards. Stepping forward to help their P-3B colleagues in the Dept. of Children and Families are: **Jo Kennard** and **Justin LaRocque**, both from Connecticut Children's Place, and **Sarah Flythe** from the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. All are State School Teachers.

To all our new Stewards... WELCOME and THANK YOU from the P-3B Council and its members.

State School Teacher

Dennis Eslinger, P-3B's steward at the Connecticut Children's Place, is stepping down from that position after more than two decades.


His hard work and dedication to our membership over such an extraordinary length of time is greatly appreciated. Dennis, our collective thanks. You will be missed!



Dennis Eslinger

Next meeting:

P-3B
(Education Professions)
Council/Chapter



Wednesday, January 18

CSEA Headquarters
760 Capitol Ave., Hartford

5:30 P.M.
Informational Meeting on
How to Apply for Sabbaticals

6:00 P.M.
P-3B Council/Chapter Meeting

All Members Welcome!

Attention Tier IIA Pension Plan Members:

Interest Refunds To Be Made For Military Service Purchase

The state and SEBAC (State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition) have reached an agreement with regard to the method of calculating military service for Tier IIA members of the State Employees Retirement System.

Interest charges for buying back prior military service will be returned to employees.

Those affected should have received a letter from the State Retirement Commission stating that they are eligible for a refund, the amount of the refund, and when they may expect to receive a check.

Any questions should be directed to the Retirement Purchasing Unit at (860)702-3511.



Hartford School Bus Drivers who are members of SEIU Local 760 rally outside City Hall Nov. 29 to present their complaint for a "living wage" to members of the city council. The union maintains that the Laidlaw Transit drivers should be included in the Living Wage Ordinance passed by the council in 1999. Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez supports the workers and has offered Laidlaw \$250,000 in city funding if it guarantees at least \$14.61/hour this year to all drivers.

WELCOME!

(Continued from Page One)

"Nancy Hurst, union steward for the Building and Maintenance Unit, was instrumental in helping us contact these new members and deserves a lot of the credit for our collective victory," said Staff Representative George Gould.

Local 760 will begin negotiations on behalf of the 24 part-time workers. When completed, these provisions will be incorporated into the agreement for the Building Maintenance Unit.



25 Sigourney St. Comp. Claims To Be Honored

Employees working at the state's 25 Sigourney Street facility in Hartford have won their fight over "sick building syndrome."

The state has agreed to pay, without prejudice, workers' compensation claims filed by employees in connection with conditions in the building.

Members no longer working at 25 Sigourney Street as a result of unit relocations, transfers, layoffs, reassignment, or other reasons, should be aware of the decision.

Please contact the union office if you have experienced or continue to experience any health-related problems.

NEWS FROM THE



Alliance for Retired Americans

Senators Fail in Last Ditch Effort On Social Security Privatization

Two of privatization's staunchest supporters, U.S. Senators Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Jim DeMint (R-SC), resorted to political theater in a desperate attempt to resuscitate private accounts.

Addressing a thin crowd in the Senate chamber before the Thanksgiving recess, the two lawmakers failed in their attempt to force a floor debate on legislation that would open Social Security up to privatization.

Senior opposition was key to defeating President Bush's domestic centerpiece, and with the 2006 mid-term elections looming, Congressional action is unlikely next year.

President Bush, however, has vowed to push for privatization until his last day in office.

"The 2006 elections will be absolutely crucial for the future of Social Security," said Ruben Burks, secretary-treasurer of the Alliance for Retired Americans. "Older Americans will elect lawmakers who vow to strengthen Social Security instead of recklessly dismantling it in the name of reform."

UPDATE Negotiations And Arbitrations

P-3A (Education Administrators): Arbitrator Marcia Greenbaum has contacted the union and the state and extended her time to issue the P-3A award to the first week in February. This will allow sufficient time for the General Assembly to take up the award when it reconvenes on Feb. 8.

P-4 (Engineering, Scientific & Technical): At press time, interest arbitration hearings were scheduled to conclude on Jan. 18.

The timeframe agreed to between the parties will allow the award to be submitted to the 2006 legislative session.

Inspectors (Div. of Criminal Justice): Interest arbitration hearings concluded Nov. 22.

The parties were able to resolve a number of outstanding issues, limiting to four the number of issues Arbitrator Marcia Greenbaum will rule on: first-year general wage increase, first-year annual increment, salary structure, and vacation.

At press time, last-best offers were scheduled to be exchanged on Dec. 15.

Arbitrator Greenbaum has committed to issuing her award in time for action by the 2006 General Assembly.

P-3B (Education Professions): Interest arbitration hearings before Arbitrator Sarah Kerr Garraty also have concluded. Last-best offers were exchanged Dec. 14. Briefs and reply briefs will be submitted so that the arbitrator may render an award in time for presentation to the 2006 legislature.

CSC (Correction Supervisors Council): Interest arbitration hearings concluded. Last-best offers have been exchanged by the parties. Briefs and reply briefs are proceeding according to schedule with plans to have an award presented to the 2006 legislative session.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE for Supervising Judicial Marshals and Dept. of Correction Captains and Counselor Supervisors.

7 Florida Retiree Chapters Set February Annual Meeting Dates

The February luncheon meetings have been finalized for Council 400's seven Florida chapters. Advance payment and reservations are required for some, as noted below.

Guest Speakers at All Meetings

Nancy Driscoll

CSEA Council 400 Executive Committee Representative

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA

CHAPTER 421

Restaurant Phone Number
(386) 788-0828

Thursday February 2

Buffet Luncheon & Meeting ■ 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Country Harvest Buffet

2400 S. Ridgewood Ave. (Rt. 1), South Daytona

Cost: Free for Chapter 421 members only who present postcard announcement of the meeting. Guests/non-Chapter 421 members responsible for payment. (Per restaurant policy, no one may attend meeting without payment.) Buffet (no reservation needed).

For more information call President Lester Lincoln, (386) 426-2861.

NORTHWEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

CHAPTER 422

Restaurant Phone Number
(352) 746-6855

50/50 Drawing
Follows Meeting

Friday, February 17

Annual Luncheon Meeting ■ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

505 E. Hartford St., Hernando

Cost: \$7.50 Chapter 422 Member (please present postcard announcement of the meeting); \$9.50 Spouse/Guest

Choice: SLICED SIRLOIN (NY sirloin coated with dijon and house seasoned bread crumbs & slow roasted, thinly sliced & topped with mushroom gravy), or SWISS CHICKEN (boneless breast of chicken, lightly breaded, topped with sliced tomato, swiss cheese & finished with a demi glace).

DEADLINE: Feb. 1. Make check payable to CSEA Chapter 422 and mail with menu selection to: Treasurer Jim Carper, Treasurer, 4357 N. Indianhead Rd., Hernando, FL 34442-2890 – telephone (352) 726-3545.

EAST COAST FLORIDA

CHAPTER 423

Restaurant Phone Number
(561) 278-0241

Wednesday, February 8

Luncheon & Meeting ■ 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Holiday Inn

2809 So. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach

Cost: \$15 Chapter 423 Member; \$18 Spouse/Guest (incl. tax/tip)

Choice: Chicken Francaise, London Broil or Poached Salmon.

DEADLINE: Feb. 1. Make check payable to CSEA Chapter 423 and mail with menu selection to: Treasurer Richard Archambault, 282 D High Point Court West, Delray Beach, FL 33445-4002 – telephone (561) 272-0263.

SARASOTA FLORIDA AREA

CHAPTER 424

Restaurant Phone Number
(941) 388-2181

Tuesday, February 14

Continental Breakfast & Meeting ■ 10 a.m.

The Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel (directly on Lido Beach)

1540 Ben Franklin Dr., Sarasota (directions below)

Cost: \$10.00 per person (incl. tax/tip)

Menu: Continental Breakfast, including bacon, sausage, eggs, juice, fruit, pastries, coffee.

DEADLINE: Feb. 8. Make check payable to CSEA Chapter 424 and mail to: President John A. Kirker, Sr., 1700 Ben Franklin Dr., Sarasota, FL 34236 – telephone (941) 388-1024.

(Please see next column for Chapter 424 Directions →)

DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER 424 LUNCHEON AT HELMSLEY SANDCASTLE, VERO BEACH – FROM I-75: Take Exit 39 and head west. This will put you on Fruitville Rd. Follow Fruitville Rd, until you can go no further. Turn left onto US 41 (also known as Tamiami Trail), South. At next stoplight, Gulf Stream Ave., turn right. You will cross over two causeways and enter St. Armands Circle. Take the second exit from the circle (approx. halfway around). Stay on this road as it curves to the left and then the right. This is Ben Franklin Drive. The Sandcastle is on the right side, approx. 1 mile from St. Armands Circle.

Parking: You can park in a parking garage just before the Hotel.

SUNCOAST FLORIDA (St. Petersburg area)

CHAPTER 425

Restaurant Phone Number
(727) 519-7267

Tuesday, February 7

Social: 11 a.m. ■ Luncheon & Meeting: Noon to 3 p.m.

Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse

18409 U.S. Highway 19 North, Clearwater

Cost: \$17.90 per person

Choice: Prime Rib (8 oz.), Luncheon Salmon, 1/2 BBQ Chicken, or Pasta Alfredo – All served with baked potato, steamed vegetables, hot homemade rolls, dessert, coffee/tea/soda. (Cash bar available)

DEADLINE: Jan. 23. Make check payable to CSEA Chapter 425 and mail, with menu selection, to: Treasurer Wayne Tetro, 1646 Cockleshell Dr., Holiday, FL 34690 – telephone (727) 938-7603.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

CHAPTER 426

Restaurant Phone Number
(239) 283-0113

Wednesday, February 15

Meeting & Luncheon ■ 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sandy Hook Fish & Rib House

4875 Pine Island Rd. (Rt. 78), Pine Island (Matlacha) (directions below)

Cost: \$10 per person

Choice: Stuffed Flounder or Chicken Parmesan

DEADLINE: Feb. 6. (Reservations required!) Make check payable to CSEA Chapter 426 and mail with menu selection to: Treasurer Thomas McMullen, 1288 Vermeer Dr., Nokomis, FL 34275 – telephone (941) 480-1946. Please include your phone number and e-mail address.

DIRECTIONS: FROM FT. MYERS – Go over Mid Point Bridge and follow Veterans Parkway to Pine Island Rd. (Rt. 78). Turn left onto Pine Island Rd. for 2 1/2 miles. Look for yellow restaurant sign on left. FROM PUNTA GORDA – Turn right off Rt. 41 onto Burnt Store Rd. Follow Burnt Store Rd. to Pine Island Rd. (Rt. 78). Turn right onto Pine Island Rd. for 2 1/2 miles. Look for yellow restaurant sign on left. FROM I-75 – Take Exit 143 (Rt. 78) and head west through Cape Coral to Pine Island. After reaching Pine Island (Matlacha) look for yellow restaurant sign on left.

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA

CHAPTER 427

Restaurant Phone Number
(772) 231-2211

Saturday, February 11

Luncheon Meeting ■ Social: 12 Noon, Lunch: 1 p.m.

Vero Beach Yacht Club

3601 Rio Vista Blvd., Vero Beach (directions below)

Cost: Chapter 427 Members \$12 (please present postcard announcement of the meeting); Non-members \$14 (incl. tax/tip)

Choice: Beef Stroganoff over noodles, Chicken a la King in Patty Shell, or Beer Batter Tilapia – served with salad, potato, vegetable, roll, rhubarb pie.

DEADLINE: Feb. 6. Make check payable to CSEA Chapter 427 and mail with menu selection to: Treasurer William Egan, 5150 9th St., Vero Beach, FL 32966 – Telephone: (772) 569-5568.

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 60 East to Indian River Drive, turn left to bridge, right over bridge, at end turn left onto Indian River Drive East, go to second left Date Palm Rd. The Yacht Club is directly ahead.



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President's Desk... (Continued from Page 3)

administration was making at the time, were withheld from Congress in their decision-making.

Now we have the president and others telling us that the news in Iraq is really good and it is just not being reported out because the mainstream media is fixated on the bad news. Blaming the media again!

I have to question what good news Bush is reading or hearing in his daily briefings. Is it just what his staff wants him to hear? Is it the positive news stories that the Pentagon paid a Washington, D.C.-based public relations firm to plant in Iraqi newspapers? When they couldn't plant it, they stooped so low as to pay to have these positive sounding articles printed in Iraqi newspapers.

What new low level has our government sunk to? It sounds more like a psychological operation being run on the Iraqi people and the American public. If you repeat the same story over enough times, sooner or later people start believing it to be true. Apparently Joe Lieberman believes it!

Last month's CSEA News ran the story about the governor vetoing the contract reform bill for a second time. A quote from the governor at the

Campaign...

(Continued from Page One) campaign finance reform but urges legislators to ignore millions of taxpayer dollars that are wasted on privatization fiascos performed by contractors that are her political allies," added Melita.

The new law:

- bans contributions by lobbyists, their spouses and state contractors;
- sets limits on political action committees;
- closes a loophole that permits donations by corporations, and
- creates a voluntary system of public financing.

The bill was passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 82-65, and in the Senate, 27-8.

Connecticut's new campaign finance reform measures will take effect following the 2006 elections.

CJTS...

(Continued from Page One) address the deficiencies in planning for the future," said CSEA Staff Representative Joanna James. "We want to work with them to support programs for adjudicated youth."

time concerning this used the word "priceless" in it and it reminded me of those MasterCard commercials. Here is my version:

A hot tub for the former governor's lakefront cottage: \$5000.

Hiring a consultant to do the work of a DOT engineer on a highway project: \$18,000 more per year.

Vetoing a bill calling for contract reform so that private providers' sweet deals don't come under public scrutiny: **Priceless.**

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

2006 State Holidays

Holiday	Observed On
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan. 2, 2006
Martin Luther King's Day	Monday, Jan. 16
Lincoln's Birthday	Friday, Feb. 13
Washington's Birthday	Monday, Feb. 20
Good Friday*	Friday, April 14
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 4
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct. 9
Veterans Day	Friday, Nov. 10
Thanksgiving Day**	Thursday, Nov. 23
Christmas Day	Monday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day (2006)	Monday, Jan. 1, 2007

* The day designated by the Governor as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

** The day designated by the Governor as a day of Thanksgiving.

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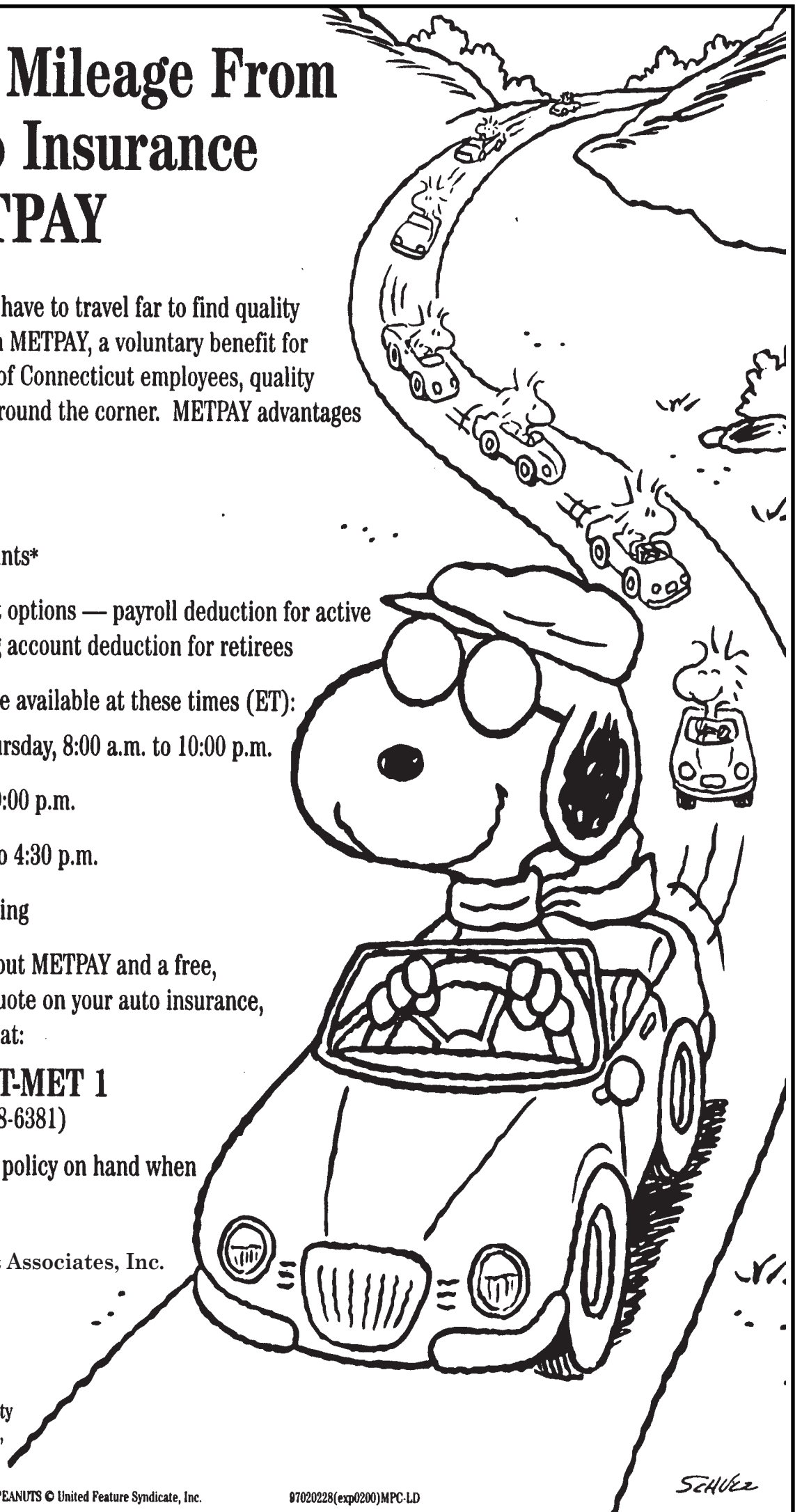


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