

The Choice for Connecticut's Working Families

Mayor John DeStefano is the Change Connecticut Needs



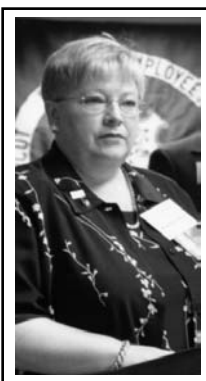
SEIU Members from throughout the state "Getting Out the Vote" for Mayor DeStefano on Election Day

In one of the largest Democratic Primary turnouts in state history, our endorsed Gubernatorial candidate John DeStefano defeated Dan Malloy by a margin of 51% to 49% on August 8. The outcome of this race was very much in doubt because most of the media's focus was on the U.S. Senate race between incumbent Joe Lieberman and challenger Ned Lamont (see related article on page 2). Our union and other SEIU locals spearheaded the "Labor for DeStefano" effort, with President Mike O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer Patrice Peterson, Avon Paraprofessionals Chapter Vice-President Anne Feeney, Education Professionals Council steward Matt Parenti, and union Staff Representative Joanna James reaching out to union members to vote for change on Election Day.

Now that the primary is over, the most important phase of the gubernatorial campaign begins. Polls show that incumbent Governor M. Jodi Rell has more name recognition, much of which can be attributed to being visible in the aftermath of the first governor in state history to resign in disgrace and jailed for his crimes. Many Connecticut voters are unaware of her role in the Rowland administration, and she has benefited from our state's budget surplus. Our challenge is to reach enough of our co-workers, friends, and family and tell them why it is time for change after sixteen years without a Democratic administration to lead Connecticut.

We need to let our neighbors know that most of Rowland's appointees

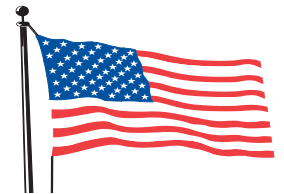
remain in their positions or are buried in classified service in the Rell administration. With the exception of proposals introduced by Democratic Party leaders, Rell has offered few major changes in policy and administration. We can do better with a new governor who is willing to take action on issues important to public sector workers, such as property tax reform, "clean contracting," and public education funding. As our new governor, Mayor DeStefano will challenge the status quo and lead our state to meaningful reform through action.



In addition to serving as our Secretary/Treasurer, Patrice is also an active member of the Education Professions Council (P-3B), and identified the values she shares with Mayor DeStefano. "I admire his support for clean contracting, and we need someone truly committed to real reform" she said. "Our current governor says she wants contract reform, but instead she hides behind non-profit groups that have a clear bias against public sector workers. She has vetoed needed legislation three times, and shamelessly used the disabled clients of these organizations as the excuse." She added, "many of these non-profits who have been awarded no-bid contracts are run by high-paid executives who force their workers to endure low-wages and poor standards."

Patrice pointed out that Mayor
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Our thoughts are never far from our troops and their families.



Our Convention is September 8 Unite to Build the Best!

"Building the Best" union for our members is the theme at our 65th Anniversary Convention, scheduled for Friday, September 8 at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. As we announced in our June edition of the *CSEA News*, our elected leadership of Executive Council members and Convention Delegates will attend, and review our plans for creating greater strength and unity over the next two years!

Our biennial convention provides us all an opportunity to reinforce our union's mission and our members' values, as well as set goals and establish objectives for the next two years. Our plan to become Connecticut's leading voice for public service workers will serve as our guiding principle in setting targets for membership recruitment, leadership development, new organizing, political gains, and community partnerships.

Members are invited to arrive at 8:00 a.m., and enjoy Danishes and coffee. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by calling the convention to order at 9:30 a.m. State Senator Donald J. DeFronzo (D-New Britain) will provide us a "welcome" to the convention. We expect the Senator to discuss his commitment to keep Connecticut's public service workers in the public sector.

SEIU's Public Services Division Director Eileen Kirlin will discuss our international union's mission in today's globalized economy, and our current president, Michael O'Brien, will review our vision to "Unite to Build the Best" public sector union. We will also hear from a leader with the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, who will describe the three plans to winning health care for all in our state.

We have invited our recommended candidate for Governor, Mayor John DeStefano to speak briefly during the convention. A number of candidates for local, state, and federal office have also been invited to join us for a reception scheduled for 12:00 p.m., which will be followed by a buffet lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Most important, we will hear from several of our member leaders, representing a wide variety of our public sector membership, on subjects ranging from clean contracting in local and state government, to improving services to the

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Copies of job announcements, descriptions, salary information, examination dates, and application forms are on the Internet at the DAS website:

www.das.state.ct.us/exam

EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING DATE September 6

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Banking Department Manager MP 64

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Asst. Economic and Community Development Agent AR 19

Behavioral Health Community Monitor HC 24

Behavioral Health Program Manager MP 63

Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor HC 28

Children & Families Program Director (Administrative Support/Program Services) MP 66

Community Clinician HC 22

Criminalist (Laboratory Physical Evidence) FP 22

Data Processing Technical Analyst 1 EU 25

Data Processing Technical Analyst 2 EU 27

Data Processing Technical Analyst 3 EU 29

Data Processing Technical Analyst 4 EU 31

Data Processing Technical Specialist 1 EU 20

Data Processing Technical Specialist 2 EU 23

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

Motor Vehicle Examiner CL 15

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

Research Analyst AR 22

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

Social Worker SH 23

Supervising Clinician HC 28

Systems Developer 1 EU 23

Systems Developer 2 EU 25

Systems Developer 3 EU 27

Systems Developer 4 EU 29

Transportation Engineer 1 ES 20

Transportation Engineer 2 ES 22

User Support Specialist EU 17

OPEN TO AGENCY EMPLOYEES

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

Children Services Consultant SH 25

Children Services Unit Supervisor HN 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 Specialist SH 20

Eligibility Services Supervisor SH 23

Lead Children Services Worker HN 20

Office Assistant CL 13

Processing Technician CL 16

Secretary 2 CL 16

The Most Closely Watched Election in 2006

Our Members Make the Choice for Our US Senate Seat

After winning the Democratic Party primary election on August 8, Ned Lamont, the candidate for the US Senate seat held by Joe Lieberman spoke to a packed hall of members from each of Connecticut's SEIU Locals on Monday, August 21. The purpose of the event was to provide the candidate the opportunity to explain his campaign platform and share his personal values and political priorities with our combined membership. Senator Lieberman also attended the candidate interview, asking for the support of the largest combined union membership in the state.



Mr. Lamont, a little known candidate, was able to defeat the three term incumbent senator in a primary election that captured international attention with a message of change. Although the heavy underdog at the start of the campaign, Mr. Lamont was able to combine dissatisfaction with President George Bush's policies, an offbeat and attention-grabbing media plan, and a strong grassroots neighborhood-level campaign to deny a national figure the Democratic Party nomination in November. Senator Lieberman was forced to petition his way onto the ballot under a brand new line; the "Connecticut for Lieberman" party.

Although Senator Lieberman boasts a decent labor rating from the AFL-CIO for supporting many bills important to working families over the years, he has been on the wrong side of a number of critical labor issues. He has advocated free trade pacts like NAFTA and CAFTA, which have led to exporting thousands of good paying union jobs to foreign countries. He helped kill universal health care legislation in 1994, and has done little since then to help millions of Americans gain access to quality affordable medical coverage. Senator Lieberman called for Social Security privatization throughout the 1990's, and was dangerously close to supporting it again last year, spouting the same scare language that President Bush used.

Senator Lieberman recently helped clear the way for Samuel Alito to be seated on the US Supreme Court by

failing to support a filibuster against him. In one of Justice Alito's first acts from the high court, he provided the key vote on a case that stripped non-union public workers' whistleblower rights.

Our union decided to stay neutral and did not make a recommendation to our members in the US Senate primary, focusing attention on the gubernatorial candidacy of John DeStefano instead. "The Lamont-Lieberman race clearly drove turnout in the primary, and I expect that will continue in the general election" President Mike O'Brien said during a caucus of our union's members who participated in Monday evening's candidate interviews. "Endorsing Ned Lamont is the right thing to do because he is better on our issues than Joe Lieberman, and because it will also help us help win the governor's seat" he added. "As state workers, to achieve good contracts, improve access to health care, and protect our pensions in the future, we need a governor we can trust to do the right thing on our priority issues" Mike concluded.

After both candidate interviews, our members in attendance voted unanimously to recommend our CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Executive Council endorse Mr. Lamont's candidacy. As this edition was going to print on Friday, August 25, our Executive Council announced that it is recommending our members vote for Ned Lamont for the office of U.S. Senate on November 7.

Call our union's Political Director Rick Melita at the Local hall in Hartford at (860) 951-6614, and enter extension 111 to sign-up as a Member Political Organizer (MPO) and learn how to move your co-workers and neighbors to vote for change in Washington, DC on November 7!



Members caucus following candidate interviews to evaluate our choice for US Senator in November

Making Politics Work for Us

Additional Recommended Candidates Win Primary Elections

Though the Gubernatorial Primary election was our top priority, and the US Senate race was the most widely covered, our members recommended a number of additional candidates who won their party's nomination on August 8. In Hartford's 4th State House District, where incumbent State Representative Evelyn Mantilla chose not to seek reelection, our endorsed candidate Kelvin Roldan defeated Angel Arce by a margin of 63% to 37%. Our choice for Bridgeport's 127th State House



District, incumbent State Representative Jack Hennessy, defeated a well-known city councilor who was supported by the Town Committee by a vote of 1080 to 995.



In Waterbury's 73rd State House District, our endorsed candidate Anthony Piccochi narrowly lost to incumbent State Representative Jeff Berger, 986 to 1032. In a surprising primary outcome, Mary Glassman - Dan Malloy's choice for Lieutenant Governor - defeated Mayor DeStefano's LG candidate Scott Slifka by a margin of 57% to 43%. This indicated a large amount of ticket splitting by Democratic primary voters between endorsed candidates and their challengers.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES:
Want the power of thousands of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 members behind your campaign for the November election?
Contact our Political Director Rick Melita at (860) 951-6614, extension 111, or send e-mail to rmelita@csea760.com to request a "candidate questionnaire" and to schedule an "interview" with our "Member Political Organizers (MPOs)."

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DeStefano has committed to signing clean contracting legislation with privatization standards, which will protect taxpayers from business cronies seeking to profit at our expense. "Unlike our current governor, who has been reactive and unwilling to make tough political choices, as Mayor, DeStefano has been a hands-on administrator who can take the heat for decisions he's made" she added.

We all must continue to support John DeStefano's run for Governor during the critical next two months of the campaign. Mayor DeStefano has a record of supporting public and private sector unions as Mayor of New Haven and has made health care his number one campaign issue. Protecting affordable, quality health coverage for our members will continue to be a challenge and Mayor DeStefano is willing to work with us on this essential issue.

Join us as a Member Political Organizer (MPO) and learn how to bring change to the Governor's residence! Call our union's Political Director Rick Melita at the Local hall in Hartford at (860) 951-6614, and enter extension 111 to sign-up!

Our Convention...

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developmentally disabled, to organizing early education providers. With public sector workers under assault by politicians here in Connecticut and across the nation, this is a critical time to assess our strengths and determine how we can build greater power in the future.

Our convention is also an opportunity to choose our union's leadership, as we will hold our biennial elections for our union's officers. Current leaders, Michael O'Brien and Patrice Peterson, have already announced their candidacy for reelection to President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. We will also elect our three McCusker Scholarship Trustees, where we have two open seats. Remember, this is our union, and we all need to participate in the democratic process to make it work for us!

Tom Botti, President of EST Council (P-4) Chapter 24, recently sat down to discuss our convention's overall goals in the context of our plan to "Unite to Build the Best" union. Tom, an Environmental Analyst III with the State, is an 18-year veteran of our union, and has served as a delegate to the convention for the past 10 years. "As a union, we share a common spirit, and the key is to get together and form a shared vision" he said. "I want to be part of preparing the next generation of leadership. That means we need to assess what the union means to 'Generations X' and 'Y,' so we can build an organization that matches their lifestyle expectations" he added.



In describing how the convention can help us accomplish our priority initiatives, Tom pointed out, "It's about uniting to build greater power in our worksites." He added, "the fact is that we are part of the solution to making public services better for the communities we serve, and that gives us the potential to make positive change."

In describing the connection to political power, Tom added "to simply say we are oppressed by administration or elected officials ignores our responsibility to take concrete steps forward for the public and for ourselves." He added, "at the end of the day, public sector workers must build enough power to hold management and political leaders accountable to us."

Tom concluded by pointing out how our shared vision must keep an action component in perspective. "The fact is that for us to make a movement work, we have to work to move it" he said. "We have members still struggling for access to affordable health care, dignity and respect on the job, and a secure retirement. This is why organizing and then educating new members is so critical" he added.

President's Desk

On to November!

Now that the primary elections of August are over, the phones have stopped ringing and the mail boxes are less full in the homes of registered Democrats. With two statewide offices being contested, there was plenty of voter identification, persuasion and get out the vote activity going on, especially in the last few weeks as the candidates pulled out all the stops.

I had some fun doing some phone banking for our union endorsed candidate for governor, John DeStefano, the mayor of the city of New Haven. Phone banking isn't what anyone who has done it would normally call fun, but when you have company of other union members and activists, the time goes by quicker. The development of newer technology has also made the process easier and more successful.

The predictive dialing set-up on the SEIU "Barney" truck helps a great deal as well. (It is called Barney because the tractor trailer body is colored purple.) It has twelve computer terminals hooked into a computer program that automatically dials the phone numbers in the pre-loaded data base. Anyone who has done any phone banking knows that certain modern technology like answering machines and caller ID are the bane of successfully connecting with people. Barney can be programmed to leave a prerecorded message upon detecting a connection to an answering machine.

When a "live" person does answer the phone, they are automatically connected to a phone banker at one of the computer terminals who is



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wearing a headset. The name of the person being called is displayed on the computer screen along with the script of the proposed message to be delivered. The phone banker does no dialing. You only wait to be connected to someone answering the phone.

Since the phone banking I did was only to Democratic union households, most people I talked to were very receptive to the message. Many had been receiving the multitude of calls from the campaigns but they were patient with receiving one more from their union. Quite a few people actually thanked me for getting out the message. Having gotten many of the same calls at home, admittedly most to my answering machine because they came in during the day when I was at work, it was different to be on the sending end of the message rather than the receiving end.

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Social Security and Medicare in Danger!

Irving Schwartz, Co-Chair, Council 400 Legislative Action Committee Chapter 405 (New Haven area) Member

According to the July 14th issue of the "Friday Alert," a publication of the Alliance for Retired Americans, the Bush administration submitted its budget, which is the first indication of a gathering storm against Social Security, because there is a proposal to spend \$721 billion over 10 years to privatize the program. The President says, "we need to cut entitlement spending."

That would require devastating cuts in benefits across the board.

The second assault against Social Security and Medicare is Senate bill 3521 approved on a party-line vote in the Senate Budget Committee June 20. That bill was supposed to restore fiscal discipline, but actually it represents a sneak attack on both programs.

Two commissions would be set up. The "entitlements commission" would study Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and propose changes. The "sunset commission" is designed to evaluate Federal programs and eliminate or modify them as the commission sees fit. These recommendations would be considered under fast-track procedures, allowing little public notice or debate, and few opportunities for senators to offer amendments. You know darn well that these are weapons to make deep benefit cuts and privatize both programs. Why would anybody do this since these are the most successful programs the Federal government ever created?

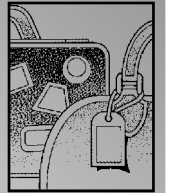
The monthly premium for Medicare Part B will increase 11.2 percent next year to \$98.40. Even so, the Bush administration plans to cut payments to hospitals by 20 to 30 percent for complex procedures and new technologies. That would have a devastating effect on helping seriously ill patients. Medicare pays more than \$125 billion yearly to 5,000 hospitals. Furthermore, the administration is planning a demonstration project to offer modified medical savings accounts to beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans. Sen. Ed Kennedy (D-Mass) said, "The Bush administration tried to replace the guarantee of Social Security with chancy private accounts, and now they're attempting the same thing with Medicare. These private accounts are a tax giveaway to the wealthy that will leave millions of seniors behind." It is highly questionable if these accounts would save the government any money. ("AFT Retiree" e-news, July 22, 2006)

Those people that President Bush has appointed to the National Labor Relations Board have rolled back protections for worker rights and hurt workers' ability to organize into unions and bargain collectively. Labor protection has been denied entire categories of workers, including 45,000 disabled workers, 51,000 teaching and research assistants, and 2 million temporary workers. The board also has ruled in favor of company policies that chill organizing and trample human rights, such as off-duty fraternizing rules, greater leeway for union-busting lockouts, and even weaker remedies for labor law violations. For example, the board is going to rule that certain nurses and building and construction trade workers should be categorized as supervisors and thus ineligible for protection. The board refuses to hear oral arguments. ("AFT Retiree" e-news, July 22, 2006) Why is there such an onslaught against workers?

The share of the national debt for 99 percent of Americans has jumped to \$7,166 per person in the last six years. The only ones spared paying for this are the most wealthy 1 percent who have an income of \$1.2 million a year, because the tax breaks they are receiving outweigh the debt by \$30,352 per family member. As a result of the Bush administration tax cuts, the national debt has grown to \$8.4 trillion and is being paid for with borrowed money, such as money owed to the Social Security Trust Fund. ("AFT Retiree" e-news, July 22, 2006)

U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich) said, "Senior citizens are being hurt by the indifference and incompetence of the Bush administration and its friends in the insurance industry." That is because when you call for information on your Medicare coverage, you get misinformation more than 70% of the time. ("AFT Retiree" e-news, July 22, 2006)

We need to elect leaders who will protect and improve seniors' rights in Medicare and Social Security. We need leaders who will preserve American jobs and prevent the loss of jobs. We need leaders who will preserve revenues and keep the national debt down. We need leaders who will not jump into wars without advice from Congress and our allies. In other words, the heads of government must do what is right for America.



The Bewitching Seaport Salem, Massachusetts

Tuesday, October 17th

\$68 per person (payment by Sep. 17th)

Bus Pick-ups: East Hartford & Coventry

Includes: Motorcoach; admission/guided tour of The Salem Witch Museum; sit-down lunch at "Red's" – choice: baked haddock, chicken marsala, home-made meatloaf (if using reservation form below, indicate meal choice/s); narrated trolley tour through historic Salem; all taxes/gratuities, including driver.

6:00 a.m. –depart East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.

6:30 a.m. –depart St. Mary's Church, Coventry

Approx. 7:30 p.m. –return

Bus Pick-ups: East Hartford North Haven Stratford Darien

Radio City Christmas Spectacular Lunch at Connolly's Restaurant

Friday, November 10th

COST: \$105 per person; Full payment by Oct. 10th

Includes: Round-trip transportation; Orchestra tickets for 2:30 show; Sit down lunch at Connolly's Restaurant – choice: fish-n-chips, home-made meatloaf or baked turkey (if using reservation form below, please indicate meal choice/s); all taxes & gratuities, including driver.

7:45 a.m. –depart East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.;

8:30 a.m. –depart North Haven, Holiday Inn (Exit 12);

9:00 a.m. –depart Stratford, Ramada Inn (Exit 30);

9:30 a.m. –depart Darien, Howard Johnson's (Exit 11).

Approx. 8:00 p.m. –ETA in Hartford

Mon., December 4th through Wed., December 6th

- 2 Great Evening Shows!
- Festival of Lights
- Open Menu Dining
- Sugar Hill Tour



COST: \$319 per person: twin/triple
\$399 per person: single

Includes: Round-trip transportation; two nights at the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, N.H.; Open Bar Cocktail Reception w/hors d'oeuvres; Christmas Party; Sight Seeing; Ice Cream Social; 5 Meals: 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts & Holiday Luncheon

Departure: East Hartford, Sheraton Hotel, 100 East River Dr.;

Deposit: \$100 by Sept. 18;

Final Payment: Remainder by Oct. 16

A Day In New York Sat., December 9th To Do As You Please

\$25 per person includes round-trip transportation; all taxes & gratuities, including driver.



7:00 a.m. –depart Hartford at State Office Building;

7:30 a.m. –depart Meriden at Burger King;

8:00 a.m. –depart North Haven at Exit 12 Holiday Inn;

8:30 a.m. –depart Stratford at Exit 30 Ramada Inn;

6:00 p.m. –depart NYC (arrive in Hartford at approx. 9:00 p.m.)

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Working in Unity

Hartford Bus Service Workers Have a New Contract and a Living Wage!

Our members working at Laidlaw's Hartford bus yard have a new contract that makes labor history thanks to unity at the negotiating table and support at the worksite. Not one dissenting vote was cast by the workers who said "Yes" to a five-year contract that takes effect this September 1st.

A significant factor in winning across the board wage increases for all of our brothers and sisters working at the yard was moving management to recognize the City of Hartford's "Living Wage Ordinance" for all current bus drivers. Due in large part to the efforts of a very committed Bargaining Team to educate their co-workers on the ramifications of the legislation, we successfully persuaded Laidlaw to apply the law to more than just bus drivers transporting Special Education students.

The City's Court of Common Council passed the Living Wage Ordinance in 1999, at the leading edge of a trend that has resulted in similar laws passed in New Haven, New Britain, and most recently, Manchester. More than 135 Living Wage laws have been passed in cities and counties across the country, all with the same goal; to ensure companies contracted to do business with local government agencies compensate their service workers with a self-supporting income.



Bus driver and Bargaining Team member Terrance McElroy recently shared some of the contract's highlights, pointing

to their huge wins as hope for many of our fellow workers at bus yards across Connecticut. "Bringing the Living Wage Ordinance into affect for our members means everyone of our 200 workers at the yard will see significant raises." He added, "in fact, the average increase is 22% over the life of the agreement!"

"We also secured standard 'home to

school' rates for charter transports, which will really make a difference" Terrance continued. "Plus, we were able to negotiate 'back pay' at Living Wage rates for our Special Ed drivers."

The contract does more than provide pay increases, as well. Terrance pointed to additional gains, citing the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Three Kings Day holidays which were won in bargaining. "This shows we earned more than raises during negotiations. We won respect from management!" he added.

Terrance credited the entire workforce for coming together during contract negotiations as critical to the success at the bargaining table. "I'm proud of my coworkers for making the effort early on to put personal issues aside and show a strong, unified front in the yard. Without those initial worksite meetings to mobilize and plan our strategy, we would have gone to the table with management looking divided and weak."

"The fact is that this victory shows the power of a unionized workforce to make positive changes for ourselves and the communities we serve" Terrance said conclusively. "Laidlaw already knew they have dedicated bus drivers who are absolutely committed to safety and service for our community's kids" he continued. "Now we've shown them it is in their interests to work with their workers at the negotiating table, too!"

To learn more about how to increase the level of dignity and respect on the job at your worksite, ask your steward or Chapter President how you can get involved in building power for public service workers. Not yet organized at your bus yard? Contact our union's Organizing Director, Stacy Malitz, at the Local hall in Hartford at (860) 951-6614, enter extension 138, and ask how you can unite your co-workers to win greater economic security for your family!

Moving Forward Together

Our Supervising Judicial Marshals Ratify Historic First Contract

On August 2, our newest organized members, Connecticut's Supervising Judicial Marshals, overwhelmingly ratified their first collective bargaining

agreement. 80% of the membership attended the ratification meeting, unanimously voting "Yes" for the three-year contract. This marks the

next step for these public safety supervisors who have been struggling to gain a greater voice on the job for more than eighteen months.

Congratulations to the Bargaining Team for their tireless efforts to see this victory through: Frank Castro, Kevin Grosse, Mark O'Brien, Calvin Patrick, Luis Sola, and Joseph Tomasello.

The two-year struggle of our Supervising Judicial Marshals to this historic first contract led to the State Board of Labor Relations' ruling to allow our members to play a role in making workplace improvements and increasing public and worker safety at our court facilities. Our efforts finally paid off, and the real winner is the public, whose safety is protected by these valued workers.

SJM Calvin Patrick, who works in the New Britain Courthouse, discussed the highlights of the contract, citing the truly unified efforts of our full membership to win after a very long struggle. He identified the substantial salary increases for the job classification as having the most immediate impact on the lives of members and their families. "When you have members who are going to receive more than a two pay-grade increase, that shows our collective power at work!" Calvin said.



Many members will see their salaries increased to nearly \$59,000.00 annually by the third and final year of the new contract. "The potential increase in retention of a greater number of our hard-working public safety workers is the real benefit to the community" Calvin pointed out. He added, "There is nothing quite like knowing you have the power to make

positive change that affects and improves working people's lives, and this experience certainly gives us all that feeling!"

Hartford Courthouse SJM Mark O'Brien discussed many of the contract's non-economic gains. "We have negotiated language in the contract regarding schedules for our members at '24/7' lock-up facilities, won seniority protection for out-of-district transfers and layoffs, and prevented the state from any 'take-aways' of vacation time, sick leave, and personal time" he offered. Mark also discussed the workplace support and unity the rest of the Bargaining Team received from co-workers during their year in negotiations with the Judicial Branch. "I'm impressed by how everyone in the unit stood together and showed how we can unite for strength and win big for all of us, as well as the public we serve" Mark said.

Joe Tomasello, a SJM in the New Haven Courthouse, also thanked our Union Representatives for their support of the workers. "We need to recognize Charlie Fabian and Lisa McKinnon, who backed up our Bargaining Team with vital information and resources every step of the way" he said.

Though the contract may not be approved by the State Legislature until February, wages will be increased retroactive to July 1 of 2005.

To learn more about the progress of our newest members to unite with CSEA/SEIU Local 2001, contact our Union Representative, Charlie Fabian, at the Local hall in Hartford at (860) 951-6614, and enter extension 135. And be sure and personally welcome our Supervising Judicial Marshals when you have the opportunity!

Our Mailbag

McCusker Scholarship Winner Shows Gratitude to Our Union

Dear McCusker Scholarship Committee & D.O.T employees,

I want to let you know how grateful I am to have received this scholarship for the 2006 school year, and for the second time. I have recently changed my career path & major from Journalism to Biology, and my enjoyment & success in my summer classes at C.C.S.U. so far has me very anxious to begin the Biology program for my sophomore year at Saint Michael's College in VT. Thank you so much for your generosity. I could certainly notice all the careful planning that went into this year's ceremony. The food was delicious and it was very organized. Thanks again. It's so nice to be rewarded for hard work & I will keep it up!

Sincerely,
Audrey Rose Hagert

Has your Chapter Donated to the McCusker Scholarship Fund?



Retiree Council & Chapters' September Meetings

COUNCIL 400 Leadership Training, Thursday, August 31, 10:00 a.m., CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Contact: Hollis Block at (860) 951-6614, extension 130.

COUNCIL 400 Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 10:00 a.m., CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Contact: Hollis Block at (860) 951-6614, extension 130.

CHAPTER 401, Hartford area, Thursday, September 7, 1:00 p.m. (brunch available at 12:15 p.m.), CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Headquarters, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Speaker: Joel M. Johnson of Johnson Associates on "Additional Investment Opportunities." Contact: Katherine Goulet at (860) 675-4053.

CHAPTER 402, Danbury area, Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m., (refreshments follow meeting), United Methodist Church, Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury. Contact: Dawn Gallagher at (203) 426-4890.

CHAPTER 403, Norwich area, Tuesday, September 12; 1:30 p.m. (meeting room not available until 1:00, refreshments prior to meeting), Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Dr., Norwich. December, 2006 Holiday Luncheon presentation scheduled, review opening for Chapter Vice-President (contact President Norman Coutu with nominations). Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Education Coordinator David McCluskey, "Connecticut 2006 Election Agenda." Contact: Norman Coutu at (860) 886-5937.

CHAPTER 404, Waterbury area, Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. (social, meeting follows), Elks Club, Rubber Ave., Naugatuck. Contact: Armand Rosanelli at (203) 758-5122.

CHAPTER 405, New Haven area, Wednesday, September 13, 1:30 p.m. (social, meeting follows), Southern Conn. State University, Adanti Student Center (Building 14), 3rd Floor, Room 337, 501 Crescent St., New Haven. Contact: Andrew Gambardella at (203) 468-7376.

CHAPTER 406, Middletown area, Tuesday, September 12; social at 1:00 p.m., meeting at 1:30 P.M., American Legion Post #75, 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr., Middletown. Speaker: Charles M. Renna of MetLife on financial planning for retirees. Contact: Elizabeth Harvey at (860) 917-3740.

CHAPTER 407, Bridgeport area, Wednesday, September 20; social at 12:15 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m., St. Joseph's of Stratford National Catholic Church, 1300 Stratford Rd., Stratford (on Rt. 113 toward Sikorsky Airport). Contact: Celeste McGrath at (203) 378-4576.

CHAPTER 408, Willimantic area, Wednesday, September 13; coffee social from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., followed by meeting, McSweeney Sr. Center, 47 Crescent St., Willimantic. Speaker: Rose Fowler, McSweeney Sr. Ctr Executive Dir. Contact: Donna Linkkila at (860) 455-0883.

CHAPTER 410, Windsor Locks area, Monday, September 11, 1:00 p.m. (social, meeting follows), VFW, Fairview St., Windsor Locks. Contact: Amelia Smith at (860) 242-6544.

CHAPTER 411, Rocky Hill area, Thursday, September 14, 1:00 p.m. meeting with social to follow, William J. Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield. Speaker: Kevin Lynch, CT Chapter of Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) will report on organization's advocacy for its members. Contact: Florence Egan at (860) 666-0382.

CHAPTER 412, Putnam area, Tuesday, September 19, 1:30 p.m. meeting with social to follow, Knights of Columbus, Providence St., Putnam. Refreshments, door prizes. Contact: Donald Gladding at (860) 564-9092.

CHAPTER 414, Torrington area, Monday, September 18; coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10:00 a.m., UCONN, Torrington Branch, Extension Service, University Drive, Torrington. Contact: Karen Pineman at (860) 354-6727.

CHAPTER 415, Manchester area, Monday, September 25, 1:15 p.m., Eighth District Office, 18 Main St., Manchester. Contact: Edward Daly at (860) 871-9482.

CHAPTER 416, New London, Tuesday, September 12; refreshments at 12:00 p.m., business meeting at 12:30 p.m., speaker program at 1:30 p.m., Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 endorsed candidate for 2nd CD Joe Courtney. Contact: Les Shapiro at (860) 442-5255.

CHAPTER 417, Plainville area, Wednesday, September 13, 1:00 p.m. (social, meeting follows), Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church, 115 West Main St., Plainville. Contact: Nicholas D'Emanuelle at (860) 276-3814.

CHAPTER 418, Wethersfield area, Thursday, September 14, 10:00 a.m., Congress of CT Community Colleges, 907 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford. Election of chapter officers scheduled. Contact: Aldo Sicuso at (860) 346-3550.

Attention Chapter Secretaries and Program Coordinators
September 22 is the deadline for October meeting information.

DEATHS REPORTED

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

William Altmann, Jr. of chapter 411 died June 20

Irene Bergeron, 408, June 4
Muriel Bourque, 411, July 1
Gertrude Boyle, 405, July 9
R. W. Buchli, 420, June 28
John Bycoski, 404, May 31
Louis Carner, 410, June 24
Ann P. Carroll, 425, June 14
Winifred Cavanaugh, June 23
William Chamberlin, 422, July 15
Anna Danilowicz, 403, July 5
Barbara Dembushack, 414, June 19
Robert Friedrich, 408, June 18
Rosamond Gates, 408, June 14
Dorothy Godaire, 408, June 22
Irene Green, 424, June 29
Doria Gustafson, 406, July 14
Rose Harris, 426, June 3
Ethel Hattman, 408, June 18
David Henn, 406, July 1
Herman Hoffman, 410, June 30
Patrick Jacaruso, 403, June 29
Robert Jensen, 408, July 9
John Kays, 408, July 1
Charles Koseian, 410, May 26
Leonard Krashefski, 406, June 18
Juana Krischel, 407, March 19
Lillian Larkin, 415, May 30
Mary Lonergan, 415, June 29
Joseph Mariani, 401, July 4
Francis Mobilglia, 410, July 8
Joann Mogensen, 420, July 3
Mary Mortel, 411, June 25
Karl Mueller, 415, June 16
Constance Nelson, 415, July 5
William O'Brien, 410, July 12
Walter O'Connor, 401, June 13
Marie Pick, 406, June 25
Nelson Provost, 403, June 22
Vivian Ruth, 405, June 8
Arlene Schad, 408, June 24
Robert Sheridan, 411, July 8
Jeanette Sica, 411, June 17
Mary Smith, 411, July 2
Helen Staron, 407, July 11
Paul Stensland, Jr., 426, June 17
Priscilla Turcotte, 403, July 16
Marion Trevethan, 411, June 23
John Urbanik, Sr., 403, July 1
Marie Vitale, 407, May 21
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We are sponsoring a historic first ever conference to bring together all CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 paraprofessionals. We will put together a strategic plan to raise wages, build financial security, and improve the working conditions for our state's valued education workers.

Please save the date; Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. The event is tentatively scheduled to take place at our Local union hall in Hartford at 760 Capitol Ave., though if initial interest exceeds capacity, we will announce plans to move to a larger venue in advance of the conference.

The conference will feature a review of the impact of "No Child Left Behind" legislation on paraprofessionals, and we will also discuss common collective bargaining goals for our current members. Most importantly, we will talk about plans to develop legislation to address and establish new standards for paraprofessional workers.

To commit to attend the conference, contact Executive Secretary Julie Dumond at the Local hall in Hartford at (860) 951-6614, extension 120. She will have a member leader from your chapter or your union representative contact you with further details, as well. Be sure and mention the conference to your coworkers; let's make this historic event a real opportunity to share information on building power for all our paraprofessional education workers!

Additional Meetings, Activities, & Events

Education Professions (P-3B) Council Delegates are invited to attend our next meeting, scheduled Wednesday, 9/6 at 5:00 p.m. at the CSEA union hall, at 760 Capitol Ave. in Hartford. Contact your chapter president or union representative Joanna James at (860) 951-6614, extension 132, with any questions and to RSVP to attend.

Retiree Chapter 401 (Hartford area) members are invited to join us for a "Day at the Mohegan Sun" in Uncasville, scheduled Tuesday, 10/17 with bus pick-ups scheduled at up to 3 sites beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Bonanza bus terminal in Farmington, followed by a pick-up at the Forest Street commuter parking lot behind our union hall in Hartford at 8:15 a.m., and a pick-up at the Main Street commuter parking lot in Glastonbury. The bus will leave at 3:30 p.m. Cost is just \$15.00 per attendee, which includes bus transportation and gratuity for the driver. A \$20.00 casino rebate package may also be available, to include a food coupon and free bet. Contact chapter President Katherine Goulet at (860) 675-4053 to RSVP by Monday, 10/9.

CSEA Chapter 425 (St. Petersburg area)

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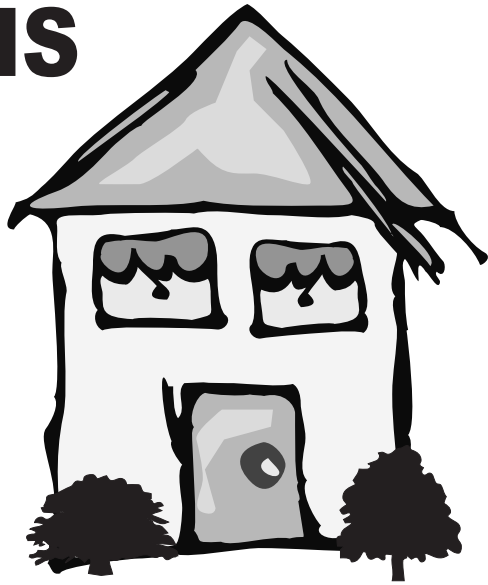
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President's Desk...

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It will be even more important to get the message out in November. Then we will need to contact all our members who are registered to vote, not just those registered Democratic. We clearly need to get our message out. The Republicans on the national level are very good at getting their message out even when it is a false or deceptive message. This can be evidenced by recent polls that show that half the people in the country still believe that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and about a third believe that Iraq played a key role in the 9/11 terror attacks! Of course if you listen to Rush Limbaugh every day, and many people do, you won't hear anything to dissuade those misconceptions.

Now that the primary is over, John DeStefano will be able to concentrate on the real opponent, Jodi Rell, rather than Dan Malloy in the primary. Looking at her early approval ratings in the polls, I am inclined to think that many of the electorate here in Connecticut have a lot of misconceptions about her effectiveness as governor. For many people, just not being John Rowland is good enough for them! It shouldn't be, because things haven't changed that much. The ethically challenged Lisa Moody in the governor's own office and the shenanigans with the delayed release of a potentially controversial vote prior to the naming of a new chief justice for the state supreme court are a few examples that lessons were well learned under John Rowland.

It will be a difficult task to win the governor's office because not enough people know about John DeStefano and his message and too many people think they already know enough about Jodi Rell. A series of debates would be helpful in displaying their differences but I am willing to bet that the Rell administration will not be too willing to agree to any.

The other problem for the gubernatorial race is all the attention being paid to the Senate race between Ned Lamont who won the primary to become the party endorsed candidate and the newly independent Joseph Lieberman. That match-up clearly grabbed most of the media coverage during the primary both in the state and around the nation. The reaction by the Bush administration and the right wing media to the Lamont win ensures that the general election will get even more attention.

As a Democrat and an American I am insulted that the vice-president and other spokesmen for the Right chose to say that the Lamont victory over Lieberman meant Connecticut Democrats were soft on terror and that it would embolden terrorists. That is the politics of fear at work. The fact that Lieberman is now courting the Republican vote and has recently hired the same pollster used by the Rell team shows what length he will go to in his reelection bid that he feels he is entitled to. This is despite being asked to not run by Democratic leaders here at home in Connecticut and by national party leaders.

I find it a little ironic that Lieberman was beaten by a rich guy who wasn't afraid to spend his own fortune in the primary. Ned Lamont is a millionaire who made his fortune by establishing and growing his own business. He has even more money to spend thanks to the Republican administration policy of passing tax cut legislation that favored mainly the rich at the expense of programs important to the average American. Now there is another Bush policy that backfired on them!

Many of the unions did not endorse either candidate before the primary, but SEIU in Connecticut will soon be meeting to discuss an endorsement procedure for the general election. If that doesn't occur before this issue goes to

print, it will certainly be reported next month. At any rate, the phones promise to be ringing and the mailbox will be full as we approach November.

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