

Decision 2010: Working Hard for a Better Future



Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman with P-4 Council Member Linda King-Corbin and Council 400 Member Win Heimer

Do you want to wake up on November 3, the day after the General Election, to the news that Tom Foley is going to be the next governor of Connecticut? Or, do you want to celebrate Dan Malloy's victory? CSEA members and voters throughout Connecticut have a clear choice in this year's gubernatorial race.

We can elevate a man to the highest office in the state who demonizes public employees or we can elect a man who wants to be our partner. We can choose someone for governor who wants to do away with the jobs and benefits of State employees and eliminate binding arbitration for municipal workers. Or, we can do everything possible to make sure that CSEA's endorsed candidate for governor, Dan Malloy, wins.

"I've never volunteered on a political campaign before, but there's too much on the line this year," said Bill Shallah, a P3-B Council Member who participated in our Union's outreach program during the Primary campaign and has signed up for shifts during the General Election. "Tom Foley has already said he wants to shut down the Southbury Training School, and he wants to rip up the SEBAC 2017 contract. We have to make sure that every member knows what's happening and votes for Dan Malloy on November 2," said Bill, who serves adults with mental health and developmental disabilities at the State's Department of Developmental Services (DDS) residential facility in Southbury.



Bill and his co-workers made the difference in the Primary Election by participating in member-to-member phone banks to educate, energize, and activate our members and retirees to vote for CSEA's endorsed candidates. Our aggressive grassroots campaign is kicking into high gear for the General Election and it's too important not to get involved...

Plus, it's also a whole lot of fun.

CSEA has thousands and thousands of members who must be reached to make sure they understand what's at stake in this election. Phone banking is

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Our Actions...in Brief

▶▶ **Hartford School Bus Workers are Holding Contractors Accountable:** Council 760 members who are school bus drivers and monitors in the Hartford Public School system have worked since 1999 to pass and then strengthen a livable wage law. The Hartford Court of Common Council approved the Living Wage Ordinance due to our members' hard work and because of the need to provide good paying and stable jobs in the city. When school bus transportation providers started gaming the system to avoid paying a fair wage by utilizing a deceptive subcontracting scheme, our members sounded the alarm. At our urging, the Common Council passed a tough and comprehensive resolution that authorizes a sweeping investigation that will expose these contractors' tactics to Hartford's parents, taxpayers, and school bus employees.



Bus Drivers and Monitors in Council 760 with Hartford City Council and School Board Members at City Hall

At the same time, our members are keeping the public pressure on the private, for-profit companies involved in moving employees and bus equipment out of the city. Their efforts generated a front-page article in the *Hartford Advocate* shedding light on Autumn and Specialty Transportation, Inc. and Logisticare Solutions, Inc. for dodging their fair share of property taxes and evading their responsibilities under the living wage law.

(Editor's note: Our press statement announcing the investigation and press coverage are linked to the September 10 entry "Exposing Bus Companies for Cheating Hartford Workers and Taxpayers" at our website's "CSEA Connections" page.)

Look for the Arrows Symbol ▶▶ for more "Actions...In Brief"

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Connecticut Events

COUNCIL 400 DELEGATES: Thursday, October 21, 10:00 AM, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Program: Council Officer and Committee reports. Contact: Retiree Coordinator Hollis Block at (800) 894-9479.

CHAPTER 401 (Hartford area): Thursday, October 7, 12:00 PM (light lunch, followed by speaker at 12:45 PM), CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Program: Union staff updates. Speaker: General Assembly House Speaker Chris Donovan on the importance of member involvement in the General Election and address its relevance to the next legislative session. Contact: President Tom Corrigan at (860) 674-8221.

CHAPTER 402 (Danbury area): Wednesday, October 13, 10:00 AM (refreshments follow meeting), United Methodist Church, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury. Speakers: US Representative Chris Murphy (D-5); CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Political Director Danny Medress on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Dawn Gallagher at (203) 748-2018.

CHAPTER 403 (Norwich area): Tuesday, October 12, 1:30 PM (meeting room not available until 1:00), Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Dr., Norwich. Speaker: Member Political Action Organizer Roger Ives on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Carol Burgess at (860) 303-7267.

CHAPTER 404 (Waterbury area): Tuesday, October 12, 10:00 AM (social, meeting follows at 10:30 AM), Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center, 1075 Chase Parkway (exit 17 off I-84), Waterbury. Speaker: Member Political Action Organizer Tom Connolly on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Coffee and doughnuts served. Contact: President Ron Chasse at (860) 945-0768.

CHAPTER 405 (New Haven area): Wednesday, October 13, 12:30 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE - social, meeting and program follows at 1:00 PM), Smart Living Center, 297 Boston Post Rd., Orange. Speaker: Member Political Action Organizer Tom Connolly on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Andy Gambardella at (203) 468-7376.

CHAPTER 406 (Middletown area): Tuesday, October 12, 1:00 PM, (meeting follows social at 1:30 PM), American Legion Post 75, 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr., Middletown. Speakers: State Healthcare Advocate and CSEA/SEIU Local 2001-endorsed candidate for State Comptroller Kevin Lembo on his campaign; Member Political Action Organizer Tom Connolly on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Members asked to bring non-perishable food items for Amazing Grace food pantry. Contact: President Joe Formica at (860) 347-4532.

CHAPTER 407 (Bridgeport area): Wednesday, October 20, 12:30 PM (social, meeting at 1:00 PM), St. Joseph's of Stratford National Catholic Church, 1300 Stratford Rd., Stratford (on Rt. 113 toward Sikorsky Airport). Speakers: US Representative Jim Himes (D-4); Member Political Action Organizer Tom Connolly on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Carol Donofrio at (203) 888-2920.

CHAPTER 408 (Willimantic area): Wednesday, October 13, 1:00 PM (social, meeting at 1:30 PM), Franco American Civic & Social Club, 116 Club Rd, North Windham, CT. Program: Magician Roger Matt. Speaker: Member Political Action Organizer Roger Ives on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Donna Linkkila at (860) 455-0883.

CHAPTER 410 (Windsor Locks area): Monday, October 11, 1:00 PM, VFW Post 6123, 40 Fairview St., Windsor Locks. Speaker: Member Political Action Organizer Roger Ives on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Amelia Smith at (860) 687-1848.

CHAPTER 411 (Rocky Hill area): Thursday, October 14, 1:00 PM (social follows meeting), William J. Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield. Speakers: State Healthcare Advocate and CSEA/SEIU Local 2001-endorsed candidate for State Comptroller

Kevin Lembo on his campaign; Member Political Action Organizer Roger Ives on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Refreshments, door prizes. Contact: President Sebastian Puglisi at (860) 529-8336.

CHAPTER 412 (Putnam area): Tuesday, October 19, 1:30 PM (social follows meeting), Knights of Columbus, 64 Providence St., Putnam. Speakers: US Representative Joe Courtney (D-2); Member Political Action Organizer Tom Connolly on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Refreshments, door prizes. Contact: President Don Gladding at (860) 564-9092.

CHAPTER 414 (Torrington area): Monday, October 18, 9:30 AM (coffee, meeting at 10:00 AM). UCONN Torrington Campus Classroom Building, 855 University Dr., Torrington. Speaker: Member Political Action Organizer Roger Ives on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Karen Pineman at (860) 354-6727.

CHAPTER 415 (Manchester area): Monday, October 25, 1:00 PM, Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell St. Manchester. Program: not available at press time; check website's "Events Calendar" for details. Refreshments will be served. Contact: President Ed Daly at (860) 871-9482.

CHAPTER 416 (New London area): Tuesday, October 12, 12:00 PM (luncheon, business meeting at 12:30 PM and program at 1:30 PM), Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Rd., Groton (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE). Speakers: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001-endorsed candidate for state Attorney General George Jepsen on his campaign and platform if elected in November; organizer from the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) on political issues affecting seniors. Contact: Program Chair Les Shapiro at (860) 442-5256.

CHAPTER 417 (Plainville area): Wednesday, October 13, 1:00 PM (social, meeting follows), Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church, 115 West Main St., Plainville. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Political Director Danny Medress on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President John Lessor at (860) 628-0021.

CHAPTER 418 (4Cs): Tuesday, October 12, 11:30 AM, Congress of CT Community Colleges, 907 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Political Director Danny Medress on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Bill Searle at (860) 296-5172.

"DAY AT THE MOHEGAN SUN:" Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 AM, up to 3 bus pick-up locations, including CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall, 760 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Cost: \$20 per person includes bus transportation, gratuity for driver, and \$30 casino rebate package. Reservation deadline: October 17 (see flyer at website "Events Calendar" for reservation form). Contact: Coordinator Katherine Goulet at (860) 675-4053.

Other States Events

CHAPTER 421 (Northeast Florida area), Wednesday, November 3, 11:30 AM, Duff's Buffet, Sunshine Park Mall, 2400 South Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona, FL. Program: Luncheon for Chapter members. Speaker: elder law attorney on financial planning. Cost (includes tax): \$9.78. Contact: President Len Albert at (386) 615-6805.

CHAPTER 431 (Coastal South Carolina area): Monday, October 18, 2010, 11:00 AM (lunch, meeting follows at 12:00 PM), The Golden Corral, 868 Oak Forest Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). Reservation deadline: October 9 (mail payment, payable to "Lyle Chichester, Chapter 431 Treasurer," to 209 Chestnut Springs Way, Williamston, SC 29697). Contact: Treasurer Lyle Chichester at (864) 328-9419.

CHAPTER 432 (Upstate South Carolina area): Wednesday, October 20, 11:30 AM (lunch at 12:00 PM). City Range Steakhouse Grill, 774 Spartan Boulevard, Spartanburg, SC. Menu choices: Pot roast, salmon mojito, bourbon chicken, Caesar salad with blackened chicken. Cost (includes tax & tip): members - \$10.30; guests - \$15.30. Reservation deadline: October 14 (mail payment, payable to "CSEA Chapter 432," with lunch choices to Joseph Hamelin, 513 Hemlock Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29316. Contact: President Cathy Toscano at (864) 944-5296.

Save the Dates

CHAPTER 421 (Northeast Florida area): Wednesday, February 9

CHAPTER 422 (Ocala Florida area): Friday, February 25

CHAPTER 423 (East Florida Coast area): Monday, February 14

CHAPTER 424 (Sarasota Florida area): Wednesday, February 23

CHAPTER 425 (Sun Coast Florida area): Monday, February 21

CHAPTER 426 (Southwest Florida area): Thursday, February 17

CHAPTER 427 (East Central Florida area): Saturday, February 12

Our President's Desk

Looking Back, Looking Forward



of CSEA SEIU Local 2001. It has been some of the hardest and most rewarding work of my life.

We have faced many challenges over the last two years. On countless occasions, we beat the odds and delivered victories for our members, but we all know the fight goes on. Working with our Secretary-Treasurer, Patrice Peterson, and the Executive Council, we worked to protect our jobs and the services we provide in the face of relentless attacks. We fought, and will continue to fight, for those who do not have the protection and security of a union.

The motto of our International union, "stronger together," is more than just a slogan. It is a way of life, which allows CSEA to be a tough, cohesive, and responsive organization of over 10,000 active employees. We

represent a diverse membership that includes men and women working for boards of education, municipalities, and the state of Connecticut.

Our retiree members (I am

happy to say I am now a member of Council 400) are being targeted by politicians and media types for the healthcare and pensions they have earned and which have allowed them to have a dignified and secure life after they leave public service. I am proud to say they have stood side-by-side with our active members to fight for the pensions, healthcare and jobs, protected by the 2009 SEBAC agreement.

States Cutting Benefits for Public-Sector Retirees

Associated Press, September 15, 2010

Together, we are working our tails off (and remember we have more work to do) to elect the first pro-worker governor in a generation. We must elect a governor who values us, the services we provide, and the benefits we have earned. We must elect a governor who will work with CSEA members on the issues that matter to us and to every resident of Connecticut.

Although my time as president has come to an end, I pledge to you that I will continue the struggle in Connecticut for better wages, benefits and rights on the job, and to end the mismanagement, waste and incompetence by decision-makers in state and local government. Our union knows that public employees are not the problem; we're the solution.

To those who seek to blame public employees and retirees for the global financial crisis, I say the blame should be focused on Wall Street fat cats and leaders

in government who have an ideological commitment to ensuring that government neither can nor should work for everyday Americans. Whether it is protecting our members in the Department of Correction from the frivolous Freedom of Information Act requests of rapists and murderers, fighting privatization or outsourcing our members' jobs in the Department of Transportation, or fighting cuts of jobs or services in boards of education or municipalities; our union has been and will remain at the forefront of the battle to protect and expand the middle class.

I agree with SEIU that these goals are not simply the right thing to do for our members; it is the smart thing to do for our nation.

Our ambitious agenda has brought us many victories which we can celebrate together, like the family of union brothers and sisters we are, but we must remain vigilant and never waver from advocating for our members and all working people. I urge you to put aside any differences which might divide us and focus on what matters. Remember, we fight not just for ourselves but for our neighbors, our friends, our children, our grandchildren and our parents.

CSEA SEIU 2001 is the best public sector local in the state and in the nation. Our members deserve no less. Thank you for your support.

(Editor's note: Share your comments with our Local President by sending her e-mail to costen@csea760.com.)

Catherine A. Osten
Retired Lieutenant,
CT Dept. of Correction
Executive Council President

(Editor's note: Following is Cathy's report to the CSEA 2010 Convention to be included in the September 24 event booklet and linked to the "Our Convention - Forward with Unity" section of the website's "Our Local" page)

First let me thank you for the honor you bestowed on me by allowing me to be the President



Secretary-Treasurer Patrice Peterson Appealed to Woodbury Elected Officials to Restore Laid-Off Members' Jobs in August

Citizen's Oil Co-op HEAT FOR LESS

Citizen's Oil Co-op, Inc. has partnered with Public Power & Utility, Inc. to provide electrical power for less to CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 members. The rate is guaranteed to be 5% to 20% lower than CL&P and UI.

This is another way that the Citizen's Oil Co-op is working to help union members and all consumers save on the high cost of utilities!

Call (860) 561-6011 for further information, or visit the Co-op's website which is linked to our site's "Incentives" page.



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Our Executive Director's Corner

Political Grandstanding Won't Solve the Crisis



Robert D. Rinker
Executive Director, CSEA
SEIU Local 2001

Is anybody out there still uncertain about whether outgoing Governor M. Jodi Rell will spend her last few months in office engaged in political grandstanding instead of working on the real problems of Connecticut's struggling families? Just read her latest proposals for addressing funding problems with the state's retirement funds and you will see she is more interested in helping her hoped-for multi-millionaire successor Tom Foley win an election.

In a press release her office issued earlier this month, Governor Rell called Connecticut's retirement benefits program a "covenant state government has made -- and rightly so;" then she immediately proposes breaking that covenant, slashing benefits for current employees, eliminating pensions altogether for new employees.

Rell's 'Bold' Pension Ideas Drawing Criticism

Bristol Press, September 9, 2010

(Editor's note: The SEBAC response to the Administration's statement is linked to the September 7 entry at our website's "Press Releases" page titled, "Governor Rell's Proposals for Retirement Costs are a Classroom Exercise in Political Campaigning.")

The governor has bragged about nearly a billion dollars in

savings to taxpayers reached in 2009 through an agreement with the unions in the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC). Now she proposes nothing less than tearing it up.

The governor talks about the savings that would come from restrictive new rules that make it harder for workers to receive healthcare in their retirement. But she relies on old, inflated figures for the unfunded liability for those benefits.

The governor proposes slashing pensions benefits for plans that are well funded, ignoring the fact that the only plan with a funding problem was closed for new employees in 1984. Our current Tier IIA pension plans cost less than five percent of payroll and have been properly funded thanks to collective bargaining agreements over the past 26 years.

Still not clear enough? How about the fact that the governor says the problem is the "decades-old practice of unfunded liabilities" and then makes nearly a dozen "suggestions" to slash benefits, without offering a single recommendation for funding liabilities.

How about the fact that the governor refused suggestions to place any of this year's budget surplus towards the unfunded liabilities, even though it would have saved taxpayers literally hundreds of millions of dollars had she done so?

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Want to "see" what our Union members are up to? Visit our Union's Flickr page for easy to access digital images organized in sets by event or activity. The free site enables downloading original files, emailing them to friends and family, or sending them to a photo lab for developing traditional prints.

Visit Our
Photo Gallery on
flickr



Nancy Wyman and Retiree Members at Our Council 400 Annual Outing in September

Just this past month we uploaded 90 photos of our members in action, including a set from our Council 400 Annual Outing in Cheshire where candidates and elected officials visited our retirees. The Flickr graphic is linked to our website's home page, or select "Photo Gallery" from the left menu of the "Our Local" page.

State of Connecticut Employees and Retirees!



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a great way to communicate with our members and "Get Out The Vote."

We'll be phone banking every **Monday** through **Thursday** until Election Day. We have an early shift from **10:00 AM** to **1:00 PM** to call our retiree members and we call our active members from **4:00 PM** to **7:00 PM**. Our primary phone banking location is the **Union Hall** in **Hartford**, but we also have satellite offices in **Bridgeport** and **Stamford**. We provide a full training, food and refreshments, and the chance to do your part in helping elect the first pro-worker governor in a generation.

(Editor's note: Each phone bank session is posted to our website's "Events Calendar" page.)

"I really enjoyed speaking with other retiree members about voting and



how important this election is," said Amelia Smith, a Council 400 member who has volunteered on multiple days during the Primary and General Election phone banks. "If we don't get our members out to vote for Dan Malloy and our other endorsed candidates, we could lose everything we've fought for all these years," said Amelia, who retired as an associate revenue processor from the State Department of Revenue Services.

To get involved in the member-to-member phone banks, contact our Political Director, Danny Medress, at (800) 894-9479, extension 111 or by sending e-mail to dmedress@csea760.com.

(Editor's note: Select "Get Active!" from the left menu of our website's "Action Center" page to access an online Member Action Organizer sign-up form.)

Tom Foley and the other anti-worker candidates on the ballot have been falling all over themselves trying to scapegoat public employees. In a classic divide-and-conquer strategy, they're trying to frighten voters during these tough economic times by blaming public employees for the global financial crisis. Tom Foley and his friends do not seek to build a prosperous and sustainable Connecticut, but want to turn working people against each other. Just take a look at what they have to say for evidence of their attempts to distract voters from the real issues...

Tom Foley

Candidate for governor, and opponent of CSEA's endorsed candidate Dan Malloy:

✘ "I think we need to review the 2017 contract. I certainly think we have a fiscal emergency and there is an authority that the governor has to not honor the contracts in a fiscal emergency."
New Haven Register Editorial Board Meeting, September 23, 2010

(Editor's note: Additional examples of Foley's anti-public services and anti-worker comments are posted at the "Action Alerts" section of SEBAC's "In This Together CT" website, which is linked to our home page.)

Mark Boughton

Tom Foley's running-mate, and opponent of CSEA's endorsed candidate for lieutenant governor Nancy Wyman:

✘ "I will work with our next governor to reduce the size and the scope of state government. I will work with our governor to outsource delivery of key services to cut cost and to develop greater efficiencies."
Mark Boughton, Republican: Lt. governor candidate, Wilton Bulletin, August 6, 2010

Jack Orchulli

Candidate for State Comptroller and opponent of CSEA's endorsed candidate Kevin Lembo:

✘ "I am committed to making the case for...adjusting public employment costs to today's realities and standards."
Jack on the Budget, WeBackJack2010.com

Martha Dean

Candidate for attorney general and opponent of CSEA's endorsed candidate George Jepsen:

✘ "...if any of the three Republican candidates for governor won, [I] would support him if he failed to obtain cooperation from the state's employee unions on cost savings and needed to break their contracts."

AG candidate Martha Dean addresses RRTC, Ridgefield Patch, July 16, 2010

All over this country, workers -- especially public employees -- are facing unprecedented challenges and unrelenting attacks. CSEA members here in Connecticut and our brothers and sisters in SEIU throughout the nation have been wrestling with these issues for the past two years. To make this economy work for all working people again, push back on the scapegoating of public workers and retirees, and safeguard the services our communities count on, we cannot afford to let candidates like Tom Foley win at the ballot box in November.



P-3A Council Leader Val Marino with Dan Malloy at Our Union Hall for a Post-Primary Meeting with our Members

Join with fellow CSEA members and work for the candidates who share our values. And be sure to tell your friends, family, and fellow co-workers to cast their votes for all of CSEA's endorsed candidates in the **Tuesday, November 2** General Election:

Connecticut Constitutional Officers

- Governor - Dannel Malloy
- Lieutenant Governor - Nancy Wyman
- State Comptroller - Kevin Lembo
- Attorney General - George Jepsen
- Secretary of the State - Denise Merrill

US Senator

- Richard Blumenthal

US House Representatives

- 2nd District (Eastern Connecticut) - Joseph Courtney
- 3rd District (Greater New Haven) - Rosa DeLauro
- 4th District (Fairfield County) - Jim Himes
- 5th District (Western Connecticut) - Christopher Murphy

(Editor's note: At press time, Legislative Action Committee members had voted to recommend additional candidate endorsements for state legislative races – a complete list will be printed in the October edition of the CSEA News.)



►► **Enfield Officials Own Up to Contracting-Out:** This spring, elected officials in Enfield proposed a municipal budget that appeared to be premised on costly, unaccountable consultants replacing veteran public servants. Members of our two Council 760 Chapters representing Enfield's technical, professional, education, and supervisory workforce cautioned that the price for local taxpayers, residents and businesses would be high if threatened job losses were forced on the community. Four months after nearly a dozen of our members were told their positions were being eliminated, our Union and the local press uncovered plans to replace them with contractors retained before a majority of the Town Council approved the draconian cuts.

Enfield Outsourcing Deals Struck Before Layoffs

Union Probes Contracts

Journal-Inquirer, September 4, 2010

Active and retired Union members living in Enfield can help keep pressure on local officials to reverse their damaging choices and restore the jobs of laid-off public employees. Contact Communications Director Matt O'Connor at (800) 894-9479, extension 129, for assistance with preparing a letter to the editor of one of the local newspapers that has covered the ongoing dispute.

(Editor's note: Our Freedom of Information Act request and news coverage of the contracting-out scheme are linked to the September 8 entry "The Steep Price of Privatization in Enfield is Revealed" at our website's "CSEA Connections" page.)

►► "Purple Power" Saves Jobs, Plugs Budget Holes:

SEIU's rank-and-file members throughout the country and CSEA members here in Connecticut worked with Congress to pass legislation over the summer to provide billions of dollars to protect public service jobs. As a result of this recent legislation, Connecticut has already received over \$300 million in federal funds since President Barack Obama signed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act (H.R. 1586) into law in August. Resources have been allocated to retain, recall, or rehire former public employees and to hire new workers to offer early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational services. It also allocates Federal Matching Assistance Program (FMAP) money to support states' Medicaid services.



Thompson Public Schools Non-Certified Employees in Our Paraprofessional Council Met in May to Discuss District Budget Issues

The legislation passed after our International Union mounted an aggressive effort in Washington and across the country that exposed its opponents -- the hedge fund managers and Wall Street CEOs who wrecked the global economy in 2008. And now that it is law, our Union is working with municipal and schools officials to apply for the funds in order to restore the jobs of laid-off members and shore up those that have been at risk for the past two years.

(Editor's note: Click on the "SEIU Public Service Workers" graphic at our website's home page for access to information and resources on national and state legislative efforts to safeguard publicly-funded services and the jobs of those who deliver them.)

Political Grandstanding...

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Here's the simple truth. 16 years of the policies of Jodi Rell and her predecessor John Rowland have left Connecticut's working and middle-class families struggling to make ends meet, let alone able to imagine a better future for their children and grandchildren.

Sure, much of the recent problem has been due to the Great Recession, but it is Governors Rell and Rowland who must take responsibility for the long-term trends. And it is Governor Rell alone who must take responsibility for having no plan to speed Connecticut out of the latest morass, and for floundering policies that have only made a bad economy worse.

That is not much of a legacy to show for 16 years of Rowland/Rell policies. Not much of a record to hand off to Tom Foley.

Governor Rell followed up her press release with an Op-Ed



P-4 Council Cost Savings Committee Members Review Proposals for Reducing Expenses

►► State Workers Not Fooled by "Unsustainable" Hype:

Connecticut is the wealthiest state in the US, but for too long its elected leaders have chosen not to ask the rich to pay their fair share. Of 50 states, Connecticut ranks near dead last -- 48th in the nation -- in appropriations for state and local public services. Why? Working and middle class families pay combined state taxes at two to three times the rate required of the state's top income earners, allowing the rich to benefit at the expense of the rest of us. The reality is political statements by Governor M. Jodi Rell and her hoped-for successor CEO Tom Foley about not being able to afford existing state services are flatly contradicted by professional research. Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Co-Chair Bill Buhler (pictured above), a pupil services specialist in the State's Department of Children and Families, is busting these myths in a series of posts at our website's "CSEA Connections" page. Check out his first two entries and the solid research he has linked to counter the claims of politicians who would prefer to coddle the rich while the middle class suffers.



(Editor's note: Bill's September 20 entry "Debunking the Claim of Unaffordable Public Services" includes a link to his first, "Why Should the Rich Benefit at the Expense of the Rest of Us?" posted on September 1.)

calling for "serious and open dialogues toward finding solutions." Indeed.

How about some "serious and open dialogue" about the real problems facing Connecticut's struggling families? How about a jobs program that works? How about a revenue structure that stops protecting the rich at the expense of middle-class families? How about a plan to solve years of underfunding education, road and bridge repair? How about a plan for vibrant, growing and livable urban areas?

We can only hope the people of Connecticut will elect a governor in November who is more serious about tackling these issues than political grandstanding. Someone like CSEA's endorsed candidate for governor, Dan Malloy.



Save Your Money

With a CSE Debt Consolidation Loan

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This special is only available for a limited time. All applications must be received by December 30, 2010.



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Columbus Day.....Monday, October 11

Dividend Rates – 2nd Quarter 2010

	Dividend Rate	Annual Percentage Yield
REGULAR SAVINGS	1.00%	1.01%
SHARE DRAFTS (Checking)	0.50%	0.50%
CLUB ACCOUNTS	0.75%	0.75%

Minimum opening balance \$25.00. The annual percentage yield is accurate as of the last dividend declaration date. Rate may change after the account is opened. Fees or other conditions may reduce the earnings on the account.

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Our Members Can Join or Renew a 15-Month Membership for Only \$35...

That's a savings of \$10 off the annual membership fee! Download a leaflet with details and a CSEA BJ's Application form online at our website's "Incentives" page today.



Social Activities

Holiday Fun in Branson

Thursday, December 2 – Sunday, December 5

Cost: From \$1,179.00 per person (double)
Reservation deadline: Check for availability
Includes: airfare; 3 nights accommodations in Branson, MO; 5 shows (including the Andy Williams Christmas show); 2 dinners; 3 breakfasts



Harrisburg & Hershey Christmas

Sunday, December 5 – Tuesday, December 7

Cost: From \$425.00 per person (twin)
Reservation deadline: \$150 deposit due now; final payment due Oct. 13
Includes: motor coach to Pennsylvania; 2 nights accommodations; 4 meals; guided tours; sightseeing of Hershey and Harrisburg



New Year's Panama Canal Cruise

Friday, December 31 – Sunday, January 16, 2011

Cost: From \$1,611.00 per person (twin)
Reservation deadline: \$350 deposit for double or \$700 deposit for single due now; final payment due Dec. 9
Includes: 1 night stay in Los Angeles; 15 nights accommodations on board Norwegian Star; all meals and entertainment at sea; stops in Cabo San Lucas, Acapulco, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Columbia, and Key West, FL



UPCOMING TRIPS and ACTIVITIES

Public Safety Cruise

Sun., Feb. 5 – Sat., Feb. 12, 2011
Reservation deadline: call for availability
From \$1,032.00 per person (twin) includes airfare from Hartford; 7 nights accommodations on board Celebrity Cruise Lines Summit; stops in San Juan, PR, St. Croix, St. Kitts, Dominica, Grenada, and Tobago

Eastern Caribbean Cruise

Sun., Mar. 20 – Sun., Mar. 27, 2011
Reservation deadline: \$350 deposit for double or \$700 deposit for single due now; final payment due Dec. 9
From \$1,798.00 per person (twin) includes airfare from New York; 7 nights accommodations on board Allure of the Sea

Trips sponsored by CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Social Activities Committee (SAC). For more information call the Local hall in Hartford toll-free at (800) 894-9479, send email to sac@csea760.com, or visit the "Incentives" section at our website for access to flyers you can download and print.

Make checks payable to "Social Activities Committee" and mail with reservation form below to the committee at:
760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.

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.

Please call for availability after deadline. No refunds on cancellations on or 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.

CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Social Activities RSVP 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

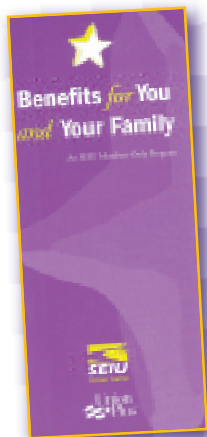
DEATHS REPORTED

We regret to learn of the deaths of the following retired CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 members, as reported by the State Retirement Division:

Robert Adams,
of Chapter 408, died May 6
Maria Aschenbrenner 411, June 11
Dolores Clark 416, June 24
Ruth Connolly 410, June 19
John Conway 405, June 17
William Davis Jr. 417, July 7

Louis DellaValle, 405, June 27
Jean Deluca 405, June 26
Henry Gile 408, June 22
Toby Katz 420, June 18
Joseph Kearney 403, July 2
Ruth Kentfield 402, June 29
Cortland Littlefield 416, June 8
Matthew Markleski 405, June 14
Francis McCarthy 404, June 26
Jeanne McKitis 405, June 23
Hughson Mooney 420, June 13
Tim Parker 412, June 16
Marvin Rapp 405, June 24
James Rock 403, June 27
Barbara Smith 405, June 21
Peter Strawnhince 417, June 17

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►► Preston School Bus Drivers Prevent Privatization:

Our Council 760 members who work as bus drivers for the Preston Board of Education have achieved a major victory after months of fighting, organizing, and forcing public debate around a scheme to outsource school bus services. The decision by district officials to keep school bus services local is recognition of our members' ability to deliver safe, reliable, and cost-effective transportation services for families in Preston. It is also acknowledgement of the value the district's school bus drivers provide for the community, and the importance of maintaining secure jobs with fair wages as the town continues its slow economic recovery. "For months, parents and taxpayers have made their voices heard," Preston school bus driver and Bargaining Team member Rebecca Boenig (pictured below) said after officials voted in September to abandon contracting-out. "I'm



relieved the board realized that handing over school bus services to outside companies isn't what's best for our students," she added. With the decision to drop outsourcing, our members are looking forward to reaching a mutual agreement with the Board of Education on a successor to their contract that expired in June.

(Editor's note: The announcement of our members success in keeping services local is posted to our website's "Press Releases" page in the September 14 entry "Preston School Board Puts Brakes on Bus Privatization; Votes to Control Costs and Preserve Good Jobs.")

Stay connected between editions of the CSEA News by visiting our website at www.csea-ct.com where you can access news and updates and find out about Union events and activities.

Florence Lowicki Egan (1927 - 2010)



As this edition was going to print, our Union family received the sad news that we had lost a leader and good friend. On September 22, Council 400 member Florence Egan passed away at the age of 83, leaving behind a strong legacy of active retiree unionism.

Florence's most recent leadership role included her service as the President of Chapter 411, which represents retired public employees and their spouses living in the Rocky Hill area. She had only slowed down her Council 400 involvement due to ailing health in May of this year.

A staunch advocate for quality staffing in skilled nursing facilities, Florence believed in CSEA and our purpose. Much of her commitment to quality care for seniors came from her experience working in the State's Department of Health, from which she retired as a nursing supervisor.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Florence's devoted family; her three daughters Casey Ann Bean, Kimberly Morris, and Erin Blatchley; her five grandchildren, Melanie Bean, William Moscatelli, Marla Moscatelli, Zachary Morris, and Ashley Marrero; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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