

Decision 2010: The Agenda for Connecticut's Future Moves Forward



Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman Joined Our Members at the Union Hall to Celebrate their Primary Election Win

Union members greeted the end of Connecticut's primary season with a significant victory on August 10 after weeks of intensive "Get Out The Vote" efforts on behalf of our endorsed candidates for statewide office. Thousands of mailers and member-to-member phone calls ensured that we played an important role in Dan Malloy's come-from-behind win in the all-important race to secure the Democratic Party's nomination for governor in the **November 2** General Election.

(Editor's note: Our membership announcement on the Primary Election results is linked to the August 10 entry at our website's "Press Releases" page titled, "Dan Malloy's Victory: 'A Triumph for the Middle Class.'")

"This past two years has been tough on all of us as Union members, and on all our families," said Council 760 member Edna Alers, who volunteered to make calls to fellow CSEA members at our Union hall in July. "That's why I signed-up to get involved in this election. The bottom line is that we needed Dan Malloy to win so we could go into November with a strong candidate who will stand up for Connecticut's middle class," said Edna, who works as a zoning assistant in the Planning Division at the City of Hartford's Department of Development Services.



CSEA-endorsed candidates in the Primary Election ran the table, proving that our members are where the grassroots "rubber meets the road" and help make politics work for our communities. In addition to Dan Malloy, Kevin Lembo and Denise Merrill handily won their races for, respectively, the Office of the State Comptroller and the Secretary of the State.

Dan Malloy's running mate Nancy Wyman also won the Democratic Party's nomination for lieutenant governor in the November General Election. Delegates to the SEIU Connecticut State Council voted to endorse Wyman's candidacy, along with Malloy's, in mid-July, and both ran their primary campaign as a team.

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Our Actions...in Brief

▶▶ **Selecting Our Leaders for the Road Ahead:** Since May of this year, Union members have been holding elections to select from among their peers those who will serve in leadership positions over the next two years. Results, which include Council officers, Executive Council delegates and alternates, auditors, and McCusker Scholarship Fund trustees, are being posted to our Union website at each individual Council's main page. Council elections are being conducted in advance of the CSEA 2010 Convention on **Friday, September 24**, with registration beginning at **8:30 AM** at **Central Connecticut State University's Student Center** in **New Britain**. Council 760 is holding its elections for its Council officers, Executive Council delegates and alternates, McCusker Scholarship trustee and auditors prior to commencement of the Convention that same morning at **8:00 AM**. Delegates elected at the Chapter level will cast votes at the Convention for our two Union officers, President and Secretary-Treasurer, from among the elected delegates to the CSEA Executive Council. As we announced in the June CSEA News, the other purpose of the Convention is to act on properly submitted proposed constitutional amendments.



P-3A Council Members Elected in July 2010 to Provide Guidance and Direction for the Next Two Years

(Editor's note: Resources and information are linked to the September 24 "CSEA 2010 Biennial Convention" page at our website's "Events Calendar.")

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Retiree Chapter Meetings & Events

(Editor's note: This information will be posted on our website's "Events Calendar" – updated information and details for events that are not available by August 18 will be posted online once provided to the Union hall.)

Connecticut Events

COUNCIL 400 DELEGATES: Thursday, September 16, 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): Wednesday, September 8 (NOTE DATE CHANGE), 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: Elder-Law Attorney Dan Tully of Kilbourne and Tully will address issues such as estate planing and changes in Medicaid Title 19. Contact: President Tom Corrigan at (860) 674-8221.

CHAPTER 402 (Danbury area): Wednesday, September 8, 10:00 AM (refreshments follow meeting), United Methodist Church, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Retiree Coordinator Hollis Block on current issues of concern to retirees and their families. Contact: President Dawn Gallagher at (203) 748-2018.

CHAPTER 403 (Norwich area): Tuesday, September 14, 1:30 PM (meeting room not available until 1:00), Rose City Senior Center, 8 Mahan Dr., Norwich. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 President and candidate for 47th State House District Cathy Osten on her campaign for the General Assembly. Contact: President Carol Burgess at (860) 303-7267.

CHAPTER 404 (Waterbury area): Tuesday, September 14, 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: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 President Cathy Osten on getting involved in the midterm elections. Coffee and doughnuts served. Contact: President Ron Chasse at (860) 945-0768.

CHAPTER 405 (New Haven area): Wednesday, September 8, 1:00 PM (social, meeting and program follows at 1:30 PM), Smart Living Center, 297 Boston Post Rd., Orange. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001-endorsed candidate for state Attorney General George Jepsen on his campaign and platform if elected in November. Contact: President Andy Gambardella at (203) 468-7376.

CHAPTER 406 (Middletown area): Tuesday, September 14, 1:00 PM, (meeting follows social at 1:30 PM), American Legion Post 75, 58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr., Middletown. Program: Not available at press time; check website's "Events Calendar" for details. 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, September 15, 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). Speaker: CVS/CareMark consultant Amanda Egli to answer questions concerning retired State workers' prescriptions and medications. Contact: President Carol Donofrio at (203) 888-2920.

CHAPTER 408 (Willimantic area): Wednesday, September 8, 1:00 PM (social, meeting at 1:30 PM), Franco American Civic & Social Club, 116 Club Rd, North Windham, CT. Speaker: McSweeney Regional Senior Center Executive Director Kit Eves on available services. Contact: President Donna Linkkila at (860) 455-0883.

CHAPTER 410 (Windsor Locks area): Monday, September 13, 1:00 PM, VFW Post 6123, 40 Fairview St., Windsor Locks. Speaker: Anthem Representative Diana Manzo on retirees' questions about the State health plan. Contact: Program Chair Elaine Colson at (860) 623-8704.

CHAPTER 411 (Rocky Hill area): Thursday, September 9, 1:00 PM (social follows meeting), William J. Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield. Speaker: CVS/CareMark consultant Amanda Egli to answer questions concerning retired State workers' prescriptions and medications. Refreshments, door prizes. Contact: President Sebastian Puglisi at (860) 529-8336.

CHAPTER 412 (Putnam area): Tuesday, September 21, 1:30 PM (social follows meeting), Knights of Columbus, 64 Providence St., Putnam. Speaker: 51st State Assembly District candidate Daniel Rovero on his campaign platform. Refreshments, door prizes. Contact: President Don Gladding at (860) 564-9092.

CHAPTER 414 (Torrington area): Monday, September 20, 9:30 AM (coffee, meeting at 10:00 AM). UCONN Torrington Campus Classroom Building, 855 University Dr., Torrington. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Political Director Danny Medress on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: President Karen Pineman at (860) 354-6727.

CHAPTER 415 (Manchester area): Monday, September 27, 1:00 PM, Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell St. Manchester. Speaker: Anthem Representative Diana Manzo on retirees' questions about the State health plan. Refreshments will be served. Contact: President Ed Daly at (860) 871-9482.

CHAPTER 416 (New London area): Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 PM (luncheon, business meeting at 12:30 PM and program at 1:30 PM), Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford. Speaker: CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Political Director Danny Medress on our Union's 2010 electoral campaign activities. Contact: Program Chair Les Shapiro at (860) 442-5256.

CHAPTER 417 (Plainville area): Wednesday, September 8, 1:00 PM (social, meeting follows), Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church, 115 West Main St., Plainville. Speaker: State House Majority Leader and CSEA/SEIU Local 2001-endorsed candidate for Secretary of the State Denise Merrill on her campaign. Contact: President John Lessor at (860) 628-0021.

CHAPTER 418 (4Cs): Tuesday, September 14, 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.

Other States Events

CHAPTER 425 (Sun Coast Florida area): Tuesday, September 14, 11:00 AM, Philippe Park Shelter #7, 2525 Philippe Pkwy., Safety Harbor, FL. Program: "Welcome Back Picnic" with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and sodas. Members are encouraged to bring a new member or guest. Contact: Secretary Ursula Bracker at (727) 848-0089.

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.

CHAPTER 441 (Cape Cod Massachusetts area): Thursday, September 30, 10:00 AM (social, meeting at 11:00 AM), Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, 688 Main St. (Route 134), South Dennis, MA (park in lot at rear of bank or across street near Dunkin' Donuts). Program: Council 400 Membership Chair Nancy Driscoll on retiree organizing efforts, and State Health Plan carrier representatives to answer members' questions. Light refreshments will be served. Contact: President George Levesque at (508) 771-4679.

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

Our President's Desk

You are No Paper Tiger



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

particular have more on the line in this year's election than the average voter. State, municipal workers, retired public servants, and their families, will be affected by the decisions of the next governor like no one else. And with some candidates for office running on a platform based on bashing public employees, this year's election is too important for us not to get involved.

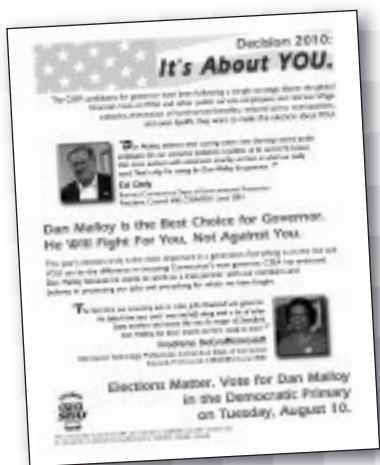
As the General Election campaign starts to heat up, no doubt we will hear again the chorus of politicians and pundits who seek to blame the global financial crisis on our members. We will hear again the call for "shared" sacrifice as people hostile to public employees neglect the past concessions agreed to by our members who want to protect the important services we provide. The voices will be loud, but we have shown before and we will show again that we are stronger together.

On Primary Election Day, CSEA members showed why our endorsement is one of the most coveted in Connecticut. When nearly 25,000 active and engaged members put our support behind three strong candidates -- Dan Malloy for governor, Kevin Lembo for Comptroller, and Denise Merrill for Secretary of the State -- we delivered.

When we reached out to members to donate their time to take part in our member-to-member outreach program, we knew we would rise to the occasion. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time, combined with a top-notch mail program, put our members on the front lines of the Primary Election. All over the state, people were talking about CSEA's "Get Out The Vote" operation.

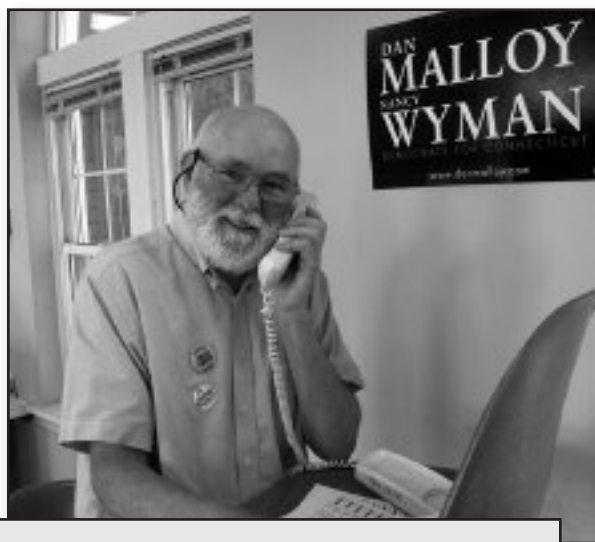
The primary results are a victory for every member of CSEA, our families, and the residents of the great state of Connecticut. But they were just the start.

As current and retired public servants, CSEA members in



Our involvement was decisive during the Primary Election, and so shall it be for the General Election. What we have known for years is being recognized by people throughout our state: if you want it done right, ask a CSEA member.

Because it is not said enough, thank you for all that you do.



Council 400 Member Tom Connolly
Made Calls to Voters on Election Day

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

In Our Communities

► **Retirees' Support for Veterans:** Council 400 member, former state representative, and veteran Chet Morgan is leading an effort to make sure former soldiers suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) have a small measure of peace. In July, he launched a local fundraiser to support residential living services for veterans living with the disorder at the Carriage House in Vernon, which is being managed by the Hartford-based Chrysalis Center. The drive supports services for veterans struggling with a range of issues, including PTSD, such as counseling and life skills training, and will help the non-profit serve as a local interface with the Veterans Administration. Within a few weeks of launching his effort, Chet reported that donations of used furniture had already exceeded capacity – but they are still in need of financial contributions. Send yours, payable to "Chrysalis Center Inc., Carriage House Vets," to:



Council 400 Member Chet Morgan Thanked State Comptroller Nancy Wyman for Supporting Veterans' Issues

Rockville Bank Carriage House Vets Account
P.O. Box 660
Rockville, CT 06066-0660

(Editor's note: A report on the drive for veterans with PTSD with a downloadable pledge form at our "CSEA Connections" page is linked to the "Good Works Committee" section of our website's "Action Center" page.)

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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►► **Members Move DOT to Reveal Costs of Contracting-Out:** When Department of Transportation (DOT) officials attempted to evade their responsibilities under Connecticut's "clean contracting" law, and a lobbying group for private consultants defended their position, our Union demanded the truth. The State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) responded to our call for answers, and despite attempts to thwart their efforts by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC), they compelled DOT officials to come clean in late July. In its response to the board, the agency revealed it had spent over \$50 million for outside consultants to examine highway and rail bridges since 2007 -- more than twice the cost of the DOT's own engineering professionals to perform an equivalent number of inspections over the same period. Our P-4 Council members who are the transportation engineers, inspectors, and planners in the department reacted to these revelations by connecting the issue to this year's gubernatorial election. "I find it ironic that during this campaign season, some candidates are pushing for more outsourcing," said steward and transportation engineer Denise Eaton (pictured right), referring to comments by the GOP's nominee for governor, businessman Tom Foley. "But if taxpayers are paying twice times as much when these services could be provided with greater accountability by professional bridge safety inspectors, that's not efficiency."



(Editor's note: Our press release announcing the DOT's admitted cost overruns and news coverage of our efforts are linked to the August 13 entry "Debunking the Privatization Myth Twice in One Week" at our website's "CSEA Connections" page.)

Our Executive Director's Corner

Space Aliens are Back for Your Pension



Robert D. Rinker
Executive Director, CSEA
SEIU Local 2001

There they go again. *The Hartford Courant* published an editorial in late July reinforcing concerns I raised in last month's column about the news media's reliance on methods inspired by the film "Men in Black."

including a non-partisan association of pension plan actuaries and Connecticut State Treasurer Denise Nappier.

Intelligent people sit on *The Courant's* editorial board, so their willingness to accept the existence of space aliens has a deeper explanation.

Before the years of massive downsizing at *The Courant*, reporters would have carefully vetted the pension story before the editorial board ever considered it.

These days, *The Courant* seems to be relying on the myth that you can layoff workers and simply order one to do the work of three. Just like some pretend that we can layoff teachers, autoworkers, and cops and still get the same quality education, cars, or public safety.

Our View - Pension Fund Going Broke
Hartford Courant, July 26, 2010

Once again the thoroughly debunked report on pension plans by Joshua Rauh, a zealot for 401(k) type defined contribution plans, was the source. Their editorial misleadingly refers to the document as a "Northwestern University" study instead of a report by an individual associate professor. Also not mentioned is the criticism of the study by less biased parties,

(Editor's note: The editorial Bob refers to and a published response written by Council 400 member Carol Thomas are linked to the July 28 entry at our website's "CSEA Connections" page titled, "Real Retirement Security vs. Wall Street Uncertainty.")

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Bob Discusses Concerns Over Diminished Retirement Security with Former OPM Secretary Bill Cibes at the Capitol in March

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"I supported Dan because it was clear he was going to win," said P-4 Council member Dave Wemett, who was an active volunteer for our member-to-member phone banks. "Teaming up with Nancy Wyman was a very smart choice. She's got the political smarts and the connections with the legislature to get things done," said Dave, an information technology analyst in the Office of the State Comptroller, where he works on payroll processing for retired State employees.

"Dan and Nancy are committed to real retirement security for all seniors," said Council 400 member Donna McElduff, who volunteered to reach out to Union members in the weeks leading up to the election. "Instead of targeting public employees' benefits, they're asking why more private sectors workers have lost theirs. That's why Dan and Nancy are the kind of leaders Connecticut deserves," said Donna, who retired as a registered nurse from Connecticut Valley Hospital.



The Republican Party's nominations for governor and lieutenant governor were also determined on August 10, setting the stage for the final match-up that will take place in the General Election on **Tuesday, November 2.**

Dan and Nancy are running as a strong team against former private investment company magnate Tom Foley and current Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton. Mr. Foley, who is seeking to replace Governor M. Jodi Rell, was sent to Iraq to run the Coalition Provisional Authority's privatization program in 2002 and then was President George W. Bush's Ambassador to Ireland from 2006 to 2009. Mr. Boughton, who ran as current Lieutenant Governor Mike Fedele's running mate in the Primary Election, has held office since 2001 following two terms in the General Assembly's House of Representatives.

As we reported in the June edition of the *CSEA News*, we have been tracking the candidates as they traveled the state campaigning for the support of their respective political party's registered voters. In addition to threats to cut or privatize public services and layoff large numbers of state employees, Mr. Foley has called for eliminating binding arbitration for municipal employees, and promised to gut benefits earned by retired State employees.



"With our help, we now have candidates who can keep the fall campaign focused on the issues," said P-3B Council member Lisa Bennett, who participated in our member-to-member outreach program. "But Dan and Nancy will need us to stay involved, because their opponents have made this campaign about us. Tom Foley has said he will outsource services that we deliver to private consultants, and close facilities where we provide critical care and

treatment," said Lisa, who works for the Connecticut Department of Development Services as a DDS adult services instructor at the Southbury Training School, which Mr. Foley has publicly threatened to shutter if

elected governor.

"I was already working to help elect Dan when our Union got involved," said P-3A Council member Sue Pierson, who joined our member outreach efforts after the Executive Council voted to endorse his candidacy in July. "Now that we have helped him win his party's nomination, we've got to redouble our efforts over the next three months to make sure he's our next governor. If we don't, we could easily end up with a Foley Administration," said Sue, who coordinates programs in the State Department of Education's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education.



(Editor's note: Photos of dozens of members making outreach calls are linked to the August 9 entry "Union Members Getting Involved and 'Getting Out The Vote'" at our website's "CSEA Connections" page.)

Looking ahead, one of the most effective steps we can take to building power for the fall elections and beyond is to grow

our CSEA Political Action Committee (PAC).

Individual support for our PAC is vital because it can only be funded by members' voluntary contributions, not dues, and enables us to amplify our outreach beyond our own members.

(Editor's note: PAC donation forms are available at our Union hall and linked to the "Political Action Committee" section of our website's "Action Center" page.)

Receive a Union tee shirt for every \$15 contribution or a fleece jacket for every \$60 donated to support our efforts to elect accountable candidates who will stand up for us where it matters most.

Or receive your tee shirt or fleece jacket by volunteering to reach out to fellow CSEA members this fall to urge support for Dan, Nancy, and all our endorsed candidates on the "Agenda for Connecticut's Future" slate. Call Political Director Danny Medress at our Union hall at (800) 894-9479, extension 111, or visit our website to sign-up as a Member Action Organizer today.



Council 760 Member Liz Kavanah Receives a Fleece Jacket for Her Volunteer Work During the Primary Elections

(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.)

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Send an email from your home account to gogreen@csea760.com with your name and employer (or indicate if you are retired) to receive a monthly message with a link to a downloadable version of the latest edition of our Union newspaper online.



►► Shattering the Outsourcing Illusion in Preston:

Our members who provide school bus transportation for children in Preston have been speaking out for residents and parents opposed to privatization, and their hard work is paying off. After working with community allies, Council 760 members employed by the Board of Education are close to putting an end to months of threats to contract-out their jobs and their services. Last month it was revealed that outsourcing school bus services would cost Preston taxpayers an additional \$45,000.00 a year. After the Board of Education delayed action at their August meeting, bus driver and Bargaining Team member Pearl Potter (pictured above) told the press, "we just want to get this over with and get back to work." That's why we're mobilizing Union members and community allies to attend the next board meeting on **Monday, September 13 at 7:30 PM at Preston Veterans Memorial School.** Now that the true costs of contracting-out have been revealed, it is time for school officials in Preston to heed Pearl's words.



(Editor's note: News coverage of our members' latest efforts are linked to the August 13 entry "Debunking the Privatization Myth Twice in One Week" at our website's "CSEA Connections" page.)

►► Shelton School Bus Drivers Drive Up Standards:

Nearly 70 bus drivers, aides, and safety monitors who are responsible for transporting Shelton's kindergarten through 12th grade students to and from school have won a strong successor contract. The members of Council 760's Chapter 195 had been working for nearly a year under an expired agreement, originally negotiated in 2007 with Laidlaw, the school district's former student transportation services provider that was bought out by First Student, Inc. Bargaining Team members and Union Staff Representative Kevin Mercik worked to carry over hard-fought protections gained after many years of collective bargaining and to win improvements in wages. They brought back a tentative agreement on a new three-year

contract with annual raises averaging better than 4% and that creates two additional positions for the bargaining unit that an overwhelming majority of members ratified on August 5. Congratulations to Shelton's school bus drivers and monitors for winning a fair and equitable contract that "drives up standards" in wages and working conditions for all public-private partnership employees.



►► Putting the Full Force of SEIU to Work in Connecticut:

Imagine a governor who actually respects and values the work of public employees. Imagine a governor who views CSEA members on the state and municipal level as partners. Imagine a governor who doesn't want to score cheap political points by demonizing retirees and the benefits they have earned. This year we have that chance, and our International Union's leadership recognizes the importance of helping us take advantage of this opportunity. SEIU has made our "Agenda for Connecticut's Future" a priority and will be making a significant investment of resources to support rank-and-file members on the ground as we work to elect Dan Malloy as our next governor. The International will be putting the full weight of its 2.2 million members nationwide and providing the financial backing behind our electoral work here in Connecticut.

Malloy to Labor: "I Need You"

The Connecticut Mirror, August 18, 2010

►► **Rejecting False Choices in Woodbury:** Even though residents recently passed a budget that would maintain local public services and protect the jobs of our members, two longtime and valued Woodbury town workers have been terminated. First, it was Richard Lamothe, president of Chapter 181 (pictured below right, along with his wife Sheila, middle), followed by Leslie Gamsjager, a member of Chapter 178 (left). This, despite last year's agreement to a wage freeze by the members of our four Council 760 chapters representing the town's municipal workers, which provided relief for current and future fiscal budgets. This, despite department directors' proposals to trim their budgets to avoid job cuts or reduced services. That's why our members are collecting cost-saving ideas and reaching out to Woodbury residents, community groups, and local faith and clergy leaders to speak out for better choices than shutdown days or job losses.



(Editor's note: News coverage of our members' reaction to job and service cuts are linked to the August 18 entry "Coming Together for the Sake of Woodbury's Future" at our website's "CSEA Connections" page.)

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Photo Gallery on
flickr

Our Union's Flickr page is a great resource for "seeing" what our Union members are up to. Easy to access digital images are organized in sets by event or activity, and the free site enables downloading original files, emailing them to friends and family, or sending them to a photo lab for developing traditional prints. The graphic at left is linked to our website's home page, or select "Photo Gallery" from the left menu of the "Our Local" page.

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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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Not available to pay off CSE loans, including CSE VISA cards. Total CSE unsecured debt limit (excluding CSE VISA) not to exceed \$15,000. Rate may change without notice.

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Find all the information about the products and services we have to offer. You can even print a loan application online! Best of all, it's accessible from your personal computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

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Labor Day...Monday, September 6

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.

7 Full-Service Offices To Serve You

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MIDDLETOWN	STORRS	SOUTHBURY
P.O. Box 2485 Middletown, CT 06457 (860) 347-0479	1244 Storrs Rd. Storrs, CT 06268 (860) 429-9306	Southbury Training School P.O. Box 644 Southbury, CT 06488 (203) 267-7610
NEWINGTON	O'Neil Plaza 2434 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06111 (860) 667-7668	

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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

Berkshire Railroad Express

Sunday, October 10

Cost: From \$74.00 per person
Reservation deadline: September 1
Includes: motor coach pick-up from East Hartford to the Berkshire Hills; tickets to narrated train ride along Housatonic River; buffet lunch at Jimmy Peak Mountain Resort



King Tut and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs

Thursday, October 14

Cost: From \$69.00 per person
Reservation deadline: September 14
Includes: motor coach pick-up from East Hartford to New York City; tickets to National Geographic's King Tut exhibition; shopping in Times Square

2 Nights at Hudson Valley Resort & Spa

Monday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 20

Cost: From \$349.00 per person (twin)
Reservation deadline: \$100 deposit due now; Final due August 31

Includes: motor coach pick-up from Glastonbury to Kerhonkson, NY; 2 nights accommodations; 3 meals; daytime and evening activities at the Catskills Mountains resort



UPCOMING TRIPS and ACTIVITIES

Holiday Fun in Branson

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

Harrisburg & Hershey Christmas

Sun., Dec. 5 – Tue., Dec. 7
Reservation deadline: \$150 deposit due Sep. 8; final payment due Oct. 13
From \$425.00 per person (twin) includes motor coach to Pennsylvania; 2 nights accommodations; 4 meals; guided tours; sightseeing of Hershey and Harrisburg

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 to 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.

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.

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

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

Francis Asklar,
of Chapter 414, died May 6
Matilda Babin 421, May 15
Frank Ballard 408, June 4
Russell Beale 420, May 25
Beatrice Bebbington 412, May 30
Lois Brandt 412, June 8
Winifred Brzezinski 405, May 29
Barbara Carey 407, June 13
Thomas Carey 422, June 5
Norman Donofree 402, May 27
David Dripps, 406, May 14
Catherine Flaherty 414, May 11
Nicholas Gioiele 414, May 14
Janice Going 408, June 5
Yvonne Goven 403, May 25

Kenneth Graul 402, April 29
Margaret Knapp 404, May 7
Jacqueline Kosiba 414, June 6
James Lepore 410, June 9
Thelma Majeski 403, May 12
Russell Martin 410, May 21
Kathleen McCollum 411, May 15
Mary Mucciatti 408, May 22
Robert Murning 415, May 6
Georgette Nadeau 417, May 16
Thomas O'Brien Jr. 406, May 29
Sabino Panza 405, May 7
Gilbert Peterson 411, May 27
Joseph Prokop Jr. 411, May 12
George Quirk 408, May 24
Robert Richards 408, May 10
Sonia Ruderman 405, May 17
Catherine Rugar 408, May 9
Christine Smith 415, June 2
Kenneth Smith 408, May 31
Paula Totz 406, May 12
Frances Vicario 404, May 1
Raymond Vidito 410, April 1
Charles Wilkerson 407, June 1

Union Members-Only Vendor Product and Service Discounts are Posted Online at Our Website's "Incentives" Page



Douglas C. Zimmerman (1957 - 2009)



Our Union family was saddened last month by the unexpected news that P-4 Council member Doug Zimmerman had passed away suddenly at the age of 52. An avid outdoor sports enthusiast, Doug collapsed while on a lunchtime run from which medics were unable to revive him on June 8.

Doug's career in public service spanned 27 years with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), where he started as an intern. He was eventually hired as a hazardous waste inspector and worked his way up to a Supervising Environmental Analyst. For the past several years, he served on the DEP's Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative protecting public health through the removal of health hazards left by former businesses and industries in local communities across the state.

Doug's life and his commitment to public service can be honored with a memorial donation to a public trust that shares his vision for a cleaner, healthier Connecticut:

Founders of Environmental Earth Science Fund
C/O ECSU Foundation
83 Windham St.,
Willimantic CT 06226

Clarence E. Wood, Jr. (1930 - 2009)



**Retired, Unified School District #1,
Connecticut Department of Correction
CSEA President, 1981 to 1983**

On July 23, we all lost a true champion for active and retired public sector employees when Clarence Wood passed away at the age of 80. With service to the state's labor movement that included leading our Union in the early 1980s, Clarence has left a legacy of commitment and community for all of us to carry on.

Clarence's working life began with a stint as a Merchant Marine, and he later operated auto body and repair shops in Connecticut. He brought those skills he developed in the private sector to a career in the public service, where Clarence worked as a vocational instructor in the Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC).

A strong sense of solidarity with his co-workers earned Clarence the respect and support of fellow CSEA members, who eventually elected him to lead our organization as its President for two years. The steady hand he provided members during turbulent times marked Clarence's tenure at the helm of our organization.

Right up to the very end of his life, Clarence maintained close ties with Connecticut's labor community. At a memorial service attended by close friends and family, members of the New England Healthcare Employees Union, District 1199/SEIU who are the professional staff at Arden House Care and Rehabilitation Center in Hamden were recognized for the exceptional care they provided Clarence in his final days.

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Honor Workers Past and Present on September 6