



CWA 1141 MEMBERS ACROSS THE STATE SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY NOVEMBER 10th

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NYSUT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS YEAR!

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The CWA Staff in the Rochester RO wearing black for our 3rd Negotiating session on November 8, 2010. They are also holding black roses to reflect the mood for the day.



Kathy Leisenfelder is the first face of NYSUT everyone sees in the morning. Kathy always has a smile on her face and is usually wearing her CWA 1141 t-shirt.



PRESIDENT'S PEN



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your attendance at the 2010 CWA Day that was held here in Latham, NY. Additionally, I would like to thank the entire committee and all of their hard work that went in to the annual meeting as well as the well received event the night before. So many members have contacted me stating what a wonderful time they had and I am in total agreement as this year we had a record turn out of members attending. The fun for me ended when I tried to shoe horn the "CWA1141" life sized balloons into my car to bring home.

We recently held rally's across New York State at the NYSUT Regional Offices as well as at NYSUT Headquarters here in Latham. Not only did we have a wonderful turn out of members decked out in red, but a great deal of our union brothers and sisters from both the Professional Staff Association and the Legal Staff Association. I want to personally thank everyone on behalf of the officers, members and myself for the unity and strength shown by everyone. As we all know, from the years of support we have shown to other local unions in their time of need, a

storm is more easily weathered when you have the support of others behind you. My self and many others throughout our local have been there, on those picket lines, for various unions across the capital district, the state and the country, offering support to others in their time of need. We do this because that is what unionists do, support one another.

Recent negotiations sessions with NYSUT were reported in a bargaining summary that was distributed to the NYSUT CWA members. The summary pretty much speaks for itself. I would ask those members of CWA that I met with over the past year to remember the meetings we held, remember what we discussed. Continue to stand strong, together with one another, as we move towards the completion of negotiations. Your strength is needed because as I've said before, were all in this together.

In Solidarity,
Michael Ostrander
President, CWA Local #1141



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The Water Cooler!



Did You Hear?

- **Kristen Coblish (now Plowman) (UUP)** and her new husband, Dan Plowman, on their wedding day. Kristen & Dan had a private ceremony on Katskill Bay (Lake George, NY) on May 22, 2010, and honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.



- **Georgette Bacon (Potsdam RO)** is marrying Gene Riegel on November 21. Gene's brother Glen Riegel and son, Scott Riegel will be his best men. Georgette's daughter Angela Sussdorff will be the matron of honor and her two sons will be "attendants"...Georgette and Gene will honeymoon at Lake Placid.

- **Georgette Bacon (Potsdam RO)** will have four pieces of gourd art going into a juried art show in Watertown, to the North Country Arts Council. This is a photo of one of the gourd selected to be in the show.



- **Lisa Perrin (Southwestern RO)** became a grandma for the first time August 30. Lisa's beautiful granddaughter, Gabriella Je'Ann McFadden, was born August 30. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz, 19 1/2 inches long.

Here is a picture of Gabriella's first Halloween.



- **Joyce Anderson (UUP)** daughter's Erica, was married to Marc Berardi on October 2, in Syracuse. They Honeymooned in Aruba and live in Cicero, NY.



- Congratulations to **Sharon Hines (UUP)** who recently celebrated her 20 year milestone (July 1990-July 2010) as the Chapter Administrative Assistant at the Stony Brook Health Sciences Center Chapter of UUP.

- **CWA staff (Southwestern RO)** walked the picket line with members of CWA Local 1122 at the Jamestown Red Cross on June 3 & 4. The popsicles provided by CWA both days were especially appreciated (it was very hot and sunny). CWA Local 1122 members have been working without a collective bargaining agreement since May 2009.

- **Sara Smith (Alan B. Lubin Political Action Center at NYSUT HQ)** is a ten year employee. Sara has her bachelor's degree in Public Policy and Administration, and is currently a graduate student of Public Health.

Sara recently took advantage of NYSUT's offer to support Haiti Relief. Sara and other graduate students volunteered through a group called "Spring Break in Haiti". This group usually promotes Haiti Awareness but with the recent disaster decided to organize a Relief Mission instead of a cultural awareness program.

Sara would like to thank all who supported her through her bake sales at NYSUT HQ and CWA Local 1141 for their support and donations.

Please submit any "tidbits" you would like included in our next issue to krobinso@nysutmail.org

Thank You CWA 1141

You Make The Difference!

Thank you for the
"You Make the Difference" Award.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

The award brought forth emotions
of "what", "shock", "not worthy",
"so many others should be selected",
and then . . . I realized
"you just made my whole year" and
CWA Day 2010 - The Best.

You all deserve an award for your
kindness and for all that you do.

You are the ones who truly
"Make the Difference"!

Bonnie Balok
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