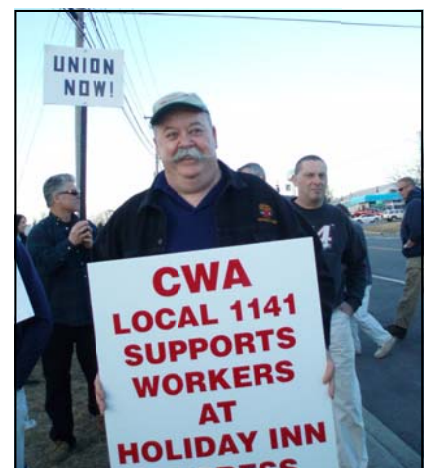
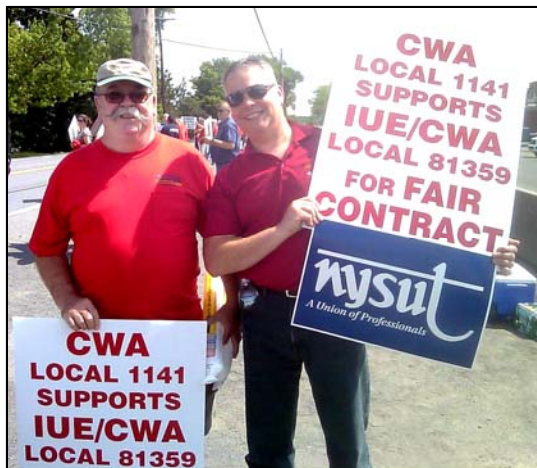




# CWA LOCAL 1141 JOINS PROTESTS

CWA 1141 joined a number of protestors gathered Wednesday, March 10, 2010 outside the Holiday Inn Express on Route 9 in Latham calling hotel Owner Jim Morrell's labor practices and firing of three employees in 2009 "unfair."



CWA 1141

ALLIANCE

CWA1141 joined in the Capital District Area Labor Federation (CDALF) solidarity rally to support the workers of IUE-CWA Local 81359 at the Momentive Plant in Waterford, Saratoga County on Friday, June 4, 2010.

## NYSUT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS YEAR!

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# Just for "FUN!"

We are looking for fun facts, jokes, a personal amusing experience, ANYTHING, that will make us smile. Please submit to Kathy Robinson at [krobins@nysutmail.org](mailto:krobinso@nysutmail.org).



Q: What do you get when you cross a worker who crosses a picket line with a dog that can't be trained?

A. A scab that won't heel.

Comment overheard at meeting,  
***"Don't praise me, raise me!"***

The Presidents of the three Staff Unions, LSA President Antonio Cavallaro, CWA President Mike Ostrander and PSA President Pete Ludden met with the five NYSUT Officers on March 17th, at the Fort Orange club in Albany.



## PRESIDENT'S PEN



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I don't think there is anyone out there that will not agree these are very tough times for everyone, from our local communities and school districts to the very planet itself. We see it on the news, we read it in the papers, plastered on almost every home page, and we see it everywhere! Dealing with problems in our families, our lives, our jobs, our friends, from making bills, getting to a soccer game, finishing that spread sheet, on and on and on. Everyone is now on edge and supersensitive to everything and anything in the way of changes that may bring us even the slightest discomfort.

While we may not have the ability to restore the Gulf of Mexico, when it comes to our jobs, benefits and providing for our families, that is a whole different story. Sure we are individuals but we are also part of something bigger, our local union. As far as locals go, we are far from the biggest, but we are not the smallest. We have the backing of 700,000 brothers and sisters in CWA alone and millions upon millions of unionists across the country. We are part of a very big family.

Two of our three current groups, both UUP and NYSNA, have new contracts in place and we were able to maintain the benefits and even enhance them in different places. The last one is up at the close of 2010 and to be honest with everyone, I am not concerned. I am proud to say that I am extremely confident in the strength of this local. Not a day goes by where I am not thankful of the assistance received through the executive board. You all do a wonderful job, day in and day out. I would like everyone to know this and take a moment to personally say, thank you. We have reached out to the membership and listened to the concerns, compiled the results of the surveys and have spent a great deal of time already in preparation of the upcoming negotiations. It is tough out there today on many different levels but rest assured we will be ready and out there working for the betterment of each and every one of us.

In Solidarity,  
*Michael Ostrander*

## What's Going On In the Polling Center?

The Alan B Lubin Political Action Center sends congratulations and goodbyes! Goodbye to **Katie LaPoint**, a two-year employee of the Polling Center who will be married in July. She has accepted a full time position at Pet Smart in East Greenbush. Goodbye to **Jamie Longtin**, who is also a two-year employee of the Polling Center and daughter of Diane Miller (CDRO). Jamie received her BA in English and graduated on the Dean's List from SUNY Albany, and was accepted into the Masters Program at the College of Saint Rose.

Congratulations to **Egzona Sylva**, who graduated from Shalmon High School and will be attending Hudson Valley CC in the fall. Congratulations **Dawn Rizzo** and **Sara Smith**, on reaching their ten year employment milestone!

Submit your original union-themed song for a chance to win great prizes!

**Union Plus** **Union Song Contest**  
**Brothers and Sisters in Song**

Write a song about what you like about your union and/or Union Plus benefits. Here's your chance to support the labor movement and impress your fellow union members with your talent.

You could win \$2,000 to use towards a new instrument, pay bills or whatever you choose! The winner will be chosen by fellow union members. The song with the most votes at the end of the contest will be the winner.

Upload your song submission or video file no later than September 5, 2010. Voting begins Labor Day, Monday September 6, 2010. Follow the Union Plus link <http://www.unionsongcontest.org> for more details.

# The Water Cooler!



## Did You Hear?

- **Nancy Mordacz (Buffalo RO)** Recently retired, Nancy extends a "thank you" for the generous retirement gift. Nancy is "very much" enjoying her retirement.
- **Trish Cottrell (NYSUT ELT)** Received her Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management degree from Nyack College. Great Job!
- **Maria Brand (Member Benefits)** had a beautiful bouncing baby boy on Monday, April 12 at 7:41 p.m. His name is Harrison David and he weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 oz and is 20 inches long! Mom, Dad and baby are all doing fine!
- **Charmaine Calhoun (NYSUT Research)** Congratulations to Charmaine's daughter Kate who is graduating from Bethlehem Central High School in Bethlehem, NY with an Advanced Regents Diploma. She will be attending SUNY Cortland in the fall majoring in Physical Education (major) and Biology/Chemistry (minor) and will be playing softball with the Cortland softball team.
- **Julie Addington (Utica RO)** New Arrival! Julie and Gary Addington welcomed the arrival of the newest addition to their family on Saturday, May 22. Baby Sasha weighed in at 12 lbs., 1 oz. Mother and baby German Shepherd are doing well.
- **Traci Szalkowski (Rochester RO)** is extremely proud to report that her oldest son, Tyler is in his 3rd year of playing little league baseball in Irondequoit, New York and this year he was asked to play on the Under 8 All-Star Team. This is quite an honor as he is one of three 7 year olds on the team.
- **Lori DiVeglia (New York Teacher)** received her BA degree Marketing Communications from Empire State College



- **Bonnie Balok (Elmira RO)** Celebrated her birthday on May 20th: (L/R) Dede Padgett (Elmira RO); Nancy Gustafson (Vestal RO); Bonnie Balok (Elmira RO); Deanne Morrison (Vestal RO); JB Caterino (Vestal RO).



- **Becky Tetreault (Content and Design)** received her BA degree in Organizational Leadership from Nyack College. & **Tim Miller (Research)** received his masters from Nyack College and...they got engaged on May 15th and are planning a fall wedding!

Please submit any "tidbits" you would like included in our next issue to [krobinso@nysutmail.org](mailto:krobinso@nysutmail.org)

# CWA DAY 2010 Century House Latham, NY

September 12-13, 2010

Everyone is encouraged to attend CWA Day this year! Business will actually start on Sunday, September 12th, with dinner and a meeting, and will conclude the morning of the 13th. Information and registration forms will be posted on the CWA website ([www.cwa1141.org](http://www.cwa1141.org)) in the near future.



## CWA Members Celebrate Holidays!

Happy Easter from Steward  
Chrissy Phillips & President  
Mike Ostrander.



The Elmira RO  
celebrating St.  
Patrick's Day!



## CWA Scholarship Program

CWA will be awarding eight  
\$500 scholarship at CWA  
Day, September 13, 2010.

## CWA 72nd Annual Convention July 26-27, 2010



Mike Ostrander, CWA 1141 President and Tom Slavin, Executive VP, will be attending the Convention in Washington, DC July 26-27, 2010. They will have a full report upon their return.

## NYSUT Computer Glasses Benefit

Computer glasses (prescription) will be covered by NYSUT separate from the Davis Vision benefit. CWA employees will be reimbursed up to \$125 every 24 months by NYSUT. The \$25 Davis Vision Plan co-pay for progressive bifocals can be reimbursed in lieu of separate computer glasses.

FYI - you must purchase glasses with progressive lenses in order to receive the \$25 reimbursement, and then all you need to do is fill out a

CWA Travel Voucher, attach the receipt from your glasses - circle progressive (may be called something other than progressive on your receipt) and on your voucher, list under "other" \$25 - in lieu of computer glasses. Have it signed and send to Accounting for payment and they will send you a \$25 check. You are entitled to this every two years. This is in lieu of purchasing computer glasses.

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