



Back by popular demand...We are cruising along the Hudson River on the Captain JP Cruise Line!
If you missed the boat last time - you will definitely want to "jump on board" in 2009!

WHEN:

Friday, August 28, 2009

WHERE:

Captain JP Cruise Line
Cruising along the Hudson River

BOAT DEPARTS:

10:00 a.m.

Agenda:

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Boat Boarding, Registration,
Continental Breakfast

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Buffet

10:00 a.m.

Boat Departs

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy music by DJ; Dancing;
Raffles, Scholarship Drawings

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions
Annual General Membership Meeting

3:30 p.m.

Return to Port



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CWA Day Materials were e-mailed to all members. Please contact your steward if you did not receive them! Registration materials are also available on the CWA website. Otherwise...
See You on the Boat!

CWA 1141

ALLIANCE

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CWA LAUNCHES WEBSITE



CWA Local 1141 now has a website:
<http://cwa1141.org>

This website has been created by the following committee:
Bonnie Balok, NYSUT Elmira RO
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Did you know that Local 1141 now has a website?

While it is still a work in progress, the website is up and running with information. Our goal is to make this website user friendly and informative. To do this we would like to ask everyone for their help.

We encourage you to visit the website at <http://cwa1141.org> and if you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please contact a member of the Website Committee.



PRESIDENT'S PEN



Brothers and Sisters,

It is important for us to continue to work to strengthen our local and we have made strides forward. Increased participation from the membership will bring new ideas to the local to help us grow in new directions. If you have a desire to become more involved in your local union, I encourage you to step forward. Join a committee within the local and help us work to better our image and build our strength. Stand with us when we mobilize to support other local unions who are working hard to sustain their jobs and benefits in these troubling economic times. You never know when we may need to call upon them to stand with us when our jobs and benefits are on the line. Everything that the members of this local have, in all 3 bargaining units, were attained by people just like you over the years through the collective bargaining process. It's a wonderful feeling when you can stand up for your fellow brothers and sisters and say to yourself, "*I made a difference.*"

As you may have read in the above article, we now have a website. It's been a long time coming, but given the technological age that we live and work in, it was due. The intent of the site is to help provide the members of local 1141 with access to information relative to the local as well as let the public know that we are here. I encourage everyone to take a look at the site and provide us with your ideas and feedback. We have a website committee and they have been meeting bi-weekly. Your ideas and suggestions are valuable and will be discussed, so please provide us with them.

I hope you all enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at our annual membership meeting.

In Solidarity,

Michael Ostrander



CWA Local 1141 Supports Albany Newspaper Guild CWA Local 31034

Rally at the Times Union, Albany



The Water Cooler!



Did You Hear?

- **Margaret Carney (UUP Oneonta Campus)** and her husband are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2009.
- **Clare Miner (NYSUT Accounting)** Congratulations on receiving an Associate's Degree in Science-Accounting with honors.
- **Swinka Richards (NYSUT Accounting)** Congratulations on receiving her MBA with a concentration in Finance.
- **Irene Pietro (UUP Field Services Dept.)** became a very happy Grandma last year when her daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Jett Steven Bruce was born on September 30, 2008, he was 9lbs. and 21 inches long. Here is a picture of Jett at 4 months old.



- **Joyce Montgomery (UUP Benefits Dept.)** Congratulations on the birth of her first great grandchild. Riley Marie Ward, who was born on June 7, 2009 (one day short of Joyce's birthday) to Joyce's granddaughter Christine. Riley was 8lbs. 2oz. and 21 inches long.
- **Mary Navarra (UUP Chapter Asst.)** is proud to report that her daughter, Tara, graduated from SUNY Stony Brook with a BA in Psychology.
- **Lisa May (NYSUT Member Benefits)** Congratulations to Lisa and her husband Matt on the birth of Liam Jacob May on 4/21/09, weighing 8lbs., 19 1/4 inches long.
- **Paula Boughtwood's (NYSUT Travel and Conference)** daughter Anna Boughtwood, a sophomore at Columbia HS in East Greenbush ran the 400 meter race in 59.26 seconds earning her first place in the Section II Suburban Council. Then on June 4th, she ran the 400 meter race in 58.54 seconds; again placing first and earning the title of

Section II State Qualifier.

- **Odessa Mauro (Suffolk RO)** Congratulations on receiving her Associate in Science, from Empire State College.
- **James Macfawn (CDRO/NYSUT)** Congratulations to Jim and his wife Thea on the birth of Avery James MacFawn born 6/11/09 4:53 p.m. weighing 5 lbs. 15 oz. measuring 20 1/2 inches.
- **Traci Szalkowski (Rochester RO)** Hot off the press! While this edition of the newsletter was being processed, the Szalkowski stork arrived and delivered Dylan Jeter to his parents, Traci and Pete Szalkowski. Tyler, now 6, became a big brother and all are doing well. Stats on Dylan are: 7 lbs 1 oz., 20 inches long, born on Thursday, June 18th at 1:42 p.m.



This will be an ongoing column. Please submit any "tidbits" you would like included in our next issue to krobinso@nysutmail.org

Lazy Days of Summer

By Mary Bilello, Suffolk R. O.



Out for a picnic
Going to the fair

Oh, how good it feels
Just to be out in the air

Rowboat riding
Barbeques galore
Cruising on the water, not wanting to go ashore

Going to the beach
Laying out in the sun
These lazy days of summer are truly so much fun

Walks in the park
Playing handball and tennis, way until dark
Makes one feel like whistling like a lark

Swimming in the pool
Ahhh, how wonderful and cool
Eating an ice cream cone, I am nobody's fool

Lounging on a reclining chair
Time is slipping away, but I don't really care
Chores around the house?
I don't even dare

Enjoyment, relaxation, and just feeling really good
That is what everyone should experience, oh, yes, they really should

Well, before you know it
The summer will be gone
You will not want it to end, but to go on and on

Make sure you live every one of these wonderful lazy days
Enjoying them to the fullest
Doing many different things, in so many wonderful ways

Starting out like fire, ending up a burning ember
You will savor those experiences only to remember
Unfortunately, it all ends just after **Labor Day**
Early in **September!!**



CWA Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2009

Please let your steward know
if you have any issues to be
brought to the meeting.



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THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!

Please submit your thoughts, suggestions
and ideas to **Kathy Robinson**.

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