



CWA DAY 2009

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ALLIANCE



Editor's Note: I would like to acknowledge and thank our amazing photographer for CWA Day 2009. Thank you Dawn Neal, Member Benefits. Dawn was recruited at the last meeting and did an amazing job. As Dawn would say, "CWA 1141 Gets the Job Done"



Thanks to the following members who made baskets for our CWA Day.

- **Tina Ryczek—UUP/Benefit Department**
- **Karen Field—NYSUT/Jamestown RO**
- **Bonnie Balok—NYSUT/Elmira RO**
- **Andrea Tersigni— NYSUT Social Services**

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CWA MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

CWA recognizes the heroic efforts of Jackie Wagner, CWA Senior Administrative Assistant. Jackie Wagner and Michelle Parker, PSA, Labor Relations Specialist, who responded to a medical emergency at the Tarrytown Regional Office July 24th. When



an individual in one of the other tenants' offices collapsed, Michelle and Jackie immediately used the NYSUT

automatic electronic defibrillator and performed cardiac pulmonary resuscitation until the paramedics took charge.

Unfortunately, the gentleman did not survive the massive heart attack, but Michelle and Jackie's action were selfless and brave.

The 2009 CWA 1141 "Making a Difference Award" goes to **Jackie Wagner**

of the NYSUT Tarrytown RO.

Congratulations Jackie!



PRESIDENT'S PEN



First off, I would like to thank everyone in attendance at this year's annual CWA Day. The weather cooperated with us and it was an enjoyable day by all accounts.

Day by day our union is getting stronger and stronger and I personally want to thank every one of my officers, stewards, committee chairs and committee members for all of the hard work that you do on a regular basis for this local. This is such a great group and every little bit added to it makes it that much stronger. I want to personally thank both Kevin O'Connor in the NYSUT NYC Legal Office and Aaron Bifaro in the NYSUT HQ Travel & Conference Services, for both stepping up to take on the role of stewards for their areas. A strong steward base is a must for the local to do its job effectively. Back in the day we tried to have a steward in each department and I want to stress the importance of that, whether UUP, NYSNA or NYSUT, we need to fill those holes.

I also want to talk about us for a minute. When I say us, I mean all of our union brothers and sisters both in Local 1141 and outside. We represent a segment of organized labor within our workplaces. This means that we need to look out for one another, both in this local and outside to other locals. I know that tensions can run high in various offices both with our own jobs and the jobs of others. Remember also, we are not managers, we are unionists. If you have a problem with a co-worker who is a unionist, bring your concerns directly to that co-worker, not to a manager. If you have done this and you are still having problems, notify your shop steward and set up a meeting with the parties involved. If the concern is regarding someone covered by a different collective bargaining agreement (contract), please keep in mind that their benefits may be different from yours. What you may think is an issue may very well be something that is provided to them through their own contract. Regardless, we need to work these internal matters out from within, and by doing so, we will send the message of strength through solidarity, both to our management as well as our fellow unionists. Don't get frustrated, don't get mad, let's work it out together, that's what we do, we're unionists!

Good News!!



Samantha Mower, Daughter of Lisa Perrin (CWA 1141-NYSUT Jamestown RO) has been chosen as a state finalist for the Miss New York State Pageant, the preliminary to the Miss USA. Lisa 's daughter will be participating in the Pageant at the end of November 2009 in Albany at the Crowne Plaza.

When :-) she wins, she will be heading to Las Vegas to participate in the Miss USA 2010 as the New York State Representative. Lisa Perrin and Friends are hosting a Lottery Ticket Drawing to assist in the enormous entry fees (\$999 just in entry fees), travel expenses, gowns, etc.

Please contact Lisa at lperrin@nysutmail.org if you are interested in purchasing lottery tickets and supporting Samantha on her journey.



Samantha Mower

GOOD LUCK SAMANTHA!!!!

The Water Cooler!



2009 CWA Scholarship Winners

Jamie Longtin - Diane Miller (mother) -NYSUT

Sara Allen - member - NYSUT

Megan Laustrup - Deb Conerty (mother) NYSUT

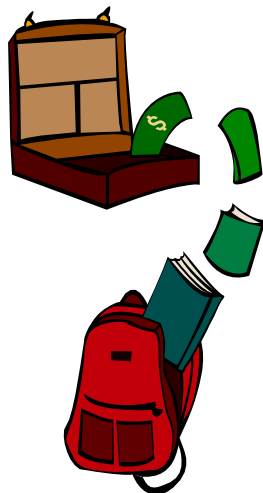
Katelyn Conerty - Deb Conerty (mother) NYSUT

Jerry Alicea - Liza Alamo (mother) UUP

Kristen Adduci - member - UUP

Elbasan Sylva - Pranvera Sylva (mother) NYSUT

Barry Cook - Delores Cook (mother) - NYSUT



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Giving Thanks



The following was submitted by members from the Polling Center who attended CWA Day

Warren Turner says, "Being my first CWA Day, I felt that the cruise was an excellent venue. The socialization, food and entertainment were top notch. The meeting was very thorough and helpful to a new member and the info put out." "All the details were handled with total professionalism and expertise - my congrats to the planning committee. It would be hard to express the excellent time had by all. Keep up the good work."

Michelle Hamlin says, "I would like to thank the committee in charge of planning CWA Day. I had a wonderful time. The food was great! This was my first CWA Day and I am sure to attend next year. I hope more people will be able to attend from The Polling Center next year."

Michael Gundrum says, "I have recently been elected shop steward for The Polling Center and have attended CWA Day before. This by far was very informative and enjoyable. Also I would like to thank all who supported Pops Daily Bread Senior Outreach's 50/50. Thanks again."

We Win!

The Alliance was awarded third place in the 2009 Best News Story category!

President Mike Ostrander was presented with our winner's plaque at the CWA National Convention held in Washington, DC June 21—24, 2009.

Thank you to all our members who have submitted articles to the Alliance—remember, this is your newsletter, we want to hear from you!



An Observation by Linda Nead

(NYSUT Accounting Department)

In April of 2000, while visiting friends in San Diego, I took a day trip to Tijuana. As I sat on a balcony, drinking margaritas, feeling the sun beat upon me and having my shoulders rubbed by a waiter, I felt as though I were in Heaven. As I walked along the streets and was approached by Indian women and their barefoot children selling beaded jewelry, I knew I was back on earth. A harsh reality was staring me in the face; begging me to lessen it and it and making me look upon it, not only with my own eyes but also through the beautiful and saddened eyes of those women and children.

Nineteen ninety-nine may have been my personal year from hell, but it was a year not a lifetime. We may have to park our cars in lots that are less than perfect, but we have cars to park. We may have to walk ten minutes on dirty city streets, but we have shoes to walk in and a safe destination. We may sometimes have to wait awhile for reimbursements and recognition, but they eventually come.

This isn't a condemnation or a judgment, just an observation. An observation seen by me, reflected through large and saddened eyes sparked with determination, hope and pride.

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