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Campaign Season Is Here

By Mark Nati

The Connecticut AFL-CIO held their second day of their Political Convention on June 22nd. Many of the State's Unions came together to make endorsements for the next leaders of our State. Ned Lamont was endorsed in a landslide. Other endorsements went to Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, a union organizer for SEIU, as Lieutenant Governor over Susan Bysiewicz. There was no endorsement for Attorney General and the same for State Treasurer, as front runner Shawn Wooden ran into problems when it was brought out that he works for the union-busting firm Day-Pitney, the same firm that represented Pratt & Whitney in Federal Court during the Cheshire closing.

Denise Merrill was nominated for Secretary of State and Kevin Lembo for State Comptroller both were endorsed. Also endorsements were made for many good candidates for the State House and Senate. On the federal level, we endorsed all the current seat holders with political newcomer and former National Teacher of the Year, Jahana Hayes, being endorsed over Mary Glassman for the 5th Congressional District held by Elizabeth Esty.

We all know elections have consequences, as we learned in the 2016 elections. No matter who you support, it is most important you get out and vote, both in the primaries scheduled for August and again in November.

Picnic Is Coming Up

By Shirley Dickes

This is the last week to purchase your picnic tickets. This coming Sunday, July 15th, we are holding our annual picnic with our sister Locals 743 and 1746 at the High Meadows in North Granby. Tickets are \$10 ages are \$5 with children under two free, and they can be bought at the Union Hall up till Friday afternoon. We are open 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Hope to see you all there!

SUNDAY JULY 15TH 2018
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UNION PICNIC
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No Court Can Stop Our Movement

The Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled against working people in *Janus v. AFSCME*, forcing so-called Right-to-Work laws on public sector workers across the country.

The decision has been painted as a crushing blow to unions—and yes, it will further the power of corporate elites.

But the Machinists Union, and the rest of the labor movement, is fully engaged and ready to fight back for a voice on the job for every working family.

“The Janus decision is just the latest tactic of corporations and wealthy donors who want to take away our freedom at work,” said IAM International President Bob Martinez. “The radical right will never defeat a wave of working people joining together for a better life. Union membership is growing and we will continue to organize, mobilize and defeat those who want to destroy unions and silence workers. This is war and working people are going to fight back.”

The Machinists Union is making every resource available to locals and districts with non-federal public-sector workers who are affected by the decision. The IAM’s Legal, Strategic Resources and Communications Departments have been planning for Janus’ aftermath for more than a year. The William W. Winpisinger Center offers classes geared toward internal organizing in right-to-work environments.

The IAM also recently launched a new initiative to promote the many benefits available exclusively to Machinists Union members. Benefits include free college, specialty insurance programs and travel and entertainment discounts. Visit IAMadvantage.org to learn more.



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For The Monthly Meeting



At The Union Hall

Next Monthly Meeting is Sunday morning August 12th at 10:00

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Elections Can Affect Us

By Mark Nati

This coming election is very important and here is why. First, if Connecticut becomes a Right to Work state, it will weaken all unions. The facts are the Republicans in Hartford at the Capitol tried to move forward over 100 bills to make us a “Right to Work for Less” state. That was when they were outnumbered. What do you think they will do if they have control at our Capitol? Secondly, the Janus decision will weaken our public sector unions. More lawsuits may come to the private sector unions to do the same

If that happens, the Koch Brothers will continue to spend billions of dollars to take control of Congress and state houses to weaken the unions. The Koch Brothers would control everything. The Republican candidates for governor all seem to have one thing in common, to cut taxes on the rich and then claim we need to cut services to the most vulnerable to pay for it. Sound familiar? It should.

What do you do with folks like my in-laws, one of whom is a P & W retiree and have outlived all three of their children and cannot take care of themselves? If Medicare is cut, what do you do with these people in need? We need a humane way to take care of our senior citizens that have put money into the system throughout their life. It also seems they don’t want to fund the pension liabilities that the state has similar to the last two Republican governors.

Union households make up 25% of those who vote. If we want to keep our Union Power, we must get out to vote and vote for the Union-endorsed candidates that hold our beliefs. A list of all union-endorsed candidates will be coming out prior to the election. But remember, no matter which candidate you support, get out and vote.

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It’s not about party it’s about policy

By Valerie Stewart

Too often we hear the corporate backed pundits talk about how unions only support Democrats, and Democrats are beholden to unions. The reality is our union as well as the other 60 national unions support candidates who support our key issues of Collective Bargaining, Pay, Pensions and Healthcare as our collective core issues. And unlike some organizations our union welcomes any candidate to apply for our endorsement. However, not every candidate wants our endorsement or deserves our endorsement!

Sisters and Brothers the word around the shop in this political climate is and has been... I don’t want my union dollars going to that party, well put yourself at ease because not one penny of your union dues goes to any political party, unless you specifically contribute to “The Machinists Non-Partisan Political League.”

How does the MNPL decide which National candidate to endorse? The Legislative Dept. examines the political positions of each candidate and scrutinizes his or her voting record. This information is then shared with your local lodges, districts and state councils. Members are able to view this information and make an informed decision and vote in the election. The Union does not tell members who to vote for, that is your personal decision.

The CT AFL-CIO also sends out a survey to all your state candidates regardless of party. The survey is then scored based on the answers written by the candidates themselves and their Voting Record on our core issues. Then based on the surveys returned they personally interview all candidates who follow this process regardless of party. The results are then shared with the political committee and voted on, or not, for recommendations to the convention and then the members of that convention vote to endorse... or not!

If you have strong views on politics and you want get involved, go to the local and start making monthly meetings. The AFL-CIO also has walks (door knocking) and phone banks where you talk to only union members about our collective core issues. If you want to contribute to MNPL go to the hall and get a MNPL deductions card.



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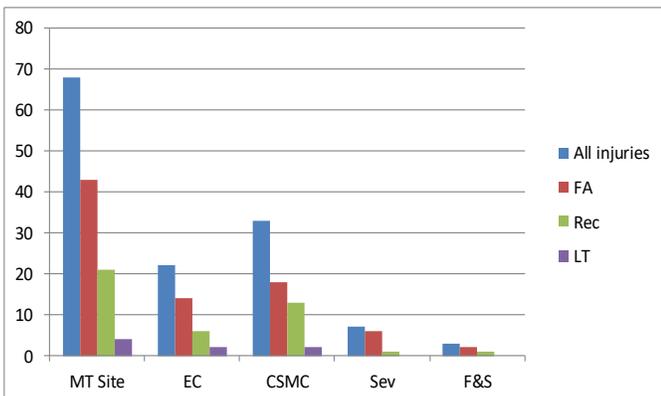
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July Monthly Report

We have had 68 injuries in Middletown since January. Reporting injuries is key to defining the issues in the shop and to prevent others from happening. But we need your help on the VEHS teams on preventing injuries. These VEHS teams in Middletown that need support are the ergonomics audit teams in all Module Centers. Please contact Paul Dickes or a Union safety representative on your shift to inquire about joining one of these teams.

As you can see the largest amount of inju-



ries are in CSMC and Engine Center. 43 of those injuries are First Aid, 21 people received more than just basic medical treatment and 4 people have been out of work more than one day. The good news out of this is RIDII is putting in about 50 a month and we are at a total of 414 as of 7/2/18 when this data was compiled.

Prevention and participation is key at reducing injuries so I urge you to put in a RIDII and join a VEHS team. This may prevent you or a union sister or brother from getting injured.

Workers Compensation issues are still an issue with the company. We urge members to report there injuries immediately at the first onset of any discomfort or fatigue . This will help reduce the severity of the injury and work for prevention of other injuries in your area.

Reporting your injury early is key for workers compensation. Why? Because the company has used this in the past against our members by saying it didn't happen at work and we have to investigate the injury.

So please do the following when you go to medical to report your injury. Give them a brief statement. Then when the injury is investigated with your supervisor make sure a Union Safety representative is present. Ask the Union Safety representative for a form [Workers Compensations Claims form 30C](#).

When you see the doctor you have the right under the law to see a doctor from the preferred provider list. This is a list of doctors that the company recognizes who handle workers compensation claims. You must see the company doctor the first time. After that you have a choice so please ask for the list and make sure the treatment is in a timely fashion.

The company should approve or deny your claim in a few days so if it's longer than that, call a Union Safety Representative.

**LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS FOR THE
PICNIC IS FRIDAY THE 13TH AT 4:00PM**

To view the full Monthly EHS report, go to iam700.org click on [Safety Representative](#) then Monthly Report.

Respectively submitted Chief Union Safety Representative Paul Dickes.