

December 22, 2009



## STATE BUDGET CRISIS



**COALITION OF STATE WORKERS UNIONS WON'T NEGOTIATE NEW CONCESSIONS. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS**

Leaders of the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) today affirmed they are ready and willing to meet with the Rell Administration to discuss real solutions to the continuing economic crisis.

At the same time, **SEBAC emphasized that they will not be returning to the bargaining table to negotiate additional concessions.** At the beginning of the year, SEBAC and its thousands of members were responsible for providing Connecticut taxpayers with nearly \$1 billion in savings to preserve critical public services.

For updates go to:

CEUI UPDATE LINE 860-343-8705  
www.ceui.org  
www.seiu.org  
www.InThisTogetherCT.org

## JANUARY 2010 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The seven statewide January membership meetings have been scheduled. **We encourage active as well as retired CEUI members to attend** these important meetings.

Remember: your attendance at these meetings guarantees you the most up-to-date information on issues affecting you and your family.

Please plan to attend. The dates, times and places of the meetings are as follows:

### **Monday, January 11**

Oliver Wolcott Tech, Torrington, 4:30pm  
Naugatuck Valley CTC, Waterbury, 7:00pm

### **Tuesday, January 12**

DPW Trade Shop, 309 Buckingham St., Hartford,  
noon  
UCONN, Storrs, St. Thomas Aquinas, 4:00pm  
Yantic Firehouse, Norwich, 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, January 13**

Gateway Comm. College, New Haven, 7:00pm

### **Thursday, January 14**

CEUI HQ, Middletown, 7:00pm

## CEUI IN-SERVICE COURSES

The NP-2 In-Service Course catalog is available online at the Union website, www.ceui.org. The catalog is also available at agencies. The registration deadline for applications is March 1, 2010. Some agencies may have earlier deadlines in order to process the applications in time. If you have any questions about the courses or the registration process, please contact Loyola Welsh, Education Director, at 860-343-8721 or 800-622-3359, ext. 721 or by email at lwelsh@ceui.org

CEUI is always looking for ways to improve the course offerings. Contact Loyola with your suggestions.

State Technical High School vouchers for adult education evening courses are available now from Loyola (860-343-8721). Course options are available through the individual high schools, or Loyola would be happy to provide you with the list.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS and THOSE WHO RETIRED AFTER 7/1/09

### Prescription co-pays

- Tier 1 : \$ 5.00 co-pay for generic
- Tier 2 : \$10.00 co-pay for preferred name brand
- Tier 3 : \$ 25.00 co-pay for non-preferred name brand drugs (only 15% of all drugs)

If you have a problem with a \$25 copay or a copay that exceeds \$25, please contact George Spurlock at 860-343-8722.

For maintenance drugs (taken every day over a long period) have your doctor write the prescription for a 90 day supply, and you will save with one co-pay.

Reminder: try to refill your prescriptions at least a week before they are due to run out, this way you may be able to avoid problems at the pharmacy.

If you have questions please call CEUI staff rep George Spurlock 860-343-8722.

## ANNUAL INCREMENTS / TOP STEP BONUSES

Annual increments or top step bonuses will be issued in the check dated 2/11/10 for the pay period 1/15/10 -1/28/10, for those who are eligible. Top step bonuses or annual increments may be denied for a "less than good" service rating in the 08/09 rating period.

## NATIONAL HEALTHCARE FIGHT

Senate Democrats reached a compromise on Saturday, December 19, 2009 with the last holdout senator that secured the 60 votes they need to pass a broad healthcare overhaul. The fight is not over! It is just beginning. The final bill will have to be combined with the version passed on November 7, 2009 by the House of Representatives and both chambers must approve it again before sending it to Obama for his signature. We have to monitor how this legislation changes on the way to passage. CEUI is opposed to any tax on workers healthcare to fund the plan. Instead of taxing our benefits, the House bill taxes income on the wealthiest Americans (individuals earning \$500,000 and families above \$1 million). SEIU/CEUI continues to advocate for this approach. After eight years of Bush administration tax cuts on the wealthy, this is the only progressive way to finance reform. For information on how to tell your representatives in congress your position on this important issue, call our Political Director Jim Vigue at 860-638-7525 or by email [jvigue@ceui.org](mailto:jvigue@ceui.org).

## CONTRACT BOOKS UPDATE

Due to ongoing disputes with OLR, the contract book printing continues to be delayed. Once books are printed, they will be distributed to the members. If you have any questions, call Cara Wachsman at the Union at 860-343-8719.

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