

January 10, 2006



REPLY BRIEF FILED



CONTRACT INTEREST ARBITRATION

The State and the Union submitted their respective reply briefs to Contract Interest Arbitrator Larry Foy on Monday, January 9, 2006. The arbitration award is to be issued during the first week of March. Members interested in reading the briefs can come to the office, but should plan on staying awhile to read 800 pages of dicta.

The Initial Briefs were brought to January Membership meetings and reviewed by members in attendance.

WHO DO YOU WANT ENDORSED?

In eleven months registered voters will head out to vote for their US Senator, House of Representatives, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller and General Assembly (State Senators and House Representatives).

If you want a candidate or incumbent to be considered for endorsement by CEUI, please contact Political Director Alexcia Harrison for a political questionnaire.

Members are welcome to join the COPE Committee. The COPE Committee makes recommendations for who CEUI endorses for Governor and other constitutional offices. Contact Political Director Alexcia Harrison for more information.

POLITICS MATTER!

At this time, January 2007 is beginning to look worse than January 2003 did when over 4,000 state workers were laid off due to budgetary problems.

CONTRACT ARBITRATION SCHEDULE

- **Completed**—Monday October 3, 2005 – Submit Last Best Offers (LBO's)
- **Completed**—Wednesday, November 23, 2005 – Submit Initial Briefs (the State requested a one (1) week extension to Wednesday, November 30, 2005)
- **Completed**—Monday, January 9, 2006 – Submit Reply Briefs

NEXT

- **March 2006** – Contract Arbitration Award Issued
- State law requires the arbitrator to select an LBO- issue by issue. The arbitrator can not award "something in the middle"
- Upon Receipt of the arbitrator's award, members will immediately be mailed an outline of the decision
- Ten to fourteen days after the arbitrator's award is received, a copy of the proposed award/contract will be mailed to members' homes
- Meetings (on State time) will be held at various sites throughout the state to allow for questions and answers about the arbitrator's award
- Approximately one week following completion of these meetings, members will vote to accept or reject the proposed award/contract
- The 2006 General Assembly session begins Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Once the arbitrator has issued his award, the State has ten days to submit the award to the respective House and Senate Clerks of the General Assembly
- The General Assembly must vote to accept or reject within thirty days or the award automatically goes into effect. The Governor does not have a vote to accept or reject the award, just the General Assembly.

GUBERNATORIAL QUESTIONNAIRES OUT

In mid-December, gubernatorial questionnaires were sent to the candidates who have announced their intent to run for that office. If there is a primary for governor or any other seat, the new law now requires an earlier date and in 2006 it will be Tuesday, August 8.

Stewards are reminded to offer newly hired members or anyone who has moved since the November 2005 municipal elections, a **voter registration card**.

EAST HARTFORD "SPECIAL HOUSE" ELECTION

Vote Tuesday, January 24

A "special" election will be held on Tuesday, January 24 in East Hartford to replace the former House Representative who was elected mayor in November 2005. Democratic candidate Henry Genga should be elected to finish the present term, ending December 31, 2006.

FEBRUARY SAFETY SHOE MONEY

In accordance with the Maintenance Contract, specifically Article 19 Safety, and Article 20, Section 3 Compensation, anyone initially hired or rehired from the reemployment list after July 1, 2005 and who is required to wear safety shoes will be paid \$110 no later than the paycheck dated February 16, 2006. If safety shoe money is not received, members should contact their staff representative.

**PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS FOR CEUI SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF CEUI MEMBERS
—APRIL 15 DEADLINE—**

Applications are now available for the 2005/2006 Salvatore J. Perruccio Scholarship. CEUI offers four (4) \$2,500 scholarships to deserving children of active dues paying members of CEUI. The specifics for qualifying are:

1. You must be a senior in high school about to enter a four-year accredited college by the Fall of 2006.
2. You must fill out a preliminary application form and postmark it by April 15, 2006.
3. You must complete and submit a final application postmarked by May 15, 2006.

4. Qualifying students will be individually interviewed.
5. Winners will be expected to attend the 19th Annual Salvatore J. Perruccio Golf Tournament held June 29, 2006.

To obtain a preliminary application form, please call Tracy at the Union at 1-800-622-3359 x712 or locally at (860) 343-8712. You may also request an application by email at tdeegan@ceui.org. Please be sure to specify your name and agency/location in the email.

**FOR YOUR
CHILDREN**

**19 YEARS
\$190,000 RAISED**

**19th Annual
Salvatore J. Perruccio
Golf Tournament**

**money raised goes towards
the scholarships**

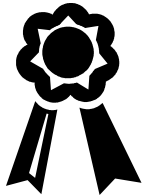
- **Thursday, June 29, 2006**
- **Portland Golf Course**
- **Shotgun 9:30 a.m.**
- **Cost per player \$100**

First come, first served.

Call Tracy at the Union Office for registration material
(860-343-8712)



**DO YOU KNOW A
MEMBER DESERVING OF
A HUMANITARIAN AWARD?**



The Salvatore J. Perruccio Humanitarian Award is presented to a member for outstanding recognition of his/her time spent serving the community by volunteering and/or providing his/her leadership and lending a helping hand whenever needed. The award is presented to a CEUI member who demonstrates qualities such as being humane, kindhearted, public-spirited, idealistic, generous, merciful, considerate and exceptionally kind.

If you would like to nominate a "special" CEUI member whose efforts are deserving of this award, please submit his or her name by May 15, 2006, to:

CEUI / Tracy Deegan
P.O. Box 1268
Middletown, CT 06457
or email it to: tdeegan@ceui.org

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