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Elections Committee Update Want to Run for Office?

It's election time again! Members shortly will receive the call for nominations. This is an opportunity for members in good standing to be nominated for positions that will be open July 1, 2019. This year we are electing the following officer positions:

- VP Tier I (must be a Tier I employee)
- VP Tier II (must be a Tier II employee)
- VP for Community Outreach
- Chief Steward (must be a steward with super seniority)

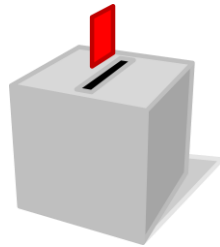
There will also be a handful of opportunities for more union involvement by members who might be interested in becoming a delegate to various conventions and councils. Delegate nominations this year will be for:

- AFT-CT Convention
- CT State AFL-CIO Convention
- CT AFT Executive Council
- Eastern CT Area Labor Fed. (Eastern CT ALF)
- Greater Bristol Labor Federation (GBLF)
- Greater Hartford Labor Coalition (GHLC)

Nominations for both officers and delegates must be turned into the UHP office by the close of the first business day in February, which will be **4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2019.**

Watch the [UHP website](#), [Facebook page](#), rep meetings, information tables, and the newsletter for additional information about this year's elections.

If you have any questions regarding the election and the positions open for nomination, or you have an interest on being on the Election Committee, please email ldidden@uhp3837.com.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER: New Year, What's New?

"May each new year bring more Joy to you than the sorrow and pain of the previous year."

I love that thought. Every day, week, month, and year. May you see more joy than sorrow. This way we build a stronger individual, group and union. We need to work together to make all of us stronger.

But UHP must keep going forward. In that spirit, I'd like to introduce you to **our new office assistant, Christine Yuschak**. Christine



Christine Yuschak

succeeds Mary McCuin, who provided our local with 32 years of dedicated service. We hope Christine will enjoy being part of the labor movement and part of UHP. We certainly thank Mary for her years of service and wish her the best.

In other news, coming this July, our contract provides our first real raise in three years: 3.5 percent plus and a step increase!

This year we are starting with a new group of legislators and a new governor. What's not new is, I'd really like you to reach out and get to know these people. They will be making policy that effects our pay, pension and health care, and many other aspects of our lives.

This month we already met with half-dozen legislators to discuss the future of UConn Health. And we met with Dr. Andy right after New Year's. What I can say is no decisions have been made as to the proposed public-private partnership. We will keep you up to date as best we can.

Here's to a great new year.

—In Solidarity, Bill Garrity



UHP Collects, Donates Toys to Help ULA Deliver a Happy Holiday



Once again this year, UHP members came through to support the United Labor Agency Holiday Toy Drive, donating collected almost 75 toys for children in need!

What makes that even more impressive is the fact that we didn't hold an onsite holiday party this time, which is how we usually collect the toys. Instead, VP for Community Outreach Trisha Faraday and VP for Membership Activities Shawn Brown made the rounds on Dec. 14 to collect the toys.

ULA had received requests for toys for approximately 200 children this holiday season, so we were able to help significantly in meeting that need.

Thanks to all who donated, thank you to Trisha and Shawn for collecting and transporting, and congratulations to Trisha for organizing another successful community outreach event!

Now's the Time to Get Acquainted – or Reacquainted – With Elected Officials

After the most recent election, many Americans woke up to new representatives in Congress. These freshly elected lawmakers campaigned on a wide range of issues from tax reform to national security and now they have an urgent need to fill in their knowledge gaps on a variety of other topics.

This is an ideal time to establish a relationship with your representatives so that they

can better serve your institution, its employees and your community.

Get to know your new lawmakers!

The bottom line is many incoming representatives are bombarded with

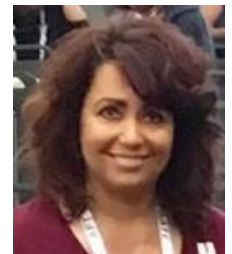
new information from several constituencies in a variety of sectors. It is important in the coming weeks and months to make sure that your voice is heard.

Seize this opportunity to enlist your senators and representatives as cheerleaders in Congress and the Connecticut General Assembly for you!

A great way to get more involved in this way is to take part in **AFT Connecticut's annual Legislative Issues Conference, which is coming up Feb. 2** in the Legislative Office Building. This is a chance to meet some key lawmakers and learn more about our labor movement's priorities at the State Capitol this year. Go to aftct.org/2019_Leg_Conf to sign up or learn more.

Take the time to help your new lawmakers understand the obstacles that you face yourself. The deeper their understanding of your issues, the better your lawmakers will be able to serve your institution, its employees and your community.

And to find out who represents you and how to reach them, go to bit.ly/FindLawmaker.



Robin Washington Addison, VP for Political Activities

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 14, 5p, UHP Office

Executive Committee

Jan. 19, [aftct.org/2019 Womens March Events](http://aftct.org/2019_Womens_March_Events)

2019 Women's March

Jan. 22, 5p, UHP Office

Steward Committee

Jan. 24, 7:30a and 12:30p, Onyiuke

Nursing Town Hall

Feb. 1, UHP Office

Nominations for 2019 Elections Due

Feb. 2, 8:30a to 1p, Legislative Office Building

2019 Legislative Issues Conference

[aftct.org/2019 Leg Conf](http://aftct.org/2019_Leg_Conf)

Feb. 11, 5p, UHP Office

Executive Committee

Feb. 14, noon, Onyiuke Dining Room

Union Rep Assembly

UHP online calendar: bit.ly/uhpca