



Good Luck, Lucille!

At the end of this month we bid farewell to **Lucille Miller**, UHP member for 14 of her 19 years of service at UConn Health, including the last four as our chief steward. Lucille's successor is former UHP President **Jean Morningstar**.



Following are excerpts from our "exit interview" with Lucille. Read it in full at bit.ly/1906Lucille.

What does the labor movement mean to you?

The labor movement has always meant fairness to me. It made me proud to be a part of this larger union that continued to organize and fight for us - always for better working conditions. I learned about the history of unions and how hard those first activists fought, and often lost their lives, just to get the basic benefit of a 40-hour work week.

What makes you hopeful, or concerned, about the future of UHP or the labor movement in general?

I am concerned about more union-busting antics from people who want to wipe out the many years of work done by union activists. Your UHP officers, representatives, stewards and activists are a strong, hard-working group of people who are fiercely fighting to not lose ground. Please join them. YOU are the UNION, stay together to keep it strong. Don't let all that our predecessors fought for slip away.

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

I am involved with many volunteer and mission projects. I will spend my time with family and friends and will fill the gaps with knitting, making greeting cards and camping with my husband Scott and pug Samwise. Peace and blessings to all!

UHP thanks Lucille for her service to the state and to our union, and wishes her a happy and healthy retirement!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Banding With Brethren, Heard in Hartford

The 2019 legislative session is over, and we did some great things this year!

We decided to really work together with the other six unions at UConn Health. We opened up our Wednesday informational table and invited the other unions to join us to have one-on-one conversations with members. We had many people from our partner unions come to our table. While UHP has a strong presence here at UConn Health, it was great seeing the other unions working with us in our walls. It was a great success. And we are going to build on it. We'll continue doing UConn Health Labor Coalition tables once a month, and invite our allies to join us.

We shared information and resources like we hadn't before. We worked to keep all parties informed and on message. We fought to keep UConn Health a **Public Hospital for the Public Good**. We fought for more coverage of our unfunded liabilities. We had people start by sending emails to legislators, then ramped it up to phone calls, and then we went to the Capitol. AAUP, 1199, and UHP all shared a speaking spotlight. We were surrounded by the legislators, we had the microphone, and they listened to us. This year's budget they added \$33.2 million dollars to cover a large part of that unfunded liability.

Labor's voice was heard at the Capitol. We were there. We did this! Thank you all for everything you did, and all you do.

—In solidarity, Bill Garrity

Members Assist in Schools Still Recovering From Hurricanes

UHP's **Pierre LePage**, **Melanie Perez**, and **Lori DelVaglio** were part of an AFT national effort to provide hearing and vision screenings for school children in the Virgin Islands. Over two weeks, the team of 40 volunteer health care professionals screened more than 10,000 students in areas still affected by hurricane damage from 2017.



From left: Application analyst Lori DelVaglio, ophthalmology technician Melanie Perez, and UMG-West Hartford nurse Pierre LePage in St. Thomas. Read more about what inspired them to volunteer and what they encountered at bit.ly/1906uhpVI.

PAWS Awards for 80+ Members

Congratulations to our members who recently were recognized with a PAWS Award!



- Part of a team
- Awesome attitude
- Wonderful work ethic
- Superior service

INDIVIDUAL AWARDEES

Janice Inez Beardsley
Ashely Bordonaro
Melissa Breton
Lisa Cowdell
Mike Dailey
Tina Encarnacion
Ken Fogue
Marlene Francis
Jennifer Kozikowski (Zelek)
Erin LiDonni
Dorthory Linnhoff
Sarah Loschiavo
Nancy Ortiz
Patrica Pearce
Chilufya Rodgers
Karlouina Simko
Kristy Smith
Julie Valentine
Michael Wilhem

TEAM AWARDEES
Cath Lab and ICU
Sally Briley
Kathy Chevrette
Joselyn Crespo
Karen Dimatteo
Lyndsay Escajeda
Jasmine Manalo-Rooney
Paula Misseri
Stacy Phillips

Anthony Placentino
Kesia Berry
Anna Rejnin
Molly Welch
Sierra Wilder
Ling Zhang

Epic Manual Appt. Conversion
(Savitri) Natalie Appiah
Cathy Cassineri
Taryn Daley
Margaret Godlewski
Lisa Hall
Beatrice Hansen
Anna Kowalski
Tom Rivera
Kim Sokol
Kathi Thorell

GI/Endoscopy
Jennifer Carlson
Deana Cawley-Ford
Annina Chase
Catherine Deschaine
Michelle Gaity
Kinga Kaczan
Linda Mladek
Marisol Monge
Cynthia Pepito-Sebastian
Karen Reid
Lauran Romaniello
Andre Shakes
Melissa Sokowiak

Melanie Stanko
Jennifer Theriault

Medical 3 Unit
Stephanie Barganier
Barbara Baron
Jasmine McDowell (Papadakos)
Kimberly Perrotta
Shannon Righenzi-Jones
Mercy Sarpong
Kelly Zakoscielny

Medical Student Diabetes Education
Luriza Glynn
Jean Kostak
Heather Myrick
Heather Roseman
Rebecca Santiago

UMG-IMA West Hartford
Nita Amin
Holly Casale
Vani Cashman
Theresa Diaz
Gladys Galindo
Pierre LePage
Emily Placeres
ChiChi Rodgers
Ana Santiago
Michele Tardif
Andrea Tobin
Jennifer Welch

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

June 25, 5p, UHP Office

Steward Committee

July 8, 5p, UHP Office

Executive Committee

July 11, noon, Onyiuke Dining Room

Union Rep Assembly

CANCELED:

~~July 20, 11a, Lake Compounce, Bristol~~

~~UHP Lake Compounce Outing~~

Aug. 25, 1:05p, Dunkin' Donuts Park

Hartford Yard Goats UHP Day

bit.ly/19YardGoats

Oct. 3-4, Foxwoods

CT AFL-CIO Covention

bit.ly/19AFLCIOdelegates

UHP online calendar: bit.ly/uhpca