



Nominations Are In: 3 Officer Positions to Be Decided by Election



Our Call for Nominations closed Feb. 1. Nominations for officer and delegate positions were confirmed to be eligible and nominees accepted their nominations. There were six officer positions up for election. Of those six positions, three officer positions were not challenged and those officers will remain for the next term:

- **Chief Steward:** Jean Morningstar
- **VP for Community Outreach:** Robin Addison
- **VP Tier II:** Peter Zarabozo

Congratulations to Jean, Robin, and Peter!

We'll have an election in March for the remaining three officer positions, as there were multiple nominees for each:

- **1st VP for Collective Bargaining:**

Shawn Brown, Gloria Valentino

- **Recording Secretary:**

Kimberly Ericson, Summer Lambert

- **Vice President Tier I:**

Ray Bennettson, Quamanic St. Pierre

More information about the officer elections is forthcoming. Look for the "Meet the Candidates" in the March newsletter.

We also congratulate all the delegates who were nominated. See the complete list of delegate nominees at bit.ly/2102UHPdel.

—**Laura Didden, Recording Secretary
Elections Committee Chair**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

'Episode IV: A New Hope'

Our newsletter comes out early in the month, so I feel this is all sneak peaks of coming attractions.

We have been meeting with management regularly for **contract negotiations** with some progress, and some optimism. We are moving slowly, but moving, which is more than we were able to say a few months ago. We're hopeful we'll have some more to report in the near future. We have been at the table for over a year. It is time for UConn Health to stop demanding we give concessions and take their proposals off of the table. We need to get this done as soon as possible so we can get the contract to you to vote on, and if ratified, to the Connecticut General Assembly to vote on.



Meantime, we have **officer elections** coming up. I am encouraged to see some new names looking to get more involved. Pay close attention because information on the candidates will start to come out over the next several weeks. We want all members to be able to cast informed votes on those candidates who are running to represent the membership. There is more information on elections in this newsletter.

Also in March, **regional legislative meetings** are starting up again. We will have more info on our informational tables and on the UHP Website. These are great meetings that give us the opportunity to talk with legislators and prospective legislators about issues that are important to you/us, such as patient safety, mandation, work-life balance, privatization, block grant funding, vaccines, mask mandates, and any number of other things on your mind — including approving our next contract! These meetings are not quite one-on-one, but you get plenty of time with your elected representatives.

—**In solidarity, Bill Garrity**



We barely had enough room to transport all the items our members generously donated to the Prudence Crandall Center! (See more on back page.)

Thank You From Prudence Crandall



*Prudence Crandall
Center Development
Manager Maria
Carlson (left) with UHP
VP for Community
Outreach Robin
Washington Addison*

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting the Prudence Crandall Center with your impressive donations — My SUV was packed FULL, front seat, back seat and the whole trunk area!

They were very thankful, and especially right now as the emergency shelters were almost out of food. Your donations replenished those shelves and more!

This is why we waited and kept the drive going through and past the holidays, because now is when they really NEED this help, after the holidays when not as many donations come in.

Thank you again to all who participated and making us UHP proud!

**—In Solidarity, Robin Washington
Addison, VP for Community Outreach**

Scholarship Applications Due March 5

The scholarship application is open again this year for our members in good standing (signed card, dues-paying) and their high school and college dependents.

The application can be found on the UHP website (uhp3837.com). The **deadline is Friday, March 4**, at 5 p.m. Applicants are only eligible to win a scholarship if they have not won previously in the same category. Any questions, please contact uhpscholarships@gmail.com.



Nominate a Nightingale Today!

Our employer gives six Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence each year. Let's get some UHP members recognized! Find the nomination form and other details at <https://bit.ly/NightingaleUCH> (must be logged into UConn Health network).



ON THE SCHEDULE

Executive Committee

Feb. 14, 5:30p, TBD

Union Rep Assembly

Feb. 15, 5:30p, Zoom

Steward Committee

Feb. 22, 5:30p, Zoom

Scholarship Applications due

March 5, 5p., online

Details: uhpscholarships@gmail.com

Executive Committee

March. 14, 5:30p, TBD

Absentee Ballots Available

March. 14-18, UHP office

Greater Hartford Regional Legislative Meeting

March 19, 9a-10:30a., Zoom

Details: bit.ly/2103HtfdLegMtg

UHP Elections: Online Voting

March. 21-25, UHP office

UHP Business Convention

April 8, 6p, Aqua Turf (tentative)

Central Connecticut Regional Legislative Meeting

April 9, 9a-11a., Zoom

Details: bit.ly/2104CentCtLegMtg

UHP online calendar: bit.ly/uhpca1