



# The Worker Bee

## Connecticut AFL-CIO Election Update

### Welcome

Welcome to the first election edition of *The Worker Bee*, the Connecticut AFL-CIO's electronic campaign newsletter. Each week, during the primary and general election campaigns, *The Worker Bee* will strive to keep affiliates and all union members up-to-date about key races, upcoming Labor 2018 activities, volunteer opportunities, events, and other significant campaign developments impacting working families.

Any affiliate wishing to have information or photos included in upcoming editions of *The Worker Bee* should contact Jennifer Berigan at [jberigan@ctaflcio.org](mailto:jberigan@ctaflcio.org).

## Labor 2018 Program

The **Connecticut AFL-CIO's Labor 2018 campaign** is an aggressive member-to-member voter education effort for the **primary election August 14th** and the **general election November 6th**. We inform members of our endorsed candidates who have pledged to support working families and encourage members to support those candidates at the ballot box.

The campaign consists of four main pillars:

1. Member-to-member canvassing
2. Worksite Conversations
3. Member-to-member phone banking
4. Mailings

Additionally, we engage in a vigorous **voter registration drives** throughout the summer. Local unions interested in registering their members to vote should contact us at [office@ctaflcio.org](mailto:office@ctaflcio.org) and we will provide you with a list of your unregistered members!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### Upcoming Labor 2018 Primary Election Activities

#### Meriden Labor Walk for Jahana Hayes & Mary Abrams

Wednesday, August 1st - 3-7 PM

Meriden Federation of Teachers, 35 Pleasant Street #1A, Meriden

#### West Hartford Labor Walk for Andrew Fleischmann

Tuesday, August 7th - 3-7 PM

Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters, 30 Sherman Street, West Hartford

#### New Britain Labor Walk for Jahana Hayes

Wednesday, August 8th - 3-7 PM

AFSCME Council 4, 444 East Main Street, New Britain

#### Hamden Labor Walk for Jorge Cabrera

Thursday, August 9th - 3-7 PM

CWA Local 1298, 3055 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden

#### GOTV Phonebank for All Endorsed Primary Candidates

Monday, August 13th - 3-7 PM

Connecticut AFL-CIO, 56 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill

Joining in? Great!  
Please RSVP  
your attendance to  
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# Labor Day Breakfast

# Endorsements

As part of the final day of the Connecticut AFL-CIO's Political Convention, the state federation will hold its annual **Labor Day Breakfast** on **Friday, August 31st** at the Hartford Hilton Hotel. Beginning at 8 AM, the breakfast will feature endorsed candidate speakers and traditionally serves as the kick off of our Labor-to-Labor campaign.

Guests are encouraged to register in advance with this [online form](#). Tickets are \$30. Breakfast for convention delegates has already been included in their convention registration.

The Connecticut AFL-CIO has endorsed Congressional and statewide candidates in addition to dozens of General Assembly candidates. A complete list of the **Connecticut AFL-CIO's endorsed candidates to date** can be found [here](#). Delegates will vote on a final round of endorsements on the last day of the Connecticut AFL-CIO's Political Convention on August 31st.



*In each edition, we will introduce a union volunteer and highlight their contributions.*

## Volunteer Profile: Win Heimer

Union members who have participated in political activities have probably encountered **Win Heimer**. A retired member of Administrative and Residual Employees Union, AFT Local 4200, Win has been a dedicated campaign volunteer for as long as he can remember. He has knocked countless doors, made thousands of phone calls and participated in numerous rallies, forums and other

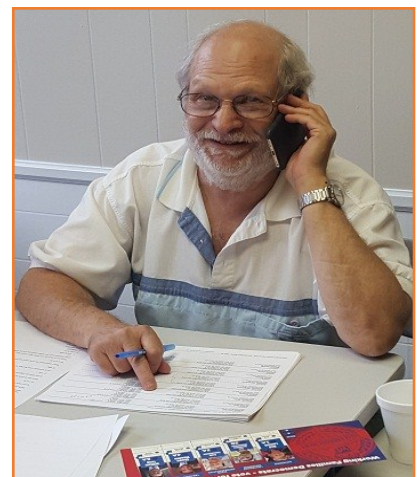
campaign events. Why does he do it? "It's the right thing to do," he proclaims without hesitation. "We have to make sure we elect people who support issues important to us, like healthcare, living wages and quality public education."

Activism is particularly important to retired public employees like Win. He understands that "our pensions and healthcare depend very much on who we elect to statewide offices and the General Assembly." He is right when he says "they literally control our future."

Win encourages his union brothers and sisters, both active and retired, to join him in his efforts. He enjoys the camaraderie of volunteering, having developed friendships along the way. He also derives great personal satisfaction from knowing he is working to build the common good, so that everyone can access the advantages and opportunities he's enjoyed.

When he's not volunteering, Win enjoys a good movie, Gilbert & Sullivan musicals and going to the opera. He is also a long-time member of the West Hartford Democratic Town Committee.

Win's predictions for November? "The good guys will win!" he says, fingers crossed.



Volunteer Win Heimer making phone calls to voters, his favorite campaign activity.

## Save the Date: Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, August 14th - Primary Election Day**  
Vote between 6 AM to 8 PM
- **Thursday, August 16th - Connecticut AFL-CIO COPE Committee Meeting**  
AFSCME Council 4, 444 East Main Street, New Britain
- **Friday, August 31st - Connecticut AFL-CIO Political Convention & Labor Day Breakfast**  
Hartford Hilton Hotel, 315 Trumbull Street, Hartford  
Registration begins at 7:30 AM - Breakfast begins at 8 AM
- **Saturday, September 8th - Thousands of Doors for Justice**  
9:30 AM in multiple locations ([more information](#)):
  - **Danbury** - Western Connecticut State University, 181 White Street, Danbury
  - **Hartford** - Capitol Community College, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford
  - **Middletown** - Middlesex Community College, Chapman Hall, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown
  - **New Haven** - Summerfield Church, 425 College Street, New Haven
  - **New London** - All Souls Unitarian Church, 19 Jay Street, New London
  - **Waterbury** - Long Hill Bible Church, 131 Garden Circle, Waterbury
  - **Willimantic** - Eastern CT Community College, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic