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FROM THE OFFICERS



FROM YOUR LOCAL

Photo courtesy of Carol Mauro



IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO EXPRESS YOUR RIGHTS AND VOTE. Please be sure to get out to the polls on November 6th and pass the word along to your friends and families. I am sure everyone knows who the UAW is endorsing this election. Don't sit around and decide not to vote because you think it doesn't matter.

This is an excuse used by many. Everyone has their own thoughts and ideas of how our country should be run and this is your opportunity to go out and be part of it. Let your vote count!

Now let's talk a little about communication. We can't stress enough the importance reaching out to our membership. Our elected Councillors/Grievance Reps and Committee Representatives must get out and engage the members you represent. Get to know them, build Unity and Solidarity from within. This also goes to the member. The member must seek a Councillor or Representative for help, questions or just to build that relationship in order to become a more unified membership.

"We are only as strong as our membership"

**You all are the Union. We encourage all questions and/or issues.
We can't address an issue or question if we don't know of it.**

Let's continue to work hard for the benefit of all and conduct ourselves with Respect, Dignity and Pride.

Let's continue to help each other and build Solidarity.

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Apr 17. Harold C. Duncan
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May 31. Deborah Welles
Jul 31. Dennis D. Arch
Aug 31. Mark Christensen
Aug 31. Dennis W. Dwyer
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Aug 31. Lawrence S. Fitch
Sep 02. Kimberly A. Yound
Sep 05. James E. Morancey
Sep 07. John F. Reall
Sep 07. Robert D. Roselund
Sep 27. Emile H. Gregoire
Sep 28. John A. Parillo

**CONGRATULATIONS FOR
A JOB WELL DONE AND
BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR
NEW ENDEAVORS!**

SANDY: A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS MURPHY

Posted October 28 2012

Hope-fully by now you've taken all the necessary steps to prepare yourself for Sandy's arrival. But just in case, I wanted to make sure you had a few resources, which include actions you should consider taking before, during, and after the storm. First, Governor Malloy set up a website with the latest news and preparedness tips. Visit it here: <http://ct.gov/sandy>

Here are a collection of helpful links, including insurance questions, disaster planning, debris maintenance and more: http://www.ct.gov/demhs/cwp/view.asp?a=1933&q=463414&demhsNav_GID=1996
For those of you on Twitter, the Governor has been doing an excellent job keeping Connecticut residents updated about the storm. You can follow the latest here: <https://twitter.com/GovMalloyOffice>.

If you need shelter, please call: **2-1-1**. Hopefully you're already prepared, but if not, I hope some of these resources are helpful. Be safe.

Elections will be held in 20 days. On November 6th, Four years, 314 million citizens, 240 million voters, 50 states and one federal district, 538 Electoral College votes. This... is the 2012 United States Presidential Election.

The stage is now set for the 57th quadrennial United States Presidential Election, to be held on November 6 this year.

The election, which would also see the appointment of a Vice President, officially kicked off in January 2012 with nationwide state level primaries and caucuses, and after a grueling six months, the campaign season now enters into the final stretch. The event will feature the incumbent, President Barack Obama for the Democrats, against an array of opponents which include, Gov. Mitt Romney for the Republican Party, Gov. Gary Johnson for the Libertarian Party, and a host of other third party, independent and mail-in candidates. With only a series of presidential and vice presidential debates to go before the big day, there is almost an electric feel in the air as the most expensive and bitter election in American history approaches its conclusion.

In the run-up to Election Day, we will keep you up-to-date on the latest developments involving each of the prospective candidates, with an in-depth look at their positions on current national issues as well as providing a comprehensive (and growing) biographical background that will hopefully assist you in evaluating their ability and philosophy to lead the nation.



REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

Into each life some rain must fall but sunshine does appear. It brings with it a rainbow and a message that is clear. Please know that you are not alone that we all hold you dear, Let faith & hope into your hear and keep your memories near.

RETIREES

James W. Kelly Jr.
(Feb 2, 1934 – Feb 8, 2012)
Ronald Ross
(Jun 5, 1935 – Sep 16, 2012)
Richard E. Peterson Sr.
(Sep 19, 1935 – Sep 21, 2012)



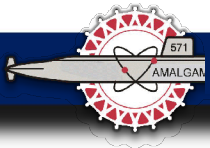
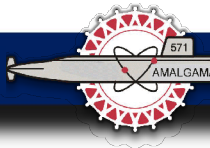
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3/4 Cup Margarine or Shortening
1 Cup Sugar
1/4 Cup Molasses
1 Egg
2 Cups Flour
1 Tsp. Baking Soda
1/4 Tsp. Salt
1 Tsp. Cinnamon
1 Tsp. Cloves
1 Tsp. Ginger

DIRECTIONS:
Mix together at one time, all the ingredients. Form into balls. Roll in sugar.
Place wide apart on slightly greased cookie sheet.
Bake at 375 for 8 to 10 minutes. The recipe makes 3 to 4 dozen cookies.
For a chewy cookie, bake for the minimum time, for a crisp cookie, bake the maximum time.

Contributed by former President Mel Olsen

DID YOU KNOW

That 18 of the 46 Vice Presidents either died in office or resigned?



MY FATHERS PROUD HISTORY

Member Kayt Lizzio, a Vent Sr. Des Sr. Spec in Dept 452, contributed the following about her Father's proud service as a top turret gunner on a B-17 in World War II. "Five years ago" recounted Bob McClung, "I was working alongside Kayt in Bldg 88 when during one of our conversations she mentioned that her father, Rosario Lizzio, had flown 31 missions as a top turret gunner on a B-17 in WW II. I nearly jumped out of my shoes! I had grown up in the 60's building model airplanes and my favorite was the plane that arguably was one of the biggest factors in defeating Nazi Germany: the B-17. Kayt had already done some research on her father's military history but it so piqued my interest because of my love for this particular aircraft that I set out to dig up whatever else I could".

During his required at-the-time 28 missions (Rosario Lizzio flew 31) the 338th besides bombing oil refineries bombed coastal defenses, railway bridges, gun emplacements, and field batteries in the battle area prior to and during the invasion of Normandy in June 1944.

Engineer Gunner Rosario Lizzio joined what was then the Army Air Force on Dec. 23, 1942 and was assigned to The Mighty Eighth Air Force's 3rd Air Div. 45th Combat Bombardment Wing, 96th Bombardment Group (Heavy) 338th Squadron with the Bomb Squadron Code "BX". His B-17 aircraft ID was AC 42-102454 and was named 'Marzidoats' after a popular song written the previous year.

In 1992 Kayt had correspondence with the left waist gunner, Bill Yantz, who flew on Marzidoats with her dad. She shared Bill's letters with me for my research. The following is excerpts from his letter's and my own research.

In December 1943 Rosario left Salt Lake City, Utah Airbase as part of "Lawson's" crew (Lawson was the Captain). The crew of ten men arrived in England and after more training they were prepared for combat duty. Lawson's crew was assigned to Snetterton Heath Air Base and upon arrival the 338th had suffered terrible losses. Twelve crews shared the same hut and within 27 days "Lawson's" crew was the only crew left. The other 11 were shot down. Bill relayed to Kayt the eerie feeling of going to bed at night and seeing the beds empty ten at a time meaning they wouldn't be coming back because they had been shot down on that day's mission.

In April 1944 "Marzidoats" flew her first mission over Nazi Germany. In his letters Bill told Kayt about one mission of her father saving the lives of the entire crew when he noticed the B-17 above him dropping down into their airspace. He radioed to Capt. Lawson and he immediately dropped lower to avoid a collision (a not so uncommon occurrence I later found out and it usually ended in a catastrophe).

Bill also recalled a mission to bomb an oil refinery at Bohlen, Germany and flew on to Poltara, Russia after the mission. While there, the Germans bombed the B-17's which had landed there and knocked out 95% of the B-17's. Marzi Doats survived without a scratch.

In Sept. 1944 "Lawson's" crew fulfilled their 28th and final mission and turned the plane over to a new incoming crew. On Oct. 7, 1944 "Marzidoats" was shot down over Klosterholz, Germany by fighter's. Nine of the crew were captured and one was reported KIA.

Rosario Lizzio was honorably discharged in Sept. 1945 at Amarillo Air Base in Texas. He was awarded 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, 2 Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In 1995 Kayt's father was posthumously awarded "The Medal" by Boris Yeltsin in the USSR to commemorate the 50th anniversary of what they called "The Great Patriotic War" because of their mission to Russia.

A picture of his flight jacket which was taken recently by Kayt is in remarkable condition.

(Excerpts for this article were obtained from 8th Air Force Archives, forums on the army air forces, correspondence from e-mails from Paul Dyzak University Archives Assistant for Pennsylvania State University where Robert Doherty donated materials and the book "Snetterton Falcons" and the afore-mentioned letters from Bill Yantz)

By Bob McClung



Rozario Lizzio's WW2 Bomber Jacket. CT is written on top back of the jacket. A swastika is on one of the bombs.

A GOOD UNION MEMBER STRIVES TO:

- Learn about union rights and benefits
- Speak Up when the employer violates the contract
- Attend union meetings, ask questions and help shape union policies
- Stand Up for co-workers in disputes with management
- Help with pickets, community outreach and other activities that build union power

UNION JOBS MEAN



A BETTER COMMUNITY

DID YOU KNOW?

There Are More Than 750 Local Unions In The UAW.

The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) is one of the largest and most diverse Unions in North America, with Members in virtually every sector of the economy.

UAW-represented workplaces range from multinational corporations, small manufacturers and state and local Governments to Colleges and Universities, Hospitals and private non-profit organizations.

The UAW has more than 390,000 active members and more than 600,000 retired members in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

The UAW currently has 2,500 contracts with some 1,700 employers in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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THE NEXT ISSUE:

- A Year in Review – Welcoming 2013
- Events from last quarter and this quarter
- Black Lake Offerings

CORRECTIONS:

We apologize for the following editorial corrections from the last issue:

Omitted deceased members:

Retiree James W. Kelly Jr. (Feb 02, 1934 – Feb 08, 2012)

Retiree Ronald Ross (Jun 05, 1935 – Sep 16, 2012)

Retiree Richard E. Peterson Sr. (Sep 19, 1935 – Sep 21, 2012)

Committee Listing Corrections:

'Chairman' should have read 'Chairwoman' for all committees holding woman chair positions.

Flower and Gift Committee should have read 'flower or donations'

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Unions still playing a big, if different, role in elections

Posted Tuesday, Oct. 02, 2012 Los Angeles Times

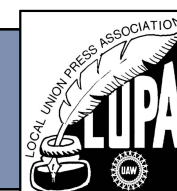
LOS ANGELES — Their ranks may be constantly shrinking and their bargaining methods under fire from governors across the country, but labor unions seem still determined to play a big role in this election, though a slightly different role than they played in the past.

The AFL-CIO is sending out mailers targeting Republican candidates in six elections across the country. The Amalgamated Transit Union is registering voters at public transit stops and bringing them to the polls in Ohio. Even Nevada's Culinary Union, which had threatened to sit out the election, has decided to work on behalf of Democrats.

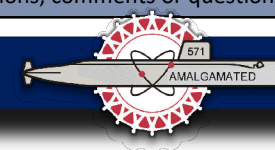
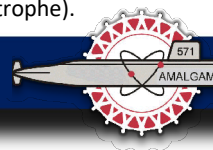
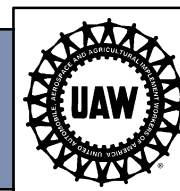
That's despite the fact that just 11.8 per-cent of wage and salary workers were represented by a union in 2011, down from 12.4 percent in 2008.

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | PLACE |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Executive Board | Nov 05 | 3:00 PM | Union Hall |
| General Membership | Nov 05 | 4:30 PM | Union Hall |
| Executive Board | Dec 03 | 3:00 PM | Ocean Beach |
| General Membership | Dec 03 | 4:30 PM | Ocean Beach |
| Social to Follow | Dec 03 | 5:30 PM | Ocean Beach |



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Top 5 Reasons YOUth Should Vote

Why vote? We'll tell you why...

From [Mike Hardcastle](#), former About.com Guide

You live in a democracy and that means that you get a say in who runs your country, and by way of this privilege you also get a say about how your country is run. It is very easy to be blasé about your right to vote and take a "whatever, who cares" kind of attitude about it but you shouldn't brush this great honor off so quickly. Sure registering can be a bit of a chore, and yes, you have to head down to a polling station on voting day to pull your lever which takes some time out of your day and may cost you a few bucks in gas, but whether you know it or not these are very small prices to pay for the right to vote. In some countries people are literally dying to be able to cast a ballot and make a difference. Here, we list five very good reasons that every

eligible young person should get out and vote.

The youth vote is sadly underestimated by party analysts.

Yes, it is true, the trend analysts who tell party spindoctors where to target their advertising dollars and public relations efforts traditionally over-look the youth market. Why? Because the sad reality is that election year after election year the percentage of eligible youth who actually register and vote is small when compared with other demographics. This doesn't mean the youth market isn't a force, just that it isn't a main motivator in the drafting of campaign platforms and pre-election advertising. So, like any self-respecting rebellious young person the natural thing to do is go against the grain and do the unexpected. Keep them on their toes, shock them into the 21st century and get out and vote!

The biggest election issues often directly effect the youth of the nation.

The war in Iraq (young soldiers are the ones dying), education funding both public school and post-secondary, employment and job training programs,

and reproductive rights issues are just a few of the current hot topics that directly effect the quality of your life RIGHT NOW. Think about the future and the world you will one day "inherit" from the power generation and you can add environmental concerns, fossil fuel consumption, farming and livestock funding (think the food supply is shrinking with every farm that can't sustain itself) and the list just gets longer. Add any issues that are near and dear to your heart on a personal level and the list becomes a little overwhelming. Don't vote and you effectively kiss away your ability to have any influence as to how these issues play out in your world, and dude, that's just lame.

The only way democracy works is if citizens, young and old, are active participants.

Yeah, yeah, yeah, this one is an oldy, but hey let's face it, it's also a goody. A government by the people, for the people just can't work without the people. This is a simple fact. Like a car without an engine, or a computer without a hard drive, a democracy without voters is just a shell and has no power.

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Why People Should Vote

Andrew Smith has been a freelance writer since 2006, specializing in sports and technology. His work has appeared on various online sites. Smith has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Pennsylvania State University.
-By Andrew Smith, eHow Contributor

In the United States, we are fortunate enough to be able to participate in free and fair elections. Regardless, many Americans do not take part in the state and national elections that occur every 2 years. Only about 50 percent of Americans usually feel compelled to go to the voting booth for even a presidential election. Here are a few things to think about before you ignore the next election.

History

Not all American voters have always been allowed to participate in elections. Because of the institution of slavery, African-American males were not given the right to vote until 5 years after the conclusion of the Civil War. The 15th Amendment gave African-Americans the right to vote in 1870. Women, however, didn't receive the right to vote in the United States until 1920 (the 19th Amendment). There are still some states that do not allow felons to vote.

Significance

Simply put, voting is how you help determine who will run the government of your country. While the presidential election receives most of the national media coverage, there will be numerous other Congressional seats and issues on your ballot every 2 years. Voting may lead to a change in the state constitution or which political party is in power. Voting in every election is how one person makes his voice heard to those people in charge.

Warning

Don't let anybody tell you that one vote doesn't matter. The 2000 presidential election disproved that theory, as the election was decided by fewer than 600 votes in the state of Florida. Many local and state elections have been decided by even fewer overall votes. Many people worry about their votes not being counted. If you think something is fishy, either with your registration or local polling place, contact the election board in your district and your state.

Expert Insight

Educate yourself on the candidates and the issues before you vote. Most people will know about the candidates in a presidential election. It's just as important to be schooled on those running for Senate and House seats. Read local newspapers to learn more about local elections, such as a mayoral race, as well as special issues that may be on the ballot during the upcoming election. Voting strictly on party lines without knowing anything about the candidates or issues is foolish.



In photo: left to right – Brad Haag, UAW Local 712; Wayne Burgess, MDA-UAW Local 571, Financial Secretary; Nick Rodriguez, UAW Local 405; Mel Hicks, MDA-UAW Local 571, Veterans Committee member.

Article by Wayne Burgess, MDA-UAW Local 571, Financial Secretary.

The 2012 UAW National Veterans Conference was held August 26-31, 2012 at the Walter & Mary Reuther UAW Family Education Center - Onaway, Michigan. In attendance were Veterans Committee member Melvin Hicks and Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess. The program speakers and workshops were very informative and what was learned should be helpful in getting our Veterans Committee more active.

One item covered was the VA Health Care benefits. All Veterans – including who have special eligibility – are encouraged to apply for enrollment. Enrollment helps the VA determine the number of potential Veterans who may seek VA health care services and is very important in the VA's planning efforts.

By registering Veterans are left with the assurance that comprehensive health care services will be available when are needed.

The VA receives its funding based on the number of Veterans registered. If you register and do not use the benefits you would be providing that much more funding for those Veterans who are in

desperate need of medical benefits. If in the future you are in need of VA health care services you would not have to repeat the enrollment process. To register, call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM ET, Monday-Friday.

ROMNEY SUGGESTED PRIVATIZING VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Romney's Suggestion Of Using A Voucher System For Veterans' Health Care "Echoed" Portions Of His Medicare Plan. "He also briefly floated the idea of using a voucher system to help veterans get reliable and quality health care, an option that echoed portions of a Medicare plan he recently rolled out at the Americans for Prosperity Foundation's annual summit." [New York Times, 11/11/11]

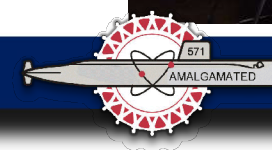
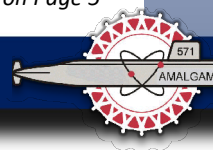
Krugman: Romney's "Voucherization" Of The VA Would Leave Veterans Who Don't Make Enough Money To Cover Health Care Costs On Top Of What The Voucher Covers Unable "To Receive Essential Care." "Mitt Romney wants to privatize the VA. This is awesome on multiple levels. First, you know what voucherization would mean in practice: the vouchers would be inadequate, and become more so over time, so that veterans who don't make enough money to top them up would fail to receive essential care. Patriotism!" [Krugman, New York Times, 11/12/11]

Veterans Of Foreign Wars "Doesn't Support Privatization Of Veterans Health Care." "In South Carolina today, Mitt Romney suggesting opening up public veterans benefits to private competition by instituting a voucher system for soldiers to find their own coverage. Asked about the idea, Veterans Of Foreign Wars spokesman Jerry Newberry quickly shot it down as a non-starter for his group. 'The VFW doesn't support privatization of veterans health care,' he told TPM. 'This is an issue that seems to come around every election cycle.'" [Talking Points Memo, 11/11/11]

A SPECIAL THANKS

to members, retirees and Region 9A Reps who volunteered for Phone Banking on the evening of October 22, 2012 at the union office. We were able to reach many of our members on the phone and expressed our interest in voting for union endorsed candidates. Those who participated are:

William E. Louis, Kenneth Rowland, Patricia Clay, Robert Faraci, Wayne Burgess, Mark Ciliano; Retirees: Don & Lucy Degidio, Elaine Woods; from region 9a: Barry Bayley, Beverly Brakeman, Karen Feng and Kim Hearn.





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- others discourage this kind of behavior. And running for office in some voting systems may be more expensive than in others.
- **Gerrymandering.** Some voting systems encourage gerrymandering -- the manipulation of district lines to unfairly benefit certain candidates or parties. However, other voting systems are designed to virtually eliminate this odious political practice.

Voting systems, then, can have a variety of important political impacts. So while at first glance, the study of these voting procedures might seem to be a pretty dull exercise, it quickly becomes clear that these rules can have some very significant and wide-ranging political implications -- like a crime novel in which a detective takes on what appears to be a simple burglary only to see it quickly develop into a more elaborate case of blackmail and murder. Once you begin to investigate voting rules and to follow the trail of political effects emanating from them, you soon start to uncover some provocative links between voting procedures and a number of serious issues surrounding American elections.

In fact, political analysts have now begun to draw connections between our current voting system and number of persistent problems with American elections. Traditionally we have placed the blame for many of our elections problems -- poor turnout, dull campaigns, alienated voters, etc. -- on individual politicians or particular parties. But the source of many of our election problems may go much deeper. These may be systemic problems--located in the very system we use to vote for and elect candidates to office. One political commentator, Hendrik Hertzberg of the New Yorker magazine has made this very point: A lot of the political pathologies we worry about in this country--things like low voter turnout, popular alienation from politics, hatred of politicians and politics per se, the undue influence of special interests, the prevalence of negative campaigning and so on--are not caused by the usual suspects. They are not caused by the low moral character of our politicians. They are not caused by the selfishness of the electorate. They are not caused by the peculiarities of the American national character and the American political culture. They are not caused by television. They are not caused by money (although money certainly makes them worse). Instead, they are artifacts of a particular political technology. They are caused by our single-member district, geographically-based, plurality winner-take-all system of representation.

For all of these reasons then, we in the United States can no longer afford to ignore the issue of voting systems. It is time that we begin to look more skeptically at our current voting system, begin to consider more seriously alternative voting systems, and begin to get more involved in voting system reform.

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Today we have a system that actually encourages successful corporations to keep their profits overseas instead of bringing them back to the United States where they can create American jobs. We should get rid of the loopholes, the credits, and deductions in the business tax code, and use the savings to lower the rate and change our corporate tax code to encourage growth.

2. Promoting and Strengthening American Manufacturing

Manufacturing jobs are the lifeblood of the Connecticut economy. The Industrial Revolution in America started in our state and if we do the right things, the next chapter of manufacturing success could also be written right here. The best way to do that is to better spend our federal dollars, so that we create American jobs instead of those overseas.

3. Reinvesting in our Transportation Infrastructure

One of Connecticut's strengths is its geographic proximity to two of the country's largest economic centers, Boston and New York. Unfortunately, our transportation network is not what it needs to be to benefit from this advantage. Connecticut needs a plan to reinvigorate its transportation infrastructure. A shocking percentage of our bridges and roadways are structurally deficient. We have some of the highest gas prices in the country, but provide too few alternatives for residents who want to get off of our gridlocked highways. A federal/state partnership to rebuild our roads and highways as well as offering commuters new ways to move around the state without getting in their cars will make the state a more attractive place for businesses, will shorten commute times and have the added benefit of putting thousands of people to work.

4. Making Education a Priority

Connecticut is never going to have the least expensive workforce. But today it has one of the best educated and most productive workforces, despite a deep and persistent achievement gap in our state. We need to ensure that the next generation, the entire generation, is ready to work with the skills that tomorrow's employers will need to keep jobs in Connecticut.

It is no longer enough to fight the wrong-headed cuts to basic education funding that the Republicans in Congress have proposed. We have to fight for every dollar and make sure that those dollars are spent smartly. We have to increase investment in the STEM disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Ensuring that we have a workforce that continues to excel is the best way to attract and retain large and small employers to our state.

5. Leading the Way in Renewable Energy

It's clear that our haphazard and conflicting federal energy policies have failed -- whether it's the see-sawing price of gas at the pump, electrical rates, or the cost of heating oil, we're surrounded by signals that America needs a new and bold energy strategy. Everyone knows that our fossil fuel resources are not going to last forever. Rather than exploiting these resources in more and more damaging ways to achieve smaller and smaller power yields, we need to move to new renewable technologies that are sustainable in the long-term. And Connecticut should lead the way in developing and building these new technologies.

First, we should be aggressively pursuing all forms of energy available to us. That means a robust and stable investment in renewable technologies like solar, wind, and fuel cells, many of which are made right here in Connecticut. It also means investing in efficiency -- making sure our homes and businesses waste less electricity, that our cars use less gas, and that our manufacturers have the tools to cut down on power drain.



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While it is easy to say "one vote doesn't make a difference" the reality is that every vote counts... have you heard of Florida? Also you have to remember that as an individual your vote may seem to be little more than a whisper but when your vote is combined with the votes of others who share your views it becomes a voice and the more like-voters there are the louder that voice grows. So get out there and make the youth vote be heard.

If you don't vote you really have no right to complain about government decisions you don't like (no matter how much they actually suck).

OK, if there is one thing that is really annoying to us actual voters it is the endless ramblings on the bad political policy of a current government spewing from the mouths of eligible voters who never bothered to cast a ballot. If you don't vote it is like saying you don't

care how your country is run, so if you don't care where do you get the idea that you can complain when something happens that you don't like? If you don't vote you really have no right complaining about anything the government does and if your like most young people you like complaining and have it down to a fine art. Want the right to complain when TPTB (the powers that be) make a truly heinous decision? Then you must exercise your right to vote.

Bottom line: you should vote because you can.

Voting is a tremendous gift. Believe it or not, young people just like you in other countries actually fight and even die for this right; a right that so many youth in democratic nations take for granted. You should vote because you can, if you don't you may one day wake up in a country where you can't. It can (and has) happened. Enough said!

POLITICAL PARTIES ACROSS THE USA

The following is an overview of the three major Political Parties.

For more information and a complete list, please visit www.uselections.com.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY - (DNC) For more than 200 years, Democrats have represented the interests of working families, fighting for equal opportunities and justice for all Americans.

Our party was founded on the conviction that wealth and privilege shouldn't be an entitlement to rule and the belief that the values of hardworking families are the values that should guide us.

We didn't become the most prosperous country in the world by rewarding greed and recklessness or by letting those with the most influence write their own rules. We got here by rewarding hard work and responsibility, by investing in people, and by growing our country from the bottom up.

Today Democrats are fighting to repair a decade of damage and grow an economy based on the values of Main Street, not greed and reckless speculation. Democrats are focused on rescuing our economy not just in the short run but also rebuilding our economy for the long run--an economy that lifts up not just some Americans, but all Americans.

REPUBLICAN PARTY - (RNC) Abolition. Free speech. Women's suffrage. These were all causes the Republican Party adopted early on. So, too, were reducing the size of government, streamlining bureaucracy, and returning power to individual states. With a core belief in the primacy of individuals, the Republican Party, since its inception, has been at the forefront of the fight for individuals' rights in opposition to a large, intrusive government.

INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY Promotes the respect for life, liberty and property; strong traditional families, patriotism; and individual, state and national sovereignty -- with a strong reliance on the Declaration of Independence and allegiance to the Constitution for the United States of America -- by petition to God and by political and educational means.

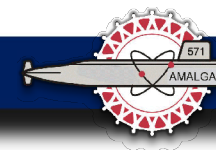
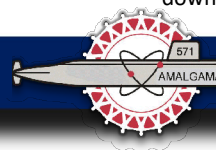
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1. Simplifying the Tax Code

The current complexity of our tax code puts small and medium sized businesses and their employees at a disadvantage. It also doesn't make sense that many employees are paying a higher effective income tax rate than their employer. In the short term, we should extend the Bush tax cuts for 99% of Americans, but instead of keeping taxes at a 60-year low for the richest 1% percent, let's take that money and use half of it to pay down the deficit, and half of it to help pay for college and job training for the middle class. Americans spent an absurd amount of money filing their 2011 taxes, roughly \$140 billion. For too long, politicians have approached just about every issue by adding a preference into the tax code, leading to monstrous complexity. Congress and the President should work together to achieve real reform of our nation's tax code broadening the base and lowering rates on all taxpayers. The model for this is the 1986 tax reform, which was an historic effort by a Republican President, a Democratic House and a Republican Senate to work together to get to the best result.

Tax reform should not be limited to the individual side of the tax code however. We must also reform our corporate tax code.

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IDEOLOGIES: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PARTICULAR PARTY?

The following is a partial list of Ideology Parties. For more information and a complete list, please visit www.uselections.com/ideology/moderate.shtml for more information.

IDEOLOGY: LEFT: Left of Center, Liberal, Ultra-Liberal, Progressive

IDEOLOGY: LIBERAL: You are concerned with individual rights & liberties. You are often in favor of government intervention and government programs (pro-regulation).

IDEOLOGY: INDEPENDENT / CENTRIST: Are you "moderate" in your political thinking? You want an efficient government and you want strong diplomacy and national defense.

IDEOLOGY: LIBERTARIAN: Libertarianism's ideals, although often varied in detail, typically center on policies in favor of extensive personal liberties.

IDEOLOGY: CONSTITUTIONALIST: They believe that the Democrats and Republicans have squandered the Founders' legacy of liberty and justice under the Constitution.

IDEOLOGY: DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST: An economic and political system in which private property is abolished and the means of production (i.e., capital and land) are collectively owned and operated by the community as a whole in order to advance the interests of all.

IDEOLOGY: COMMUNIST: is a social, political and economic ideology that aims at the establishment of a classless, moneyless, stateless and revolutionary socialist society structured upon common ownership of the means of production (machines, tools, plant and equipment, infrastructure, etc.).

IDEOLOGY: RIGHT: Right of Center, Conservative, Ultra-Conservative. You resist change simply for the sake of change. You are cautious and pro-status quo. You invoke a "good steward" mentality and are careful with management of resources. You tend to be pro-business, anti-tax and anti-regulation.

IDEOLOGY: NEO-CONSERVATIVE: What does it mean to be a neo-conservative?

Neoconservatism emphasizes foreign policy as the paramount responsibility of government, seeing the American role of world's sole superpower as indispensable to establishing and maintaining global order.

RECOMMENDED DESTINATIONS:

OnTheIssues.org - Every Political Leader & Candidate [On Every Issue](http://OnEveryIssue). Learn exactly where your politician stands and **how they actually voted** on bills and issues.

Politifact.com - A project of the St. Petersburg Times to help you find the truth in politics. Every day, reporters and researchers from the Times examine statements by members of Congress, the president, cabinet secretaries, lobbyists, people who testify before Congress and anyone else who speaks up in Washington. We research their statements and then rate the accuracy on our **Truth-O-Meter**.

[Public Citizen](http://PublicCitizen) - Advocates for a healthier and more equitable world by making government work **for the people and by defending democracy from corporate greed**. Successfully challenge the abusive practices of the pharmaceutical, nuclear and automobile industries, and so many others. Leading the charge against undemocratic trade agreements that advance the interests of mega-corporations at the expense of citizens worldwide. A nonprofit organization that does not participate in partisan political activities or endorse any candidates for elected office. Accepts no government or corporate money

[Fed Up USA - The Con Of The Century](http://FedUpUSA) - Your one-stop source for all the latest news regarding the global financial crisis. Committed to bringing you the truth about what is really happening, as opposed to the fodder that is shown in the mainstream media. **They believe the root of the problem is corruption in our financial industry and in our government.** Their goal is to expose and reveal the corruption as well as to educate the public about our economic and financial systems so you can fight back.

[Vote-Smart.org](http://VoteSmart.org) : Project Vote Smart, a citizen's organization, has developed a **Voter's Self-Defense System** to provide you with the necessary tools to self-govern effectively: abundant, accurate, unbiased and relevant information.

Politics1.com : Well deserved credit goes to Politics1.com for some of the candidate descriptions and content on state election pages. If you are seeking "potential" candidates for each elected position or the inside scoop as to who "may be" running in each state, take a peek on over there. Ron seems to have the inside scoop or good intuition. USElections relies on currently active candidate submissions for a majority of it's listings.

[Taxpayers For Common Sense](http://TaxpayersForCommonSense) - An independent and non-partisan voice for taxpayers working to increase transparency and expose and eliminate wasteful and corrupt subsidies, earmarks, and corporate welfare.

ZeroHedge - Discusses current issues and problems you need to know about but won't hear on the news. **Their mission:** to widen the scope of financial, economic and political information available to the professional investing public, to skeptically examine and, where necessary, attack the flaccid institution that financial journalism has become, to liberate oppressed knowledge, to provide analysis uninhibited by political constraint and to facilitate information's unending quest for freedom.

[The International Forecaster](http://TheInternationalForecaster) - I am addicted to the this blunt assessment of world events, financial markets, political strife, and what it means to the average person like you and I living on this planet. **It's a fascinating perspective I encourage everyone to read at least once.**

[Alex Jones' InfoWars.com](http://AlexJonesInfoWars.com) - A great source for what's really happening in the world. It's what you won't see on TV. It's what the government won't tell you. If you have never visited this site before - do so now. Uncensored, mind-blowing stuff. Also visit PrisonPlanet.com.

LouDobbs.com - I started this website to provide my viewers and my readers with a place where they can get **the facts on the most important issues facing all of us**. To be well-informed is to be well-prepared. It's also about how you and I can make a difference.

SpeakOut.com - The place to go to make a difference. To not only learn about issues, but react to them.

What are Voting Systems and Why are They Important?

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If you are new to the issue of voting system reform, you may be wondering what exactly voting systems are and why they are so important. The first question is the easiest to answer. A voting system is the set of procedures that determine how people are elected to office. These procedures include how the ballot is structured, how people cast their votes, how those votes are counted, and how the winners are decided. Or as political scientists often put it: voting systems are the means by which votes are translated into seats in the legislature. (Political scientists also often refer to voting systems as "electoral systems" a term you will see in various articles on this site. But I think "voting system" is a simpler and clearer term, and I will use it most of the time in my writings on this subject.)

Two Basic Kinds of Voting Systems

As an illustration, let's do a quick overview of two of the most common voting systems in Western democracies. The most prevalent system for legislative elections in the United States is the winner-take-all system--or in more formal parlance, the "single-member district plurality system." That rather technical phrase captures the two basic attributes of this system. First, votes are cast in single-member districts--districts in which only one member of the legislature is elected. All the candidates are on the ballot and we cast a vote for only one of them. Second, the winner is determined by who receives the most votes--the plurality of the vote. This voting system has become so familiar to people in the United States that we hardly ever stop to think about it. You may even assume that this is just how democratic elections work.

But of course there are many different kinds of democratic voting systems. The main rival to the single-member plurality system is called "proportional representation"-- the system used by most European democracies. There are many different forms of proportional representation, or "PR." (For a more detailed description of the types of PR and of other

voting systems. They use different ballots and different ways of counting votes. But all PR systems do have two things in common--two ways they differ from our plurality voting system. First, proportional representation voting systems elect people in multimember districts. Instead of one member of the legislature being elected in a small district, PR uses much larger districts where five, ten, or more members are elected. So instead of only one winner, there are multiple winners of office in each district. The second difference is that these multiple seats are distributed according to the proportion of the vote won by particular parties or political groups. For example, if we had a ten-member PR district in which the Democratic candidates won 50% of the vote, they would receive five of those ten seats. With 30% of the vote, the Republicans would win three seats, and if a third party like the Reform party or the Libertarian party won 20% of the vote, it would get the remaining two seats. You can see even in this very brief description that the way votes are translated into seats in PR systems is very different than in our plurality system.

Why Are Voting Systems Important?

The most obvious reason that voting systems are important is that they determine who is elected, which voters are represented, and ultimately who runs our local, state, and federal legislatures. Who is elected directly affects what kinds of policies are passed and who benefits or suffers from those policies. Since it matters greatly who wins elections, voting systems matter as well, because different methods of voting can produce different winners. For example, in winner-take all voting systems, only the candidate supported by the majority or plurality of voters in the district wins office. However, in PR systems, many different candidates and parties win office from a district, and so many more voters win representation.

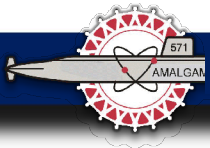
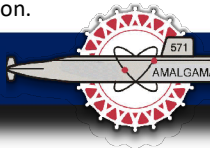
Or consider the issue of which political party controls the legislature -- another area where the voting system can have a large impact. In single-member district plurality voting systems, it is possible that the party that wins the majority of seats in the legislature may not have won a majority of the vote. In fact, it is not unheard of in this system for a party that comes in second place in the polls to win the majority of seats in the legislature. In contrast,

in proportional representation voting, it is much more likely that the party or parties that have a majority of seats in the legislature also received the support of the majority of the voters. Also, plurality voting systems tend to produce legislatures with a single-party majority, while PR systems tend to often result in a coalition of parties forming the ruling majority, and this can change considerably the politics in these institutions.

These are some of the obvious political impacts of voting systems, but there are some less obvious ones as well. Political scientists studying these systems have identified a wide range of political areas in which the choice of voting system has a large impact. Many of those impacts are discussed in greater detail in "What is Proportional Representation and Why Do We Need this Reform?" I will just briefly list some of them below.

- **Majority Rule.** As mentioned above, some voting systems undermine majority rule -- a basic tenet of democratic politics. For example, they may allow a minority of the voters in a district to elect the representative. Or they may enable a party that did not receive the support of the majority of the voters to win the majority of seats in the legislature.
- **Party Systems.** Some voting systems make it difficult for third party candidates to get elected and thus reinforce a two party system. Others are more friendly to third parties and tend to produce multiparty systems.
- **Women's Representation.** Some western democracies have many more women in their legislature than others, and different voting systems are one of the major reasons.
- **Voter Turnout.** Turnout in the U.S. remains abysmally low in most elections. Many factors effect levels of voter participation, but experts agree that the choice of voting system can be one of the important factors.
- **Minority Representation.** Some voting systems make it very difficult for racial and ethnic minorities to win their fair share of seats, while others are explicitly designed to ensure fair representation for these groups.
- **Campaigns.** Some voting systems encourage mud-slinging campaigns, while

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UAW ENDORSED CANDIDATE



President Obama addressed over a thousand UAW members at the UAW TOP and CAP Conference held in Washington D.C. Thursday March 1, 2012.

Topics of discussion included: Manufacturing and Auto Sector:

- More than 500,000 manufacturing jobs have been created under President Obama. That's the first time manufacturing jobs have increased since the 1990s.
- The auto industry restructuring worked, saving more than a million jobs, and not just at GM, Chrysler and their dealerships but in auto parts manufacturing all over the country.
- Those automakers who didn't take or need the loans supported the loans because they needed to save those parts suppliers also.
- There are now 250,000 more people working in the auto industry than on the day the companies were restructured.
- The agreement the administration made with the management, labor and environmental groups to double car mileage, was a good deal.
- Americans will be able to cut their gas prices in half, making us more energy independent.
- The new fuel economy standards will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and over the next 20 years, bring us another half a million good new jobs into the American economy.
- The boom in oil and gas production, combined with greater energy efficiency, has driven oil imports to a near-20-year low and natural gas production to an all-time high. And renewable energy production has doubled.
- Since 1961 the Republicans have held the White House 28 years, the Democrats, 24. In those 52 years, our private economy has produced 66 million private sector jobs.
- The Job score: Republicans, 24 million; Democrats, 42 (million).
- Advancing equal opportunity and economic empowerment is both morally right and good economics because poverty, discrimination and ignorance restrict growth.
- Investments in education and infrastructure and scientific and technological research increase growth, increase good jobs, and create new wealth for all Americans.
- **Another job score. President Obama: plus 4 1/2 million. Congressional Republicans: zero.**

RIGHT: Thousand of UAW members attended the UAW TOP and CAP Conference held in Washington D.C.

Education

- There are more than 3 million jobs open and unfilled in America, mostly people who apply for them don't yet have the required skills to do them
- We have to prepare more Americans for the new jobs that are actually created. The old economy is not coming back. We've got to build a new one and educate people to do those jobs.
- President Obama and his Education Secretary have supported community colleges and employers in working together to train people for jobs that are actually open in their communities — and even more important after a decade in which exploding college costs have increased the dropout rate so much that the percentage of our young people with four-year college degrees has gone down so much that we have dropped to 16th in the world in the percentage of young people with college degrees.
- Student loans are more important than ever.
- President Obama's student loan program lowers the cost of federal student loans. And gives students the right to repay those loans as a clear, fixed, low percentage of their income for up to 20 years.
- Under his plan, no one will ever have to drop out of college again for fear they can't repay their debt. If someone wants to take a job with a modest income, a teacher, a police officer, if they want to be a small-town doctor in a rural area, they won't have to turn those jobs down because they don't pay enough to repay their debt—their debt obligation will be determined by their salary.

Economy

- In January 2009, when President Barack Obama took office, we were losing 750,000 jobs a month.
- In 2010, as the president's recovery program kicked in, the job losses stopped and things began to turn around. The Recovery Act saved or created millions of jobs and cut taxes for 95 percent of the American people.
- In the last 29 months, our economy has produced about 4.5million private sector jobs.

Deficit

- President Obama has offered a reasonable plan of \$4 trillion in debt rec decade, for every \$2 1/2 trillion in spending cuts, he raises a dollar in n 1/2-to-1.
- President Obama has tight controls on future spending. That's the kind of balanced approach proposed by the Simpson-Bowles Commission, a bipartisan commission.

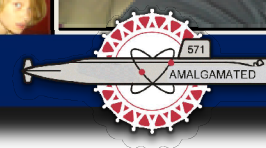
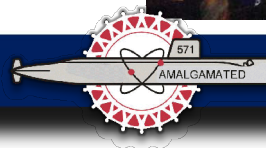


UAW LOCAL EVENTS

MDA PETE JOHNSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPT 15, 2012



MDA FAMILY NIGHT DODD STADIUM AUGUST 31, 2012



McMahon-Murphy Face-Off

By Sasha Goldstein



New London - Armed with bullhorns, signs and firm-seated beliefs, hundreds of union members and supporters rallied Monday afternoon for Senate candidate Chris Murphy prior to the Democrat's debate with Republican Linda McMahon at the Garde Arts Center.

McMahon, a former WWE executive from Greenwich who also ran for the seat in 2010, had plenty of supporters of her own to counter the Democrats planned rally. Recent polls have showed the candidates running a close race in the seat for retiring Sen. Joseph Lieberman. Attacks by the two candidates in the press, on televised advertisements and during a debate Sunday morning have become increasingly confrontational as Election Day draws near.

Outside the Garde, supporters flooded the corner of State and Huntington streets before the 7 p.m. debate. Organizers expected a large crowd to fill the 1,400-seat auditorium.

From a stage in front of the Huntington Street, State Rep. 1784 courthouse on Ernest Hewett led the crowd in a cheer of "Fired up, ready to go!" for Murphy, who currently serves as a congressman from the state's 5th District.

Standing in front of a sign that said "Chris Murphy: Fighting For Us," Hewett said it was the biggest political rally he'd seen in downtown New London in years.

"This is how we do it in New London, man," he said. "You have to hand it to labor because each one of these guys represents one working family."

The rowdy throng of some 400 people had filed in, ready to hear from the candidates themselves.



An Important Message from the Metal Trades Council and the MDA UAW 571

Chris Murphy: On Your Side

Endorsed by Congressman Joe Courtney

Stood with Congressman Courtney and voted in Favor of two Submarines a year

Voted for investment in the Ohio Replacement Program which will provide jobs for years to come

Opposes another Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Process

**Stand up for Jobs at Electric Boat
VOTE NOVEMBER 6th**

Chris Murphy for U.S. Senate

How you vote is a personal decision. Your Union believes Chris Murphy is the best choice for Connecticut's working families. For more information, contact your Union or the Connecticut AFLC-CIO at 860-571-6191.



ABOVE: Chris Murphy speaking to a crowd of UAW Members on October 15, 2012.

**Chris Murphy
FOR SENATE**



LEFT: Doc Crandall Showing UAW support for Murphy



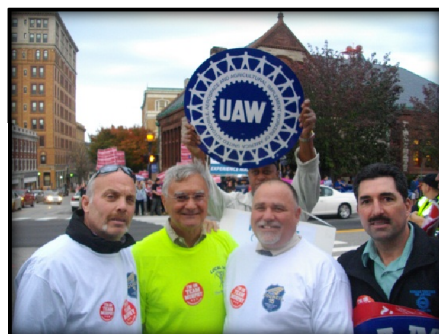
Above: Maegan Smith and her daughter xx in New London show support for Chris Murphy at the rally held at the Garde against Linda McMahon.



ABOVE Right: MTC President Ken DeLacruz



Strong support for Chris Murphy at the Garde Arts Center In New London CT October 2012



ABOVE: Left to Right, Dave Reagan, Mel Olsen, Bill Louis and Ken Rowland.



ABOVE: Bill and Doreen Dwyer showing their support in New London

