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SOUTHERN REGION NEWS



Our awesome team walking to raise money for breast cancer research and treatment!

Giving is priority in Region 3

As public servants, we can take pride knowing our work makes a difference in the lives of so many.

That includes our community service off the job. Our members volunteer for so many groups: local fire departments, volunteer ambulance corps, youth sports, houses of worship and more. **When the fire whistle rings in a small town, when the tones go out for an emergency medical call, when a church hosts a free community dinner, and when you see that referee on the basketball court or the baseball field, chances are good you're seeing CSEA members giving back.**



Anthony Adamo
President
Southern Region

Please consider joining our members who give back via our community organizations.

Speaking of giving back, I'm so proud of the fundraising our activists have done for worthy causes. **Kudos to the Southern Region Women's Committee for leading our involvement with the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk this fall.** Team members raised a total of \$1,970 for the American Cancer Society! Denise Fuchs, one of our team leaders, deserves a special shout-out for her remarkable \$1,738 raised, much of which came via support from our Orange County Unit members.

Other generosity happened during our 2019 Fall Conference, held at the Sagamore Resort. The generosity was overwhelming. **Our Women's Committee held a fundraiser to benefit Safe Homes of Orange County.** We also had a Safe Homes rep present an excellent workshop on this topic, one we must continue to address to maintain awareness and be more supportive to victims.

Our Veterans Committee had poppies available to give to conference attendees. **Those receiving poppies made donations that allowed us to purchase needed supplies for recreation at the Montrose State Veterans Nursing Home.**

Looking toward February, we have the Fishkill Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on Saturday, Feb. 22. Our committee has done a great job kicking off fundraising, **but we're asking for more people to join our team and raise funds for the individuals with disabilities who benefit from Special Olympics programming.** You can sign up for our team or donate by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CSEAPolarPlunge2020>.

— **Anthony Adamo, Southern Region President**



Be Counted!

Participation in the 2020 Census is crucial to our state! The participation rate is tied to our representation in Congress and the amount of federal aid our state receives.

Help our state get our fair share!

CSEA will be promoting census participation this year, and we're asking for your help by:

- * Inviting us to speak about this at your membership meetings
- * Asking you to share Census-related info from our CSEA Local 1000 and Region 3 Facebook pages
- * Asking you to reach out individually to members to encourage them to participate and answer any questions they have

Our *Work Force* newspaper (print and online) has been covering this topic and will continue to. **Please read coverage to understand why increasing participation this year (as opposed to the low turnout in 2010) will make a difference in our state's finances!**

For more info, reach out to Political Action Coordinator Chris Ludlow at (845) 831-1000 or chris.ludlow@cseainc.org.

Plunge for a good cause!



For over a decade, our Southern Region has had a team participate in the Fishkill Polar Plunge, the major annual fundraiser that benefits the Hudson Valley area of Special Olympics.

This year's plunge is on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. at Camp Mariah in Fishkill. You can take the shuttle bus up to Camp Mariah by parking at Splashdown Beach on Old Route 9.

Join our team by signing up online for Team CSEA Region 3 at <https://tinyurl.com/CSEAPolarPlunge2020>. You may take the plunge or remain on the sidelines, but collecting \$100 or more will get you a Polar Plunge hooded sweatshirt and the knowledge you've helped individuals with disabilities access rewarding athletic programming! For more info, call our office at (845) 831-1000.

Region 3 news briefs

- * Members of the Yonkers School District Unit recently rallied at City Hall to protest the addition of an extra pay period for some workers in 2020, which creates hardship for many since the move means workers would be taking home less per paycheck to accommodate the extra pay period.
- * At our Fall Conference, Wappingers Central School District Unit President Nora Marvullo was honored as our Activist of the Year! Congratulations!
- * Unit activists from the City of Newburgh Unit successfully mobilized and saved two dispatcher positions at risk of layoff by presenting facts and figures to city officials, showing that eliminating those CSEA-represented titles would actually cost city taxpayers more long-term.

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