

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Hello Sisters and Brothers!

In fond remembrance: Geordie Pierce

This week we said a final farewell to our dear friend Geordie Pierce, who passed away on July 6. Geordie joined CSEA in 1978, first in the Maintenance Department and later in the Organizing Department. Geordie was CSEA through and through and was a constant presence at all things CSEA. Geordie retired on November 1, 2019, after more than 41 years of service. Geordie is survived by his wife, Kathy, children Paul and Karen, and many siblings from Ireland. He will be greatly missed. For those who would like to read his obituary, it can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/geordiepierce>

Please follow our established protocol for submitting member applications This is a reminder that the following are the proper methods to submit member applications:

- Via mail to CSEA Membership Enrollment & Administration, 143 Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12210
- Via Digital Fax to 518-465-2382 (The *MyCSEA* app uses this method)
- Via email to membership@cseainc.org

Should you choose some other method, we cannot guarantee that the membership applications sent by you will be processed in a timely manner or at all. You should not email applications directly to any staff member, or Officer at CSEA either. Please use only the above methods to ensure accurate and timely processing.

Info to share with our Volunteer Member Organizers Let's help non-union members to organize and join CSEA. Do you know someone who doesn't have a union? Reach out to the organizing department at **518-257-1400**. Together, we can become an even bigger, stronger union!

Membership meetings and other social events For public sector locals and units ONLY:

Reminder that **only members** should be invited to any of your meetings and other social events. If your agency or department has an event that the union helps to subsidize, like an evening social, only members are entitled to that benefit. I encourage you to put language on all your flyers, so everyone is aware. Here is sample of language you could use: "Employees who have chosen to be non-members may not attend or be guests of members."

Member Benefit Spotlight: Stretch Your Paycheck With CSEA's Low Fixed Rate Credit Card

There are member benefits that stretch your paycheck and help our members save, one being the CAP COM [CSEA branded Visa](https://www.capcomfcu.org/csea/cseavisa/). With a fixed rate as low as 8.90% APR¹ and no charge for balance transfers, this card can't be beat. The average Credit Card interest rate is 24.5% APR². Now is the time to look at credit cards you may have elsewhere, chances are you're paying a high rate. Join other CSEA members who have stretched their paycheck by paying less interest. Apply today: <https://www.capcomfcu.org/csea/cseavisa/>

1 Annual Percentage Rate, must be a member of CAP COM, division of Broadview, before card is issued

2 Forbes.com

Required Union Representation **IN-PERSON Trainings: State Government Grievance Representation – Oneonta (Region 5)****

Tuesday, July 25, and Wednesday, July 26, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
Call (315) 433-0050 to register.

Local Government and Private Sector Grievance Representation – Yaphank (Region 1)**

Wednesday, August 9, and Thursday, August 10, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Call (631) 462-0030 to register.

****This is a 2-part training, participants must complete both sessions to receive credit for completion.**

Required Union Representation **VIRTUAL Trainings: Grievance Representative Recertification** Monday, July 17, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Register at <https://memberlink.cseany.org/Event.axd?e=1001>.

Representing Members in Discipline & Interrogation Recertification Tuesday, July 18, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Register at <https://memberlink.cseany.org/Event.axd?e=1002>.

Required Officer Trainings: **There are no scheduled officer trainings at this time.

What do you want to read about? I'm asking for your feedback on any topics you'd like to see covered in future editions of this weekly leadership update. If you have ideas, please take the time to fill out our quick online survey at: <https://forms.office.com/r/seCVpFhVaG>.
I appreciate your response.

In Solidarity,



Mary E. Sullivan President