CCCTU-ENDORSED CANDIDATES SWEEP INTO OFFICE; CON-CON HANDILY DEFEATED

The CCCTU was on the right side of history again. By the time the polls closed on Nov. 4th, it was clear that all but one of Local 1600’s endorsed candidates were certain to win, including President-elect Barack Obama, two state senators, ten representatives and a state’s attorney. Additionally, the proposed Constitutional Convention went down in flames, losing by a 2-to-1 margin. The following day our final candidate, Representative-elect Mark Walker, was announced the winner, completing the CCCTU sweep.

There were many reactions to the efforts that our members made in the Nov. 4 election. President Perry Buckley, who had spent a week in Dayton, Ohio, working with AFT from the Barack Obama headquarters, wrote in an email message, “Thank you all for all you did. You made history. You were a part of history; and we were all there together!” He also added, “I am also very proud of Chicago... half a million people in Grant Park with not one arrest. It was quite a difference from 40 years ago during the Democratic Convention. I was in Grant Park then as a 17-year-old college student. I would have loved to have been there last night … Change is indeed in the air.”

“"You made history. You were a part of history; and we were all there together!"”
—President Perry Buckley

Every candidate who had been endorsed by the CCCTU House of Representatives and who placed a sign in its office window was victorious. Barack Obama was endorsed a month before he announced for president, making the CCCTU the first union in the country to endorse Obama.

Since Buckley returned from networking at the Democratic National Convention and decorated the union office window at 208 W. Kinzie Street, Chicago, every day from September until the election brought Chicagoans and travelers to the window to be photographed. Some even entered the union office thinking that it was an official campaign office. Whenever possible the CCCTU was happy to oblige with signs, stickers or voter information cards.

The Winners Window

Voice editor Todd Lakin (white shirt) reacts to the news that Barack Obama had been elected president at the rally on Election Night in Grant Park. He had been on his cell talking with friends in Portland, OR, when the announcement was made and held it up so that they could hear the roar. The Saturday before the election he and his wife campaigned for Obama in Michigan City, IN.

Legislative Chair Bill Naegele took some time to evaluate our efforts and to hand out some praise to those who deserve it. “All thirteen of the Local 1600 targeted candidates for the Illinois State Legislature won their races yesterday. Anita Alvarez handily beat her Republican opponent for Cook County State’s Attorney. Due to everyone’s efforts to educate our (continued on page 10)
Local 1600 accomplished an unprecedented string of political victories this past November. The election of Senator Barack Obama and all of our endorsed local and state legislative candidates show the power of our Union. Every candidate whose poster we placed in our “Winners Window” won! By donating your COPE dollars and volunteering your time to these candidates, our Union can now get into doors that were sometimes blocked for many years. Working together, with our elected leaders, can help us preserve some of our hard-fought gains, and allow us to build on expanding our rights and opportunities in the future.

While our Union can be very satisfied with the result of November’s election, we now face a greater challenge, the economic condition of our state and national government. In the last few months, many have seen our investments take a beating. Hard-earned dollars have been put away to supplement retirement have been reduced by as much as 40%. The largest investment most of us have, our homes, has fallen in value by as much as 25% in the last six months. State revenues have fallen to a dangerous point, and college reimbursement payments have been delayed by as much as eight weeks. The worst has yet to come, we are told.

“It was the best of times and the worst of times,” penned Charles Dickens in A Tale of Two Cities. Today those words seem to ring truer than ever. By electing a new president who represents change, we have elected to move past the last eight years of missed opportunity and indecision, to a bold new era in American politics. Our Union has been at the forefront of this movement. By being the first Union in the country to support Barack Obama, we have demonstrated our commitment to remaking our country into a democracy that provides access to everyone, and justice for all.

Although we have much to be thankful for in the political realm, we are also faced with an economic situation that will make our ability to provide increased state funding in jeopardy. The State of Illinois still underfunds our community colleges at perilous and alarming levels. One of the governor’s last acts before being arrested was to again lower state funding by another eight million dollars.

Not only will this seriously impact the ability of our 14 community colleges to function at current levels, but it will also impact our ability to continue to achieve the same quality of contracts for which we have bargained in recent years.

This, however, is where our political efforts are important. We will be working with our friends in Springfield to find new sources of revenue, including raising necessary taxes, so that we can properly fund all education, safeguard our pensions, and provide affordable health care for all. You may not have realized it at the time, but when you were knocking on doorbells, making phone calls, and contributing to COPE you were simultaneously working to safeguard your college, your job and your future.

You are a vital cog in a crucial wheel. I thank you for all you do for the Union you support and the colleges and institutes you serve.
AROUND THE CCCTU

CCCTU Strong Presence at PSRP Conference

The annual IFT Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel Conference was held on October 10 and 11 in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza. Local 1600 had, as usual, a strong presence; attendees came from Oakton, Morton, Moraine Valley and Prairie State. Additionally, President Perry Buckley and V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate attended the conference.

Friday night’s general session motivational speaker Dawn Mushill, author of the book Customer Service and Beyond, gave an interactive speech that required audience participation. After the PSRP Special Interest Groups continental breakfast meetings on Saturday morning, attendees gathered at the general session where IFT President Ed Geppert urged everyone to vote “NO” on Con-Con [Editor’s note: It failed nearly two-to-one.] After the general session, workshops were held throughout the morning.

Oakton’s Patti Tadda was impressed with the two-day conference. “The workshop topics were very timely,” said Tadda. “My favorite was ‘Time Management’ because, like everyone else, I get overwhelmed at work and I feel like I’m playing “beat-the-clock’ all day,” she added. Other workshops included, “Coping with Conflict,” “Grievance I and II” and “Workplace Violence.”

For the full story and photos of the PSRP event, visit www.ccctu.com

CCCTU Members Learn Their Rights at EEO Workshop

In a continuing effort to provide membership with leadership opportunities, the CCCTU held an Equal Employment Opportunity workshop on Saturday, October 25, at Malcolm X College. Organized by V.P. CCC Sonia Jean Powell, nearly 40 union leaders and members learned the ins and outs of the EEO. CCCTU outside counsel, Jennifer Poltrack, Esq., who has over 17 years experience defending union members in EEO cases, explained the phases of the EEO Complaint Process, offering insights and advice on how best to proceed when a complaint against a member is lodged. After her presentation, an EEO panel discussion ensued, moderated by Local 1600’s in-house lawyer, IFT Field Representative Brenda Pryor.

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THE LEGAL CORNER BY BRENDA D. PRYOR, ESQ.
Your Weingarten Rights – Use Them, Don’t Lose Them!

Dear Union Brothers & Sisters,

I am writing to you today to discuss an issue of critical importance—your Weingarten Rights. Weingarten is a name taken from a Supreme Court decision that guarantees the right of Union members to have representation at investigatory interviews. There are three things that you need to know about Weingarten:

1. You must make a clear request for Union representation before or during the interview and you cannot be punished for making a request for representation.

2. After you make the request, the administrator questioning you must choose from among the following three options: grant your request and delay questioning until the representative arrives and has a chance to consult privately with you; deny your request and end the interview immediately; or give you a choice of having the interview without representation or ending the interview.

3. If the administrator denies your request for Union representation, and continues to ask questions, he/she commits an unfair labor practice and you have a right to refuse to answer. The employer can’t discipline you for such a refusal.

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Illinois Latino Legislators Talk Funding with Local 1600 Leaders

Local 1600’s new Hispanic Legislative Director Patricia Rangel, a well-known attorney in the Latino community as well as a professor of English at Wright College, invited President Perry Buckley to the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus holiday party on Dec. 17 at Carnivale in Chicago.

Rangel had a chat with State Rep. Maria “Toni” Berrios (D, 39th) at the check-in table. Toni Berrios is a former Wright College student who brought up the subject of the need for a new stream of funding for Illinois education as well as for the pensions of all Illinois public employees. Needless to say, both Rangel and Buckley appreciated her concerns. Representative Berrios is the daughter of Commissioner Joseph Berrios of the Board of Review. Commissioner Berrios, who was at the party, is also the first Latino chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party.

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South Sub. Support Staff Urged to “Get Out the Vote”

At the fall luncheon at South Suburban College on Wednesday, October 15, Support Staff Chapter Chair Berdy Kuiken welcomed Local 1600 President Perry Buckley, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate and IFT Field Rep. Brenda Pryor to talk about the upcoming election and other issues. After Bob Pinkerton gave an update on the sick-days bank, Buckley spoke passionately about the proposed Constitutional Convention (“Con Con”) and urged everyone to “tell your family, neighbors, friends and colleagues to vote NO.” Buckley then introduced Jillian Verstrate, the recently elected V.P. Classified, to her constituents.

Verstrate, who had not visited South Suburban College yet, thanked Kuiken for inviting her to the luncheon and complimented the support staff on their five-year contract. “It has the highest annual raises in the union at 5.35%,” Verstrate stated.

Social Chair Irene Ramírez put together two gift baskets that were awarded during the split-shift luncheon at 11:30 and 12:30. Each winner was asked, “What is the name of the Vice President-Classified?” The winners were able to name Jillian Verstrate.

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION:

Learn Spanish online and raise money for COPE at the same time!

Local 1600 has partnered with Command Spanish Online® to provide members and their friends and family access to all Command Spanish Online® courses, including Spanish for the Community, Spanish for Law Enforcement, Spanish for Pharmacy Personnel, Spanish for the Workforce and much more. Normally the course is $99.00, but Local 1600 has been able to get a special rate of $85.00. On top of the discounted price, for every person who takes a course through the Union’s website, the COPE fund receives $15.00. Visit www.ccctu.com to sign up and tell your friends and family.
Moraine Valley Faculty Association Welcomes Buckley and O’Malley

The faculty of Moraine Valley College met on campus on October 23. Chapter Chair Janice Hill discussed some of their growing pains impacted in part by the recently approved referendum. Campus projects coupled with a 10% increase in enrollment have severely impacted parking availability. She also touched on office space relative to building renovation as well as changes in the IRS 403B Plan.

Local 1600 President Perry Buckley highlighted issues in the November 4 election, including a “no” vote on Con-Con and which local legislators Local 1600 was supporting, including Kevin McCarthy (D, 37) and David Miller (D, 29).

New faculty members were introduced and recognized over a plentiful offering of pizza and soft drinks.

Moraine Valley Support Staff Urged to Vote “No” on Con Con

On Friday, October 24, the Moraine Valley Support Staff held its monthly meeting. After Chapter officers gave reports, Chapter Chair Rose Sakanis invited President Perry Buckley to speak briefly about election issues and especially about voting “NO” on “Con Con.” After Buckley spoke, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate, who was introduced by Sakanis as their new V.P. Classified, offered her assistance to the chapter. Finally IFT Representative Brenda Pryor, who was also in attendance, let the members know that if they had a legal question, they could contact her at the union office for quick advice.

Chapter Chair Rose Sakanis calls the Moraine Valley Classified Association October meeting to order.
South Suburban Adjuncts Begin Preparations for New Contract

South Suburban College Adjunct Faculty Association Chair Mark Joseph (right) met with V.P. Suburban Jim O’Malley, Asst. to the President Randy Barnette and IFT Field Rep. Brenda Pryor to begin strategizing about the upcoming contract negotiations. The four met on Thursday, October 30, after a general meeting for the members in which Joseph discussed the preliminary survey results regarding members’ wish list for the next contract and the need to draft by-laws for the Association.

The four agreed to two preliminary steps for approaching the negotiations with SSC management for a new adjunct contract:
1) prepare a prototype "letter of intent" to submit to the SSC administration in the next several weeks; and 2) hold strategy meetings preparatory to opening negotiations.

Dawson Tech, the Little Giant

The "Little Giant That Can" keeps on going, just like the Energizer Bunny. On Halloween, Chapter Chair Rausan Tamir happily called the meeting to order, stating, "This is the most people to attend a meeting in a while and, once new members are incorporated, Dawson Technical Institute may have enough for a delegate!" V.P.CCC Sonia Jean Powell and IFT Field Rep. Brenda Pryor discussed security issues and the related firings at DTI and offered suggestions on how the union can protect jobs. Tamir explained the reorganization of the security and part-time professionals as beneficial to the chapters and to each of the former bargaining units. Finally, it was agreed to meet on Fridays as attendance has increased each time a meeting is held on Friday.

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CAMPUS VISITS

Good Pizza and Conversation at MVFA Meeting

Moraine Valley Adjunct Faculty Association Chair Keith Westland knows the secret to a well-attended meeting: "Good pizza." All kidding aside, the MV Adjuncts came out in force on November 19 to hear the latest campus update from its local leadership as well as news of the CCCTU from President Perry Buckley and V.P. Suburban Faculty Jim O'Malley. After introducing Buckley and O’Malley, Westland presented his leadership team to the members: Asst. Chapter Chair David Burns, Treasurer Bob Russell, Benefits Chair Dennis Ziemann and Grievance Chair Don Stewart. Each officer gave a report focusing on his office. Benefits Chair Ziemann stated, "Almost 25% of eligible members have opted to receive health insurance which, normally, is less than 5%." V.P. O’Malley offered his assistance whenever needed, noting that he is "hard-core union."

Olive-Harvey Chapter Discusses ‘Weingarten Rights’

President Perry Buckley addresses Olive-Harvey faculty and professionals regarding work-related issues

Olive-Harvey Chapter Chair Rochelle Robinson-Dukes called an end-of-the-semester meeting on December 9 to discuss work rules and disciplinary issues that had arisen on the campus. She invited President Perry Buckley and IFT Field Rep. and in-house lawyer Brenda Pryor to clarify what the union can do and what members can expect. Before introducing Buckley to start the meeting, Robinson-Dukes distributed photocopies of the work rules because “they’re not in the contract, yet every disciplinary meeting begins with violations of the work rules.”

President Buckley began by mentioning that many District decisions are now coming out of the Law and Human Resources Departments, noting, “Sadly it’s a different day downtown [as] the new era of the EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) officers has begun in the CCC.”

Buckley continued, “It used to be a process in which a hearing was held locally and attended by local administrators; now, one is accused and has a hearing downtown, completely bypassing the local level.”
CCC Updates for Harold Washington Chapter

While Social Chair Jesu Estrada welcomed 30 members and poured coffee and served pastries, Chapter Chair Phil Stucky talked to the Harold Washington’s Chapter on Nov. 20. Grievance Chair Art DiVito mentioned that over the years things have changed but he, for one, is still weighing his options before considering retirement. Assistant Chapter Chair Uthman Erogbogbo was one of the last to enter, still attired in his white lab coat.

Stucky opened the meeting with reminders on four issues: residency rules, EEO charges, ethics and supervisors. Stucky also noted that each member has her or his Weingarten rights [See “Pryor,” p. 4] and, if called to a meeting with the college administration, he or she may read them to the administrator BEFORE the meeting starts. One can also assert this right once the meeting has begun if the meeting changes into one that seems to be disciplinary.

President Perry Buckley, fresh from a suburban meeting some distance away, came to the meeting to give emphasis on the same issues and to share the news that on the day after the election, Barack Obama called Buckley and thanked all of the members of Local 1600 for their efforts to help his candidacy. Buckley was overwhelmed. He will be attending the inauguration and escorting his wife, Lillian, to the ball.

For the full story and photos, please visit the website: www.ccctu.com

Your Weingarten Rights continued from page 4

The most important thing you need to know about Weingarten rights is that YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR THEM! Your supervisor doesn’t have to tell you about your rights, and may not even know of them him/herself!

There are many reasons to use your Weingarten rights. Your Union representative can offer advice on how to answer questions; object to intimidating, abusive, or misleading tactics; prevent you from making unhelpful confessions or inordinate outbursts; and insure that the interviewer gives an honest account of what occurred. Please be aware that CCCTU members are being seriously disciplined and even terminated after meetings where they did not ask for Union representation – don’t be one of these people!

"If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal working conditions, I respectfully request that my union representative be present at this meeting. Without representation present, then I choose not to participate in this discussion."

When called into an interview where the outcome could be discipline you have to say this to assert your rights. Please cut this card out and keep it handy.

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“Mame” Thrills Retirees Chapter and Fish Stories

At the Retirees Chapter luncheon at Drury Lane Theatre on Oct. 29, Chapter Chair Norm Swenson, Asst. Chair Frank Pokin, and Treasurer Pier Rosellini greeted the early members—Jean Watkins, Effie Tyler and Jean Watkins, formerly of the Dawson contingent—with a smile. Everyone was anticipating a few laughs and some good tunes from the musical “Mame.” Soon, Jay Singelmann appeared and got a laugh from the rarely dour Pokin. V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate and Assistant to the President Randy Barnette made their first appearances at a Retirees Chapter theater luncheon.

One of the hits of the luncheon was V.P. Suburban Faculty Jim O’ Malley in his bass fishing shirt. O’Malley represented the bass fishermen of the state of Illinois at the BASS Federation Nation Championship Tournament on Lake Milford in Junction City, Kansas, the first week in November.

See the BASS Federation Nation website for O’Malley’s full story as well as www.ccctu.com for the rest of this story.

Retiree Asst. Chapter Chair Frank Pokin breaks into a laugh thanks to Jay Singelmann.

Effie Tyler, Dorothy Zukowski and Jean Watkins, formerly of the Dawson Chapter, relax before “Mame” began.

CCCTU-Endorsed Candidates Sweep into Office continued from front page

There was an immense effort put forth by our officers to help elect Walker. Secretary Pat Wenthold ran phone banks with her volunteers from Harper College. V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate worked her first campaign as vice president and her mighty band of volunteers from Oakton walked precincts. Legislative Director Linda Murphy and her students from Wright College worked 14 hours manning the polls on Election Day.

“The CCCTU has pulled off many upsets in the past: Debbie Halvorson (now Congressman-elect Halvorson), Kevin McCarthy, Lisa Hernandez, Dan Kotowski and now Mark Walker all remember that it was our union that thrust them into office,” said Naegele. “Thanks for all of your efforts. Thanks, too, for making Local 1600 number one in per capita COPE contributions in the entire AFT,” added Naegele.

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**Kennedy-King Chapter Rings in the Holiday Season**

The KKC Chapter celebrated the holiday season with its annual holiday party at the House of Harambee on December 5, the same night and location as Olive-Harvey’s party. Chapter Chair Arlicia Corley and Social Committee Chair Pamela Cannamore organized a plentiful feast, an open bar and d.j, for music for both during and after dinner. A fantastic time was had by all.

**Morton Classified Party Was a Culinary Delight**

The food at Hackney’s in Palos Park was exceptional at the Morton Classified Holiday Party on Dec. 5. Certain gourmets were having seconds and thirds of the Waldorf salad.

Chapter Chair Tim Visk and Treasurer Reuben Ruiz came a half-hour before the event to set it up to everyone’s satisfaction. House Delegate Richie Pawlak and Vice President Eric Porod had been helpful too. Though Porod couldn’t attend the event, the fifty folks who did had a great time.

President Perry Buckley, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate, Legislative Chair Bill Naegle, Secretary Pat Wenthold, Assistant to the President Randy Barnette and Field Representative Brenda Pryor made the trip to the far south side with no complaints after they sampled the goodies served. Good fellowship filled the air.

**More photos at www.ccctu.com**
First Olive-Harvey Chapter Holiday Party a Hit

For the first time in years, the Olive-Harvey Chapter celebrated the holiday season on December 5 with its soon-to-be annual holiday party. "I'd like to thank all of you for making Olive-Harvey College's first holiday party a success," said Chapter Chair Rochelle Robinson-Dukes. President Perry Buckley, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate, Legislative Chair Bill Naegele and IFT Rep. Brenda Pryor stopped by the party at the House of Harambee at 11901 S. Loomis later in the evening, after they had already been to two other holiday parties. "It's been a busy night," said Naegele, "but well worth it. We enjoy celebrating with our colleagues." President Buckley added, "I believe with all my heart that social events like this can cure many, if not most, of the ills we sometimes have working with stress and pressure. It is not that we are distrustful of each other; we are just disconnected from each other. When we get to know each other, talk to each other, socialize with each other, [then] good things happen."

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"When we get to know each other, talk to each other, socialize with each other, [then] good things happen."

—President Perry Buckley

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Malcolm X Chapter Rocks the Holiday House

The lights were dimmed at the Malcolm X Cultural Center for the MX Chapter’s Holiday Party—Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukah, whatever you chose to celebrate—the music was loud and the beverages were cool on Dec. 10. In the early part of the evening, Chapter Chair William Stewart, Jr. greeted everyone who was sampling the dinner buffet. Shortly thereafter, Local 1600 President Perry Buckley, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate plus IFT Field Representative Brenda Pryor made the rounds of the tables, accompanied for a time by MX President Ghingo Brooks and MX V.P. Kelly O’Malley.

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A group of union and CCC leaders joined the happy members: from left, IFT Field Rep. Brenda Pryor, President Perry Buckley, MX V.P. Kelly O’Malley, MX President Ghingo Brooks, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate, and MX Chapter Chair William Stewart.

Triton Faculty Chapter Enjoys the Holiday

The Triton College Faculty Chapter held its annual holiday extravaganza at Villa Brunetti Banquets in Franklin Park on Thursday, Dec. 11. Local 1600 officers and staffers attending the event were V.P. Suburban Faculty (and Triton retiree) Jim O’Malley, Secretary Pat Wenthold, Assistant to the President Randy Barnette and IFT Field Rep. Brenda Pryor.

Though disguised as an association meeting, most of the time was spent spreading holiday cheer amongst the TCFA membership and representatives of Local 1600.

Chapter Chair Debra Baker and her team—Lesa Hildebrand, Stu Sikora and Sandra Hughes—wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Baker also announced that Ric Segovia had earned tenure in the Fine Arts/Theater Department. Congratulations, Ric!
HOLIDAY PARTIES

South Suburban Support Staff Celebrate the Holidays

The South Suburban College Support Staff celebrated good contracts this holiday season at the Warsaw Inn in Lynwood on December 12. President Perry Buckley, V.P. Classified Jillian Verstrate, Treasurer Don Radtke, Secretary Pat Wenthold and Field Representative Brenda Pryor represented Local 1600 at the banquet.

More photos at www.ccctu.com

Pro-Techs Party Ducks No Issues

When questions were raised about “outsourcing” in the Information Technology area, IFT Field Rep Brenda Pryor was called upon for comments. She also got into the area of Weingarten Rights (see page 4), a member’s right to not discuss any subject in a meeting with an administrator that might be the topic of a future evaluation without a union representative present. For the full story, visit www.ccctu.com

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Perry Buckley Worked for Obama in Dayton, Ohio

Local 1600 President Perry Buckley spent the week before and including the November 4th presidential election in Dayton, Ohio. As part of an AFT contingency, Buckley knocked on doors, made phone calls, and served as an IFT and AFT spokesman for the press.

"The national labor movement has sent scores of union members to the southwest section of Ohio to get the Union vote out," said Buckley via email. "Our member-to-member initiative is intended to avoid a repeat of the last two elections where George Bush managed to win the state in spite of a huge union presence here.

"We are especially working on getting people to vote early as there were thousands of people in 2004 who were still standing in line when the polls closed."

The IFT sent a very large group of volunteers. PSRP Chair Marcia Boone headed a group in Cincinnati. Sue Walters and Sharon Teffey worked out of the Dayton AFL-CIO headquarters. Buckley worked out of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers headquarters.

"It is amazing to see out brothers and sisters all working here as one," said Buckley. "There are representatives from virtually every union in the

Members in Action

There were many volunteers from the CCCTU who helped to elect our endorsed candidates. Voice correspondent and photographer Bob Blackwood spent Election Day observing some of our members in action. His recollections are below.

I saw Linda Murphy working a polling place yesterday in the late afternoon at Richard Byrd School in Elk Grove Village. There were many signs placed by the sidewalk for Dan Kotowski and Mark Walker and a few for the opposition, but there was a lot of ground to cover from the large parking space to the relatively small entrance to the polling place. Murphy was up to it. She moved fast when she spotted a voter, and she caught them with the smile on her face and a leaflet in her hand before she was within 100 feet of the polling place.

Pat Wenthold, on the other hand, had a tiny area to cover at precinct 55 in Elk Grove Village in the back of an apartment complex. For the usual reasons, there weren’t very many folks there in the late afternoon until after 5:15, but Wenthold was there anyway. She said about her experience after leaving the polling place: “As for Mark Walker, when I had to leave his office last night while his opponent was still ahead, Mark was still cool and unflappable, nibbling on sausage and cheese, and continuing to smile and encourage his workers. His campaign manager, Mike Cassidy, didn’t have the same calm as he added precinct tape totals. It simply didn’t look good. I stayed as long as I could, and Mark thanked me a number of times. I heard the election called for Barack on my drive home, but I didn’t know Mark’s fate until early this morning. How sweet for him, his lovely family, his district, and for us. We have gained another hard-working legislative friend from the northwest suburbs. Yeah!”

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It was a long day that ended for me by catching a photo of Assistant to the President Randy Barnette fulfilling his Democratic Committeeman responsibilities with his pal, James Cantillon, by closing down the 47th precinct of Barnette’s 39th Ward. Afterwards, Barnette held a party at Monastero’s Restaurant on Devon Avenue for precinct workers and some of Linda Murphy’s students that was hosted by both Barnette and his wife, Alderman Margie Laurino. I left the party early to rest my feet and watch the returns on cable television into the early morning hours. It seemed like the longest day in the 21st century, but it had a happy ending.

Legislative Director Linda Murphy moved fast when she had to hand out Mark Walker leaflets in Elk Grove Village.

Pat Wenthold had less ground to cover at her precinct in Elk Grove Village, and she faced the tedium of the long hours with a smile.

Perry Buckley gets out the vote to residents of Dayton, Ohio.