

Get Involved! CSEA Election Phone Banks

What is Phone Banking?

CSEA Political Action Committees (PACs) are composed of dedicated real workers such as you, at every level of the union, and they work hard to interview, select, and endorse Labor Friendly candidates who will work to save our jobs. In addition, they set up Phone Banks at CSEA union halls all over New York State in the weeks leading up to Election Day. **This is where YOU, the CSEA Members, can do your part to participate in political action by joining other Members in Phone Banking activities.**

Activist Members arrive to the CSEA union hall after work, meet other CSEA members, and discuss what to do over a light dinner. If you have never done Phone Banking before, don't be afraid. **It is very easy, and others who have done it before will be there to guide you. You will be calling other CSEA members just like you! You will not be calling total strangers.** You and they have similar concerns regarding issues - such as keeping our jobs intact. After the third call, you will be confident and an expert on the process!

CSEA produces printouts of Members who live in an area where important elections are taking place, which include their phone numbers. The CSEA union hall will have phones available for everyone participating, as well as a pre-printed "short script". It is direct and explains the importance of voting for an endorsed candidate who will be labor friendly and will support CSEA members and their families. You may of course modify what you say to suit your conversational style.



If a member is not at home, the short message is left on their answering machine. It is important that we leave a message as a reminder, stressing the importance of voting for the endorsed candidate.

The CSEA Phone Banks for Election Day 2011 in Westchester County will take place at the **CSEA Local 860 Offices at 595 West Hartsdale Avenue in White Plains**. As indicated above, not only will you be provided with a light dinner and beverages, you will also be reimbursed mileage from your office to the union hall and from there to your home for participating. There is also plenty of free, safe parking.

Consider volunteering an hour or two of your time, for your fellow union Members, AND YOUR FAMILY. This is the most important election of your career with Westchester County.

OUR JOBS DEPEND ON THIS ELECTION!

Call the CSEA Office at **(914) 995-2151** for dates and times available.