

IAM District 26 **Seniors in Action!**



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NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS:

Region # 1 DATE: Thursday September 7, 2006.
TIME: Executive Board 10;30pm. Membership 12pm.
Place: District 26 Union Hall, Kensington, Ct.

RAFFLE: IAM District # 26 Seniors In Action will hold its Fund raising Raffle at this meeting.

1 st Prize	\$200.
2 nd Prize	50.
3 rd Prize	IAM Pocket Watch
4 th Prize	IAM Ladies Watch

REGION # 2 DATE: Tuesday September 5, 2006
TIME: Executive Board 11am. Membership 1pm.
Place: Union Hall Main Street East Hartford, CT.

REGION #3 DATE: Wednesday September 13, 2006
TIME: 10am
Place: Union Hall, Middletown, Ct.

We sincerely hope that you were able to rest and enjoy this Summer. With the world going to hell in a hand basket, gasoline soaring prices, with food, electricity and heating prices reaching for the stars, medical and health cost bursting at the seams, we certainly have our work cut out for us.

IMPORTANT: Yes it's important that you attend your next IAM Seniors in Action regional meeting. Your attendance, input and action are necessary if we are going to do anything to turn this current mess around. **BRING A FRIEND>**

DONUT HOLE

MEDICARE PART D KICKS IN:

Thousand of Seniors have reached the DONUT HOLE, under Nancy Johnson's new prescription Drug bill Medicare Part D.

Webster defines a hole as:

“ An opening into or through something”, “A wretched place.

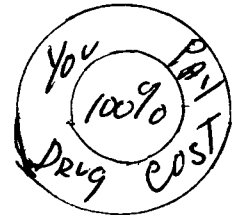
He was right. Nancy's DONUT HOLE is an opening for Seniors to pay 100% of the cost of their prescription drugs, through their wallets and pocketbooks and it is a wretched place. We really shouldn't let them hang this rap on the Donut, its really a loophole to shift Drug Cost to each and everyone of us who have reached this loophole threshold.



Medicare Part D is Nancy Johnson's Bill.

Medicare Part D is the Insurance Company's Bill.

Medicare Part D is the Drug Company's Bill.



WE PAY THEY PLAY

Our message to Nancy. Medicare Part D needs more than fine tuning. It needs to be replaced with a bill that is fully administered and paid for by Medicare and free from privatization give a ways. You need to be replaced before you walk all of us to the poor house.

CHANGE THE LAW

The labor laws need to be changed so that our union negotiated benefits, health Insurance, and Pension for retirees are subject to collective bargaining and contract protection. Too many of our retired brothers and sisters have seen their benefits wiped away when their former employers discontinued their benefits or had them cancelled by the courts in bankruptcy proceeding.

We need to rally support for this change in the law, with our seniors, with other unions, with other senior groups, with our friends, with our unions and our elected officials. It's time to use the ballot box to help ourselves. Our Insurance and Pension benefits are under attack every day by employers who want to shed themselves from negotiated benefits.

Recently an Energy C.O. gave himself a 400 million dollar pension. Guess where the money is coming from?

The recent pension reform bill that was passed by the Senate does little to secure your pension. It does nothing to stop employers from cost shifting, to us, or to the government.

We've allowed ourselves to be placed in this position by letting our Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of our government water down what 100% Pension funding means just like we let them water down what products are allowed to be put into a hot dog. Either way it's crap.

ARE WE BETTER OFF?

One key yardstick we use to help in making our choice of elected officials is to ask ARE WE BETTER OFF than we were before the last election. When asked this question one voter in the 5th congressional district said NO.

MY TAXES ARE HIGHER
MY PURCHASING POWER IS LESS
MY MEDICAL COVERAGE IS LESS AND MY COST IS HIGHER
MY GAS FOR MY CAR IS OUT OF SIGHT
MY HEATING BILL ALMOST DOUBLED
MY ELECTRIC BILL HAS MORE UNKNOWN ADD ONS THAT
HA'VE SKYROCKED MY BILL.

My Congresswoman gave herself a big raise to help her pay for these increases but I didn't get one.

It's time for a change, We need new leadership. Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate leadership have done nothing to assist us in stemming this ever escalating tide that's sweeping more and more of our seniors into greater poverty. .Billions and Billions for Fraud and wasteful spending for Hurricane Katrina and the Iraq war, not a drop for us.

Come November 7th I'm voting for a change. Change so more of my tax dollars will go to help the poor, the needed and the seniors in this country.

MY NAME IS IAM DISTRICT # 26 SENIORS IN ACTION AND I APPROVE THIS MESSAGE.

TEST

This test should be taken on the basis of Nancy Johnson's voting record on the issues and not on what she says in her T.V. sound bites.

WAS NANCY'S VOTE ON:

	Right	Wrong
Medicare Part D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Right	Wrong
Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Right	Wrong
Social Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Right	Wrong
Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Right	Wrong
Taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you better off for her votes on these issues? Was Nancy Johnson

	Right	Wrong
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete this test and return it to:

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