



## Contribute to the CTU Solidarity Fund

The Chicago Teachers Union is currently on the front lines of a fight to defend public education. On one side the 30,000 members of the CTU have called for a contract that includes fair compensation, meaningful job security for qualified teachers, smaller class sizes and a better school day with Art, Music, World Language and appropriate staffing levels to help our neediest students.

On the other side, the Chicago Board of Education—which is managed by out of town reformers and Broad Foundation hires with little or no Chicago public school experience—has pushed to add two weeks to the school year and 85 minutes to the school day, eliminate pay increases for seniority, evaluate teachers based on student test scores, and slash many other rights.

Teachers, parents and community supporters in Chicago have fought valiantly—marching, filling auditoriums at hearings and parent meetings, even occupying a school and taking over a school board meeting. Most recently, 98 percent of our members voted to authorize a strike. But now we find ourselves facing new opponents—national education privatizers, backed by some of the nation’s wealthiest people. They are running radio ads, increasing press attacks, and mounting a PR campaign to discredit the CTU and the benefits of public education.

We are asking you to support our struggle for educational justice. You and your organization can show your support by making contribution to our Solidarity Fund. All donations will be used to conduct broad outreach throughout Chicago and nation-wide. Specifically, we plan to print educational materials, to distribute information about our positive agenda, such as the CTU report [The Schools Chicago Students Deserve](#), and to mobilize massive support for educators in rallies and gatherings throughout the city. Any amount you can give will be a great help. You can donate using your credit card below or write a check to the “Chicago Teachers Union Solidarity Fund” and mail it directly to the Chicago Teachers Union Solidarity Fund, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois 60654. If your organization or union would like to write a letter or resolution of solidarity, we would very much appreciate it.

Thank you for your support.

In Solidarity,

Karen GJ Lewis, NBCT  
CTU President



ATU Supports Teacher's Union Rally on Labor Day 2012

## Solidarity

Alice Cooper made lots of money singing “Schools Out,” but the negotiations between the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Teachers Union is no laughing matter.

ATU thanks everyone that has participated with rallying. We will stand by our friends not only in word, but also in action. Karen Lewis and the Chicago Teachers Union has stood (and will continue to stand) with ATU Local 241 during our struggles, and we will do the same. Now, it’s time to go beyond the surface and give meaning to our words, it’s time to take ACTION!

A letter from Karen Lewis, President of the Chicago Teachers Union, is asking for assistance in the form of contributions to the CTU Solidarity Fund. [See letter on this page.](#)



Herbert Kwilinski and Brenda Richmond  
Assistant to the Trustees

**MEMBERS REMEMBER:**  
You don't have to wait  
to renew your CDL,  
you have one year  
before it expires to  
renew your license.  
**RENEW NOW**

## FMLA In Your Work Place

By: Marvin Jacobs

### MEMBERS BE AWARE!

The Chicago Transit Authority is violating our rights in the area of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

These violations include discipline, up to and including discharges. In addition to filing Grievances in order to address these violations, the Grievance Committee is assisting our Members with filing complaints with the U.S. Department of Labor.

We encourage any and all members who suffer any form of discipline resulting from the FMLA to contact your Union Representative or the Grievance Committee in order to file a Grievance.

The Grievance Committee will help facilitate the filing of FMLA complaints with the U.S. Department of Labor.

# NEWEST ADDITIONS TO ASSISTANT TO TRUSTEE

In April and May of 2012, the Trustee's to ATU Local 241 assigned the following union members as Assistants to the Trustee. Roger Love (103<sup>rd</sup> Street Garage-Transportation), Gail Calloway (Clerks-System Wide-Transportation), Herbert Kwilinski (Chicago Avenue Garage-Transportation) and Brenda Richmond (Chicago Avenue-Transportation).

**Roger Love** is currently working full-time as a bus operator at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Garage. He enjoys helping out all the operators at his work location. With his prior labor experience, he is dedicated to gain the confidence of his coworkers. Love endured an 8-month layoff, yet during this time he stayed a "True Blue Blood Union Man." Brother Love has participated in many labor rallies and marches. If you don't see Roger before a shift, during his swing, or after his shift, you can contact him at (773) 977-9975.

**Gail Calloway** has worked for the Chicago Transit Authority for over 34 years. Gail began her career as a bus operator and later decided to become a clerk. Sister Calloway says one of her goals as an Assistant To The Trustee is "to help." With all of her years of experience, she is a welcome addition to Local 241. If you are a transportation clerk that works at one of the 7 CTA locations and needs to contact Gail Calloway, please call her at (773) 703-5919.

**Herbert Kwilinski** has been a bus operator for 11 years. He worked his first 2 years as a part-timer and the last 9 years as a full-time operator. Herbert has been indirectly involved with the membership prior to becoming an Assistant To The Trustee. Brother Kwilinski has and continues to post on the two unofficial 241 Facebook pages; various news stories from numerous media outlets that include television reports, newspaper articles, and press releases that all contain helpful information related to our job. He wants to help build Local 241 to a strong and self-sufficient union and is hoping for a good outcome to the current contract negotiation. If you are a bus operator that works out of Chicago Avenue Garage and need to contact Herbert Kwilinski, please call (773) 531-4182.

**Brenda Richmond** has been a bus operator since 1995. She has worked her whole CTA career at either Archer Garage or Chicago Avenue Garage. Brenda was appointed as an Assistant to the Trustee in May of 2012 and has been representing the bus operators at Chicago Avenue since then. Sister Richmond enjoys helping and working with everyone at her work location. Brenda feels that information is important to everyone and she will do her best to provide it to all the Brothers and Sisters at Chicago Avenue .