

ConnectiCOSH

CT COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH

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Sisters and Brothers,

At our annual awards night each year, ConnectiCOSH honors individuals who have worked to ensure that workers are safe by advocating for workers and fighting hard for safer workplaces and justice on the job. This year ConnectiCOSH's Annual Awards Night Dinner will be held on May 12, 2023, at the **Casa Mia at the Hawthorne Inn, 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT**, at 6:00.

ConnectiCOSH will honor **Ralph Nader** as the recipient of the **Ed Eagan-Jeff Janusonis Award**. While Ralph is best known for his consumer, environmental and political activism, he was also instrumental in the passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. His work with Tony Mazzocchi and other prominent labor leaders was the driving force behind passage of the OSH Act in 1970. In 1971, he and Dr. Sidney Wolfe founded the Public Citizen Health Research Group which is still advocating to this day for worker health and safety. Ralph continues to support workers as is seen by his recent comments during the pandemic concerning the need to “revive OSHA’s lifesaving mission.”

Stephen Mooser will receive the **Irving J. Selikoff-Matthew Shafner Award**. Steve has dedicated his life to the prevention of work-related illness and injuries through extensive training programs, material development, and the expansion and administration of multi-disciplinary Occupational Medicine Clinics dedicated to the compassionate care and protection of workers impacted by their exposures to workplace hazards. Since his retirement as the Director of Health and Safety of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU/UFCW), Steve has been a very active National COSH Advisor and serves as a board member and Treasurer of ConnectiCOSH.

This year we are presenting **Richard (Chick) McCombs** with an **Exemplary Career Award**. Chick has been active in health and safety since 1979. In the early 1980’s he was assigned to the Metal Trades Council (MTC) Safety Committee. At that time the MTC represented over 20,000 shipyard workers at General Dynamics. Chick served on that committee for a short time and then joined the committee again in 1988, where he served for over 10 years before becoming President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 261. He continues to hold this position today. Chick also served as a member of the ConnectiCOSH Advisory Board for many years as well.

We are honored to present **Jacqueline Bayas** with the **Marcia Trapé Memorial Award**. Jacqueline is an immigrant from Ecuador who has worked as a Domestic Worker since immigrating to the US. She quickly became active with the Naugatuck Valley Project Domestic Worker Organization, Comunidad de Trabajadores Domésticos Unidos and shortly after became a leader of other Domestic Workers in their fight for basic labor rights. She was instrumental in passing a bill for Domestic Workers during 2021's legislative session that established a state minimum wage and the right to negotiate a written job description with their employers.

Some of the projects ConnectiCOSH is working on this year include:

- Participated and presented in various Worker Memorial Day events as a member of the CT AFL-CIO Health and Safety Committee,
- Reduce toxic exposures in workplaces and consumer products as a member of the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut,
- Support and guide injured workers as part of the Injured Workers Project funded by Embry, Neusner, Arscott & Shafner,
- Partner with the Naugatuck Valley Project to educate Domestic Workers about the chemical hazards that they encounter in their workplaces,
- Help to educate employers, young workers, their families and mentors about young worker safety and employer requirements for employing young workers as part of the CT Young Worker Health & Safety Team,
- Leadership trainings in partnership with the SEIU 1199 and National COSH,
- Safety trainings in partnership with the New England Consortium
- Training on many other Health and Safety Topics with jobs programs and members of underserved populations.

Many local unions and businesses get involved in sponsoring this important labor event by purchasing an ad in our ad book. This funding allows us to continue doing the work that is necessary to improve health, safety and environmental conditions in our workplaces and communities.

Although your ads support our work financially, we really look forward to seeing our members attend this annual event that celebrates the accomplishments of the awardees who have worked so hard to provide safer workplaces for all of us.

In Solidarity,
Your friends at ConnectiCOSH

ConnectiCOSH Awards Night Banquet

May 12, 2023 – 6:00

**Casa Mia at the Hawthorne Inn
2421 Berlin Turnpike
Berlin, CT**

Tickets: \$40.00/person

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Number attending _____

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