Snapshots of Local Labor Activities in 2002

1. Long Island workers demonstrated at Wal-Mart’s Uniondale store on November 21st as part of the People’s Campaign for Justice at Wal-Mart, pressuring the giant corporation to offer opportunities to union representation. [Photo by Michael Fitts-Wade]

2. NYC Transit workers march across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall on the final night of December 19th to demand a new contract. [Photo by Gregory Deuel]
3. Herbert Brown, Deputy County Executive of Nassau County, speaks at the Holme conference on "Rebuilding New York: Labor, Community & Economic Revival" on March 13th. Other speakers included L. to R.: Robert Caffrey, County Executive of Suffolk County; Cheryl Snyder-George, Director of PRI.E.P. and Dr. Nare Pally, Research Director at the Institute for Worker Education, CLCNY. The conference, organized by the Labor Studies Program and the Center for the Study of Labor and Democracy, addressed the historic challenges facing New York working families in early 2002.

4. Hector Pignone, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 32BJ, Service Employees International Union, speaks at the "Rebuilding New York" conference on his union's efforts to prevent the threatened job loss of building service workers and to organize thousands more in its "Justice for Janitors" campaign. Katherine Wylok, Director of the New York City Partnership, also spoke on the panel (seated left).

[photo by Vanessa Face]
1. Long Island workers demonstrate at Wal-Mart’s Uniondale store on November 21st as part of the People’s Campaign for Justice at Wal-Mart, protesting the giant corporation’s fierce opposition to union representation. [photo by Michael Ross Wacht]

2. NYC Transit workers march across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall on the frigid night of December 16th to demand a new contract [photo by Gregory DeFreitas]

3. Hezekiah Brown, Deputy County Executive of Nassau County, spoke at Hofstra’s conference on: “Rebuilding New York: Labor, Community & Economic Revival” on March 15th. Other speakers included (L to R): Robert Gaffney, County Executive of Suffolk County; Cheryl Smyler-George, Director of P.R.E.P.; and Dr. Niev Duffy, Research Director at the Institute for Worker Education, CUNY. The conference, organized by the Labor Studies Program and by the Center for the Study of Labor & Democracy, addressed the historic challenges facing New York working families in early 2002: massive destruction in lower Manhattan, region-wide government deficits and a national wartime recession. [photo by Vanessa Baez]

4. Hector Figueroa, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 32BJ, Service Employees International Union, spoke at the “Rebuilding New York” conference on his union’s efforts to protect the threatened jobs of building service workers and to organize thousands more in its “Justice for Janitors” campaign. [photo by Vanessa Baez]

5. Jimmy Breslin, nationally syndicated columnist and best-selling author, spoke at the March 15th conference on his new book about death on the Brooklyn workplace death of a Mexican immigrant worker. Irma Solis of The Workplace Project, the Hempstead-based immigrant organizing and advocacy organization, spoke on the impacts of the Sept. 11 attacks and the recession on the low-wage foreign born on Long Island. [photo by Vanessa Baez]

6. Charles Kernaghan, Director of the U.S. National Labor Committee, spoke at Hofstra on September 17 on “The New Fight Against Sweatshops and Child Labor in the Global Economy.” His organization has led campaigns exposing systematic violations of human and worker rights in Chinese factories making Mattel toys, in Disney’s clothing plants in Bangladesh, in Alcoa factories in Mexico, and in Nicaraguan factories supplying Kmart and Wal-Mart. His talk was presented by the Labor Studies Program and by the Center for the Study of Labor & Democracy. [photo by Daniel Golebiewski]