

# **Legislative Director Report: North Cook/Lake County**

Gerri Songer – *April 2019*

## **Saturday March 23, 2019**

Attended Citizen Advocacy Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner, *Building Democracy Together* in Lombard. Keynote speaker, former IL Governor Pat Quinn, described how he utilized CAC services while in office ([www.citizenadvocacycenter.org](http://www.citizenadvocacycenter.org)).

## **Tuesday April 2, 2019**

Attended Rail Workers' United Social in Maywood. Discussed working conditions of rail workers and the negative impact derailments involving hazardous materials could have on high density public areas such as our schools. Met and spoke with Bruce Campbell, author of *The Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster: Public Betrayal, Justice Denied* and former Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, one of Canada's leading independent think tanks (<https://www.amazon.com/Lac-M%C3%A9gantic-Rail-Disaster-Betrayal-Justice/dp/1459413415>).

## **Wednesday April 3, 2019**

Presented in Lincolnshire at the United Autoworkers' Union Hall, *Rail Disaster: Could It Happen Here?* This event was hosted by Rail Workers United. I addressed the local impact of transporting and storing hazardous materials.

## **Springfield Lobby Day**

Contacted State legislators regarding Lobby Day and about the need to reschedule.