



Matt - here is your April, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early-March):

### **[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)**

To celebrate Women's History Month, we highlighted a nurse who believes our communities "need a lot more women going into civic roles." [Click here to meet a healthcare union leader who successfully ran for local political office in her home town.](#)

### **[Resisting Politicians' Attacks on Collective Bargaining](#)**

Union members in late March turned out by the thousands to defeat "offensive legislation that threatens a voice for all working people." [Click here for a report-back from the State Capitol where public employees spearheaded a fight to protect fundamental rights.](#)

### **[Supporting the Global Defense of Public Services](#)**

Union leaders from Connecticut in late March represented our state and nation at a Public Services International (PSI) inter-Americas conference in Brazil. [Click here to watch a probation officer show solidarity at a demonstration opposing privatization in Rio de Janeiro.](#)

### **[Bringing the "Better Choices" Message to Our Legislators](#)**

In local communities throughout March, union members brought their questions, concerns and demands direct to their elected representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly. [Click here for photos of area lawmakers hearing from members and leaders at the Hartford regional legislative meeting.](#)

## [Taking Action for Judicial Checks and Balances](#)

Ahead of confirmation hearings for President Donald Trump's high court pick, union members in mid March urged action by Connecticut's U.S. senators. [Click here for a report on efforts to call for tough questions of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch.](#)

## [Instructors Win Union Recognition](#)

Classroom instructors at EASTCONN in mid March received good news when the regional educational service center's administration agreed to voluntarily recognize their union. [Click here for a photo of organizing committee members celebrating the big win for themselves and their students.](#)

## [Promoting Solutions to the Student Debt Crisis](#)

Union members in early March came to Hartford to back a legislative proposal to help increase access to federal loan forgiveness services. [Click here for a photo of a technical high school teacher urging lawmakers act to help reduce student debt.](#)

## [Celebrating a National Union Scholarship Winner](#)

Ahead of the application deadline for AFT's 2017 Porter Scholars Program we highlighted a local union member awarded a grant last year. [Click here to meet a teacher in Bristol and hear how she applied the funds towards her continuing education.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- April 8 - 11: [Regional Legislative Meetings](#)
- April 11: [Intro to Excel Spreadsheets Training](#)
- April 18: [D.U.E. Justice Coalition Tax Day Rally for Budget Justice](#)
- April 22: [First Book Delivery to Norwalk Families](#)
- April 28: [CT AFL-CIO Capitol Workers Memorial Day Ceremony](#)
- April 29: [People's Climate Movement March for Climate, Jobs & Justice](#)
- May 1: [#UnionProud Campaign Social Media Share](#)
- May 9: [Legal Issues Training for Teachers & Paras](#)
- May 13: [AFT Connecticut 70th Annual Business Convention](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: [Discounts on Gifts & Flowers](#)