



Matt - here is your August, 2015 e-newsletter (with updates since late-July):

[Vote for the "Meriden Miracle"](#)

Meriden teachers have the opportunity to present their story of "collaboration, not confrontation" with school administrators at the 2016 SXSWedu conference and festival in Austin, Texas. [Click here to learn more and to vote to make union voices heard in the "panel picker" competition.](#)

["Shatter the Silence" in Health Workplaces](#)

The latest in the series of conferences on reducing workplace violence was hosted by our University Health Professionals (UHP) union and addressed issues impacting healthcare workers. [Click here to watch and share a brief video with highlights from the event.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

In recognition of National Health Center Week (NHCW), we reported-back from an event where Licensed Professionals at Community Health Services (LPACHS) union members provided free dental and medical services. [Click here to meet caregivers who demonstrate how "together, we become like a family" with their patients and their community.](#)

[Speaking Out for Retirement Security](#)

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Medicare's launch union leaders urged a recommitment to "defending and strengthening" the vital program. [Click here to read and share the op-ed by AFT Connecticut Executive Vice-President John Brady and Vice-President for Nurses and Health Professionals Lisa D'Abrosca.](#)

[SEBAC v. Rowland Hearing Set](#)

Final approval of the settlement in the lawsuit over the former governor's illegal retaliation against state employee union members will follow a court hearing on October 1. [Click here for the latest and to access the worksite notice announcing the court date.](#)

[Halting Painful Cuts to Vital Patient Care](#)

By mobilizing their community, members of our unions representing the nurses and caregivers at Windham Hospital moved management to negotiate the impact of threatened cuts. [Click here to learn more and add your name to the petition to demand patients before profits in Eastern Connecticut.](#)

[Taking on Structural Racism](#)

Our national union's Racial Equity Task Force, organized in part to tear down "barriers to equitable opportunities for black men and boys," held its inaugural meeting. [Click here for a report-back from AFT Connecticut Vice-President for Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel \(PSRPs\) Shellye Davis.](#)

[Progress in Public Policy](#)

The 2015 legislative session on July 20 officially adjourned and the list of bills advocated by AFT Connecticut and our allies that have been signed into law is extensive. [Click here to access a summary of wins at the State Capitol and learn more about our legislative program.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- September 4: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2nd Annual Labor Day Breakfast](#)
- September 7: [Newtown Labor Day Parade](#)
- September 8: [Local Leaders Communications Training - General Strategy](#)
- September 15: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Websites](#)
- September 16: [Municipal Primary Election Day](#)
- September 29: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Email](#)
- October 1: ["How to Strengthen & Run a Local Union" Workshop](#)
- October 20: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Social Media](#)
- October 29 - 30: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2015 Constitutional Convention](#)
- October 29: [ULA Reception/Fundraiser & Awards Ceremony](#)
- November 7: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)

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