



Affiliated Union Member - here is your August, 2018 e-newsletter (with updates since early July):

[Getting Out the Union Vote on August 14th](#) *

Members of affiliated locals have been "all in" for the Connecticut AFL-CIO's "Labor 2018" efforts in the run up to this year's Primary Election. [Click here for a photo of activists preparing to visit union households and advocate for labor-endorsed candidates.](#)

[Sharing How the "U and I in Union" Protects Our Jobs](#)

A UConn information technology professional's experience illustrates the value of both a strong union contract and solidarity in the workplace when jobs are on the line. [Click here to meet a higher education support staffer whose colleagues stepped up to "have my layoff rescinded."](#)

[Keeping the Election Focused on the Issues](#) *

Union activists this month continued engaging with the candidates who've earned our state federation's endorsement to further advocate for policies important to working families. [Click here for photos of a meeting where our choice for attorney general heard from public employee members.](#)

[Recognizing Our Own "AFT Heroes"](#)

Local members were in mid July honored at our national union's convention for volunteering this spring on a relief mission to the U.S. Virgin Islands. [Click here for our report on the five Backus Hospital nurses who learned "how big our union is."](#)

[Taking Our "U and I in Union" Message Nationwide](#)

Over 120 delegates from Connecticut were among the more than 3,000 from across the country to gather in Pittsburgh for AFT's four-day biennial convention. [Click here for photos of local leaders engaged in a variety of activities aimed at strengthening our movement.](#)

[Continuing Connecticut Leadership at the National Level](#)

Our state federation president was at the convention re-elected to serve another two-year term as a vice president on AFT's executive council. [Click here for a photo of Jan Hochadel and fellow national union leaders after delegates' votes were announced.](#)

[Seizing "An Opportunity to Organize"](#)

Rank-and-file members and labor leaders in the aftermath of the *Janus* lawsuit decision demonstrated how the "U and I in Union" keeps us strong. [Click here to watch highlights of events organized around the state where they showed that "we're sticking together."](#)

[Standing Up to Politicians' Shameful Scapegoating](#)

A Republican legislative leader in early July exploited state employee union members' contractually-negotiated bonuses for a media attack designed "to score political points." [Click here for our report on the incident and its roots in the assault on collective bargaining rights.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- August 7 - August 13: ["Labor 2018" Primary Election Activities](#) *
- August 11: [Meriden Rally & GOTV for Jahana Hayes](#) *
- August 14: [Statewide, Congressional & Legislative Primary Election](#) *
- August 15: [PreK-12 Student Learning Objectives Training](#)
- August 30: [Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop](#)
- August 31: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Labor Day Breakfast](#) *
- August 31: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Biennial Political Convention](#) (3 of 3) *
- September 8: ["Thousands of Doors for Justice" Day of Action](#) *

Featured Benefit

- AFT +: [Identity Theft Protection](#)

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