



Union Member - here is your December, 2018 e-newsletter (with updates since early November):

### **[Sharing How the "U & I in Union" Empowered Members to Win their Strike](#)**

On the fifth anniversary of walking out to protect good jobs, caregivers at L+M Hospital reflected on what they accomplished through collective action. [Click here to meet healthcare union members who created a workplace "where we feel like we're a family."](#)

### **["Remedying the Inequities" Faced by Public and School Employees](#)**

Our latest collective bargaining report showcased how members' political engagement and legislative activism supported efforts to negotiate strong new contracts with their employers. [Click here to learn how locals representing municipal professionals and education personnel won agreements that included significant gains.](#)

### **[Rallying for the Schools their Students Deserve](#)**

Administrators, parents, civic and elected leaders are joining Ansonia's teachers in opposing attempts by city politicians to illegally withhold state public education resources. [Click here for highlights from their recent rally to demand better choices than slashing classroom services and supports.](#)

### **[Backing a Champion for Safe Workplaces](#)**

State and local union leaders in mid November applauded U.S. Representative Joe Courtney for introducing legislation aimed at shielding health professionals from workplace violence. [Click here for their comments on the consequences when caregivers are "bullied, harassed or attacked" on the job.](#)

## [Organizing Greater Strength in the Health Sector](#)

Healthcare workers at Prospect Medical Holdings' Rockville General Hospital in mid November voted to join their colleagues in "advocating for those we care for." [Click here for our announcement that the facility's service, environmental, maintenance and support staff had chosen "Union YES."](#)

## [Electing "Problem-Solvers" to Represent Us in Hartford and Washington](#) \*

Demonstrating the viability of our "labor is your neighbor" message, 82% of state federation-endorsed union members on November 6 won their races for elected office. [Click here for our report on political activists' role in driving the Connecticut AFL-CIO's "Labor 2018" successes.](#)

## [Mobilizing for Final "Labor 2018" Activities](#) \*

Local, state and national labor leaders on the weekend before Election Day fired up activists with a last call to "get out the vote." [Click here for photos from our joint rally with labor allies supporting candidates committed to "democracy and decency."](#)

## [Promoting the Power of Collaboration](#)

Our national AFT president and a public education booster in early November joined state and local union leaders for a tour of schools in Meriden. [Click here for photos of the first leg where the focus was on scaling-up labor-management success.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- December 10: [Financial Planning Workshop for All Members](#)
- December 12: [Social Media Communications Training for Union Leaders](#)
- December 18: [PreK-12 "Classroom Management" Workshop](#)
- January 17: ["Success with Difficult Students" Workshop for Teachers & PSRPs](#)
- January 19: [2019 Women's March - Hartford, New Haven & Wash., DC](#)
- January 24: ["Intro to Excel Spreadsheets" Training for All Members](#)
- January 29: ["Grievance" Training for Union Leaders](#)
- February 2: [2019 Legislative Issues Conference](#) \*

## **Featured Benefit**

- Union Plus: [Holiday Savings for Members](#)

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