



Member - here is your December, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early November):

Empowering More State Employees with a Voice

Two public employee union members shared their thoughts on being part of a recent internal mobilization focused on the state's managerial and exempt workforce. [Click here for our report on the "ConnectiBlitz 2019" and the growth of one of our newest affiliates.](#)

Promoting a Culture of Safety in Our Public Schools *

Our state federation president and secretary-treasurer focused on educators and support staff for the third podcast episode in a series on workplace violence. [Click here for Jan Hochadel and David Hayes' interview with state Senator and former union member Doug McCrory.](#)

Calling for Action to Combat the Special Interests Pushing Opioids *

A healthcare union member's powerful argument for supporting public policies that promise to hold the addiction industry accountable was recently published in *The Courant*. [Click here to share her opinion piece demanding "limits and restrictions on drug companies" fueling the opioid epidemic.](#)

Warning Global Labor Allies of the Consequences of Automation

AFT Connecticut's president in late November participated in a "World of Work" panel during the regular meeting of Public Services International (PSI)'s executive board. [Click here for a photo of Jan Hochadel's presentation on how digitalization impacts conditions and employment in America.](#)

Winning with the "Labor is Your Neighbor" Message *

Union members seeking municipal offices in local communities across Connecticut earlier this month prevailed by engaging their sisters and brothers in "getting out the vote." [Click here for our report on the results for AFT Connecticut-endorsed candidates in the 2019 general election.](#)

Honoring Healthcare Professionals for Life-Giving Aid

Members of two affiliated local unions and their colleagues were in mid November recognized as Windham Community Memorial Hospital (WCMH)'s "Care Team for 2019." [Click here for photos from the annual gala where their efforts to harvest organs for donation were awarded.](#)

Feeding Youth Struggling with Hunger During the Holidays

Leaders of our local union representing Hartford's certified educators in mid November volunteered their time in support of a community partner's backpack nutrition program. [Click here for photos from the event where the focus was on students in two of their schools.](#)

New Local Leaders Sworn-In to Serve their Colleagues

Executive board members recently elected to guide their professional employee colleagues in the state's Judicial Branch in early November took the oath of office. [Click here for a photo from the meeting where AFT Connecticut's vice president led the swearing-in ceremony.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- December 5: [Stewards Training for Union Leaders](#)
- December 14: [Public Education Forum 2020](#)
- December 17: [PreK-12 & PSRP "Legal Issues" Training Workshop](#)
- January 7: [PreK-12 & PSRP "Google Docs" Training Workshop](#)
- January 21: [Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop](#)
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- January 30: [PreK-12/PSRP "Para & Teacher Collaboration" Workshop](#)

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Hardship Benefits](#)

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