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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