



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

[Sharing How the "U & I in Union" Lifted Us All this Year](#) *

Our state federation president in her "new year" message to members looked back on gains made in 2018 and urged continued solidarity in 2019. [Click here for Jan Hochadel's latest web post, which reiterates how "when we stand together, we are strong."](#)

[Recognizing the Courage of America's Teachers](#) *

Our national union president in a late December commentary reflected on how 2018 became "the year when the unlikely became possible in American education." [Click here to share Randi Weingarten's year-end blog post with friends, family and colleagues on social media.](#)

[Standing Up to Scapegoating and Smear Tactics](#)

Labor leaders were united in calling out big business elites who last fall again shamelessly attempted to blame union members for Connecticut's fiscal challenges. [Click here for our report on preparations to defend state employees' pay, pensions and healthcare from renewed attacks.](#)

[Taking Action to Keep Families Together](#)

Technical college teachers are generating support among faculty and students for a local family whose father has been forced to seek sanctuary to avoid deportation. [Click here for a photo of union members delivering petition signatures, solidarity messages and financial aid they gathered.](#)

[Responding to a "'Code Blue' for Connecticut"](#)

A federal judge in mid December ruled in favor of politicians seeking to overturn the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and strip health insurance from millions. [Click here for local and state union leaders' comments on a case that "has always been about politics."](#)

[Demonstrating the Holiday Spirit](#)

Local and state union leaders in mid December took time to encourage members support the Connecticut AFL-CIO's community services agency during the holidays. [Click here to watch their brief message recorded at our joint quarterly executive committee and delegate assembly meeting.](#)

[Recognizing the Accomplishments of One of Our Own](#)

The Connecticut People's World committee in early December included a state federation leader among social justice allies honored for demonstrating courage, vision and unity. [Click here for photos of Shellye Davis accepting one of three Amistad Awards at the organization's annual ceremony.](#)

[Engaging Students and Empowering their Voices](#)

An innovative and collaborative approach to "personalized learning" provided a key takeaway from our national union president's recent visit with local members in Meriden. [Click here for highlights from her civics education discussion with teachers, administrators, students and a public school philanthropist.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- January 17: ["Success with Difficult Students" Workshop for Teachers & PSRPs](#)
- January 19: [2019 Women's March - Hartford](#)
- January 24: ["Intro to Excel Spreadsheets" Training for All Members](#)
- January 31: [Texting Communications Training for Union Leaders](#)
- February 2: [2019 Legislative Issues Conference](#) *
- February 6: [Teachers' "Google Docs" Training Workshop](#)
- February 12: [PreK-12/PSRP "Para & Teacher Collaboration" Workshop](#)
- February 21: [Stewards Training for Union Leaders](#)

Featured Benefit

- AFT +: [Rosetta Stone Language Learning Program](#)

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