



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

["We're Sticking with Our Union!"](#)

Despite the nation's high court siding with a shadowy network of dark money donors, members of AFT Connecticut-affiliated locals aren't backing down from the fight ahead. [Click here for photos of the post-*Janus* "U and I in Union" message delivered to their communities.](#)

[Denouncing the Forces who Bankrolled *Janus*](#)

Labor leaders on June 27 gathered in Hartford to respond to the U.S. Supreme Court's majority decision in the *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31* lawsuit. [Click here for our report on the Connecticut labor movement's reaction to the union-busters behind the case.](#)

[Volunteering to Win Safe Patient Limits](#)

A retired union member last month traveled to Massachusetts to help caregivers there empower the Bay State's voters to choose improved hospital staffing regulations. [Click here to share a veteran nurse's commentary on her passion and commitment to "providing safe patient care."](#)

[Preparing to Take Our Message to the Voters](#) *

Delegates from local affiliates in late June participated in the next phase of the Connecticut AFL-CIO's endorsement process as its biennial political convention resumed. [Click here to share a video of union leaders after interviewing additional candidates for Congress and statewide office.](#)

[Securing Pay Raises and Protecting Benefits](#)

Members of three affiliates representing nearly 2,000 health professionals at L+M Hospital in New London in mid June approved tentative agreements for new contracts. [Click here for photos of nurses and caregivers casting their ballots in their "tri-local" union ratification vote.](#)

[Sharing Members' Collective Bargaining Wins](#)

AFT Connecticut in mid June launched the first in a series of in-depth reports building on our social media promotion of local unions' negotiating victories. [Click here to learn more about health professionals, state employees and paraeducators' recent successes achieved through collective action.](#)

[Turning Out Again for Social Justice](#)

Union members in mid June joined labor and community allies in Hartford for another major demonstration organized by the Connecticut chapter of the Poor People's Campaign (PPC). [Click here for photos at the rally where the focus was on defending public education and workers' rights.](#)

[Sharing How the "U and I in Union" Boosts Our Voice](#)

A former West Haven Public Schools teacher's experience demonstrates how our "labor is your neighbor" program scores more than political points for active educators. [Click here to meet a retiree whose colleagues helped elect her to a seat on their school board.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- July 13 - 16: [AFT 2018 National Convention](#)
- August 14: [Statewide, Congressional & Legislative Primary Election](#) *
- August 30: [Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop](#)
- August 15th: [PreK-12 Student Learning Objectives Training](#)
- August 31: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Labor Day Breakfast & Biennial Political Convention](#) (3 of 3) *

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [Medical Bill Negotiating Service](#)

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