



Matt - here is your March, 2017 e-newsletter (with updates since early-February):

[Advocating Alternatives to Austerity at the Capitol](#)

Union members in late February gathered to meet state lawmakers, discuss policy priorities and plan next steps in the broader fight for budget fairness. [Click here for photos from our state federation's legislative conference which drew an unprecedented crowd for the annual event.](#)

[State Workers Leading the Resistance](#)

Public employee union members in late February turned out in force for a legislative hearing on numerous proposals jeopardizing collective bargaining rights. [Click here for a report on their collective action to protect a voice for all working people in Connecticut.](#)

[Union Members in the Spotlight](#)

In honor of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, we highlighted teachers whose service is integral to "producing our future skilled workforce." [Click here to meet PreK-12 and public employee union members who provide valuable training and career paths.](#)

[Classroom Instructors United for a Voice](#)

Instructors employed by EASTCONN in late February requested voluntary recognition of their majority choice to form a union and negotiate a first contract. [Click here for a photo of organizing committee members after delivering their petition to the regional educational service center's administration.](#)

"The Fight for the Soul of Our Communities"

Union members are resisting a growing anti-immigrant sentiment and teaming up with social justice advocates to protect undocumented students and workers. [Click here to learn more about efforts to demonstrate "fairness, respect and solidarity" and access resources for immigrant communities.](#)

To Protect a "Voice for All," Member Involvement is Key

Our state federation president in her latest video message addressed growing worries over Republican lawmakers' attempts to roll-back collective bargaining rights. [Click here to watch her analysis and call for union members to "strongly and collectively fight for our values."](#)

State Budget Proposals Demand Engagement

The plan for closing current and future fiscal shortfalls Governor Malloy in early February presented was a call to action for all union members. [Click here for a report-back on the speech and the need to collectively commit to fight forward.](#)

Nurses and Health Professionals Mobilize their Community

The Healthy Communities Coalition in late January packed a Norwich forum with U.S. Representative Joe Courtney on escalating threats to healthcare access. [Click here to watch union members, patients and advocates share how to block politicians from taking Americans' medical insurance.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- March 4: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- March 4 - April 11: [Regional Legislative Meetings](#)
- March 7 - 11: [CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Training Courses](#)
- March 14: [Local Leaders Communications Training - Websites](#)
- March 21: [Financial Planning Workshop for All Members](#)
- March 22: [Roles & Responsibilities for Paraeducators Workshop](#)
- April 11: [Intro to Excel Spreadsheets Training](#)
- May 13: [AFT Connecticut 70th Annual Business Convention](#)

Featured Benefit

- AFT +: [AFT Connecticut Scholarships](#)