



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

### **[Making the Case to Lawmakers for a "Fair Share" Approach](#)**

Over one hundred union activists in early March came to the State Capitol to make their voices heard on issues impacting their workplaces and communities. [Click here for photos from our annual legislative conference where questions on a range of topics were answered.](#)

### **[Launching Our "U and I in Union" Project at a Pivotal Crossroads](#)**

Our state federation in late February accelerated mobilization efforts just as the special interests advanced their Janus v. AFSCME lawsuit aimed at union members' freedoms. [Click here for a report on defending working peoples' gains from an adverse U.S. Supreme Court decision.](#)

### **[Getting Elected Officials' Attention in a Crucial Election Year](#)**

Union members in late February turned out for the first of seven regional meetings scheduled across Connecticut with local state representatives and senators. [Click here for photos from the New Haven and Hartford area events, which also drew candidates seeking endorsement.](#)

### **[Developing Union Leadership Skills](#)**

Members of affiliated locals gathered in late February for a comprehensive training course on the fundamentals of serving as a steward and resolving workplace disputes. [Click here for photos from the session where participants learned how to effectively represent their fellow union members.](#)

## [Resisting "Low-Road Schemes" Aimed at Our Rights](#)

Labor leaders in mid February presented recommendations to the recently created Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth Commission refuting the testimony of anti-union special interests. [Click here for a report on efforts to move the panel to respect the value of collective bargaining.](#)

## [Standing Up to Attacks on Educators' Pensions](#)

Retired union members in early February turned out at the Teachers Retirement Board (TRB) to demand greater retirement security for themselves and future generations. [Click here for a photo of former Hartford educators preparing to advocate for shoring up their pension fund.](#)

## [Tapping Members' Distinct Knowledge and Unique Skills](#)

Our state federation has in recent months increased the number and frequency of courses in career-relevant training, specialized education and professional learning. [Click here for a report highlighting several sessions presented by union leaders for the benefit of all members.](#)

## [Creating a Culture of "Pride and Sense of Community"](#)

As previously reported, our national union president recently sat down with union members and students at a unique educator-led school in New Haven. [Click here to watch highlights of the visit where Randi Weingarten credited local teachers for demonstrating innovative leadership.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- March 10 - March 24: [Regional Legislative Meetings](#) (4 Local Events)
- March 10 & March 24: [Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminars](#)
- March 13 - 17: [CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses](#)
- March 21: [Teachers' "Google Docs" Training Workshop](#)
- March 26: [Healthcare "Sleep Health" Workshop](#)
- April 4: [Retired Teachers Lobby Day](#)
- April 4: [PreK-12 "Student Learning Objectives" Training Workshop](#)
- April 10: [PreK-12 "Infusing Visual Arts" Workshop](#)
- April 24: [PreK-12/PSRP "Para & Teacher Collaboration" Workshop](#)
- April 28: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Capitol Workers Memorial Day Ceremony](#)
- May 12: [AFT Connecticut 71st Annual Business Convention](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- Connecticut AFL-CIO: [2018 Workers Memorial Day Scholarship Contest](#)