



Affiliated Union Member - here is your March, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early February):

[Sharing How the "U & I in Union" is About Mutual Aid and Solidarity](#)

Members at Rockville General Hospital with recognized collective bargaining rights recently stepped up for co-workers who "needed something like we have in our contracts." [Click here to meet healthcare union members who led and supported a successful organizing drive at their worksite.](#)

[Scaling Up the "Best Kept Secret in Public Education"](#)

National, state and local union leaders in late February came to Hartford for a summit convened by AFT's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee. [Click here for photos from the event, which featured a tour of a local school with Randi Weingarten.](#)

[Standing Up for Safe Hospitals and Clinics](#) *

Union leaders in late February turned out to demand the federal occupational health and safety agency address escalating workplace violence incidents in health settings. [Click here for a photo from U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney's Hartford news briefing where they spoke out.](#)

[Advocating for — and Defending — Members' Retirement Security](#)

When Governor Ned Lamont in late February released budget proposals impacting pensions for public school teachers and state employees, state federation leaders responded. [Click here for remarks praising plans to stabilize funding and condemning attempts to shift costs and reduce benefits.](#)

[Taking Action to Raise the Floor for Low-Wage Workers](#) *

Union leaders are circulating the "Fight for \$15" coalition's petition demanding the governor live up to his campaign promise to raise the state's minimum wage. [Click here to share the online action with your friends on social media and help gather additional signatures.](#)

[Reducing Stress and Promoting Self-Care on the Job](#)

Our state federation's recent professional development (PD) surveys found union members across all constituencies share a common desire to improve emotional well-being at work. [Click here for our latest PD report which highlights courses on combatting workplace bullying and mastering mindfulness techniques.](#)

[Supporting the Fight for Paid Leave for All](#) *

Labor activists in mid February joined advocates and lawmakers ahead of a hearing on proposed legislation to protect working people facing medical or family emergencies. [Click here for a photo from the State Capitol event where a union leader shared her personal experience.](#)

[Urging Better Choices than More Middle-Class Givebacks](#)

Union members representing a diverse cross-section of Connecticut's workforce in mid February offered state elected officials high road alternatives to austerity budget policies. [Click here for a photo from the Hartford news briefing where they came out against cuts and concessions.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- March 12 - 16: [CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses](#)
- March 16 - April 23: [Regional Legislative Meetings](#) (7 locations) *
- March 19: [E-Mail Communications Training for Union Leaders](#)
- March 21: ["Interactive Storytelling" Workshop for Teachers](#)
- March 30: [Healthcare Professional Development Conference](#)
- April 6: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- April 24: ["Organizing 101" Training Workshop for Union Leaders](#)
- April 25: [Website Communications Training for Union Leaders](#)

Featured Benefit

- AFT Connecticut: [2019 Scholarships](#)

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