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 combating 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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