



Affiliated Union Member - here is your Oct., 2018 e-newsletter (with updates since early Sep.):

[Building More Union Power for Members](#)

Training and a canvassing work in late September got underway for activists selected to participate in AFT Connecticut's Member Organizing Institute (MOI) fall, 2018 cohort. [Click here for photos from the weekend launch of our latest efforts to strengthen and grow our movement.](#)

[Sharing How the "U & I in Union" Won Social Justice for a Family in Crisis](#)

The recent example of a technical college teacher volunteering to defend a student's mother from an unfair deportation demonstrates what can be accomplished with solidarity. [Click here to meet a higher education union member who mobilized his colleagues to support an effective response.](#)

[Walking to Help Make Healthier, Longer Lives Possible](#)

Members of four local unions representing health professionals at several hospitals in the region in late September took part in the Eastern Connecticut "Heart Walk." [Click here for photos of caregivers supporting the American Heart Association's efforts to fight cardiovascular disease and stroke.](#)

[Fostering Personal Progress through Collective Capacity](#)

Our latest professional development program report highlighted members' individual diversity and combined capability to support a wide range of career advancement and union leadership opportunities. [Click here to learn more about two courses recently presented to PreK-12 teachers and education support personnel.](#)

[Demonstrating that "Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport" *](#)

Our state federation's efforts in early September ramped up to engage union members in recruiting friends, family and colleagues for General Election volunteer activities. [Click here for our report on the program featuring activists seizing the opportunity to exercise our collective power.](#)

[Knocking on "1000s of Doors for Justice" *](#)

Hundreds of activists in early September gathered in seven locations across the state to rally, be inspired and advocate for issues important to working families. [Click here for photos of speakers and union members engaging and mobilizing voters ahead of the General Election.](#)

[Denouncing the White House's Scheme to Arm Educators](#)

Union leaders in early September amplified the growing calls to reject proposals allowing local school districts to buy guns for teachers with taxpayers' dollars. [Click here for photos of a press conference where they demanded accountability from the federal education department's chief.](#)

[Speaking Out to Protect Student Learning in Ansonia](#)

Our Ansonia teachers union president in early September testified before the State Board of Education on the harmful consequences of recent layoffs and service cuts. [Click here to watch him urge officials take action to reverse the damage done by city elected leaders.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- October 6 - October 27: ["Labor 2018" General Election Activities](#) *
- October 13: [Danbury Area Candidate Breakfast/GOTV Walk](#) *
- October 17: [PreK-12 "Infusing Visual Arts Across the Curriculum" Workshop](#)
- October 20: [Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- October 20: [Southeast CT Candidate Breakfast/GOTV Walk](#) *
- October 20: ["Because You Survive, We Survive" Awareness Benefit](#)
- October 25: ["Mindfulness" Training Workshop for Educators](#)
- November 2: [Rally for Labor-Endorsed Candidates in New Britain](#) *
- November 6: [Statewide, Congressional & Legislative General Election](#) *

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [AT&T Wireless Service Discounts](#)

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