Union Member - here is your October, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early September):

**Showing Communities that "Labor is Your Neighbor"** *

Activists from AFT Connecticut-affiliated local unions in early October turned-out to support a colleague seeking local office in this year's municipal elections. Click here for photos of members getting out the vote in East Hartford for a PreK-12 educator.

**Seizing Momentum to Build Greater Power for Working People**

Delegates to the Connecticut AFL-CIO in early October gathered for the coalition's convention and embraced plans for further advancing the labor movement's mission. Click here to watch leaders deliver the message to working people seeking a stronger voice on the job.

**Joining Community Allies to Boost Political Engagement** *

Local union leaders, partnering with area faith and social justice organizations, in early October held the first of three Middletown municipal candidate forums. Click here for photos of the event where the city’s major political party mayoral hopefuls debated the issues.

**Recognizing One of Our Own in the "Oscars of Teaching"**

The first of the prestigious 2019 Milken Educator Awards was in early October presented to a teacher working in New Haven Public Schools. Click here for photos of the presentation of her $25,000 grant to our deserving PreK-12 union member.

**Partnering with Labor Allies to Curb Workplace Violence**

The co-chair of ConnectiCOSH shared his experience advocating for safe jobs in an interview for the first of three podcast episodes on the topic. Click here for the conversation led by the presidents of our state federation and the Connecticut AFL-CIO.
Walking Together to Fight Heart Disease and Stroke

Members of affiliated local unions representing caregivers at Hartford HealthCare facilities in late September took part in the American Heart Association's premier annual fundraiser. Click here for photos of their team in action at the Eastern Connecticut "Heart Walk" event in Uncasville.

Mobilizing for "ConnectiBlitz 2019"

Union leaders and activists from across the state and nation in mid September came to AFT Connecticut headquarters for a week-long internal organizing drive. Click here for photos from the training session that prepared participants for mobilizing managerial and exempt state employees.

Taking Advantage of Professional Development (PD) Program Perks

Recent course offerings demonstrated how members of affiliated locals can tap our national and state unions both for career advancement and retirement security benefits. Click here for our latest PD department report and make your voice heard by completing the current survey. **

Upcoming Activities & Events

- October 12: Plainville "Labor 2019" Campaign Walk *
- October 16: PreK-12 Teachers NextGen Science Standards Workshop
- October 17 & 24: Middletown Municipal Candidates Forums *
- October 26: Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar
- October 28: Connecticut SERC Paraeducator Development and Leadership Symposium
- November 5: Municipal General Election Day *
- November 5: Database Training Workshop for Union Leaders
- November 12 - 16: CPR, AED & First Aid Refresher & Full Courses

Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: Motor Club

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** Submission deadline extended to October 11 for members of affiliated unions representing PreK-12 educators, PSRPs and healthcare professionals.