



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.