



UHP Newsline

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPT. 14: Call for nominations for special election for VP Membership Activities. See home email for details (Aug. 29, subject "Special Membership Meeting 9/14").



Labor Day '22: Energizing Solidarity



It was an eventful Labor Day Weekend, starting with a who's who of labor champions at the CT AFL-CIO's first in-person Labor Day breakfast since 2019! Then, UHP joined activists from unions throughout the state for a "solidarity sip-in" in support of the baristas who are struggling for a fair contract at the Starbucks in West Hartford and Vernon. (Left photo: Stephanie Rauch wears her UHP shirt to show support for the baristas at the Corbin's Corner West Hartford Starbucks. Right photo: VP Comms Chris DeFrancesco, 1st VP Shawn Brown, President Bill Garrity and VP Political Activities Dawn Thomas with the co-chairs of the legislature's Labor Committee, Sen. Julie Kushner and Rep. Robyn Porter)

See more at bit.ly/UHPphotos.



Labor Walk Season Underway

Conventions and primaries are behind us, and now it's time to walk the walk. The CT AFL-CIO invites UHP members to sign up for a few hours knocking doors and speaking to fellow union members about



labor-friendly candidates. See the endorsed candidates for Election '22, plus the labor-to-labor canvass schedule, at bit.ly/22endorsed.



Connecticut AFL-CIO
LABOR TO LABOR CANVASS
SEPTEMBER 2022

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Holiday

I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. I hope you had a little time to yourself and your family. And I hope everyone remembers, this holiday is all about us, the workers of the world, and those who came before us and paved the way. What we've earned over the years is something we have built, one generation to another. Randi Weingarten's address this year (see your email or our website, bit.ly/2209AFTLaborDay) was especially poignant. Many people would love to have what we have. Many more people would like to take away what we've worked and fought for. I am very proud of my UHP family.



We had more than a dozen UHP members show up at the Starbucks "Solidarity Sip-in" over Labor Day weekend with our AFL-CIO brothers and sisters. It did not go unnoticed; of course the police were called. We were polite, but when too many working folks showed up to stand and support a fledgling union, the manager got flustered... which is a sure sign we must have done something right!

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AFT's 'La Familia' Backs Our Jozii Ruiz

Jozii Ruiz (second from left) at the July meeting of the AFT's Latino Issues Task Force in Puerto Rico, where she got a pleasant surprise to support her library of "recovery books" for her pediatric dental patients:
bit.ly/2208JoziiFamilia

Community Outreach Notes

Please join us **Oct. 4** at the Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain at 6 p.m. to honor victims of domestic violence. As much as you may think you don't know anyone who's faced this horror, chances are you do and just don't know it yet:
bit.ly/2210PCrandallVigil.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL CENTER

Empowering Healing & Hope since 1973

Silent No More Candlelight Vigil



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Also, friendly reminder, we're still collecting can tabs for the Shriners Hospital in Springfield. There couldn't be an easier way to support this effort and help kids: bit.ly/2209CanTabs.

—**Robin Washington Addison**,
VP for Community Outreach

PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued)

We wanted to give you the heads up: The "Freedom Foundation" recently asked UConn to provide your home addresses and job titles so it can send you anti-union propaganda. This group wants union members to "opt-out," to weaken your voice and bargaining power. These are not people who are looking out for you. We did file a complaint but those complaints historically are ineffective; as public employees, much of our information is public. If you get one of these mailers, we'd like to know about it.

Pandemic pay for the public sector is still a hot topic and we are still trying to get something that is acceptable. And we are far from done with our push for market analyses; we are looking at multiple job titles with HR. This is not going to be fixed overnight, but we are working on it.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom Sept. 14.

—**In solidarity, Bill Garrity**

ON THE SCHEDULE

Labor Walk: Meriden

Hayes, Lamont, Hochadel

Sept. 10, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Executive Committee

Sept. 12, 5:30p, UHP office

Special Membership Meeting

Call for nominations: VP Membership Activities

Sept. 14, 5:30p, Zoom

Labor Walk: Vernon

Courtney, Lamont, Thomas

Sept. 24, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Labor Walk: Meriden

Hayes, Lamont, Hochadel

Sept. 24, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Steward Committee

Sept. 27, 5:30p, Zoom

Labor Walk: New Britain

Hayes, Lamont, Lopes

Oct. 1, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Candlelight Vigil: Silent No More

Prudence Crandall Center, New Britain

Oct. 4, 6p, bit.ly/2210PCrandallVigil

Labor Walk: Rocky Hill

Lamont, Lesser

Oct. 8, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Labor Walk: Meriden

Hayes, Lamont, Hochadel

Oct. 8, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Labor Walk: Waterbury

Hayes, Napoli

Oct. 15, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Labor Walk: Vernon

Courtney, Lamont, Thomas

Oct. 15, 9a-12p, bit.ly/22endorsed

Executive Committee

Oct. 17, 5:30p, UHP office

Union Rep Assembly

Oct. 18, 5:30p, Zoom

UHP calendar: bit.ly/uhpcal