



UHP at CT AFL-CIO

We sent 19 delegates to the 2023 CT AFL-CIO convention, Sept. 14-15 at Foxwoods. We heard from several influential speakers and connected with labor leaders from throughout the state, and passed 15 resolutions, including one to stand in support of the UAW, whose members went on strike against the "Big 3" automakers on the convention's second day. See 'Delegates,' page 2. (Photo by Rosemary Picarelli, AFT-CT)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Quick Update

Brothers and sisters, with so much in this month's newsletter, my report is brief.

Our nursing staffing committee is coming together. This is an extension of the work that led to the new state law on safe patient limits. We can continue to be leaders in the effort to establish legitimate staff-to-patient ratios.

The big thing on the Horizon is the wage reopener for the fourth year of our contract. There have been discussions with the officers and SEBAC is talking about it as well.

Thank you for all the nice comments on Facebook. The Labor Night softball game was a blast.



I really hope next year we can build a UHP team.

There will be more information in the coming months. Please watch this space.

—In solidarity, Bill Garrity



Will You Be Ready to Vote Nov. 7?

Do you know that municipal elections have the most impact on you? Make sure you are registered to vote. **Election Day is Nov. 7.** See voter registration information at bit.ly/2210CTvote.

Want to get more involved? Come join a labor walk or phone bank, or contact your local town committee.

Keep your eye on the UHP website for information on labor walks and the list of candidates endorsed by AFT-CT.

—Dawn Thomas, VP for Political Activities

Holiday Party: Hold Dec. 13

We are so excited to let everyone know we are working diligently on our holiday party! It will be **Dec. 13**; stay tuned for more details. And if you are interested in being a part of the social committee, please email vpmembershipactivities@uhp3837.com. Our **next meeting is Nov. 7** at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

We're also looking for members for our scholarship subcommittee. We look forward to hearing from you!

—Shaneé Reid, VP for Membership Activities

The Union Difference: At the Capitol, In the Community



Left: President Bill Garrity and 1st VP Shawn Brown speak with Rep. Gregg Haddad at “Invest in Public Higher Ed” Lobby Day at the state Capitol Sept. 26. **Right:** At the Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain Oct. 4, Pierre LePage (top left) stands with community members, including players from the Bristol Bulldogs youth football team, and the Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree (bottom left), one of the founders of the Prudence Crandall Center in 1973, at the “Silent No More” candlelight vigil for those lost to domestic violence. Also present was our VP for Community Outreach Robin Addison, herself a domestic violence survivor (she took the photo).

Delegates React to CT AFL-CIO Convention



Shaneé Reid, VP for membership activities and first-time delegate: "I heard from our fellow brothers and sisters who are fighting a great fight of change.... One voice is quiet but a thousand voices can send an earthquake!"



Peter Zarabozo, VP Tier II employees and first-time delegate: " It was helpful to discuss ideas with others about how to better engage our members and help strengthen our union. This conference gave me a better understanding of how broad and far reaching our union can be."



Liz Figueroa, second-time delegate: "I was able to meet other members and hear some good guest speakers. Overall it was very helpful to have the members to share their experiences with us and we will continue working on helping them to solidify their experience."

Also, the convention re-elected our president, **Bill Garrity**, to another term as one of the four CT AFL-CIO executive board members representing AFT-CT. (**See more** at bit.ly/2309ctaficio.)



ON THE SCHEDULE

Outpatient Pav. Info Table

Oct. 19, 11:30-1:30, OP caf 5th flr

Steward Committee

Oct. 24, 5:30p, UHP office

Munson Road Info Table

Oct. 26, 11:30-1:30, Munson caf

Social Committee

Nov. 7, 6p, Zoom

Union Rep Assembly

Nov. 9, 12p, Onyiuke Dining Rm

Executive Committee

Nov. 13, 5:30p, UHP office

AFT Prof. Issues Conf.

Nov. 16-18, Baltimore

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UHP Holiday Party

Dec. 13, 3p-7p, main building caf

UHP calendar: bit.ly/uhpca