

NBFT SPOTLIGHT



Retirement Party

When: May 15 4:00-6:30 PM

**Where: The Back Nine
Tavern at Stanley Golf
Course**

**Why: To celebrate your
fellow union brothers and
sisters. First drink free and
appetizers.**



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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have been well as winter slowly exits (yay!) and spring approaches. There has been a lot of news on both the national and local stages regarding education. With the wonderful news of the repeal of the Social Security Fairness Act, many have questions. Please refer to your SS statements, which are all online now. You will need to have an account set up to access yours. Here, you will find your quarters, estimated benefits, and updates regarding how the repeal affects you. Additionally, the in-person seminars and webinars by the various wealth management companies have updated their presentations to include information on these updates. I have lauded these presentations since I have been President and will continue to do so. They are free, invaluable, and regardless of how far or near you are to retirement, they offer solid financial planning advice. AFT has already sponsored one that I emailed membership; they will do another in the spring and I will email that information as soon as I receive it.

The PDEC will convene again this month to discuss how TEVAL has been progressing. Most concerns that have come to the Executive Board and building reps have been addressed and brought to the committee. We will continue to monitor the progress and bring issues to the PDEC team for discussion. Remember, this is the first year of the revised TEVAL (for all schools across the state), so we will continue to discuss and revise the document when necessary.

Our membership has had many wonderful occasions to celebrate, but we have also been struck with illness and loss. Please reach out to members who may be struggling and lend a helping hand, a kind gesture, or just a shoulder to lean on. Let's continue to support each other in both times of need and times of joy.

Have a wonderful month, and I hope to see you in our March Membership meeting. Also, please save the date of our 2025 NBFT Retirement Party - May 15th. This is one of the highlights of the year where we honor our colleagues as they move onto the next chapter of life, announce our NBFT scholarship winners, and celebrate each other as another year comes to a close. It's a party not to be missed! Sticking with tradition, we will be gathering at the Back Nine in NB, starting at 4 pm.

In solidarity,

Sue

Shout out to Sue for being selected as the AFT Activist

Meet the Activists

Sue Safuru

President, New Britain Federation of Teachers,
AFT Local 871

Susan is currently a 12th grade English teacher at New Britain High School. Her 25-year public education career includes service as a district recruitment and placement specialist as well as advisor for the high school's Asian-American Club.

As a long-time labor leader, Sue is entering her third term as local union president, following seven years of service as vice president for the high school and chair of the elections committee. Two years ago, she was elected to our state federation's leadership as an at-large vice president.

We applaud Sue's commitment to ensuring all educators and school staff are treated fairly by engaging her members to push back against injustice on the job and in the community.



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AMERICAN SAFETY & HEALTH INSTITUTE

MEDIC First Aid



ADULT FIRST AID | CPR AED TRAINING

- ✓ HSI First Aid | CPR AED has been approved by the HSI Medical Advisory Board and reviewed by the HSI Advisory Council.
- ✓ Reflects the latest resuscitation science and treatment recommendations published by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR).
- ✓ Conforms with the 2020 American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines Update for CPR and ECC and the annual Guidelines Update.

Course highlights

- Designed for individuals who are not healthcare providers or professional rescuers who desire, or are occupationally required, to be trained and certified in adult first aid and/or CPR AED for the adult, child, or infant.
- Scenario videos, full-color digital and printed materials, and clear, concise course content
- 2-year certification
- 4 - 6 hour class

Course topics include:

- CPR and Defibrillation
- Assessment & Chest Compressions
- Rescue Breathing & Using a CPR Mask
- Opioid-Associated Emergency
- Relief of Choking
- Responding to External and Internal Bleeding
- Direct Manual Pressure & Bandaging
- Using a Tourniquet (Improvised and Commercial)
- Shock
- Common Injuries
- Concussion
- Burns
- Poisoning
- Difficulty Breathing and Asthma
- Severe Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis)
- Heart Attack, Stroke and Seizure
- Diabetes and Hypoglycemia
- Heat and Cold Emergencies
- Bites and Stings



NO FEE FOR MEMBERS
24 seat max per class!

OFFERING TWO SPRING 2025 IN-PERSON DATES:

MAR 26
(WED. 4-7PM)

MAR 27
(THURS. 4-7PM)

SOIFER Room
@ AFT CT in Rocky Hill

*Must complete both online & in-person training for certification.



Due to the popularity of this course, and the limited spaces available, we ask that you scan here to be placed on a waitlist. The first 24 registrants per class will be contacted shortly via email from Anna Mowrey (amowrey@aftct.org) to confirm their spot. If we have any cancellations between now and the course dates, we will contact the next person on the waitlist.

*These trainings will include self-directed online lessons followed by an in-person, instructor-led session at AFT Connecticut. Participants will be contacted after registration with the information on how to complete the online portion of training.





Scholarships



1. AFT Connecticut Scholarships Application Deadline: **Not Yet Set**

The AFT Connecticut Scholarship Selection Committee awards two \$2,500.00 scholarships each year:

- The first scholarship is the George C. Springer Scholarship is for AFT Connecticut members
- The AFT Connecticut Scholarship is for members' spouses or domestic partners or children of members.

2. AFT Porter Scholars Program - Application Deadline: **March 31, 2025**

This program offers four-year, \$8,000.00 post-secondary scholarships to students who are dependents of AFT members, as well as one-time \$1,000.00 grants to AFT members.

[Click here for more information and how to apply.](#)

2024-2025 NBFT Membership Meetings

- March 18
- May 13

*All membership meetings are on zoom.



NBFT Scholarship

Three \$1,500 scholarships

- CHESTER YAHN MEMORIAL
- SOPHIE BANASIAK MEMORIAL
- NINA SALTZMAN MEMORIAL

Who is Eligible: High School Senior students (entering college in the fall) who are children, grandchildren and/or legal dependents of active members of New Britain Federation of Teachers are eligible. High School Senior students (entering college in the fall) of children, grandchildren and/or legal dependents of active, paid members, of New Britain Federation of Retired Teachers are eligible as well.

Due Date: Friday, April 25, 2025

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following:

1. Eligibility requirement
2. Application is complete
3. High school transcript (copies)
4. Class standing (copies)
5. Written essay
6. Need two letters of recommendation



Where to send applications: To Jen Pagan through interoffice mail, regular mail, or drop them in my drawer in the mail room at DiLoreto 732 Slater Rd, New Britain, CT 06053.

Questions: Please email: paganj@csdnb.org

[Click here to get the application from our website](#)

Contract Corner



This month is salary advancement.
[Click here to read the full contract clause](#)

Only **two times per year** can you upgrade to a new degree schedule.

1. If you provided notice by February 1 and your coursework is completed by July 31 you will be upgraded at the beginning of the new school year.
2. If you provided notice by June 30 and your coursework is completed by December 31 you will be upgraded on March 1.

NBFT Welfare Report

by Ethan Wendehack

On behalf of the entire membership, the NBFT congratulates it's members on these happy occasions:

Sondra Garcia (NBHS) engagement

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the following members for their recent losses:

Deb Agro (NBHS) loss of mother

Darlene Clark (NBHS) loss of mother

Darilyn Roberts (NBHS) loss of mother

Julie Flynn (Gaffney) loss of father

If you would like to have something added to the spotlight for your union brothers and sisters please email local871president@gmail.com for welfare please email Ethan Wendehack at wendehack@csdnb.org