Top 10 reasons to belong to an AFT Retiree Chapter

10. **Continued connection** to your former AFT local union
9. **Continued access to Union Plus** membership benefits
8. **Regular communications** from the state and national unions
7. **Representation** at CFT and AFT Conventions
6. **Political action** to protect our pensions and retiree healthcare
5. **Provide collective support** to your active local’s campaigns
4. **Membership** in the California Alliance for Retired Americans
3. **Links to community service** and other unions in your area
2. **Share social activities** with like-minded former colleagues
1. **Union solidarity matters!**

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**Why form a Retiree Chapter?**

**Keep talented and experienced members involved in local union activities!**

Having an AFT Retiree Chapter can make your political program more robust by providing additional support for board elections, phone banking and mailings. Retirees can provide a wealth of pedagogical knowledge and help younger members with professional issues. Retirees may best know your union’s history, help maintain union solidarity and valued relationships with community groups.