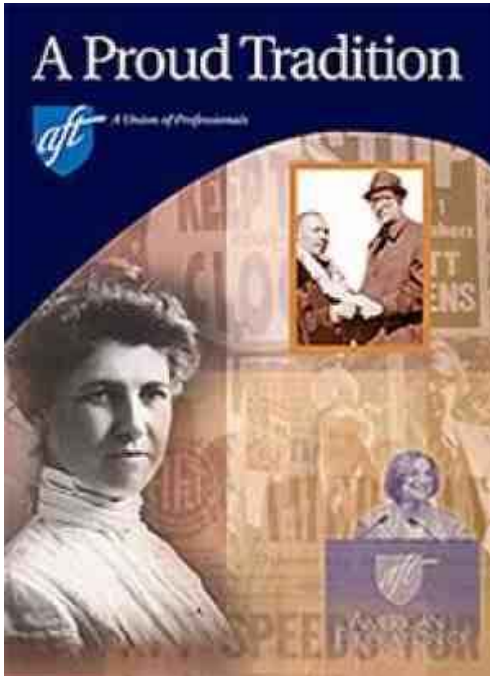




UNION HISTORY

(Wednesday, March 18 at 6pm at the Guy Alexander Conference Room, 312 Central Avenue SE, Second Floor)

AFT – A Proud Tradition



"The AFT was founded in Chicago, with eight locals signing on as AFL President Samuel Gompers welcomed the union into its fold in 1916. The union operated from one room of AFT Financial Secretary Freeland Stecker's five-room bungalow in Chicago. President Charles Stillman lived next door.

While the AFT grew quickly in the beginning, chartering 174 locals in its first four years, the years following World War I saw school boards pressuring and intimidating teachers to resign from the union. By the end of the 1920s, AFT membership had dropped to less than 5,000—about half the number in 1920. Throughout that time, the union fought for tenure laws, as well as for the academic freedom of those teachers whose beliefs were being investigated by political committees during the "Red scare" hysteria following WWI."

- ✓ Food and beverages will be provided. Bring your family and friends to learn about 292's labor history.
- ✓ Our history display in the Business Office has many 292 items, to include monthly meeting pins, previous contracts and electrical books.
- ✓ For more information contact John Kripotos at jk@ibew292.org, 612-617-4244 or Steve Yurista at 763-574-1821.

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