



# ATU 1342 Newsletter

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## **Charter Union Meeting**

**August 9th**  
ATU Union Hall  
196 Orchard Park Rd.  
West Seneca NY

**10:00 AM and  
7:30 PM**

### **Agenda**

Regular order of  
Business



## **From the President's Desk**

**By: Jeff Richardson**

Brothers and Sisters:

The contract was ratified on July 27<sup>th</sup> by the NFTA Board of Commissioners. Our office has been getting a lot of calls, so I would like to give you the update on what's going on.

From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 until August 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 is retro pay. Retro pay is the difference between your old rate and your new rate. You will be paid the difference for every hour you worked up until Au-

gust 5<sup>th</sup> 2017. Starting the week of August 6<sup>th</sup>, your new rate will be incorporated into your check. When you get paid on August 17<sup>th</sup>, you will see your new rate in that check from what I was informed of by the company. Remember the retro is based on your regular rate of pay, not longevity. By contract, the company has 60 days from the date of ratification to get the retro checks out.

The new health insurance will

begin approximately first week of September 2017. We will not have to contribute until January 1st 2019. During the term of this contract, when you retire you will **Not** have to pay anything towards your health insurance. All previous retiree benefits will remain the same, without any changes.

NOW that we have a contract in place for the next 3 years, I can focus on our issues and concerns that we have in our workplace. I will

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continue to come out and be on the properties to speak with you as much as possible, but I will have certain days and times where a notice will be put up so you will know the exact time that I will be at your location (including meeting with our retirees).

I had the privilege of attending the New York State and New Jersey ATU Conference Board meeting along with Frank Boice, Demetrius Evans and Charlie Sikora this week. For the last few years and especially the last 6 months, I've been talking about all the funding cuts, companies trying to privatize, pension cuts, layoffs, and the biggest one of all is Justice Neil Gorsuch who got a seat of the Supreme Court fearing that he will tip the balance of the Court towards overturning key legal precedents that benefit labor. This Justice is

poised to cast the fifth vote to make it next to impossible for public-sector labor unions to organize. The two main cases of the courts arising that unions are worried about are *Yohn vs. California Teachers Association* and *Janus vs AFSCME*. Both could overturn a 1979 precedent called *Abood* that said public sector workers could be forced to join a union or support one financially as a condition of employment. Search requirements call security clauses in Union parlance are a common feature of public sector union contracts. They are a key source of the unions strength since they boost both membership and dues revenue. Why am I bringing this to your attention it's because together as a Union we stand, divided we fall. Unions are under attack nationally. ATU Local 1342, it doesn't matter

what department you work in, we're all the same whether you have one day in this Union or you have 40 years in this Union, we need each other to fight this fight. With almost 30 years in this Union and at least 12 more to go, I need each of every one of you to band together becoming One ATU.

Please come to Union meeting so you can be properly informed of all Union business. Union meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 AM and at 7:30 PM at the Union hall located at 196 Orchard Park Road in West Seneca.

Have a great summer.

In solidarity,

President Jeffrey Richardson





## A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



Some members may have not have been able to vote in our two recent Union contract proposals because they weren't union members but thought they were because union dues are coming out of their checks. By not joining the union you cannot attend monthly union meetings, vote in union elections, be eligible for the \$1000.00 funeral benefit paid to your beneficiary, or any other special benefits that are afforded only to union members. This includes extra benefits provided by your Special Purpose Fund.

For all newer employees, paying union dues does not make you a member of this union. Only after the completion of your applicable probationary period can you apply for membership in Local Union 1342 (90 working

days for drivers and 90 calendar days for mechanics). Check with your Transportation Supervisor if you are not sure when your probation ends, then let your Union Representative know when your probation ends so they can have you fill out an application for membership to the union. You are not a member of the union until you fill this out. I will then enroll you to the International which is done on the first of the month immediately preceding the signing of the union membership card.

If time constraints make it impossible to meet with your elected union rep, I can come to your location and sign you up myself. Again, call the union hall to set up a time when I can meet with you. I will also start to send out letters to all who have

completed the probationary period along with an enrollment form for you to complete.

When you first get hired the company has you fill out a beneficiary card for the company life insurance, you do this again when you retire. You may also have your own life insurance policy not related to the company's life insurance policy. Now as you get older and situations change in your life, those beneficiary cards you filled out years and years ago don't get changed. I'm sure you can imagine the problems this might cause in some families. Please go through all of your insurance documents to make sure you have all of your intended beneficiaries properly listed.

## *Metro Anniversaries - July 2017*

Aigner, Cheryl	6	Hanley, Barbara	4	Ratka, Joseph	38
Ali, Muhammad	10	Hassan, Natalie	11	Reid, Isiah	28
Andrzejewski, Maria	6	Hatten, Joyce	5	Richardson, Meya	17
Andrzejewski, Thomas	4	Hemphill, John	11	Rivera, Ricardo	9
Atkinson, Niama	3	Huffnagle, Dean	26	Ross, Ronald	16
Badura, Wade	11	Hurd, Lewis	4	Rost, Thomas	19
Bandinelli, Brian	8	Jarvis, Michael	9	Ruffins, Lashonda	4
Barbary, Charlene	18	Jenkins, Eugene	16	Sanchez, Angela	11
Barnes, Dalvenia	5	Justinger, Teresa	29	Schaefer, Brian	7
Bentley, Thomas	24	Kasprowicz, Annette	28	Schaefer, Michael	4
Berger, Bradley	3	Kelly, Michael	14	Schaefer, Michael	28
Birdsong, Eliot	13	Kieffer, Alan	17	Schnettler, Gregory	9
Brooks, Carlton	2	Lewis, Washington	19	Schoenle, James	10
Brown, Anthony	18	Lindsay, Daniel	16	Shepard, Roy	15
Brown, Dwight	10	Mack, Jeffrey	17	Skulski Jr, Norman	10
Calandra, Thomas	10	Mancinelli, James	4	Stanchfield, Dean	6
Carrasquillo, Chris	28	Martin, Michael	19	Sterner, Michael	4
Cason, Tremain	18	Mellerson, Lacsresha	16	Striker, Roy	30
Chambers, Stephen	3	Mercado, Edgardo	16	Tanner, Dara	3
Chesson, Terrence	10	Miles, Waymon	11	Tickett, Sharon	3
Coakley, Michael	7	Mingo, Eric	13	Torres, Theodore	10
Coleman, Willie	16	Moye, Laquesha	7	Turner, Darlene	10
Conrad, John	16	Nichols, Larry	3	Wagner, Charles	5
Cooley, Vincent	30	Nichols, Thomas	30	Wagner, Melissa	9
Cosgrove, Bruce	26	Norman, Larry	3	Warren, Denise	10
Craion, Elonda	1	O'Connell, Jason	14	Washington, Clifford	6
Crosby, Courtney	6	O'Connor, Barbara	28	Woodard, Diane	17
Crosby, Tywanda	14	Oehler, William	4	Woodruff, Alithia	3
Cupples, Glenn	16	Patton, Nicole	11	Woods, Leroy	9
Ehlers, Angela	5	Penson, Charlene	17	Workman, David	30
Erhardt, Gary	34	Pipolo, Martin	33	Yanicki, Melissa	11
Galarza, Justo	14	Plewniak, Nicholas	1	Young, Rachael	7
Gerard, John	31	Pope, Carolyn	6	Ziewicki, Joseph	4
Giacobello, Michael	7	Priore, Lawrence	28		
Gibson, Charles	10	Pyzikiewicz, Paul	33		
Guthrie, Kenneth	5	Ransom-Perry, Clarissa	7		



# Happy Birthday

## July 2017



Alfaro, Shari  
 Andrzejewski, Maria  
 Bellamy Jr, Rodney  
 Benton, Vincent  
 Bigaj, Steven  
 Brady, James  
 Bruno, Leandro  
 Butler, Denise  
 Cardamone, Gary  
 Chambers, Stephen  
 Ciesla, Diane  
 Clark, Jenay  
 Coleman, Chalise  
 Dean, Tammy  
 Deperto, Donald  
 Dorman, Roger  
 Doyle, Delano  
 Druz bik, Darren  
 Dyachuk, Vladimir  
 Dyne, Craig  
 Ellis, Danny  
 Flierl, Daniel  
 Frank, Kathryn  
 Freeman, Fred  
 Garwol, Shirley  
 Goldsby, Thomas  
 Gray, Michael  
 Harris, Gregory

Hausmann, Peter  
 Hemphill-Johnson, Jared  
 Hennegan, Ronald  
 Hoisington, Anthony  
 Humes, David  
 Jarvis, Michael  
 Johnson, Gwendolyn  
 Jones, Edwin  
 Kalman, Robert  
 Keane, Peter  
 Kieffer, Alan  
 Kijanka, Rickey  
 Kolb, James  
 Kozub, Daniel  
 Kurtzworth, Michael  
 Lewis, Paula  
 Lewke, Brian  
 Lockett, Michael  
 Maple Jr, Willie  
 Maple, Kevin  
 McCooey, Gary  
 Mellerson, Lacresha  
 Messenger, Alexander  
 Michalski, Kevin  
 Mills, Thomas  
 Mitchell, Damien  
 Moore, Kenneth  
 Morrison, Alicia

Nelson, Thomas  
 Nichols, Thomas  
 Nieves Sr, Bernardo  
 Nieves, Jose  
 Parks, Martrice  
 Pelletier, Erich  
 Reed, David  
 Robinson-Nance, Deven  
 Rodriguez, Luis  
 Routhier, Michael  
 Sanchez, Angela  
 Santa Maria, Jack  
 Scott, Gerard  
 Seiler, James  
 Shamburger, Gene  
 Slotiuk, Nathaniel  
 Smith, Eric  
 Sterner, Michael  
 Sweeney, Margaret  
 Tickett, Sharon  
 Tirado, Michael  
 Verse, Antonia  
 Wielbon, Jerry  
 Williams, Joanne  
 Winters, Robert



## *Metro Anniversaries - August 2017*

Ball, Ricky	16	Hoffarth, Lucas	6	Pontrello, Joseph	6
Barrett, Adam	14	Holt, Michael	10	Purdue, Gary	1
Bates, Jeffrey	3	Hundley, Jerome	23	Rivera, George	14
Beckwith, Gregory	4	Jaekle, Gordon	1	Rolon Sr, Gemark	10
Bigaj, Steven	9	Jones, Retha	4	Sampman, Samuel	1
Bishop, Leonard	8	Jones, Samuel	12	Sargent, Mark	13
Boice, Frank	26	Keith, Marlon	16	Scarano, Richard	21
Borden, Christian	4	Krauss, Shawn	7	Sharp, Connell	16
Carter, Shawn	10	Lawrence, Calvin	6	Sirianni, Joseph	34
Cason, Michael	14	Lewis, Shirley	16	Sitek, Gary	6
Castellano, Ramon	6	London, Takesha	6	Smith, Kimberly	8
Chappell Jr, Baron	1	Lucas, Dalton	1	Swain, Eddie	1
Chihanick, David	25	Mariea, Robert	2	Szeluga, Gregory	1
Clarke, Kevin	6	Mathews, Janice	23	Taylor, Tracy	10
Culp, John	36	McKinney, Jennifer	2	Teti, Paul	1
Dierolf, Mark	6	Medero, Jose	4	Tillis, Lavar	1
Druzvik, Darren	10	Mencia, Rafael	2	Trietley, Kevin	20
Dudziak, John	13	Montanez, Estella	10	Wagner, Kenneth	10
Evans, Demetrius	12	Moss, Jeffrey	8	Walczak, Brad	16
Evans, Sheila	28	Musgrove, Henry	3	Walker, John	1
Everett, John	17	Nichols, John	1	Ware, Terrance	16
Fitzgerald, Patrick	35	Nieves, Jose	7	Waters, Robert	6
Gibbs, Keith	16	O'Shensky, Mary	16	Williams, Jerome	26
Hall, John	33	Patterson, Demettrius	1	Williams, Ramona	1
Harris, Tito	18	Pellish, Galen	26	Zeigler, Robert	2
Heft, Edward	12	Pieszala, Eric	7	Zipp, David	7
		Pollutro, Jerome	17		



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## August 2017



Balistieri, James  
 Ball, Richard H  
 Barrett, Adam  
 Bauer, Mark  
 Beal, Keith  
 Beal, Vernon  
 Beckwith, Gregory  
 Berry, Michael  
 Biniszkiewicz, Stephen  
 Boykin, Charles  
 Brown, Anthony  
 Brown, Clifton  
 Carter, Shawn  
 Castellano, Ramon  
 Confer, Marygrace  
 Conner, Joan  
 Curry, Gwendolyn  
 Daniels, Javan  
 Data, Julian  
 Davis, Doreen  
 Davis, Tahje  
 Diaz, Victor  
 Duckworth, Glenn  
 Dudziak, John  
 Duffin, Dawn  
 Epps, Aisha  
 Esford, Robert  
 Gauss, Jeffrey  
 Graves, Tiawan  
 Griffin Jr, Willie  
 Hawkins, Bryan

Hayek, Richard  
 Henry, George  
 Holt, Michael  
 Horton, Michael  
 Jackson, Akmell  
 Jackson, Damon  
 Jenkins, Eugene  
 Johnson, David  
 Johnson, Kenneth  
 Jones, Carieta  
 Kanalley, Brian  
 Kennedy, Alzo  
 Krause, Raymond  
 Kuehne, Peter  
 Lewis, Michael  
 Lewis, Shirley  
 Lipman, Ivy  
 Mack, Kareemah  
 Martin, Michael  
 Mathewson, Charles  
 McKnight, Richard  
 Moore, Bruce  
 Mule, Frank  
 Neuner, Shawn  
 Norman, Larry  
 O'Connell, Patrick  
 O'Shensky, Mary  
 Overton, Raymond  
 Parker, Kenya  
 Pawlowski, Kevin  
 Price, Barbara

Priore, Lawrence  
 Purdy, Jennifer  
 Reid, Sheila  
 Riehle, Brian  
 Rivera, George  
 Rivera, Ricardo  
 Rogalski, Joseph  
 Schaefer, Kenneth  
 Schoenle, James  
 Scott, Bruce  
 Sebastian, John  
 Shamrock, Kodie  
 Shanley, David  
 Shepard, Roy  
 Simmons, Tawana  
 Skea, Miriam  
 Skulski Jr, Norman  
 Smith, Carla  
 Spencer Jr, Clyde  
 Terry, Kevin  
 Tirado, Jose  
 Vincent, Ronald  
 Ware, Terrance  
 Webster, Etienne  
 Weiss, Jason  
 Williams, Lawrence  
 Wrobel, Michael  
 Young, Murray  
 Young, Kathleen

## **Retired in July 2017**

**Joseph Cappello  
Diane Hanna  
Kenneth Pezzimenti  
Tommy Seay  
Arthur Weigand**

## **Retired in August 2017**

**Babatunde Angolowyse  
Danny Ellis  
Robert Fuller  
Ray Giampoala  
Thomas Goldsby  
Susan Haag  
John Hoffman  
Michael Lewis  
Brian Lewke  
Daniel O'Brien  
Richard Reed  
Joseph Rogalski**

## **Deceased Members**

**Shameah Stevens  
7/02/2017**