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Charter Union Meeting

January 10th
ATU Union Hall
196 Orchard Park Rd.
West Seneca NY

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

Agenda

Regular order of
Business

Vote on Special Assess-
ment for the cost of
Negotiations from August
2009—2017

From the President's Desk

By: Jeff Richardson

Brothers and Sisters:

Most people take access to restroom in the workplace for granted, but Bus and Train operators often complete long runs without reasonable access to toilet facilities. For years, operators have avoided drinking water during the workday, relieve themselves in bottles or on the street, and even wet themselves. The problem is especially hard on pregnant and older operators, those with medical conditions of the bladder or bowels, and for people taking diuretic medication.

Even when restrooms are available, many factors can still affect an operators access. Schedule pressures may mean that operators do not have time to access, use, and return from a restroom. Procedures for leading and securing the bus maybe vague or unrealistic, or the restrooms may be unsanitary or unsafe. Concerns about embarrassment or negative passenger reaction can also discourage operators from going to the restroom. Some operators have been disciplined for taking unauthorized breaks to use the restroom. In 2004, a member of ATU local 757 was

crushed by her own bus when she ran to the restroom at the end of her route.

The fact is, the discomfort and stress of holding it in makes it more difficult to operate a vehicle safely and effectively. Operators reported being distracted and driving faster when under this kind of pressure. One laboratory study found that not responding to extreme urge to urinate affected attention and thinking. The effect was equal to that of staying awake for 24 hours or having a blood alcohol level (BAC) of 0.05 percent.

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For comparison, a commercial driver would be disqualified at BAC of 0.04 percent.

Transit operators have the right to rapid access to restrooms when needed, on all routes in all

shifts. Safe access to clean, fully-equipped facilities along routes, and at the end of routes, with locations identified and updated. Adequate time to access, use, and return from restrooms. No retaliation, discipline, or threats for going to the restroom. Restroom use time built into

scheduling. Clear policies on restroom access along the route, including how to notify dispatch, safe methods for leaving and securing the bus, communicating with passengers and discharging passengers.



A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



Happy New Year,

Your yearly dues and assessments for the 2017 tax year are located on your last pay stub for 2017 as I stated in last month's newsletter. That is the only way to get your accurate individual totals.

Each year in January, going back as far as I can remember, the Financial Secretary/Treasurer would post in each location the total dues and assessments for tax purposes. There will again be a posting this year at each location, but it will not have dollar amounts as in the past. It will only say what I stated above.

The reason - when I checked a cross section of

employees that I know worked all year without being out for any extended period of time, I found multiple differences in these totals. Dues and assessment totals are as individual as gross wage totals.

I can't post a standard amount of what everyone paid when there is no standard amount to post. So, if you didn't save your last pay stub and need these figures, I would rather you call me at the Union Hall to get them and not the Payroll Department.

Letters are going out to all Local 1342 members stating the new pension changes recently voted on by your Trustees. Along with that will be a notice explaining the Per-Capita amount

of \$15.40 that the ATU International gets from each Local for each union member. It comes out of your weekly dues, but when you are out of work for an extended period of time it doesn't-but we still pay it.

As the By-Laws state, when you are out of work you must send to your Local Union hall the Per-Capita amount of \$15.40 by the 15th of each month that you are not working. If you fail to do this and are still in arrears on the 15th of the second month you would have voluntarily suspended yourself as a union member, and can only be re-admitted when all your back dues and assessments are current again.



Atkinson, Niama
 Badura, Dale
 Banister, Timothy
 Barron, Cory
 Becton-Schmitt, Annette
 Biniecki Jr, John
 Blowers, Joseph
 Brauza, Walter
 Britt, Rhonda
 Brown, Denise
 Burkell, Cornelius
 Carpenter, Antwine
 Chiles, Cleveland
 Conrad II, John
 Curuth, Stevie
 Dixon, Antonio
 Edmond, Michael
 Ferguson, Sonya
 Gidney, Donnie
 Green, Anthony
 Green, Lorenzo
 Greiner, Thomas
 Hall, Carolyn M
 Harris, Michael
 Henry, Michael
 Hernandez, Misael
 Hodge, Kenneth
 Holmes, Agnes

Hughes, Terry
 Johnson, Cassandra
 Johnson, Jennifer
 Johnson, Rita
 Jones, Brandon
 Keigley III, John
 Kieffer, Paul
 Lane, Adrian
 Lee, Lynda
 Love, Clyde
 Maddox, Jasmine
 Maldonado, Jessica
 Massey Jr, Clarke
 Matheron, Glenn
 McDougald, Samuel
 McMillon, Patricia
 Medero, Jose
 Mitchell, William
 Muhammad, Sammy
 Mulhisen, Michael
 Nesbitt, Troy L.
 Oehler, Robert
 Parker, Mark
 Patton, Nicole
 Pellish, Galen
 Peterson, Brent
 Pilarski, Alex
 Plewniak, Nicholas

Porter, Levelzo
 Purdue, Gary
 Rizzo, Michael
 Rosado, Angel
 Salunek, John
 Scarano, Richard
 Schaefer, Brian
 Scheuneman, Richard
 Schichtel, Gerald
 Schneggenburger, Donald
 Shingledecker, Paul
 Simpson, Justin
 Skoczylas, Anthony
 Smith, Kimberly
 Stafford Jr, Derek
 Stewart, Lynette
 Stoczynski, Craig
 Stone, Jeremy
 Striker, Roy
 Szejnar, Shaun
 Tiede, Karl
 Tillis, Lavar
 Washington, Clifford
 Wiggins, Pamela
 Wright, John
 Zarnikau, David

Metro Anniversaries

Arcara, John	11	Garrett, Darnell	12	Mickell, Alan	21
Baker, Kenya	10	Gmeinder, Jeffrey	30	Miller, Demario	1
Bell, Joann	16	Green, Lorenzo	7	Mooney, Frank	11
Benitez, Claudia	1	Hall, Laquita	14	Moorer, Almario	2
Biniecki Jr, John	4	Henry, George	5	Mulhisen, Michael	33
Brooks, Marquita	2	Hill, Damara	2	Okie, Kevin	24
Brown, Timothy	14	Hill, Galen	5	Olds, Patricia	3
Brunner, James	25	Hodge, Kenneth	1	Payne, Amari	13
Bruno, Leandro	14	Holmes, Agnes	14	Reed, David	5
Bruno, Leonard	17	Horey, David	7	Rivera, Pedro	4
Burgin, Kelly	1	James, Kerry	12	Rohrback, Terry	13
Carpenter, Antwine	5	Johnson, Cassandra	7	Rolling, Anthony	7
Ciesla, Diane	26	Jones, Gregory	13	Saia, Frank	2
Clark, Jenay	12	Jusiak, Jeffrey	14	Sattelberg, JoAnn	3
Craion, Dion	4	Kearney, Rickey	11	Schlueter Jr, George	4
Czuba, Andrew	7	Kemp, Jacquine	14	Smith, Chequita	3
Daniel, Jermaine	7	Kemp, Kimberly	16	Stevenson, Willie	11
Davis, Doreen	5	King, Dione	13	Stoll, Matthew	2
De James, Mark	34	Korman, Andrew	33	Walker, Gina	14
Dean, Tammy	11	Lane, Adrian	11	Warnes, Ross	1
Delaney, April	12	Lawson, Jasmine	2	Webster, Etienne	2
Denny, Timothy	34	Lewandowski, Thomas	12	Whatley, Andre	21
Eagen, Thomas	1	Logan, Maria	3	Will, Daniel	13
Esford, Robert	3	Malaniak, Andrew	11	Williams, Sheilds	3
Evancho, John	12	Malczewski, Wayne	2	Winters, Robert	13
Fayson, Monica	10	Mathis, Tommy	12	Woleen, Randy	18
Follendorf, Michael	25	McClamb, Demarcus	2	Wright, Dawn	18
Francis, Clayton	7	McFarland, Samuel	2	Zarnikau, David	1
Freeman, Fred	28	McKnight, Richard	17		
Fronczak, David	5	Mercado, Michael	17		

Retired in January

Kenneth Wagner

Deceased Members

Jim Wierzbowski

12/25/17