



# ATU 1342 Newsletter

## **Charter Union Meeting**

**July 12th**  
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,

Eight years without a contract, let's look at the total picture. (1) What do we deserve? A raise so that we can take care of our families. We need health care so that our families can live a long and healthy life. We need to keep our defined pension plan healthy so every hard-working union member can retire with dignity now and in the future (remember, that's our pension).

(2). FACT, after eight years we're living off of 2009 wages. FACT, the zeros keep compounding instead of our raises compounding. FACT, every Thursday you pay for your medical because you haven't received a raise. FACT, since 2009 our pay

stayed the same, which meant we lost millions into our pension just on 40 hours, not including overtime. FACT, at the rallies we never had full participation or even 50 percent participation.

REALITY, a contract proposal was posted for ten days for your review. REALITY, two ratification meetings took place at the union hall with a full explanation of the proposal. REALITY, a vote took place. The membership spoke and it was voted down.

WHERE ARE WE NOW? First, I want every union member in every department to be treated fairly across the board. I want every union member to understand that we must stay unified (together we stand divided we fall).

Now a date has been set to go to fact finding (tentative date July 11,2017).

Ever since the vote, I continue to put in long hours trying to obtain a contract before the fact-finding date. I encourage you to continue to come to the union meetings so our members can receive the facts instead of listening to false rumors that continue to raise up its ugly head. Last week we had close to 300 people at the meeting. This week at the union meeting, 60 members in total. I ask that we continue to show up for all meetings. I will continue to visit the properties to speak to as many members as I can.



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## A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



I understand that this is horrible timing, but it is mandated by the International Union that all ATU Locals dues increase from \$12.93 to \$13.25. This is an increase of 0.32 cents a week.

Some members have asked me for the amount that our union has spent in negotiating for a new contract. You are obligated to know what that amount is because you are contributing members who will foot that bill out of the weekly dues, and will continue to pay from those dues for negotiations until the ma-

majority agree on a contract. Going back to 2010 the approximate amount is \$86,000.00. This is before the amount it will cost if or when we go the fact-finding. Please note, that the International Transit Union has spent much more than that amount on our negotiated efforts.

Also, I regret to inform you that when the Board of Trustees, which consists of myself, Jeff Richardson, Karen Novo, and Patrick Dalton meet in July, we will discuss and vote on raising the Employees' contribution to our Pension Fund from 4%

to 5%. This has been strongly recommended by our Accountant, Investment and Actuarial Firms to make this change. At that time, we will also look to possibly make other changes to the plan. This will be done under the Agreement and Declaration of the Trust, which gives the Trustees the power to amend any other provision of the plan only for the benefit of the Covered Employees and their beneficiaries.

Have a great summer,

### **Retired in June**

Paul Brown	Heintz-Detlef Frings
Thomas Bruce	Patrick Igoe
Vincent Cooley	Carmen Vaccarella
Vernice Foster	Joanne Williams

### **Deceased Members**

**Marilyn Prewitt**  
5/18/17

**John Wojcik**  
5/31/17

## *Metro Anniversaries*

Alexander, Erica	6	Gill, James	17	Moorhouse, John	4
Alexander, Ezekiel	1	Glover, Wyetta	15	Muhammad, Sammy	35
Alls, Charmaine	6	Gray, Michael	10	Ocasio Jr, Ismael	19
Ball, Richard	16	Gregg, Denise	15	Olejniczak, Alan	29
Ball, Tonya	11	Gross, David	31	Parmer II, Leslie	6
Barry, James	3	Hampshire, Kimberly	1	Pearson, Summer	12
Bauer, Mark	11	Harris, Jermaine	2	Port, Dwayne	11
Berry, Destry	9	Harris, Michael	8	Price, Lanitia	7
Biniszkiewicz, Stephen	2	Hawkins, Sonja	9	Robinson-Nance, Deven	2
Brown, Clarence	25	Hixon, Friar	17	Rodriguez, Luis	15
Brown, William	6	Horton, Anthony	12	Rosado, Angel	1
Bryant, Carolyn	3	Hunter Jr, David	13	Shahzad, Amir	6
Buie, Jeffery	11	Hunter, Marsden	2	Skea Jr, Richard	29
Cardamone, Gary	9	Jones, Barbara	9	Smith Iii, Andrew	25
Carter, Edward	9	Jones, Brandon	9	Smith, Carla	7
Caruana, Angelo	11	Jones, Reuben	7	Smith, Eric	3
Catalano, Michael	1	Keane, Peter	3	Smith, Ronald	25
Chojnacki, Cheryl	9	Kearney, James	13	Spencer Jr, Clyde	4
Clark, Randall	7	Keigley III, John	7	Stewart, Lynette	18
Cline, Kenneth	13	Keigley, Richard	7	Stokes, Marcel	9
Cramer, Christopher	2	Kowarko, Michael	6	Sweeney, Margaret	7
Cross, Jerome	4	Lehsten, Christopher	4	Szufflita, Richard	12
Daniels, Javan	9	Lewke, Brian	17	Tirado, Jose	10
Davis, Todd	1	Maddox, Edgar	3	Toledo III, George	3
Duckworth, Glenn	10	Maldonado, Jessica	6	Vincent, Veronica	15
Duncan, Kenneth	1	Martino, John	9	Weigand, Arthur	35
Dunning, Kyle	9	McCoy, Gyrone	12	Weiss, Jason	13
Echevarria, Joel	9	McKnight, Rhonda	10	Woodward, Jacob	1
Erb, Nathan	2	Mills, Jason	3	Wright Iv, William	9
Ferguson, Sonya	11	Mitchell, William	24	Yancey, Jose	9
Geary, Patrick	14	Moore, Deborah	15		



Aigner, Cheryl  
 Alexander, Ezekiel  
 Andrew, Phillip  
 Angolwisye, Babatunde  
 Applewhite, Catrina  
 Baines, Allison  
 Ball, Tonya  
 Bennett, Damarr  
 Bentley, Thomas  
 Biersbach, Mark  
 Black, Paul  
 Brailsford, Christopher  
 Brooks, Marquita  
 Brown, Timothy  
 Campbell, Gregory  
 Carpenter, Andre  
 Catalano, Michael  
 Catlin, Douglas  
 Coleman III, Willie  
 Coleman, Jasmine  
 Collins, Todd  
 Cordier, Allen  
 Counts, Steven  
 Cromer, Amanda  
 Crosby, Tywanda  
 Denny, Timothy  
 Dierolf, Mark H.  
 Earthman, Devaughn  
 Epps, Charles  
 Foster, David  
 Garvin, Daniel  
 Gibbs, Keith  
 Gill, James

Gregg, Denise  
 Gross, David  
 Haniszewski, Michael  
 Hill, Galen  
 Himmelsbach, Thomas  
 Hoffman, Frank  
 Inglut, Andrew  
 Jaeckle, Gordon  
 Karsky Jr, Lawrence  
 Keith, Marlon  
 Kelly, Andre  
 Kemp, Jacquine  
 King, Dione  
 Kozak, Michael  
 Kuzniaj, Stanley  
 London, Takesha  
 Mack, Jeffrey  
 Mancinelli, James  
 Mancini, Mark  
 Mapp, Rohinda  
 Mariea, Robert  
 Martino, John  
 McClendon, Darnel  
 McLaughlin, Ann  
 Miles, Waymon  
 Mohnkern, Daniel  
 Morrissey, John  
 Myree, Shantay  
 Myree, Sharith  
 Nelson, Robert  
 Oehler, William  
 Oleksy, Leonard  
 Owczarczak, Ruth

Pencille, Gary  
 Puryear, Shelley  
 Reimondo, Paul  
 Riehle, Bruce  
 Robinson, Tracy  
 Rolon Sr, Gemark  
 Sargent, Anthony  
 Selvaggio, Michael  
 Shealy, Michael  
 Shelton, Lamont  
 Smith, Ronald  
 Smithers, Jonathan  
 Soto, Nicholas  
 Stallard, Michael  
 Staszczyk, Nancy  
 Stewart, Yvonne  
 Sundquist, Joseph  
 Svenson, Eric  
 Thomas, Theodore  
 Torres, Theodore  
 Vacanti, Michael  
 Wachowski, Michael  
 Walden, Joseph  
 Walker, Annette  
 Walker, John  
 Weigand, Arthur  
 West, Brian  
 Whatley, Andre  
 Whatley, Angela  
 Wheeler, Stephen  
 Wojciechowski, Max  
 Workman, David