



ATU 1342 Newsletter

Charter Union Meeting

October 12th

ATU Union Hall
196 Orchard Park Rd.
West Seneca NY

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

Agenda

- Regular order of business
- Nominations for all Union Officers
- A COPE meeting will be held immediately following the union meeting



President's Perspective

By: Vincent G. Crehan—President/Business Agent

So union elections are here once again. It is amazing to me another 3 years have passed. I personally am proud of the ATU as well as the election process. Unlike management, we as union officials have to be accountable for our actions. We must strive every day to do the very best we can. If we fall short or forget, many times we lose the next election.

The only problem with an election is when politics enters into the equation. This is unfortunate since our true disagreements are with the company, not our union members. It is the company who de-

nies all of our grievances and forces us to spend hard earned money on arbitrations. It is the company who has held up a fair contract with decent wages and benefits for over 7 years. Let's this time stay focused on the real issues which all stems with the company. Let's not let up on the pressure we have been putting on them just to fight among ourselves.

In the meantime, our International representatives are still meeting with the company to try and bring back a fair contract

we can all live with. I am not so sure the company is treating them any better than they are treating us. There will be a separate printing to let you know of any new developments concerning negotiations.

Stay safe and watch for our children.

The company struggles to keep Metrolink vans running. As of October 6, 2016, 22 vans are out of service. Four need engines, 6 have cracked frames, and the remaining 12 have various issues. When do you think the company will realize they need to pay mechanics a competitive wage to

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to attract new mechanics as well as keep the ones they have now?

Saturday, October 1, 2016, the company held an open house trying to hire new mechanics. The company removed signs that referenced we don't have a current contract. Many times they don't tell

these people the starting rate. They keep them in the dark so they can find out after the fact, and then quit after the company spends money on starting to train them. On October 1, 2016, they attracted only 21 people, testing reduced the 21 down to 5. Add in a drug test and a back-

ground check and maybe end up with one or two. Not enough. With the age of the workforce, many more will be retiring. When will these high paid managers get it before it's too late?



**A Message From
Kathryn Ehrig
Financial Secretary/Treasurer**



October is here and it is a busy month for us. We have the ATU Convention in Toronto Canada from Oct 2 to the 7th. We have nomination meetings starting on Oct 5th and ending on Oct 12th. Remember if you are nominated and want to accept, it has to be done in writing no later than the 24th of October 2016. Also the International reps are meeting with the company on Oct. 4th. I am sure updates will be out shortly after

that meeting.

A member stopped in this week to let us know he is resigning. He said he can't make it on the pay and the nonsense that goes on with the company. He has another job lined up already and we wish him well. Another member is also quitting. He showed his check stub to a board member and said he "can't pay his rent or school loans on this, who could". I hope we can bring a decent contract offer to the membership soon. It is a

shame to lose new hires on a steady basis.

We met with the WNY ALF last week with the leadership from the Teamster, CWA, CEJ and CSEA. We discussed several actions we may take this month. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

It does not look like we will have an assessment until early next year. We will keep you posted.

Metro Anniversaries

Ando, Frederick	1	Hawkins, Mark	9	Palmer, Isaac	4
Bellamy, Rodney	1	Hawkins, Chester	1	Parker, Kenya	11
Blackman, Derrick	5	Herrera, Hector	3	Parker, Wanda	9
Blowers, Joseph	32	Himmelsbach, Thomas	27	Payne, Thomas	9
Braggs, Willie	21	Horton, Michael	8	Peragine, Salvatore	32
Britt, Rhonda	12	Howard, Isaac	15	Perison, Donald	31
Brunson, Jacob	4	Igoe, Patrick	32	Peters, Joseph	32
Burke, Michael	5	Jeffords, Kenneth	32	Pizza, Frank	37
Canaday, Renata	17	Jones, Ronald	4	Richardson, Jeffrey	28
Candelario, Jimmy	5	Judge, Angela	4	Rogers, Daniel	8
Cappello, Joseph	10	Kalstek Jr, Frank	5	Sattelberg, Helen	28
Caputo, Joseph	32	Kelly, Andre	11	Schichtel, Gerald	4
Carney, Thomas	10	Kilgore, Michael	12	Scime, Anthony	3
Cherry, Clydie	5	Kolb, James	5	Sebastian, John	8
Ciesla, Michael	3	Kozub, Daniel	27	Shanley, David	11
Cole, Albert	11	Krukowski, Dennis	8	Shanley, Raymond	10
Diaz, Cvictor	9	Lipman, Ivy	9	Simmance, Jay	28
Ellis, Charles	5	Lucas, Richard	9	Stallard, Michael	5
Flierl, Daniel	32	Massey Jr, Clarke	18	Tyler, Anthony	15
Frazier, Dawn	8	Mentel, Joseph	8	Velazquez, Vanessa	8
Gagnier, Randy	1	Morrow, Yvonne	16	Wcislo, Shawn	4
Guard, Tara	4	Murshed, Nurul	9	Werner, Joseph	32
Haag, Susan	2	Ortwein, Richard	1	Wheeler, Stephen	4
Harris, Sharita	1	Padilla-Vazquez, Candace	1	Zeigler, Milton	13

Deceased Members

Charles Shallowhorn

9/12/16

Retired in September

Anthony Walker

Retired in October

Brenda Fields



Abbott, Donald
Albright, John
Badura, Wade
Barbary, Charlene
Batista, Christopher
Bell, Joanne
Billups, Daniel
Blackman, Derrick
Bonnas, Steven
Boykin, Kenneth
Brown, Paul
Caputo, Joseph
Chesna, David
Clarke, Kevin
Craion, Dion
Crawford, Joe
Daniels, Darryl
Davila, Robert
Dilivio, John
Dubois, Walter
Ferrari, Andrew

Flager, Bruce
Francis, Clayton
Galarza, Juan
Garon, Mark
Garrett, Darnell
Gerrity, Thomas
Gmeinder, Jeffrey
Griffin, Robert
Guthrie, Kenneth
Halom, Richard
Harris, Jermaine
Hawkins, Mark
Hawkins, Sonja
Hunter, Marsden
Hurt, Kenneth
Hurta, Kurt
Jones, Sterling
Jusiak, Jeffrey
Kemp, Kimberly
King, Laquashia

Kowarko, Michael
Krukowski, Dennis
Lewis, William
Lloyd, Thomas
Luczak, Tracy
Lumpkins, Denetrius
Maldonado, Carlos
Mathews, Janice
McCloud, Robert
McFarland, Samuel
Mercado, Edgardo
Milezarski, Richard
Monroe, Kerry
Moorer, Almarion
Morel, Luis
Mulligan, Jerry
Panaro, Patrick
Pearson, Summer
Peragine, Salvatore
Pereira, Enriquet

Pritchard, Thomas
Reed, Richard
Reile, Peter
Sattelberg, Helen
Shaver, Rosiland
Simmance, Jay
Simmons, Charity
Sirianni, Joseph
Sitek, Gary
Smalls, Tyrone
Smith, Tracy
Spence, Donald
Thompson, Douglas
Tinkham, Christopher
Walczak, Brad
Winegarden, Robert
Winkler, Mark
Wynn, Barbra
Young, Rachael
Zeigler, Milton
Zoeller, Brian

PETITIONING AT THE SABRES GAME!

We're starting a petition for riders to sign onto for full service and a fair contract before the next Buffalo Sabres game Thursday, October 13th at 5:30 PM

We will be petitioning at two transit stops as riders travel to First Niagara Center:

- ◆ University Station - 3383 Main Street
- ◆ Special Events Station – close to 75 Main Street (Main St. & Perry St.)

Text "atu1342" to **33733** for campaign updates

Be sure to follow ATU Local 1342 at [facebook.com/ATU1342](https://www.facebook.com/ATU1342)

Contact ATU organizer David Heller at 202-417-1794 or dheller@atu.org



**Updates on further Informational Pickets
will be announced soon!!**