

# Local 1342 Newsletter

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# Upcoming Charter <u>Union Meetings</u>

September 12, 2018
October 10, 2018
November 14, 2018
December 12, 2018
January 9, 2019
February 13, 2019
March 13, 2019
April 10, 2019
May 8, 2019

All Charter Union Meetings are held at the Union Hall

196 Orchard Park Rd. West Seneca NY

> 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

## From the President's Desk By: Jeff Richardson

The Union is offering its members a chance to purchase voluntary life insurance. The importance of having life insurance cannot be understated. To have the ability to pay for final expenses or provide for the payoff of a mortgage is part of good financial planning.

So many of us provide for our family's daily needs. What happens if we are gone? What happens to the financial support that we provided to our loved ones? The purchase of Life insurance is not something that we like to think about but it is something that can offer protec-

tion to our families when the unthinkable happens.

The Union is offering the opportunity to purchase insurance on a guarantee issue basis. This means that there are no medical questions asked to enroll in this voluntary life insurance plan. You can choose amounts up to 100,000k on a guarantee issue basis.

People can be rated or denied coverage for a variety of reasons. Common factors in the rating process are diabetes, weight, blood pressure and having had cancer in the past. So many of us just don't like to answer medical questions so the purchase

of Life Insurance is pushed off until it is too late.

Taking care of our family is the responsible thing to do. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

If you are interested, please call the Union office at 716-825-9217 to request information be mailed to you.

In Solidarity, Jeff Richardson



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# A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



## What is your role as a union member?

The most important thing to know about your union is that <u>you</u> are the union. A union is only as strong, effective and powerful as the members who participate in its process. You can best exercise that power by being informed, involved and active. These steps include:

#### Read your contract:

Your contract spells out your rights and benefits at work.

# Submit ideas for contract proposals:

When contracts come up for renegotiations, members have the opportunity to submit proposals to be considered for inclusion in the negotiation. This is your opportunity to propose changes or new ideas to improve your workplace.

# Go to your elected union officials if you have a question:

If you are unclear about what your contract says, or what your union is doing to address an issue, go to one of your elected leaders and ask them.

#### **Attend meetings:**

This is the most important part of union membership. Don't rely on members that attended to properly relay what was discussed.

# Read newsletters, union websites and bulletin boards:

This is the best way to stay informed, especially for those who report and work hours when nobody is around.

# Participate in union activities:

As your union does its work on your behalf, it will engage in a number of activities, including leafleting, walking picket lines of other unions, surveys, helping union friendly candidates in various activities, and attending union conference meetings-picnic's, parades, and meetings.

#### Participate in and vote in the election of leaders of your unit:

This needs no explanation as union members in the past have sacrificed their lives to give you this right.

# Be politically informed and involved:

What happens in the political arena locally and nationally has more of an impact on your job than anything else.



**Back To School** 

Watch out for our kids



Andrzejewski, Thomas Armster, Robert Augustiniak, Laquita Bates, Jeffrey Berger, Bradlev Boyd, Ledonia Brown, Dwight Brunson, Jacob Carr, Shana Carson, Konji Chavanne, Paul Cox, James Cremen, Donald Davis, Todd Druzbik, Dennis Duchmann, Mary Edmunds, Dawn Fafara, Michael Ferguson, Bryan Gagnier, Randy Garcia, Bethzaida Griffin, Kevin Grimm, Randy

Harper, Carl Holmes, Janine James, Kerry Jeffords, Kenneth Jones, Reuben Joseph, Anthony Kanalley Jr, James Kern, Joseph Lamarca, Frank Lehsten, Christopher Maple, Raymond McCabe, Joseph Mencia, Rafael Mercado, Michael Miller, Angelo Moore, Ray Mullen Jr, Donald Nesbitt, Classic Parise, Michael Peters, Joseph Reeves. Riel Reid, David Rivera Jr, Miguel

Rivera, Gabriel Rogers, Daniel Rolling, Anthony Rose, John Ross, Ronald Sahlem, Steven Saraceno, Joseph Sattelberg, Jo Sibiga, Michael Snell, Kenneth Sweeney, Andrew Taylor, Tracy Vassallo, Thomas Wacker, James Weber, Brian Wheaton, Victoria Whitney, Patrick Wilczak, Ronald Witkowski, Jason Zee. Lance

## **Deceased Members**

Eileen O'Brien (Campbell) - 8/23/18 Norval Kranz—8/27/18

## Retired in September

John Morrissey Gary Sitek PAGE 4 AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION VOLUME 18, ISSUE 8



## **Metro Members**

Alford, Ruthetta	17	Jones, Tamica	15	Reid, Sheila	4
Billingslea, Antionette	4	Juszkiewicz, Peter	6	Santana, Wilfredo	14
Boykin, Charles	4	Kennedy, Alzo	12	Scheuneman, Richard	7
Brailsford, Christopher	4	King-Lee, Laquashia	3	Scime, James	6
Branka, Steven	1	Kovacs, John	1	Scott Jr, Henry	6
Cahill, Michael	5	Kubisty, Celeste	7	Scott, Gerard	5
Carr Jr, Joseph	34	Lilly, Patricia	1	Seiler, James	26
Carr, Shana	4	Lowther III, Edward	1	Shadwick, Jeremiah	18
Cason, Markell	1	Lumpkins, Demetrius	10	Shingledecker, Paul	10
Chambers, Stephen	4	Mancinelli, James	5	Simmons, Andre	1
Coleman III, Willie	11	Mannes, James	1	Singletary, Brandon	1
Coleman, Brian	15	Maple, Kevin	4	Skoczylas, Anthony	38
Crosby, Courtney	7	Markelonis, Michael	6	Snyder, Edward	1
Depczynski, Robert	13	Mills, Thomas	3	Soto, Nicholas	7
Deperto, Darrick	13	Millspaugh, Jarod	1	Spence, Donald	25
Dimino, Joshua	2	Mule, Frank	8	Sterner, Michael	5
Dipasquale, Conner	1	Murphy Jr, Lamont	1	Tanner, Dara	4
Farrell, Shaun	11	Neal, Marquis	2	Thomas, Theodore	5
Galarza, Juan	12	Nobile, Shawn	5	Tirado, Michael	10
Garcia, Peggy	7	Norman, Larry	4	Tower, Jack	10
Gawelo, James	1	O'Connell, Patrick	32	Townsend, Kevin	1
Gerviss, Philip	1	Pawlowski, Kevin	3	Vacanti, Michael	2
Giddens, Cotona	11	Penelton, Lamont	17	Wheaton, Victoria	4
Green, Demetrius	6	Peterson, Keith	1	Wilkes, Toni	10
Green, Latia	2	Pilarski, Alex	6	Williams, Deborah	15
Harge III, Fred	11	Polasky, Melissa	5	Williams, Valdaz	4
Helm, Terrance	4	Pufal, Joseph	7	Woodruff, Alithia	4
Hoisington, Anthony	5	Purdy, Jennifer	2	Yash, David	7
Hyman, Moses	2	Puryear, Shelley	17		
Inglut, Andrew	32	- · · · ·			