



Local 1342 Newsletter

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Upcoming Charter Union Meetings

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

Taking place annually throughout the month of October; Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Aims to raise awareness about the disease. In my research, I found breast cancer is the second most common cancer globally, accounting for 11 million new diagnosis.

NFTA and NFT Metro employees may use up to a maximum of four (4) hours per calendar year during normal work hours for all cancer screenings. All employees must submit to their supervisor for approval, a request for leave time. The request for leave time must be in written

referral form from a physician or other authorized health care provider.

Also, in the month of September, we won some arbitration cases and settled seven grievances without going to arbitration. Every arbitration has a cost tied to it. I'm glad to see our union funds are working for us, protecting our rights within the confine of our cba contract.

There was a rumor that we didn't have a contract because you did not have a union book. This is absolutely false. As President of this union, my job is to make sure everything in the cba is correct, word for word. The company was trying to eliminate certain sections, but after

lengthy meetings with the company, it will remain in the cba. My job is to protect the cba in its entirety. After nine years without a contract, patience is needed. The contract is in the hands of the printer. We should have printed books in the very near future.

On page 2 of this newsletter, there is updated information on additional insurance benefits. If you are interested, you can contact Wendy. Her information is at the bottom of page 2.

Finally, if you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at any time.

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Allstate - Pre-Enrollment Summary for ATU Local 1342

Thank you for considering Allstate Benefits for your Supplemental Benefit needs. ATU Local 1342 has made this opportunity possible to enable you to add important benefits that can protect you and your family from the financial hardships that often arise from the unexpected events that happen in our lives.

These benefits:

- Are available through the convenience of payroll deduction
- Are paid in addition to any other benefits you may have and are paid directly to you
- Can be designed for Individuals, Spouses and Children
- Are portable...meaning you can keep them even if you change jobs

Voluntary Benefit Plan Summaries

Life Insurance

- √ Term and Universal Life options up to \$150,000
- √ Coverage for Spouse and Children available
- √ Policies customized for your needs
- √ Optional riders to enhance coverage include LTC (UL) Children's Term and more
- √ Sample Rate for 20 yr Term Policy- Age 40 – non-smoker - \$6.00/week prem.= \$60,826 Death Benefit

Accident Insurance

- √ Cash benefits for ON or OFF Job injuries...24/7
- √ Benefits paid for Hospitalization, ER, Medical Expenses, Specific Injury Benefits, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits, CT Scan and MRI, Surgery, Blood, Surgery, Prosthesis, Physical Therapy, Burns, Skin Grafts and more
- √ Sample Rate for "Basic Plan" ...Individual- \$2.40/week...Family- \$6.30/week

Critical Illness

- √ Lump Sum cash benefits...\$10,000 OR \$20,000 paid at time of occurrence
- √ Cash Benefits for Heart Attack, Stroke, Major Organ Transplant, Renal Failure, Alzheimer's
- √ Cash Benefits for Cancer (optional)
- √ Cash benefits for annual Wellness Exams, including blood test for triglycerides and stress tests
- √ Sample Rate for Age 39 – non-smoker - \$2.61/week prem.

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A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My State Farm insurance agent called me last month to set up an appointment to go over all of my coverage, i.e. car, home, umbrella policy and answer any questions I might have. He was obviously trying to sell me more insurance with this meeting but didn't succeed. But I did learn a lot of surprising information from him that everyone should know about. I'm going to pass that on to all of you for your consideration

Liability Insurance: Pays for injuries and property damage caused by a crash if you were at fault. It does not cover your injuries or those of other people on your policy or damage to your vehicle. You are personally liable for claims in coverage. My agent suggests that you should have no less than \$300,000 if your policy has a single limit, you may also consider purchasing an umbrella policy. Its costs are fairly low and will cover you regardless of fault. I remember a bus driver in the late 90's in his personal car that was rear-ended by a teen driver carrying the minimum amount of liability insurance by law. This driver also had that same low amount. His back was broke in multiple places, which made him total-

ly disabled. He wasn't vested in the pension yet and ended up receiving from both insurance companies a total of \$100,000. He was only in his 30's. I found out that the cost is surprisingly low to raise your auto liability to a million dollars or more.

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Protection: Covers injuries to the occupants of your car, also property damage in some states if the other driver has no insurance or too little. (See above)

Teen Drivers: Adding a newly licensed teen to your policy will increase your premium. One way to reduce this cost is; if your child has their own car, make sure they are listed as the only driver of that vehicle. If they purchase their own policy, some insurance companies will decrease their premium if they have an older named driver on the insurance coverage. Also, they can get a discount for safe driving courses, good grades, and if they attend collage away from home.

Remove any unnecessary drivers: If you have a young driver on your insurance policy that no longer use's the vehicle you should request your insurance carrier to remove them from your policy.

Do not inflate the value of your automobile: Adding extra worth to your vehicle

when you apply for your insurance quote will do absolutely nothing for you apart from increase your premium. In the event your car is stolen or totaled, you will only be paid the market worth of your vehicle at the time of the accident anyway.

Mileage: Most insurance companies will quote your coverage for around 12,000 miles a year. If you can prove you drive less than that (service history, inspection documents) you could get a discount. But be honest about this as your insurance company might ask to see these documents to verify your mileage in the event of an accident.

Safe Driving Courses: It's always beneficial to complete a safe driving course, but check with your agent first to make sure they recognize the particular course you are going to take for a discount and if not, recommend one that will give you a discount. Anyone else listed on your policy should also consider taking one of these courses.

The bottom line is to have your agent review all of your policies to make sure you're not over or under insured. And with all of that I guess it only fitting to end this with; "Drive safe and watch out for the school children."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

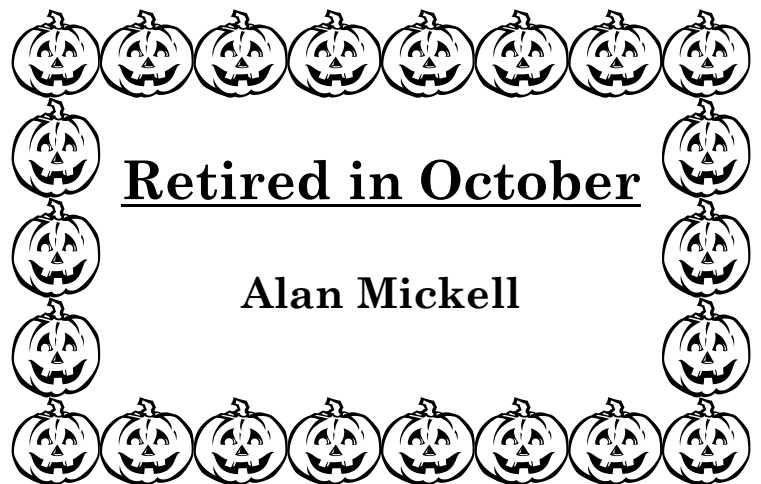


Abbott, Donald
 Albright, John
 Archie, Daniel
 Badura, Wade
 Barbary, Charlene
 Barner, Richard
 Bell, Joann
 Benitez, Claudia
 Blackman, Derrick
 Bonnas, Steven
 Boykin, Kenneth
 Brown, Dominique
 Caputo, Joseph
 Chesna, David
 Clarke, Kevin
 Craion, Dion
 Daniels, Darryl
 Davila, Robert
 Dubois Iii, Walter
 Errington, Donald
 Ferrar, Andrew

Flager, Bruce
 Francis, Clayton
 Galarza, Juan
 Garon, Mark
 Garrett, Darnell
 Gmeinder, Jeffrey
 Griffin Jr, Robert
 Guenther, Janice
 Guthrie, Kenneth
 Halom, Richard
 Harris, Jermaine
 Hawkins, Mark
 Hawkins, Sonja
 Hunter, Marsden
 Hurt, Kenneth
 Hurta, Kurt
 Hyman, Moses
 Ingram, Elijah
 Jones, Sterling
 Jusiak, Jeffrey
 Kemp, Kimberly

King-Lee, Laquashia
 Kowarko, Michael
 Lloyd, Thomas
 Luczak, Tracy
 Lumpkins, Demetrius
 Maldonado, Carlos
 Mann, Trichel
 Mathews, Janice
 McCarthy, Matthew
 McFarland, Samuel
 Milczarski, Richard
 Montour, Michael
 Moorer, Almario
 Nichols, John
 Overton, Renando
 Panaro, Patrick
 Parker, Darnyl
 Pearson, Summer
 Peragine, Salvatore
 Pritchard, Thomas
 Prude, Shatay

Shaver, Rosalind
 Simmons, Andre
 Simmons, Charity
 Sirianni, Joseph
 Smalls, Tyrone
 Smith, Tracy
 Spence, Donald
 Thompson, Douglas
 Thompson, Walter
 Tomaka, Russell
 Walczak, Brad
 Wallace, Jasmine
 Winegarden, Robert
 Winkler, Mark
 Wynn, Barbra
 Young, Rachael
 Zeigler, Milton





Metro Anniversaries



Ando, Frederick	3	Horton, Michael	10	Peters, Joseph	34
Bellamy Jr, Rodney	3	Howard, Isaac	17	Reimondo, Paul	2
Bishop, George	2	Illg, Kevin	2	Rogers, Daniel	10
Blackman, Derrick	7	Jackson, Akmell	2	Schichtel, Gerald	6
Blowers, Joseph	34	Jeffords, Kenneth	34	Scime, Anthony	5
Bones, Deborah	1	Jones, Ronald	6	Sebastian, John	10
Britt, Rhonda	14	Judge, Angela	6	Shanley, David	13
Brunson, Jacob	6	Kalstek Jr, Frank	7	Shanley, Raymond	12
Burke, Michael	7	Kelly, Andre	13	Snyder, George	1
Byno, Tyshica	2	Kilgore, Michael	14	Stallard, Michael	7
Canaday, Renata	19	Kolb, James	7	Staples, Vincent	1
Caputo, Joseph	34	Kozub, Daniel	29	Thomas, Shamel	1
Carney, Thomas	12	Lipman, Ivy	11	Tyler, Anthony	17
Cherry, Clydie	7	Lucas, Richard	11	Velazquez, Vanessa	10
Ciesla, Michael	5	Massey Jr, Clarke	20	Wagner, Lisa	1
Clontz, Robert	1	Mentel, Joseph	10	Werner, Joseph	34
Cole, Albert	13	Murshed, Nurul	11	Wheeler, Stephen	6
Edmunds, Dawn	2	Ortwein Jr, Richard	3	Wiltsey, Benjamin	1
Frazier, Dawn	10	Overton, Renando	1	Zeigler, Milton	15
Gagnier, Randy	3	Padilla-Vazquez, Candace	3		
Garner, Ebony	2	Palmer, Isaac	6		
Harris, Sharita	3	Parker, Kenya	13		
Hawkins, Mark	11	Parker, Wanda	11		
Herrera, Hector	5	Payne, Thomas	11		
Himmelsbach, Thomas	29	Peragine, Salvatore	34		
Hodge, Karen	2	Perison, Donald	33		





As a transit worker, your job, wages and working conditions are directly linked to politics. Representatives in federal, state and local government make crucial decisions every day that determine the amount of funding available to your transit system or school district, the safety and security requirements at your workplace, your bargaining rights, and more.

By participating in ATU-COPE, you can have a direct impact on the political process – from guiding policies on transit funding, privatization and other issues that affect you to helping elect the public officials who make the decisions.

Since, by law, union dues cannot be used to fund political campaigns, voluntary member contributions to ATU-COPE are used to help elect pro-labor, pro-transit candidates for local, state and federal office.

For all of the important reasons listed above, please consider a weekly contribution to ATU-COPE (through payroll deduction). No contribution is too small, even .25¢ per week. Please call the union office to enroll 716-825-9217.

**Remember, Election Day is November 6, 2018.
Below are the 2018 Candidates Endorsed by
ATU Local 1342's COPE Committee.**

GOVERNOR

Andrew Cuomo

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Kathy Hochul

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

Patrick Gullivan	59 th District
Chris Jacobs	60 th District
Joan Seamans	61 st District
Tim Kennedy	63 rd District

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Crystal D. Peoples	141 st District
Monica Wallace	143 rd District
Joe DiPasquale	144 th District
Angelo Morinello	145 th District
Karen McMahon	146 th District
Luke Wochensky	147 th District
Sean Ryan	149 th District

U. S. CONGRESS

Nate McMurray

COUNTY CLERK

Angela Marinucci

ERIE COUNTY COURT

Suzanne Maxwell Barnes

ERIE COUNTY FAMILY COURT

Lisa Bloch Rodwin

BUFFALO CITY COURT

Shannon Heneghan
James McLeod

CHEEKTOWAGA TOWN COURT

James Speyer Jr.

LANCASTER TOWN COURT

Jessica Kulpit

ORCHARD PARK TOWN COURT

Michael Pastrick