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Upcoming Charter Union Meetings

January 9, 2019

February 13, 2019

March 13, 2019

April 10, 2019

May 8, 2019

June 12, 2019

July 10, 2019

August 14, 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

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 medi-

cation.

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 may be 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 disci-

plined 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

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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. 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.

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM (schedule permit-

ting) I've been going on Facebook Live to update our members on the union's current events and to answer any questions you may have. Some issues can't be discussed on this venue due to confidentiality. I encourage all union members, active and retired, to tune in each Thursday for the weekly update. If you are interested, please send me a "friend request" so you can view the weekly episodes.



A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



Happy New Year. I can't emphasize this enough, save last week's pay stub that will show all of your yearly total deductions for 2018. It will show deductions that won't show on your W-2 statement later this month.

This will be even more important to do next year because your medical payment deductions which started coming out this

week will most likely not show on your W-2 statement.

You can deduct medical payments on your taxes under certain circumstances. With the new medical deductions along with prescription co-pays and any other out of pocket medical expenses you alone or as a family paid, you may be able to use this tax deduction. As always, you

should check with a tax professional to see if you qualify for any tax deduction.

It was refreshing to finally have a quorum for the December union meeting. We had gone at least eight months in a row without one which is the longest that I can remember.



Atkinson, Niama	Greiner, Thomas	McMillon, Patricia	Scheuneman, Richard
Badura, Dale	Hall, Carolyn	Medero, Jose	Schichtel, Gerald
Banister, Timothy	Harris, Michael	Mitchell, William	Schneggenburger, Donald
Barron, Cory	Hernandez, Misael	Muhammad, Sammy	Shingledecker, Paul
Becton-Schmitt, Annette	Hess, Paul	Mulahmetovic, Armin	Simpson, Justin
Biniecki Jr, John	Hodge, Kenneth	Mulhisen, Michael	Skoczylas, Anthony
Blowers, Joseph	Hughes, Terry	Nesbitt, Troy	Smith, Kimberly
Brauza, Walter	Johnson, Cassandra	Oehler, Robert	Stafford Jr, Derek
Britt, Rhonda	Johnson, Jennifer	Oertelt, Andrew	Stewart, Lynette
Brown, Denise	Johnson, Joshua	Owens, Derrick	Stoczynski, Craig
Burkell, Cornelius	Johnson, Rita	Parker, Mark	Stone, Jeremy
Caraco, Anthony	Jones, Brandon	Patton, Nicole	Szejnar, Shaun
Carpenter, Antwine	Keigley III, John	Pellish, Galen	Tanevich, Charles
Chiles, Cleveland	Kieffer, Paul	Pilarski, Alex	Tiede, Karl
Conrad II, John	Lane, Adrian	Plewniak, Nicholas	Tillis, Lavar
Curuth, Stevie	Lee, Lynda	Porter, Levelzo	Uhuru, Asante
Dixon, Antonio	Love, Clyde	Purdue, Gary	Volk, Tyler
Edmond, Michael	Maddox, Jasmine	Rader Jr., John	Washington II, Clifford
Ferguson, Sonya	Martinez, Matthew	Rosado, Angel	Wright, John
Gidney, Donnie	Massey Jr, Clarke	Salunek, John	Zarnikau, David
Green, Anthony	Matheron, Glenn	Scarano, Richard	
Green, Lorenzo	McDougald, Samuel	Schaefer, Brian	

Deceased Members

John Judge
11/26/18

Delores Ricupito
12/03/18



Metro Anniversaries



Arcara, John	12	Gmeinder, Jeffrey	31	Mulhisen, Michael	34
Baker, Kenya	11	Green, Lorenzo	8	Oertelt, Andrew	1
Bell, Joann	17	Hall, Laquita	15	Okie, Kevin	25
Benitez, Claudia	2	Henry, George	6	Olds, Patricia	4
Biniecki Jr, John	5	Hill, Damara	3	Payne, Amari	14
Borrelli, Anthony	1	Hill, Galen	6	Reed, David	6
Brooks, Marquita	3	Hodge, Kenneth	2	Rivera, Pedro	5
Brown, Timothy	15	Horey, David	8	Rohrback, Terry	14
Brunner, James	26	Houston III, William	5	Rolling, Anthony	8
Bruno, Leandro	15	James, Kerry	13	Saia, Frank	3
Bruno, Leonard	18	Johnson, Cassandra	8	Sattelberg, Jo A.	4
Burgin, Kelly	2	Jones, Gregory	14	Schlueter Jr, George	5
Carpenter, Antwine	6	Jusiak, Jeffrey	15	Schultz, Alex	1
Ciesla, Diane	27	Kearney, Rickey	12	Scimia, Joseph	1
Clark, Jenay	13	Kemp, Jacquine	15	Smith, Chequita	4
Craion, Dion	5	Kemp, Kimberly	17	Stevenson, Willie	12
Czuba, Andrew	8	King, Dione	14	Stoll, Matthew	3
Daniel, Jermaine	8	Korman, Andrew	34	Velazquez, Nancy	12
Davis, Doreen	6	Lane, Adrian	12	Walker, Gina	15
Dean, Tammy	12	Lawson, Jasmine	3	Warnes, Ross	2
Delaney, April	13	Lewandowski, Thomas	13	Webster, Etienne	3
Denny, Timothy	35	Logan, Maria	4	Whatley, Andre	22
Eagen, Thomas	2	Malczewski, Wayne	3	Will, Daniel	14
Esford, Robert	4	Mathis, Tommy	13	Williams, Sheilds	4
Evancho, John	13	McClamb, Demarcus	3	Winters, Robert	14
Fayson, Monica	11	McKnight, Richard	18	Woleen, Randy	19
Follendorf, Michael	26	Mercado, Michael	18	Wright, Dawn	19
Francis, Clayton	8	Miller, Demario	2	Zarnikau, David	2
Fronczak, David	6	Mooney, Frank	12		
Garrett, Darnell	13	Moorer, Almario	3		