



# Local 1342 Newsletter

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## **Upcoming Charter Union Meetings**

April 10, 2019

May 8, 2019

June 12, 2019

July 10, 2019

August 14, 2019

September 11, 2019

October 9, 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**

March 18, 2019 was Transit Appreciation Day. Transit drivers don't have an easy job. They just make it look that way. For hours on end, our drivers manage to keep a schedule, check fares, give directions, announce stops, remember requests and more, all while safely maneuvering an extra-large vehicle through unpredictable traffic, tough weather conditions, and some really tight spaces. Needless to say, they deserve our thanks.

As we appreciate the work Transit Operators put forth every day, let's also appreciate the work mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance, service staff, paratransit-metrolink, clerks, cus-

tomers service, payroll and all other staff that ensure the buses and rail hit the streets.

As your union president, I wanted to be the first to say "I appreciate all the work you do". I started on Saturday with a meeting with paratransit, then on Sunday I was in the Ellicott loop meeting with operators when they pulled into the loop. I had a chance to speak with the mechanical department on their lunch, even though I couldn't see them all. I also met with ATU workers at 181 Ellicott during their lunch. I will continue to be visible and out on the properties.

I had the opportunity to speak last week in City Chambers concerning the working

conditions, paratransit problems, and funding issues. The company spoke and then I spoke on behalf of our union. This meeting was put together by Senator Tim Kennedy along with other city and state government officials. You can watch on Channel 83 on Spectrum, dated March 19, 2019.

Don't forget, every Thursday at 7:00 PM, I'm live on Facebook with updates and teaching contract interpretation, rules and regulations, etc. We have ATU unions from all across America and Canada tuning in. This does not in any way take the place of attending the monthly union meetings.

### **Union Newspaper**

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## A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



### ATU-COPE NEEDS YOUR HELP

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, 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-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. We

have already benefited from the Democrat and Republican members of the NYS Assembly and Senate that we have supported and helped get elected.

We have board members, stewards and others, signing up members now so please consider giving at least a dollar a week or more to our ATU-COPE fund. The benefits of this power have been proven time and again with many unions across the country.

## ***Congratulations to all the 2019 Safety and Service Award Recipients***

### **Cold Spring**

#### **10 Year Safe Driving**

Michael Cason  
Reginald Johnson  
Thomas Payne  
Charity Simmons

#### **10 Year Safe Maint. - Shops**

Jeffrey Jusiak

#### **20 Year Safe Driving**

Shirley Garwol  
Brian West

### **Babcock**

#### **10 Year Safe Driving**

Robinson DeJesus

### **Paratransit/Metrolink**

#### **10 Year Safe Driving**

Willie Coleman III

### **Frontier**

#### **10 Year Safe Driving**

Harold Becker  
Delano Doyle  
Shaun Farrell  
Tracy Luczak  
Hugh Perkins Jr.  
Jack Santa Maria

#### **20 Year Safe Driving**

Jeffrey Gmeinder

### **South Park**

#### **10 Year Safe Driving**

Muhammad Ali  
Darlene Quick

#### **10 Year Safe Maintenance**

John Albright

#### **20 Year Safe Maintenance**

Walter Brauzack

### **More than 30 Years of Safe Driving**

Ronald Giza 31 years  
Paul Pyzikiewicz 31 years  
Joseph Carr Jr. 31 years  
Timothy Denny 33 years

### **25 Years of Service**

Jerome Hundley  
Janice Mathews  
Jonathan Millard  
Kevin Okie  
Michael Paulk





# Happy Birthday



|                       |                    |                      |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Anderson, Christopher | Evertz, Geoffery   | Markelonis, Michael  | Rivera, Martin     |
| Andrzejewski, Richard | Fayson, Monica     | Marshall, Glenn      | Rivera, Pedro      |
| Baker, Kenya          | Fomby, Latoya      | McCerkin, Kim        | Rohrback, Terry    |
| Balash, Anthony       | Fronczak, David    | McCoy, Gyrone        | Sabadasz, Alan     |
| Baldwin, Richard      | Fulgham, Ralph     | McDaniel, Vance      | Schilling, Cynthia |
| Bauer, Donald         | Garner Jr, Charles | McKinney, Jennifer   | Schmitter, Paul    |
| Belliveau, Steven     | Harge III, Fred    | Montanez, Estella    | Schuh, Donald      |
| Birdsong, Eliot       | Hassan, Natalie    | Moody, Mark          | Scimia, Joseph     |
| Brammer, Robert       | Heft, Edward       | Musgrove, Henry      | Scinta, Joseph     |
| Bruenn, Briana        | Heil, Douglas      | Myers, Gary          | Shepherd, Gregory  |
| Bryant, Carolyn       | Hemphill, John     | Neal, Marquis        | Shipp, Jarel       |
| Carter, Brett         | Howard, Isaac      | Nichols, Larry       | Stier, Andrew      |
| Cason, Tremain        | Humphrey, Courtney | Okie, Kevin          | Szeluga, Gregory   |
| Caudle, Raymond       | Hunter Jr, David   | Onipede, Tia         | Szuflita, Richard  |
| Chappell Jr, Baron    | Huntley, Seth      | Overton, Daequan     | Tanner, Daniel     |
| Cline, Kenneth        | Illg, Kevin        | Palmer, Isaac        | Thompson, Samuel   |
| Coleman, Brian        | Johnson, Reginald  | Parker, Derrick      | Trietley, Kevin    |
| Coleman, Willie       | Jones, Marcus      | Parker, Wanda        | Trotta, Thomas     |
| Colosanta, Sybrina    | Juszkiewicz, Peter | Parrett, Quandra     | Tyler, Anthony     |
| Cross, Jerome         | Keller, Brian      | Parylo, Joseph       | Vega, Maira        |
| Daniel, Jermaine      | Kelly, Jacob       | Patton, Katanya      | Velarde, Michael   |
| Daniels, Glenn        | Kubisty, Christian | Pielecha, Thomas     | Velazquez, Vanessa |
| Diakakis, Sandra      | Lee, Barbara       | Polinsky, Linda      | Vincent, Veronica  |
| Drehs Jr, John        | Lobley, Gary       | Pulaski, Ryan        | Woodard, Demario   |
| Duncan, Kenneth       | Mahoney Jr, John   | Purdue, Chato        | Zientara, Michael  |
| Dynarski, Darryl      | Manzella, Angelo   | Renfro, Sabrina      |                    |
| Everett, John         | Marcucci, Timothy  | Ritzenthaler, Nathan |                    |

## *Retired in April 2019*

Robert Armster

George Schlueter

Richard Szuflita



# ***Metro Anniversaries***

|                      |    |                        |    |                       |    |
|----------------------|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|
| Albino, Francisco    | 2  | Fajemisin, Reniya      | 1  | Parise, Michael       | 1  |
| Augustiniak, Laquita | 13 | Fomby, Latoya          | 13 | Parks, Martrice       | 16 |
| Baines, Allison      | 16 | Frank, Kathryn         | 5  | Peacock, Valencia     | 16 |
| Baldwin, Richard     | 15 | Garcia, Bethzaida      | 3  | Pittorf, Michael      | 5  |
| Barten, Robert       | 2  | Garon, Mark            | 31 | Pratcher, Dylan       | 9  |
| Barton, Darnell      | 8  | Gleen, Nathian         | 1  | Reeves, Riel          | 8  |
| Bauer, Donald        | 5  | Greiner, Thomas        | 13 | Robinson, Lemar       | 21 |
| Beal, Tony           | 12 | Griggs, Arthur         | 18 | Robinson, Tracy       | 18 |
| Bills III, Leroy     | 1  | Guizzotti, Melissa     | 4  | Ryan Jr, Jason        | 1  |
| Bolt, Steven         | 13 | Howard, Charles        | 5  | Sabadasz, Alan        | 11 |
| Bradley, Shenita     | 8  | Hurt, Joel             | 18 | Salter, Troy          | 1  |
| Brady, James         | 5  | Jackson, Dwayne        | 1  | Santa Maria, Jack     | 17 |
| Brown, Denise        | 5  | Joseph, Anthony        | 2  | Sargent, Anthony      | 16 |
| Bush, Valerie        | 15 | Karsky Jr, Lawrence    | 19 | Schuh, Donald         | 1  |
| Butler, Denise       | 20 | Kozak, Michael         | 26 | Seay, Kevin           | 15 |
| Chiles, Cleveland    | 2  | Lainis Jr, John        | 34 | Sibiga, Michael       | 2  |
| Colosanta, Sybrina   | 16 | Lewis, Paula           | 14 | Simmons, Charity      | 17 |
| Cox, James           | 5  | Luczak, Tracy          | 13 | Spate, Tremaine       | 18 |
| Crapo, Bonnie        | 2  | Mack, Kareemah         | 15 | Spivey, Timothy       | 1  |
| Curry, Gwendolyn     | 18 | Marcucci, Timothy      | 8  | Sundquist, Joseph     | 11 |
| Dauer, Wayne         | 26 | Masters, Anthony       | 9  | Szymanski, Joseph     | 6  |
| Davis, Marsha        | 18 | McCabe, Joseph         | 8  | Terry, Jennifer       | 5  |
| Davis, Monica        | 13 | McClendon, Darnel      | 21 | Thompson, Douglas     | 11 |
| Diakakis, Sandra     | 1  | McClerkin, Kim         | 20 | Torres Jr, Juan       | 1  |
| Dobozin, Jeffrey     | 15 | McDaniel, Vance        | 17 | Vaughan, Amanda       | 5  |
| Drehs Jr, John       | 6  | Millard, Jonathan      | 25 | Vega Jr, Miguel       | 6  |
| Druzvik, Dennis      | 1  | Mitchell, Ray          | 12 | Weaver, Christine     | 1  |
| Dubose, Cynthia      | 18 | Mobilia, Christopher   | 4  | Webb, Terrell         | 13 |
| Duchmann, Mary       | 1  | Mobley, Eric           | 1  | Williams, Susie       | 4  |
| Earthman, Devaughn   | 15 | Munyon, Daniel         | 2  | Wright, John          | 17 |
| Ebert Jr, Dennis     | 26 | Paliwodzinski, Patrick | 4  | Young-Palmer, Falisha | 4  |
| Edmond, Michael      | 16 |                        |    |                       |    |