



# 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  
 Andrzejewski, Richard  
 Baker, Kenya  
 Balash, Anthony  
 Baldwin, Richard  
 Bauer, Donald  
 Belliveau, Steven  
 Birdsong, Eliot  
 Brammer, Robert  
 Bruenn, Briana  
 Bryant, Carolyn  
 Carter, Brett  
 Cason, Tremain  
 Caudle, Raymond  
 Chappell Jr, Baron  
 Cline, Kenneth  
 Coleman, Brian  
 Coleman, Willie  
 Colosanta, Sybrina  
 Cross, Jerome  
 Daniel, Jermaine  
 Daniels, Glenn  
 Diakakis, Sandra  
 Drehs Jr, John  
 Duncan, Kenneth  
 Dynarski, Darryl  
 Everett, John

Evertz, Geoffery  
 Fayson, Monica  
 Fomby, Latoya  
 Fronczak, David  
 Fulgham, Ralph  
 Garner Jr, Charles  
 Harge III, Fred  
 Hassan, Natalie  
 Heft, Edward  
 Heil, Douglas  
 Hemphill, John  
 Howard, Isaac  
 Humphrey, Courtney  
 Hunter Jr, David  
 Huntley, Seth  
 Illg, Kevin  
 Johnson, Reginald  
 Jones, Marcus  
 Juskiewicz, Peter  
 Keller, Brian  
 Kelly, Jacob  
 Kubisty, Christian  
 Lee, Barbara  
 Lobley, Gary  
 Mahoney Jr, John  
 Manzella, Angelo  
 Marcucci, Timothy

Markelonis, Michael  
 Marshall, Glenn  
 McCerkin, Kim  
 McCoy, Gyrone  
 McDaniel, Vance  
 McKinney, Jennifer  
 Montanez, Estella  
 Moody, Mark  
 Musgrove, Henry  
 Myers, Gary  
 Neal, Marquis  
 Nichols, Larry  
 Okie, Kevin  
 Onipede, Tia  
 Overton, Daequan  
 Palmer, Isaac  
 Parker, Derrick  
 Parker, Wanda  
 Parrett, Quandra  
 Parylo, Joseph  
 Patton, Katanya  
 Pielecha, Thomas  
 Polinsky, Linda  
 Pulaski, Ryan  
 Purdue, Chato  
 Renfro, Sabrina  
 Ritzenthaler, Nathan

Rivera, Martin  
 Rivera, Pedro  
 Rohrback, Terry  
 Sabadasz, Alan  
 Schilling, Cynthia  
 Schmitter, Paul  
 Schuh, Donald  
 Scimia, Joseph  
 Scinta, Joseph  
 Shepherd, Gregory  
 Shipp, Jarel  
 Stier, Andrew  
 Szeluga, Gregory  
 Szuflita, Richard  
 Tanner, Daniel  
 Thompson, Samuel  
 Trietley, Kevin  
 Trotta, Thomas  
 Tyler, Anthony  
 Vega, Maira  
 Velarde, Michael  
 Velazquez, Vanessa  
 Vincent, Veronica  
 Woodard, Demario  
 Zientara, Michael

## *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	Hurtt, 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				