



Local 1342 Newsletter

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Upcoming Charter Union Meetings

January 8, 2020

February 12, 2020

March 11, 2020

April 8, 2020

May 13, 2020

June 10, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 most valuable asset you can possess on your job at Metro is your drivers license. Your job is conditioned upon you having a valid CDL license. Safeguard your license by any means necessary and at all cost. Do not jeopardize or compromise your license. A suspended or revoked license is your worst enemy. Without your license, you may find yourself without a job. Take the time needed to always renew your license in a timely manner. You can renew your license up to one year prior to the date of expiration.

On Monday, January 6, 2020, the City of Buffalo activated 14 of 20 cameras in school zones. The

speed limit in a school zone is 15 MPH. Please watch your speed. If you are issued a ticket, you will be responsible for the \$50 fine.

If you are off on a leave, please read Section 8 – “Leaves of Absence” in your contract book, especially Section 8-5.3 – “Engaging in other Employment While on Leave”. An employee who during the period of any leave of absence shall not engage in any occupation or employment, except with the mutual consent of the company and the union, shall be considered as voluntarily quit the employment of the company”. Please take time to read your contract and all other materials passed out by the company or union.

If you do not have a contract, please contact your union official.

Now that the election is over, please get to know your union Stewards and Executive Board members. I believe we have a great group of men and women who took an oath to serve the membership and to protect your rights within the cba. As President, I promise to fight for each and every one of our union members.

I am asking to please start attending union meetings where you can get all the facts and updates.

As always, join me every Thursday at 7:00 PM for my Facebook Live.

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A Message From Ron Giza Financial Secretary/Treasurer



Happy New Year to you all. I would like to congratulate all the winners in the recent union election and applaud all that got involved. It is truly an honor to represent you.

Although this is a challenging job, I am up for the task, but I will need your support. Over the past 3 years we have made many strides, however there is still much more work ahead. I am looking forward to working under the leadership of Jeff Richardson for three more years.

My motto has always been, "I don't care if it takes one hour or ten, just get it done." I have worked weekends and evenings with Jeff and the board and it won't stop now. During the next couple of months, I will be

focusing on learning the ins and outs of this position. Jeff and I have talked about utilizing my increased time in the office to take a more aggressive approach on our C.O.P.E. and educating not only our Board Members but our Membership on union issues. There are educational videos on our International ATU website for Stewarts and membership alike (www.atu.org).

I wish I could go back 30 years and have gotten more involved in the union's affairs from day one. I would recommend that everyone **GET INVOLVED NOW**. This has become my second family and I am all in. Don't listen to the rumors. If you have any questions, ask your union representatives, call the Union Hall (825-

9217) or me (444-4340). If I don't have the answer, I will help you find it.

Last but certainly not least, I would like wish Charlie "Chuck" Sikora a happy retirement. Charlie is ending an over 30-year career with the NFTA and during that time his service to the members of ATU Local 1342 was second to none. Not only has he become my teacher but also a cherished friend. I will have you on speed dial, Charlie.

I will leave you with my quote of the month, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin.

"TOGETHER WE FIGHT, TOGETHER WE WIN!"

Deceased Member

Joseph Olejniczak

12/18/19

Metro Anniversaries

Arcara, John	13	Denny, Timothy	36	Kedge, Martin	1	Rohrback, Terry	15
Baker, Kenya	12	Eagen, Thomas	3	Kemp, Jacquine	16	Rolling, Anthony	9
Bell, Joann	18	Esford, Robert	5	Kemp, Kimberly	18	Saia, Frank	4
Benitez, Claudia	3	Evancho, John	14	King, Dione	15	Sattelberg, Jo A.	5
Biniecki, John	6	Fayson, Monica	12	Korman, Andrew	35	Schultz, Alex	2
Boone, Sharonda	1	Follendorf, Michael	27	Lane, Adrian	13	Scimia, Joseph	1
Brooks, Marquita	4	Francis, Clayton	9	Lawson, Jasmine	4	Smith, Chequita	5
Brown, Timothy	16	Fronczak, David	7	Logan, Maria	5	Stevenson, Willie	13
Brunner, James	27	Garrett, Darnell	14	Malczewski, Wayne	4	Stoll, Matthew	4
Bruno, Leandro	16	Gmeinder, Jeffrey	32	Mathis, Tommy	14	Velazquez, Nancy	13
Bruno, Leonard	19	Green, Lorenzo	9	McClamb, Demarcus	4	Warnes, Ross	3
Burgin, Kelly	3	Hall, Laquita	16	McKnight, Richard	19	Webster, Etienne	4
Carpenter, Antwine	7	Henry, George	7	Mercado, Michael	19	Whatley, Andre	23
Chesna, William	1	Hill, Damara	4	Miller, Demario	3	Wilcox, Jeffrey	1
Ciesla, Diane	28	Hill, Galen	7	Mooney, Frank	13	Will, Daniel	15
Clark, Jenay	14	Hodge, Kenneth	3	Oertelt, Andrew	2	Williams, Sheilds	5
Cole, Sherry	1	Horey, David	9	Okie, Kevin	26	Winters, Robert	15
Craion, Dion	6	Houston, William	6	Olds, Patricia	5	Woleen, Randy	20
Czuba, Andrew	9	James, Kerry	14	Payne, Amari	15	Wright, Dawn	20
Daniel, Jermaine	9	Johnson, Cassandra	9	Reed, David	7	Zarnikau, David	3
Davis, Doreen	7	Jones, Gregory	15	Reukauf, Kenneth	1		
Dean, Tammy	13	Jusiak, Jeffrey	16	Riley, Terence	1		
Delaney, April	14	Kearney, Rickey	13	Rivera, Pedro	6		

Happy Birthday!

Atkinson, Niama	Green, Anthony	Massey Jr, Clarke	Schneggenburger, Donald
Badura, Dale	Green, Lorenzo	Matheron, Glenn	Shingledecker, Paul
Banister, Timothy	Greiner, Thomas	McCutcheon, Clarence	Simpson, Justin
Barron, Cory	Hall, Carolyn	McDougald, Samuel	Skoczylas, Anthony
Biniecki Jr, John	Harris Jr, Tyrone	Medero, Jose	Smith, Kimberly
Brauza, Walter	Harris, Michael	Mitchell, William	Stafford Jr, Derek
Britt, Rhonda	Hernandez, Misael	Nesbitt, Troy	Stewart, Lynette
Brown, Denise	Hess, Paul	Oehler, Robert	Stoczynski, Craig
Burkell, Cornelius	Hodge, Kenneth	Oertelt, Andrew	Stone, Jeremy
Caraco, Anthony	Johnson, Cassandra	Owens, Derrick	Szejnar, Shaun
Carpenter, Antwine	Johnson, Jennifer	Parker, Mark	Tewey, Erik
Caudle, Raymond	Johnson, Joshua	Patton, Nicole	Tiede, Karl
Chesna, William	Johnson, Rita	Pellish, Galen	Tillis, Lavar
Chiles, Cleveland	Jones, Brandon	Plewniak, Nicholas	Uhuru, Asante
Conrad II, John	Kieffer, Paul	Porter, Levelzo	Volk, Tyler
Davis, Lisa	Lane, Adrian	Purdue, Gary	Washington, Clifford
Dixon, Antonio	Lee, Lynda	Rader Jr., John	Wright, John
Edmond, Michael	Love, Clyde	Rosado, Angel	Young, Mekhi
Ferguson, Sonya	Maddox, Jasmine	Salunek, John	Zarnikau, David
Gidney, Donnie	Martinez, Matthew	Scarano, Richard	
		Scheuneman, Richard	

ATU Local 1342 Union Officials

Effective January 1, 2020

President/Business Agent

Jeff Richardson

Vice President

Kevin Kline

Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Ron Giza

Recording Secretary

Lydia Moore

Executive Board Member – Clerical

John Lainis

Steward – Clerical

Joe Marrero

Executive Board Member – Babcock Station

Joe Mentel

Steward – Babcock Station

Tony Green

Executive Board Member – Babcock Garage

John Bottom

Steward – Babcock Garage

James Kanalley

Executive Board Member – South Park Station

Jerome Williams

Steward – South Park Station

Lynette Stewart

Executive Board Member – SP Yard & Shops

Ron Smith

Steward – SP Yard & Shops

Jerome Pollutro

Executive Board Member**Cold Spring Station**

James Cornelius

Steward – Cold Spring Station

Reginald Johnson

Executive Board Member**Cold Spring Garage**

Kevin Okie

Steward – Cold Spring Garage

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Executive Board Member**Cold Spring Shops**

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Steward – Cold Spring Shops

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Executive Board Member – Frontier Station

Frank Mule

Steward – Frontier Station

Mark Jones

Executive Board Member – Frontier Garage

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Steward – Frontier Garage

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Steward – Metrolink

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