



ATU 1342 Newsletter

Charter Union Meeting

December 14th

ATU Union Hall
196 Orchard Park Rd.
West Seneca NY

10:00 AM and

7:30 PM

Agenda

Regular order of
business



President's Perspective

By: Vincent G. Crehan—President/Business Agent

This news article is the last one I will be writing for the ATU Local 1342 newspaper. First, I would like to address a couple of issues before I address my departure.

This month, the contract campaign committee decided to have our members send Kim Minkel Christmas Cards. This did not sit very well with the company. One of our union reps received a call from the NFTA Police warning us that if anything happens to her house, they will come after the union.

First of all, Kim's address is public information and

secondly, we were not promoting anything but to send her Christmas Cards. If they don't like us sending her Christmas cards, too bad.

The second issue that Metro displayed their good will to you, is the ban of Rocco DiMento from all Metro properties. Rocco has been out on the properties once a year for 16 years before Kim states that other unions complained that they couldn't do it. I don't believe it. She also stated if NFTA allowed it, they may be required to put out a "Request for

Proposal (RFP)". Again, I don't believe this because the NFTA is not paying for anything, the individual is paying their own bill.

Rocco sells insurance. He sells all types, however a critical one for you is a supplemental disability insurance policy. If you were to become sick or disabled (not work related) and needed to be off work for an extended period of time, you would only be paid for 26 weeks and New York State Disability only pays \$170 a week. There is also a benefit for compensation related injuries. If you were to have this supplemental

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insurance, it would help bridge the gap before you return to work.

The company refuses to let Rocco come out anymore to talk to you about it and possibly sign up. I strongly suggest you look into this type of coverage. Without it, it could put you bankrupt. If you would like to talk to Rocco, you can reach him at (315)-314-6551.

The last part of this issue makes me sick. Senior management bans Rocco and makes it impossible for you to investigate these policies while you are at the station on your own time, yet they supply this very same

type of insurance for themselves (all non-reps) and they pay nothing for it! Yes, that's right, the NFTA picks up the bill for them. Again, way to take care of yourselves big wigs. Be proud and sleep well at night.

This past month, we ratified a new collective bargaining agreement with Coach USA Erie Division. The terms of the new contract is for 5 years. I thank the entire negotiation committee for a job well done!

Finally, I want to say thank you. Thank you for allowing me to be your president for the last 21 years. It has been a true

honor. I can assure you I have always fought with your best interest in mind. I ask that you treat the next president with respect. You don't always have to agree with him, but if you respect him as well as all the other officers, we will stay united and will win our battles with Metro. Again, thank you for everything.

Drive safe and Happy Holliday's!!



A Message From **Kathryn Ehrig** Financial Secretary/Treasurer



As you know I will be retiring effective January 1 2017. I have enjoyed working for ATU Local 1342 and I sincerely appreciate the support provided to me during my years as part of the union.

While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will miss being part of our

Executive Board. I will remain a member and attend some of the monthly meetings. Remember, the members run the union. Make sure your voices are heard by attending these meetings.

If I can be of any assistance prior to my departure and afterwards, please let me know. I'd be glad to provide

whatever assistance I can to provide a smooth transition.

I wish you all success and hope you all receive a fair contract soon. You work hard and deserve a good wage and benefits.

I also wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Metro Anniversaries

Andrzejewski, Richard	2	Hughes, Terry	19	Santana-Garcia, Yaniz	2
Biersbach, Mark	31	Johnson, Anita	17	Semrau, Lee	37
Brown, Clifton	15	Johnson, Reginald	10	Simmons, Tawana	14
Carl, Andrew	3	Johnson, David	8	Staszczyk, Nancy	10
Cornelius, James	20	Jones, Carieta	16	Stoczynski, Craig	3
Cotton Nesbitt, Classic	10	Kline, Kevin	29	Stoll, Matthew	1
Counts, Steven	1	Kraft, Jonathan	19	Terrell, Sharae	8
Curuth, Stevie	8	Larson, Michael	15	Tronolone, Stephen	7
Daniels, Glenn	16	Lewis, Rico	13	Tucker, Lisa	10
Fafara, Michael	37	Oleksy, Leonard	10	Vassallo, Thomas	8
Garcia, Bethzaida	1	O'Neill, Timothy	10	Vitale, James	8
Garner Jr, Charles	3	Overton, Raymond	10	Wacker, James	28
Gidney, Donnie	7	Owczarczak, Ruth	8	Weatherspoon, Chadd	9
Graves, Tiawan	15	Perkins Jr, Hugh	10	Wielbon, Jerry	21
Hanna, Diane	37	Pritchard, Thomas	7	Williams Jr, Mc Kinley	8
Hernandez, Misael	12	Reed, Richard	28	Witkowski, Jason	15
Holmes, Jannine	10	Riehle, Brian	11	Wynn, Barbra	12
Hourihan, Terrence	24	Rinard, Rodney	11	Young, Kathleen	12
Houston III, William	3	Salunek, John	7		

Deceased Members

Larry Watkins

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2017 ATU Local Union Meetings

Metro Union Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

All meetings are held at the ATU Union Hall
196 Orchard Park Road,
West Seneca NY 14224.

Membership Meetings 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

January 11, 2017

February 8, 2017

March 8, 2017

April 12, 2017

May 10, 2017

June 14, 2017

July 12, 2017

August 9, 2017

September 13, 2017

October 11, 2017

November 8, 2017

December 13, 2017

To all Metro Retirees,

On Thursday December 15, 2016, (9:00am-11:00am) at Denny's Restaurant, French & Transit, I hope you'll join us for our annual Christmas Breakfast. A great get together for all of us to meet our fellow workers. Last year we had (70) and hope to have just as many if not more. Lets all make a great re-union. Happy a Merry Christmas and a happier New Year.

Dave Wojcik
Retired ATU Member



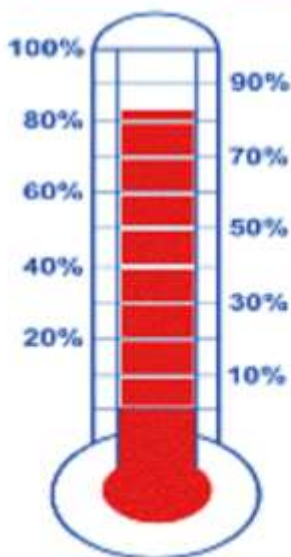
Alexander, Erica
 Arcara, John
 Barnes, Dalvenia
 Barry, Abdel
 Baylor, Stephania
 Bolt, Steven
 Canaday, Renata
 Cason, Michael
 Ciesla, Michael
 Cole, Reginald
 Conmy, Kevin
 Cramer, Christopher
 Czuba, Andrew
 Dubose, Cynthia
 Dunning, Kyle
 Edmister, Linda
 Ernst, Michael
 Evancho, John
 Finney, Richard
 Flood, Markeita
 Geiger, Chris
 Giampoala, Ray
 Hargrove, LaDonna
 Hawke, Frederick
 Hixon, Friar

Horey, David
 Howard, Charles
 Jones, Gregory
 Jones, Samuel
 Judge, Angela
 Keigley, Richard
 Kilgore, Michael
 Kline, Kevin
 Korman, Andrew
 Lamartina, Gregory
 Leberman, Richard
 Lewis, Washington
 Little, Mario
 Masters, Anthony
 McDonald, Alice
 Meadows, Noel
 Mentel, Joseph
 Mitchell, Roosevelt
 Mobilia, Christopher
 Mooney, Frank
 Moore, Deborah
 Mulzac, Michael
 Ocasio Jr, Ismael
 Ortwein, Richard
 Pendelton, J.C

Perison, Donald
 Port, Vicky Lynne
 Price, Lanita
 Quick, Darlene
 Reid, Isiah
 Richardson, Jeffrey
 Robinson, Lemar
 Rowe, Milton
 Ruffins, Lashonda
 Rutherford, Lamont
 Sargent, Phenice
 Scrivano, Joseph
 Seay, Kevin
 Szymanski, Joseph
 Toledo, George
 Tronolone, Stephen
 Turner, Darlene
 Velazquez, Nancy
 Warren, Jason
 Weatherspoon, Chadd
 Wheeler, Jeffrey
 Williams, Deborah
 Williams Jr, Johnny
 Yanicki, Melissa

ATU Local 1342 Will You Raise Your Hand?

**You're Almost There!
It's not too late**



By contributing to the United Way Campaign you helped 88,700 hardworking people in our community last year!

Brothers and Sisters,

United Way of Buffalo & Erie County has been able to help many of your members, some faced with very serious challenges. The support we provide is made possible by your continued generosity.

You're so close to goal. So far...

115 members and NFTA employees have pledged \$23,165

(Last year, 173 ATU members raised \$28,317)

There's still time to give. Simply turn in the pledge form you received with your paycheck. Don't have one? No problem. Ask your Facility Manager or use the link below to download and email.

In Solidarity and gratitude,

Your UW Labor Liaison
Chrissy Cassata

& Your United Way Rep
Heather Quigley

Email completed pledge card to: Amalgamated1342@nfta.com
or visit: www.unitedway.org/usa/usa/pledge-card-w/1342-local-1342.pdf

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