



ATU 1342 Newsletter

Charter Union Meeting

**September
14th**

American Legion Post
533 Amherst Street
Buffalo NY

**10:00 AM and
7:30 PM**

Agenda

- Regular Order of Business



**Drive Safely
Schools Open!!!**

President's Perspective

By: Vincent G. Crehan—President/Business Agent

Another busy month, but I think we have made some progress. The progress we have made is to make the public aware of our struggles. I had a letter printed in "Everyone's Column" pointing out that Kim Minkel makes more than the Governor of the State of New York! Jim Kanalley had his article printed in "My Views" in the Buffalo News stating we the ATU work force, are highly skilled workers who deserve a fair contract. He pointed out how some managers look down on us. Let me tell those managers a secret, without us, the buses

and trains do not run and they would not have their jobs, period! You see, they all need us, we are the workers that make it all happen at Metro.

This month we leafleted at the Buffalo Public Library before the NFTA held a public hearing. We held a prayer vigil on September 7, 2016 at 3:00 PM, praying that negotiations with the International on September 8, 2016 are successful.

So where do we go from here? It all depends on the current negotia-

tions. We continue the campaign as is, we expand our campaign turning up the heat. It all depends on Kim Minkel and her managers. If they start treating us with respect, it will go one way, if they continue to treat us like they have for 7 plus years, we will kick up the campaign a few notches. We'll see.

Drive safe and please watch for school children.



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A Message From Kathryn Ehrig Financial Secretary/Treasurer



The Labor Day Parade went very well. Thank you to all who came and a special thanks to WNY ALF, Assemblyman Kearns, Senator Tim Kennedy and Kirk Laubenstein of CEJ for the comments at the press conference. The support from the politicians and other unions has been wonderful. Next year put it on your calendar, it was a nice event on a beautiful day.

The news article written by James M. Kanalley Jr. is right on point to what most of our members are going through and feel every day. Thank you so much to Brother Kanalley Jr.

The following is part of a recent study on labor:

A dramatic decline in the density of U.S. labor unions since the 1970s has resulted in lower wages for both union and nonunion workers, suggests a

new study led by Jake Rosenfeld, associate professor of sociology in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis.

The report, "Union decline lowers wages of nonunion workers: They overlooked reason why wages are stuck and inequality is growing," was released August 30 by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a Washington-based think tank funded in part by donations from labor unions. "We're talking about over \$100 billion a year in lost wages," Rosenfeld said in an interview with Marketplace public radio. Rosenfeld and co-authors find that the dramatic decline in union density since 1979 has resulted in far lower wages for nonunion workers. Specifically, nonunion men lacking a college degree would have earned 8 percent, or \$3,016 annually, more in 2013 if unions had remained as strong as they

were in 1979. "Working-class men have felt the decline in unionization the hardest," said Rosenfeld. "Their paychecks are noticeably smaller than if unions had remained as strong as they were almost 40 years ago. Rebuilding collective bargaining is one of the tools we have to reinvigorate wage growth, for low and middle-wage workers."

Rosenfeld conducted the research with Patrick Denice, a postdoctoral research associate in sociology at Washington University, and Jennifer Laird, a postdoctoral research scientist with the Center on Poverty and Social Policy in the School of Social Work at Columbia University in New York.

Read more at: <http://phys.org/news/2016-09-labor-union-decline-wages-nonunion.html#jCp>

Labor Day Parade 2016



Metro Anniversaries

Ainsworth, Bruce	2	Harge, Fred	9	Reid, Sheila	2
Alford, Ruthetta	15	Helm, Terrance	2	Rizzo, Michael	1
Angolwisye, Babatunde	15	Hoisington, Tony	3	Salgado, Robert	16
Auls, Johnna	1	Inglut, Andrew	30	Santana, Wilfredo	12
Billingslea, Antionette	2	Jones, Tamica	13	Sargent, Phenice	5
Boykin, Charles	2	Juskiewicz, Peter	4	Scheuneman, Rich	5
Brach, Albert	41	Kennedy, Alzo	10	Scime, James	4
Brailsford, Chris	2	King, Laquashia	1	Scott, Gerard	3
Cahill, Michael	3	Kubisty, Celeste	5	Scott Jr, Henry	4
Carr, Shana	2	Lumpkins, Denetrius	8	Seiler, James	24
Carr Jr, Joseph	32	Maple, Kevin	2	Shadwick, Jeremiah	16
Cody, Daron	10	Markelonis, Michael	4	Shingledecker, Paul	8
Coleman, Brian	13	Mccloud, Robert	2	Skoczylas, Anthony	36
Coleman, Willie	9	Mccoy, Laura	5	Soto, Nicholas	5
Cooper, Carmen	1	Mills, Thomas	1	Spence, Donald	23
Depezynski, Robert	11	Mule, Frank	6	Stewart, Russell	15
Deperto, Darrick	11	Nobile, Shawn	3	Stewart, Yvonne	13
Farrell, Shaun	9	O'Connell, Patrick	30	Thomas, Theodore	3
Fields, Brenda	15	Paddock, Jonathan	8	Tirado, Michael	8
Fraiser, Pagan	4	Pawlowski, Kevin	1	Tower, Jack	8
Galarza, Juan	10	Penelton, Lamont	15	Wheaton, Victoria	2
Garcia, Peggy	5	Pilarski, Alex	4	Wilkes, Toni	8
Giddens, Cotana	9	Polasky, Melissa	3	Williams, Deborah	13
Goldsmith, Butch	13	Pufal, Joseph	5	Williams, Joanne	11
Green, Demetrius	4	Puryear, Shelley	15	Williams, Valdaz	2
				Yash, David	5

Deceased Members

Josiah Bristol—8/10/16

Active Coach
USA Operator

Kenneth Coy—9/5/16

Retired in September

Jor-El Hunt

Henry Keicher

Patricia Meza

James Rautenstrauch

Glenda Richardson



Andrzejewski, Thomas
 Armster, Robert
 Augustiniak, Laquita
 Bates, Jeffrey
 Berger, Bradley
 Boyd, Ledonia
 Brown, Dwight
 Brunson, Jacob
 Burt, Frances
 Cappello, Joseph
 Carr, Shana
 Cox, James
 Craven, Donald
 Cremen, Donald
 Cummings, Robert
 Czaplicki, Chris
 Fafara, Michael
 Ferguson, Bryan
 Gagnier, Randy

Gajewski, Joseph
 Garcia, Bethzaida
 Goldsmith, Wanda
 Griffin, Kevin
 Grimm, Randy
 Hahn, Duane
 Harper, Carl
 Holmes, Jannine
 James, Kerry
 Jeffords, Kenneth
 Jones, Retha
 Jones, Reuben
 Kanalley, James
 Kelley, John
 Kern, Joseph
 Lamarca, Frank
 Lehsten, Christopher
 Madden, Brian
 Mancinelli, Alyssa

Maple, Raymond
 McCabe, Joseph
 Mencia, Rafael
 Mercado, Michael
 Miller, Angelo
 Mullen, Donald
 Naples, James
 Nesbitt, Classic
 O'Melia, Patrick
 Peters, Joseph
 Reeves, Reil
 Reid, David
 Rivera, Miguel
 Rogers, Daniel
 Rolling, Anthony
 Rose, John
 Ross, Ronald
 Sahlem, Steven
 Saraceno, Joseph

Sattelberg, Joanne
 Seay, Tommy
 Semrau, Lee
 Stevens, Shameah
 Sweeney, Andrew
 Taylor, Tracy
 Todorov, Jessica
 Tucker, Lisa
 Vassallo, Thomas
 Wacker, James
 Wagner, Kenneth
 Weber, Brian
 Wheaton, Victoria
 Wheeler, Larry
 Wilczak, Ronald
 Witkowski, Jason
 Zaborowski, John
 Zee, Lance

