



“Our Union family wishes you peace, joy, and prosperity in the year ahead. Thank you for everything you did to make 2022 a success. When things get hard, we step up every time,” said ATU International President John Costa in a 2023 New Year’s message. “As we enter the new year, I’m more hopeful about our future than ever before. Although we don’t know what challenges are ahead, we know we’ll take them on together. In the same spirit as those who fought before us, the ATU will continue to forge a path of strength, unity, and solidarity for our Union, our members, and our families in 2023.”

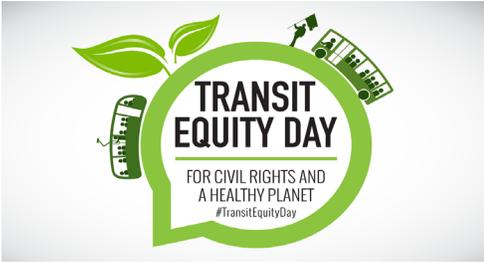
International President Costa Visits Boston Carmen’s Local 589 Members, Installs Recently Elected Officers



Last week, ATU International President John Costa and International Vice President Steve MacDougall were in Boston, MA, to visit with members of Boston Carmen’s Union Local **589** on the job. After visiting the Local’s new Union Hall, Costa met with bus operators at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Albany garage. Costa then went to the MBTA Green Line facility, where he had the opportunity to visit the facilities and speak with maintenance workers, rail operators, and operations workers. “I want to thank

each and every one of you for your commitment and dedication as frontline heroes to keep Boston moving throughout the pandemic and beyond,” Costa told our members. “You are the heart and soul of this great Union. It is an honor to visit with you today.” The next day at the Local’s Union meeting, Costa installed the recently elected officers and Executive Board members of Local 589, including Local President Jim Evers, Jr., Vice President Bill Berardino, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Jim Bradley, Recording Secretary Wayne Peacock, and Assistant Business Agent Karen Maxwell.

Celebrate Rosa Parks' birthday with Transit Equity Day, Feb. 4, 2023



To mark Rosa Parks' birthday on February 4, 2023, the ATU is once again joining with transit, environmental groups, and allies to highlight the rights of all people to high-quality public transit run on clean energy for the annual Transit Equity Day. Actions in cities across North America will be taking place to raise awareness of the rights of all people to high-quality public transit that runs on clean, renewable energy. Every citizen should have access to affordable, reliable, and safe public transportation regardless of age, race, or class. This day of action will also help

support the rights of workers to organize in the sectors that build, operate, and maintain public transportation. Please join us in honoring Rosa Parks' historic act of resistance to not give up her seat on the bus, which was the critical spark that ignited the civil rights movement. Learn more about getting involved in Transit Equity Day by clicking below.

TAKE ACTION

Make Your New Year's Celebrations Union-Made



As you do your last minute shopping for your New Year's celebrations, **make sure you buy Union-Made products.** Buying union helps support good jobs that provide a living wage, benefits, safe working conditions, and dignity and respect on the job. From Coca-Cola to Bacardi to Welch's, Seagram's, and Schweppes, some of the biggest beverage companies have union workers to thank for quenching the thirst of partygoers. Thank a union member by buying Union-Made for your New Year's celebrations.

Kelowna, BC, Local 1722 Raises \$50K at 20th Annual Santa Sleigh Bus



For the past 20 years, our Local **1722**-Kelowna, BC, has teamed up with BC Transit and the City of Kelowna for their annual Santa Sleigh Bus to collect holiday donations for the Salvation Army Christmas Assistance program. This year, the bus visited various schools, businesses, and other public events where the public donated more than \$50,000 worth of food, cash, and toys. As they do every year, the donations will go to help over 650 local families during a very stressful time of year, bringing smiles to people, both young and old. Let us know if your Local

does an event or other charitable activities around the holidays by emailing officeofthepresident@atu.org.

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2023 New Year's Resolution: Stay Connected and Involved with ATU Social Media



A great resolution for 2023 is to become more informed about and involved with the ATU. One easy way to start is by following ATU's social media on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [TikTok](#). By doing so, you can stay updated and informed about how the ATU and our Locals are fighting for our members and the latest news on our Union, politics, industry trends, and other issues impacting our members. Please follow and if you already "like" and "follow" our social media pages, thank you, please share our stories, photos,

and videos and invite your friends to "like" and "follow" the ATU too.