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## Supporting Candidates that Support Labor

by Bill Reed  
President Local 602

While concern abounds regarding the political climate surrounding Washington D.C., things are looking great for Lansing. I had the pleasure of attending the 2018 Lansing Inauguration held at the Lansing Center on New Year's Day to witness Mayor Elect, Andy Schor be sworn in by Hon. Louise Alderson of 54A District Court as the first new Mayor of Lansing in 12 years.



The Inauguration started off with the posting of colors by the Lansing Police Department Honor Guards and the National Anthem was sung by the Lansing Children's Choir. The Master of Ceremonies was conducted by Former State Rep, Former At-Large City Council Member, Joan Bauer. In addition to Mayor Schor, Peter Spadafore and Kathie Dunbar were sworn in as At-Large City Council Members, Brian T. Jackson as Fourth Ward Council Member, Jeremy Garza as Second

Ward Council Member, and Chris Swope as Lansing City Clerk.

So why is this great for Lansing? These candidates have consistently supported the wages, benefits and rights of working people. When

union contracts come up for negotiation, it's essential that unions have a voice on local city councils and school boards who can speak up for workers. Working in collaboration as a board with labor in mind, sets the tone for those assurances. For instance, good labor contracts with developers benefit building trades workers when labor-friendly officials support the construction of public buildings with union labor. Additionally, labor friendly officials provide a voice for unions through the engagement with community services and by fighting for public policies that benefit working men and women and protect the rights of minorities.

City council members enact ordinances, set policies, and develop an annual legislative agenda for the City. They also oversee the city budget, address issues and concerns in the community, respond to constituents' concerns at neighborhood meetings, through written correspondence, and telephone communication. They also serve on subcommittees that deal with specific issues such as public

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## Stay Focused

By Gerald Kariem,  
Director Region 1D

Brothers and Sisters,

I bring greetings from the great men and women of Region 1D, both retired and active.



Please allow me a chance to reflect just a little. Four short years ago, we were talking about merging two historically rich Regions: 1C and 1D. In my acceptance speech, I asked the membership to be patient as we made this transition and built the team. I further asked that we have a higher level of unity, solidarity, and consensus. We committed to being dedicated and willing to accept the awesome challenge put before us. My thoughts were with the increase in membership. We would be more diverse, more inclusive, more helpful, more respectful, and more effective in the workplace and the community.

I'm not boasting or bragging, but word on the street is: we have become a damn good region. I agree, but I know we have more work to do. Over the past four years, I have

seen collaborations and cooperation from our talented membership. I could write a book on the heroic efforts I have seen members put forth, active and retired. Our local unions and their retiree chapters are more active and engaged than ever.

Moving forward, Brothers and Sisters, it is clear to me, we have what it takes to make a difference, as well as the wherewithal to maintain the great legacy of the UAW. If we stay laser focused on the job at hand, and keep solidarity and unity in our hearts and mind, we will continue to succeed. Our job is to serve our members and our communities.

The next couple of months are going to be extremely busy and important with the Constitutional Convention and the mid-term elections coming up. It is imperative we not let anything divide us.

Elections have consequences. Elections. Have. Consequences. This midterm is one in which we will speak Truth to Power. I don't need to get into a blow by blow description of the many attacks that have been leveled toward labor and working families. It's now or never, people. We must take back the State House of Michigan and elect Gretchen Whitmer as Governor.

Additionally, congratulations to the new Capital Area CAP Council. I know you will continue to be the "best of the best" in community engagement and political activism.



Capital Area CAP Council members President Randy Freeman (President 652), 1st Vice President Bill Reed (President 602), 2nd Vice President Derrick McDuffey (President 4911), 3rd Vice President Dennis Parker (President 2256), Recording Secretary Dean Poggiali (724 Delegate), Guide Todd Collins (President 724), Sgt.-At-Arms Yvonne Vincent (President 1753), At Large Scott Lounds (Recording Secretary 602), At Large Anita Dawson (Delegate 602), At Large Eileen Brooker (Delegate 4911), At Large Cheryl Graham (Delegate 2256), At Large Mike Huerta (Delegate 602), At Large Maria Enriquez (Delegate 6000).

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**LOCAL 652**Randy Freeman, President

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**Use Your Voice**

At this year's white shirt day celebration we were shown the movie clips of the 1936-37 Sit-Downers and Women's



brigade. We had the opportunity to see footage of those truly brave men and women who came before us and took on the company. Together they set in motion a labor movement that would change/ create the face of middle class American as we know it today and for generations to come. It gave us the right to bargain collectively for safer working conditions, health insurance and a living wage, one that puts food on the table, allows us to buy a house, a car, and one that would allow us to support our families and helps send our kids to school. These are just a few of the things that we have gained. But now these heroes for the middle class have all passed!

Feb. 9, 2018 was the first year without at least one of them at our white shirt celebration in Flint. We are told that it is our turn to stand on their shoulders and beat the drum for justice for middle class America! When we beat the drum it's for all middle class America, because an injustice to anyone of us is an injustice to all of us. We do this with boots on the ground, whether it's walking a picket line or going door to door to support political candidates that support labor and our middle-class way of life.

I can't even imagine what it would have been like if instead of the Governor sending in the National Guard to protect the Sit-Downers protesting, he sent the Guard to forcibly remove all Sit-Downers from the property and they would have all lost their jobs. This would be similar to what happened to the Air traffic controllers in the 80's when they all lost their jobs. There are groups out there that think you make and have too much and are trying to change laws that would limit your ability and right to collective bargaining. These groups don't

want you to have a voice let alone a collective voice! So don't ever think that politics don't affect you, because every day some political group is coming after your way of life. Remember, the bread box is connected to the ballot box!

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**LOCAL 1753**Yvonne Vincent, President

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**Member Involvement**

Hello Union Brothers and Sisters. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Thank you to everyone that showed up to the Open House/ Christmas party at the Union Hall. And an additional thanks to those who helped decorate Local 1618's Mitten tree. Our standing committees have jumped into action with the Chairwoman of Community Action Program, Justice Coleman, going to Washington D.C. in February. The Civil Rights committee will be meeting at Local 652 for a training session and the Community Service committee will be attending classes held at Local 724 that will help them empower our communities. I would also like to thank those Union Members who have stepped up to help out while some key members were out on sick leave.



Congratulations to all the 2017 temps that have transitioned to permanent employees, and a warm welcome to new temps. White Shirt Day was on February 9th. We wear a white dress shirt this day to honor those brave men and women who fought hard to get the UAW recognition, so we could start negotiating fair labor practices. Remember also, that by not making any side deals and by standing up for your Union Brother/Sister, these acts will help enforce those fair labor practices.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

The Annual Volunteers of America Homeless Veterans Stand Down is scheduled for May 23rd at Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing

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safety, youth and family issues, and community services.

A lot of time and effort go into the decision making process before union support is granted to a candidate. Unions have the resources to activate lobbyists, conduct door-knocking campaigns and monetarily support the endorsement of candidates. Having these candidates on speed dial is an invaluable asset to local labor leaders and their members, having these candidates on labor's side is priceless.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

The Adam Wils Safety Ride will take place on June 2. Meet up at UAW Local 652 Union Hall. Doors open at 10, ride starts at noon.

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**LOCAL 724**Todd Collins, President

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**A New Year**

By the time that you are reading this the Holidays and New Year will have come and gone. I hope that you all enjoyed the time



with Family and friends. This Year is going to be a busy year politically. Not only will we elect a new Governor this year but our State Senators and House of Representatives will be up for election. 2 State Senators and 14 House of Representatives in all will run for their respective positions. As much as some of our members do not like politics because of how divisive they can be, we have to remind ourselves of the power of our votes. Our votes can elect, or not elect if we stay silent, those who will stand up for working class people in this country. I encourage all of our members not only to register to vote but to vote for those who have you and your family's best interest at heart. Those who have a record of standing up for middle class working families in this country. I recently

attended the National CAP Conference in Washington. The Local CAP delegates spent time lobbying on Capitol Hill to let our representatives hear our voice. Please be aware of the Legislation that may be coming up around what some in our Government may call "Entitlements". We can't be silent if they come after our Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare. We all pay into these programs and we cannot allow these crucial benefits to be taken away. At the Local we have received the Call Letter for the upcoming 37<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Convention Please refer to the nominations and elections notice for the Convention. As of the time of this article we will have celebrated the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Here are a few of his words that have just as much meaning today as the day he spoke them.

**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."**

**"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"**.

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**LOCAL 652**Ben Frantz, Vice-President

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**Change the World**

How many times have we all thought "I want to change the world"? I know that I have thought this many times throughout my life, thinking that changing the world would make it better, at least for me! What if we were to take another look at it and realize the phrase "change the world" doesn't necessarily mean a physical external change? What if when we make this statement, we look at how we can change ourselves internally to more positively affect the physical world? I'm not saying we have to go full on President Kennedy with "..., ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" rather what can I do that will eliminate negativity and complacency in my immediate world. Let's all



stop waking up and thinking “what has the world done for me today”? All too often we look at our reality and point out all of the things that are wrong which are getting in the way of our happiness; you can use the excuse of bad roads, poor leaders at school, work and even in Local and National government, there is even a nasty neighbor or co-worker you can blame. “Changing the world”, does that mean all of these negative detractors to our happiness need to change for us to be happy? No! We are the controllers of our lives not anyone else! Allowing all of these exterior influences to dictate our happiness is not anyone’s fault but our own. What if we flip the script and realize by allowing ourselves to be so adversely affected by these influences we, in turn, have become one of the negative influences in someone else’s “world”. Now understanding this and correcting this flaw is easier said than done, I challenged myself to make this change some time ago and now can say that I have finally started to get feedback from those around me that it has begun to present itself as a positive correction in my life. Change isn’t easy or quick for any of us but if the reasons are true and we believe that the person we can become on the other side of these efforts is worth the work we can hold to it and accomplish anything. The challenge I present to you today is this; don’t enter into a situation looking for what you can pull out of it for your benefit, look at what efforts you can put into the situation so many more can benefit. Once you accomplish this you will be proud to know that by your own power and commitment, you “changed the world”.

**LOCAL 602**  
Steve Delaney, Vice-President

**Recapping a Busy Year**

It’s hard to believe how much time has passed since the election. It’s been a whirlwind inside the plant as well as outside. I’ll try to recap some of the many highlights. Most importantly we launched our re-designed new product. After a five-week shutdown, we came back to work in June with just two shifts. The entire plant was retooled to build the all-new C1Y version of the Chevy Traverse and Buick Enclave. The new build with completely new tooling provided many challenges and required the membership to work long hours. During a period that many of GM’s plants were also in changeover, we were awarded with the best launch in North America. Sales are strong and were running two shifts at twenty plus hours a day, six days a week. Hopefully, when the new product gets out there, demand will require us to bring the third shift back.



Our annual Local 602 Picnic and Education fair was held at Eagle park in August. Many of our Standing Committees were involved under the leadership of Recreation Chair Paulina Rodriguez. There were games and horseback rides for the kids as well as bingo and a membership sign-up booth for the Costco store for the adults. The

food was great as well as the beautiful sunny day. This year’s Car Show was a hit also. Members were proud to display their American made classics as well as other forms of transportation. Rob Ball brought a Polaris Slingshot “huge hit with the kids” and there was even a Para-plane brought by Dave Lozo.

In November Local 602 proudly entered our inaugural float in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual “Silver Bells in the City parade.” Inspired by our Women’s Committee Chairperson Bobbie Ledesma the theme was “Rosie the Riveter.” Over six thousand lights, a huge UAW wheel and a ten-foot airplane were perched on the float. There was also a stand proclaiming “WE CAN DO IT” that each of our one dozen Rosie’s took turns posing on.

The spirit of volunteerism is stronger than ever here at Local 602. Our standing committees actively engage the membership as well as the community. Newly elected Civil & Human Rights Chairperson Deasha Johnson hosted a hugely successful Hispanic Latino Celebration in September.

In October the Fall Festival, put on by our new Community Services Chair Demohn Stanley was a packed house. Veterans Chair Bernadine Ross held a veterans program in November. In December, Education Chair Jason Peake organized an education day event for all elected officials and the entire committee body. Retirees Chairperson Marta Bobillo held Thanksgiving and Christmas parties along with everything else she does with her retirees committee. Citizenship & Legislation Chairperson Julie Hartshorn is always busy with political campaigns including the recently successful Mayoral race. In February Richard Reed, Union Label Chair, and crew went up to Grayling from the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> for the Oldsmobile Outdoor Clubs “Winterfest.” We have a new phone app that our Recording Secretary has brought on board in his continuing effort to improve communication to the membership.

There was so much more and I regret, at the risk of being too lengthy, that I couldn’t mention everything. I think you get the picture! I’m so proud of my union and Local 602 and I can’t wait to see what the rest of 2018 brings.

**LOCAL 4911**  
Derrick McDuffey, President

**A New Year**

The New Year is here and is bringing a number of exciting things to local 4911. But first I would be remiss if I didn’t speak about Dr. Martin Luther King and his contribution to the civil rights movement and the moral ground that we as UAW members stand on, fight for and embrace. Dr King had a dream, a dream that all people live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Fifty years later that dream that we hold near and dear is being threatened daily. We must not listen to the rhetoric of our current President as he at-



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UAW Local 652 Annual Picnic is scheduled for July 21st at Sleepy Hollow State Park

tempts to exploit the subconscious biases of many Americans.

On a brighter note, Local 4911 will be entering contract negotiations this year. Many of my members are uneasy because of the many cuts to health care reimbursements forcing hospitals to take cost cutting actions. We have withstood a number of departmental restructures with Sparrow attempting to eliminate various jobs each time. As we ramp up for negotiations I’ll be calling on all our members to stand together in solidarity and let it be known that we deserve, and will bargain hard for, a contract that improves our lives and furthers the labor movement.

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### Voter Fraud

In the cynical world of politics there is no agenda more cynical than the Republicans tilting at the windmill of voter fraud. After losing the popular vote by



more than 3 million to Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump appointed the Presidential Advisory Commission on Voter Fraud. As the head of this group Trump appointed Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach one of the leading advocates for restrictions on Voter's rights. The voter fraud campaign seeks a solution to a non-existent problem. In person Voter fraud has been shown time and again to be largely mythical. In fact, cases of illegal voting in Michigan numbered 31 state wide, these cases were scattered throughout Michigan. These numbers are typical of the nationwide rate. In other words, statistically irrelevant to the outcome of elections.

Republicans say they're trying to assure voters that the system is secure, even if voter fraud isn't as widespread as Trump and many other Republicans claim. A typical stance is summed up by this quote from New Hampshire Republican State Senator Regina Birdsell, "I don't know if there's a lot of cheating. I just know that because of our loose laws, people feel that way." She has sponsored legislation to tighten residency requirements for voters in her state, where Trump has claimed thousands of Massachusetts voters were bused in to cast illegal ballots. That claim has been widely discredited — including by New Hampshire Republicans — but Birdsell says her constituents still worry people from out of state can game the system. So, the President of the United States tells a bald-faced lie about illegal voting in New Hampshire, which leads to Birdsell's constituents allegedly feeling worried about the integrity of the system, and then tries to pass laws to restrict voting in her state. In the current, perception is reality world we seem to live in I guess this makes a twisted sort of sense, tell a lie, get people stirred up, use the lie to advance your agenda.

Similarly, in Iowa last year the Secretary of State Paul Pate pushed for a sweeping measure that would require voters to sent a

new card with a bar code to verify their identity. When asked to justify this change, which opponents argue is much more likely to disenfranchise the underprivileged and disabled, the Secretary stated that he doesn't think voter fraud is rampant in Iowa, but says all the talk of fraud has people worried. He went on to say, "The public is now taking that perception as a reality." Hey, here's an idea, why don't you stand up as the elected official of your state in charge of elections and state that people have no need to be worried, that fraud is rare and non-determinative in elections in Iowa. So that they won't be worried anymore.

The voter fraud narrative is entirely about restricting access to the vote. It has been shown again and again that stricter requirements and limits on absentee voting have the effect of suppressing the vote amongst the poor, the aged, and the disabled. Clearly, the whole movement is nothing more than an attempt to return to the days when many groups found it nearly impossible to exercise their most basic democratic rights.

### LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

### Family Scholarship Program

Are you looking for an education and relaxation opportunity? The Black Lake 2018 Family Scholarship



event is a program in which your family learns how our unions empower us to change the work environment and also benefit us in our local communities in which we live. UAW members that have one year's seniority, and are in good standing, may be eligible to attend. This program is a once-in-a-lifetime, one-week summer event, July 22-27. The entire family attending will participate in educational and recreational activities in a relaxing learning environment. For more information, please go to our website: [www.uawlocal4911.org](http://www.uawlocal4911.org). At the tabs on the left, click on UAW Black Lake resort.

Growing our Retiree Chapter

Our Retiree Chapter is No. 881 – Local 4911, Region 1-D, Sparrow Hospital. If you would like to become a retiree member of UAW Local 4911, please read the following instructions.

Go on-line to register at [www.uawlocal4911.org](http://www.uawlocal4911.org)

On the left hand side of the home page, look for the blue box titled **Member Login**. Click on the orange type which reads "Click here to sign up".

Fill in the requested information. For Bargaining Unit, choose Retiree from the drop down list. After entering all required fields, click on Preview Registration Information. Review the entries to be certain correct information is entered. Click on submit to send.

If you do not have access to a computer or do not have an email address, please call Rose or Sandy at (517) 372-7201 to register and we will be happy to assist you.

We continue to promote the process of forming our Retiree Chapter. We invite you to join us the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the even months (except August) at 2:00 p.m. at Local 4911 union office, 1010 River Street, Lansing, MI. (Please note we also move the date for the December meeting if it is near the Christmas holiday.) Members wishing to stay in touch and socialize with fellow retirees have an opportunity to do so!

### LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

*Here is an interesting article from Solidarity Magazine*

The Republican-controlled Congress and the Trump administration are pursuing an aggressive agenda aimed at curtailing workers' rights by gutting rules and regulations that they claim are unnecessary and make life more difficult for



Americans. The truth is that these rules and regulations protected us from hazards on the job, gave hope to workers who were trying to form their own union, strengthened unions, and boosted the paychecks of millions of workers who work overtime, and eliminating them is a loss to all working men and women.

So far, they have:

- Dismissed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) record-keeping rules so employers are no longer obligated to make and maintain accurate records of work-related injury and illness data for a reasonable amount of time.
- Delayed effective dates of OSHA's new beryllium standard and the enforcement of OSHA's silica standard.
- Slashed the Department of Labor's (DOL) budget, eliminating worker safety and health training programs.

It also stands ready to eliminate a rule set by the Obama administration that allowed more workers to be paid overtime by raising the salary level for overtime eligibility from \$455 per week (\$23,660 annually) to \$913 per week (\$47,476 annually). The new overtime rule made millions of Americans eligible for additional pay, including thousands of UAW members who work in our colleges and universities.

President Trump's Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch has a long history of ruling against workers in cases regarding wages and health and safety. The Supreme Court is set to hear a case that could seriously weaken public sector unions and Justice Gorsuch could be the one who swings the decision against labor unions. With President Trump in office and a Republican majority in Congress, they are filling appellate judicial seats they held open during President Barack Obama's final two years in office with conservative judges who will have life tenure. This will no doubt be detrimental to labor laws, this union, and working men and women who are trying to make ends meet.

Trump also appointed William Emanuel and Marvin Kaplan to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Both are pro-corporate and have worked against workers' interests in the past.

In the last few years, we have seen Republican legislatures in Indiana,

Michigan, and Wisconsin pass so-called “right-to-work” (RTW) laws over strong grassroots opposition. RTW laws make it illegal for workers to bargain for union security in their collective bargaining agreements. The intent is to weaken unions financially so they are a less effective counterweight to corporate power in the workplace and the political system.

#### LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

### Members Only?

Here in Michigan we are very familiar with the inherent falseness of “Right to Work”. We had a lame duck legislature along with a governor that “never had it on my radar” and together they moved a state that was synonymous with labor rights into the proverbial Twilight Zone. The Supreme Court recently held oral arguments on a case that is expected to be corporate America’s “Right to Work” law for the public sector. *Janus v. AFSCME* if adopted will create an open shop for public workers, where from sea to shining sea they will be able to receive the benefits of a union without having to pay dues, in other words free-load.



In open shops, public or private, a union has a legal duty to represent all employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, whether they choose to be members or not and whether they pay dues or not. This has the understandable effect of division, hard feelings and animosity and there are many in the labor movement that are floating the idea that we should become “Members Only” unions. To reform labor law so unions would not represent all workers, just dues paying ones, effectively ending the “exclusive representation” clause of most contracts.

On first blush, it sounds like a good idea but let’s take a look at what happened in Tennessee. When Republicans took over as the states majority in 2010 their priority was to reform the states collective bargaining law for public school teachers with the stated intent to undermine the largest and most powerful union in the state – the Tennessee Education Association (TEA). Called the Professional Educators Collaborative Conferencing Act (PECCA), it requires a process called “interest based bargaining” between two teams, one representing teachers and one representing the school board. They refer to this as “conferencing” and the goal is to produce a legally binding Memorandum of Under-

standing (MOU) that covers all the teachers in a district whether they belong to a union organization or not. It also forbids the MOU from including language that makes any one organization the “exclusive agent” (goodbye collective bargaining) of the teachers.

The process requires the teachers to have a secret ballot to choose who will represent them at “conferencing”. Seats are earned in proportion to the votes received. This fragmentation is leading to organizations that bill themselves as alternatives to the established labor unions. These organizations have very different goals and resources and have evolved to challenge the TEA union for these seats. One, the Professional Educators of Tennessee (PET), which has ties to deep pocketed organizations pushing education privatization (read Koch brothers) and anti-union legislation, has risen to the forefront. They claim to represent teachers while also supporting corporate interests. In “conferencing” their presence has indicated that the teachers are divided, giving management the impetus to approach issues once thought untouchable with a renewed vigor. PET often opposes union demands and sides with management, undermining the union at the conferencing table. This does nothing but weaken the membership and the collective bargaining process.

Buoyed by this success the next step in the conservative playbook is the one that poses the most danger to the UAW. In another twist on the English language the GOP is quietly pushing “Workers Choice” legislation in many states. This would eliminate the legal duty of unions to be required to represent non-members AND allow these workers to negotiate their own private contract with the employer. I can see it now... Republican stalwarts spinning this as a “favor” to unions, taking the dead weight of all those non-union workers off our shoulders. Almost brings a tear to my eye. Almost.

So...we need to be very careful. While the “members only” tactic sounds good at first blush, in reality it has a very dark side. It divides workers, weakens unions, and plays into the hands of our enemies. To fight it we HAVE to do what we’ve always done, work day in and day out for our members. Fight to keep our members and fight to return wayward souls to our family. Collective bargaining is only strong when we stand together. We can succeed because we have to. Unions are still the heart and soul of the middle class and we can’t let our fellow Americans down.

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## 602 Retirees

Greetings my brothers and sisters. Happy and prosperous New Year.

Let's all make 2018 our best year yet that



we have lived. 2017 was definitely a tough year. I have attended more funeral services than I have my whole life. I have paid my respects to the retirees, my friends and family members. After attending so many, I have thought a lot about life and the "dash" between the two numbers and the year's span of our lives. Life is very precious so we need to do all we can to make a difference. A difference in our community, unions, homes and the world around us.

If I may ask, can we all please make a commitment for some way, to make a change or make an impact on something around us? Even if you're just sharing a smile with a stranger, because that can go a long way. As union members, we need to get to our grass roots of mobilizing and organizing.

This year is going to be critical midterm elections. We will be electing a new Governor and also House of Representative members. These days, our atmosphere is very divided and negative in our Nation. Let's stick together as union sisters and brothers and work very hard for the candidates who support us. We will be needing help with phone banking and many other capacities. If you can volunteer any of your time please let me know. Keep in mind that the last gubernatorial election we got our pensions taxed. This can easily be turned around, if we get the right people on the job. We need representation for the working family agenda.

Let us not forget, we all didn't

### Breakfast with us

GM salary, hourly & skilled trades Retirees' Breakfast, last Wednesday of the month, at Flap Jack in DeWitt next to LAFUC from 7:30 till? Phone 517-374-6456.

come here on the same ship, but we are in the same boat now.

We will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at noon. Please bring a dish to pass if possible. The meeting will begin at 1pm, with bingo afterwards.

Mike Bauer

## 652 Retirees

Spring is here - Rejoice!

The following is our monthly schedule of events:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. Games start at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. *If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Bingo game will be cancelled.*

Third Tuesday of the month is our potluck dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.

Fourth Tuesday of the month is cards starting at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. *If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Card game will be cancelled.*

Please mark your calendars with the following cancellations and addition: June 26 cards cancelled. July 3 bingo cancelled. August 21 potluck cancelled. The Lansing Area Retiree Luncheon will be August 14, at Royal Scot. Luncheon starts at noon.

Spring Euchre Tournaments will be held in Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Saginaw, on April 20th, at Local 467, 2104 Farmer St. The second tournament will be in Lansing, on April 27th, at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint, on May 4th, at Local 599, 812 Leith St. All tournaments start at 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to sign in and get seated so the games can start on time. You do not need a partner to play. You are welcome to play at all the tournaments if you like. If you enjoy euchre come join in. There is no cost to play.

Region 1D Travel Committee is having a trip to Niagara Falls/Toronto in October. If you would like to go the week of October 1-5, contact Connie Garner-Dunn (517) 323-2146 or Linda Francis (810) 423-8661 for Lansing buses. If you would like to go the week of October 8-12, contact Diane Bauer (517) 627-5895 for a Lansing bus. Linda Francis can assist you on both weeks if you wish to sign up for a Flint bus.

For any of our members or their families, who are ill or have lost a loved one, know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Condolences to all families who have had a loved one pass.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at [www.lansinglabornews.org](http://www.lansinglabornews.org)

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate when you attend retiree events. No expired food please.

Send your change of address to: Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917 Please include your current address and the old address when requesting the change.

If you have benefit questions, contact a benefit rep for answers. 517-372-7581 ext. 500

You may contact me at the following email address: [retiree652@hotmail.com](mailto:retiree652@hotmail.com)

Lois Schultz

## 1618 Retirees

Hi out there all you wonderful people. Here we are hoping for spring. Not good here, we had lots of water. My nephew is here from Omaha and stayed a week.



Condolences to the family of Joy Hicks, age 77, a good neighbor and a true friend - loved her. Joy's daughter Jody is married to Charles McLean, remember Andy McLean? He was a good foreman. Then I saw Mike and daughters Andree and Aimee. So good to see Andy and the kids. I know lots remember him and Mark also.

I am really upset with all these school shootings. Also, the government does a good job of "what if" or "not enough information." Meet the parents, they should be on top of it. My kids would say how do you know, I'd say "mom's know, that's their job".

On our sick list Ted Gauss was in the hospital, but home now. Barbara Casper, hospital then rehab, is home in Eaton Rapids now. We lost Al and Doris Williams for a while, but when my daughter Canda went to bingo, we knew they would know. Al cannot be alone and Doris has a pace maker. They are at Vesta Springs, Edgewood Bldg. Canda Anthony had the flu for two weeks. I had it for two days.

Our weather has been rough and bad weather hasn't missed one state. A lot of everything. I don't go out when it's bad. I do get home bound and need to get out.

Haven't heard from anyone so hope all is well and happy. I'm trying to stay ahead of the game.

I do text since talking is out, so I hope to get your text number. My cell number is 1-517-282-2292

I got letters from Roy Spencer telling me all about him and Helen's life. Interesting.

Please drive careful. People drive so fast they don't get there any sooner. Get up earlier. Never know what's out there.

What's coming up for us:

March 6, 2018 Ted's Breakfast at Spuds on Waverly at 8:30 pm

March 14, 2018 Retirees luncheon, eat at noon Jerry Hunts B/D

April 11, 2018 Retirees luncheon

April 27, 2018 LAFUCU 6:00pm at Royal Scot on Grand River

May 9, 2018 1618 buy our lunch at HIVACHI across from Lansing mall. 12 noon meeting

June 5, 2018 Ted's Breakfast at 8:30am Spuds on Waverly

Happy Birthday to All! Canda Anthony, Connie Dunn, Minnie Gills, Doris Williams, Bill Anthony. God bless. Have a great day and till we meet again, keep smiling.

Laura Clark

## 1753 Retirees

Greetings and Happy New Year:

Hope you had wonderful holidays. We sure did, and we extended it by having our tree up for two months so we could help our sisters and brothers at 1618 decorate the tree with hats, scarves and mittens. The tree was beautiful, you can see how full it was on our 1753 Facebook page. The collection was given to disadvantaged children at many schools, and to seniors. Thank you to all who participated. We liked it so much, we will try it again next year. You can start now, maybe learn to knit. The tree was a feature at our Christmas Open House, along with the fire at the hearth. Some of us were huddled around it, that day was so cold, thanks for showing up. We warmed up with food, drink and of course our friends the people, no song this year. Good turn out this year in



spite of the cold, more active workers were able to come. Looked like some fast cards were being enjoyed in the corner. A good time was had by all.

In January we went back to our usual way of coffee and donuts at 11:00 am, and lunch around 12:00. The Local provided the main dish, in this case Mancinco's: four different grinders and side dishes to pass. We had chips and dip, fruit salad, so much candy, delicious cookies, red velvet cake, and wonderful Joannie berry pie. Sorry if there's more that I'm forgetting. We then started our regular meeting with Al reading the minutes. He has been doing a great job in that position. Thanks Al for filling in.

February lunch and meeting was small. Did everyone remember all they were getting was soup, or was it just too cold? We must have had four or five soups, corn bread and apples. It is the month we celebrate our forefathers' ingenuity in figuring out you have more strength in numbers. You can easily break one stick but you can't break a whole

handful of them! They gathered together in the plant and all sat down. They held on until GM was forced to talk to them and negotiate terms. It was a long strike, which is why we have meager fare on our White Shirt Day. Glad to see people in white; when we worked we tried to keep as clean as our bosses. It was not as hard to do in retirement. All we did was visit, eat lunch and have a meeting, Ha, Ha!

Just got back from sharing a big roaster with corn beef and all the appropriate Irish vegetables, and many great dishes to pass, at our March lunch and meeting. There I was reminded to turn in this article. Therefore I'll close with: Remember we meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, except August, at the hall. Coffee is at 11:00 am, lunch is at 12:00, meeting is at 1:00 pm. If you know of someone not getting their paper, have them call and leave their address with Nancy. If you would like to receive an e-mail reminder before the meeting, leave your e-mail address with Nancy.



UAW Local 602 retiree and active members were at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club Winter Fest in Grayling to once again serve chili and hot dogs to those attending

## Local 602 Obituaries

James H. Streeter – Retired  
 Kenneth L. Peake - Retired  
 Maryann E. Wood – Retired  
 Warren E. Hulet – Retired  
 Tommy J. Gann – Retired  
 Pleas Walker – Retired  
 Geraldine Page – Retired  
 Lawrence Hettinger - Retired  
 Donald L. Parker – Retired  
 Leon Feldpausch – Retired  
 Broderick C. Bryant – Retired  
 Douglas C. Jarrad – Retired  
 Rebecca “Becky” Van Vleet – Daughter of Randy “Squirrel” Mercer, Retired  
 Mary Ann Englert – Step-Mother of Craig Keller, Body-sides  
 Brent Lavern Hoezee – Brother of Kevin Hoezee, Materials Trim  
 Maxwell E. Whitney Jr. – Retired  
 Gerald D. Hoard – Retired  
 Donna Lee Brunk – Step-Mother of Paulina Rodriguez, Body Sides  
 Janet M Rayl – Mother of Jay Rayl, GA Repair  
 Freda Bauer – Mother of Jane Bell, GA Repair  
 Mary Crosby – Mother of Sheila Davis, Quality Control Care Wt Beech, Timothy L. – Retired  
 James O. Koenigsnecht – Retired  
 John W. Nations – Retired  
 David Schafer – Retired  
 Martin L. Pulling – Active, GA Repair  
 Lewis E. Fuller – Retired  
 Joe L. Bussell – Retired  
 Danny T. Brunette – Retired  
 Harold L. Marsh – Retired  
 Virginia Fulger – Retired  
 Artis Hastings – Spouse of Clifton Hastings, Retired  
 Michael L. Fender – Spouse of Julie Fender, Retired  
 Paul Andrews – Retired  
 Mildred M. Fraser – Mother of Ian Fraser, Retired  
 Betty Marie Peace – Mother of Donna Peace  
 William L. Beachnau - Retired  
 Bobbie J. Sellers - Retired  
 Evangelina Medina – Mother of Randy Medina, Retired  
 Miguel Medina – Father of Randy Medina, Retired  
 Irvin Elmer Vance – Father of Summer Darden, Quality Control  
 Clifton Peters – Father of Dave Peters, GA  
 Donald L. Foster – Retired  
 Clara McDaniel – Retired  
 Milton Ramey – Retired  
 Michael L. Fender – Father of Janet Fender, Retired  
 Kenneth J. Frost – Father of Gary Frost, Quality Control Care/Wt Rosa “Rosie” Belia Hernandez – Mother of Alex Hernandez, Quality Assurance  
 Alvin F. Root Sr. – Father of Alvin F. Root Jr., Retired  
 Kacie R. Crawford – Daughter of Kevin Crawford (Materials Trim) and Susan Crawford (Benefits)  
 Betty J. Soule – Retired

James T. Skriba - Retired  
 John Marriott – Retired  
 Tyrone D. Foster – Retired  
 Gary W. Harris – Retired  
 Jimmy L. Taylor – Retire  
 Robert A. Hyde – Father of David Hyde, Body Maintenance  
 Harold R. Buckenmeyer – Father of Joel Buckenmeyer, GA Maintenance  
 Diana L. Marsh – Mother of Heather McLain, GA Chassis 3  
 Paul Theodore Ellingson – Father of Paul Ellingson, Body Underbody Pans  
 Richard J. Pohl – Retired  
 Jeremy Ryan Pinkley – Son of Donald K. Pinkley, Body Maintenance  
 Edmund M. Lieb – Retired  
 Robert R. Schlicher - Retired  
 Georgeiana Campbell – Mother of Richard “Dick” Campbell, Retired  
 Kerry R. Prelwitz – Retired  
 Donald D. Devlin – Retired  
 Pete D. Poufcas – Retired  
 Robert Tobias – Retired  
 Homer Cummings – Retired  
 Steve P. Stavros – Retired  
 Leah Lee Anderson – Mother of Rhonda Hawrylo, Materials-Body/Paint  
 Lester Seth Ford – Step-Father of Troy Capling, GA Chassis 3  
 Diane Lynn – Wife of Michael E. Marsh, Retired

## Local 652 Obituaries

Deacon Edward G. Bodiford – Father of Deanna Bodiford  
 Goldie Bouts – Mother of Jim and Gary Bouts  
 Peggy Byington – Spouse of Philip Byington  
 Mary A. Crosby – Retiree  
 Anneast Flowers – Mother of James Flowers  
 Charlene Foster – Spouse of James Foster  
 Leon Hundt – Retiree  
 William “Bill” Marciano – Father-in-Law of Randy Talbot, Grandfather of Tony Talbot, Kelly Talbot and Tonya Schmidt  
 Alvin Rabideau – Father of Bill Rabideau  
 Delmar C. Rose – Retiree  
 Arlene Snoeyink – Mother of Dave Snoeyink  
 Bishop Alfred Singleton – Grandfather of Troy Robertson  
 Dawn Marie Talbot – Spouse of Randy Talbot, Mother of Tony Talbot, Kelly Talbot and Tonya Schmidt  
 Vay Tran – Father of Henry Tran  
 Maria Velez – Spouse of William Velez  
 Ron Workman - Retiree  
 Thank-You's were received from the following families:  
 The Delmar Rose Family  
 The Fred Smith Family



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## Nomination Acceptance and Election Notice For UAW Local 652

Nominations, acceptances, and election notice for the following elections:

Election of Delegates to the 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention

Nominations and acceptances for the positions listed on this notice may be made at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing beginning April 9, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through April 16, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

All acceptances must be made in writing at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall during business hours. The Hall is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All candidates are required to sign a fair election code. No acceptances may be made by telephone or by mail. All candidates must have been a member in continuous good standing for one year prior to the acceptance period to be eligible to run for office.

### 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention

Four (4) General Motors Unit Delegates

Two (2) Alternate General Motors Unit Delegates

Two (2) Ryder Unit Delegates

One (1) Alternate Ryder Unit Delegate

Two (2) Miscellaneous Delegates

One (1) Alternate Miscellaneous Delegate

### Miscellaneous Delegates to be elected by AI (Avancez) and GM Subsystems LLC Local 652 Members only

Elections for the above positions will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Thursday April 26, 2018 with the polls to be open continuously until 5:00 a.m. Friday April 27, 2018. All voting to take place at UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing.

A run-off election, if necessary, will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing. The polls will open Thursday May 3, 2018 at 5:00 a.m. and be open continuously until Friday May 4, 2018 at 5:00 a.m.

## UAW Local 602 Election Notice

### UAW 37TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES ELECTION

FIVE (5) Delegates & FIVE (5) Alternates

All members in good standing (active or retired) are eligible to run and vote for the following (3 year term)

A nomination\* meeting will be held Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 6pm  
*(in conjunction with the regular monthly membership meeting)*  
*\*Nominees must accept nomination at the Union Hall during special extended business hours: M-F 7a-6:30p*

Nominations will also be accepted beginning Monday, April 9, 2018 at UAW Local 602 Union Hall through Friday, April 13, 2018. Union Hall hours M-F, 7am-6:30pm (These Hours for Nomination Week Only).

UAW Local 602 Union Hall is located at 2510 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48917

Election will be held 11am Tuesday, April 24, 2018 until 11am Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 24 hour election.

Three (3) Election Sites:

Active & Retired: UAW Local 602 Union Hall

Active: LDT GA Cafetorium - 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing MI

Active: LDT Body Shop Grand Am Room - 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing MI

*Run-Off (if necessary) will be held 11am Tuesday, May 8, 2018 until 11am Wednesday, May 9, 2018, all three sites*

Signed Brian Stead - Election Committee Chairperson, Jerri Smith, Kevin Barnum, and JoAnne Prince - Election Committee Co-Chairs, Bill Reed-President UAW Local 602

## UAW Local 2256 Nominations and Election Notice for the UAW 37th Constitutional Convention

**NOMINATIONS:** All members in good standing for one (1) year are automatically nominated. Any members may nominate another member but it is their responsibility to inform the person they have nominated and the nominee must still submit an acceptance by the deadline.

### DELEGATE POSITIONS OPEN

Miscellaneous Units - 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates

Ingham County Unit - 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates

Accident Fund Unit - 1 Delegates and 1 Alternates

**ELIGIBILITY:** UAW Constitution Article 8, Section 11 - *No member is eligible to serve as a delegate from her/his Local Union unless s/he has been in continuous good standing in this International Union for twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held and shall also have been a member of the Local Union electing her/him for three (3) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held. For the purpose of this Section of the Constitution, members must pay their dues or secure out-of-work receipts in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.*

**NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES** for the positions listed above, may be made in writing at the UAW Local 2256 Hall, 2114 N. East Street Lansing, Thursday April 19th between the hours of 9am and 3pm. No acceptances may be made by telephone or mail.

**ELECTIONS** will be held Thursday May 3, 2018 at 7:00 am until 6:00 pm. A member may apply (in writing, ONLY to the Local Union office) for an absentee ballot if the following conditions are met:

1. Must be on Union Business away from polling location on the date of the election.
2. Work outside the 50-mile radius of the polling location.

**RUN-OFF ELECTION** will be held on May 10, 2018 (if necessary)

Local 2256 Election Committee

## Nomination and Election of UAW Local 4911

Sparrow Specialty Chairperson, Sparrow Specialty Steward  
UAW 37th Constitutional Convention Delegates

Nominations are for the following: Sparrow Specialty Chairperson; Sparrow Specialty Steward; five (5) Delegates and three (3) Alternate Delegates for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Constitutional Convention which will convene in Detroit on June 11, 2018.

Candidates must submit a written acceptance in person to UAW Local 4911, 1010 River Street, Lansing, MI 48912. All nominations will be accepted on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 6:00am – 4pm.

Elections for the above mentioned officers and Constitutional Convention Delegates will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

April 13, 2018  
7:00am – 8:00pm

UAW Local 4911  
1010 River Street  
Lansing, MI 48912

Run off date, if necessary: April 20, 2018 9:00am – 8:00pm

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution:

*No member is eligible to serve as delegate from her/his Local Union unless she/he has been in continuous good standing in this international Union for twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held and shall also have been a member of the Local Union electing her/him for three (3) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held. For purpose of this Section of the Constitution, members must pay their dues or secure out-of-work receipts in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.*

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 724**

Nomination of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates  
Nominations for the two (2) Miscellaneous 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2018.

*(Units will conduct their own nominations for Unit level Delegates (If allotted))*

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution

*“No member is eligible to serve as a delegate from her/his Local union unless s/he has been in continuous good standing in this International Union for twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held and shall also have been a member of the Local Union electing her/him for three (3) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held. For the purpose of this Section of the Constitution, members must pay their dues or secure out-of-work credits receipts in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. “*

Election of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates

Date: Tuesday April 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

**RUN-OFF ELECTION**

(if necessary)

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

Carol Allen, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson Todd Collins, Local 724 President

### **Bridgewater Unit - NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 724**

Nomination of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates  
Nominations for the 2 (two) 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

Date: Thursday April 12, 2018

Time: 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917,

by 4:00 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution

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Election of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates

Date: Tuesday April 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

**RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)**

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

### **Dakkota Unit - NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 724**

Nomination of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate  
Nominations for the 1 (one) 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate and 1 (one) Alternate will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

Date: Sunday April 8, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917,

by 4:00 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution

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Election of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates

Date: Tuesday April 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

**RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)**

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

### **Woodbridge Unit - NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 724**

Nomination of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate  
Nominations for the 1 (one) 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

Date: Tuesday April 3, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917,

by 4:00 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution

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Election of UAW Local 724 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates

Date: Tuesday April 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

**RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)**

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall 450 Clare St. Lansing, MI

## Local 1753 Notice of Nominations and Election

### 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate and Alternate

UAW Local 1753 will be accepting nominations for the 37<sup>th</sup> UAW Constitutional Convention delegates (1), and alternate delegate (1) on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 and Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. At the UAW Local 1753 Union Hall, 3204 W. St Joseph, Lansing, Michigan 48917. All candidates must sign the Nomination Acceptance Form and Fair Election Code Form.

The election will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the UAW Local 1753 Hall from 8:45 am until 10:45 am and at the plant cafeteria times will be from: 11:30 am. until 3:15 pm. and from 8:45 pm until 9:45 pm. Top vote getter will be a full delegate and runner-up will be the alternate. A run off will be required if the first and second votes are tied. The run-off will take place Wednesday, May 2, 2018, same hours and locations as the first vote.

Yvonne Vincent, President, Local 1753 and Al Vincent, Election Chair, Local 1753



Andy Schor's Speech at his inauguration. UAW Region 1D CAP worked hard to help get Mayor Schor elected.

Dean Poggiali

## Capital Area United Way

With the nonstop cold temperatures, I am not sure that Happy New Year is a proper greeting. However, it is another new year that will hopefully be blessed and fruitful for you and yours.



I would be remiss if I didn't thank all those who have supported the Capital Area United Way (CAUW) over the years. The partnership between the CAUW and organized labor has allowed us to make sure that when some of our members are hurting we can try to calm their wounds. As I am about to embark on my seventeenth year at CAUW, I am still truly humbled as when I received the appointment. I hope that I will never forget to say thanks and what can we do to help.

In December we again worked with the Michigan Association of United Ways as they procured over 20,000 plastic toy trucks. The company located here in Michigan donates the production, gets the materials donated, and the trucking as well. It is up to us to help unload them here in Lansing and find a good home for them. This year there was an overflow so we were able to distribute 1,000 to the Salvation Army and the Toys for Tots. We also were able to get some to other non-profits in the area. Thanks to all who helped

with the unloading even though the original first date was rescheduled and we still had volunteers.

The annual community service classes will commence on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm at UAW Local 724. The sessions are still being scheduled as we pen this article, but we are hopeful to have at least one of the sessions at an area non-profit. The letters went out early in January and the cost is again \$40.00, which includes the materials, snacks and the dinner at the end of the sessions. Please check with your local union leadership to see if they received the letter.

Another program that is near and dear to me is the annual Walk for Warmth through the Capital Area Community Services (CACS). Walkers collect pledges which then assist CACS with helping folks with their heating bills. With the record cold we will undoubtedly see an increase in requests for help. The walk was Saturday, February 24, 2018. However, if you have collected pledges for the City or donated for the city programs those can still be earmarked through the CACS rural Ingham walk.

For the most part many of our folks are working steady. Please bear in mind that unforeseen circumstances can and do occur. Feel free to call me at 51-203-5027 or e-mail at [d.poggiali@micauw.org](mailto:d.poggiali@micauw.org) and we can problem solve together. We are only as strong as our weakest link.

Claire Corr

## Sparrow Health System

Hello from Sparrow Health System.

Rest assured, spring is around the corner and the flu season is coming to an end; well, sort of an end.

The Emergency Departments (ED) at both the main hospital and the St. Lawrence campus have been seeing less patients with flu symptoms and the Code Yellow has not been issued as much the past few weeks. However, doctors are still suggesting getting the flu shot if you did not get one last fall. The immunization will help lessen symptoms if you are an unlucky one who falls ill with this season's worst flu in years.

Sparrow opened their new, 6,200-square-foot urgent care center in March. The center is located directly across from the main hospital on the first floor of the Herbert-Herman Cancer Center parking deck. The facility will be equipped with eight examination rooms, two treatment rooms, as well as onsite radiology and laboratory services. The plan is for this brand-new facility to help ease the traffic at our main Emergency Department on Michigan Ave. Recently, you may have seen commercials for Sparrow highlighting symptoms and which type of treatment facility you should consider. There is a convenient and thorough



Q&A section on Sparrow's website. Go to [www.sparrow.org/emergencyguidelines](http://www.sparrow.org/emergencyguidelines). This document will give you an idea of where you should seek treatment, i.e. ED, Urgent Care, FastCare, or Primary Care Physician. You will also find a list of all Sparrow locations including the phone numbers and hours of operation. Another expedient way to seek treatment at a Sparrow Fast-Care or Urgent Care Center is to schedule an appointment right online at [www.sparrow.org/fastcare](http://www.sparrow.org/fastcare). The website offers wait times and next appointment availabilities. You can also schedule future times, for instance an after-work appointment. As always, if you feel your symptoms warrant a trip to the emergency department, do not hesitate, go directly to the ED, or call 911.

Don't forget the service I offer to all labor members when someone falls ill and is admitted into the hospital. I provide food and parking vouchers for the family members and a direct line to everything Sparrow. Remember, you are never alone at our hospital. I can also help navigate doctors' offices, the Cancer Center, and more.

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