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Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, and Local 652 President Mike Green were among the thousands at the State Capitol on March 16 to protest Governor Snyder's plan to tax pensions.

## We must have a voice

By **BILL REED**  
Acting President, Local 602

I would like to congratulate Brian Fredline on his appointment to the International. Thank you, Brian, for your leadership and best wishes in your new position on staff.



My name is Bill Reed and I was elected Vice President of Local 602 and now I am serving in the unexpired term of the President.

I want to thank the membership of Local 602. Not just for the opportunity given and the trust afforded me when I was elected Vice President, but for your hard work and perseverance that has brought us through tough times and will sustain us in tough times ahead. YOU are to be commended!

The willingness to serve has played a major role in the building of our UAW locals. Those who have been in leadership before us have enriched our learning experience, motivated us, and have given us the faith to believe not only in ourselves, but to believe in our fellow union brothers and sisters.

They have helped us to recognize our

potential, called us to action, and have sacrificed family and leisure to ensure the success of every one of their members. It is to their leadership that I owe much and I will continue to work no less, always respecting the office of the President with honesty, integrity, and self-discipline.

Before I became involved in our union, my greatest fear was that my voice would not be heard. I found it didn't matter who heard me, what mattered was who listened! We must all have a voice. Not just words. A voice for our arguments, our ideas, and our concerns.

Join with me for the upcoming rallies at the Capitol. Let's demand our elected officials take notice of our solidarity and unity against the union-busting tactics taking place. Our support of each other can send a message that is immeasurable, overflowing, and overwhelming.

Only by working together can we preserve a strong voice that sets the tone, is to the point, and has a sense of credibility. It's not an option to give up! We must put our hands to the plow and continue the work of those who never gave up on us! There is pride in Union labor that shows in our hard work, compassion, and solidarity that is second to none!

## The facts on the "bonus"

By **MIKE GREEN**  
President, Local 652

I would like to address a subject that I have received many calls on from retirees in the last few days, the Performance "Bonus" or Profit-Sharing payments that were recently announced. The Performance "Bonus" is paid based on hours worked in the plant during 2010—therefore most retirees are not eligible. GM, I'm sure, didn't want to pay this out to the employees, but it was a contractual obligation, that doesn't include retirees in the 2007-11 contract.



Now let's look at this "Bonus." Usually "Bonus" refers to something above and beyond what one would normally receive. Keep in mind that the active employees haven't received a raise in pay since 2005, and gave up their COLA, relief times, vacations and holidays to preserve as many benefits as possible for the retirees and keep the retirees' costs to a minimum. This cost each active employee thousands of dollars in lost earnings.

As you well know, our retirees have also made numerous sacrifices with the bankruptcy of General Motors—the loss of Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, the Medicare reimbursement, to name a few. Many of you, as well as myself, never imagined the day would come where GM would go bankrupt. Even though the loss of retiree benefits was a shame, I believe the International did a fine job in protecting our retirees' pensions and health insurance, the most valuable benefits for most.

I want to remind you that the concessions made by the retirees during the bankruptcy were intended by the International to be short-term concessions. Their plan is to be able to reinstate these benefits beginning in 2012. I can assure all of you that there are resolutions on the table to reinstate and make whole our retirees and their benefits. I attended the recent Special Resolution meeting

and all involved are committed to restoring our retirees' benefits and more.

Local 652 Retiree Chair Mike Bauer, Local 602 Retiree Chair Dorothy Stevens, and other retirees were invited to and attended the February Subcouncil meetings. They thanked the International and Local leadership for all they have done on the retirees' behalf, and requested their continued help in protecting retirees. The retirees need their help more than ever. They were received warmly and the leadership was impressed by their message and pledged to "make it happen." I was proud that Mike Bauer and the others not only took the time and effort to attend these meeting, but also in the way they admirably represented the retirees.

On February 15 I was invited to address the Retiree Chapter's Business meeting. I requested that Mike Bauer be sent to represent the retirees at the upcoming Bargaining Convention. The body in attendance unanimously agreed. I believe that Mike Bauer's presence and determination will be a benefit to all our retirees at the Bargaining Convention.

The good news is that we have been awarded a new product from Cadillac—the Alpha, which is scheduled to begin full production in the summer of 2012. This will create 600-700 new Local 652 jobs. Much of the credit for us getting this product is because of the quality of work always performed by the Lansing autoworker, active and retired.

Our products and workmanship are STILL world class. The CTS and LGR received the Bronze Award from J.D. Power for quality, the ONLY facility in North America to win an award. The CTS-V wagon was recently named "Top 10 for 2011" by Car & Driver magazine. MotorWeek named the CTS sport coupe the "Best Sport Coupe" for 2011. We are trying our best to continue the legacy you built as the best car builders in the world!

I would like to thank everyone for their support at the rallies being held at the Capitol. We will keep you informed on any events in the future.

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## Under attack

We still see the effects of winter linger, but spring is pecking around the corner. We saw a blizzard in the backyard just a bit ago, so maybe like robins it is a harbinger of spring.



The unprecedented attacks on working people—and union members in particular—has been something we haven't seen during our lifetimes. The Republican majority in the State of Michigan is eroding the very fabric that has created the middle class.

We are cognizant that the state is in budget difficulty, but what fixes that are being proposed on the backs of working, middle-class families is mean-spirited and in some cases without justification.

The recent outpouring of union supporters over the Emergency Manager package was a prime example. The very thought of allowing the ability to remove elected officials on top of the slash and burning of the collective bargaining agreements is reprehensible.

The legislation smacks of unconstitutionality in the blatant disregard for our vote being counted. In many cases the misgivings of a school district and/or government entity is not the fault of a union contract or mismanagement.

That may be the case in some instances, but how is a school board to operate with diminished revenue from property taxes, aging infrastructure, and less per pupil funding?

And don't even get us started on the unfunded mandates such as "No Child Left Behind." Why would anyone want to serve in these capacities if the ability to govern is in jeopardy by this legislation?

Another attack has been on the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The Michigan credit is fixed at 20% of the eligible federal credit. Again we are aware that the budget is broke, but the citizens who benefit from this EITC are those families in the most jeopardy. These families will feed their families, pay rent and utilities, fix their vehicles, and end up being a catalyst for local spending and spurring local economies that reap the end result.



Another scene from the March 16 rally. Shown here are (left to right) Local 652 member Glender Anderson, Local 652 Vice President Randy Freeman, UAW International President Bob King, and Local 652 Recording Secretary Fred Charles. You can see many more pictures of the rally in [living color at our website, www.lansinglabornews.org.](#)

Here is a quote concerning the EITC that was in reference to the federal program, but the same thought process and principles apply: "the best anti-poverty and the best pro-family, the best job-creation measure to come out of Congress." These words were attributed to Ronald Reagan, a Republican who busted the Air Traffic Controllers union in 1981.

The original legislation began as a federal program. President Gerald Ford signed the EITC into law in 1975. The EITC was expanded in 1986 during the administration of President Ronald Reagan, and President George H.W. Bush signed into law a further expansion of the EITC in 1990. Isn't it ironic that the "new Republicans" have lost their social conscience today?

As we take a breath and refocus on the Local scene, the contract talks are completed with the JLL Unit. The Local 724 Unit members perform various functions at the Lansing Grand River General Motors facility. The Unit is comprised of members who work for a company named Drayton and another called TEAM. They will function uniquely as separate units, but will be considered the JLL Unit of the Local.

We also have several Units that will be in contract talks this year. The Alliance Interiors, Dimondale Nursing Care

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## LOCAL 1753

Al Vincent, President

## That's not right

"That's Not Right" is the theme that was chanted repeatedly at the rally in

downtown Lansing at the Capitol on March 16. Concerned citizens and many union employees from all ranks and files were on hand for one of the biggest rallies in recent times. UAW President Bob King was one of the many speakers.



When one of the speakers would hit the right tone in their speech, it was just natural for the crowd to respond with "That's Not Right". And believe me, there is a lot in Governor Rick Snyder's proposed budget for the State of Michigan that is NOT RIGHT.

There were so many signs that people were carrying, but here were a few that caught my eye: Inside this Mitten is a Fist, Curb the Nerd, and my favorite, "Your mother IS NOT proud of you!"

Of course, the main bill that I and ALL retirees should be on the phone to their State Senator and House Representative about is for the State of Michigan to keep their hands off our pension. Personally, I would rather see the state raise our sales tax to 7%, that way ALL the people in Michigan would help pay for these trying times. Even tourists would help when they visit.

It was great to see a couple of retirees that I had not seen in a while down at the Capitol, Gary Williams and Dan Phinney. There were so many people down there that even Denny Slowinski and I lost our group.

## ELECTION NOTICE

Make sure you read the Election Notice on page 3 in this edition of the Lansing Labor News. This will tell you the dates and times for Nomination and Election dates. Because of the snow-storm back on February 20th, which was our general membership meeting date, there were not enough members present

to hold a meeting. This put us up against a wall since the membership has to approve these dates. We had to go ahead with some dates and are glad that these dates were approved at the membership meeting on March 20.

The General Election will be on Thursday, May 12. If a run-off election(s) are necessary they will be a week later, with the same places and times. Because of the possibility of a run-off (less people voting in the plant), the May general membership meeting will be moved back one week to Sunday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.

In case you did not know, I will not be running for President of this local again. It is time to pass the torch. That's not to say that my name might not end up someplace else. We will see. The time has come to be fully retired.

REMEMBER, this is your local union. GET OUT AND VOTE on THURSDAY, MAY 12.

At I's food for thought: One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. Life is too short to wake up with regrets. Love the people who treat you right and forget the ones who don't.

## Local 1753 Meeting Notices

Executive Board, April 12 at 2:15 p.m. General Membership, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

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All meetings are subject to change upon membership actions.

## LOCAL 620

Connie Swander, Fin. Secretary

## People just don't get it

"Spring is in the air, just in time, I think. Cabin fever has overtaken us all, so spring will be a very nice thing."



Just recently, I had a chance to travel in some of our southern states, and I was looking to see what people were driving. There were a lot of transplants on the road in the south. It always breaks my heart to see how many are driven here in Michigan, Home of the Big Three, as we used to be known. Sadly, we are not known by that so much anymore.

People just don't get it. The imports do employ some Americans. Many parts are brought in from across the big pond, and a big share of the profit goes back across the big pond. These companies have no allegiance to this country; their allegiance is with their home country. Charity begins at home. We need to put our people back to work. We need to buy American-made products as much as possible so we can keep Americans working.

Remember, Local 602 elections are from Tuesday, May 10 at 11:00 am through Wednesday, May 11 at 11:00 am. Retirees can vote for any officers that are not related to bargaining. So exercise your right and get out to vote. It's not just a right—it's a privilege.

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## LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

# Attack on the middle class

A litany of states has taken up the hobby lately of targeting the middle class with tax increases, school budget cuts, elimination of tax credits (especially for the working poor), and the stripping of collective bargaining rights. Budget problems are invariably claimed to be the root of these evils.



"We need a fair and balanced budget!" is the cry heard from every Republican Governor's mansion across the land. But on closer inspection, is that really what is going on?

In Wisconsin the new Governor needed to include stripping most unions in the public sector of their collective bargaining rights because he said that was needed to battle the BUDGET CRISIS. The unions agreed to all of his proposed cuts, hoping to keep their rights. He used a surprise stripped version of his bill that included ONLY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROVISIONS THAT HE WANTED GONE to sneak his plan through. But ... he wants us to believe it's only about the budget.

Here in Michigan Governor Snyder has presented legislation that places emergency powers in the hands of a person or corporation of his choosing. Those powers can be used to break contracts, strip collective bargaining rights, dissolve locally elected government or school bodies, or just about anything they feel they need to do if the Governor cites a BUDGET CRISIS in that area.

Governor Snyder is also trying to raise 1.7 billion dollars in new revenue by taxing retirees' pensions, eliminating deductions for donations to public schools, and eliminating the Earned Income Credit (which benefits the low wage earners). Governor Snyder calls this a "shared sacrifice."

He has stated publicly that everyone needs to pay their fair share. Apparently he doesn't think that people on a fixed income (retirees) or our working poor (Earned Income Credit) have been giving enough! Well, bless him! He's taking care of that BUDGET CRISIS for us now, isn't he! (Heavy sarcasm included for those who can't read between the lines!)

Well, not really. A little further along in his plan to combat the dreaded BUDGET CRISIS we see that he has included 1.8 BILLION DOLLARS IN TAX CONCESSIONS to business. So his "shared sacrifice" didn't work out so well. I think it's more like a "shaped sacrifice" and I think you know where we are all feeling it!

All across America the same kind of thing is happening. Idaho, Indiana, Ohio, Florida. The list grows every day. The question is what are we going to do about it? We need to fight back! We need to call our representatives and tell them we won't take it!

We need to tell them that we see through them. Their excuse of a BUDGET CRISIS is just that! An excuse! And they are using it to strip us of our

rights, both at the bargaining table and in our everyday life.

Don't let it happen. Become active. Join a gathering at the Capitol. Call you Local Hall and ask what you can do to help! This is a mess and if we don't step in and clean it up now, it may be too late. See you at the Capitol!

## LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman, Vice President

# GimmeFIVE

Our once again we are in a struggle for our very existence as union members and our right to belong to a union. With the new Republican Governor and a Republican majority in the State House and Senate they are passing laws, and trying to pass laws against labor, they are systematically trying to eliminate our rights to collective bargaining.

They are trying to fix the budget by taxing the fixed incomes of retirees, taking from the poor and off the backs of hard-working laborers of this state.

This is a time in our life like no other, a turning point where we all need to be involved with our union to help protect our rights, not just the rights of union members but the rights of all labor throughout our state and the nation.

Now is the time! And a good way to get involved is through UAW President Bob King's program, GimmeFIVE.

## How is the GimmeFIVE program important to you?

"GimmeFIVE" is a national program designed to increase activism, to mobilize for collective action, and to improve our capacity to communicate to members regularly on issues, activities etc. This program is designed to amplify the efforts of the UAW Regions, as well as the International Union.

This is a great way for you to support your International UAW President Bob King, Regional Director Norwood Jewell, Assistant Director Steve Dawes, and your Local President Mike Green by getting involved.

"GimmeFIVE" recruits and engages members in a new and innovative mobilizing program to organize build power and win justice for our union and community. It is the way to get involved. By signing up you will be notified on the fast-paced, even last-minute events that we will need people to show up and support, like lobby days, rallies, and protest.

## How to send the text:

Enter (313) 288-9979 in the To: box. Enter Your NAME and Your LOCAL UNION NUMBER in the message box. Press send; once text is sent, you will receive a confirmation text welcoming you to the program.

You can also sign up on line at [www.uaw.org](http://www.uaw.org) and click on the "GimmeFIVE" shortcut or you can check online at [www.uawlocal652.org](http://www.uawlocal652.org) for info.

The Local 652 Women's Committee is hosting a Mini Expo on April 2 from 1-3 pm at the hall. "Come shop with us," they say. Jewelry, homemade soap, massages, and much more will be available.



# Local 1753 Nominations & Election Notice

UAW Local 1753 will be holding the triennial election of local union officers. Please be advised that all members with one year continuous good standing in the local union are automatically nominated for all elected offices. Any member wishing to accept nomination must indicate their intentions in writing at the Local Union Hall from **11:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m., April 12, 13, 19, and 20**. You may also accept nomination one half hour before and one half hour after the General Membership meeting on **April 17**. The membership meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. at the hall. Nominations will close at 5:00 p.m. on April 20. No acceptance may be made by phone or by mail. All candidates must sign the fair election code.

**General Election: May 12, 2011**

Local Union Hall; 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

In Plant (across from the cafeteria): 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.-11:05 p.m.

Run-off Election: May 19, 2011 (if necessary)

Same Locations and Times Listed Above

All elected offices are for three-year terms. The offices are as follows:

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Vice President Financial Secretary-Treasurer  
Recording Secretary Three (3) Trustees  
Sergeant -At -Arms Guide

## SHOP COMMITTEE

Shop Committee Chairperson  
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and Skilled Trades Representative

## CHAIRPERSONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Bylaws Civil Rights Community Action (CAP)  
Consumer Affairs Community Services Union Label  
Education Women's Recreation Veterans

## LOCAL 1753 DRAYTON UNIT

Recording Secretary

### First Shift

Unit Chairperson  
Alternate Committeeperson

### Second Shift

Committeeperson  
Alternate Committeeperson

### Third Shift

Committeeperson  
Alternate Committeeperson

*Picture ID may be required when voting.*

Call the Local Hall at 487-1753 for election results or Run-off results.

## Local 602 meetings

The next meetings will be on **April 10, May 22, and June 12**. The Executive board meets at 5:30 p.m. The General Membership meets at 7:00 p.m. at the hall. Also please note that our hall hours are now 7 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F.

## Local 2256 meetings

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The executive board meets at 6:30 p.m. and the general membership meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are at the hall, 2114 N. East St., Lansing. Phone 485-5883.

# LOCAL 724 MEMBERS

When you vote on May 2,

Please vote for

**CAESAR PIZZO**

**DEAN PASEKA**

and

**RON DEAN**

**for Local 724 TRUSTEES**

Vote at the Local 724 Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 2.

No union funds were used for this ad.

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## Dorothy Stevens

# 602 retirees

Social Security is more at risk now than when President Bush tried to privatize benefits.

In a strong signal of the fight to come, Senator Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he is prepared to let the U.S. default on its debt obligation if "Social Security isn't reformed. He stated, "I will not vote for the debt ceiling increase until I see a plan in place that will deal with our long-term debt obligations, starting with Social Security."

Graham said Congress should look at the recommendations for Social Security from the President's debt commission, which included raising retirement age to 68 by 2050 and 69 after that. The debt commission considered Social Security in its plan even though the program does not contribute to current deficits. Social Security is a financially sound program with sufficient reserves to pay full benefits for decades to come. You as a citizen and voter have paid into Social Security and Medicare during your working lifetime.

The promise of Social Security and Medicare must not be broken by misguided proposals that undermine these programs. You are entitled to the guaranteed benefits and protections of Social Security and Medicare.

Please call or write your members in Congress, urging them to protect what more than 36 million senior Americans and our children have worked for, paid for, and are counting on.

Get involved in the fight to protect Social Security and your benefits from cuts and "reforms" used to solve deficits this program did not create.

You may reach Senator Carl Levin and Senator Debbie Stabenow c/o U.S. Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510, and your U.S. Representative c/o House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515.

For our sick and homebound you are in our thoughts and prayers. For those who have lost a loved one or dear friend we send you our heartfelt condolences.

## Mike Bauer

# 652 retirees

Spring has finally arrived and we are seeing the return of our snowbirds. Welcome back, everyone!

The following is our monthly schedule of events. Please note the **time change** for bingo and card nights.

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at **5:00 p.m.**

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

Fourth Tuesday of the month is card night starting at **5:00 p.m.** Card night is for Locals 652, 602, and 1618.

Our bingo night, potluck/business meeting, and social night are for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has supplied us with the following camping dates and locations:

May 13-14-15 Camp Michawana, Hastings

June 10-11-12 White Cloud City Campground, White Cloud  
July 8-9-10 Leisure Lake Campground, Summer

Aug. 12-13-14 Lakeside Camp Park, Cedar Springs

Sept. 9-10-11 Rocky's Campground, Albion

Oct. 14-15-16 Michigan Trap Shooting Association, Mason

For further information, call Wagon Master Jay Courser, 517-323-2331.

There is a lot of activity going on at our state government. It is very important that our retirees be active and participate in the rallies and support our union values. If you have not done so, sign up today for GimmeFIVE.

GimmeFIVE is a program that keeps our members informed about legislation and rallies critical to our wellbeing. By signing up, you will receive either an email or a phone call if you do not have an email address. It will keep you up to speed on any rallies or lobbying we are doing. The phone call will be a recording of any pertinent information. You will not be pressured by anyone to do anything. You can sign up online at <http://www.gimmefiveva.org> or you can sign up at the union hall. If you receive a sign-up form in the mail, fill it out and return it. We all need to stay united and protect working families and retirees.

April 12 is our next social night, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Region I Euchre Tournament will be held Wednesday, May 4, at Local 602, starting at 9:00 a.m. Retirees and spouses are eligible to play. You may register at any of our retiree functions or call 517-372-7581, extension 147, to leave your name and phone number.

Participants are reminded to arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. to sign in. The winners of the Lansing tournament will play in the finals against Flint later that afternoon. Local 602 is located at 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917.

Condolences to the families of Art Baker and Dan Gabel, retirees.

Condolences to Neil Carpenter on the passing of his wife, Ardeh.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, Barb Folsom, Dave Hodges, Dorothy Hoisington, Roger and Alice Miller, Wilfred and Millie Pullman, Jean and Leonard Schneider, Wilha Wright, and any who may have been missed.

The Lansing Labor News is online 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.

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

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

### Local 1753 members, active and retired:

We are supporting Nancy Munchbach for re-election as Local 1753's Financial Secretary. We hope you will, too. She has always done a great job for us, and we will continue to do so when re-elected. Please vote on May 12, hall hours 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.!

This ad paid for by:  
Committee to Re-Elect Nancy Munchbach



Left: Local 1618 retirees at this year's Florida picnic, with a Reatta jacket.

Below: Local 1753 retirees at the same picnic.



## Lois Schultz

# 1618 retirees

Many things are happening around the Michigan and the world. We have to stand for what we believe in. I would like to thank all the folks I called that came to the rally. If I don't have your right phone number, please call me at 517-543-5385.



I had a front row seat at the rally. I rode with Michael Atayan, the Eaton County Drain Commissioner. We had a great time right there by the traffic light at Capitol and Michigan Avenues. He was there to take folks back to the union hall, but no one wanted to go.

I hope people are waking up to the fact that we retirees are having a hard time. I have to pay for a sewer I didn't plan on. There are people out there who have been retired a long time and struggle with expenses like that.

Ted's breakfast will be on April 5 at 9:00 a.m. at Guerrazzi's Restaurant, 1564 US. Hwy 27 in Lansing. (That is also the date of Dick Raffler's birthday.)

At the May 11 retirees meeting we will have an election of officers. If you're interested, come join us. We may not have a show anymore, but we still have the Local 1618 Retirees!

## Laura Clark

# 1753 retirees

Action is in the wind. Thank you to all of the active volunteers who followed the emergency bill through, from the House, to the Senate, and to the Governor's desk. 1753 was well-represented at all three rallies.

Thursday, April 14 is the next luncheon and meeting, at noon. Please bring a dish to pass if you can.

Monday, April 18 is our "Clean Up Day," all hands welcome at 11:30 a.m. Pizza will be provided.

Euchre Tournament is Wednesday, May 4. Show your skills!

Don't forget the election, Thursday,

There will be a euchre tournament on May 4. Call me for information.

The area picnic for UAW retirees will be on August 15 at Hawk Island County Park on Cavanaugh in Lansing. Bring a dish to pass. We will eat at noon.

Happy birthday to Jerry Hunt and Dick Raffler, April 5; Candia Anthony, April 17; and Connie Dunn, April 24.

Happy anniversary to Joan and Ben Allen, and Ray and Helen Spencer. On our sick list: Dick Sloucm got a new knee. Dick Spencer is home and doing well. Ed Groh and Russ Little are still in nursing homes. Jerry Raymond is doing well.

Condolences to the family of Charles Crawford. He was an electrician.

Connie Dunn has a day trip coming. Give her a call at 517-323-2146.

With lots of rallies and lots of amendments, it's time to be involved. Call me any time for info. I will return your call.

All Medicare Part D plans cover the shingles vaccine. The amount of cost-sharing for vaccination varies. Medicare Part B does not cover the shingles vaccine. I called Meijers and got my name on the list.

I work at the Jamboree the first and third Tuesdays of the month. It's some real good music and a nice dance floor. This is at the Senior Center on Cochran Avenue in Charlotte. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. And they ask for a small donation at the door. Come on out and see me!

May 12, at the hall from 9-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 7, is an Open House at the warehouse. Bring your friends and family, tour the plant, let's have fun and sell cars!

Monday, June 13, is the Retirees Picnic at Hawk Island Park. Lunch is at noon.

We had a scrumptious dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings at our last meeting, prepared by Nancy Munchbach and yours truly.

REMEMBER! It's important to vote, May 12th at the Hall, 9-11:30 a.m.!

The retirees' breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at Jackie's Diner, 4421 W. Saginaw Street. Come join in the fun!

**All the local obituaries are on pages 6 & 7**

## Election Notice for UAW Local 652 Members Acceptances for General Election



## UAW Local 602 General Election Announcement

Acceptances for the positions below may be made at Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2011 until 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 18, 2011. All acceptances must be made in writing at the Local 652 Union Hall, which is open from 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All candidates must sign the fair election code. No acceptance may be made by telephone or by mail and you must be a Local 652 member in continuous good standing for one (1) full year prior to the acceptance deadline to be eligible to run for office.

Sign up to run for these positions is from  
Monday, April 25, 2011 through Friday, April 29, 2011  
7:00am to 4:00pm  
**UAW Local 602 Union Hall**  
2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing MI phone 517/372-4626

### Local 652 Executive Offices

President  
Vice-President  
Recording Secretary  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer  
Three (3) Trustees  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Guide

### Local Non-Executive Offices

Chairperson, Education Committee  
Chairperson, Conservation & Recreation Committee  
Chairperson, Community Services Committee  
Chairperson, Women's Committee  
Chairperson, Civil Rights Committee

### GM Unit

One (1) Shop Committee Chairperson  
Two (2) Production Shop Committeepersons  
One (1) Skilled Trades Shop/District Committee person

### Ryder Unit

Unit Chairperson  
**First Shift**  
Bargaining Committee person  
Alternate Committee person  
**Second Shift**  
Bargaining Committee person  
Alternate Committee person

### **Third Shift**

Bargaining Committee person  
Alternate Committee person  
Recording Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms

### AI Unit

Unit Chairperson  
**First Shift**  
Committee person  
Alternate Committee person  
**Second Shift**  
Committee person  
Alternate Committee person

### **Third Shift**

Committee person  
Alternate Committee person  
Recording Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms

### JCIM Unit

**First Shift**  
Unit Chairperson  
Alternate Committee person  
**Second Shift**  
Committee person  
Alternate Committee person

### **Third Shift**

Committee person  
Alternate Committee person  
Recording Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms

### **General Election**

Elections for the above offices will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and run continuously until 5:00 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing Michigan.

A run-off election, if necessary, will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing Michigan. The polls will open Monday, May 18, 2011 at 5:00 a.m. and will close Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 5:00 a.m.

### Positions open for election (3-year term)

President  
Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer  
Trustees (3 positions)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Guide  
Shop Chairperson  
Skilled Trades Zone  
At-Large Zone  
\*At-Large District Shop

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Constitution and Bylaws  
Education  
Strike  
Unemployment/Worker's Compensation  
Union Label  
Veterans  
Women's

(for remainder of term, 2 positions)  
\*Must be a current elected District to run for At-Large District Shop

## 2 Election Sites

Dates and times are same for each location

11:00am Tuesday, May 10, 2011, through 11:00am Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Retirees and Active Members

UAW Local 602 Union Hall – 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing MI

Active Members Only

LDT Welcome Center – 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing MI

### Run-Off Election (if necessary)

Dates and times are same for each location

11:00am Monday, May 16, 2011, through 11:00am Tuesday, May 17, 2011

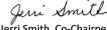
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Brian Stead, Chairperson  
UAW Local 602 Election Comm

  
Jerri Smith, Co-Chairperson  
UAW Local 602 Election Comm

  
Bill Reed, Acting President  
UAW Local 602

## LOCAL 724 NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

### ELECTION OF LOCAL 724 OFFICERS, UNIT OFFICERS & UNIT COMMITTEEPERSONS

Date: Monday, May 2, 2011  
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

### RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)

Date: Monday, May 9, 2011  
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

– Kim Petrie, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson  
Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

  
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**Todd Collins**  
for  
**1st Vice President**  
of UAW Local 724

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for  
**Recording Secretary**



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## UAW Local 2256 Nomination and Election Notice GENERAL ELECTION Nomination

All members in good standing are automatically nominated for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Trustees (3), Sergeant-at-Arms, and Guide. Acceptance of nomination may be made in writing to Local 2256 Union Office, 2114 North East Street, Lansing, MI 48906, April 27, 2011 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. No acceptance may be made by telephone or by mail. Acceptance must include the Date Submitted, Member's Name, and the Office that the nomination is for.

### Election

The Election of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Trustees (3), Sergeant-at-Arms and Guide for UAW Local 2256 will be:

**May 10, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.**  
2114 North East Street, Lansing, MI 48906

### Run-Off Election (if necessary)

In the event a run off election is needed the Run-off election will be held:

**May 17, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.**  
2114 North East Street, Lansing, MI 48906

## UAW Local 2256 Unit of BCBSM Election and Nomination Acceptance

For the positions of:

1 President, 1 Vice President, 1 Recording Secretary, 1 Chief Steward,  
3 Stewards, and 3 Alternate Stewards

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from April 4—April 12, 2011. Letters to be dated no later than April 12, 2011 and sent to the following Election Committee members: Vickie Montgomery, Chair; Sheila Slentz, Mary Hoffman, and Christy Jones.

Campaign time frame is scheduled for April 12—April 19, 2011.

**Election will be held April 20, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.**

Location: Flint Office, 4520 Linden Creek Pkwy.

**11.30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

Location: Lansing Office, 1403 Creyts Rd.

Run-off Election date set for May 4, 2011

*No Absentee Ballots*

Local 2256 Region 1-C/ BCBSM employees dressed in red on February 4 in support of Go Red for Women Day, an initiative by the American Heart Association to raise awareness for and help prevent heart disease. In the photo are some of our UAW Region 1-C — Blue Cross Unit Leaders: Amy Castanon, President, UAW Local 2256/BCBSM Unit & State-wide Recording Secretary; Michele Sickles, Local 2256/BCBSM Unit Chief Steward; Rorshall Johnson, alternate steward, Local 2256/BCBSM unit; and Brenda Hill, Local 2256 BCBSM EAP Rep.



## Poggiali Continued from page 3

Center, IMPCO, and RSDC committees will be or have been meeting to formulate their strategy. We wish the best to our members in their quest for a fair contract.

Also we wish all those who are nominated and running for Local Union and Unit level offices the best of luck. We applaud everyone who has committed to helping out the union and their memberships.

Save the date for two Local 724 events. On July 23 the annual Local 724 Golf Outing will take place. Tentatively scheduled for September 10 is the Local 724 picnic. More information will be available at the worksites and on the 724 website: [www.uawlocal724.org](http://www.uawlocal724.org)

The following was received as a text message: "I am a union employee. I am not the problem. We are not the enemy. If you're jealous of our benefits, fight for your own. Not against ours. The rich who created this crisis are putting middle-class families against each other. We live here, pay taxes and work hard to support our families!" Thank you to whoever drafted this and keep spreading the message of solidarity, not just for unions, for working people across this great state and country.

**Please see the Local 724 election notice on page 5.**

## 602 Obituaries

Dora L. Meadow — Mother of Betty Meadow-Webb, Chassis (FEM)  
Glen Pettis — Retired  
Lyle E. Foster — Retired Material  
Leon B. Cunningham — Father of Rex Cunningham, Retired Sanitation  
Harriet Kuhr — Mother of Rick Kuhr, Electrician (Body)  
Stephen Cooney — Quality  
Troy Anthony Mazzoni — Son of Clifford Mazzoni, Material Handling (Body) and Reina Mazzoni, Body  
Gary Bush — Retired Material Handling  
Danya Gates — Sister of Jared McBrien, General Assembly (Class 3)  
John Joseph Cusick Jr. — Husband of Linda Cusick, Quality (Paint)  
Richard Locke — Father of Jim Locke, Retired Material and Father-in-law of Tina Locke, Retired Quality  
Pauline H. Ross — Mother of Lori S. Ross, Body  
Freddie Ford — Retired  
Ronald Moring — Retired  
Robert Jewett — Retired  
Xenia Smith — Retired  
Rodrigo Flores — Retired  
Irvin Sorrell — Retired  
Allen McFarland — Retired  
Lawrence Thompson — Retired  
Lepha Muzzy — Retired  
Francis Sutton — Retired  
George Boseman — Retired  
Gerald Kent — Retired

ness ... The Donald H. Brown Family.  
**February Obituaries**  
Donald Brown — Retired Former Local 602 Bargaining Chairman  
Lorine Hildabridle — Retired Sanitation and Grandmother-in-law of Brian Bradow, Weld Integrity (Body)  
Rosalie Fuller — Wife of Raymond Fuller, Retired Skilled Trades (Toolmaker)  
Norma Lou Terrell — Mother of Brandt Terrell  
Elisa P. Leal — Mother of Guillermo Leal, Body  
David Schlee — Retired; Son of Carl Schlee, Retired Skilled Trades (Millwright); Brother of Dennis Schlee, Quality, and Kenneth Schlee, Body; Brother-in-law of Judy Schlee, Quality  
Kenneth Brown — Retired Body Shop  
David H. Olson — Retired Trim  
George Geib — Father of Brian Geib, Quality (Body)  
Barbara Steiner — Wife of Robert Steiner, Retired Rough Hardware  
Marin Jene — Mother of Bruce Muensternann, Body  
Walter Musley — Retired Maintenance  
Bryan Osborne Jr. — Father of Roger Osborne, Body  
Neil Stevens — Retired  
Elwood Sherrard — Retired  
Floyd Black — Retired  
Gale Nelson — Retired  
Harry Purves Jr. — Retired  
Shirley Pritchard — Retired  
Robert Frayer — Retired  
Dear Brian, Thank you very much for attending the funeral and for the Bible. It meant a lot to our family and we truly appreciate your support and kindness at this difficult time. Don was a proud union member ... Donald Brown Family

## 602 Thank You's

Dear UAW Local 602 Leadership and Membership: Thank you very much for the donation that you made to the American Heart Association in memory of Don. We are very grateful for your kind-

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Shirley Claybaugh – Spouse of John Claybaugh

Shirley Curtis – Spouse of Gorton Curtis  
John Kenneth Crawford – Father of Dan Crawford

Anna Fedewa – Mother-in-Law of Dave Platte  
Margaret Foster – Mother of Harold Foster

Dan Gabel – Retiree  
Montrello Griffin – Son of Hattie Rhinehart

Rosalind R. Griffin – Sister of Carl Quinn  
Sheila C. Knights – Spouse of William Knights

Lucille Virginia Kraus – Mother of Faye Kraus

Marilyn Leavitt – Mother of Jerry Stevens, Step-Mother of Joe Leavitt, Sister of Milo Maneval

Samuel Miloszewski – Father of Carol Eifert  
Virgil Mead – Retiree, Father of Steve Mead

James W. Moorhead – Retiree  
Walter Moseley – Father of Sid Moseley  
William Nichols – Grandfather of Billie Jo Catey  
Danielle Nicholson – Daughter of Rudolph Griffin

Varney Pierce – Father of Myrl Pierce  
John Salyer – Retiree  
Robert V. Sisler – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Lester Kyle  
Helen M. Stowell – Mother of Douglas Stowell

Billie Thompson – Father-in-Law of Gene Spitz  
Michelle Wenzlick – Spouse of James Wenzlick

Robert Wiborn – Retiree, Brother of Steve Wiborn, Nephew of Robert Wiborn

Fredrick Zumsteg – Retiree, Uncle of Fred Charles

## 652 Thank Yous

Thank yous were received from:  
The Harold Foster Family  
The Faye Kraus Family

## 724 Obituaries

Robert Rivard, Atlas Retiree

## 1753 Obituaries

Charles R. "Tuna" Jegla  
Manuel Rivera, stepfather of Shelley White

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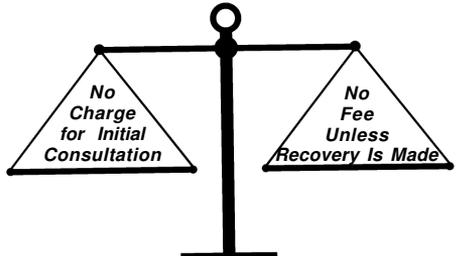
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