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Region 1D director Gerald Kariem (center) and Local 652 President Mike Green (to Kariem's left) were among the many local union officers and members who took part in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk that starts at the Capitol building in Lansing. It was another well-attended walk that raised thousands of dollars for breast cancer research. Congratulations and thanks to all the participants, and especially to the volunteers who made this event so successful.

How the elections could have gone our way

By Mike Green
President, Local 652

I want to thank everyone who helped on campaigns for our endorsed candidates, whether with phone banks, door to door, or lit drops. We had good turnouts for all the work it takes to elect our endorsed candidates. Despite our efforts, turnout of voters was 41.6%, which was less than the 2010 non-presidential year, when it was 42.9%, as reported in the UAW Dateline report.

How close were the races? Just 7,399 votes in nine State House districts kept Democrats from winning a majority:

House District	GOP victory margin
23	1,306
39	1,442
56	874
61	1,870
62	547
71	310
91	58
99	671
101	321
Total	7,339

Our work to stop the attacks on working people will continue for years to come.

The lame duck agenda in November and December includes:

- A transportation funding package to deal with our roads in Michigan
- The Electoral College
- Prevailing wage
- Public employees' collective bargaining rights

I would like to thank our Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem for his help in our election.

Region 1D Subcouncil 2 Election

I was elected alternate top negotiator at the Subcouncil 2 meeting. I look forward to serving on the 2015 negotiating team for the car side at the UAW-GM national negotiations.

We had a lot of discussions on what we will need to do at the 2015 negotiations. UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada spoke about the many issues we will be facing. Estrada will lead the talks on the GM side. She brings a wealth of knowledge from the IPS and Organizing Departments, and she understands the issues facing us on the GM side.

Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem announced that Steve Dawes will be the Assistant Director for Region 1D. Our congratulations to Steve.

My wife Pam and I became proud grandparents on November 3—a baby boy named Phenix Michael Green. Congratulations to the parents, Rollin and Allison, on our first grandchild!

As we approach the holidays, may you and your family have a safe and enjoyable time.

And remember to buy American and buy union!



LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, President

Be prepared

We have seen what Rick Snyder's Koch brothers, Dick DeVos influenced policies have done to working families across our state.

We have witnessed the lies that brought us a right to work law meant to break the backs of our union sisters and brothers.

As a Local Union President, I have dealt firsthand with the negative changes in Michigan law that have had a direct influence on the way we conduct business as a Local Union.

I stood outside the Capitol when we were locked out during the right to work protests. I've seen firsthand the devastation the pension tax has had on our senior citizens.

We will see more destruction to our middle class and continued ripping apart of our union rights and benefits in the next four years. Be prepared. You should be mad as hell, ready to join together to fight back.

Now more than ever we need each other's backs. We need each other's strength, and we need each other's commitment. Stand with me with your head held high because you are a proud union member.

The only person who can take that right away is you. Hang onto it! If they want it, force them to pry it out of your cold clenched fist on your death bed because this is your claim, your right, and your Solidarity and no one – but no one – can ever take that away from you!



Local 602
Hourly & Salaried
Retirees
Annual Florida Picnic
March 3, 2015
(First Tuesday of March)
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Doors open early
Duff's Original Buffet
6010 14th St. W
Bradenton, FL
\$7.00 – \$8.00 per person
Info: Call Larry Miller at 941-746-6968 (home) or 941-920-2988 (cell)

UAW Local 602
Holiday Open House
Retired/Active
Members & Their Families!
Tuesday, December 23
Breakfast served 5:30 am-8:30 am
Lunch served 12 pm-5 pm
UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing
517-372-4626
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

OLDSMOBILE
FLORIDA PICNIC
UAW LOCALS 652, 1618,
1753 and LAFCU
BOTH SALARY & HOURLY
Tuesday,
February 17, 2015
In Bradenton, Florida
American Legion
Kirby Steward Post
2000 75th Street West
(Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.)
Register at 11 a.m.
Eat at Noon
Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. Call Jere Auvenshine, (517) 626-2398, for information.

Local 652 Skilled Trades Christmas meeting is Thursday, December 11 at the hall, 426 Clare Street, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Food and beverages provided. A \$3.00 donation is requested.

Interacting in our community

This fall has certainly hit us with a full force. We haven't even seen winter yet and the sun only makes a cameo appearance and we are talking in terms of wind chill as it pertains to our temps.

We are sending belated condolences to the family of Russ Klusack, former Local 724 Executive Board member and Unit Chair of the Huntsman Unit. Russ was a long-time member of the Huntsman Unit for over forty years.



The RSDC Unit recently ratified a collective bargaining agreement. The Unit has seen gains in their employment and is well on their way to gaining some new work. Congratulations to the committee who kept on course during the whole difficult experience.

The annual Local outreach for hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc., will commence with the Holiday Tree of Warmth. Right around Thanksgiving the tree will go up and you are encouraged to bring in new or handmade items to place on the tree. Then the Local Women's Committee and Community Service Committee will make sure that a deserving agency gets the outpouring to help the community.

Speaking of warmth, the annual Lansing Old Newsboys paper sales date was December 4. Many of our units sell the spoof paper inside their facility and the proceeds are used to make sure area kids have warm shoes and boots needed in the winter months of Michigan.

Also a reminder that the Local is collecting for the Toys for Tots drive. There is a collection box inside the hall until December 12. Call Dean at 203-5027 if you need to have someone collect your donations or would like to have a collection box at your worksite.

On Saturday, December 20 the Local's annual Christmas party for kids will be held, from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Please bring the kids and grandkids for some holiday fun.

We have touched on the community spirit exhibited by our members who have helped make our community a wonderful place to live and raise their children. We have also backed that spirit with our worksite United Way drives. The recently concluded drives held at Bridgewater, Dackota, and RSDC yielded results that again show the commitment our members have to helping out the community.

I now turn the page to a subject a little less cheery, the announcement of the LGR second shift going down for a period of time. It will impact many of our families. Alliance, Bridgewater, Dackota, JLL-Eurest, JLL-LGR, JLL-TEAM, and Woodbridge will all feel a degree of the announcement. The actual numbers are still being determined due to contractual obligations as it pertains to layoffs. The fact is that those families will be going into the holiday



Local 652 again teamed up with the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign, and raised money and toys for less fortunate kids in our community. Shown here are 652 officers and Marines: Vice-President Randy Freeman, Financial Secretary Bob Smith, Gy St. Andy Darnell, Recording Secretary Scott Lounds, Community Service Chair Sylvia Freese, Sgt. Buster Miscusi, President Mike Green, and Shop Chair Ted Krumm.

season with a sense of uncertainty.

Having also experienced this same feeling a while back, it leaves one with questions that can't be answered. Also futures that can't be easily determined, so tough choices will need to be made.

Please know that you can reach out to me by calling 517-203-5027 at the Capital Area United Way. We will try to problem solve to look at options for you and your family. Additionally a free and confidential resource is the 2-1-1 call line. Call the and speak to a trained resource specialist who will explore options based on your circumstances. Please remember that the call to 2-1-1 or I will not be able to solve all the issues, but will try to find a path to travel.

We have touched on how we interact in our community in a variety of ways. For many of our families things are still a little uncertain and daily challenges still occur. Let us take solace that we do live in a wonderful community that reaches out to those in need whenever possible.

May the wind be at your back and peace and joy within your soul.

Local 724 Christmas Party: December 20 Tree of Warmth: through Dec. 23

See details in Mills' article below.

LOCAL 724
Debra Mills, Financial Secretary

Happy Holidays

Hello Brothers and Sisters, it is that time of year again, the wonderful holiday season! Local 724 along with the Women's and Recreation Committees is having our Christmas Party on December 20 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Santa will be here too! Please come and join us—there will be desserts, punch and coffee as well as activities and surprises for the children.



A little bit of the Grinch ...

In the last edition I wrote about the development of a members-only union movement at the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This type of union is voluntary and only represents the workers who choose to join. Volkswagen recently announced that organizations that represent at least 15% of the active workers in the plant will be allowed to meet and present ideas and proposals to local plant management. Volkswagen has not put a restriction on the number of organizations this would be limited to, so there could be six or more groups meeting on the employees' behalf.



This in itself is a little unusual but what is really mind-blowing is that one of the groups touting representation is the very group that fought against the formation of a union in the first place. So we have the strange case of the anti-union union, the group that successfully fought against collective bargaining has formed the American Council of Employees to compete with the UAW for members. It is a quasi-union group that believes that workers should come together to negotiate with their bosses.

One of the group's organizers, Sean Moss, is quoted as saying, "It's really to the benefit of everyone that everyone have a say, the opportunity to step up and speak for themselves..." So we have the same people that fought against the organizing campaign which would have assured worker involvement and collective bargaining making statements that support the ideas of worker involvement and collective bargaining! Please, someone wake me up from this nightmare!

I am hoping that the workers at Volkswagen are sharp enough to realize that they have been bamboozled by their political representatives. After all the innuendos, threats and outright lies even the co-workers who were against organizing were really not, they were just doing what they were told to do. It appears almost everyone in the plant supports unions, they just have to tell all the others to mind their own business!

A little bit of coal ...

Did you know that wages in construction, production, transportation, installation, maintenance and repair in Michigan have dropped so low (or, depending on your view, not risen) that 59% of the nation has higher average wages? Based on a study done in 2012 by the Michigan Department of Management and Budget looking at 202 different occupations, Michigan's wages were equal or higher in only 83 of those occupations. The occupations were primarily in the industrial areas, historically the jobs that pushed Michigan near the top of the average U.S. wage scales. I can't specifically pin this on our state's preponderance of Republican represen-

Each year our Holiday Tree of Warmth has been a big success because of all of you, so we need all your donations again this year to provide our families in need with new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves to put on the tree. We will get these gifts to the needy people in our community. Please drop off your items from December 1 to December 23 at the 724 hall during these hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or drop at your worksite.

Our thanks ahead of time; I am sure that with your help we will have another successful drive.

I know everyone will be out shopping. Let's remember to buy American and buy Union. With so many of Union brothers and sisters out of work, let us help our own this holiday season!

LOCAL 1753
Yvonne Vincent, Vice-President

Election info

Hello Local 1753, I would like to thank the membership for their participation in the General Membership Meetings. Please keep attending and try to bring a co-worker. I would also like to thank the retirees for their participation in events and charities.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. We are having a Christmas Open House at the Hall, Thursday, December 11, from 1-5 pm. We are canceling the December General Membership Meeting. Everyone please take care, be safe and enjoy your families.

We are accepting Guide nominations in the Plant on December 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18 during normal lunch times on both shifts. Please head to the cafeteria if you wish to fill this position. The Union Hall will be accepting nominations for Guide on the 16th and 17th from 11 am to 5 pm. Voting will take place on January 8, 2015 in the Plant from 1-4 pm, and at the Union Hall from 1-3 pm. A picture ID is required. Any necessary run-off will be held on January 15, same times and places as above.

**1753 Christmas Open House
at the Hall on Thursday,
December 11, from 1-5 pm.**

tation but I'm pretty sure it doesn't help. Remember this in 2016. Get out to vote!

And a little bit of Santa ...

It's that time of year again, time to spend with friends and family. My sincere wish for all of you is a safe and happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year! Happy Holidays!

Just a reminder, the Local 652 Skilled Trades Christmas meeting is Thursday, December 11 at the hall, 426 Clare Street, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Food and beverages provided. A \$3.00 donation is requested. Hope we see you there!

LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman, Vice President

Members show real generosity

It never fails to amaze me the amount of generosity our members show this time of year. Local 652 members

started this season with the Breast Cancer Making Strides Walk raising over \$5,000. It was great to see our Regional 1-D Director Gerald Kariem at the rally at the Capitol before the Walk.

Next we moved on to the Toys for Tots and again this year raised over \$6,000. This was even in light of the amount of down weeks we had this year.

We were at the gates on December 4 collecting for the Old Newsboys, trying to put shoes on young kids' feet.

Winterfest February 13-15

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club will be having its yearly Winterfest (Olds on the Ice) at Grayling February 13-15. It's a great time for family and friends. It's a free fishing weekend with the DNR. Look for more info at the club's website, oldsmobileoutdoorclub.com. If you have questions, feel free to call Mike Bokovsky at 517-420-5335. So make your reservation at the Ramada Inn, Grayling and we hope to see you up there!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

LOCAL 652

**Scott R. Lounds,
Recording Secretary**

On the horizon

First off I would like to wish all the Lansing Labor News' readers happy holidays and a joyous and prosperous new year. Unfortunately, the chances of working folk having a prosperous new year was lessened considerably by the recent election results, both in Michigan and across this nation. We are poised to lose rights and privileges as working people that our predecessors in the Labor Movement fought and in some cases died for. Programs that will be swept away by the ever more conser-



vative and anti-worker Republicans are too numerous to list. But, a few will affect our members immediately and profoundly.

First, on a state level the Republican legislature and Governor have already stripped most bargaining rights from public employees, putting the power over State employees in the hands of bureaucrats and political appointees. The cry from the far right is always about limiting government, which they accomplish by outsourcing good jobs to private entities, like Aramark. (Do I even need to go into the litany of criminal and immoral behavior that company has engaged in since the Republicans privatized the food service in our prisons?) True, these outsourced jobs don't go away, they just go to low-paid poorly vetted employees who end up working with our children in schools, driving their buses, preparing their school lunches, and a host of other interactions.

Another State law protection that the Republicans have virtually done away with is the Workers Compensation system. A system that was set up so that employees had a no-fault benefit for work-related injuries and which protected employers from liability for negligence in the workplace. The Republicans have changed the system so that it is harder and harder for workers to receive any lost wage benefits, but, not surprisingly, have not made it easier for employees to seek legal action for injuries due to negligence by their employers. In the time before Workers Compensation statutes the law of the land was that if you were hurt at work by any known hazard you were considered to have assumed the risk of your job. If you worked in a factory and a machine malfunctioned and injured you, well, everyone knows machines malfunction so you assumed the risk of working with that hazard. If you cut yourself horribly on sharp sheet metal, well, everyone knows sheet metal can be sharp.

Thankfully, on the Federal level we still have President Obama and the power of veto to protect us from the far right, pro-corporation forces at work within our government. If not, laws like the National Labor Relations Act—which is what requires companies to recognize Unions and forces them to bargain in good faith with them—might well be stripped away by an ever more conservative Republican party which is

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LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Change is in our future

As a Union, CHANGE is in our future. At this time across our country, many non-Union-friendly politicians and wealthy Union-busting individuals have been working against us to make sure we do not continue to survive. At the whim of rich lobbyists, these non-Union-friendly politicians are changing laws that will directly affect how we, as a Union, will proceed in the future.

The right-wing Republican Party has reared up and shown how blatantly they plan to attack the Unions, middle class, poor, elderly, and women by continuing to give tax cuts to the rich and corporations, while taking more money from your wallet. They have come out with a vengeance in an orchestrated plan to retaliate against Unions from every angle. On November 4th, many of you sat by and allowed the fire-breathing dragon to burn down your livelihood. Even with a negotiated day off to vote, you did not get out and vote for labor-friendly politicians who would be on your side. Have we reverted back to medieval times when peasants gave all their money to the Lords, who determined how to dispense the wealth? All for our own good, of course.

You have one line of defense at this point, YOUR UNION. We act as the Robin Hood of our time, fighting together to retain the negotiated benefits we've gained over the years. We, as members, are willing to stand together side by side to preserve our standard of living.

Next September, our membership will play a pivotal role in how we, as a Union, continue in the future. Right-to-Work was passed with only one thing in mind—to destroy the Unions by eliminating their funding. You have within your grasp the power to determine what your future will look like, either by yourself or as a collective group with your fellow Union brothers and sisters.

The mass majority of our members have stated they will continue to pay



Union dues. By sticking together, we can fight for common goals that affect us all. We must not allow our future to be put into the hands of those who intend to destroy all that we have negotiated for over the years.

It is time for you to change your future and the future of generations to come. I urge each and every one of you to remain in the Union which stands with you and fights for you. Together, as UAW members, we can continue the proud history and legacy of winning social and economic justice. For it is said, "In numbers we have strength."

LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Ultimate holiday gift from labor

Over the past numerous decades, union officials have battled during historical negotiations to gain workers' rights and benefits. Many people take for granted what the labor movement has won for working Americans. Little things such as: paid holidays, paid vacation days, an eight-hour workday, weekends, overtime, break time, paid sick days, living wages, workplace safety, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, health care, dental and vision insurance and safe working conditions, to name a few. Also, add the fact that union workers have a democratic voice in their workplace.

As you know, a vast number of workers still enjoy these benefits today. This is a perfect example of how union negotiated benefits were often embraced, accepted and adopted by the business community over the years. The Labor Movement has given us the Ultimate Holiday Gift that we enjoy all year long. To grasp the significance of this gift and appreciate the benefits more fully, would you volunteer to forgo the benefits for one year to imagine what life might be like without them?

Working people and working families make up the majority of our middle-class society which is being eroded. Therefore, unions will persevere and continue to fight to improve the quality of life for working families everywhere.

Holiday Greetings!

As we approach this blessed holiday season, may we all spend time reflecting upon everything for which we have to be thankful. Let's all open our hearts and look for opportunities to help those who are less fortunate through kind words, kind acts, monetary donations, cooking meals, shoveling sidewalks or driveways for an elderly neighbor or family member, etc. The gift of giving without expecting anything back has a therapeutic effect on hearts and souls. The possibilities are endless if you open your heart to helping someone in need.

I hope that you enjoy safe travels during your holiday visits with friends and family this holiday season. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, joy and happiness.



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and best wishes
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– UAW Local 602
Leadership*



***Local 724's
Amalgamated Units
wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year***



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*We wish you happy holidays
and a bright new year!*

Michael R. Green

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*From the officers and shop chairmen of the
GM, JCIM, Ryder, and AI Units of Local 652*



Whether you celebrate with
ceremony or solitude,
sing carols at the top of your lungs
or smile silently at the sound
of sleigh bells,
receive a thousand kisses
under the mistletoe
or hold only one small,
mittened hand,
your Region 1D family
wishes you peace, love and joy
this holiday season.

Gerald Kaniem
Director



Wishing you a
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and
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Dorothy Stevens

602 retirees

Now that the elections are over it is time for us to focus on the holiday season.

I came across a Christmas poem I'd like to share with you.

"There's more, much more to Christmas Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship.
That brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill toward men."

I believe it says it all. We must remember all the men and women who are stationed overseas who will not be home with family and friends fighting to protect our freedom as well as the poor and needy.

It is the season of giving and helping one another.

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year!

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends.

The following is our monthly schedule of events:

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

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 card night starting at 5:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652 and 602.

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

Our next social night will be January 13, 2015. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only – no guests.

Upcoming **cancellation** to mark on your calendar. The December 23 card night is canceled.

The October 24th VEBA Trust meeting was well attended. If you still have questions regarding your medical or dental benefits, please contact a benefit rep.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing our snowbirds in the spring.

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

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Joyce and Herb Fernholz, Dave Hodges, Don & Helen Hogan, Dorothy Hoisington, Roger & Alice Miller, Leonard Schneider, Bob & Lee Vergason, Mason Williams, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

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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

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. I was really disappointed in the election, because so many people did not vote. So save your money, we will need it.

Ted Gauss' breakfast will be on December 9 at Guerrazzi's Restaurant on Business 27 in DeWitt Township. I will be out of town on a cruise, so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2015!

Remember, we are now Region 1D, a good thing, I hope.

A gambling trip has been proposed for March, with no specific date yet. Get hold of Connie Dunn, if interested, at 517-323-2146.

The new flag at the veterans' memorial is flying high. Go down Airport Road and take a look. You'll love it too.

Don't forget clothing and food for the food bank. People out there need this.

Our charitable contributions are: Hospice House, St. Lawrence, the City Mission, the Food Bank, VFW Honor Guard, Children's Backpacks, nursing homes, and breast cancer. Thank you to Jean Caudill for all the hats and mittens she knitted.

On our sick list

Curtis Dunn had a three-way bypass and seems to be doing better.

As of this writing, Noland Douglas was in Sparrow; Brent Newman was in Ann Arbor in intensive care.

Condolences to the families of: Gary Sunkin, 79; Tony Koskoski, 79; Duane Smith, 62; and Fred Grumday, who worked with Dale Trierweiler.

Bud Hall is in foster care in New Haven, 230 Hocha Ct, Dimondale, MI 48821.

Happy birthday to: Harry Henderson, 90; Bill Hagan, the big 100; Roy Pammer, also 100; Sue Torgason; Tom Walker; Dick Kline; Judy Hunt' Barb Harkins' Barb Kline; Tom Sutton, 90; Hanna Fox; Celia Anthony; Jessica Antony; Dianna Zelenka; Mariann Anthony; and James Anthony.

Happy anniversary to: Jan and Tom Walker, who were married 53 years on November 11; and to Dick and Sue Torgason, 49 years.

Let's hope all will be better next year, and that the winter will be better than last. It sure has come early.

Till we meet again, keep smiling.

My phone is 517-543-5385. Call me with news.



Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Dear Retirees, I hope you and yours had a good Thanksgiving. The retirees at the November meeting enjoyed pork loin from the local and a feast from all the wonderful chefs. Some of our people can really cook, and we had some great dishes to pass.

For you at-home readers: We are seeing more people stepping out and showing up. Some come early for a visit, coffee and donuts at 11:00. Most people arrive at 12:00 for lunch and camaraderie. Nowadays people are quite engaged when the business meeting starts at 1:00. We try to let everyone have a voice and a vote.

The two things I like best are: 1) If we can bring new info to you. Please feel free to take paperwork home. 2) More people are staying after for clean-up. Whether you're sweeping the floor, Swiffering spilled coffee, or just doing a sink of dishes, every little thing helps. More hands make light work! This helps our hard-working E-Board.

Speaking of work, great job on the Hall work day. I was so impressed by how many were able to come help; some even brought their own tools. This was on very short notice, brought up between our meetings. Half of the group was made up of retirees. We took back the yard, which had started to turn to jungle.

Of course, we could not forget the inside and all those chairs. We also cleaned and changed lights. Vents which never to my knowledge had ever been cleaned before got cleaned. Sharon got into organizing the kitchen so much that she came back the next day to finish. It might've been our fault she didn't finish, because we probably forced her to stop and eat pizza. It was a great, day I hope you enjoyed it and recovered as well as I did.

If you have been thinking of stopping at the Hall, this is a good time. December 11th, between 1:00-5:00, will be the Christmas Open House. We will have snacks and beverages from the local. The fun and songs you must bring with you! If you want to bring anything, remember, it can sit from 1-5. Do not come early; doors will open at 1:00!

Regular coffee, lunch and meeting will begin again next year. The same second Thursday of the month. You can recycle your old glasses and hearing aids; we have a Lions box at the Hall due to a member who belongs to this great group.

I believe our meetings are informative with a benefit rep there to answer all your questions, but others missed having our October benefit meeting. Because of that I well try to fit one in the first couple of months.

Meanwhile, remember all retirees are getting eye and dental coverage back next year without you doing any thing. This is through the VEBA that the UAW set up. Not GM if you have questions, call your benefit rep at 517-885-6534. Retirees, we are putting on the Christmas party for ourselves and the active workers, so let's make it a big shindig!



602 Obituaries

Kathleen Brown – Mother of Jeff Brown, Body (Underbody Pans)
Claribel Thomas – Mother of Donald Thomas, Retired Quality
Brandon Lee Resseguie – Son of Robert Resseguie
Jeffrie Scott – Retired, General Assembly (Trim 1)
David Fancher – Retired
William Flatt – Retired
Margaret Williams – Retired
Henry Horton – Retired
Willis Bradley – Father of Jonathan Bradley, Engine Dress
Barbara L. May – Mother of Carl May, Jr., Retired and Grandmother of Chris Dent, Material (FEM Dock)
Frances Cook – Retired
Jack Hough – Retired
Paul C. McDaniel – Retired
Roy Dorey – Retired and Father of Morris Dorey, Repair
Charles W. Tupper – Father of Randy Tupper
Joan Whitford – Mother of Raymond Whitford, Retired
Phyllis L. Bindschatel – Mother of Scott Bindschatel, Grnl. Assembly (Trim 2)
Richard Lund – Father of Nichole Carney, General Assembly (Trim 2)
Michelle Flynn – Wife of Thomas Woolcock, Retired
Shannon Ruth Kisse – Daughter of Joseph Sevanski, Retired
Alyson Renee Johnson – Daughter of Hattie Greene, Retired
Jimmy F. Shurlow – Father of Robin Shurlow, Body Shop (Metal Finish)
Richard Reed – Retired; Father of Bill Reed, Local 602 President; Grandfather of Richard Reed, Body (Metal Finish); and Brother of Lanny Reed, Retired
To UAW Local 602... My family and I thank you for the beautiful Bible, the kind words, and guidance through this difficult time. God bless you all... Mike Gonzales and Family (Family of Ramiro Gonzales)
OCTOBER, 2014
David Roesner – General Assembly, Final 1
Juanita Cadman – Quality Control Engineering
James Florian – Retired
Larry Fulcher – Retired
Anna Theaker – Retired
Daniel Dailey – Retired
Jack Gurrola – Retired
Douglas Poufcas – Quality
Nelson O. Thorn – Father of Nick Thorn, Body Underbody Pans, and Father-in-law of Debbie Thorn, Benefit Rep.
Vernon R. Parks – Retired
William Bowen – Retired
James Mills – Retired
Ramiro Gonzales – Retired and Father of Michael Gonzales, Retired General Assembly Trim 5
Leon Kussmaul – Retired
Malinda Welford – Mother of Lynette Welford, End of Line Repair
Robert Theron Ervin – Retired Welder
Bruce Jacobs – Retired
James Perez – Father of Jeremy Field, General Assembly Trim 4
Mary Beckwith – Wife of Richard Beckwith, Retired Headliners
Clifford Burkholder – Father of Ricky Burkholder, Quality
Lue Sudduth – Retired
Shelley Lambert – Paint P/E Review

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and Seal
 Marlon Wheat – Retired
 Lynn Mockridge – Retired
 Robert Kransz – Retired
 Charles Fox – Father of Charles Fox,
 Retired Final (Team 6)
 Jessie Adams – Retired
 Rita Centeno – Mother of Ignacio
 Centeno, Retired Skilled Trades;
 Teresa Centeno, Retired; Juan
 Centeno, Retired; and Jesus Centeno,
 Retired
 Gertrude K. Hopkins – Mother of Jeff
 Stevens
 Dale W. Robbins – General Assembly,
 Engine Dress
 To my friends at Local 602... Thank you
 to the membership of 602 for your sup-
 port and expressions of sympathy dur-
 ing my mom's injury and passing. This
 difficult time was much easier to get
 through with your constant outpouring
 of love and concern. I will always be
 grateful for the kindness you have shown
 –Kathy Bryan (Local 602 Bookkeeper)

652 Obituaries

Jeffrey Abernathy – Son of Robert
 Abernathy
 Karen Sue Adams – Spouse of Don
 Adams
 Molly Babb – Mother of John Babb,
 Mother-in-Law of Fred Mazur
 David R. Barrus – Father of Gary, Tom
 and Doug Barrus
 Jean Elizabeth Carleton – Spouse of
 Douglas J. Carleton
 Rita A. Centeno – Mother-in-Law of
 Roberto Renteria
 Delpha Cone – Grandmother of Tim
 Henderson
 Lester Gibson Jr. – Retiree, Uncle of
 Gary Gibson
 Roland Grant – Retiree, Father of
 Stephen Grant
 Shelby E. Hall – Retiree
 Charles Halsey – Retiree, Spouse of
 Carole Halsey
 Orville Hazen – Father of Shirley
 Schouw
 Jack M. Hough – Father of Terry Hough
 Kerry Hummel – Son of Marvin
 Hummel, Uncle of Justin Harr
 Eva Kenyon – Retiree
 Irene McElwe – Mother of Rod Snyder
 Robert "Bob" McGowan – Retiree
 Russell W. McManus – Retiree
 William McVay – Retiree
 Michael Menzer – Retiree
 Bertha C. Miller – Retiree, Sister of
 Mildred Ebron
 Donald F. Nelson – Father of Tim Nelson
 Zelma J. Pelfrey – Spouse of Paul
 Pelfrey
 Gary R. Raglin – Retiree
 Robert L. Richardson Jr. – Retiree
 Arthur Sanders – Retiree
 Timothy Schmidtchen – Retiree, Brother
 of Jeffrey and Ernest Schmidtchen
 William "Bill" Sherman – Retiree
 Michael R. Smith – Retiree
 James Sorrels – Retiree, Brother of Ray
 Sorrels
 Milo Henry Sutherland – Father of James
 R., John and Leon Sutherland
 Dorothy Szejn – Mother of Beverly
 Wicklander, Grandmother of William
 Farrar
Thank-You's were received from:
 The Molly Babb Family, the Charles
 Halsey Family, the Irene McElwe Fam-
 ily, the Alvin Woodhams Family

1752 Obituaries

William "Bill" Calhoun, Ken Baker

Lounds

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beholden to their rich corporate over-
 lords like Dick DeVos and the Koch
 brothers. Right-to-Work is bad enough,
 but imagine a world where unions had
 no legal standing at all, a world where
 every strike would be illegal and work-
 ers had no bargaining power at all. Those
 of you who either lived through, heard
 stories of, or have been educated about
 what life was like in industry before the
 Unions no doubt cringe as I do when
 contemplating the destruction the far
 right may do if they gain control of both
 the Congress and the Presidency.

Within Michigan our legislature has
 stripped away the protection of
 MIOSHA; what if we were to have
 OSHA stripped away as well? Workers
 could end up toiling in workplaces akin
 to those in Upton Sinclair's famous book
 The Jungle.

The litany of protections on the verge
 of being stripped away from workers is
 long. Yet many, many, people with the
 most to lose once again stayed home on
 Election Day. This cannot happen again,
 either in two years, four years, or ever.
 It is imperative we begin to fill our legis-
 latures, our governor's mansions, and the
 White House with men and women of
 progressive beliefs who will fight for and
 protect the middle class and the work-
 ers of this country and this state. To do
 this, people—working people in particu-
 lar—cannot stay home on Election Day.
 The rich, the corporations, the dark
 money super PAC's will have their
 voices heard on our airways, but we the
 workers can trump all that by making
 our voices heard in the voting booth.

1753 election

We are accepting Guide nominations
 in the Plant on December 11, 12, 16,
 17 and 18 during normal lunch times
 on both shifts. Please head to the caf-
 eteria if you wish to fill this position.
 The Union Hall will be accepting
 nominations for Guide on the 16th and
 17th from 11 am to 5 pm. Voting will
 take place on January 8, 2015 in the
 Plant from 1-4 pm, and at the Union
 Hall from 1-3 pm. A picture ID is re-
 quired. Any necessary run-off will be
 held on January 15, same times and
 places as above.

Thanks for the help!

The annual skilled trades coffee
 and donut gathering was held on
 Monday, September 22. It was a
 great success. It was attended by
 113 people. Special thanks to the
 people that made a lot of phone
 calls for me. See you all next year!
 – Alex McPherson

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