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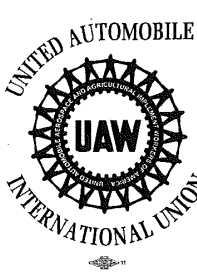
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General Motors CEO makes surprise visit to LGR plant

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ed Whitacre made an unannounced visit to the Lansing Grand River plant in March. (See Mike Green's article on page 2.) Local 652 President Mike Green and Shop Chair Jack Graham followed up with this letter to Mr. Whitacre:



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March 22, 2010

Mr. Whitacre:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time recently to visit our plant – Lansing Grand River. I am sure that your unrehearsed visit and tour of our plant gave you a real snapshot of our facility.

Our membership works very hard to build a world-class car with the highest quality. Much of our workforce is third- and fourth-generation workers who go back to our successful Oldsmobile products!

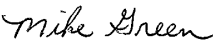
As you know, our plant currently is running only one shift. Our hope is that sales of our Cadillac products could reach a point as to make it necessary to resume a second-shift, though we would welcome any product and build it with the quality our workforce is known to provide.

The Lansing area has the unique attraction of being the capital of Michigan. Most of what is known as Lansing today is the direct result of the city becoming an industrial powerhouse, which began with the founding of the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in August 1897. Our Building 70 became the Oldsmobile headquarters and remained so until 2004.


We would like to offer these two mementoes from our Lansing facility: a marble brick from the Oldsmobile headquarters and an Alero medallion.

Our sincere thanks for your visit with our membership.

Sincerely,



Mike Green, President
UAW Local 652



Jack Graham, Chairman
UAW Local 652

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724's website is now up

By Dean Poggiali, Local 724 President

We have finally launched the Local 724 website. The site is live and in living color at www.uawlocal724.org.

Sorry for the delay as it took a while to sift through some historical references for the site. We will try to keep things as up-to-date as possible. If you need to contact us, please e-mail me at: d.poggiali@uawlocal724.org

Many thanks to Nick Lumdsen from RSDC for all his hard work and innovative thoughts in building the site.

There are not too many things going on the Local level right now. The Alliance, Bridgewater, and Dakkota Units are gearing up for third shift at the General Motors Delta Township facility. Dakkota recently picked up work for the plant and are occupying one of the former Tec-Mar locations on Grove Road.

Speaking of Tec-Mar, Rick Joseph,



former Chair at Tec-Mar stopped by the Local and said to say hi. Rick is currently working for ACC out of Flint, UAW Local 659.

Save the following dates of August 7 for the Local 724 golf outing and August 28 for the Local 724 picnic. Look for more details in the upcoming months on the Local 724 website and also on bulletin boards.

Although there are still elements of uncertainty in our economy, we must remain diligent in letting our legislators know we have not vanished. We have seen the actions of one United States legislator hold up the extension of unemployment benefits for those who need them the most. We understand that the country's deficit is an alarming issue, but please remember that we had a surplus under President Clinton and the policies and actions of the Bush administration allowed that to disappear. President Obama has a daunting task and we must continue to support him as he attempts to right our ship.

It amazes us that many Americans are ready to change legislators back to the party that got us into this mess now.

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



These local union activists took part in the Community Services training recently and are ready to help our community in many ways. See more photos on our website, www.lansinglabornews.org.

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www.lansinglabornews.org

It features many more photos (in color), updated information on our member locals, news of interest to union members, and more.

A very busy time for us

Well, it sure has been a busy first quarter of 2010 for Local 602. We started the year by welcoming hundreds of brothers and sisters from Spring Hill, Tennessee. They are all here by now and we hope that their transition was a smooth one.



We also have welcomed hundreds of brothers and sisters from Grand Rapids, Pontiac, Lake Orion, Flint, Lansing Grand River, Shreveport, Wentzville, Livonia, and many other places from across the country. We have also called back our two-tier family and look forward to them helping us stabilize our workforce.

Like I said, it's been busy, and it is not likely to slow down any time soon. We are anticipating working more overtime than we can understand and our summer shutdown has already been cancelled. In this economic environment we are truly grateful for the prosperity we enjoy. Our hope is that our brothers and sisters across town at Lansing Grand River will get additional product, add a shift or two, and create more opportunity for the City of Lansing and the surrounding areas.

If the "New GM" business model is to run all plants at full capacity, then adding more products for Lansing is the only thing that makes sense. We are confident that as long as there is a GM Company, the Lansing plants will continue to be a critical profit center for the Company and, more importantly, a vital source of strength, stability, and solidarity for the UAW!

Our Con-Con Election will be held in late April and the Convention will be held in June.

Congratulations to the Region 1-C staff members who are retiring.

Ron Gettelfinger, Cal Rapson, and Duane Zuckschwerdt are also retiring after decades of dedicated service to the membership. We wish them all the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives, and we look forward to building upon their strong foundation of solidarity as we welcome and support our new leadership. Stay tuned ...

Local 602 Meetings

Upcoming meetings: April 11. The executive board meets at 5:30 p.m., and the general membership at 7:00 p.m.

Think Spring

As we start to think of spring and warmer weather, so are Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Public. Auto sales are headed back to new highs that the auto companies haven't seen in a few years. This can only mean good news for the Lansing UAW workers.



What are you doing May 1st? Why don't you stop by Local 652 on Clare

Street for some good Barbecue & Blues. This starts at 3 p.m. till 9 or 10 p.m. and a small program will be held at around 3:30 for outgoing UAW Vice President Cal Rapson and Region 1-C Director Duane Zuckschwerdt and incoming Region Director Norwood Jewell. Cost per ticket is \$20 each. Call me at 517-775-3989 for tickets. A good time will be had by all.

I went to Florida for less than two weeks in February to take in a couple of gatherings, including the Lansing UAW retirees' luncheon in Bradenton and believe me, there was no global warming in Florida this winter. Come on, you snowbirds, you were supposed to leave the cold weather in Michigan when you went down!

The Local 1753 Retirees Board would like to see you this coming Thursday, April 8 at noon for our monthly get-together at our union hall. Subs and chips are on the menu and if you want too bring a dish to pass, great. If not, don't worry about it.

This will be the meeting each month where if you have any questions, they can hopefully get answered. If you were one of the retirees who came to Bradenton, we have a photo for you.

Read the notice in this edition about the election for the 35th UAW Constitutional Convention delegate. This year we will be sending only one delegate because our employment at the warehouse is less than 200.

My Food for Thought

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason it was put up.

There is no greater friend than a good friend.

LOCAL 1753 MEETINGS

The Executive Board will meet at 2:15 on April 20. The General Membership will meet at 2:15 on April 21. Meetings are at the hall.

Local 724 Meetings

Local 724 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Local 652 Meetings

General Membership Meets at 6:00 p.m., (usually) on the second Sunday of each month at the union hall on 426 Clare Street, Lansing, Michigan.

GM Local 652 Retirees Breakfast

Open to all retirees who worked for GM. Meet at Guerrazzi's Restaurant in north Lansing (formerly the old Mijo's Restaurant), 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., last Wednesday of the month.

GM vouchers wanted

If you have a GM car voucher and want to sell it, let me know. Call John at 616-889-2056 or email at jfa61@yahoo.com

Vacant Land

3.5 acres. Dimondale. Build your dream home on this quiet, paved road. Pines and wildlife. 10 minutes from Lansing and 8 minutes from GM Delta Plant. Land contract. 517-712-1372.

Whitacre's surprise tour

General Motors CEO Ed Whitacre came into our plant unannounced and visited with many of our members. His visit caught everyone off guard.

When I learned of him being in the plant, I rushed over to the plant and found him touring it by himself. I introduced myself and reminded him that our plant is one of the newest in the U.S. and that we have capacity for a second and a third shift.



Whitacre replied that they were aware that Lansing has capacity for more work and that they would be looking at that.

I received good feedback from many of our members who had a change to talk to Mr. Whitacre. I personally would like to thank each of you who took the time to ask Whitacre the hard questions about the state of our company and the future for Lansing.

Cadillac separate from GM?

Many of you have heard that Cadillac was dropping the GM logo. The reason for this that I was given is that this will be a way to highlight our product in the luxury market which competes with BMW, entry-level Jaguars, and the Lexus. Though the Lexus is made by Toyota, many people do not seem to associate Lexus with Toyota.

Hopefully this will highlight our car in the luxury market from our four major brands at GM. People like us know that our car is under the GM nameplate. Let's just hope this strategy works and increases our sales volume.

Florida picnic

I wanted to thank Jere Auvenshine and Bud Everts, co-chairs for the Florida retirees picnic, for another successful get-together with over 300 in attendance. Everyone had a great time.

This year I requested to our Regional Director Duane Zuckschwerdt to allow Joe Sagy, Benefits Rep for Region 1-C retirees, to attend the picnic and answer any questions or concerns our retirees had. I also planned to attend this year, but my flight out of Atlanta was cancelled. Next-day flights were unavailable from here on any airline. So our 652 Vice

President Randy Freeman, who was on vacation in Florida and had planned to attend the picnic, kindly filled in for me.

The weather is getting much warmer here, so I will say "Welcome back home" to all our snowbirds.

Bradenton

I'd like to express how much I enjoyed going down to Bradenton for the annual retiree picnic. I felt fortunate that I had the opportunity to see and speak to each of them, updating them on events and how things are going



and changing at Local 652 and in Lansing with all our units. The food was great, the weather could have been warmer, but all in all, it was a great time.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, energy, and money to make this year's picnic another rousing success, especially co-chairs Jere Auvenshine and Bud Everts. I would also like to thank Robin Frucci and the rest of the staff at LAFCU for all their contributions.

I'm glad I had the chance to fill in for Mike and Harold whose flight was canceled because of weather and weren't able to come. I know that Mike Green and Harold Foster would have really liked to have been there and I know that they are looking forward to going next year if conditions permit.

Again, I'd like to thank Region 1-C Director Duane Zuckschwerdt and Assistant Director Norwood Jewell, who, at the request of Mike Green, approved and sent Region 1-C Retiree Benefit Rep Joe Sagy to help answer your questions.

In speaking again about the Labor News: it's available online at lansinglabornews.org, so that everyone will still be able to access it between the printed editions. And as things improve, we hope to increase the printed editions.

Due to the third shift being put on at the Delta plant, it has allowed all our units to increase their numbers and bring back everyone that was laid off in Lansing. Even though Lansing Grand River (LGR) is only running one shift, things are looking better in Lansing, considering the overall picture. And we are still working every day to get a second shift at LGR.

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You can go to Black Lake

Wow! Doesn't it seem nice to walk outside and see the sunshine! Spring is a great time of year! I hope everyone takes advantage of the nice weather because this IS Michigan and it could snow again at any time.



Speaking of snow, I would like to congratulate all of the people that made this year's Olds Outdoor Club "Winterfest" at Houghton Lake a huge success. The turnout was great, the weather good, and if what I saw at the kid's fishing contest was any indication, even the fish were cooperating. I and the other Local 652 volunteers, including my lovely wife Bev, President Mike Green, Recording Secretary Fred Charles, Kay Becker, Ken Ralston, Mark Moubrey, Charlie Kyser, and Candice Morrison and her husband Kevin thoroughly enjoyed preparing the breakfast on Sunday. It is always a treat to say "Hi" and catch up with old friends!

Thanks again to the Olds Outdoor Club for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful tradition. For those of you who missed it, put it on next year's calendar. It is an event that the whole family can enjoy and it won't break the bank. The following was taken from the International UAW website. For more information and an online application, please visit www.uaw.com/features.

Scholarship Program at Black Lake

Combine the natural beauty of northern Michigan and your desire to be inspired as a union member and what do you get? How about a free trip to the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center in Onaway, Michigan?

It's a chance to renew yourself, rediscover your family and recommit yourself to labor activism. The 2010 UAW Family Scholarship Program accomplishes this and more.

Since the center opened in 1970, thousands of UAW families have taken part in the program. During the day, parents participate in workshops on issues that affect working families, such as health care, labor rights, trade, and more.

Children ages 3-7 and 8-11 go to day camps where they have a blast with creative arts, music, games, athletics, and swimming. Youngsters ages 12-15 get a small taste of what it's like to be an active, involved citizen with specially designed workshops, plus activities such as golf, swimming, and gym games. Teens ages 16-18 participate in a program to prepare them for the working world.

There's plenty for the parents to do, too. In addition to swimming at the beach or at the indoor pool, there's team sports, nature walks, camping, fishing, and golf at the Black Lake Golf Club next door.

Your union pays for all lodging, food, and program costs. Participants may choose to pay for other things such as group photographs, gift shop items, golf, or activities in nearby communities.

To be eligible, you must be a UAW member in good standing for at least a year and never have attended the scholarship program. This summer's sessions are July 11-16, July 18-23 (also offers a

session in Spanish), and July 25-30.

Before I go, one last thing ... anybody else secretly enjoying the latest Congressional hearings concerning the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) and a certain car company? I would never wish harm on anyone, but is it just me or did GM and the other US manufacturers get treated worse than what I have seen in the latest rounds? It seems like we are still not on a level playing field. A little food for thought during the coming election cycle.

Until next time ... Solidarity Forever.

DEBRA MILLS, LOCAL 724

Narrowing the earnings gap

It's a fact that there's a huge disparity in what men and women are paid. It's also a fact that women who become union members earn more and have a strong advocate in working to close this pay gap.



The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that in 2009 there was a 20 percent pay gap between what nonunion women earned when compared to their nonunion male counterparts. The pay gap between female union members and male union members was 12 percent.

According to BLS, in 2009 the average union woman earned \$840 per week versus \$628 for her nonunion sister, a union advantage of 34 percent. That's larger than the union advantage among men, which was 22 percent. The union advantage also outweighs the gender disadvantage: Median weekly earnings for women who belong to unions are \$54 higher than the median for nonunion men.

Clearly, it pays for women to be in a union. But there's also a need for more work to be done.

"Unions are strong advocates for women — members and nonmembers alike — in the fight to eliminate sex-based wage discrimination," said Elizabeth Bunn, the UAW's secretary-treasurer. "And, a union contract provides a formal and effective mechanism to address job discrimination, to fight against sexual harassment and to enhance family-friendly workplace policies."

The wage gap isn't because women work in traditionally lower-paying jobs. When comparing usual weekly wages for all men and women who work full-time in the same field, the gap remains:

- Elementary/middle school teacher: \$1,040 for men, \$891 for women (86 % of what men earn).
- Registered nurse: \$1,090 for men, \$1,035 for women (95 %).
- Database administrator: \$1,391 for men, \$1,071 for women (77 %).
- Machinist: \$722 for men, \$501 for women (69 percent).

The UAW seeks to address pay inequity not only through bargaining with employers, but also through supporting legislation such as the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was passed by the House last year and could be considered by the Senate this year. The legislation would deter wage discrimination by strengthening penalties for equal pay violations.

UAW LOCAL 2256

NOMINATIONS

for the Thirty-Fifth Constitutional Convention will be held at the Local 2256 Membership Meeting on April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The UAW Thirty-Fifth Constitutional Convention Election Delegate positions open are as follows:

City of Lansing Unit

1 Delegate and 1 Alternate

Ingham County Unit

2 Delegates and 2 Alternates

Accident Fund Company

1 Delegate and 1 Alternate

Miscellaneous Units

2 Delegates and 2 Alternates

ELECTIONS

Will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Union Hall 2114 North East Street Lansing, MI 48906

RUN-OFF

If necessary, will be Thursday, April 29, 2010

UAW LOCAL 2256

UNIT of BCBSM Election and Nomination Acceptance

For the positions of:

1 Steward

1 Alternate Steward

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from March 31 - April 9, 2010. Letters to be dated no later than April 9, 2010 sent to the following Election Committee Members:

Vickie Montgomery – Chair
Sheila Slentz
Mary Holmes

Campaign timeframe is scheduled April 12 - April 14, 2010.

Election will be held April 15, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Location - Jackson Office
1000 Wisner, Ste. 3

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Location - Flint Office
4520 Linden Creek Pkwy.

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location - Lansing Office,
1403 Creyts Rd.

Run-off Election date set for May 6, 2010
No Absentee Ballots

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.

UAW LOCAL 2256

CITY OF LANSING UNIT NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

NOMINATIONS

for all Unit Officers and Stewards will be accepted April 22, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Local 2256 Union Hall 2114 North East Street, Lansing. The positions are as follows:

Unit Chair
Unit Vice Chair
Unit Recording Secretary
Unit Guide
Unit Sergeant-at-Arms

STEWARDS:

Public Service (3)
Parks and Recreation (2)
Finance/Parking and Development (3)

ELECTIONS

Monday, May 24, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Union Hall 2114 North East Street Lansing, MI 48906

RUN-OFF, if necessary, will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the same time and location.

Retiree benefits

By Joseph Sagy, Region 1-C Retiree Benefits Rep

Retirees should be aware that your health care is with the UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust. The phone number for the Benefits Trust is 1-866-637-7555. They handle only health issues. Questions relating to pension and life insurance need to be directed to the GM Benefits Center at 1-800-489-4646. This leads to an important reminder that if a retiree gets married or remarried, he or she must call the Benefits Trust to activate the health insurance for the new spouse and also call the GM Benefits Center if you wish to elect the survivor's spouse coverage on the pension. This call must be made within 18 months of the marriage or remarriage. The survivor's coverage does not become effective until 12 months after the marriage. The health coverage is effective the date of the marriage.

Retirees turning 65 will be automatically enrolled in Medicare. You should receive the Medicare card in the mail a few months before your birth month. Part A and B is the only coverage necessary. Do not elect Part D or any supplemental program you may be offered. If you are enrolled in Blue Care Network or any other HMO offered you must enroll in the HMO's advantage program. You can obtain enrollment forms by calling the HMO or your benefit rep. Do this at least two to three months in advance of your 65th birthday.

For retirees turning age 62, the supplement you are receiving in your pension will be extended until age 63, only if your birth date is before September 15, 1949. For those born after that date, the extension must be approved in future contracts. A retiree collecting Social Security Disability before age 62 is not eligible for the extension. For more info, call me at 517-372-7201 or 1-866-782-6513.

652 retirees

Our monthly schedule of events is as follows:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652, 602, and 1618.

The next social night will be April 13, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Lansing area retirees' Euchre Tournament is April 28. This is open to Region 1C retirees and their spouses. It will be held at Local 602, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive early to register. Local 652 retirees may call 372-7581 ext. 147, to sign up. Leave your name and phone number.

NOTE: The May 4 Bingo Night is cancelled due to the Mt. Rushmore trip.

The Safety Patrol Picnic is May 19 at Hawk Island Park. People wishing to volunteer to work at this event may call 372-7581 ext. 147. Please leave your name and phone number.

The Lansing Area Retirees Picnic will be on Monday, August 16, at the Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. The picnic starts at noon.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has announced the following 2010 Camping Dates:

May 14, 15, & 16 – Camp Michawana, (269) 623-3035

June 11, 12, & 13 – White Cloud Campground, (231) 689-2021

July 9, 10, & 11 – Leisure Lake Campground, (989) 875-4689

Aug. 13, 14, & 15 – Lakeside Camp Park, (616) 696-1735

Sept. 10, 11, & 12 – Rocky's Campground, (517) 857-2200

Oct. 8, 9, & 10 – Mich. Trap Shooting Association, (517) 676-2295

Each individual camping unit must call the campground to make their individual reservations. For more details about the campground, you may contact "Wagon Master" Jay Courser at (517) 323-2331.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, J.D. Cantrell, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, Wilfred and Millie Pullman, Jean and Leonard Schneider, Bob Sheldon, Rosemary Spitzley, and any others we may have missed.

Condolences to Lester Kyle on the passing of his wife of 46 years, Linda.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at www.lansinglabornews.org.

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate to the area Food Bank 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 when requesting the change.

You may contact us at the following email address: retiree652@hotmail.com



Some of the retirees who attended the annual luncheon in Bradenton, Florida. LEFT: Local 1753 retirees with Local 1753 President Al Vincent at left. ABOVE: The rowdy retirees of Local 602, as Al says. Photos by Al Vincent.

DOROTHY STEVENS

602 retirees

Social Security is NOT going bankrupt. Some politicians and opponents of Social Security just want you to believe it is. Saying that Social Security is in danger of financial collapse is a scare tactic and false justification to dismantle this successful government program.

Social Security's trust fund currently takes in more money from worker contributions than it pays out in benefits. Current projections show Social Security able to pay full benefits for almost another three decades. Even in the troubled economy, the total surplus is in the trillions of dollars.

Social Security was created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 to provide retired workers with guaranteed income, plus increases for inflation added later, for the rest of their lives. Now well-funded forces in Washington have worked tirelessly to convince this Congress that the debt crisis is a "benefit crisis." And they have made an impact.

A significant number of lawmakers from both sides of the aisle want to reduce long-term debt through an 18-member commission to re-think the government's commitments to Social Security and Medicare.

The threat against Social Security is stronger today than ever. We must appeal to our congressional leadership to steer our lawmakers toward a responsible debt reduction plan that does not harm Social Security and its promised benefits!

Don't let them forget: Today's debt crisis has its roots in President Bush's tax breaks for the wealthy. That – not Social Security – is what jump-started the historic deficits that have continued to mushroom in the wake of federal bailouts and economic recovery attempts.

Please make a call or write a short letter urging the leaders of the 111th Congress to guide our lawmakers toward a debt reduction plan that will not threaten future Social Security benefits or Medicare.

Mark Schauer, 517-780-9075, 800 W Ganson St, Jackson, MI 49202
Mike Rogers, 517-702-8000, 1327 E Michigan, Lansing MI 48912

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

LOIS SCHULTZ

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people!



Ted's breakfast was a great one.

Douglas Stevens has moved up north.

On our sick list: Diana Zalinka was in the hospital for seven days and three pints of blood. They still don't

know what it was, but the doctor said like a flat tire, it just happens. She is doing much better now.

So am I; I'm feeling much better.

If you know of a child who would like to go to the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp, call Chairman Curtis Dunn at 517-323-2146.

There will be a retirees seminar at Black Lake from June 1-4. If you haven't been there as a retiree, you can go. Call Chairman Dunn.

There will be an area-wide UAW retirees' euchre tournament on Wednesday, April 28 at Local 602. This is always a good time. Play begins at 9 a.m. Lunch and cash prizes. **Register to play by April 16.** Call UAW Local 602 Union Hall at 517-372-4626. Or call me at 517-543-5385.

How's this for advance notice? There will be a location change for our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. They will be at the Local 724 hall. Thanksgiving dinner will be the second Wednesday in November and the Christmas dinner will be on the first Wednesday in December. Mark your calendars now.

If you didn't sign up for COBRA, it is now too late.

Condolences to the family of Lois Cochran, 83 years old. Her daughter is Patsy and her son-in-law is Fred Kohagan.

All associate members should pay Jerry Hunt their dues. The cost is \$24 per year.

We plan to have a no-bake bake sale. Instead of baking you just give the money it would cost. Sounds like a winner to me. The date will be May 12.

If you should get married or remarried, you have to call both the Pension and the Health Care offices.

On July 31 Joe Sagy will get married. We want to go!

Happy birthday wishes to Jerry Hunt (March 14); Linda Counterman (March 15); and Canda Anthony (April 17).

LAURA CLARK

1753 retirees

Hello Everyone: I hope you had a



nice St Paddy's day. We sure did, it was very traditional. I was able to help our secretary Nancy cook up a boiled dinner. We had it all: corned beef briskets, heads of cabbage, some parsnips, bunches of carrots, and three kinds of potatoes. I even brought in a horseradish mustard sauce. Pretty good, if I do say so myself.

As always, our members brought great sides to go with it. We set up the tables with green and white shamrock decorations. It was a very nice lunch to go with a nice meeting (by which I mean short).

Some of the things discussed at the meeting included benefits, with many questions for Chuck and Joe. Remember, you don't have to wait till the meeting to talk to them. Call them, they're very helpful.

For all you players or volunteers: Euchre Tournament April 28 at Local 602, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please call me or our local hall to sign up.

Region 1-C Blues and BBQ fundraising party on Saturday, May 1, starting at 3:00 p.m. at Local 652 – \$20.

Look out! Our 1753 retirees' picnic is on a new day: Monday, June 14 at 12:00 noon at Hawk Island Park. Bring a dish to pass, or a dessert if you want to enter the contest for the best dessert. The most important thing is to bring you or you and some friends.

There were many other things, but of them the most important is that Richard Hopkins (Hoppy) is in the hospital. You may call, write, or visit at Ingham Regional Medical Center, 975-9282, room 602, bed 2. I went to visit him and he is getting better, but I know he would like to see you. It's just like when we say, "bring a dish to pass or bring yourself;" the most important thing to remember is "us," and each other.

Our next meeting is on April 8. We will have subs and chips. You may bring a dish to pass also if you like.

1753 Obituaries

Vic Bozzo, George Winslee and Adam Petrovich

Other local obits on pages 6-7

Local 602 Elections

Positions Open:

Education Committee Chairperson (1)

(Executive Board Member-at-large)

Serve remainder of term that ends June of 2011

Union Label Committee Chairperson (1)

(Executive Board Member-at-Large)

Serve remainder of term that ends June of 2011

35th UAW Constitutional

Convention Delegates: 4-year term

35th UAW Constitutional Convention will be held at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan, June 14-17, 2010.

5 Regular Delegates

5 Alternate* Delegates

(*who would attend Convention if a Regular Delegate was unable to)

NOMINATIONS will open at 8:00 a.m., April 12, 2010 and close at 5:00 p.m., April 16, 2010. **NOMINATIONS** accepted **ONLY** at UAW Local 602 Union Hall located at 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI.

ELECTION will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 29, 2010 and end promptly at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 30, 2010 at UAW Local 602 Union Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI.

RUN-OFF (if necessary) will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 5, 2010, and end promptly at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 6, 2010.

— Brian Stead, Chair

UAW Local 602 Elections Committee

— Jerri Smith, Vice Chair

UAW Local 602 Elections Committee

Local 1753

Notice of Nominations and Election for 35th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate and Alternate Delegate

UAW Local 1753 will be accepting nominations for Constitutional Convention delegate (1) and alternate delegate (1) on Friday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Local 1753 Union Hall, 3204 W. St. Joseph, Lansing, Michigan. All candidates must sign the Nomination Acceptance Form and Fair Election Code Form.

The election will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the Local 1753 hall from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and in the plant across from the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Top vote-getter will be the full delegate, and the second highest will be the alternate.

A run-off, if necessary, will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2010 – same times and places.

— Al Vincent, President, Local 1753 and
Emmett Jones, Election Chair, Local 1753

Local 652 Election Notice GM UNIT

Acceptance Notice For Delegates and

Alternate Delegates to the UAW 35th Constitutional Convention

Acceptances for the above positions may be made at the Local 652 union hall beginning at **8:00 a.m.**, Monday, April 19, 2010, through Monday, April 26, 2010 ending at **8:00 a.m.** All acceptances must be made in writing at the Local 652 union hall, which is **open from 7:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m.**, Monday through Friday. All candidates must sign the fair election code. No acceptances may be made by phone or by mail.

Five (5) delegates are to be elected by a plurality vote. Also three (3) alternate delegates are to be elected by a plurality vote.

Elections for the above positions will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2010 and will run continuously until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the union hall.

A runoff election, if necessary, will be held at Local 652 union hall. The polls will open Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00 a.m. and will close Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 5:00 a.m.

— Local 652 Election Committee

Local 652 Election Notice RYDER UNIT

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Two (2) delegates are to be elected by a plurality vote. Also one (1) alternate delegate is to be elected by a plurality vote.

Elections for the above positions will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2010 and will run continuously until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the union hall.

A runoff election, if necessary, will be held at Local 652 union hall. The polls will open Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00 a.m. and will close Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 5:00 a.m.

— Local 652 Election Committee

LOCAL 724

Nomination and Election Notice NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the following: Two (2) Delegates and One (1) Alternate Delegate for the 35th Annual Constitutional Convention

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

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 Friday, April 16, 2010.

ELECTION

The election for the UAW Local 724 Delegates and any appropriate Unit delegates will be conducted on the date, time and place indicated below:

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

UAW Local 724 Hall

RUN-OFF ELECTION (If necessary)

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

UAW Local 724 Hall

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.

— Kim Petrie, Local 724

Election Committee Chairperson

— Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

UAW Amalgamated Local 4911

Nomination and Election Notice For Delegates to the Constitutional Convention

The 35th Constitutional Convention will convene in Detroit on June 14, 2010.

Five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates will be elected. All members in good standing stand nominated to these positions.

To accept the nomination you must submit a statement to the Recording Secretary, Tom Stenske, indicating your acceptance. You must include your name, unit, and a phone number where you can be reached and also indicate if you wish to be a delegate or alternate. You may also submit the name of someone else; that member must be informed by you of your intention and they must accept the nomination, in writing.

The deadline to submit your acceptance for nomination is April 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Send it to Tom Stenske, Recording Secretary, 2722 E. Michigan Ave. Suite 205, Lansing, MI 48912 or fax to 517-272-5870.

Date, time and place of election are:

April 15, 2010

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

UAW Local 4911

2722 E. Michigan Ave.

First Floor Meeting Room

Runoff date, if necessary: April 22, 2010

Sparrow ID or Local 4911 membership card will be required. No absentee or write-in votes. Questions may be directed to Election Committee Chairperson Marsha Mead at 364-7017.

602 Obituaries

Mary Helen Cotton - Mother of Rosalind Wright, Retired ADAPT
 Leon Dormer - Father of Sue Figel, Retired Body Shop
 Sara D. Loomis - Mother of Robert Loomis, Retired Paint Repair
 Henry Haeck - Father of Dan Haeck, Retired
 Ronald King - Retired 3X
 Emma Jacqueline Morse - Mother of Joe Wils, Shop Committee and Mother-in-law of Vickie Wils, General Assembly
 Aaron Haynes - Son of Paul Haynes, Retired Millwright
 Robert Parks - Retired Body Shop
 Gordon R. Squires - Retired Body Shop and Father of Ross Squires, Retired Trim
 John Douglass - Retired Electrician
 James Droste - Retired
 Daniel Spitzley - Retired
 Robert Allman - Retired
 Donald V. Taylor, Sr. - Father of Donald Taylor Jr., Retired Quality Control
 Ardis Ann Cease - Mother of Tom Surline, Body
 Robert Taylor Asher - Father of Craig Asher, General Assembly (Team 2 Chassis)
 Alice Roman Bals - Mother of Susan English, General Assembly (Trim 3)
 Robert E. Allman - Retired
 Simon Calderon - Retired
 Helen Weaver - Wife of Harold Weaver, Retired
 Wright Pendelton - Retired
 Ethel DeLong - Mother of James DeLong, Retired
 Richard Vaughn - Father of Dave Vliet
 Patricia Ann Houck - Daughter of Ken Rowe, General Assembly
 Alfred Moshkosky - Father of Larry Moshkosky
 Ban Tram - Father of David Tram
 Artie Shaw - Father of Denise Shaw Meeks, General Assembly (Team 6 Doors)
 Terry Tickner - Retired Trim and Brother-in-law of Russ Brown, Retired District Shop
 Robert L. Somers - Retired Former President of UAW Local 602 and Father of Robert Somers Jr., Retired Body
 Raymond Tanto - Retired Material and Father of Alice Vannest, Paint

602 Thank Yous

Thanks for the Bible ... Leon Dormer's Family (Sue Figel)
 UAW Union 602: Just a note to thank you for the beautiful Bible for Charles Glassnor's family. Charles was proud to be a member of the UAW and work for GM on Verlinden for 26 years. Sincerely, Marie Glassnor and Family
 For Local 602 ... The wife and family of Donald Taylor, Sr. wish to express their thanks and appreciation for giving us the Bible and the beautiful wooden and carved box that it came in. Thank you all so much ... Mrs. Don Taylor and Family
 I would like to thank Local 602 and its members for the beautiful Bible I received when my son was killed. All the thoughts and prayers were so much appreciated. I am proud to call you my brothers and sisters. Thank you for everything ... The Family of Aaron Haynes and Paul "Tiny" Haynes (retired)

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Dean Adrianse - Stepson of Frank Glowacki
 Flora Bristol - Mother-in-Law of Ralph Butler
 Barbara Chuppy - Mother-in-Law of Larry Potter
 Michael Coan - Father-in-Law of Dave McDowell
 Marcel Emery - Retiree
 Esther Friel - Retiree
 Wilbert Gibbs - Retiree
 Alvin Goerge - Father of Paul Goerge
 Henry Haeck - Retiree
 Mable Hall - Wife of Norton Hall
 Emma Hettich - Retiree
 Billie Hilliker - Retiree
 Donald Hutchinson - Retiree
 Anita Alvarado-Klingman - Retiree, Wife of Nate Klingman
 Charles Koos - Retiree, Husband of Nickie Koos
 Harold Locke - Retiree
 Miguel Maldonado - Retiree
 Jean McCombs - Mother of George McCombs
 James Thomas Morse - Brother of John Morse
 Jack E. Murphy - Father-in-Law of Carl Howell and Terry Roberts
 Cory D. Myrie - Son of Peggy Dennis, Stepson of Bobby Dennis
 Mikhael Nashef - Father of Franco Nashef
 Jed O'Boyle - Retiree
 Charles Peters - Father of Laurie Peters
 Adam Petrovich - Father of Mark Petrovich
 John Pistilli - Father-in-Law of Nyle Treloar
 Wolodymyr "Walt" Pytlowanyj - Retiree
 Nicole Rodriguez - Daughter of Donald Rodriguez
 Chuck Sandborn - Retiree
 Clara Sedell - Mother of Gregory Sedell
 Nancy Seegraves - Mother of Steve Seegraves
 Roger Sparks - Retiree
 Marion Spayd - Retiree, Father-in-Law of Fred Szedlak
 Dan Spitzley - Father-in-Law of Rich Childress
 Herman R. Stinson - Retiree

Verdie Sutter - Mother of Wendy Ash
 Geneva Swift - Mother-in-Law of Dennis Reynolds
 Edith M. Thompson - Mother of James Thompson
 Thomas J. Wall - Father of Rob Wall
 Helen Weaver - Mother-in-Law of Steven Hopkins
 George W. Whitehead - Father of George G. Whitehead
 Adeline Wilhelm - Wife of Keith

Wilhelm, Mother of Leon Wilhelm
 Terretha L. Williams - Mother of Winston Williams
 Eric Williams - Son of Ora Nell Williams

652 Thank Yous

Thank yous were received from:
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10th Anniversary Pride Ride

Friday, May 21

Local 652 Union Hall – 426 Clare St., Lansing, MI

All motorcycles are welcome. UAW Local 652 will be hosting this ride observing May as National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

This ride is to remind everyone to **LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE.**

This is a GM employee-driven event. Everyone is welcome to join us. (Time off from work must be arranged by you and your supervisor.)

Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Union Hall, with coffee, donuts, raffle sales, and photos. We will have a police escorted ride at 10 a.m., with line-up and safety meeting at 9:30 a.m. (mandatory). Long-sleeved and short-sleeved T-shirts are available, as well as 10th anniversary commemorative pins for purchase. Local 652 retirees will sell food at the hall after the ride.

All participants are required to sign a waiver. Helmets are required. NO alcohol is allowed.

Pick up entry forms at the locals. T-shirts must be ordered by **April 15**. For us to plan, please send in your entries as soon as possible, even if you don't order a shirt.

For more information or an entry form, contact Linda Mogyoros at turtlehatch@att.net or 517-694-7914 or Barb Adleman at baroerco@aol.com.

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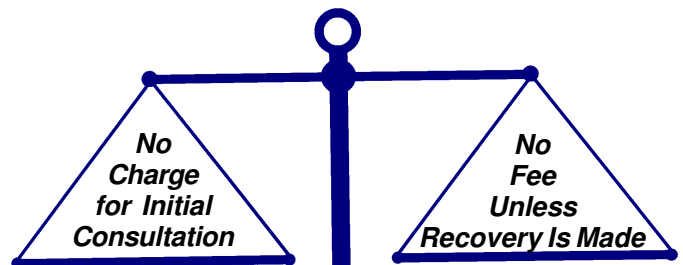
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