



Dealing with changes at Delta plant

By Bill Reed, President, Local 602

The Corporation announced they will be laying off our third shift starting in May of this year. I hope everyone recognizes the commitment and contribution of those impacted by this announcement, our temporary and low-seniority members. They have played a significant role in the success of General Motors. This announcement has a dramatic effect on, and places stress and hardship on, many in our UAW Local 602 family. My hope is that we can bring these folks back to work, but in the meantime we all need to do whatever we can to help them during this time.

I have been working with our benefits representatives; worker's comp and unemployment representative, Harold Brown; EAP representative, Martha Adams; and production zone, Heather Woods, to produce a booklet providing important information and resources to those facing a layoff due to the recent announcement of a reduction in shift.

To keep you up to date as much as possible, UAW Local 602 provides many resources for information, including our website, www.local602.org; the Line Talk Newsletter, which goes out to the plant floor twice each month; as well as social media and print media.

While all of these are great ways to stay informed, the best way is to attend your monthly membership meetings. Our meetings are held the second Sunday of the month (unless the second Sunday falls on a holiday) at 6:00 pm. Let's all come together as a membership and be available and willing to help, in any way possible, our sisters and brothers affected by this layoff.

As with any changeover in product, we may see some ups and downs as we work to maintain stability and meet market demand for quality and sales projections. From the meetings I've had with the national parties in Detroit, I have every indication to believe our future at LDT is looking bright. I believe we have submitted a solid business case for full utilization of our facility and we will continue discussion over adding a third product to our plant.

Recently, I had the opportunity to represent the membership of UAW Local 602 at the International Auto Show in Detroit for the unveiling of the 2018 Chevrolet Traverse. As I spoke on camera to the various media outlets, I wanted to be sure they conveyed to the public who the true heroes were concerning the recognition our vehicles receive: the UAW Local 602 women and men who sacrifice their time and commitment every day on the assembly line. They truly are the experts when it comes to assuring a world class quality vehicle is provided to our customers.

I was very excited to announce the new Traverse will be built at the Lansing Delta Township Assembly Plant (LDT) by our UAW Local 602 members. During the auto show in New York we will unveil the second vehicle to be built at our facility, the 2018 Buick Enclave. The new designs of the two show off some of the best technology and safety features of any GM product on the market.

As someone who is involved in many of the Lansing area community outreach programs, I would like to encourage you take advantage of volunteer opportunities within your community. Volunteerism is important to the good and welfare not only for our local outreach services, but more importantly to those who depend on these programs in order to sustain their family's health and well-being.

The second Saturday in May is the largest one-day food drive in the nation and this is just one of the many ways you can help out in your community. On May 13 the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will be holding their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. As they deliver your mail, you get to do your part by filling their mailbag with non-perishable food items. You can also volunteer your time at your local Post Office to help sort food gathered from the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Visit either of the following sites for more information on how to participate: www.nalc.org or www.usps.com.

In the Lansing area, the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp will be looking for volunteers to help with their "Work or Shirk" clean up April 28-30 and again October



Local 602 President Bill Reed speaking to the press at the 2017 auto show in Detroit.

20-22. The Mystic Lake YMCA Camp offers high quality camping programs for children and teens. Their programs focus on helping campers develop the skills necessary to have great success in life by helping children gain confidence, make great friends and by teaching life-long skills to further their maturity.

On Wednesday, May 24, we will be having our Volunteers of America (VOA) Homeless Veterans Stand Down at Lansing's Adado Riverfront Park. It's a shame when we hear the words "homeless" and "veterans" in the same sentence and the only way to change that is to do our part in making sure goods and services are provided for those in need.

If you haven't done so, I welcome you to spend a little time volunteering for any one of these events. Our Local's Standing Committees are the best when it comes to coordinating and providing

assistance and education to our membership and to the public. They are instrumental in keeping these and other programs in the limelight and are always willing to welcome you with open arms, should you decide to help.

With all of the outreach our Local Union is involved in, there are endless opportunities to lend a helping hand. Volunteering is a great way to stay mentally and physically healthy. Not only will you build self-confidence, make new friends and have a positive effect on the day-to-day lives of your fellow volunteers, you'll also experience purpose and satisfaction as you change the day-to-day lives of those in need. Volunteering can also work as a great gateway to future career opportunities and teach you valuable job skills.

All in all, make 2017 YOUR year. It's an awesome feeling to look back and know you've made a difference.



Bruce Howell gives Winterfest a thumbs-up. More pictures on page 7.

Winterfest photos by Jill Bowen from Facebook

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On the move

We had a real nice Black History program this year with Melvin Coleman as our guest speaker. Congratulations must go to Mike Green for being awarded the E.S. "Pat" Patterson Community Service Diamond Achievement Award. Great job, Mike!



We had a great time at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's Winterfest this year. Members and their families had lots of fun fishing and playing bingo, and lots of nice prize drawings.

We have the Adam Wils Motorcycle Safety Awareness Ride coming up this year on May 20. Come out and support all the riders. Look for more details on the UAW Local 652 web page or Facebook page.

LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Who to trust?

The limits of propriety have been reached! I cannot think of a time in my life that the social climate of our nation could be any worse! Conservatives bash liberals and label them free spenders, welfare lovers, anti-religious elitist snobs. Meanwhile liberals bash conservatives, labeling them greedy, war mongering, racist, separatist, Cro-Magnon isolationists!



Who's right? Both! Both sides have a minority of these classes along with many others, not necessarily all good or all bad. Taken together, these groups homogenize into the political groups we have today.

The problem as I see it is the fanatics from both sides have learned that the information age allows them to reach many more people than ever before. These groups have become very adept at using the new tools at their disposal to influence their parties in sometimes horrendous ways and they're using a form of pigeon-holing ideology to win their arguments.

If you happen to be on the left and you would like to move towards the middle on a certain issue, the group will label you heartless and unfeeling. On the right any sign of cooperation has you branded a traitor, a Godless immoral, or worse! We can't continue like this.

The problem is there are no easy solutions. The proliferation of internet opinion sites that masquerade as news sites has everyone confused. You can find any opinion on any issue that you can imagine. Even the news sites that were once considered dependable have been so contaminated that they barely hold their own over the trash sites.

I'd like you to try a little experiment. Find a quiet corner, sit and think about



Randy Freeman, Matt Bowen, and Mike Green passing out souvenirs at Winterfest 2017. It's always a good time for kids and adults.

where your information comes from. Who do you trust? When I tried this I came to the realization that *I didn't know who to trust!* There are no Walter Cronkite's, Ed Murrow's, Chet Huntley's or David Brinkley's in today's world. The kind of newsperson that earned our trust over many years. I don't see that kind of honesty and integrity in any of this era's news people and I'm not sure how we correct this situation or if it can even be corrected. I do know that I'm studying my news outlets with a jaundiced eye, no longer trusting because it's CBS or ABC or CNN.

Perhaps someday another Cronkite will emerge. I certainly hope so, but until then, I'm going to be very wary of my news sources. Just remember, don't live in an echo chamber. Don't be afraid to listen to an opposing view. If you never hear a narrative that contradicts your world view, you are probably not getting the full story. The real story is always somewhere in the middle.

LOCAL 652

Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Experts

Oscar Wilde defined an expert as an ordinary man away from home giving advice. Wilde died in 1900, so this was well before the internet and the advent of social media. If he was alive today Wilde might define an expert as any human being with a smart phone and wifi.



This is the age we live in, one where a person without knowledge or thought can put their opinion out into the greater world as fact. There are plenty of examples, just one being the "Bowling Green Massacre," an event that thankfully never happened but was put out to the nation as an actual event.

Unfortunately, these sorts of "stories" on a smaller and more personal scale happen every day. Anyone who has Facebook or twitter or any other form of social media sees it. Your "friends" and co-workers will provide you with Contractual, Constitutional, Legal, Medical, or personal relationship advice all day every day if that is what you are looking for. With their opinions

seemingly holding as much weight as those who might actually have knowledge that would help.

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LOCAL 724

Dean Poggiali, President

Another busy season

Hope this finds things going good for you and yours. With our weather on a roller coaster pattern, we are blessed with warm temps and sunshine one day and wind chill readings the next. On a personal note, I hope it is not too much crazier; with the temps as it was several years ago, as we lost all our apples.



It will be a busy time at Local 724 as several units will be negotiating new collective bargaining agreements, as in the newly organized Faurecia and Kirchhoff Automotive Units. Several more units will be entering into talks to renew existing current agreements. We hope that these talks will bring meaningful positive change for their respective memberships.

The recent Walk for Warmth was again a success in collecting donations to assist those folks needing help with their heating bills. 100% of the proceeds are used for program. Again this year there were several union members who saw that the cause is a worthy one. This was my 26th year of walking and my sincere hope is that we will one day no longer need to walk because everyone will not have an issue with heating the home for their families.

Another event that will be in May is the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual food drive. This one-day effort allows us to place non-perishable items by our mailbox and then either your carrier or a volunteer will collect the donation and get it to the food bank. This event will be on May 13 and we can always use volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested. Also worthy of a note is that this effort allows the food bank and area pantries to replenish their supplies, as a month later school is out. Many of our children and grandchildren get their breakfast and

lunch throughout the school year. This can make a positive impact in our children.

The Mystic Lake Union Camp Committee (UCC) started meeting to grant scholarships to deserving area youth. The program has been a partnership between the YMCA and area unions since the 1940's. Countless area youth have benefited from a week of camping at the Mystic Lake Camp, located in Lake, Michigan. Please contact me if you are interested in more information.

The triennial elections will be taking place on May 8, 2017 at UAW Local 724 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. These elections will be for Local 724 Executive Board officers and also Unit level officers. These elections will set the template for the next three years for those elected to represent the membership.

"People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou

LOCAL 1753

Hollis Barker, President

You can run for local office

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Holiday. Spending time with family and friends can be such a treat? Right! Just kidding. I enjoy the Holiday Season. Just seems like yesterday. Boy, time just blows by. It's already March. It won't be long until spring and warmer temps. I hope everyone remembered to turn in their vacation request.

If you attended the February Membership Meeting, you would be aware of what's going on at the hall. The electrical service is being up-graded. New lights, inside and out. And more wall outlets. So that means no more popping the circuit breakers! Next time you're around the hall, and the lights are on, stop in and check it out. Hopefully there will be other upgrades in the future, budget permitting.

You may also remember that there was some conversation about up and coming elections in May. That's right, three years have passed, and it's time to consider whether we keep or replace the leadership of our local. Every officer's term is soon to limit out. The President, Executive Board and the Bargaining Committee, all offices.

As a member of this local for one year, in good standing, and an active member, you qualify to accept your nomination for any office. If you are a retired member you may accept your nomination to the Executive Board. Please pay particular attention to the dates posted in this edition of the Labor News. Also, for postings on the UAW communication Boards in the plant, and at the hall. Just a note of clarification: a member can accept nomination of only one office of the Executive Board.

In addition, the standing committee terms are due. So, if you as a member have ever considered running for a leadership role, to serve this local and its members, bring it. We need you and your talents and time.

As always, in your service, Hollis Barker, President

LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Thanking our committees

Many of our members do not seek the spotlight or recognition they deserve. They volunteer to help our Local because they truly love being involved in their Union. It's the collective effort of many individuals volunteering their time that makes our Local great. If it were not for your efforts we would not be able to be such a wonderful local.

I would like to personally thank all of our Executive Board for stepping up when needed throughout the year. They are always willing to work hard for our membership. Weather it is for a member in need of a helping hand, a committee needing assistance, a local charity collection, or a community organization, UAW Local 602 always joins together to help.

Thank you to the Union Label Chair Josh Hoerauf, Co-chair Rick Reed, Doug Fox, Gary Howard, Brett Brown, Jesse Williams, Doug Rademacher, and Jody Frasher, who volunteered to represent the Local at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Winterfest in Grayling, Michigan. At this recent event, Local 602 displayed Union/American Made products and information, as well as served chili and hot dogs to the community. Thanks for representing us throughout the year and promoting Union made/American made products.

Civil and Human Rights Chair Lola Odunuga and her committee put together a magnificent Black History Program. What a wonderful way to educate our members and community. Not only did they hear a presentation by Professor Griff and eat great food, our members had an opportunity to examine an award-winning mobile museum collection of over 5,000 original Artifacts of Black Memorabilia.

Paulina Rodriguez, Local 602 Recreation Chair, along with Co-chair Daryl Smith and her committee, work diligently throughout the year to provide a variety of entertainment for our membership. A few of the things her committee works on are the Annual Golf Outing, the Auto Show, Casino excursions, Tiger Games, Lions Games, and the Annual Picnic just to name a few items. Thanks for your dedication.

I commend our new Veterans Chair, Bernadine Ross, on this year's bean soup collection for the Volunteers of America. She surpassed all past collections for this event. Her committee was able to provide a generous gift to the VOA to help support the homeless veterans program at their facility. She also had a seminar on March 11 at local 602 for Veterans with PTSD. Great job!

Our recently elected Education Chair, Jason Peek, has many innovative and creative ways to educate our membership. He has diligently worked on a new information packet for our membership, of which he will be conducting



a sample test. Looking forward to seeing more educational materials from him. Julie Hartshorn, Citizenship and Legislative Chair, has worked tirelessly for the UAW at the Local and in the community on legislative initiatives that affect our members. Keep up the good work.

I would like to thank our Unemployment and Workers Compensation Chair, Harold Brown, for his continued service to our membership. His marvelous efforts in assisting and educating our members during stressful times of layoff is exceptional. It's a daunting task.

Alexis Littlejohn, our Community Services Chair, and her committee volunteer hours of their time to promote Local 602 within the community. They support initiatives for many charitable organizations such as United Way, March of Dimes, Red Cross Blood Drive, and Greater Lansing Food Bank. Each year the committee provides turkey dinners to those in need during the holiday.

Throughout the year the Women's Committee Chair, Bobbie Ledesma, and committee members promote numerous events supporting women's issues in the Local as well as the community. Thanks for supporting women.

Bylaws Chair Steve Delaney has done a great job in updating our Local Bylaws over this past year. Thanks to you and your committee for the time and dedication to detail that is required to ensure our bylaws support the desires of our membership.

Over the past 18 months our Retiree Chair, Marta Bobillo, has done a remarkable job in encouraging our retired members to become actively involved to the union. She tirelessly supports many of our committee chairs in the efforts to advocate for our union. It's wonderful to have such an active committee.

As you can see, our committees are committed to promoting the UAW and our local union. As Financial Secretary, I would like to extend an invitation to our members to become involved in "YOUR UNION." Our committees have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Stop by the Hall, call 517/372-4626, or contact one of the Committee Chairs to see where you can volunteer your services.

Also, thanks to Doug Fox for promoting our web page, www.local602, and Facebook page for Local 602 UAW. Look there for up-to-date information on happenings at the local and upcoming events that you can participate in.

"I'm proud to be a member of UAW Local 602."

LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Community service resources

Since February 6, your Community Service Committee has been attending classes to gain information to pass on to our members who may benefit from the outstanding resources which are available in our local community. Below, is a sample of various local organizations and the benefits they offer.

Mid-MI Recovery Services – An agency offering alcohol and other drug treatment. Advocates, educates and serves as a substance use treatment provider for 50 continuous years. Also provides family and friends support services if 18 years or older. For more info for programs and services go to: www.mmrsinc.org or 800-337-2310 or 517-887-0226

Financial Empowerment Center – Financial counselors can help you take control of your debt, improve your credit, lower your payments to take control of your finances, help you create a budget, suggest methods to save and plan for your future, etc. For more info go to: www.lansingmi.gov/ofe or call 517-483-4550

Bullying – MSU Extension has a program called Be Safe which helps people who may be experiencing bullying. A myriad of other resources are available to help Michigan's Economy and People. For info: www.msue.msu.edu

Community Resource for Women – Support groups and workshops provided by the Women's Center of Greater Lansing. For more info and events go to: www.womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org

Footprints of Michigan – Mission statement is: *making a "soleful" footprint in the life of others.* Donating new or gently worn shoes, boots, winter boots to the homeless and those in need. www.footprintsformichigan.org

2017 Recycle Rama – 9am – 2 pm on April 8. If you have items to either donate or recycle, you will want to mark this date on your calendar! For more info: <http://bit.ly/RecycleRama2017>

Boys & Girls Club of Lansing – Open since 1964, outreach program to youth ages 7 – 17 years old in a very



supportive environment. Open from 3pm – 8 pm; club membership is \$10 per year. Helping to meet children's needs by helping with homework, developing social skills, getting "future-ready", learning responsibility, respect, job readiness, etc. Hosts many programs/activities for children including Arts & Crafts, Jr. Games Room, Computer Center, Gym, Cadet Room, Teen Zone, etc. For more info: bgclansing.org or 517-394-0455. If you are interested in volunteering, every adult volunteering at the Boys & Girls club must have a background check.

Lansing Promise Scholarship – Tuition assistance for college or skilled trade education. Must be within Lansing School District boundaries. Application eligibility criteria must be met. For more info: www.lansingpromise.org or 517-203-5020

Siren Eaton Shelter – Advocating against domestic violence in Charlotte, MI For info: www.sireneatonshelter.org or 517-543-0748

EVE – Advocating against domestic violence in Lansing, MI For more info: www.eveinc.org or 517-372-5572 (hotline # open 24/7)

Highfields – Counseling, intervention, training and support services to children, youth, parents and families who wish to change their lives. For more info: www.highfields.org

Camping Resources

Mystic Lake – Mystic Lake Camp is a great place for your child to experience this summer and as a UAW Local 4911 member, there are scholarships for which your child may qualify. Applications are available at the Union Financial Office, 1010 River Street and also at the Union House on Holmes (first house next to the old Goodyear parking lot). Submission deadline is mid-May.

Black Lake Campground – Campsites available for \$28/day. (Pets \$5/day extra) Walter & May Reuther Family Education Center, 2000 Maxon Rd., Onaway, MI 49765. Call 989-733-8521 for a reservation.

LOCAL 724

Debra Abent, Financial Secretary

Int'l Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since in the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. Many organizations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause.



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Local 602

Hello, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this wonderful weather.

Legal Service is now open for retirees. The phone number is 1-800-482-7700.

Also, our Retiree Elections will be held for all Retiree Executive Board positions at the May 17th Luncheon which starts at 12:00 noon. Nominations and Elections will be held at this meeting. Please remember you have to be a dues-paying member to run and/or vote. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (517) 256-3739.

Love, Peace and Justice In Solidarity, Marta.



The 602 chili crew at Winterfest 2017 on February 20. Obviously not as wintry as some years, but still plenty of fun! (Photo by Richard K Reed on Facebook)

sing, on April 28, at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint, on May 5, at Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke Rd. All tournaments start at 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to sign in and get seated so the games can start on time. You do not need a partner to play. You are welcome to play at all the tournaments if you like.

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

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

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

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

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Greeting and salutations, brothers and sisters. This spring is acting like it has already sprung, I hope you are enjoying the early nice weather.

The Retirees really had a fabulous White Shirt Day soup lunch, with half a dozen different kinds of tasty soups for us.

I am so proud of how far this little local has come, this was the best one ever.

The February meeting went well. We had good news in the obits department. We had Sally (Clara) Siebert call and say there was a mistake in the Labor News! Although she did die on the table, they revived her and she is alive! Of course her church is still doing the salad luncheons; we are all invited. (I've been there and they are good).

We all talked about a spring cleaning out at home and bringing it in and having a garage sale here at the hall. We have



a great location. You can rent a table or, when they run out, bring one and rent a space for yourself. Think about it. We will also have a table for donations to the Local, please only good stuff! All proceeds from the Local will go to charity! The date picked was Saturday, June 17, from 9 am to 3 pm. Let us hope we have good weather.

The Lansing CAP was offering community service class on scholarship and I took it, will report at our meeting.

Get your calendars out and mark May 11. There will be a Retirees Executive Board and the General Election at the hall. Remember, you can run and vote except for Bargaining Committee positions! (See Election notice in this edition.)

Meanwhile, I need to thank the five retirees who stepped up to serve the Local on the Election Committee. They are Joan Edmonds, Sharon Knopf, Walt Mansfield, Linda Nichols and Al Vincent. These people will save the Local lots of money since they don't require lost time.

Reminder: new legal services plan to begin opening cases. You can call them toll free at 1-800-482-7700.

What does everyone think about ham for April, sort of an Easter nod?

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. We still meet the second Wednesday

of the month (except in August). We eat at noon, have a meeting, then play bingo, with our new bingo machine.

I went to stay with Jim and Celia Anthony in Grand Ledge for two weeks. Celia takes good care of me. Their daughter Jessica Anthony just got a new house in Lansing.

Most people can't hear me when I try to talk, as my vocal cord is paralyzed on the left side. But I can still write the column to let you know what is happening!

We have had lots of calls about the new legal service. It is now called UAW-FCA-Ford-General Motors Legal Service. The plan went into effect on January 27. So write their number down: 1-800-482-7700.

The Region 1D Retiree Travel Com-



mittee will have trips to Myrtle Beach in October and an Alaska cruise in August. See the Travel box on this page.

If you need our benefits rep, Joe Sagy, he is a good one to call: 517-372-7201 or 1-800-782-6513. He will call you back.

There could be a casino trip to Mount Pleasant, Odawa, Turtle Creek, Traverse City. \$101.50 for non-members, \$51.50 for dues-paying members. We need 40 people. Call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.

Happy birthday: Jerry Hunt, March 14; Ted Gauss; Artie Douglas in February; Bud and Jan Miller, February 22; Dick Torgerson; and in April, Canda Anthony and Connie Dunn.

Happy anniversary in January to Bud and Jan Miller, 48 years!

Ted's breakfast will be on March 21 at Spud's restaurant on Waverly. Call Ted at 517-321-4751.

Lester Altoft was 83 on February 27. Marv Baker went to see him. He was fine, but having some difficulty taking care of his sick wife, so his daughter comes and helps.

Bill Prestman called to say hi to all from the U.P.

Condolences to the family of Gary Thomas, who passed away at age 78. He went to live in Florida about five years ago. He leaves his wife Dolores. He worked at Plant 2 for 39 years.

Condolences to the family of Jerry Earl Green, Sr., 78. He leaves his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Pa Green was a great neighbor to us and he will be missed.

Condolences to the family of Joe Bancroft, who passed at age 74 and leaves his wife Vickie.

RETIREE TRIPS!

The Region 1D Retiree Travel Committee has a **Myrtle Beach Show Trip** in October. There are two buses leaving Flint and two buses leaving Lansing the week of October 1 - 7, 2017. There are also two buses from each location the week of October 8-14, 2017. Lansing buses-contact Connie Garner-Dunn (517-323-2146) or Kathy Sain (810-736-2524) for more information and to make your reservation for the first week. For the second week contact Diane Bauer (517-627-5895) or Linda Francis (810-423-8661). The Region 1D Travel Committee also has an **Alaskan cruise** August 19-26, 2017. Contact Joe Couturier (810-743-9943), Stan Marshall (517-899-1921), Mary Duncan (810-787-6705) or Linda Francis (810-423-8661) for more info.

Breakfast with us

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

NEW TO LOCAL 4911 RETIREES

Monthly meetings at 1010 River Street Lansing, MI 48912 at 12:00 noon on the 4th Wednesday of every month (Light refreshments served)



UAW Local 602 Election Notice

GENERAL ELECTION



A nomination meeting will be held Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 6pm

(in conjunction with the regular monthly membership meeting)

All candidates must sign-up in person beginning

Monday, March 27, 2017 at UAW Local 602 Union Hall through Friday, March 31, 2017
Union Hall hours M-F, 7am-4pm

Election will be held 11am Tuesday, April 11, 2017 until 11am

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 24 hour election

Three (3) Election Sites:

Active & Retired: UAW Local 602 Union Hall, 2510 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI

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

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

Run-Off (if necessary) will be held 11am Tuesday, April 25, 2017 until 11am Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at all three sites

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

President	Trustee (3 positions)
Vice President	Sergeant-At-Arms
Recording Secretary	Guide
Financial Secretary-Treasurer	

One Chairperson for each of the following Committees: (3 year term)

Citizenship & Legislative	Strike
Civil & Human Rights	Unemployment & Worker's Compensation
Community Services	Union Label
Conservation & Recreation	Veterans
Constitution & Bylaws	Women's
Education	

ACTIVE LDT members in good standing are eligible to run and vote for the following positions:

(3 year term):

Shop Chairperson	At-Large Production Zone
Skilled Trades Zone	

Team Solutions (3 year term) (ONLY Team Solutions members are eligible to run and vote)

Shop Chairperson

Brian Stead, Chair
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JoAnne Prince, Co-Chair
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Michael K. Fleming, Vice President
UAW Local 602

ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 724

Election of UAW Local 724 Officers, Unit Officers & Unit Committeepersons

Date: **Monday, May 8, 2017**

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

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)

Date: Monday, May 15, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

– UAW Local 724 Election Committee: Carol Allen, Bill Barrett, Larry Chatigny, Tina Cotton, Ken King, Mike Mayhew, Mary Patino, Tony Spalsbury, Mark Titus

UAW Local 2256 – Unit of BCBSM Election and Nomination Acceptance

For the positions of:

1-Unit President, 1-Unit Vice President, 1-Recording Secretary, 1-Full-time Chairperson, 1-Part-time Chairperson, 1-Alternate Chairperson

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from April 17 – April 21, 2017.

Letters to be dated no later than April 21, 2017 sent to one of the following Election Committee Members: Vickie Montgomery–Chair, Sheila Slentz, Christy Jones

Campaign time frame is scheduled April 24 – April 28, 2017.

Election will be held May 2, 2017 from 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lansing Office, 232 S. Capitol Ave.

Run-off Election date set for May 17, 2017. No Absentee ballots.

UAW Local 652 Election Notice

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

General Election General Motors Unit Ryder Unit Android Unit Yan Feng Unit General Motors LOC Unit

Nomination and acceptances for the positions listed on this notice may be made at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing beginning April 18, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through April 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. All acceptances must be made in writing at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall during business hours. The Hall is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All candidates are required to sign a fair election code. No acceptances may be made by telephone or by mail. All candidates must meet the eligibility requirements found in the UAW Constitution, the By-Laws of the UAW Local 652, and the By-Laws of the respective Units of the Local.

General Election Local Executive Officers

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

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Community Service	Education
Women's	Conservation and Recreation
Civil and Human Rights	

General Motors Unit Bargaining Committee

Shop Committee Chairperson

Two (2) Production Shop Committeepersons
Skilled Trades District/Shop Committeeperson

Ryder Unit Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

First Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

First Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson

Second Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Second Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson

Third Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Third Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

Android Unit Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

First Shift Committeeperson

First Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Second Shift Committeeperson

Second Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Third Shift Committeeperson

Third Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

Yan Feng Unit Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

General Motors LOC Unit Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

Elections for the positions listed above will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2017 with the polls being continuously open until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2017. All voting is to take place at UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St. Lansing. Members must provide picture identification to vote.

In the event a run-off election is necessary it will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing, with the polls being continuously open from 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2017 until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2017. All voting is to take place at UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St. Lansing.

Grant will help UAW journey-men of the future

The following is excerpted from UAW Solidarity magazine online, February 23, 2017. You can see archives of the magazine at uaw.org/solidarity

Patrick Mumbower wants his children to understand that they are never too old to chart another course in life. It's one reason why the 40-year-old former paint shop technician at Ford Motor Co.'s Dearborn Truck Plant in Michigan is aiming to become a journeyman tool-and-die maker.

"For me, I've got kids and I want to show them that it's never too late to change what you are going to do," said Mumbower, a 17-year member of UAW Local 600.

He's getting the opportunity thanks in part to a \$5 million, five-year federal grant that the UAW Skilled Trades Department secured in partnership with the UAW-Labor Employment Training Corporation (UAW-LETC), a private, non-profit national labor-management organization that has been operating federal, state and local workforce programs since 1984. More than 1,000 apprentices in a variety of UAW-represented facilities will receive apprentice and pre-apprentice training under the grant.

"We're working hard to provide apprenticeship training for our members who want the opportunity to become UAW journeymen," said UAW Secretary-Treasurer Gary Casteel, who directs the union's Skilled Trades Department. "This funding will go a long way toward getting our members' skills up so that they may learn a trade and carry a UAW journeyman's card."

At present, 163 UAW-represented apprentices representing seven trades are enrolled in the program, which covers the first 144 hours of apprenticeship training. The grant is being used to fund modifications to existing apprenticeship programs like those at the domestic automakers, or to develop new apprenticeship programs.

The program is already underway at UAW-represented Ford facilities, and is expected to be expanded to UAW-represented General Motors and FCA US plants. Other plants that have either modified or started new apprenticeship programs include John Deere Engine Works in Waterloo, Iowa; Oakley Industries in Northwood, Ohio; Carlex Glass in Nashville, Tennessee; IAC

Strassburg in Strassburg, Virginia; and these facilities in Michigan: CWC Textron (Muskegon); Nexteer (Saginaw); Flex-N-Gate (Warren and Royal Oak); Huron, Inc. (Lexington); Bosch Corporation (Kentwood); and Federal Mogul (Greenville).

The current trades in the program are electrician, welder, tool-and-die maker, plumber/ pipefitter, millwright, metal model maker and machine repair. Additional trades will be added as the program expands.

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The truly sad part is that we have never in human history had access to the vast range of actual knowledge that we do today. At the stroke of just a few more keys than it takes to get on social media a person can read articles and papers written by scholars and true experts on virtually any topic.

But, fake news and alternative facts seem to rule the day. Everyone is an expert, even on topics they have no background in or knowledge of; the trained and educated are lumped in with the posers and con artists. This makes for difficult times.

When facts are malleable and even scientific evidence is ignored as hog-wash, we are going backwards as a society, not forward. We in the Labor Movement must strive to overcome the alternative facts that our opponents in both the state house and the White House put forth against us every day and take solace in fighting the good fight. We can only fight untruth with truth, and "alternative facts" with actual facts.

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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 with forms provided at the Local Union Hall, 3204 W. St. Joseph St., Lansing, MI 48917, from **11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2017**. No acceptance may be made by phone or by mail.

General Election: May 11, 2017

Local Union Hall: 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

In Plant, Days: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

In Plant, Afternoons: 8:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Run-off Election: May 18, 2017 (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
Committeepersons and Alternates for Districts 1, 2
and Skilled Trades Representative

STANDING COMMITTEES (elect 3)

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

Picture ID will be required when voting.

Election results will be posted in the Plant and at the Hall.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

FOR

UAW LOCAL 2256

NOMINATIONS OF UAW LOCAL 2256 OFFICERS

We will be accepting nominations beginning immediately through Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Local 2256 Union Hall.

Candidates must accept nomination in writing and in person at UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing, MI 48906, by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Nominations being accepted for the offices of President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms and Guide.

Election of UAW Local 2256 Officers will take place:

Date: Wednesday May 17, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
and Thursday May 18, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing

Run-Off Election (if necessary)

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing

– UAW LOCAL 2256 Election COMMITTEE



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602 Obituaries

Elizabeth "Betty" Lou Mock – Mother of Leroy Beagle, Retired
 Edward Miller – Father of Lynn Miller, GA Trim – Second shift
 Elwyn Stubblefield – Father of Dwayne Stubblefield, GA M Doors – Second shift
 Oliver Daugherty – Retired, survived by spouse, Pat Daugherty
 Ruby Jackson – Stepmother of A. L. Jackson Jr., Body-Underbody Pans – First shift
 Charles G. LaMacchia – Father of Paul LaMacchia, Retired
 Gavin Sanders – former member of UAW Local 602 and husband to Barbara Sanders
 Allen J. Parish – Retired
 Steven V. Garcia – Husband of Angie Reid-Garcia, Retired
 Robert L. Marrell – Retired
 John Oliver – Retired
 Albert D. Boice – Retired
 Borislav Cvrljevic – Retired
 George B. Phillips – Retired
 David R. Lancaster – Retired
 Ronald "Ron" Stevens – Retired
 JoAnn Jenks – Mother of Trisha Passini, Body Sides
 Gregory Walker – Active, Materials-Finial
 Michelle Henderson – Mother of Vernon Henderson, Materials-Finial
 Dennis H. Ball – Father of Daniel Ball, Retired

James Matthew King – Father of Nathaniel King, GA Chassis 3
 Don Martin Sr. – Father of Don Martin, Paint, First shift
 Elaine Sue Salsbury – Wife of Jack Salsbury, Retired
 Kathy Boltin – Stepmother of Wendy Collins, GA Trim 1

652 Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Bodary – Retiree
 Gloria Carter – Mother of Jim Carter
 Martha DeLong – Mother of Al Bebow
 David Frame – Member
 Garold "Gary" Fulkerson – Retiree
 Gerald Lindemann – Father of Ed Lindemann
 Richard McDevitt – Retiree, Spouse of Chris McDevitt, Uncle of Cindy DeLau
 Gary McKenzie – Spouse of Carol McKenzie
 Gary Perdue – Retiree, Brother of Robert "Al" Perdue
 Leonard Schneider – Retiree, Father of David Schneider, Father-in-Law of Rod Adams
 Don Sieffert – Retiree
 Gary L. Thomas – Spouse of Delores Thomas
 Harrie Williams – Retiree
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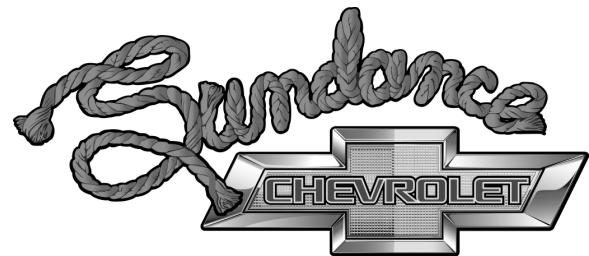
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