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## Reflections on retiring

By MIKE GREEN  
President, Local 652

I want to thank every member at Local 652 who gave me their vote of confidence through the many years of my campaigns to represent you and your families at the negotiating table and in our community. Remember, our voice will be heard if we use it—so don't give it away. Here are some highlights of my career with this great Local.



I have been a Lansing GM employee and a UAW member since 1978. I joined the company as a 17 year old. I am a third generation GM employee. One of my proudest moments is that my sons are currently fourth generation GM employees. And now there may be hope for a fifth generation with my two grandsons, Phoenix and Duncan.

I have served one term as an alt-district committee, 6 years as district committee, 15 years as Shop committee, 9 years as vice-chairman of the shop committee and the last 3 terms as the President of UAW Local 652.

I was a Delegate to the 29th through 36th Constitutional Conventions, as well as a delegate to the National Bargaining Conventions for 1990, 93, 96, 99, 2003, 07, 11 and 2015.

I have served on local negotiations for 1993, 96, 99, 2003, 07 and 2015. I have also served as the Alt-Top Negotiator for Sub.2 in the UAW/GM National Contract negotiations for 2015.

Another one of my favorite and proudest moments of my career is seeing the membership meeting my goals

of all the plants being fully utilized with three shifts. Along with winning the 2013 North American Car of the Year for the Cadillac ATS and winning the Motor Trend Car of the Year again and again—once in 2008 for the CTS, 2014 CTS and 2016 Camaro. Having two of these cars going down the line at the same time is unprecedented.

And as I have always said; "That just shows the work ethic in Lansing and how much pride our membership has taken over the years to build the best quality vehicles in the world."

### Editor's note:

Mike Green is presently serving as: President of the Lansing Area Presidents council 2008 –present  
President of the Capital Area Cap council 2008 – present  
President of the Lansing area Labor News 2008 – present

He has received many personal awards, like:

- 2010 LAFCU Community Service Award
- 2012 Douglas Griffith Community Service Award
- 2015 Michigan State Conference NAACP Community Service Award
- 2016 Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award
- 2017 E.S. "Pat" Patterson Community Service Award



Glenn Freeman III, Labor Liaison to the Capital Area United Way, received the 2017 Douglas Griffith Community Service Award from the Sparrow Foundation for dedication to the Lansing labor community. He is shown here with Claire Corr, Labor Liaison for the Sparrow Health System.

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Volunteers and veterans at the annual Volunteers of America Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, which provides goods and services of various kinds to veterans in need.

## Bidding a fond farewell

By DEAN POGGIALI  
President, Local 724

As I compose the last article I will write as President of UAW Local 724, I

know that there is not enough space within the Lansing Labor News for me to express my thoughts and gratitude. Therefore it is not out of disrespect that I don't leave anyone out of the thanks, but offer a wholehearted thanks to everyone where our paths have crossed.



When this journey began in 1979, when I first joined Local 724, the path had many twists and turns. It had periods of layoff, working 60+ hours a week, learning what it was to be a union member and, lastly, learning to serve unselfishly.

The first thanks must go to my family: wife Janet, daughters Shoni (Shawn) and Andrea (Juan) and their kids. Without their support and understanding, I would not be able to accomplish one percent of my service. They understood the long hours, the lean times, the statement "I'm going to the hall for a bit." I can't fathom where the path would have taken me if they didn't have my back.

When I was first elected President of UAW Local 724 we were at around 600-700 members and wondered if we could keep the lights on. We had just gone through a three-year strike at Melling Forging and we had not seen a

tremendous amount of organizing. Then in 1999 to 2000 there was a concerted effort by the UAW to organize the supplier plants that had spun out of GM. It was our good fortune to be the recipient of these units and we saw our numbers swell to around 2,000. Although some have closed and our numbers have dropped slightly, we still can maintain the high standards of an Independent Parts Suppliers and Technical Office & Professional Local Union that was chartered in 1940.

I am not retiring, but choose to concentrate on my position as the labor liaison at the Capital Area United Way. I feel as though it was a blessing 16 years last March when I started the position. With my strongest passion being community service, it was a perfect fit. Therefore I will still be around as the liaison, continue to serve on the CAP Council for the remainder of this term, and if called upon will humbly serve our members.

In closing, thanks for all the memories, the friendships, and the laughs. Also the times of struggles, uncertainty, and frustrations have made us stronger to fight the good fight for working people.

My sincere hope is that this quote from Walter Reuther that has resonated with me throughout the years, will continue to stay with me the rest of my life:

"There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow man. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

### Election Results

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## LOCAL 1753

Yvonne Vincent, President

# Our election results

Dear Local 1753 Members,  
As you know, our general election was held in May. I would like to start off by thanking those members who volunteered for the Election Committee. Thank you for your time. The election results are as follows:



- Yvonne Vincent – President
- Tony Glover – Vice President
- Recording Secretary – Mandy DeMars
- Financial Secretary – Nancy Munchbach
- Trustees – Earl Thrasher, Chuck Jones, Charles Amabo
- Sergeant-at-arms – Brian Wesley
- Guide – Randy Wickham
- Chairperson – Arnice Stephenson
- District 1 Committeeperson – Tim Patrick
- District 1 Alt. Committeeperson – Mandy DeMars
- District 2 Committeeperson – Kevin Heinritz
- District 2 Alt. Committeeperson – Sonny Castillo

(There have currently been two protests of the General Election that are being reviewed.)

### On the standing committees we have:

- Civil Rights: Sonny Castillo, Sharae Rosborough, and Earl Thrasher
- CAP–Community Action: Justice Coleman
- Community Service: Justice Coleman
- Women’s: Justice Coleman and Sharae Rosborough
- Education: Brian Wesley
- Recreation: Mandy Demars
- Bylaws: open
- Union Label: open
- Veterans: open

If any member would like to be part of a standing committee, please get in touch with me, either in person or through your committeeperson. Three people are encouraged to be on each committee.

### Upcoming events at the Hall

*Please add these to your calendars:*  
On June 10 we are having a Spring cleaning of the Hall from 10am–2pm. Lunch will be provided to any participants.

On June 17 the Hall will have a yard sale. Please come participate.

On June 24, at the Hall, we will have a members’ picnic. Please come and enjoy.



At the veterans’ stand down (left to right): Local 652 President-elect Randy Freeman, Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Local 652 President Mike Green, and Ingham County Chief Deputy Jason Ferguson.

## LOCAL 4911 Derrick McDuffey, President

# A brighter tomorrow

Working and serving a membership in a health care facility is a unique experience with unique challenges. Sparrow Health Systems is growing by the day; soon we will be unveiling our new state of the art Herbert-Herman Cancer Center that will provide the best cancer treatment to those in our community, and those abroad.



But if the American Health Care Act goes into effect, we all know that too many Americans are at risk of losing health care coverage—not only individually but for entire families, up to a staggering number estimated to be 24 million over the next decade. Due to the number of low-income people who may become uninsured with cuts to the Medicaid programs, hospitals such as Sparrow may have to cover the cost of those in need of care who seek treatment through emergency room visits instead of having the ability to seek care with a physician.

Cuts could force many health care facilities to cut services and/or reduce staff to help compensate for the loss in Medicaid coverage due to the AHCA. The writing is on the wall, as I am seeing Sparrow attempt to restructure staff and departments that are staffed with UAW members to operate more efficiently.

At this time, no jobs have been lost, but many of our UAW Caregivers are on edge with the uncertainty that lies ahead.

On a brighter note, I recently asked the members of Local 4911 to take a stand in solidarity for our respected Patient Sitters, as they were facing some possible restructure. To have so many of our UAW Caregivers voice their concerns and give vows of

support gave me everything I needed to go back to the company and report the dissatisfaction from our members about how this vital group of Caregivers were being treated. Solidarity prevailed.

The very next morning I joined a conference call with several of Sparrow’s VPs, who informed me that there would be no restructure of the Patient Sitters and that it was all just a misunderstanding. This shows that regardless of the odds that members face, solidarity can, and will, always affect change.

## LOCAL 602 Bill Reed, President

# Thanks to those who step up

Most of the Lansing area Locals have held their general elections and I want to take a moment to recognize everyone who chose to run for an elected position. Deciding to make the commitment required to hold an elected position in your union is no small decision. Those who have held these positions can attest to the higher level of personal stress and the sacrifice of time spent with family and friends. I commend those who held prior elected positions and those who are newly elected.



Here at UAW Local 602, I look forward to working with the new and returning members of our executive board. We have a great membership when it comes to our commitment to be involved, and I’m not just talking about those who are elected. I have always said “you don’t have to hold an elected position to make a difference in your union” and that rings true considering the many volunteers that step up to serve our fellow sisters and brothers of UAW Local 602.

Throughout any of the functions, events and community outreach opportunities, you will see the wheel proudly displayed by UAW members. It’s a great organization to belong to.

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## LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman, Vice President

# Appreciating Mike Green

I would like to take a minute and thank all of you who supported me in the last election. I am happy to say that I won my election on May 9 and in doing so I am very humble and proud to be your next Local 652 President. I look forward to representing all of you in the years to come.



I have had the privilege of working with one of the best presidents Local 652 has ever had, President Mike Green. I’ve seen him stand up and represent UAW Local 652, helping us make it through one of the worst times in our history!

Every chance he got, with the company, in the news, on Capitol Hill at the House and Senate, President Mike Green has taken every opportunity to tell our side, our story.

He has let the whole world know that in Lansing, Michigan we have the best work force in the world, building the best quality cars that can be built. And making the company stand up and take notice with the numerous awards our members have earned, from North American Cars of the Year to Motor Trend and JD Power awards.

As he has always said, “Can you think of a better investment than in the American worker? I can’t.” Always asking and pushing management: “When are you getting us some more products? Do you see what our members are doing in Lansing?”

President Mike Green has always stood up for, and put a face to, our retirees. He has always made it clear to the world that “legacy costs” are more than just some words the company and government use to express a financial burden. But it’s the retirement and benefits that our retired members get after working hard for years, doing what was asked of them for over 30 years, some over 40 years with the company. Our members have spilled blood; some even died to make this company what it is today!

President Mike Green has always been a full-service president with an open door policy, welcoming anyone that came through his door, especially the kids.

Mike enjoyed the kids, he has always kept a little something in his drawer for them, maybe a toy or a snack or even a dollar coin for the treat box.

From helping prepare the food for some of the events at the Local 652 union hall, to help making coffee and hot chocolate that we bring out for most of the events, like the Breast Cancer walks, Olds Outdoor Club’s “Olds on the Ice Winter Fest,” Mike has pitched in. He has always given snowmobile rides and supplied a place to warm up.

It was not uncommon to see him plowing out the snow in the parking lot to help the hall save some money and so

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**LOCAL 652**  
**Bob Smith, Financial Secretary**

## Welcome to summer!

Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of summer and I have to tell you, it's been a loooong winter! It will be nice to have a little good weather and I hope Mother Nature gives us a bunch.

It's been a busy time at the Hall this spring. Our triennial elections were held and I'd like to congratulate all the members who took time to participate. I really enjoy the elections, the camaraderie, the campaigning, the oldies but goodies ... "Hey, here's Bob, must be election time again!" Yes, wouldn't miss it.

But seriously, I'd like to thank everyone who participated. Whether you won or lost, were a supporter or an opponent, you involved yourself in a critical process that makes us stronger as a whole. It keeps us on task, focuses our efforts, reminds us who we are serving and gives us the guidance we need to keep our organization strong and moving in the right direction. Thank you to all!

### Meanwhile ...

President Trump (I still can't believe I'm saying that) has been busy, filling out his cabinet and his other government positions, firing people whom he doesn't like, trust or in general agree with. (A hint for people of the Beltway, if you're involved in any investigations concerning the President or his aides, don't get too comfortable in your surroundings. Change may come very quickly!)

He and his Republican hangers-on have proposed many changes, not the least of which is a replacement for the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare. Traditionally, when legislation is proposed, the Congressional Budget Office publishes a report projecting costs and consequences of that legislation. The House chose not to wait and passed a bill that they assured would cut costs, give better coverage, give coverage for previous conditions and overall, make Americans forget all about Obamacare.

Recently the Congressional Budget Office published their report and we find that the proposal would in fact remove coverage for over 14 million people immediately and the total with lost coverage would jump to 23 million by 2026. The sad part is the people losing coverage are the people that Obamacare helped the most, the poor and people that are enrolled in private, non-job based plans.

The CBO also concluded that premium costs, especially for older Americans and people with previous conditions, would increase dramatically. Older Americans would pay 10 times more than a young adult and 9 times more than under Obamacare.

Additionally, the report indicated that starting in 2020 individual markets in areas of the US representing 1/6 of the



population would become unstable and unsustainable! This is not what I would consider an improvement over current law!

We already know what happens when we have great numbers of uninsured. Health care costs rise dramatically. The uninsured become a burden because their only avenue when sick or injured is the emergency room. We've seen how that works ... It doesn't! Please contact your representative and tell them we need a better solution. Going back to the old way is not a solution, it's a nightmare!

### Golf!

The Local 652 Women's Committee is holding a "Save the Girls" Golf Scramble for breast cancer awareness at Centennial Acres on July 22. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society to find a cure and put an end to Breast Cancer! Everyone welcome. Cost is \$75 per person and food and refreshments are provided. Reserve your team by July 14 at Local 652.

Call 517-372-7581 for more info. Please come and participate in this event!

**LOCAL 652**  
**Scott R. Lounds,**  
**Recording Secretary**

## Overtime vs. comp time

Sometimes what seems on its face to be a good thing has hidden perils; and when I see groups like the Chamber of Commerce or the Society for Human Resource Management, two pro-business/anti-worker groups lining up to sing the praises of a new piece of legislation, I immediately become suspicious. Case in point is the latest from our friends in Congress.

The United States House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would let private sector employees choose either time-and-a-half overtime pay or an hour and a half of compensatory time off in exchange for working extra hours. The Republican-sponsored

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**LOCAL 4911**  
**Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary**

## Your voice matters

Your calls and emails to your local, state and national legislatures are making a huge impact on issues that affect all of us by keeping the pressure turned up. It has been reported that a phone call from a constituent can hold more weight as compared to an email.



A flooded email inbox is easier to ignore than phones ringing off the hook. Therefore, activists should call their legislatures to express their opinion on issues that are relevant to them. It is recommended that sharing a personal story of how a situation impacts your life is also liable to make a lasting impression.

At our last CAP meeting, it was reported that attendance at local town hall meetings in our local communities have dramatically risen. People are becoming more engaged in matters of our country, our state and our local communities. I encourage you to stay active, attend meetings and continue to make those phone calls to your legislators. Keep up the good work – your voice matters.

### Mark your Calendars

Congratulations and welcome to the new officers at our local union as well as those in our surrounding local union community of brothers and sisters!

You may wish to mark your calendars for the following events happening soon in our community.

1. Through the end of June, our Civil Rights Committee is collecting women's feminine products – all donations will be delivered to Volunteers of America to help support the homeless and those in need.

2. Tuesday, June 6, 5-7 pm Free Skin Cancer Screenings at Sparrow Cancer Center, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing. Schedule your free appointment by calling 1-800-Sparrow (772-7769). This screening is being offered by appointment only.

3. Tuesday, July 11, opening of the new Cancer Center; for more information, go to: SparrowFoundation.org/NewCancerCenter

As I'm sure most of you are aware,

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it's tick season once again. While we like to enjoy the outdoors this time of year, it's unfortunate but true that we have to be ever more aware of preventing tick-borne diseases. Lyme disease gets most of the news coverage, but there are other diseases and other kinds of ticks to watch out for.

There is an excellent resource at [www.michigan.gov/emerging\\_diseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emerging_diseases). It has all the identification and prevention information you could want (and then some, ew).

**LOCAL 602**  
**Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary**

## A special place for summer

This summer, introduce your family to a once in a lifetime experience! For more than 40 years, Black Lake has been a place where UAW members and their families come together for an experience that combines education with relaxation. It's a place to learn about your union, unlock ideas and build new friendships with other working families throughout the United States.

It's a one-week summer experience that will leave you and your family filled with a spirit guaranteed to strengthen your understanding and appreciation for your union. This year the UAW Family Scholarship Program will take place at Black Lake in scenic Onaway, Michigan from July 23-28, 2017.

Since 1970, thousands of UAW members and their families have participated in the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center Scholarship Program – changing their lives and those of their loved ones forever!

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**LOCAL 724**  
**Debra Abent, Financial Secretary**

## Lansing's general strike

Eighty years ago this June, workers in Lansing staged a one-day general strike which came to be known as the Lansing Labor Holiday. By the start of the work day on June 7, between 2,000 and 5,000 union members and sympathizers poured into the downtown streets, forcing the closing of many shops, factories, theaters, and business of all kinds.

Workers paraded down the streets of the city singing labor songs, while UAW-AFL organizer Lester Washburn and other union representatives successfully negotiated the release of those imprisoned for illegal picketing (including Washburn's wife Nevah). By nightfall, after the intervention of Governor Frank

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Mike Bauer

## 652 retirees

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

The following is our monthly schedule of events:

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

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

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

Upcoming event cancellations - please mark your calendars accordingly.

June 27th: Cards cancelled

July 4th: Bingo cancelled

August 15th: Potluck/Business mtg./Bingo cancelled

The Lansing Area Retiree Luncheon will be Tuesday, August 8, at the Royal Scot. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., lunch is served at noon. Royal Scot is located at 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI.

Fall Euchre Tournaments will be held in Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Saginaw on September 8, at Local 467, 2104 Farmer St. The second tournament will be in Lansing, on September 15, at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint on September 22, 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. The spring tournaments were a lot of fun. If you enjoy euchre, come join in. There is no cost to play.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local 652  
Annual Skilled Trades  
Coffee & Donuts Get-together  
at the 652 Hall  
**September 25**  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Info: Alex McPherson, 517-889-5434



Shown here at the Doug Griffith Community Service breakfast are (left to right): Dennis Parker, president of Local 2256; Derrick McDuffey, president of Local 4911; Randy Freeman, vice-president of Local 652; Bill Reed, president of Local 602; Dean Poggiali, labor liaison with the Capital Area United Way; and Scott Dedric, Region 1D servicing rep.

Laura Clark

## 1753 retirees

Summertime, let's get the barbecue and the lemonade out. I know you are busy this summer. I hope you will have time to occasionally check in with us.

Did you know May is older Americans month? Enjoy.

A lot of folks we had not seen in a while stopped in for our pizza lunch and the May meeting, or stopped in to vote, or called us to be put on our contact list though they could not be there. Thanks for all of your input, I appreciate all of you.

We also sometimes hear from some retirees just to update us on what they are up to. At the meeting I mentioned that Dennis Slowinski, Rick King, Doug Jenks and I were at the euchre tournament and using great skill, Rick King placed fourth in a tie. Congratulations and thanks for representing us, guys, hope you liked the lunch that went with it.

The UAW retirees travel committee is always posting new trips. I've been on one, they're great.

Get your calendars out for some updates, as follows:

June 3, Labor Holiday 80th Anniversary in front of City Hall in downtown Lansing.

June 8, retiree picnic at the hall. We will grill hot dogs and hamburgers. And of course our dessert contest. Good luck to all, though I hope all our previous winners will be there, too.

June 10 is our Hall clean-up day, from 10 am to 2 pm. I would love to pull everything from storage and go through it all.

June 17, 9 am to 3 pm, flea market, a first for us. We are planning on inside tables for \$10, outside space \$5, outside tables \$5. Call 517- 487-1753 and reserve by June 8 at 4 pm

June 24 is the Local 1753 picnic here at the hall. You are invited, and of course we are looking for help.

August 8 is The Royal Scot luncheon



for all Lansing area retirees. Coffee at 11, lunch around noon. They put on a good spread, hope to see you there. NOTE: this replaces our regular August meeting.

Sept 15 is another Euchre Tournament at 602. Sign in 9 am, 10 am play begins, noon is a free light lunch. I can't wait to see you again.

Lois Schultz

## 1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. We have a trip going to Four Winds casino on the train on August 3. It's \$57 for seniors and \$67 for others; you do not have to be a member to go. Call Connie Dunn to get on the list, at 517-323-2146. She will take care of you.

May birthdays were: Willie Anthony, doris Williams, Betty Varney, Minnie Gill, Tim DeCorte, Jordan Fox, Jade Fox, and me, Lois Schultz with the big Nine-O - 90!

Anniversaries: Nolan and Ardie Douglas, 65 years; Dick and Barbara Kline, 49 years.

We will be playing Bingo after our retirees meeting on June 14. We do have a good time!

The Area Retirees Luncheon will be at the Royal Scot on August 8, doors open at 11:00 a.m., eat at noon.

Dan Bryant stopped by to see me. He goes to Florida in the winter.

Condolences to the family of Richard Slocum. He leaves his wife Millie.

On our sick list: Jim McInnon's wife has been under the weather this past winter. Ben Smith is in hospice. He was a welder. He worked in all the plants.

The Lawyers  
A new case can be opened by calling 1-800-482-7700. Eligible participants will include active and retired UAW-represented employees at FCA, Ford, and GM and their surviving spouses.

Services include: wills and trusts, purchase or sale of residential real property, uncontested family matters, contracts for goods or services, birth and



marriage certificates, power of attorney, deeds, credit reporting, residential lease, and name changes.

"Office work" services will include advice, document preparation, document review, factual and legal research, and correspondence. No representation will be provided by the Plan in court or in any litigation situation. In addition to office work services, the Plan does provide UAW members and retirees with full representation, including attendance at hearings, for Social Security disability applications, suspensions and terminations. For many legal matters that are not covered under the new Plan, or that require court activity, the Plan intake staff can still process a participant's inquiries. Such matters will be referred to outside private cooperating attorneys, who will provide legal services to Plan participants at a reduced legal rate.

My phone is 517-543-5385. I want to thank all my friends at the plant, at LAFUCU, retirees, and Area Council, and Harold and Tim at the Labor News. What wonderful friends.

Attention  
Lansing Area  
UAW Region 1-D Retirees:  
**Annual Area Retirees Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, August 8**  
at the Royal Scot  
4722 W. Grand River  
Lansing, MI  
Coffee at 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch usually served  
around noon.

**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.

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# General Election 2017

## UAW Local 652 Unofficial Executive Results

(Winners of contested elections are in **bold type**.)

**Randy Freeman - 935** President Jack Graham - 295

**Ben Frantz - 894** Vice-President Randy Graham - 317

**Financial Secretary**  
Robert E. Smith by Acclamation

**Recording Secretary**  
Deedee Graham - 286

**Scott R. Lounds - 926** Trustees  
**Dennis (Denny) Sturgis - 836**  
Bill Freeman - 497

**Jill Bowen - 912** Guide  
**Matt Schneider - 896**  
Winston Williams Jr by Acclamation

**Sergeant-At-Arms**  
Keith Cannon by Acclamation

### General Election 2017 – UAW Local 652 Unofficial Committee Chairpersons Results

**Education Committee Chairperson**  
Matt Schneider by Acclamation

**Community Service Committee Chairperson**  
James Ramos by Acclamation

**Women's Committee Chairperson**  
Sharron Mowers by Acclamation

**Conservation Recreation Committee Chairperson**  
Jill Bowen by Acclamation

**Civil Rights Committee Chairperson**  
Winston Williams Jr by Acclamation

### General Election 2017 – UAW Local 652 Unofficial GM Unit Results

**Shop Chairperson**  
Ted Krumm by Acclamation

**Production Shop Committee**  
**Scott Gaudard – 481** Dave Gaudard - 474 Joe Griffin – 181

**Skilled Trades Shop/District Committee**  
Scott R. Lounds by Acclamation

### LOC Unit Results

**Unit Chairperson**  
Annie Rankin by Acclamation

### General Election 2017 – UAW Local 652 Unofficial Android Industries Unit Results

**Jake Jacobson – 42** Unit Chairperson Tony Lasher - 18

**1st Shift Committeeperson**  
Douglas Elders by Acclamation

**2nd Shift Committeeperson**  
Run Lian by Acclamation

**3rd Shift Committeeperson**  
Loretta Borczak by Acclamation

**Unit Recording Secretary**  
Douglas Elders by Acclamation

### General Election 2017 – UAW Local 652 Unofficial Ryder Unit Results

**Michael Luna – 228** Unit Chairperson Keith Wenzel - 128

**1st Shift Bargaining Committeeperson**  
**Art Luna Jr. – 202** Greg Smith - 155

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**2nd Shift Bargaining Committeeperson**  
**Norm Munley – 123** Gordon Hyler – 118 Dale McDougall – 61  
Trea Clifford – 37 Joe Sewell (Candle Man) - 17

**3rd Shift Bargaining Committeeperson**  
**Clara Polash – 230** Becky Brown - 113

**1st Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson**  
Wayne Badge by Acclamation

**2nd Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson**  
John Shaull by Acclamation

**3rd Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson**  
Liz Tupper by Acclamation

**Unit Recording Secretary**  
Ed Lindemann (Catfish) by Acclamation

**Unit Sergeant-At-Arms**  
**Jeff Bierman – 170** Wayne Badge – 165

### General Election 2017 – UAW Local 652 Unofficial YFAI Unit Results

**Unit Chairperson**  
**Mike Pattison – 27** Troy Baum – 5



## UAW Local 602 Election Results

### GENERAL ELECTION



A nomination meeting was held Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 6pm (in conjunction with the regular monthly membership meeting) All candidates needed to sign up Monday, March 27, 2017 through Friday, March 31, 2017, at UAW Local 602 Union Hall during hall hours M-F, 7am-4pm  
Election was held 11am Tuesday, April 11, 2017 until 11am Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 24 hour election  
at these three (3) Election Sites:

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

Executive Officers (3 Year Terms, Term Ends 2020)			Team Solutions (Only) (3 Year Terms, Term Ends 2020)
<b>President</b> Vote for one (1) only MIKE FLEMING 35% SEAN METCALF 8% BILL REED 57% - elected	<b>Vice President</b> Vote for one (1) only STEVE DELANEY 60% elected ALEX HERNANDEZ 40%	<b>Recording Secretary</b> Vote for one (1) only GLADYS GERARD 29% RUNOFF DOUG FOX 47% RUNOFF SCOTTY SMITH 24%	<b>Shop Chairperson</b> Vote for one (1) only THOMAS ALLEN 46%
<b>Financial Secretary-Treasurer</b> Vote for one (1) only DOREEN K. HOWARD - Elected Unopposed	<b>Trustee</b> Vote for no more than three (3) MELVIN BRANTLEY 21% elected Christine "Chrissy" Zausten 16% Heather Schroeder 26% elected LOLA ODUNUGA 22% elected Tammy Blocker 15%	<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b> Vote for one (1) only MARIUSZ "MARIO" MIREK 44% NATHAN MANNINGHAM 56% elected	<b>Guide</b> Vote for one (1) only Isiah Fuller 65% elected Josh Hoerauf 35%
<b>Standing Committee Chairpersons (3 Year Terms, Term Ends in 2020)</b>			
<b>Citizenship &amp; Legislative</b> Vote for one (1) only Julie Hartsborn - Elected, Unopposed	<b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> Vote for one (1) only DEASHA JOHNSON - Elected, Unopposed	<b>Community Services</b> Vote for one (1) only DEMOHN MOCHESSE STANLEY - Elected, Unopposed	
<b>Conservation &amp; Recreation</b> Vote for one (1) only Paulina R. Rodriguez - Elected, Unopposed	<b>Constitution &amp; Bylaws</b> Vote for one (1) only Robert A. Wade Jr. 45% GARY HOWARD 55% elected	<b>Education</b> Vote for one (1) only JASON PEEK - Elected, Unopposed	<b>Strike</b> Vote for one (1) only DARYL "COUNTRY" SMITH - Elected, Unopposed
<b>Union Label</b> Vote for one (1) only Anita Metevier 44% Richard K Reed 56% elected	<b>Veterans</b> Vote for one (1) only BERNADINE ROSS - Elected, Unopposed	<b>Women's</b> Vote for one (1) only BOBBIE LEDESMA - Elected, Unopposed	<b>Unemployment &amp; Worker's Compensation</b> Vote for one (1) only HAROLD E. BROWN 55% elected Sean Campanile 20%
<b>Shop Committee (3 Year Terms, Term Ends 2020) (LDT Only)</b>			
<b>Shop Chairperson</b> Vote for one (1) only Steve Bramos 17% GEORGE HADJIAN 17% TODD "FISH" TROUT 41% elected FRANK LAMBERT 5% RICK MARTINEZ 20%	<b>At-Large Production Zone (only Production)</b> Vote for one (1) only JAMES SHORT 9% RYAN EDING 57% elected HEATHER WOODS 34%	<b>Skilled Trades Zone (only Skilled Trades)</b> Vote for one (1) only Tom Brown 10% NANCY FOPMA 20% CHAD HERRICK 10% PAUL BROWN 42% elected RICK HAGER 18%	

1 challenged ballot 16 spoiled ballots

Brian Stead Chairperson UAW Local 602 Elections Comm.  
Jeri Smith Co-Chair UAW Local 602 Elections Comm.  
Kevin Barnum Co-Chair UAW Local 602 Elections Comm.  
JoAnne Prince Co-Chair UAW Local 602 Elections Comm.  
Bill Reed President UAW Local 602

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There was a run-off election on April 25-26 with the following results:  
Recording Secretary  
Gladys Gerard – 37%  
Doug Fox – 63%

## Reed

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The UAW is a family. What is a union family? No matter where you're from, regardless of your opinion, regardless of your beliefs, we stand with one another! We stand with one another for justice, we stand with one another for equality, we stand with one another for civil and human rights, we stand with one another for a better future, because this is what Solidarity looks like!

This is what makes us the best of the best. When we strive to be inclusive, we become a diverse family with many backgrounds, talents, experiences, ideas and goals.

Remember, united we stand, divided we beg. We are each a piece of the puzzle that completes the picture of a UAW family. Working together we can be unstoppable and a force to be reckoned with. And let's not forget how beautiful a picture we make when all those pieces come together.

## Freeman

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that it would be safe for the retirees when they came over and parked early in the morning before going on a trip.

Thank you, President Mike Green for not only all you have done for me, but for all you have done for the UAW, our members at Local 652 and communities of the Lansing Area!

I will miss coming to the President's office in the morning and not seeing Mike Green already there, ready to go!

Mike, you will be missed!

## Lounds

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bill with the grandiose name of The Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017 was—as has become commonplace—passed along party lines. The bill, on its face, allows eligible employees to choose comp time to be used at a later date instead of receiving immediate pay for overtime hours.

Supporters of the bill, which includes most pro-business groups, play up the flexibility the new rules will give to employees. But, to me, this is overshadowed by the fact that workers are required to give "reasonable notice" before being granted this time off and employers are not required to grant the comp time if it would "unduly disrupt" the workplace.

As a lawyer and someone who has worked as a Committeeperson, the language used in this bill—such as "reasonable" and "unduly"—is ripe for argument and conflict. The meaning of the term "reasonable notice" will certainly end up being defined by the courts, as will "unduly disrupt." So in the meantime the employers will undoubtedly be putting restrictions on when comp time is used that harms workers and helps management. Management will bank on the fact that most workers will be unwilling or unable to fight a court battle to determine what the definition of "reasonable" is under this proposed law.

Now, if you are lucky enough to be working under a collective bargaining agreement, these issues can be solved through negotiations and the grievance

procedure. But imagine if you were an at-will employee working on a low-wage job, or even a high wage job. Without the protections of a union, not many people will be willing to fight the company's definition of "reasonable notice" or what "unduly disrupts" the workplace, when doing so will likely lead to their termination.

A similar problem would be the policing of the choice of overtime or comp time being up to the employee. The proposed law speaks to the choice being free from employer pressure or coercion, but without a union, who is there to make sure that these rules are followed? The courts? Again, the type of workers most affected by these rules will likely not have time or money to pursue action through the Federal Court system.

In the end, this bill reduces worker incomes in the long term and does not provide useable protections to the employees. But, with the Republicans and the Chamber of Commerce backing it I am not surprised that it is anti-worker.

## Howard

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Through educational and recreational activities, the Family Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for adults and children to learn and think about how our union empowers us to change our workplaces and communities for ourselves and future generations. Lessons involve daily adult and children's programs and family activities.

All active or laid-off UAW members in good standing are eligible to apply for a Family Scholarship if you have never attended the program before. You must also be willing to use your regular vacation, personal leave or union leave time (where permitted by contract) to attend.

Past participants are not eligible to reapply. Your spouse and children/grandchildren 4-18 years old may attend with you. Children under 4 years old cannot be accommodated and other relatives, non-relatives and retirees are not eligible to participate – no exceptions!

The UAW pays lodging, food and program costs for the one-week session. For information and an application form, go to [uaw.org](http://uaw.org) and follow the links.

## Abent

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Murphy, the holiday was over and before long, Capital City Wrecking negotiated a contract with its workers.

The Lansing Labor Holiday was a rare instance of a mass, spontaneous demonstration by the working class of the city of Lansing to address injustice standing in the way of the momentum of the union organizing of the late 1930s.

The workers forcefully demanded that the new industrial relations regime ushered in by the passage of the successful Lansing Labor Holiday gave voice to the desires of this generation of newly empowered workers.

A commemoration event was held on June 3 at the City Hall Plaza, which included labor speakers and the unveiling of the Lansing Labor Holiday State Historical Marker. – Information from John Beck of the MSU Labor Education Program

## 602 Obituaries

Raymond H. Taylor – Retired  
Kenneth L. Wreggelsworth – Retired  
Larry D. Williams – Retired  
Billy McDiarmid – Retired  
Terrance Melvin – Retired  
James Mayes – Father of Gregory O. Mayes, Materials Body/Paint  
Francis James Kelly – Father of Dan Kelly, Active, Body Metal Finish  
Arnold T. Simon – Retired  
David L. Booth – Retired  
Jack S. Hager – Retired  
Karen Smith – Mother-in-Law of Roland McMann, Active, Body Doors  
Richard P. Bidwell – Retired  
Thomas Slocum – Father of Tammy Gomez, Delta Assembly  
Shirley Ball – Mother of Steve Wyzlic, GA Trim 3  
Gary W. Schaaf – Retired, Terry Schaaf – Spouse (Retired), Richard Schaaf – Brother (Retired), Mike Hengesbach – Brother-in-Law (Retired) and Reynolds Hengesbach – Father-in-Law (Deceased)  
Phyllis Binkowski – Mother of Cathy Bennett, Retired (Thank You for Bible in memory of my Mother)  
Bruce W. Baker – Retired  
Deborah Wood – Wife of Anthony Wood, Retired  
Aulden Burkholder – Father of Shelly Zavala and Father-in-Law of Jose A. Zavala  
Benny G. Huerta – Retired  
Robert L. Sowle – Retired  
Steven Hintz – Father of Michael Hintz, GA Trim  
Belinda "Kelly" Felzke – Sister of Paulina Rodriguez, Body Sides and Recreation Chair  
Allen J. Parish – Retired  
Erla Mae Adams – Mother of Earl Adams, Skilled Trades  
Dennis Schlee – Retired  
William C. Zimmerman – Retired  
Trent Bogle – Retired  
Walter L. Beeman – Retired  
Harold Woodman – Retired  
Mary Bernath – Mother of Garry Bernath, International UAW Representative  
Timothy M. Draper – Active, GA Engine Dress  
Bert Black Jr. Retired  
Robert J. Karkau – Retired  
Wilson J. Rochester – Father of Laurie Croy, Active, Body Sides  
Donald "Tunk" Agler Jr – Retired  
Alex H. McClelland – Retired  
Leon Bates – Retired  
Keith R. Emerson Jr. – Retired  
Myongle K. Choe – Retired  
Richard House – Retired  
Laddie Trotter – Father of Shaconda Warren, Active, UAW Elected, District 10 Committee  
Freda G. Bauer – Mother of both Neil Bauer, Active, Quality Control Engineering & Jane Bell, Active, GA Repair  
Judy Melivs – Mother of Gerry Puente, Active, Quality Control GA  
Shirley Sapila – Mother of Dave Sapila, Active, GA Chassis 3  
Irene M. Hartman – Mother of Carol Hartman, Retired  
Terri Lynn Pearson – Mother of Calvin E. Wilbon, Active, Body Filters  
Kimberely Wagner – Active, Materials Final  
Georgiana Buchholz – Mother of Kelly

Buchholz, Active, Paint  
Rodney A. Farr – Retired  
Terry Johnson – Retired  
Wesley C. Davis – Retired  
Salome T. Campbell – Grandmother of Bridget Watts, Active, GA Trim 3  
Tracy Tennant – Daughter of Ernest Tennant, Retired  
Marjorie Smith – Mother of Dan Smith, Retired  
James Vaden, Step Father of Veronica Johnson, Retired

## 652 Obituaries

Robert "Curly" Brown – Retiree  
Darlene J. Brownlee – Retiree, Mother of Larry Brownlee, Sister of Audrea Mills, Sister-in-Law of Gerald Mills  
Aulden Burkholder – Retiree  
Howard Cogswell – Retiree, Father-in-Law of Howard Ehresman  
David A. Crowner – Retiree  
James E. DeBoer – Father of Amy Rosie, Father-in-Law of Paul Rosie  
Steven DePeel – Retiree  
Gilbert Droste – Retiree  
Grace Fedewa – Mother of Albert, Stan and Michael Fedewa  
Linda Foote – Spouse of Terry Foote  
Genevieve Gearhart – Mother of Randy Browne  
Larry Glasscoe – Retiree, Brother of Deb Peters, Marion Glasscoe and Michael Glasscoe  
Dave Hanses – Father of Joe Hanses  
Ivan Harkness – Father of Gale Harkness, Father-in-Law of Karen Harkness  
Robert "Bob" Kellogg – Retiree  
David L. "Papa Smurf" Kruger – Retiree, Brother of Richard "Dick" Kruger  
Arthur A. Lane – Retiree, Father of Patrick Lane, Grandfather of Jamie Lane  
Linda K. Lanz – Spouse of Robert Lanz  
Dale A. Lott – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Lynn Cratsenburg  
Brandon Maat – Son of Brian Maat  
Kevin J. Mack – Retiree  
Roger Meredith – Brother of Rick Meredith  
Roger W. Miller – Retiree  
Roy Peterson – Retiree  
Genevieve Pung – Mother of Dan Pung  
Loretta A. Rademacher – Mother of Lawrence Koenigsknect, Mother-in-Law of Charles McCausey  
Kenneth "Ken" Raymond – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Vikki Gavenda and Jim Austin  
L.V. Riebow – Father of Richard and Ritchie Riebow  
Lucille Schneider – Mother of Ken Schneider  
Morley Schram – Retiree, Father of Morley Schram II, Brother-in-Law of Ray Wilson  
Karen Smith – Spouse of Delford D. Smith  
Betty Tester – Spouse of Gene Tester  
William "Bill" Thurston – Brother of Dave, Steve and Doug Thurston  
Robert "Bob" Waterson – Retiree  
Kelly Williams – Spouse of Thomas "Hot Rod" Williams  
Mason Eugene Williams – Retiree  
Kenneth Young – Retiree

## 1753 Obituaries

Robert (Herbie) Herbstrreth  
Ron Hackett  
Rodney L Mann  
Ed S. Leak



Shown here are Claire Stephens and her father Matt Stephens at the Doug Griffith Community Service Award breakfast. Claire is Sparrow's 2017 Miracle Child.

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### Local 652 Charity Golf Outing July 22

The Local 652 Women's Committee is holding a "Save the Girls" Golf Scramble for breast cancer awareness at Centennial Acres on July 22. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society to find a cure and put an end to breast cancer! Everyone welcome. Cost is \$75 per person and food and refreshments are provided. Reserve your team by July 14 at Local 652.

*UAW Local 602 and the Conservation & Recreation Committee Presents...*

### 19th Annual UAW Local 602 Charity Golf Outing!

Proceeds this year to benefit

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July 23, 2017, @ Hawk Hollow Golf Course @ 9:00am with a *shotgun* start!

- 7:30am Check-In
- Located @ Hawk Hollow Golf Course, 15101 Chandler Rd., Bath, MI 48808
- Teams are limited to 4 people each
- COST is \$65/Person \$260.00 Per Team\*, DEADLINE IS JULY 18, 2017
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*Questions? See a Conservation & Recreation Committee Member:*

UAW Local 602 Union Hall at 517/372-4626 or see a committee member:  
Co-Chair Daryl Smith, Gary Howard, Kelly Kelley, Andy Mills, Joseph Fernandez, and Sam Vowell.

Please obtain an entry form at the Local 602 Hall or online at [lansinglabornews.org](http://lansinglabornews.org)

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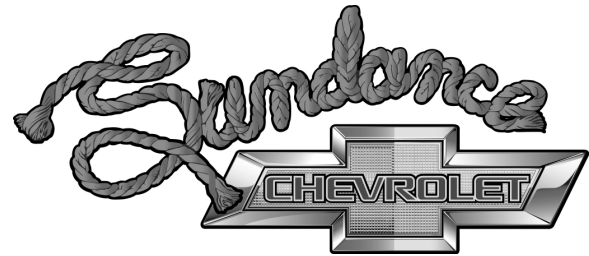
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