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## The keys to our future

By Mike Green  
President, Local 652

The year 2016 will turn into 2017 with the keys to all of our futures. No matter how you may have voted, we will all reap the outcome.

Remember, we will be called upon to rally together to make sure the future for our children and grandchildren is one we can be proud of.

The keys to our future will be turned over to the Republican Party, where they will appoint at least three Supreme Court justices that will impact all of our lives.

On the local front, our CAP Council endorsements had over 80 percent elected. My thanks to everyone who worked on phone banks, passed out slates, and voted on election day.

Ryder Group reached a five-year



agreement, thanks to Unit Chair Mike Luna and the bargaining team. Luna reported that 100 new truck drivers were hired to support the Grand River facility and the Delta plant.

At the YFAI Unit, Unit Chair Mike Pattison and the bargaining committee reached a new three-year agreement. Congratulations to all.

I was interested to see that Costco will be opening their first store in the Lansing area in 2017. This will be a great benefit to the greater Lansing area. Costco is a much better alternative to WalMart. Costco is labor friendly and will be involved in our communities.

On a personal note, I have a new grandson named Duncan. That gives me another hunting partner!

I also want to thank everyone in our Local who gives so willingly at our plant gate drives, which goes to the less fortunate in our community.

From the Green family, we hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!



Many UAW officers and members joined with others in the greater Lansing community in the annual walk to support breast cancer awareness and funding for research. A number of breast cancer survivors and their loved ones took part, as well. Our hats off to all who contribute to this important effort.

**The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's  
Winterfest 2017**  
will be held in Grayling on  
**February 17-19**

**Plan now to attend this fun family event!**

For more information, see Randy Freeman's article on page 2  
or check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's website

**Local 602 Holiday Open House**  
**Friday, December 23**

For active and retired Local 602 members and their families  
For more information, see Doreen Howard's article on page 3

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1753 and LAFCU

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**Tuesday,  
February 21, 2017**

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

*Arnold Kanien*  
Director



**New Year's Eve  
Extravaganza**  
Hosted by UAW Local 2256's  
Civil & Human Rights Committee  
**December 31, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.**

**Liederkrantz Hall**

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**LOCAL 602**  
**Bill Reed, President**

## Community involvement

This time of year can be a busy time for all of us. We expend a lot of our energy during the few precious hours away from work getting ready for the winter months, doing last minute shopping for family and friends and of course, hunting down all of those papers we will need for our year end taxes, just to name a few.



This time of year also brings us some quiet time, time to reflect on the year gone by. We will look back and judge how well we've fared during the events of the past twelve months. This is the time of year when we miss those we've lost over the years. This is also the time when we wish for better things to come by re-evaluating healthy goals and personal relationships.

As we prepare for our holiday break I am excited by all of the wonderful things I see our local accomplishing, and the groundwork we are laying for a very exciting future.

We have long-standing ties to the Lansing community. When you consider the myriad of problems that our community faces, such as unemployment, homelessness and financial challenges, our commitment in providing outreach is invaluable. Thanks to your generosity through programs such as Old Newsboys, Angel Tree, Coat Drives and Toys for Tots, many children who would otherwise go without during this Christmas season will have boots, shoes, socks, a warm coat and a present under the tree.

I encourage you to get involved in your union and in your community. Volunteer your time with one of our Local's standing committees, be a member of a board or council of a local organization, volunteer at a local charity or become a member of one of the many constituency groups the local union is proud to support. Service to one another is the highest calling. You can be proud to be a member of UAW Local 602, for being part of its history, and especially for the significant impact you will have on our membership and the surrounding community.

For me personally, this year seemed to fly by quickly. The office of the President has been busier than expected but that is a good thing. The Executive Board has been working hard to secure the viability of our union hall's future and to ensure that the membership will continue to have opportunities for education and involvement. Our membership is our first priority above all else. I feel good knowing we've done all we can to make a positive difference in the lives of those who've entrusted us to represent them. I hope we all can find something we did this past year that truly made a difference in someone's life. If we can do this, nothing life throws at us can bring us down.

May your Christmas this year be filled with blessings and good times with family and friends.



**Local 602 President Bill Reed with World War II veteran Wally Travis at 602's veterans celebration on Nov. 11. See [lansinglabornews.org](http://lansinglabornews.org) for more.**

**LOCAL 724**  
**Dean Poggiali, President**

## 2017 to see contract talks

From our families to yours, we hope you have a blessed holiday season. As we compose this it is still in the 50 degree range, so it is hard to imagine Santa Claus needing a sled. Perhaps he will need rain boots.



December brings a variety of activities at the Local. From the Old Newsboys to the Toys for Tots to the Local holiday party to the Tree of Warmth, the membership of Local 724 continues to help our community. We hope to report in our next column the results of all these activities.

Pertaining to the Old Newsboys, this program helps area kids who don't have proper footwear to combat Michigan's winter weather. Here is the criteria for the program:

"In cooperation with the Greater Lansing School Districts, we were able to provide shoes or boots to more than 7,000 local school children last year through our fundraising efforts. The Old Newsboys Shoe Voucher program is handled through the Administrative Office of your local school district. Children who are eligible for free or reduced lunches meet our income requirement. However, please contact your local school district for additional information and to request the eligibility form.

"When completing the eligibility form, you may include all school age children from the same family even if the children are attending different schools. You must verify that each child listed on the form is attending school."

We welcome Todd Arnold to the Local 724 Executive Board from the Dimondale Nursing Care Center. We look forward to working with him.

As we look into 2017, several of the local worksites will be entering into contract talks. Whenever these talks take place the rumor mill ramps up to a heightened state. It is important to let the committee get your input, evaluate the needs of the membership and seek a fair and equitable agreement. This is also important for our two new units:

Faurecia and Kirchhoff-Van Rob. We pledge any support needed to help this endeavor going forward.

We are also to hear that the IMPCO Unit recently ratified a new collective bargaining agreement. The process was long and stressful, but the agreement allows for continued growth at the facility. At this juncture there is work in the facility well into the next year or so. Congratulations.

Also on the radar is the reduction of the third shift at the Lansing Grand River (LGR) GM facility. With approximately 85% to 90% of our Units supplying area GM facilities it will have an impact. It appears as though the majority of our worksites that supply LGR also utilize temporary employees; contractually those folks will be the first to be laid off. However, we will help out any of those impacted as needed. If you know someone who has been affected, they can call the free help line at 2-1-1 or at <http://www.centralmichigan211.org/>. Also, I can be reached at 517-203-5027 at the Capital Area United Way.

As we face uncertainty into 2017, in some cases we are reminded of a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

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

## Shop UAW-made

Across the land, UAW members build cars, vans, and trucks. But did you

know that in a factory in Michigan, UAW members also build houses? Or that in a plant in New York, UAW members prepare and package sugar. Or that in Ontario, UAW members make hockey sticks?



All UAW members should look over this guide to UAW consumer products before we shop. Every time we buy a UAW-made product, we help preserve the jobs of our brothers and sisters.

Let's proudly proclaim that we buy what we make because when we do, we create a better tomorrow. Just go to [uaw.org/uaw-made](http://uaw.org/uaw-made) to start your search. Have a happy union holiday season!

**LOCAL 652**  
**Randy Freeman, Vice President**

## Many thanks!

I would like to thank Sylvia Freese for all her hard work and support this year on the Toys for Tots drive. Also, thanks to our President Mike Green, GM Chairman Ted Krumm, and all the other Unit Chairs from AI, Ryder, GM LOC, YFA and the volunteers that help make Toys for



Tots so successful. Everyone seemed to dig a little deeper this year, making it a very good year. All together, Local 652 collected \$10,454. With Local 602 collecting \$10,052 and Local 1753 collecting \$1,629, that brings this year's total to \$22,135. Great job!

Don't forget the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's Winterfest, to be held again at the Ramada Inn in Grayling, February, 17-19. With ice fishing contests, Bingo, games for the kids and the indoor swimming pool. It will be fun for all, so come out and join us. For reservations, call the Ramada Inn at 989-348-7611.

This is the time of year to enjoy your families and friends, so may your holidays be blessed. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

## Our new path

Those of you who have read my articles over the last few years shouldn't have to guess at my level of disappointment at the outcome of the recent Presidential election. It is hard for me to swallow that a man who repeatedly spoke in ways that were full of misogyny and bigotry is now President of the United States.

But I have faith that America and the majority of the people living here have no desire to return to a time when a person's gender, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation made them less of an American. Contrary to what many of the one-percenters believe, what makes America great is not free markets and unrestrained capitalism, but the market place of ideas that can only exist in an open and free society such as the U.S.

For now we are headed down a road, it might not be the road I would choose, but it is the road we are on. All we can do as Americans is speak our minds, debate ideas, try to combat hate with compassion and remember that as much as anything this country is founded on the idea that we have the right and privilege to speak our minds.

I would ask that during this holiday season we remember those less fortunate than ourselves and take the time to enjoy the privilege of being Americans. Happy Holidays.





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

## Local 602 open house

We will have our holiday open house on Friday, December 23. This is for active and retired members and their families.

Breakfast will be served 5:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Lunch will be served 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. at the Local 602 Union Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48917.

Join Local 602 in celebrating the holiday season with food, fun, and fellowship! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Hope to see you there! You may phone 517-372-4626 for information.



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

## Happy holidays!

The hustle-bustle of the holiday season is upon us and winter is finally here. As many of us hibernate inside during the winter months, we have the opportunity to reflect upon all of the wonderful things in our lives for which we are blessed and for which we are thankful.

Please keep in mind those that may be less fortunate this holiday season. Volunteer opportunities, food and clothing requests are abundant at many community organizations, such as the City Rescue Mission, Volunteers of America, local area food banks, etc.

You may also call 2-1-1 to ask for suggestions regarding the needs of different organizations. They will help match your blessings of gifts/food/dollars to an agency that is in need as well as give you a location for the organization if you are dropping off your gifts.

Let us hope and pray that 2017 will be a much happier and more prosperous new year for all of us to enjoy.

**Local 4911 donates \$5,000  
to new cancer center**

UAW Local 4911 is pleased to donate funds for one of the most exciting building projects under construction at Sparrow Hospital – the new Herbert-Herman Cancer Center. The construction of the new \$64 million Sparrow Plaza is located across from Sparrow's Main Campus and will also adjoin Sparrow Professional Building (SPB). Within the Sparrow Plaza is the location of the new Cancer Center which will be twice the size of the current 28,000 square foot Cancer Center.

Three specialized linear accelerators will be utilized for radiation therapy treatments of cancer patients. The process of treating a cancerous tumor is to customize the radiation beam to the tumor's shape thereby limiting the surrounding

tissues exposure to any unnecessary radiation damage. To plan an accurate dose of radiation to a cancerous tumor and deliver the radiation treatment requires the expertise of many professionally trained, specialized caregivers – doctors, physicists, dosimetrists and radiation therapists.

As a former radiation therapist at Sparrow, I can attest to the fact that along with our medical expertise, there is a very special quality that the caregivers possess: an abundance of compassion to address the emotional state of their patients as well.

A typical radiation treatment course may last 4-6 weeks. During this duration of time, a patient and their doctors, radiation therapists, nurses and ancillary care givers develop a very special bonding experience. Because of the medical expertise and level of compassion, it is not surprising that hundreds of people a day choose Sparrow for their service provider in cancer care.

A multidisciplinary approach to patient care is currently in use at Sparrow Cancer Center. However, the new Herbert-Herman Cancer Center will offer the community a more convenient cancer center which takes into account the patient's needs and the patient's convenience for managing their daily treatments, multi-doctor appointments, etc. Patients will also have convenient access to additional features, such as; a pharmacy, lab, dietician, social workers, resource center, genetic counseling, palliative care specialists, and retail space is planned for a hair and breast prosthetics salon.

The installation of 40 infusion pods will treat nearly 1,500 people who visit Sparrow for chemotherapy and specialty infusions annually. A beautiful rooftop garden area will also be constructed for viewing pleasure while patients are receiving treatments in the infusion pods.

The pavement in front of the new building has an under-concrete heating system so icy driveways will not be an issue for patients being dropped off or picked up. Patients will also be able to conveniently park in the new 600 space adjacent parking deck.

As you drive down Michigan Avenue at Sparrow's main campus, you may wonder what all the construction fencing and barricades are protecting. It is the location of the new Sparrow Plaza which will house the new cancer center and serve the community's cancer needs in an improved, convenient way. The grand opening of the new cancer center is scheduled for mid-2017.

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

## Tax help from United Way

If you make \$62,000 or less the United Way sponsors a FREE software website by H&R Block that you can use to prepare your Federal and State taxes online. The following was taken from the Capital Area United Way website.

Welcome to MyFreeTaxes. Visit <http://www.unitedway.org/myfreetaxes/> in January to start filing your taxes for free.

### Tax Preparation Checklist

Use this list to help you get organized to file your taxes — either online or in person. Note: If you're getting free help filing your taxes in person (at a VITA site, for example), bring photo identification and a Social Security card for each adult in your household.

#### Step 1: Gather your documents

W-2s for each job held in 2016 for each person in the household. This form reports your name, wages, and other tax information to the IRS.

1099s showing other income (unemployment, social security, school loans, health care reimbursement, state tax refund, gambling winnings, contract work) that is reported to the IRS.

1098s showing payments you've made (school loans, property tax).

1095-A if you received credit from the healthcare.gov marketplace.

Income/interest statements received for any savings account/investments.

Bank account numbers: a voided check or your bank or credit union's routing number and savings or checking account number for your refund to be deposited automatically into your account through direct deposit.

Last year's return (if you have it).

#### Step 2: Collect information for everyone in your household

Name and taxpayer number as they appear on the Social Security Card (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number letter (ITIN) for you and all dependents (including children and elderly relatives for whom you provide care).

Date of birth and relationship (son,

daughter, mother, etc.).

Current address (it may be different from the address on your employment records).

#### Step 3: Gather additional items to get a larger refund

Childcare expenses: name, address, Tax ID or Social Security Number of the child care provider.

Business expenses and assets: if you're self-employed or have a small business

College: loans and/or scholarships received, and bills for technical/community college or university (Forms 1098-T/1098-E).

Educator expenses for teaching grades K-12 (school supplies and materials used in the classroom).

Charitable donations: list of contributions and amounts, receipts for contributions over \$250.

Vehicles: vehicle sales tax, personal property tax statement for each car you own, total miles driven for the year and/or total miles driven for business.

Renters: amount of rent paid (in some states).

Homeowners: mortgage interest statement (Form 1098), real estate taxes paid, Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2016.

Retirement/IRA: amount contributed to an IRA and total value as of December 2016.

ITIN: if you need to apply for an ITIN for yourself or a family member, find out what other documents you need to take with you when you get help filing your taxes for free.

#### Step 4: File your taxes for free through MyFreeTaxes.com

70% of U.S. tax filers qualify to file state and federal for free with MyFreeTaxes. The service is brought to you by United Way, and powered by H&R Block. For your protection, keep any forms used to prepare your taxes and a copy of your return for seven years. This information will make it easier to file your taxes next year.

If you prefer not to do your own tax preparation you can dial 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment with an IRS Certified volunteer preparer. Central Michigan 2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that helps people across North America find the local resources they need. They're here for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Holiday Wishes

My sincerest wish is that the members of the UAW, and especially the members and retirees of UAW Local 652, have a very Merry Christmas and a truly blessed New Year. May you receive everything you desire, but more importantly, everything you truly need, for they are never one and the same.

### Breakfast with us

GM salary, hourly & skilled trades Retirees' Breakfast, last Wednesday of the month, 7-9 am at Guerrazzi's Restaurant on Business 27 in DeWitt Township. Phone 517-374-6456.

### NEW TO LOCAL 4911 RETIREES

Monthly meetings at 1010 River Street, Lansing, MI 48912 at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of every month (Light refreshments served)

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and best wishes  
for a wonderful  
Holiday Season  
and a very  
Happy New Year.  
– UAW Local 602  
Leadership*



***Local 724's  
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wish you  
Happy Holidays  
and a Prosperous New Year***



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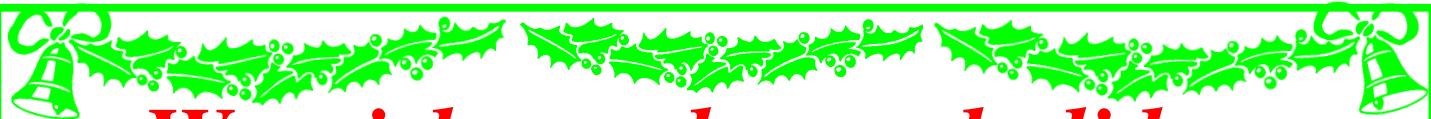
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*We wish you happy holidays  
and a bright new year!*

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Jake Jacobson, AI Unit Chair



*From the officers and unit chairs of the  
GM, GM LOC, YFAI, Ryder, and AI Units of  
UAW LOCAL 652*



Local 652 officers and members were among the UAW members in the Lansing area who collected money for the U.S. Marines' annual Toys for Tots drive. Shown here, left to right, are: Recording Secretary Scott Lounds, Committeeperson Martin Young, GM Shop Chair Ted Krumm, Gunnery Sergeant Dan Hubbert, President Mike Green, and Committeeperson Keith Cannon. Our thanks to all who participated and donated.

Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas  
and  
a New Year  
filled with Peace and  
Happiness  
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## Local 602

*"There's more, much more to Christmas*

*Than candle-light and cheer;  
It's the spirit of sweet friendship.  
That brightens all the year;  
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,  
It's hope reborn again*

*For peace, for understanding  
And for goodwill toward men."*

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

This is the time to pray for unity among all backgrounds and ages, and to celebrate religious freedoms as our Creator has instructed us.

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

In Solidarity, Love, Peace & Justice,  
Marta Bobillo



Mike Bauer

## 652 retirees

Seasons Greetings to all. 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 usually cards, starting at 10:00 a.m. (But note that by membership action, the **December 27** cards are cancelled.) Participants bring your own snacks. **If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Card game will be cancelled.**

With another year coming to a close, take time to reflect on all the things you are grateful for in your lives. The next few years will be tough, politically speaking, and it is important to not let it get you down. With that in mind, Happy Holidays to everyone. Make wonderful memories with friends and family. We'll see everyone back in the new year.

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)

Laura Clark

## 1753 retirees

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we made it through the most grueling 18 months in political history. Congratulations, though a majority of the folks are not feeling like winners. I think the best quote of the season was that he may not be good for the nation but he is great for CBS. I am paraphrasing here, but you may agree it was a lot of TV coverage that the other 25 or so candidates did not enjoy.

Review and restructuring is always talked about after any election but this one was so bad, I feel we should all work for change. Many people could not even watch the news in their own living room.

I've always thought equal time for each candidate (even those little parties) would be the American thing to do. One idea could be a platform talk on PBS. All the presidential candidates could speak for, say, 20 minutes. The Senate and Representatives maybe 15 minutes, the rest of the Supervisors, Trustees, Commissioners and Prosecutors lesser times for smaller jobs right down the line. No interruptions, no posturing, just their position on their platform. That way you could look up races of personal interest to you and not the others. That would allow the big corporate news to go on with entertainment news coverage, which seems to be their favorite.

At the time of this writing they were still counting the votes, so I can only speak to the last few times that a candidate won the electoral college but not the popular vote. In 1824, John Quincy Adams; 1876, Rutherford B. Hayes; 1888, Benjamin Harrison; and 2000 George W. Bush. That's four times, some people say five, with the four-way cluster that Woodrow Wilson and the others shared in 1912.

As a group I think we are smart enough for each person to cast one vote and that your driver's license and/or state issued ID should be your registration. Think how easy it would be to vote by mail, no worry about hanging chads or a computer hacking of your vote. Oregon, Washington, and Colorado have been voting this way for a while with no problems; their clerks count it once and they're done. Do you have better ideas, please talk to your Representative.

The Halloweenie Roast happened and both shifts enjoyed deluxe dogs or coneys to taste (since they fixed their own) plus chips, pop and candy treats. We were very lucky with all our volunteers in the plant and of course our retirees Nancy Munchbach, Dennis Slowinski and I. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

Point of interest for Star Wars fans: there will be a fundraiser for Freedom



Farms on Saturday, January 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. At VFW 4090 at 1324 East Bridge St, Portland 48875. Questions, call Nancy at 517-566- 7380

Also another fundraiser is the Festival of Trees, happening at the Turner Dodge House, Dec 3 through January 3. Hours are Saturdays 12-8; Sundays 12-6; Tuesday-Friday 10-5. Holiday family fun.

Our December meeting was not a meeting, it was a party! The annual 1753 Christmas Open House. I can't think of a group more deserving to have a party. The Local paid for pizza, drink and treats. Merry Christmas!

Lois Schultz

## 1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.

I would like to honor my good friend Chairman Curtis Dunn, who passed away on October 31. He was 88 years young. We were his union family. He leaves his wife Connie; they have always been best friends with an unselfish love. He loved to cook and did the retirees' luncheon and for family and friends. He also loved to bowl was part of a team at Royal Scot. He was always happy to see us all. He truly cared. He was special to many people and we will miss him greatly.

Years ago when walking in the mall I asked Curtis to come to the retirees meeting and he did and has been there ever since, cooking and caring. Many came to say good-bye to him and he would have been proud. Condolences to his wife Connie, family, and many friends.

Condolences to the families of: Carl Stump, who passed away in August. He lived in St. Johns and leaves his wife Shirley. Also to the family of Jack Callahan from Evert, Michigan, who passed away in August and leaves his wife Lois.

Don't forget our retirees meeting and potluck, every second Wednesday of the month, except August, when we have the area luncheon.

At Christmas time we help many. So remember our neighbors if they need a helping hand. The Rescue Mission needs lots of thing, including: men's razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex packs or boxes, nail clippers, Men's undershirts XL-2XL, women's socks, and underwear for women, girls and boys.

Thank you, Jean Caudill, for the hats and mittens you make. So glad you are back in Michigan.

On our sick list: Mel Place got a knee replaced. He said it hurt! Have you talked to Big Ben Alen?

Lois Callander is at her daughter's in Bath after a hip operation after she fell.

Now that the election is over, we know we must all stick together as Americans do. As Tiny Tim always said, God bless everyone.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. I won't be at the Christmas luncheon as I am going to Omaha, Nebraska for a wedding on the 10th. See ya in 2017 and I will tell you all about it. Till we meet again, keep smiling.



## 602 Obituaries

Linda Binkele – Mother of Duane Binkele, Body Maintenance  
Joseph Brown – Father of Erik Spenny, GA Final 1, third shift  
Steven Cambric – Retired  
Robert R. Casler – Retired  
Lloyd E Christian – Retired  
Harold L Drake – Retired  
Ronald R Feltman – Retired  
Kay Fennema – Mother of Kevin Hoezee, Materials Trim, third shift  
Amanda Goodknecht – Daughter of Donald Goodknecht, Materials Body/Paint  
Murita Grindey – Mother of Laurie Polglaze, Body Sides  
Sybille A. Kurlinski – Mother of Ken Kurlinski, GA Quality Control, third shift  
Reina C. Mazzoni – Retired  
Duell L. Mead – Father of Nick Mead, Materials Trim  
Sharon R. Mead – Sister of Nick Mead, Materials Trim  
Lawrence Meirndorf – Retired  
Morgan Morgan III – Stepson of Damon Harper, GA Trim, third shift  
Paul Ramey – Father-in-Law of Bryan Clinger, Body Maintenance  
Ron Romanowski – Retired Material Control  
Carol Salisbury – Wife of Warren Salisbury, Retired  
James Schneider – Retired  
Lawrence C. Scott – Retired  
Howard Scutt – Retired  
Jerry Strachota – Father of Dennis Strachota, Paint Maintenance  
Eva Thompson – Retired  
Audley L Tissue – Retired  
Dwight L. Williams – Retired  
Wayne M Wolan Jr. – Father of James Tate, Body Maintenance, Skilled Trades, second shift  
Daniel T. Stine – Retired  
Douglas N. Wilcox – Brother of James Wilcox, Skilled Trades  
Margaret A. Annekeller – Mother of Mark Keller, Retired  
Thomas Belen – Retired  
Robert L. Densmore – Retired  
Connie Swander - Retired  
Note: Here is a correction that we missed in past issues. Our apologies. Norma Villegas, Retired Paint and wife of Ramon Villegas, also from Paint, passed away earlier in the year.

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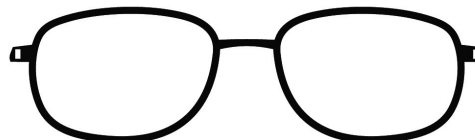
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