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LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman,
President



I would like to thank everyone that took time on Election Day this year to go out and vote! Along with Gretchen Whitmer winning the Governor's race and Elissa Slotkin's win to help take back control of the US Congress, 85.2% of our local endorsed candidates won their elections. Candidates that our Capital Area Cap Council along with the Lansing Labor Council questioned and interview, making sure that they support labor and are looking out for our best interests before we endorse them.

Don't forget the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club Winter Fest this year, held at Grayling Ramada Inn February 15th 2019– 17th 2019. There will be lots of fun for the whole family. And also there is the winter picnic on February 19th 2019 at the VFW Hall in Bradenton FL., look for more details on these events in this paper.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your families and friends during your time away from work.

LOCAL 1753

Yvonne Vincent,
President



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope the holidays find you all well. I would like to thank everyone who took advantage of their right to vote in the midterm election. We now have some union friendly/ aware candidates in office.

Our national contract resolutions were due December 4th. The ones our Local voted to submit are on their way to the International Union. Contract negotiations are not easy. GM never just gives you anything "out of the goodness of their heart" or because "it's the right thing to do". Please hear me when I say "This will be a hard one." Not that there ever was an easy one, but with plants continuing to get work outside of America, we have to continue to do a good job at work and be smart about future things. I would also like to say thank you to the union brothers and sisters that helped us get every benefit we have now. When we look out for each other we are a stronger union.

If you want to show your union pride, t-shirts are now available for pre-order. Images can be found at the union hall or on the



UAW Members from around Lansing raised money for Old Newsboys through the sale of The Lansing Spoofo Journal. Old Newsboys helps area kids who need shoes and boots.

UAW members raised over \$15,000 and counting

Photo courtesy of H. Foster

union communication boards. Please turn in the form to the union hall or the wooden box leading up to the union offices with money in an enclosed envelope.

Also make your way to the communication board if you have served in a military branch of service. We are trying to update our name plaques to honor your service but need you to fill out the list on the board.

Thank you to the Toys for Tots Marines for helping to collect and the Members for their generosity. The Old News Boys also appreciated everything you were able to give.

Have a Happy Holiday and Please look out for one another. There is strength in Solidarity.

Election Notice

UAW Local 2256

Vice President

And

Alternate Chairperson

See page 5 for details

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1618, 1753 and LAFCU
HOURLY AND SALARY

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February 19, 2019**

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online at

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LOCAL 602

Bill Reed,
President



UAW Local 602 will be celebrating 80 years of history in 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our retirees for your commitment and sacrifice in paving the way for our future and for your continued contribution to the local and it's standing in the community.

In an effort to preserve our Local's history we have been working on locating items from our past, so we are asking for your help. If you have something you would like to contribute, please let us know. We also need help identifying people in some of the pictures that were taken long ago.

We will be having our annual Holiday open house December 21st. Stop by for fellowship and food starting with breakfast at 5am – 8:30am and lunch from 3pm – 6pm.

As we celebrate the Christmas season this year, our hearts turn towards the spirit of giving. We spend time with families, hold close to tradition and take time to reflect on our year's successes and failures as we eagerly await the freshness of a new beginning come January 1.

May your Christmas holiday be filled with cheer, warm memories, and happiness.

In Solidarity

LOCAL 724

Todd Collins,
President



Tis the Season

With the Christmas and Holiday Season is in full swing I wanted to take the opportunity to wish all of our Members at UAW Local 724 and their Families a Happy Christmas and New Year's. I also would like to thank all of our members who came out to vote in the November Mid-Term elections. A record number of voters exercised their right to vote and that is very en-

couraging considering the current political landscape in our country.

On a very positive note, 85% of the Lansing Area CAP Council endorsed candidates were elected. A big thank you goes out to our CAP Board for all of the screening efforts that went into the endorsement process.

With the recent announcement of the GM Grand River Plant going to one shift in January and the announcement that GM will be closing plants, and layoffs will be taking place, it's important to remember how this will impact UAW Members and their Families. In 2008-2009 the American public, and UAW Members, helped save the Auto industry. Since that time the industry has realized record profits. All the while still exploiting the workers who gave the company those same record profits.

Our payback, as American Citizens and UAW workers, from the Big Three has been to build plants outside of the US, take the Corporate Tax Break and layoffs.

On a more positive note on Behalf of the entire Executive Board of UAW local 724 and all of our Members I would like to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

"May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility." - Mary Anne Radmacher

LOCAL 4911

Derrick McDuffey,
President



On Friday, November 30th, Local 4911 came to a tentative agreement hours before our contract expired. I want to congratulate the members of the bargaining team for the hard work and many hours at the table, which paid off for our members. I am hopeful

that we are moving toward a ratification.

On another note, as we move into the holiday season, Local 4911 is active in a number of charities in our community. The closest one to my heart is the Old Newsboys. This year we partnered with Sparrow and sold the paper inside the hospital, which brought awareness for the need of shoes and boots to families in our community.

With that said, Happy Holidays!

LOCAL 602

Steve Delaney,
Vice President



Before the "Sit Down" strike of 1937, when GM finally recognized the UAW, there were some noteworthy events that paved the way to unionization and collective bargaining. In 1935, the First Constitutional Convention of the United Automobile Worker was held the same day President Franklin Delano Roosevelt formed and appointed three members to the National Labor Relations Board. The National Labor Relations Act had been passed by Congress to further collective bargaining. The primary objective of that Act was to prohibit employers from interfering with the self-organization of their employees.

Meanwhile, back at the first Constitutional Convention, there was an address by Mr. Charlton Ogburn Attorney and Counselor at Law. He told the attendees that he felt there was no greater labor problem in the United States than the one in the automobile industry. He encouraged the assembly to choose their representatives wisely. He said this was because the selection of representatives for collective bargaining was the first step. The last step was the signing of a contract. He told of an example he used while making an argument before the National Labor Relations Board. He referred to the selection of representatives for collective bargaining as comparable, for instance, to the selection

by two countries of representatives that fix a border dispute. For example, long ago there was such a dispute between the United States and Mexico as to what was the proper boundary. A conference was held and the United States went with a commission appointed to represent it. The commission was fixed in their mind where that boundary should be. On the other hand, Mexico was not sure. One party in Mexico wanted one boundary. Another party wanted something else. The contesting groups in Mexico each sent their own commission. The disadvantage the Mexicans had was because the United States was unified and had their mind made up where the boundary should be.

Similarly, the automobile manufacturers went on record as saying they do not want the automobile industry organized. They had, however, created in the automobile industry, "company unions." Therefore, there was a battle looming between the industry and the workers. Industry, it seems, fully realized what all commanders in warfare in the past have realized, as Napoleon well illustrated in his campaigns, that the way to defeat an enemy was to divide that enemy into various groups.

The workers will not succeed in collective bargaining until they can present a unified front and sit on the same side of the table, where-as the management will be on the other side of the table.

It is amazing how this message from 83 years ago is still relevant today.

I would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe Holiday. In Solidarity, God bless you all.

LOCAL 652

Ben Frantz,
Vice President



I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and are poised to celebrate a wonderful Christmas season. It is a great time of year to catch up with family and reconnect with loved ones and even yourself.

As you are reading this, it is doubtful that the news of General Motors North American downsizing has escaped your periphery. As this news continues to flow, I hope it drives a serious notion home. Family is the most important thing in our lives; not our careers, positions or even aspirations. Corporations have a need to run more and more efficiently with greater profits regardless of their product line or purpose. This need has no basis upon classic consumer request nor what the market deems necessary but merely because Wall Street and their stockholders tell them. They must in order to stay in their good graces. Corporations have lost their way when it comes to “the customer is always right”. Now, “the customer will get what we can provide, the leanest and at the lowest cost so our shareholders don’t dump our stock”. It doesn’t have the same ring to it, that’s for sure.

This is why family must be our top priority. Becoming a “dad” is the greatest job that I have ever been able to attain. I love the challenges my career has presented me thus far and I even get excited about what the future holds in the next decade plus of my working career but then that will end and I will enjoy, god willing, a relaxing retirement enjoying what will never end, being “dad”.

That is why during this season of thanks and family, I ask you to take stock and remember why we all work. The old adage “I work to live, not live to work” needs to strike a chord with us all and get us back to what matters, which is family. I work with passion and driven direction alongside the greatest team anyone could ask for and we all work hard towards making our community better and improving the working class but after our time has come and gone other great leaders will take up that mantle, and I will still be Dad! My sons, Carter, Matthew and Drew will always be my greatest accomplishment. That being said, I did not become their “dad” alone! My greatest blessing in life has un-

doubtedly been my wife Kristin. She made the life I am blessed to live possible. You didn’t think I could talk about being “dad” this whole time without giving credit to the one person who made it all possible, did you? Kristin has been my rock, my best friend and the boot in my behind when I needed to step up. The motley crew that I have just introduced you all to is my family. The reason for this season, and all seasons for that matter, for whatever our working future brings our way, our families will always be there until the end. Corporations and careers have difficulties just as our families do at times. Just remember the twists and turns that Corporations put us through is for their bottom line without any regard for our time or us. The twists and turns we go through for our families will always benefit the ones we love and that is the only bottom line. So, during this season of thanks and praise, from my family to yours, I pray you have a Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe Holiday Season.

LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard,
Fin. Secretary



Happy Holiday to all. Passing along information I thought you may like to purchase to make your holiday a “Union Made” holiday. It's not too late yet to find that per-

fect holiday gift that carries a union label. Below is a wide range of gift possibilities, from clothes to games to sports equipment and more, made by union-members across the country. This list is compiled from Union Plus, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor's resource site, Labor 411, the AFL-CIO Union Label and Service Trades Department (UL&STD) and the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers (BCTGM) website. Check them out for even more gift ideas.

Apparel and Accessories

- Carhartt
- Filson clothes and bags
- Garnier Fructis hair care products
- Joseph Abboud
- Nunn Bush shoes
- Phillips-Van Heusen
- Red Wing Shoes
- Winston Leather
- Wolverine boots

Games and Toys

- Boggle
- Candy Land
- Clue
- Connect Four
- Cranium
- Easy-Bake
- The Game of Life
- G.I. Joe
- Heroscape
- Marvel & Disney toys and games made by Hasbro
- Memory
- Mousetrap
- Mr. Potato Head
- My Little Pony Operation

- Play-Doh
- Rubik's
- Sorry
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Tinkertoy
- Tonka
- Transformers
- Trivial Pursuit
- Twister
- Weebles
- Yahtzee
- Sports Equipment
- American Athletic gym equipment
- Bell Sports
- Ebonite Bowling Balls
- Louisville Slugger
- Remington Arms
- Standard Golf Company
- Wilson Sporting Goods

Tools

- Armstrong
- Black & Decker Tools
- Channellock
- Craftsman
- Cutco knives
- Klein Tools
- Ridgid
- SnapOn Tools
- Stanley Hand Tools
- Union Tools
- Warwood

Stocking Stuffers

- Rayovac batteries
- Bic lighters
- Allan Traditional Candy Canes and other candies
- Boyer Mallo cups and other candies
- Brown & Haley holiday gift boxes, baskets, tins and packages
- Dare Foods Limited variety of gums, jellies, hard candy and gift tubs
- Frankford Candy & Chocolate holiday candy toys, gift baskets, tins boxes and packs
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- Laffy Taffy
- Linette Quality Chocolates
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LOCAL 652
Scott Lounds,
Rec. Secretary



A couple of weeks ago General Motors announced the closing or idling of 5 plants including 4 in the United States. This came just a few months after General Motors announced that it would build the new Blazer at a plant in Mexico. In an interview Michigan State University economics professor Charles Ballard stated, "investors seemed to look at the moves as good ones." This is just further evidence of the way in which Wall Street has embraced the idea that companies exist solely to serve their shareholders. Under this way of thinking, managers of companies should focus their attention on driving short-term value for those who own stock, and should pay almost no regard to other stakeholders, such as employees, customers, or members of the community. This way of thinking is especially appalling coming from a company

who just a few years ago needed the support of the American taxpayers just to survive.

Now upwards of 14,000 of these taxpayers will be out of their jobs, and communities will be devastated by indirect job losses within the communities as a result of these facilities closing. While at the same time the company will further invest in facilities outside our borders. And the stockholders, apparently, loved it.

In the summer of 2017, the Harvard Business Review published an article arguing that the idea that profits are all that should matter has only been around for a few decades. They trace it to writings by the free-market economist Milton Friedman, where Friedman outlined what he called the "Friedman business doctrine," which holds that ideas of corporate social responsibility, which had become popular in the business world, were undermining the American way of life. That's right, the doctrine stated that showing concern to the communi-

ty, your employees, or anyone but Wall Street was undermining America. It seems strange to me because, aren't communities and working people what makes up America?

Part of the issue is that stock owners have no public accountability for what the company does, and no responsibility, to place the company's interests above their own. In the past most stock was owned by individuals who were looking for long term dividends and on-going value from their investments. But now institutional investors and hedge funds are looking for short term profits and a quick jump in stock prices.

So, the fact that, as Professor Ballard pointed out, "investors seemed to look at the moves as good ones," is not exactly an accurate predictor of whether the moves were good ones or not.

The problem comes down to the difference between wealth, which is defined as an abundance of valuable material possessions, and prosperity which is the condition of being successful or thriving, especially economic well-being. What stockholders want is wealth, personal wealth, which does virtually nothing for the country or society. Somewhere along the line is seems that we as a culture have lost sight of the importance of plain old prosperity. Where families can prosper, maybe not be rich, but prosper and find their way through the world with enough money to raise their kids and have a good life. With GM's actions a lot more families in places like Warren, Hamtramck, Lordstown, and Baltimore have had the prospect of prosperity ripped away.

But hey, at least Wall Street liked it.

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LOCAL 724
Deb Abent,
Fin. Secretary



Happy Holidays

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Each year our Holiday Tree of Warmth has been a big success because of all of you, so we need all your donations again this year to provide our families in need with new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to put on the tree. We will get these gifts to the needy people in our community.

Please drop off your items from December 3rd thru December 21st at Local 724 Union hall during these hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or drop at your worksite.

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

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

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith,
Fin. Secretary



The Spirit of Christmas

Thank you to everyone! It amazes me how much giving is in the UAW and especially the folks from Local 652! This time of year is about sharing and you folks have done it again. Gate collections for Toys for Tots and Old Newsboys are a huge success year after year. Adopting families for the Holidays, clothing collections for any number of agencies, food drives. The sharing never stops!

Take a second this Holiday Season and thank your co-workers, families and friends for everything they do and give yourself a big pat on the

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back! While we may never know how much our generosity means to the recipient's, you can rest assured that it creates a million smiles and warms a ton of hearts! Bless you all and Merry Christmas!

Déjà Vu All Over Again-

Once again our term limited "friends" in the State House and Senate are up to their regular tricks, trying to tell their electorate that they know better than we what is good for us.

The lame duck session is hard at work gutting the minimum wage and the paid sick leave laws that were passed just before they were put to the voters as mid-term ballot proposals. If the issue HAD been approved by ballot it would have required a 3/4 majority to amend. As it stands a simple majority can gut the proposals and that's exactly what's happening.

Interestingly enough, outgoing Attorney General Bill Schuette overturned a longstanding opinion from AG Frank Kelley (1964 opinion) that gives permission to the legislature to amend the two petitions in the same session in which they were adopted. Kelley, in his opinion, stated that adopting a citizen initiated ballot proposal allows it to be amended "at a subsequent legislative session," not in the same session. Kelley believed amendment in the same session would be a violation of the constitution. I don't believe there's a question any longer whether Mr. Schuette uses his office for political purposes. The dots are now connected! A lump of coal for the working folks! How nice...

**Capital Area
United Way**
Dean Poggiali



With the elections and daylight savings time behind us, it is now time to reflect on the season of thanks and family. We all have many issues within our lives that can cause us to deflect our focus on our families, faith, and community. What better time than now to re-energize our commitment to our circle of life.

We had quite a few good successes from worksite United Way campaigns. The United Way campaigns at Kirchhoff and Avancez were over last year. Kirchhoff was over 10% higher than last year. Avancez was over \$1,700.00. Also second visits were held at Bridgewater and Ryder. Results from Blue Cross Blue Shield were very positive as well. Another positive result was from Costco which saw their employee pledges over three times last year's donation.

The local unions portion of the campaign is still going good as well. This year first time pledges were received from the Dakkota & RSDC Units of UAW Local 724. These donations were above and beyond what the worksite pledge drives were.

Along with the campaigns we are also involved in several other areas that will impact workers. With the announcement of the shift reduction at the GM LGR facility, we have or will be reaching out to the suppliers impacted. The Capital Area United Way will be responding to a rapid response request from the state concerning layoffs at the MI State Senate in December.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will be starting to schedule appointments for income tax program. In some cases the service can be free. Call 2-1-1 to see if you qualify and if so to schedule an appointment. They are still looking for volunteers for the income tax season, as well. Please call 517-203-5014 or email David Reyes at d.reyes@micauw.org for more information.

This also is the time to help those in the community with our Toys for Tots & Old Newsboys collections. These efforts have been part of our community outreach for decades and continue to impact untold numbers of families. Please consider a donation if possible.

May you and yours enjoy the peace of time together. In closing a quote from the legendary UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden:

It's amazing what you can accomplish when no one cares who gets the credit.

NOTICE NOTICE

UAW Local 2256 – Unit of BCBSM
Election and Nomination Acceptance
For the positions of:

1-Unit Vice President, 1-Alternate Chairperson

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from January 7 – January 11, 2019. Letters to be dated no later than January 11, 2019 and sent to one of the following Election Committee Members:

Vickie Montgomery - Chair
Christy Jones

Campaign time frame is scheduled January 22, 23, 24, 25th 2019

Election will be held
****JANUARY 31, 2019 ****

10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location – Lansing Office, 232 S. Capitol Ave.

Run-off Election date set for February 14, 2019

No Absentee ballots

**Sparrow
Health System**
Claire Corr



Happy Holiday from Sparrow!

First, I want to thank everyone who participated in and/or donated to the Old Newsboys Spoof Journal Sales Day on Thursday, December 6. I traveled around mid-Michigan for 18 hours and saw many of you hawking the Journal, asking for donations, and making donations. You have no idea how much this means to the children of Greater Lansing. Last year, the Old Newsboys was able to help just under 7,000 kids with purchasing new shoes or boots. We want to do more this year and we need your help. Since the sale of the Spoof Journal comes to an end for 2018, you can continue to donate throughout the year by texting SHOES to 517-208-2788 (if you are UAW Local 652, text BOOTS; if you are UAW Local 602, text KIDS). You can also tell your friends and families to donate. You can tell someone you know about the Old Newsboys and how we help school-aged children in and around the city. Every little bit

adds up! Our goal is \$173,000 for this year and we hope to surpass this figure. We have raised more money than last year at this same time, but we can never take that for granted. We will announce the amount we raised on January 7, so stay tuned. Here is a touching story about how we make a difference with shoes:

A volunteer told me a story about children he helps through the Advent House Ministries. This is a weekend day shelter for homeless or those of limited resources. The church which houses the Advent Ministries helps kids go to camp. Each year, the children show up with nothing, so everything must be provided; i.e. clothes, toothbrushes, shoes. The gal who runs the camp helps the kids get the necessary items to attend camp. Once dressed and ready to go, the kids begged her to take pictures of them in their new shoes, but only photos of the shoes, not full-body pictures. She said "what, you want a picture of just your new shoes?" She obliged and took pictures of the shoes. Off to camp they went. As they arrived at camp by bus, each child got excited and began taking their shoes off. The camp director said, "why are you taking your shoes off?" the children quickly replied, "we don't

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

Randy Freeman, President

Ben Frantz, Vice President

Scott Lounds, Recording Secretary

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary



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



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



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***Warmest thoughts
and best wishes
for a wonderful
Holiday Season
and a very
Happy New Year !***

***UAW Local 602
Leadership***

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**



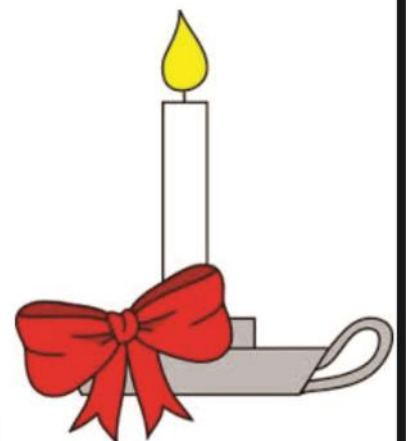
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Happy Holidays
from
UAW Local 1753

*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
filled with Peace
and Happiness*



UAW Local 4911

want to get our new shoes dirty!”

Let that sink in for a little bit. These kids didn’t want to get their new shoes dirty because they didn’t know when the next time would be that they received new shoes. The small things we all take for granted are so very important to others. Please give back this holiday season and after the holidays. The giving season may end after Christmas, but the need only increases.

My only other report is Sparrow has chosen Dennis Swan’s replacement. They have announced the new President and CEO of the Health System. His name is E. W. Tibbs. It’s kind of ironic how his first initials match those of Sparrow’s founder, E. W. Sparrow! His full name is Emory Wayne Tibbs and he comes to us from Virginia where he was President and CEO of a health system of 8500 Caregivers, just like Sparrow. Let’s show him a warm Region 1D welcome to the Greater Lansing area.

In Solidary and Wellness

LOCAL 1753

Laura Clark
Retiree



Hope you enjoyed the fall that flew by. Did you get to go to the last September, October, and November meetings? Great lunch, whether having old favorites like Mancino’s or our new favorite, Swedes. We had asked Swedes for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and fixings. Not only did we get turkey but ham also! We had a fabulous dinner and great pies from the Grand Traverse Pie Company. We also did a little business. We presented the Region 1D trip, Mystic, Foxwoods and the Newport Mansions. Having been on one of the Region 1D trips, I can tell you that they are a lot of fun. This one is from May 4-9, 2019. If interested, call Connie Garner-Dunn at 517/323-2146.

The Lansing Labor News comes out 4 times a year so we wanted to address everyone and not leave anyone out. This is hard to do as some

are off the grid and others just forget to update their addresses with Nancy who can be reached at 517/484-7408 for updates. Leave your information on the answering machine and Nancy will either get back with you or make the change of address or add it to the LLN distribution if you leave it for her.

The Veterans Chili Cook-Off was this year’s annual fund raiser held at Local 652 and supported by all including our own Local 1753 Secretary, Mandy. It was once again funded through the Veteran’s Committee. There were so many cooks in the contest. Some people upped their game this year. Mandy was still able to take 4th place without a side dish. It was so nice seeing our folks out and about at the Chili Cook Off, phone banking or walking in contested districts. Good Job getting out there.

President Vincent came to one of our meetings and reminded us to use the UAW GM Legal Services: 1-800-482-7700. She said they were told that it is an underutilized service. Now that it is back please make those wills, check those contracts and make sure of the fine print. If you don’t know, ask the lawyer who does.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you from the Retiree Executive Board and myself.

Obits: Johnnie Montgomery and Nancy M. Stone.

LOCAL 652

Mike Bauer
Retiree

Happy Holidays 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

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.

The January 1st bingo is cancelled.

White Shirt Day is February 11, 2019, in Flint, at Local 659.

Spring Euchre Tournaments will be held in Wyoming, Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Wyoming, on April 12, 2019, at Local 167. The second tournament is in Saginaw, on April 19, 2019, at Local 467. The third tournament will be in Lansing, on April 26, 2019, at Local 602. The fourth tournament will be in Flint, on May 3, 2019, at Local 659. 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. If you enjoy euchre come join in. There is no cost to play.

Region 1D Travel Committee is having a trip to Mystic, Foxwoods, & The Newport Mansions in May 2019. The trip is scheduled for the week of May 4 - 10. Contact Diane Bauer (517) 627-5895 or Connie Garner-Dunn (517) 323-2146 for a Lansing bus. Final payment is due by February 20, 2019. Reserve your seat now. A Branson trip is in the works for December 2019 for their Christmas show. More information will be available soon.

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

LOCAL 602
Marta Bobillo
Retiree



Greetings sisters and brothers:

We had wonderful elections results this November, the majority of our UAW endorses candidates got elected, thanks to the hard work of our members that knocked doors, passed out flyers and our retirees that tirelessly did phone banking, we have a Governor and representative that will work for betterment of working families, thanks again.

To my phone bankers; This year have brought us many challenges in our country and we still don’t know from one minute to another what’s going to happen with our unstable president and his administration that does not have the best interest of retirees, unions, human rights and everything we stand and fought for.

From my family to your families I will like to wish everyone Merry Christmas full of, love, health, happiness, family time, and most of all a blessed new year. Please remember to be nice to each other because we never know when we see someone if that’s the last time we see them.

Love, peace and justice,

In Solidarity,

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1618, 1753 and LAFCU
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February 19, 2019**

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Barbara Riggs – Aunt of Francis
Pratt

Jose Ruben Ruiz – Retiree, Broth-
er of Roberto Ruiz, Grandfather of
Marisa Toomey

Mary Thrash – Spouse of Al
Thrash

Lynda Marie Wall – Spouse of
Robert “Rob” Wall

James E. Ware – Driver at Ryder

Billie Jean Weaver – Spouse of
Ken Weaver

Lupe “Anita” Wheaton – Spouse
of Nelson Wheaton

Thank-You’s received from the
following:

The Jim Jesselaitis Family

The Jeffrey Layman Family

The Dave Thelen Family

The Lynda Wall Family

The Dorothy Osborn Family

Local 1618 Obituaries

Harold L. Doolittle, passed No-
vember 27, 2018 at age 78.

He Retired from Plant 2, Weld
Fabrication.

Our Sympathy and Condolences to
his friends and family.

UAW Local 602 Obituaries

Norma J. Black – Retired

David Bermudez – Retired

James Frank Look – Brother of
Laura Hansen, Active, Body Shop
Doors

Katherine Ann Bosworth – Mother
of Kremen Bosworth, Active,
Paint Shop Electrician

Thomas White – Father of Jason
White, Active, GA Final 1 and
Father of Eric White, Active, GA
Chassis 1

Frank B. Washington – Retired

Donald Hude – Father of Jeff
Hude, Active, GA Final 1

Barbara Stark – Wife of Roger
Stark, Retired

Edwin L. Banner – Retired



Photo courtesy of D. Fox

Kenneth E. Beatty – Retired

Teresa Boyer – Mother of Jennifer
Rowden, GA Trim 3

Robert K. Joppie – Retired

Ernesto Cena – Retired

Sandra Irene Slee – Wife of Lynn
Slee, Retired

Norma Jones – Mother of Darwin
“Curly” Jones – Retired

Darwin “Curly” Jones – Retired

Terry A. Konsdorf – Retired

Bryan L. Clinger – Active, Body
Maintenance

Ora “Tony” A. Henslee – Retired

Daisy Dorothy Wilcox – Wife of
James Wilcox - Retired

David J. Thompson – Father of Da-
vid J. Thompson

James F. Adair – Retired

Marvin G. Belcher – Retired

Howard A. Houghton Jr. – Retired

Steven Garza – Retired

William L. Imel Jr. – Retired

Matilde R. Silvas – Retired

Baby Grace Pendelton – Mother of
Vivian Burnette

Bernice Vealey – Mother of Tracy
Putman

Raymond M. Gregory – Retired

Kathleen A. Fox – Wife of James
Fox

Jimmie Kostal – Retired

Gloria Ann Lane – Wife of Joe
Lane, Retired

Mary E. French - Retired

Demetrius McKnight Jr. – Son of
Angelia D. McKnight

Kosta Andreau – Retired

Leonard D. Satterly – Retired

Ernest M. Greenblatt – Retired

Robert J. Atkinson – Father of John
W. Atkinson, Quality GA

Joseph M. Croyle – Retired

Beverly Diann Renyolds – Wife of
Richard Reynolds, Retired

Vicki S. Britton – Retired

Eula Smith – Mother of Albert E.
Smith, Quality GA

Duane A. Hagerman – Retired

Frank R. Stone - Retired

Daisy Mae McGary Hall – Mother
of Robert J. Hall, Retired

Beva Lee Smith – Grandmother of
Nick Smith, Active, GA Trim 3

Lynn A. Carroll – Retired

Georgia A. Vroman – Retired

Judith A. Lepard – Retired

Garth E. Williams – Retired

Doyle R. Maxey – Retired

Jonathan Brown – Retired

Earl Trainor Jr. – Retired

Local 652 Obituaries

Freddie C. Bean – Retiree

Michael J. Brady – Father of Mike
Brady

Christopher Rea Buxton – Son of
Gerald Buxton

Spencer Carroll – Retiree

Mary Durham – Spouse of Al
Durham

Clinton Echols – Father of Sharron
Echols

Donald C. Hicks – Retiree

Donald Hude – Father of Jennifer
Barrett

James “Jim” Jesselaitis – Mill-
wright Team Leader at Lansing
Grand River

Michael R. Johnson – Father of Ty-
ler Johnson

Robert W. “Bob” King – Retiree

Leo Kosloski – Retiree, Brother of
Jack Kosloski

Loraine Larkins – Mother of Patri-
cia Haindel

Jeffrey “Jeff” Layman – Team
Member at Lansing Regional
Stamping

Robert Lischkge – Retiree, Brother
of Charles Lischkge

Christopher Litwiller – Son of Lor-
raine Payne

Kathleen Ann Nevins – Mother of
Brandon Nevins

Dorothy Lee Osborn – Mother of
Ric Osborn

Toys for Tots and Old Newsboys were generously supported by UAW members



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Lansing's tradition of raising money to provide shoes and boots for deserving schoolchildren began around 1910 when truant officer George E. Palmer established the Palmer Shoe Fund.

In 1924 the Old Newsboys Association, led by its first president R. Guy Brownson, was organized to assist in the efforts begun by Palmer. The Old Newsboys cooperated with The State Journal and the Lansing Capital News to publish and sell a spoof newspaper during a one-day fundraising drive. Clergy, educators, businessmen, politicians and other citizens joined in the effort.

Since 1932 the Lansing State Journal has printed the humorous tabloid annually hawked by Old Newsboys on streets and in workplaces throughout Greater Lansing.

A Michigan Historical Marker in Wentworth Park honors the Old Newsboys.



Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which donates toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major William L. Hendricks.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, a 501 charity located in Triangle, Virginia, serves to fund, raise funds for, and support the program.

Toys for Tots began as a Los Angeles charitable effort in 1947. Hendricks was inspired by his wife Diane when she tried to donate a doll to a needy child but could find no organization to do so. At her suggestion he gathered a group of local Marine reservists, including Lieutenant Colonel John Hampton, who coordinated and collected some

5,000 toys for local children that year from collection bins placed outside of Warner Bros. movie theaters. Their efforts were so successful that, in 1948, Toys For Tots was launched as a national campaign. Hendricks used his position as director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio to enlist celebrity support, as well as have Walt Disney Studios design the red toy train logo.

Until 1979, Marine reservists (frequently in their dress blue uniforms) and volunteers would collect and refurbish used toys. In 1980, only new toys were accepted, as reservists were no longer able to dedicate drill hours to refurbish toys, as well as legal concerns and the mixed message of giving hand-me-downs as a message of hope.

In 1991, the Secretary of Defense authorized the creation and affiliation with the non-profit charity foundation. In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Noting in 1996 that many communities did not have a Marine reservist presence, the commander of Marine Forces Reserve authorized Marine Corps League detachments and other local organizations to fill the gaps in toy collection and distribution. In 2009, the program received support from Michelle Obama, who placed the first collection box at the White House.

As of 2009, the Toys for Tots Program and Foundation have collected and distributed almost five hundred million toys.

Mission

The mission of the program "is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted."

The stated goal is to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

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