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UAW members at the Women's March on Washington on January 21. Left to right: Bobbie Ledesma, 602 Women's Committee Chair; Anita Dawson, Region 1D Women's Council Chair; and Marta Bobillo, 602 Retiree Chair.

February is Black History Month

There will be a number of events relating to this theme in the Lansing area. We wanted to point you toward these in particular:

The 2017 **Taste of Black History** at Local 602 on Saturday, February 18. It will feature Professor Griff from Public Enemy and the Black History 101 Mobile Museum.

The **Local 652 Black History program** on Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Local 652 hall. With keynote speaker UAW International Assistant Director of the Civil and Human Rights Department Melvin Coleman.

"**Blood at the Root**," a play for those who like their theater to pack some punch. Presented by the MSU Theatre Department, February 3-12. See theater.msu.edu for performance info, and google it for the American Theatre site's fascinating article on how the play came to be.

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UAW LOCALS 652, 602, 1618,
1753 and LAFCU

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**Tuesday,
February 21, 2017**

In Bradenton, Florida

American Legion
Kirby Steward Post
2000 75th Street West
(Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.)

Register at 11 a.m.

Eat at Noon

Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. For information, call Jere Auvenshine at (517) 626-2398 or Larry Miller at 941-746-6968 (home) or 941-920-2988 (cell.)

A leader sorely missed

By Mike Green
President, Local 652

Here is an article from the *Lansing Labor News* archives, dated April 18, 1968. This was shortly after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was written by Local 652 member Grady Porter.

The nation mourns the untimely death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but America is a much better place because he lived. And the principles of love and nonviolence which were a part of his life will live forever.

His great love for people, his belief in equality, justice, brotherhood and dignity for all men gave hope to all men, and especially those who are oppressed.

I was privileged to have known the entire King family very well, having been a close and personal friend of his uncle, Joel L. King, who for eight years was a minister in the Union Baptist Church in Lansing. During this time the Reverends Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. visited Lansing and we became close friends.

During the first mass demonstration in Washington, D.C., I accompanied the Rev. Joel King to the nation's capital and attended, as a guest, a banquet given by the India delegation honoring Dr. King.

Deeply Honored

Yours truly was deeply honored, as well as grieved, to have been invited to join the bereaved family at the funeral. I also expressed the personal condolences of my local union, Local 652 UAW.

Labor also lost a great friend and leader. Dr. King had addressed many of the UAW National Conventions, and every Civil Rights Conference held by the UAW. When the assassin's bullet

struck, he was [trying to help] organize the sanitary workers of Memphis, Tennessee.

Dream

Never before in the history of a nation were so many people, great and small, important and insignificant, affected and stunned by the death of a single man.

I stood at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1963 and heard this man with a golden voice proclaim, "I have a dream." In this dream he envisioned a world, especially an America, where love, justice, brotherhood and dignity for all men would reign.

Weep Together

In Atlanta, Georgia a week ago, I saw a part of his dream come true. I saw white and black weep together. I saw white and black holding hands and marching together. I saw whites comforting and wiping the tears of black faces, and I saw black people comforting and wiping tears of sorrow from white faces.

I saw 250,000 people in solemn respect to a man who had given his life for the cause of love and freedom. Greater love hath no man than this when he will give up his life for a friend.

Christ preached love, turn the other cheek, patience, brotherhood, and justice for all—and they killed Him also.

His death made this world a better place to live.

Editor's Note: Grady Porter, in addition to being a Local 652 member, was a veteran of the European campaign in World War II. However, he is best known for being an Ingham County Commissioner for 24 years. In 1992 the Ingham County building at 313 W. Kalamazoo Street in Lansing was named the Grady J. Porter Building. Perhaps more UAW members will take his example and run for office—and be elected!

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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 3 or check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's website or Facebook page

New legal services plan

The new Legal Services Plan is called the UAW-FCA—Ford-General Motors Legal Services Plan ("Plan"). Effective Wednesday, January 25, 2017 the Plan will begin taking new cases.

A new case can be opened by calling this toll-free number: 800-482-7700.

Eligible participants in the Plan will include active and retired UAW-represented employees at FCA, Ford and General Motors and their surviving spouses.

What legal services or matters will be covered by the Plan? The Plan will offer an "office work" benefit, which will provide services for the following types of legal matters:

- wills and trusts
- powers of attorney
- purchase or sale and other uncontested issues regarding residential real property
- deeds
- uncontested family matters
- credit reporting
- contracts for goods or services
- residential leases
- birth or marriage certificates
- 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.



Recapping our local's year

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I know most of us only had the weekends off. All the same, it was with family and friends.

If I may, I would like to recap some of the events that took place at our local in 2016. And thank all the members that helped make them a success. And all the members that came out and supported the events.

Thanks to Yvonne, Nancy, Laura and Dennis, along with Mandy and half of first shift's maintenance crew, our an-



Local UAW members, including many local union officers, were at the plant gates and other locations in December, collecting money for the Old Newsboys' drive, which raises funds for warm clothes for children who need them. Here are shown some of the collectors at the main LAFCU office.

nual Halloweenie roast went off without a glitch. And from the feedback (no pun intended), everyone had enough to eat while enjoying lunch with friends. Great job!

Let's not forget the Chili Cook-off. The money generated went to support the vets. Thanks, Mandy, for planning such a fun event. I don't even know how to begin to thank Bob Davis for all the hard work and dedication he so willingly volunteers to the Veterans Committee.

During this election cycle, many of our members involved themselves or volunteered to participate in political rallies. Others manned the phone banks. Your time was not wasted, for you cared enough to get engaged and make a difference. I applaud you.

Our standing committees have been involved serving the communities of Lansing. They helped ensure that many needy children heading back to school had backpacks filled with school supplies. When asked, our members donated gifts of time and money so children would have new coats and boots. And presents under their Christmas tree!

Your generosity even reached our neighboring community, Flint, in her time of need.

We really accomplished a lot in 2016. Looking forward to another great year with UAW Local 1753, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish this year!

Doing for others

As we embark on a new year with some uncertainty for the direction of our country, we must be ready to face any challenges that may occur. Regardless of your selection of candidates, it is important that we are members of the human race first and foremost and must continue to strive for the common good.

Speaking of the common good, we had some wonderful results from some Local 724 outreach efforts during the holidays. The Local 724 total from the



Old Newsboys efforts was over \$2,800!! This includes the Local 724 donation, several Unit donations, and the facility collections.

All the Units did fantastic with their collections at the doors, but one worksite needs to be specially recognized. The Delta Dental Unit collected over \$700 this year from union and non-union employees. They have consistently achieved fantastic results and we applaud their efforts.

The annual Toys for Tots collection was again a rousing success. With several units taking action to purchase donations, along with those dropped off at the hall, the small meeting room was like the Toy Department at Meijer with all the donations. The IMPCO Unit also conducted a door collection that generated around \$200.

We would also like to thank our neighbors at UAW Local 652 for helping us with the delivery of the toys to the warehouse. I was on the mend, as I had carpal tunnel surgery, and was not able to navigate very well.

The Holiday Tree of Warmth was also overwhelmed with donations of hats, mittens, scarves, etc. We have had retirees drop off donations which are handmade and greatly appreciated. We also received a donation to purchase some additional items that was also put to good use. Thanks to Local 724 Financial Secretary and Women's Committee chair, Debra Abent, who spearheaded this effort and made sure they passed on to the Highfields organization.

With the reduction of the third shift at the GM-LGR facility, the impact at this point is completely unknown. Although several of our Units have a supplier relationship with the LGR and LDT facilities, in many cases they also utilize temporary employees. The collective bargaining agreements spell out the laying off of these employees first before any bargaining unit members. We sincerely hope that this will be short in duration, but we will continue to monitor the situation.

That being said, we still have some collective bargaining agreements that will either expire, or in the case of our two new Units—Faurecia and Kirchhoff Van Rob—still need to negotiate for a first agreement.

2017 also brings the triennial elections at Local 724 for Local officers and

Unit officers. The Local 724 Election schedule will be posted in the worksite bulletin boards as well as the Local 724 hall and the Lansing Labor News print edition and website. If you are considering running for either a Unit office or Local office, either speak to your Unit Chair or call the Local.

By the time this edition has reached you, the nation would have honored the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King was a man who always strived for the common good for all of society. His words have inspired many for decades. If ever you have an opportunity to visit his memorial in Washington, DC, stop and take in the aura that is there by the monument. People pose for pictures, stop to reflect on his words, say a silent word for peace and are moved by the presence of a great American. My wife and I have had the opportunity to visit there on several occasions with some of our grandchildren. I hope that when they get older they can do the same and reflect as we did.

On that note, here is something Dr. King so eloquently spoke in 1957 to a group in Montgomery, Alabama: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" The world is better place because of him and we must get back to his mantra and do for others.

Moving into 2017

By the time you read this, the Christmas holiday has passed and we will have celebrated the 2017 New Year. As we move into 2017, let's hope for a brighter and secure future.

All of us at Local 724 would like to thank everyone for their donations, along with special thanks to Nicholas Lumsden for his generous donation to the Tree of Warmth. Our Holiday Tree of Warmth was a success; the hats, mittens, scarves and gloves will be given to the community for those in need.

Local 724 held the annual Children's Christmas party for its members on December 4. The party was wonderful, the families had a nice time, and the children saw Santa Claus. They had many activities to participate in, and received a present from Santa. There were lots of smiling faces, and this year we added gift cards for the adults. Needless to say, this event is not possible without the help from Local staff, officers, and local members and their families.

And big thanks to Santa. He was a hit, and he does carry a Union card!

The Local Toys-for-Tots drive was a big success this year. Thanks to Huntsman, Impco, Alliance, Bridgewater, and Woodbridge units as several boxes were filled. Thanks for all your time making sure the children received toys.

So as we continue in the 2017 year, let's still remember to buy American and buy union. We still have many of our sisters and brothers out of work, so let's continue to help our own and make 2017 even more successful.



LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman, Vice President

Coming events

It will be a challenging year for all of us, so we need to stick together and support each other as union brothers and sisters.

There is a new phone number for the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan. Effective Wednesday, January 25, 2017



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It's not too late to make plans for this year's Winterfest in February. This annual event is sponsored by the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club. The dates are February 17-19. With ice fishing contests, Bingo, games for the kids and let's not forget the indoor swimming pool. It will be fun for all, so come out and join us. If you would like to make reservations, call the host hotel, the Ramada Inn at 989-348-7611. Hopefully the ice will hold up.

Everyone's looking forward to the Florida picnic in Bradenton again this year. It will be held on Tuesday, February 21. This is for UAW Locals 652, 602, 1618, 1753 and LAFCU, both hourly and salaried employees. As in recent years, it will be at the American Legion Kirby Steward Post, 2000 75th Street West (Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.). Register at 11 a.m., eat at noon. Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. For information, call Jere Auvenshine at (517) 626-2398 or Larry Miller at 941-746-6968 (home) or 941-920-2988 (cell).

Save the date: Sunday, February 26, 4:00 p.m. will be the Local 652 Black History program, at the Local 652 hall. With keynote speaker UAW International Assistant Director of the Civil and Human Rights Department Melvin Coleman. It should be a great evening shared by all.

LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Last words on the election

Democrats! Please tone it down a little bit! We had our chance – we didn't finish the race! I know a lot of dirt was thrown on the track towards the end and our nominee couldn't overcome it, but the race is over!



As much as it may pain me to say it, Donald Trump IS the President of the United States.

It's time to suck it up and accept the facts. The democratic process was followed and that's the important lesson in all of this. The same process that has been used in this country for hundreds

of years has given us a result. That process is the key. It's what makes our country what it is!

I don't care about Wikileaks or Russian hacks or locker room talk or income tax returns. The process was followed, a winner was declared and we move forward, although I pray that we never have to suffer through another election cycle as distasteful, disgusting, distracting and divisive as this one has been. This wonderful nation deserves so much better!

Now, with that being said, Donald Trump was not my choice for President, BUT I WILL HONOR AND RESPECT the office of the President of the United States. Which means I WILL honor and respect President Trump. He deserves no less.

Please, fellow Democrats, don't demean the office because of the man. We demean ourselves and our party when we resort to that type of behavior. No matter your beliefs, we all must be for the office and institution of President of the United States. That is what makes us great again!

Don't forget the Olds Outdoor Club Winterfest event taking place February 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, 2560 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738, contact info 989-348-7611. It's good fun with good people! You'll be glad to be a part of it.

LOCAL 652

Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Civility and discourse

Each of us knows, works with, maybe even loves people who hold a different political view than we ourselves hold. Sadly, it has become harder and harder in this country to find people of different viewpoints who are willing, or able, to have an actual discussion about the division in American politics. Instead of a discussion everything seems to be a rage-filled monologue.



The sides seem to have drifted further apart, the proverbial aisle getting wider and wider, more difficult to reach

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LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Walk for Warmth

The annual Walk for Warmth will be held on February 25, 2017 at the various Capital Area Community Service locations in the Clinton, Eaton, Lansing, Rural Ingham and Shiawassee Counties. This program allows 100% of the donations to go towards heating assistance for families in need.



Walk for Warmth is a volunteer community effort to assist low-income families with their heat-related utility bills. WALKS are sponsored by Capital Area Community Services, Inc. (CACS), in the City of Lansing, Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, and Shiawassee Counties the fourth Saturday in February each year.

How Are Funds Raised?

Most funds are raised by individuals requesting pledge sheets from CACS and asking their friends to make pledges. Pledge donations of \$5 or \$10 add up quickly. Contributions can be made at any time by businesses, groups or individuals. Checks should be made payable to CACS Walk for Warmth and mailed to your local CACS Service ACCESS Center.

Many of our friends and neighbors are still struggling to meet their basic needs due to the lack of living wage jobs in our community. Although there are no immediate solutions available to resolve this crisis, you can help by joining us to raise funds to assist your friends and neighbors. The WALKS have helped many who would not otherwise have had assistance.

How Can You Help?

By agreeing to experience what it feels like to be COLD for one hour this Winter, you can help people in your Community so they do not have to be cold in their own homes.

Ask friends, neighbors and co-workers to walk with you or sponsor you in the next WALK.

Offer to be the "Designated Walker" for your company, church, organization or neighborhood.

Walk the 1 to 3 mile fixed route in the community nearest to you (Lansing, Charlotte, St. Johns, Mason, or Owosso).

How Are Funds Applied For?

Applications are available at any of the CACS Service ACCESS Centers or Senior Offices in the four county service area and the City of Lansing. Eligibility for utility assistance requires participation in an energy education workshop prior to payment.

Walk for Warmth funds will be used to assist with paying bills, for match to secure State and Federal funds, to provide Energy Education, and to provide referrals for Weatherization.

Here are the locations of the access centers:

Clinton County Service ACCESS Center
1001 S. Oakland Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
989-224-6702

Eaton County Service ACCESS Center
1370 N. Clinton Trail
Charlotte, MI 48813
517- 543-5465
or 482-3005

Lansing Service ACCESS Center
1301 Rensen Street
Lansing, MI 48910
517-393-7077

Rural Ingham Service ACCESS Center
218 E. Maple Street
Mason, MI 48854
517-676-1065

Shiawassee County Service ACCESS Center
1845 Corunna Avenue
Owosso, MI 48867
989-723-3115

LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Planning for Social Security

Are you planning ahead for those "golden years" of retirement? It pays to begin the re-

search now to determine what age is suitable for you to retire from your employment. Many people are depending on Social Security to help ease the burden of financial woes during retirement years.



How do you qualify for Social Security retirement benefits? By earning "credits" when you work and pay Social Security taxes. If you were born in 1929 or later, you would be required to have 40 credits (10 years of work) to receive retirement benefits. Currently, about 10,000 people reach retirement age daily. You have the ability to view many sources of retirement publications and information on the following websites or choose to join 14 million people who have opened a personal mySocialSecurity account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

For the average worker, about 40 percent of your pre-retirement income is replaced by Social Security. The website www.socialsecurity.gov/retire has a retirement planner for your use to

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Local 602

Greetings my Union brothers and sisters! Happy and prosperous New Year from my family to yours! 2016 was a very divisive and difficult year and we've lost a lot of people that we loved.

As a Union activist, it is time to shake off the past and get back on our feet to make a change. It is time to go forward, fighting for our benefits, rights, civil rights, everything our founding fathers and sisters have worked hard for. It is critical that we do not forget what was fought before us, and we should always remember that an injury to one is an injury to all. We need to get strength from our differences to make us a stronger Union. Going back to our grassroots with boots on the ground, and we are prepared to be on call for our Union.

We are approaching our General Elections of the Local 602 this spring. As retirees we can run and vote for any position with the exemption of bargaining. That being said, let's get going and make a difference for our elections!

Also, as for our elections for the retirees E-Board: nominations will be the day of our May meeting and Elections will take place during our June meeting.

Last but not least, thank you to my retirees, E-board and active members for all the support I have received from you this past year. Our 602 staff has been wonderful, keep up the hard work! I hope to see everyone on the third Wednesday meeting of this month at 12 pm. If it's possible, dishes to pass would be great to follow our bingo.

With love, peace and justice, in solidarity—Marta Bobillo



Robin Frucci from LAFCU welcomed Local 602 members to the 2016 Florida picnic. We look forward to seeing them again this year on Feb. 21.

reservation for the first week. For the second week, contact Linda Francis (810-423-8661) or Diane Bauer (517-627-5895).

The Region 1D Travel Committee also has an Alaskan cruise August 19-26, 2017. Contact Joe Couturier (810-743-9943), Stan Marshall (517-899-1921), Mary Duncan (810-787-6705) or Linda Francis (810-423-8661) for more information.

The VEBA Trust will be holding a Medicare meeting at Local 652 on February 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Euchre Tournaments will be held in Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Saginaw on April 21 at Local 467, 2104 Farmer St. The second tournament will be in Lansing on April 28 at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint on May 5 at Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke Rd. All tournaments start at 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to sign in and get seated so the games can start on time. You do not need a partner to play. You are welcome to play at all the tournaments if you like.

White Shirt Day is February 10. Sit Downers will be honored at Local 599, in Flint, starting at 11:00 a.m. Local 599 is located at 812 Leith St, Flint, MI.

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

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.

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

Happy New Year everyone.

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 Region 1D Retiree Travel Committee has a Myrtle Beach Show Trip in October. There are two buses leaving Flint and two buses leaving Lansing the week of October 1-7, 2017. There are also two buses from each location the week of October 8-14, 2017. For Lansing buses, contact Connie Dunn (517-323-2146) or Kathy Sain (810-736-2524) for more information and to make your

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Hope you are all enjoying the new year! By the time you read this we should have already watched the peaceful transition of power from one party to another. This equality and fairness as well as many other high ideals are what make this a great country that others look up to. These are good traits that we can strive to keep.

Now that the new year is here, a reminder for new and old retirees: elections will be held in April or May. Think about it. We would love to have you run and join us, please come to a meeting. As you may remember, the local buys the main dish and a side dish and you bring a dish to pass.

Lunch is at 12 noon, we have coffee and donuts at 11 a.m., our meeting follows lunch. There you may pick up a stamped calendar. Thanks to our wonderful e-board, who had a stamping party for both retirees' and active workers' calendars. They are available at our meetings, the second Thursday of the month.

The retirees also keep a phone book. The local can't give out your phone number, only you can by writing it in the book. This is only for other retirees.

We have other resources for you, like a UAW file concerning your estate papers. Also a national identification program kit.

The retirees meetings are for you; they can be as fun or as informative as you want. We usually have a benefit representative at every meeting to help you through the red tape.

At the last meeting we announced the next UAW trip to the Myrtle Beach Show Trip and Charleston, SC. Also, the explore Alaska trip. Paperwork was handed out to all the folks. You can tell us where you would like to travel.

Announced at the meeting, the annual Capital Area Community Service's Walk for Warmth. The funds collected go to utility bills. This year's walk will be February 25. For questions, please call 203-5027.

At our regular meeting on February 9, we're going to do a soup lunch in honor of the sitdown strikers who sat down all those years ago for us. It'd be



nice to have a variety of soup, since that's probably all they could afford when they were on strike. Bring your favorite. We'll have apples, too.

Good news, the UAW/GM Legal has given us a new number for the end of the month; it is 1-800-482-7700

Obits: Geneva Hodge, Tom Gilmore, Burt Bohnett, Marcellus (Mark) Love, Mike Miller, Sally Siebert, Lynn Sedelmaier, William (Andy) McFarlan and Hal Andrews. Remember, I can only report the Obits that I hear about, I'm in the book.

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.

It hope it's fine in your neck of the woods. December weather was bad, couldn't even go to Omaah. Canda would have had an extra driver, but they backed out.

Local 1618 and the area retirees council went together to purchase a brick to honor Curtis Dunn at the sit-downers memorial in Flint.

Joe Sagy says the lawyers are coming sometime, working on it.

If you are interested in a trip, we will have lots to choose from: Myrtle Beach-Charleston, North Carolina, October 1-7. Alaska in August. Connie Dunn is waiting for your call at 517-323-2146. She is a good organizer.

Region 1D's meeting at 9:30 a.m. Will then have a sit-downers luncheon at 11:00 a.m. It's at 812 Leith Street in Flint.

The menu for our February 11 meeting will be soup and salad in honor of the sit-downers. We eat at noon. Bring yourself and friends and a dish to pass. What fun you'll have. We'll play Bingo and we have a new machine that makes it easier on those who have to carry it. We're not as young as we once were, that's why we need you younger people to come. We don't bite!

Hanna Fox is our new retirees chair. Welcome, we know you'll do us proud.

On our sick list: Connie Gauss with knee trouble. Judy Hunt went to emergency with a bad case of pneumonia.

Birthdays: Bud Miller, Jim Anthony, Ester Renault, Marvin Baker, Michael Tousley, Linda Burns.

Condolences to the family of Richard Kline on the loss of his brother.

Condolences to the family of Benjamin Allen, who passed away on December 22, leaving his wife Joan. He was Big Ben to me, a good person to all. We will miss him.

Condolences to the family of Dora Eva Behl. She worked at Bingo.

Does anyone remember John or Paul Adams? They worked at Plant 2 in the 70's. They were both electricians. If you do, please call Andy Schmichle at 417-459-7168.

Phone numbers to remember:

Lois Schultz: 517-543-5385.

Joe Sagy: 800-282-6513 or 517-372-7201

Hanna Fox: 517-719-4559

I hope the new year is good to you. I pulled something and am recovering from that, so be careful out there!



UAW Locals 602 And 2256 Present

2017 Taste Of Black History

Black History 101 Mobile Museum –
(An Award Winning Collection Of Over 5,000 Original Artifacts Of
Black Memorabilia)

Keynote Speaker:

Professor Griff (From Hip/Hop Group Public Enemy)

Saturday, February 18, 2017

1:30 pm

UAW Local 602

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UAW LOCAL 602

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

4:30 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD

6:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

There will be nominations and election for the UAW Local 602 Election Committee for the two-year term from March 2017 through March, 2019. The UAW Local 602 Election Committee consists of 15 members and 6 alternates. The Election will take place during the General Membership meeting.

UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE
LANSING, MI 48917
517-372-4626

Nomination and Election Notice

UAW Local 2256 - Accident Fund Unit

Nominations

Nominations will be accepted February 8–February 14, 2017 for the following positions:

1 Unit Chairperson	1 Guide
1 Unit Vice Chairperson	1 Sergeant-at-Arms
1 Recording Secretary	5 Stewards & 2 Alternate Stewards

The term of office will be three years. In the Steward race, alternate positions will go to the two (2) runners-up in the order in which they finish.

The Unit Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and three (3) top vote-getting Stewards will also serve as members of the Bargaining Committee. The Bargaining Committee Alternates will be the next two (2) highest vote getters in the Steward race.

All members in good standing for one year are automatically nominated for all offices. Those who wish to accept the nomination should indicate their intentions in writing and give it to an Election Committee member (Tina Smiley, Susan Anderson, Wendy Graham or Kifara Rodgers).

Nomination forms must be received by the end of the business day February 14, 2017, after which time no candidate will be allowed to add or remove his/her name from the ballot. Write-in candidates will not be allowed on election day.

Election

The election of Local 2256 Accident Fund Officers and Stewards will be conducted at the date, time, and place indicated below.

Date: February 23, 2017
Time: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm
Place: AF Group - Cafeteria
200 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

All members in good standing are eligible to vote. Members will be asked to present a picture I.D. Absentee ballots are available to members whose work assignment is greater than 30 miles from the Lansing Office or whose work shift does not overlap voting hours. Please contact an Election Committee member for details.

If necessary, a runoff election will be held March 2, 2017 at the same time and location.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 29

A. Philip Randolph Institute - Lansing Chapter

17th Annual

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Time TBD

Local 4911 Election Notice

February 17th – Notice of nomination of Recording Secretary and one Technical Steward at Local 4911, hours between 7am-4pm

February 24th – Election of Recording Secretary and one Technical Steward at Local 4911, hours between 7am- 8pm

March 3rd – Runoff Election if needed at Local 4911, hours between 7am-8pm

NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 724

Nominations & Election of the Election Committee

Nominations for up to nine (9) Local 724 Election Committee members will take place:

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, February 17, 2017.

(Units will conduct their own nominations for Unit level election committee members)

Nomination of UAW Local 724 Officers

Nominations for the offices of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Guide will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, March 17, 2017.

(Units will conduct their own nominations for Unit level officers & committeepersons)

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 38, Section 3 of the UAW International Constitution

Section 3. No member shall be eligible for election as an Executive Officer of the Local Union until s/he has been a member in continuous good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year immediately prior to the nomination, except in the case of a newly organized Local Union.

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

Date: Monday, May 8, 2017

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

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

RUN-OFF ELECTION

(if necessary)

Date: Monday, May 15, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

– UAW Local 724 Election Committee



The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's Winterfest is fun for all ages! Bring the kids and grandkids!

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

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For more information, see Randy Freeman's article on page 3 or check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's website or Facebook page

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across. This divide is driven, at least in part, by factors that have arisen relatively recently. The scariest being the profit that can be made on hate, incivility, and invective.

It used to be that if I was liberal and you were conservative maybe we read a different newspaper, the Washington Post or the Washington Times, the Detroit News or the Free Press, whatever. While the editorial boards of these opposing papers would endorse different candidates and have columnists of different parties and views, basically the news was the news.

Now, people watch different channels, listen to different talk radio, get their news from different internet sources, and in the process get totally different news. On top of that, what was once the purview of the editorial page, and avoidable, is now a nearly unavoidable 24-hour-a-day circus. And this circus drives ratings, and those ratings drive money. That is the politics of today.

The views of Murdoch's Fox News are not just driven by a far-right political agenda, but also the greater agenda of profit. Sadly, intelligent discourse and objectivity in the middle don't drive profit, you have to go hard to the fringes to create passion and fervor. These groups manipulate the foundation of our democracy for personal profit.

This type of media works to widen

gaps and to emphasize the importance of certain values and deemphasize and demean others. Not unlike the way the party that controls both our state and federal governments demeans, even demonizes, many of the values for which the Labor movement stands.

In response we must find ways to have civil discourse, make politics a marketplace of ideas, and not a marketplace of fear and loathing. To engage in civility and reason, one will have to swim upstream against cable news, Facebook and Twitter, but for democracy to thrive its citizens must realize a common ground and be able to engage in civil discourse.

It comes down to the old cliché that I might disagree with everything a person says, but, I believe completely in their right to say it—unlike our new President who wants to change the libel laws so that you can't say it. (Okay, that might be a touch uncivil of me but I'm tryin' here.)

We have to keep in mind that a person's political views are not the totality of that person. In many cases they work, worship, or live where you do.

There is common ground on which to stand, and that is where we must start. In the end it is about striving for a better America.

We in Labor must continue to fight the good fight and continue to beat the drum for a society based on legal and economic equality for everyone. What other choice do we have?

Van Schoick

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answer questions and help you prepare financially for this life-changing decision. (Some financial experts believe you may need up to 70-80 percent of pre-retirement income to live comfortably in retirement.)

In the past, Social Security sent our earnings history in the mail annually. After age 60, you will receive a Social Security statement every year in the mail about three months before your birthday, unless you have a mySocialSecurity account online. Your complete earnings history is shown, which will allow you to verify the accuracy of your earnings. Your benefit amount is based on your *earnings over your lifetime*.

Your actual earnings are adjusted or "indexed" to account for changes in average wages since the year the earnings were received. Then Social Security calculates your average indexed monthly earnings during the 35 years in which you earned the most. They apply a formula to these earnings and arrive at your basic benefit. This is how much you would receive at your full retirement age — 65 or older, depending on date of birth. **Age to receive full Social Security benefits**

Year of birth	Full retirement age
1943-1954	66
1955	66 and 2 months
1956	66 and 4 months
1957	66 and 6 months
1958	66 and 8 months
1959	66 and 10 months
1960 and later	67

NOTE: People who were born on January 1 of any year should refer to the previous year.

Achieving the maximum Social Security benefit would depend upon the age that you choose to retire.

To help you understand how the maximum benefit is calculated, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10070.pdf for an in-depth explanation.

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For example, if you earned \$\$\$ in social security benefits and you retired in 2014:

Retirement Age	Maximum Benefit
62	\$1,992-Reduced Benefit
66	\$2,642
70	\$3,425

Additional sources of information regarding retirement and Social Security:

Frequently Asked Questions website: www.ssa.gov/faq

For retirement benefit estimates: www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator

For information on Special Payments, such as; pension payments, annuities, interest or dividends: www.socialsecurity.gov/hlp/isba/10/hlp-isba063-specpmt.htm

For information on unemployment benefits as earnings: www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/qualify.htm#sb=2

For information on Social Security benefits and military service: www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm

For information on Social Security if disabled: www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dapproval4.htm

57 percent of all Social Security beneficiaries age 62 and older are represented by women. A staggering 68 percent of women are beneficiaries aged 85 and older. There is a site specifically for women at www.socialsecurity.gov/people/women which has information for widows, working women, wives, etc.

If you know anyone that is currently on Medicare, you may be able to help them if they are struggling financially. "Extra Help" with Medicare prescription costs is available if you have limited income (tied to the federal poverty level) and limited resources. To see if you qualify, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp or pass along the website address to someone you can help.

Another website address is www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp or you can call Social Security's toll-free number.

Many people are contemplating retirement and have questions which are unanswered. The websites listed in this article can be used as resources for you to begin your investigation regarding retirement.

Source: www.socialsecurity.gov

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602 Obituaries

Randy Doyen – Active, working on salary (Per Diem)
 Lillis Eileen Cox – Mother of Randy Cox, Retired
 Richard E. Mathias Sr – Father of Pamela Richard, Quality Control Engineering
 Linda Justice – Active, Painter
 Brenda Sabin – Mother of Anthony Casarez, Body/Underbody
 Steven Garcia – Retired
 Frank Bozzo – Retired
 Annie Johnson – Mother of Robert Johnson, Production/Quality Control
 Susano Solis – Retired
 Celine M. Curtis – Retired
 Steven S. Wilborn – Retired
 Hal Andrews – Stepparent of Dustin Burke, Material Final
 Lawrence Evans – Grandfather of Tyiesha Dumas, Body Sides
 Shantell Walker-Cook – Daughter of Doris L. Walker, Retired
 Clyde H. Gee – Retired
 Lloyd B. Service – Retired & Father of Lloyd K. Service, Quality Control GA, third shift.
 Deborah A. Peake – Retired
 Douglas E. DeRosia – Retired
 Almeletta Brent – Mother of Jacqueline Brent, Paint Top Coat Review
 Corey Michael Taylor – Son of Aaron VanAntwerp, GA Production
 Lillie Wells – Mother of Victor Wells, GA-M-Doors
 Robert Thomas – Father of Kenneth Thomas, Production GA
 Linda Badgley – Mother of Darrell Bradgley, GA-M-Doors
 W. Madge Cowles – Mother of Ann Hansen, Materials Trim
 Edwin Vargo – Retiree
 Laverne R. Reed – Retired
 Pearl Cornett – Retired
 Allen D. Smith – Father-in-law of Matt Newman, Skilled Trades – Maintenance GA
 Nelda Noe – Mother of Keith Noe, Retired

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Ofelia Arias – Mother of Abel Arias
 Marion Birchmeier – Mother-in-Law of David P. Thelen
 Ivory Boatner – Mother of Israel DeGree
 Debra Burke – Sister of Willie and Terrance DeBerry, Aunt of Tara DeBerry, Cousin of Kwincy and Matthew Smith

Bertha Davarn – Mother of Rick Davarn
 Marguerite Foglesong – Spouse of Arnold Foglesong
 Linda Gailey – Spouse of Robert Gailey
 Donald A. Graham – Retiree
 Tomas L. Herrera – Son of Scott Brown
 James M. King – Father-in-Law of Jeffrey Belbeck
 Frederick “Fred” Kretzinger – Retiree
 Vernon Lance – Retiree, Brother of Ernest Lance and Bernice Chorley
 Lester Law – Retiree
 Daniel W. Miller – Retiree
 Gloria Norris – Mother of Philip Norris
 Gale Payne – Retiree
 Paul Pelfrey – Retiree
 Donald Priestley – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Gloria Sanders
 Thomas Quinn – Retiree
 Robert Rose – Stepson of James Rose
 Martha Swift – Mother of David Swift
 Larry Tissue – Retiree, Father of Julie Luke, Brother of Russ Tissue
 Geraldine Vanderwoude – Retiree, Sister of Mike Meyers
 Rudolph Walley – Retiree
 Charles R. Wassom – Retiree
 Charles H. “Chuck” Wheeler – Retiree, Brother of Jack Wheeler
 Mason “Dutch” Williams – Retiree
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 Scott D. Wohlfert – Son of Keith Wohlfert
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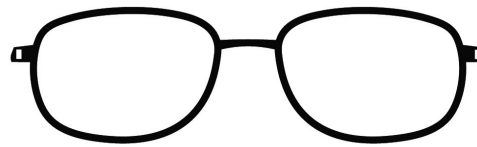
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Geneva Hodge
 Tom Gilmore
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