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Ted Krumm, Local 652's GM Shop Chair, and Mike Green, President of Local 652, and officers took a picture with the entire bargaining team for Local 652. Our congratulations for all the hard work they've done this last year. Pictured is our newest product, American muscle car, the Camaro.

## Good news on new members

By Mike Green, President, Local 652

We're very happy to report our third shift is all in place and all three shifts are now fully utilized. Once again I want to welcome our new hires to the UAW family. We've very happy to report that 100 percent signed up to join the union!

Ted Krumm, Local 652's Shop Committee Chairman, reported that over the last year 1,100 new Social Security numbers were added to our Lansing Grand River plant and Local 652, and that 150 members of 652 retired. Congratulations to all.

### Distinguished Service Award

Have you ever been surprised at an event? Well, add me to the list of being surprised. At this year's Standing Committee Conference I received the "Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award." My immediate thought was that our membership deserved this

award, with your donations and gifts to the less fortunate than ourselves. On behalf of all our membership, I accepted this award. Thanks to each and every one who made this possible.

The 50th anniversary Camaro SS will be the pace car at the Indy 500 this year. We're very happy to be building the new generation of Camaros. I think I might watch this race!

Stay safe this summer and check out the Lansing Labor News website for news and endorsed candidates this year. We will screen any candidate who asks for the UAW-CAP endorsement here locally. The screening process will recommend to our membership in our Region 1D CAP Council area.

These candidates will be asked where they stand on labor issues and if they support issues that are important to labor. We ask our members to vote for them and make our voice heard.



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See election notices on page 5 for Locals 602, 724 & 4911

## Let's ask "What if?"

By Gerald Kariem  
Director, Region 1D

We lost a good FRIEND, GREAT DIRECTOR and HUMAN BEING in Donald G Oetman, past Director of Region 1D. He enjoyed his family, his friends and the UAW. As Walter Reuther once said " There is no greater calling than to have served your fellow man but there is no better feeling to know that you have done it well." Please keep Don's family in your prayers. I will miss him.



As we move closer to the national political conventions for both parties, one thing is certain: one person will come out of each convention as their party's nominee. Regardless of where you were with your personal candidate selection, we all move forward to the general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

And we ask the question "What if?" What if we all came out of the convention in July in full force and agreement that the Democratic candidate is our nominee for the President of the United States?

What if we gave them the support of a Congress that was willing to work with the President to move this country forward instead of being a roadblock for a prosperous nation? And what if we

voted here in Michigan to take back the House of Representatives to level the playing field instead of it being a one-sided decision making process?

Just imagine how we could change some things that affected seniors, children, women's issues, drinking water standards, workers rights, voters rights, civil rights, public education, health insurance, veterans issues—the list goes on and on. What would that look like?

We have a chance to make it happen. Improve the lives of others while helping our own families and co-workers.

Realistically, we have 33 percent that don't feel that way. They believe that voting Republican is the way to go for them and their family. Unfortunately, they don't believe unions should exist, that the employer will take care of me when I'm down. Good luck. Some like the atmosphere of a Trump candidacy. I don't understand that.

I believe we have an educated work force that understands what we as Labor have done to open up opportunities and quality of life standards for them to provide for their own.

We have a rich history of being our brothers' and sisters' keeper as was Don Oetman. Don was always on the front lines with his members fighting the fight. I would hope that in these coming months that we would all volunteer some time to continue to keep this union strong and supporting its Labor-friendly candidates.

## Our Local makes me proud

By Joe Douglas, President, Local 4911

I hope everyone had a safe winter and are enjoying the warmer weather we are having currently. I would like to thank the membership of UAW Local 4911 for their awesome donation of \$1,500 for school supplies that were greatly needed at Averill Elementary School. With all of the cuts to education from the State Legislators, more teachers are having to buy supplies with their own money. Items that you would think should be covered as needed materials to benefit our children are not being made available to them.

I spoke with Mr. Kyron Harvell, the Principal at Averill, and asked him if our Local could help with this problem and he was very appreciative of the offer. I asked for him to send me a list of needed supplies and we would do our best to purchase what they needed. The list included from crayons, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, playground equipment, scissors, play dough, Kleenex, staples, staples, hi-liters, markers, etc.

I then contacted Chris Wilson, the store director for the Okemos Meijer and told him what we were planning to do and asked if he could help us with the list. Chris asked me to email the list and that he would have a few team members gather everything together for us. When I arrived at the store, Chris and his team which, included Kaitlyn and Cindy, had gotten almost everything on the list and had it rung up. We just needed to gather a few more items.

We loaded everything up and brought it back to the Local to be put into bags and dropped off at the school. I contacted Mr. Harvell and let him know that we were able to get everything they were asking for. I also contacted Harold Foster from the Lansing Labor News so he could take some pictures and he graciously accepted and came over on short notice. We met Mr. Harvell on April 11 and he was very excited to receive the supplies that our membership had donated and could not thank us enough. I am very proud to represent such an awesome Local, one who cares about their community. (See page 2 for the presentation to Averill Elementary.)



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

## Inform yourself for the election

Another important election year is upon us and your participation is needed.

The next President of the United States will need to make a crucial decision when appointing someone to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court. Additionally, there are three current justices who are elderly, making it possible that the next President could fill as many as four seats. Depending on which candidate wins the Presidential race, this appointment will in fact either turn around the injustice done to unions and their members, or cause irreparable damage to the cornerstone of their foundation.



Much of our attention is spent making decisions at the last minute and rightfully so. We wake every morning to our daily routine and proceed to tackle the task at hand. Try as we might to plan our schedules accordingly, sometimes just making plans for the weekend is about as far as we get. Sure, we plan for things like car repairs, unexpected bills and other so called speed bumps in life, but are we giving enough thought to the long term effects from those decisions and whether or not they will be detrimental to our quality of life or the lives of our children and grandchildren?

Even though we don't have the power a President has to appoint someone to the Supreme Court, collectively we are empowered to influence that decision by electing the candidate who will have our best interest in mind when that appointment is made. Unlike the President, we may not have the luxury of cabinet officials, each having their own specialty, each an expert in his or her own field, who advise us on what to do, but we have all the information available in order to do the right thing.

We have more information available at our fingertips than any other generation before us. "Googling" or "Googled It" have become commonplace terms for finding information on anything you want to know. Type a word or phrase in the subject line, and you will be inundated with hundreds of thousands of results over several pages. Instantaneous results, along with the comment section, weigh heavily on our opinion of the information's credibility and accuracy.

We have become dependent on the information highway for every aspect of our daily lives. Addresses, business hours, vacation getaways, information on DIY projects and hobby interests are just a few of the items typed into search engines on a regular basis. Statistics show we spend on average 32 hours a month using the internet. A normal internet user spends around 22% of his or her time on line social networking. 21% of our time is spent on internet searches, 20% reading searched content.

As we know from the information above, we spend the second highest percentage of our time on line searching for items of interest. For instance the subject of local, state and national poli-



**Local 4911 recently donated school supplies to Averill Elementary in Lansing. Shown here, left to right: Averill Principal Kyron Harvell, Local 4911 Service Chair Debra Aldrich, and Local 4911 President Joe Douglas. See Joe's column on page 1 for more info.**

tics may not be something you would think exciting to type into a search engine, but having that information provides you the tools to improve your quality of life and the lives of future generations. It may take a lot of work to ensure the information we gather is the truth, but by doing so our decision making becomes easier because we spent the necessary time to be well informed.

The long term security of our job, 401k plan, healthcare, workplace benefits and the like are all dependent on the decisions we make today, decisions that will undoubtedly affect our quality of life. So in that respect, local, state and national politics, should be some of the many words we place in the subject line.

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

## Contract gains and struggles

As we pen this, the sun is shining for at least a few minutes. April sure has been a roller coaster of temperatures, snow, and rain. As crazy as this sounds, we can hardly wait to start cutting grass!



As has been the past history, several Units are experiencing some contractual issues at this time. After several sessions of bargaining the Woodbridge Unit overwhelmingly ratified a new collective bargaining agreement. The membership was able to gain economically and in favorable language. Kudos to the Woodbridge Unit bargaining committee in their perseverance and the membership for their patience.

The IMPCO Unit is currently dealing with some difficult issues in the quest for fairness for their Unit members. The landscape for worker equality and fairness is an indeed a tough road to handle.

Remember, there is a vacancy on the Local 724 Executive Board for the remainder of the current term which will

expire in June 2017. Nominations are to be conducted at the general membership meeting on May 10 at 5:00 p.m.

The Mystic Lake Union Camp Committee (UCC) has been meeting in order to raise donations to send deserving kids to the Mystic Lake Camp. The UCC reviews the applications of kids from union affiliated households and, funding dependent, is able to send them for a week to the camp. Contact Dean at the Local if you would like an application.

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual one-day food drive is May 14. We are asking for folks to place nonperishable items by their mailbox first thing on Saturday morning. Then either your carrier or a volunteer will pick up the items, and then get them to the area food bank or local pantries. Volunteers are always needed to assist that day. The Capital Area United Way is helping with volunteer coordination. Find out about volunteer opportunities at their website: [www.micaaw.org](http://www.micaaw.org)

The Volunteers of America Homeless Veterans Stand Down is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at Lansing's Adado Riverfront Park. This event helps bring needed resources for the veteran who needs a little direction in their life. There will be a variety of services available that day. The UAW has been a major force in both the donation of funds for the event and volunteers. You can also help by collecting personal needs items at your worksite for the event. Registering to volunteer is available through this link: <http://cerv.is/m?0111e>. Or call Volunteer Coordinator Vicky Mollitor at (517) 489-5307. If you collect personal needs items, please contact me at 203-5027 to make arrangements to pick them up.

The water situation in Flint is by no means over, but through the efforts of folks like you the situation is a little better. They still need donations of money versus water and those are being funneled through the United Way of Genesee County. Please let me know if you need assistance with anything related to this.

Everett Henderson, UAW Local 724 Chaplain, is asking any Local 724 member to contact him if you have anything

he can assist with. Everett can be reached by either calling the hall at 517-482-7377 or send an e-mail to [chaplain@uawlocal724.org](mailto:chaplain@uawlocal724.org)

Lastly, the political landscape has been long and brutal. The attacks on working people seem to be nonstop. We do have the great equalizer by expressing our opinion by voting for worker friendly candidates who make impactful decisions on the issues based on thoughts of strong working class values. If you have not registered to vote, please make time to register and then exercise your right.

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

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

## Tips on Personal Savings Plan

Over the past several months, I have been asked questions about the General Motors Personal Savings Plan (PSP) program provides a way for General Motors employees to invest money toward their future retirement. Although I do not represent PSP, I can provide you with some general information.



GM employees can sign up for automatic weekly payroll deductions by calling 800-489-4646 or by going online to [gmbenefits.com](http://gmbenefits.com). This is an all-in-one website for benefits and services for current and retired GM employees. It's easy to get started.

For active employees, begin by accessing [gmbenefits.com](http://gmbenefits.com), then choose "active hourly". Choose which benefit you want to review, in this case "Savings Plan". Two choices will come up. Select "PSP Offerings" to log into the system.

For new users, there is a "register now" tab on the right side of the page. Click here to verify your identity and set up a password.

Once registered, you will be able to access and manage all your GM benefits at this one location. You can obtain information, enroll, or make changes. Simply click on the program you are interested in, and follow the prompts. The GM PSP icon will guide you to the Fidelity Net Benefits site.

How much can you save for retirement in 2016? The IRS has an annual contribution limit for retirement savings accounts, so verify your eligibility for contribution deductibility. In 2016, a person 49 and under can contribute \$18,000 to a 401(k) plan, and a person age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$6,000.

For those who are just starting to save for retirement, there are many options to choose from, and the Fidelity Net Benefits site has a lot of information to help you with this process. You can manage your contribution and catch-up contribution amounts, enroll in a program to automatically increase your contribution amount annually, and roll over money

from an old 401(k) plan to your current plan.

One advantage to participating in the 401(k) plan is tax deferral. You lower your taxable income now and generally don't pay income tax until you take a distribution from the plan, which for most people is at retirement when they are in a lower tax bracket.

Always read plan rules and understand the tax consequences for any savings plan. Like most investments, you could have charges and penalties under certain circumstances. Review each option's fee information and prospectus. Read the fine print.

Consider your risks before investing by accessing resources on retirement planning, investing and other financial topics.

If you have questions or need any assistance, contact the GM Benefit Center-Fidelity at 800-489-4646 to talk with a representative.

## LOCAL 4911

**Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary**

## Union awareness education class

During any given Sparrow Orientation Day, the time slot allowed for the union to present material to new hires is a short duration of 20 minutes.

Due to this fact, I am proud to announce that on April 21 Local 4911 conducted our first Union Awareness Class at Local 602 in Lansing. This educational class will help our new members understand the importance of unions in the workplace as well as provide the history of unionization.

This pilot program, if successful, may be expanded to include any member interested in learning information on union awareness and labor education.

If you are interested in attending a future union awareness class, please give me a call at 372-7201 to express your interest (or email me at [rose@uawlocal4911.org](mailto:rose@uawlocal4911.org)). If we receive a significant amount of membership interest, perhaps this may be an opportunity we offer our members on a regular basis.



## Save the Date(s)

May 7–November 13, UAW Black Lake Campground is open and UAW members receive discounted rates. Call (989) 733-8521 to reserve your site. The address is 2000 Maxon Rd., Onaway, MI 49765.

May 10, 5-7 pm, Free Skin Cancer Screening at Sparrow Cancer Center by appointment only. Call 1-800-SPARROW to schedule an appointment.

May 14, Letter Carriers' Food Drive – place non-perishable foods by your mailbox for pick up.

May 21, 9 am – Run for the Ages is a 5K walk/run/wheel at Hawk Island Park. To register go to [www.tcoa.org](http://www.tcoa.org)

June 12, from 1–3 pm, National Cancer Survivors Day Picnic at the Sparrow Cancer Center Parking Ramp (East end of Sparrow).

## LOCAL 652

**Bob Smith, Financial Secretary**

## A little Trump goes a long way

With the presidential primary season in full swing, I wanted to comment on a strategy that the Republicans, specifically "The Donald," has been espousing recently. It's an idea that's particularly meaningful to members of the auto industry: opposition to trade. On many of his campaign stops, especially in the so-called Rust Belt, he's arguing that America has lost many of its manufacturing jobs because our trade negotiators aren't smart or tough enough to work out shrewd deals with Mexico, China, Japan, etc. He's promising that if he's elected President he'll bring these jobs home, apparently by reopening negotiations and being "more shrewder" than our current negotiators. A lot easier said than done, Mr. Trump. But it is an example of his strategy to win the White House. Find an angry, disenfranchised block of voters and say anything to appeal to them, no substance necessary (and by the way, Trump is not the only GOP candidate to use this tactic)!

Although NAFTA and things like the Trans-Pacific Partnership, now being debated add to the problem of out-sourcing and offshoring our jobs, the simple fact is a company will go wherever they can to realize the most profits. Why pay someone in Michigan a living wage when they can pay slave wages in any number of countries around the world. But headway is being made. Higher wages are being realized by many of these countries, changing the cost balance more in our favor. Along with lower cost energy availability in the US and the advantage of bringing production closer to consumers, over a million manufacturing jobs have been created here in the past six years. Nowhere near our heyday in the '70's, but a step in the right direction. Trump claims he can return many more of these lost jobs by changing trade agreements and tariffs, but with efficiency increases and technological advances many of these jobs will never return.

One claim that is incredibly irksome to me is that he will save the auto indus-



try and restore it to its past glory. The last time I looked he was a few years too late. As a matter of fact, a good percentage of those manufacturing jobs created in the last six years can be directly attributed to the domestic auto industry! AND the people that are most responsible for that success are the autoworkers themselves, the people that took sacrifices during the bankruptcies to insure that there would be future jobs available. AND let's not forget that President Obama stuck his political neck out for us and we should forever be thankful for his courage and leadership during that crisis.

The auto industry is healthier today than it's been in decades and Trump and the rest of the Republican Party can take note of the credit. Trump's anti-trade rhetoric is fear mongering at its worst! Don't fall for it!

## LOCAL 652

**Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary**

## Get out the vote

I was listening to NPR on the way home from work the other day and the results of the New York primaries came on. There was, of course, the usual discussion of the winners and losers, Ted Cruz spinning out some oily excuse of why losing to Trump in New York was okay and actually proved the people wanted him as their next president, and political commentary. But what I found most fascinating was the opinions about candidates gathered from the "man on the street" across the country.

One man in particular stuck out. He was a 69-year-old Trump supporter from Texas. A self-professed patriot and lover of America. A man who has been eligible to vote for about five decades. A man who admits he has never voted in his life. No, not admits, by the tone of his voice, is actually proud to never have voted. What fascinates me is how you call yourself a patriot and lover of America when you have never fulfilled the most important duty of a citizen of this country, the duty to vote.

The revolt against Britain and the founding of this country were largely based on the belief that the people should



## LOCAL 652

**Randy Freeman, Vice President**

## Be a life saver

I was up at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's Winterfest this year, which was held at the Ramada Inn in Grayling. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. But while we were there, one of the little kids had a spell and fell to the ground and stopped breathing. Luckily for him, Local 652 member Matt Bowen was there to step in and take charge. He helped save this little guy's life.

By using life support training that he had received over the years as a volunteer fireman, Matt helped control the situation. We thanked Matt a few different times for all he had done. But it still makes me wonder "What if?"

What if he wasn't there that day? Or what if something like that were to happen to one of us or one of our kids or grandkids when no one is around but you? How would you have handled it?

So I'm going to look at this as an opportunity to update my BLS/CPR, as should you. And if you haven't had Basic Life Support or CPR training, take the time to get some.

The American Red Cross has a weekly or bi-weekly class year-round. You can contact them at 1-800-733-2767 or go online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to schedule a class. And for those of you who are working in a GM plant, ask for some ERT training because you never know when it may be you left alone to try and save your loved one..



## LOCAL 724

**Debra Abent, Financial Secretary**

## Working women survey

More than 6.8 million women in the United States are part of a union. In the fall of 2015, the AFL-CIO launched a comprehensive survey to better understand the experiences and aspirations of working women. Nearly 25,000 working women responded in just six weeks.

The National Survey of Working Women is more than just a job assessment. It zeroes in on how working women spend time at home, tackle financial challenges and engage in our communities. The results paint a clear picture of the economy and society working women are committed to building: where equal pay, paid leave and fair scheduling are the law of the land.

The AFL-CIO received so much information they decided to release the findings in a series of short reports over a few months. The first one presents a snapshot of the entire sample. Later briefs will examine young women, mothers, women of color and other topics. See it at [www.aflcio.org/Issues/Work-and-Family/Equal-Pay-Equal-Say](http://www.aflcio.org/Issues/Work-and-Family/Equal-Pay-Equal-Say)



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## Marta Bobillo, 602 Retirees

# Your voice is your power

As many are aware, Republicans have done it to us again, passing Senate Bill 571 with not a single hearing and no public voicing at all. This bill made it so we cannot vote straight ticket. Which means we need to mark every individual part of the ballot, which would take up too much time at the polls. The caucus members felt very comfortable and as if they had nothing to worry about making the decision of voting for it. Keep in mind they only had 15 minutes to read over 41 pages before the vote was held. This bill has become a big speak-out for the Republicans now.



In Michigan, many bills have been passed recently that are very anti-union, middle working class, civil and human rights, anti-woman, etc. I am encouraging everyone to apply for absentee ballots. That way we can take the time needed with our family members to discuss our issues and what should be done. As union families we need to always remember that we have to take advantage of our rights so we can support what supports us. Who we elect to represent us can help us to live in a stable, strong environment. No matter the outcome of our primaries, we need to unite our country and our state, and elect a Democrat to fight for our issues.

We meet for bingo and discussions every first Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at Local 602, and also every third Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon for potluck meetings and following Bingo. We welcome members to join and fellowship with us.

## Mike Bauer

# 652 retirees

Spring has sprung. Welcome back snowbirds.

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.

By membership action the **July 5 Bingo and the August 16 potluck/business meeting is cancelled.**

The area wide luncheon at Royal Scot will be August 9, starting at noon. Royal Scot is located at 4722 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has supplied us with the following 2016 camping dates and locations:

May 13-14-15 Camp Michawana –

Hastings, MI

June 10-11-12 Snow Lake Campground – Fenwick, MI

July 8-9-10 Leisure Lake Family Campground – Sumner, MI

Aug 12-13-14 Lakeside Camp Park – Cedar Springs, MI

Sept 9-10-11 Rocky's Campground – Albion, MI

Oct 14-15-16 Michigan Trap Shooting Association – Mason, MI

For further information, call Wagon Master Jay Courser, 517-323-2331.

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

Hello Local, happy spring. Are you feeling the *burn* or do you think *she* is on her way up? Maybe you've been *trumped* out already, or going on a *crux*. Whatever you feel, we have seen more coverage of politics than ever before. It may not be the professional League of Women Voters

debates or substantial policy positions, but I think it will be a big turnout. That is one great reason to be an absentee voter. The other is the changes they have made at the polling place. The lines to check you in will be long. Plus, you now can't vote straight ticket anymore, which will make longer lines.

Most of us know how important it is to vote, and most are willing to stand in line no matter how long it takes. But remember how little time you felt you had when you worked, had kids, or were in school. Let's not be the reason voters are turned off or walk away.

February's meeting fell on White Shirt Day; thanks to the folks who remembered to wear theirs. We all enjoyed the soup and apples, but because of those previous members for whom that day was named, we had a good meeting and great desserts!

March's lunch was corned beef and cabbage cooked by our Financial Secretary Nancy Munchbach. It was very tasty. At the meeting we congratulated Walt Mansfield for running in the Local's election. Though he did not win, we appreciate him and his continued interest in the Local and all of our futures.



In April your Executive Board and I took the easy way out and just got Mancino's for lunch. Thank goodness for our great chefs in this Local: with all the deviled eggs, side dishes and three—count 'em, three—homemade pies, you made our store-bought feel homemade.

Mentioned at the meeting was that our past president Ray Whitford was in the hospital. We all wished him the best.

On May 7 we will have a hall clean-up day, starting at 10:00 a.m. Workers may be cleaning inside and/or outside, depending on the weather. Pizza and pop will be provided for lunch.

June 9 is our own Local 1753 picnic here at the Local. There is a big yard here and I have a Frisbee.

The August meeting is changed because of the Lansing Area Retiree Workers Council having a luncheon for all of us in the area. That's Tuesday, August 9. 11:00 sign-in followed by lunch at noon. See the box on this page for more info.

The breakfast bunch meets at Spuds at 10:30 on the fourth Monday of the month. We will try this time until at least the next article comes out. Hope to see you soon.

## Lois Schultz

# 1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. There's lots happening for the retirees:

May 10-18 – Region 1D western train trip

May 11 – Luncheon  
May 15 – birthday for Lois Schultz

On Sunday, May 15, my daughter Canda Anthony and friends and nephews are having an 89th birthday party for me at the American Legion Post 42 at 1000 W. Lawrence Ave, Charlotte, MI from noon until 6:00 p.m. Eat at 2:00 p.m. Doug Pringle will play again, for dancing, and it should be a good time. This was a surprise to me, but I hope to see lots of you there. We sent out lots of invitations and got some back. If you didn't get one, you are invited anyway. Call my house at 517-543-1344. I can't talk well on the phone because I lost my voice, but Canda will talk for me.

Dick and Barbara Kline will have a 40th anniversary party on June 5 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Windsor Estates, 6661 Canal Road at the clubhouse. RSVP by May 20 to 517-646-6831.

June 7 – Ted's breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Guerrazzi's Restaurant on Business 27 in DeWitt Township. You can call Ted at 517-321-4754.

Maryann Sanders is giving a 90th birthday party for Gene on June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Mount Hope Church. Call Maryann at 517-285-0921.

March birthdays were: Ted Gauss, Jerry Hunt, Noland Douglas. April birthdays: Mary Lou McHaney, Canda Anthony, Bill Anthony, Doris Williams, Lois Schultz, and Minnie Gills.

From Joe Sazy: If a doctor doesn't accept Medicare, it won't be approved and you pay. So make sure you check.



Also, attorneys are not up and running yet.

Dan Ruby called to see how we all are. His wife is much better.

On our sick list: Gordie Bowerman is not doing good. Ben Allen is not walking and would like folks to see him on Facebook or whatever they do. Give it a try. Bless our sick.

Condolences to the families of: Ken Taylor, 89, a welder. Paul Foster, brother to Michie Foster Hunt. Gary Alan Hunt, son of Beverly Hunt. Monty Whipple, a pipefitter. John (Thunder) Lewis, who worked in Personnel and played football for MSU. Jewells Stanford, 77. Terry Stranton, 73, leaves his wife Linda; he was a tinner. God bless all.

Till we meet again, keep smiling.

## Area retirees picnic

The Lansing Area Retired Workers Council (LARWC) is having their third annual retirees' luncheon on August 9 at the Royal Scot of Lansing. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. No early admittance, and lunch at noon. The banquet room is on the second floor, but there is an elevator. Please bring your loved one and share some food and festivities with us and your friends from the local. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please Laura A. Clark, Chairperson of LARWC, at 484-0507 and leave a message.

# Community resources

By Rose Van Schoick, Local 4911

During the course of six weeks this winter, I attended the evening AFL-CIO and United Way Community Service Classes. A wealth of information and resources were presented that I am excited to share with our readers. Every year that I attend the community service classes, I am amazed to learn of new resources that I otherwise may not have known existed. I'm hopeful that my efforts to attend these classes will be beneficial to you. Perhaps you may be able to help yourself solve an issue, or enable you to help a co-worker, a family member, or someone you know with one of the resources listed below.

**College and career information Capital Area College Access Network (CapCAN)** – Their goal is to increase college attainment and provide resources: [www.capitalareacan.org](http://www.capitalareacan.org)

**Student Scholarships and Grants** – MI Student financial aid programs and grants: [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg)

**Uninsured in Mid-Michigan** – Retired and need health care but not yet eligible for Medicare, or simply uninsured? Medical, Dental, Optometry, Behavioral Health: 5135 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI (517) 887-5922. [www.carefreemedical.org](http://www.carefreemedical.org).

**Legal** – Free legal assistance to low income people: [www.michiganlegalhelp.org](http://www.michiganlegalhelp.org)

**Tri-County Office on Aging Seniors** – Preserve the dignity and independence of seniors. Serves 1,300 meals to seniors in their homes via Meals on Wheels and 1,100 seniors at senior dining sites. Donations are always appreciated. Volunteer via home deliveries, at a dining site, in the central kitchen, in the office. Resource: [www.tcoa.org](http://www.tcoa.org)

**Financial** – Debt issues, debt management, education, improve credit scores, etc: [www.greenpath.org](http://www.greenpath.org)

And [www.lansingmi.gov/ofe](http://www.lansingmi.gov/ofe) – financial counseling, education

**2-1-1** — Information and referral service for a variety of health and human services for people in need via a free phone number available 24/7/365. Food Assistance, Utility Assistance, Health Care, Legal Assistance, Income/Personal Finance Assistance, Housing/Shelter Assistance, Volunteer Options, Donations. Simply call 2-1-1.

[www.centralmichigan211.org](http://www.centralmichigan211.org)

**Greater Lansing Housing Coalition Making Housing Affordable** – GLHC provides housing assistance, revitalizes neighborhoods, educates residents via free homeowner education courses and workshops; garden classes begin in May **HERO Tool Truck program** – A mobile truck with 500+ tools to lend to Lansing residents, volunteers, churches, neighborhood organizations, etc. (Must be a Lansing city resident.)

**Tuesday Toolmen** – Free home repairs and assistance for low income (must verify via tax return) senior homeowners and adults with permanent disabilities. Example: install outdoor handicap ramps, bathroom grab bars, etc. Volunteers/Donations/Sponsorships are also accepted.

Resource: [www.glhc.org](http://www.glhc.org) or (517) 372-5980

## Lounds

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have the ability to form a government of the people and for the people. Central to that is the right to vote.

Unfortunately, this man is not alone in his failure to vote. Every election cycle, millions of eligible voters stay home and abandon their rights. Sadly, too many of the citizens who fail to exercise their voter rights represent those groups—women and minorities—who had to fight the longest and hardest battles to gain this precious right. It seems unconscionable that anyone who truly believes themselves to be a patriot and lover of this country would not vote.

I have heard many excuses for not voting. One of the most common is the idea that voting does not matter. Really? In 2008 a Senate race in Minnesota came down to less than 200 votes out of over three million. Right here locally a

State Representative vote was almost as close. The 2000 presidential election came down to a tiny number of highly contested votes in Florida. So each vote matters, and this is especially important for progressives and Democrats, who in this state have a substantial majority of eligible voters and generally win and lose based *completely on turnout*.

Another excuse for not voting that I hear frequently is that all politicians are the same and that the system is rigged, or some other term. First of all, not all politicians are the same, and the parties are not the same either. If you cannot tell the difference between two candidates, you are not looking very damn hard. Even within parties, people have different views, backgrounds, and records; across party lines the gulf is huge. If you cannot tell the difference between what the Democrats and Republicans stand for, I weep for you.

As for the system being rigged and controlled by the moneyed interests, which too often it is, do you think this happened by accident? No, it was the election of right-wing pro-business Republicans, starting in the 1980's, that caused this. Corporate America and its leaders supported and helped elect those who would wipe away limits on spending and regulation on business in all areas, but it was the misguided and apathetic electorate that allowed this to happen. Remember, no matter how many millions the DeVos family or Koch brothers spend on elections, every DeVos or Koch only gets one vote, same as you and me.

Want to change the direction of the state? Do away with right-to-work? Get rid of emergency managers and corporate tax cuts? If so, your vote, and those of your friends and family, do matter. The last four years have seen a concerted effort by Republicans across this country to make it more difficult to vote and to suppress voter turn-out. They know they are in the minority, they know that they represent the few against the many. Why else engage in systematic voter suppression?

So you want to show true patriotism? Use the rights brave men and women fought and died for and go to the polls and elect those candidates who support working families, our communities, and the power of the people, not the power of corporations.

## UAW Local 602 ELECTION NOTICE

### Four (4) Positions for District Shop

*(Must be a CURRENT District Committeeperson to sign-up for District Shop)*

(Shop Committee position-term ends 2019)-Active members in good standing only eligible to vote

### Education Committee Chairperson

(Executive Board Position-term ends June 2017) Retired & Active members in good standing are eligible to run & vote

### Veterans Committee Chairperson

(Executive Board Position-term ends June 2017) Retired & Active members in good standing are eligible to run & vote

Sign-Up begins 7am Monday, June 6, 2016 until 4pm  
Friday, June 10, 2016 at UAW Local 602 Union Hall  
2510 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48917


Voting is 11am, Wednesday, June 22, 2016 until 11am,  
Thursday, June 23, 2016 at TWO (2) locations:

LDT Welcome Center, 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing MI 48917 **AND**  
UAW Local 602 Union Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing MI 48917

RUN-OFF, if necessary, will be held 11am Wednesday, June 29, 2016 until 11am Thursday, June 30, 2016, same locations

**MUST HAVE YOUR ID, GATE CARD, OR UNION CARD TO VOTE**

Please visit [www.local602.org](http://www.local602.org) for further updates

  
Brian Stead, Chair Elections Comm    Jerri Smith, Co-Chair Elections Comm    Kevin Barnum, Co-Chair Elections Comm    JoAnne Prince, Co-Chair Elections Comm    Bill Reed, President UAW Local 602  
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## NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

### UAW LOCAL 724

#### Nomination

The nomination for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of **Sergeant-at-Arms** will be conducted at the date, time, and location indication below:

**Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Place: UAW Local 724 Hall**

In order to run candidates must comply with the following:

**UAW Constitution, ARTICLE 38, 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.*

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, May 13, 2016.

#### Election

The election for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of Sergeant-at-Arms will be conducted on the date, time and place indicated below:

**Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**Time: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 am & 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Place: UAW Local 724 Hall**

#### Run-Off Election (if necessary)

**Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

**Time: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 am & 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Place: UAW Local 724 Hall**

*Term of office will run upon date of being elected until June 13, 2017*

– Marcella Rosario, UAW Local 724, Election Committee

– Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

### UAW LOCAL 4911

#### NOMINATION OF LOCAL 4911 OFFICERS

Nomination for the offices of President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Service Unit Chairperson, Technical Unit Chairperson, Skilled Trades Chairperson, SSH Chairperson, three (3) Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms, Guide and Stewards will be conducted at the date, time and place below:

Date: May 27, 2016 Time: 6:00am – 4:00pm

Place: UAW Local 4911 Offices

Candidates must submit a written acceptance of nomination in **person** (no emails or phone calls will be accepted) to UAW Local 4911, 1010 River St, Lansing, MI 48912, by 4:00 pm, on Friday, May 27, 2016. You must be a member in good standing with at least one (1) year of seniority.

#### ELECTION OF UAW LOCAL 4911 OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSONS AND STEWARDS

Date: **June 3, 2016** Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm

Place: **UAW Local 652 Hall**  
426 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917

#### RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)

Date: **June 10, 2016** Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm

Place: **UAW Local 652 Hall**  
426 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917

– LaYvonn Beatty, Local 4911  
Election Committee Chairperson

– Joseph Douglas, Local 4911  
President

#### 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. Also, if there is any other breakfast clubs out there, let the Labor News know where and when.

#### NEW TO LOCAL 4911 RETIREES

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

## 602 Obituaries

David Maas – Retired  
Thomas Beachnau – Retired  
Geneva L. Armstrong – Retired  
Michael L. Crawford – Retired  
David W. Ramsey – Retired  
Clarence Jackson – Retired  
Maynard G. Miller – Retired  
Wayne C. Young – Retired  
Gary Dunn – Retired  
Gary Tilson – Retired  
Carroll McLane – Retired  
Patricia E. Stowell – Mother of Bria Cronk,  
General Assembly Repair  
Evelyn A. Burkett – Mother of Audrey  
Burkett, General Assembly Engine  
Dress  
Irene Chavez – Mother of Jose Zavala,  
Quality  
Reginald Shepard – Father of Ronald  
Shepard, Retired  
Anthony Craig Jr. – Father of Cheryl  
Betcher, General Assembly Quality  
Control  
Margaret R. Rodriguez – Wife of Ramon  
Rodriguez, Retired  
Antonio Coscarella – Retired  
Robin Peterson – Retired  
Muriel Rosebrock – Mother of Steve  
Rosebrock, Body  
June Marshall – Mother of Gary Marshall,  
FEM Line  
Melvin L. Spayde – Retired C Body, Trim,  
Sanitation  
Cynthia A. Taylor – Retired and Wife of  
Mark Taylor, Retired  
Vivian Helen Somers – Mother of Jane  
Unterbrink, Trim/Material  
Matthew Minella – Stepson of Nancy  
Chisolm, Retired Committeeperson  
(Material/Quality)  
Theodore Hartwick – Retired  
Doug Premoe – Retired Body Sides  
Fidel Joa – Retired Quality Control Body/  
Paint  
Abdon F. Barajas – Retired  
Richard A. Betcher – Retired and Father  
of Doug A. Betcher, Quality Control  
Gus Zervus – Retired  
Dorothy Kissane – Retired  
Monica Parker – Retired  
Tony Smith – Retired  
James Linder – Retired Skilled Trades  
Marvin Cole – Retired  
Adolph Galko – Retired  
Earl Frith – Retired  
Daniel Netzley – Retired  
Charles Medler – Retired Skilled Trades  
Body/Maintenance  
Bob Resseguie – Retired General Assem-  
bly Quality Control  
Ricky Floyd – Retired  
David Miller – Retired Paint  
Jeanne Iverna Parker – Mother of Glenda  
Snyder, General Assembly Engine  
Dress  
Gary Martens Sr. – Father of Matthew  
Martens, Paint  
Edith C. Jones – Mother of Edwin Gray,  
General Assembly M-Doors  
George H. Bennett – Father of Kelly  
Mendez, Paint  
Charles W. Brown – Retired  
Wendall D. Wright – Retired  
Theresa Long – Mother of Mitch Long,  
Quality  
John “Jack” Brown – Father of Cindy

Hart, Quality  
Daniel Fields – Retired  
Barry Post – Retired  
Daniel Conley – Materials/Trim  
Casey Moubrey – Retired  
Calvin Roberts – Retired  
Juan Villegas – Retired  
Helen Osborn – Retired  
**602 Thank Yous**

Thank you for your thoughtfulness at  
the difficult time of my wife’s passing ...  
Wes Brookhouse

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and  
kind words. God bless you all ... Pauline  
Wireman

I want to thank everyone for the cards  
and more ... Lyle Birchman

To UAW Local 602 ... Thank you for  
the beautiful Bible given for the passing  
of my father, retiree John Villegas. And  
a special thanks to Committeeman Jeff  
Malek for providing a second Bible for  
my family. The thoughtfulness meant the  
world to us ... Deb Villegas

## 652 Obituaries

Dorene Arens – Wife of William Arens,  
Mother in Law of Steve Duling  
Perry D. Babb – Brother of John Babb  
Robert G. Barrett – Retiree, Father of Bill  
Barrett  
Joan Lee Sidel Bierens – Mother of Elbert  
Sidel  
JoAnn Corn – Wife of William Corn  
Michael Davis – Brother of I’mogene  
Thomas  
Diana DeLong – Mother of Jason  
DeLong, Mother in Law of Holly  
DeLong  
Richard “Joe” Ege – Father of Jim Ege  
Sharon L. Evans – Retiree  
Jon Griffin – Retiree  
William Handley – Retiree  
Howard Knott – Retiree  
Thomas D. Leaf – Retiree, Husband of  
Nancy Leaf, Father of Mike Leaf  
John “Thunder” Lewis Jr. – Retired  
Norman Love – Retiree, Father of Samuel  
Love  
Uri “Sonny” Miller – Retiree, Father of  
Karen Lopez, Father in Law of Rudy  
Lopez  
Dean Norris – Father of Philip Norris  
Scott Palmer – Retiree  
Jared J. Peek – Son of Tom Peek, Brother  
of Tyler Peek  
James Robertson – Member  
Terry Robinson – Retiree  
Guy Reynolds – Retiree  
Henry Shepard – Retiree  
Paul Soyka – Father in Law of Randy  
Frechen  
James “J.T.” Taylor – Retiree  
Diane Ruby Volz – Mother in Law of  
Robert Robinson

**652 Thank You**  
From the family of JoAnn Corn

## 724 Obituaries

David Rennaker a retiree from Atlas Drop  
Forge  
Clarence (Clancy) Quinn from Atlas Drop  
Forge

## 1753 Obituaries

Teresa Long  
Sylvester E. (“JR”) Guillen

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## UAW Local 652 Veteran’s Committee

### 9th Annual Charity Golf Outing

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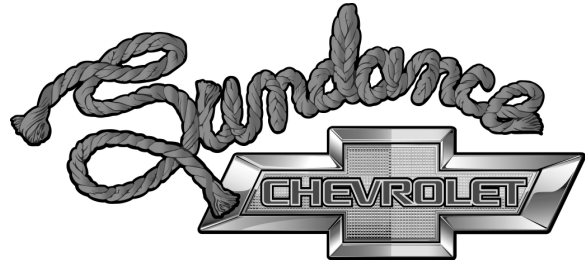
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