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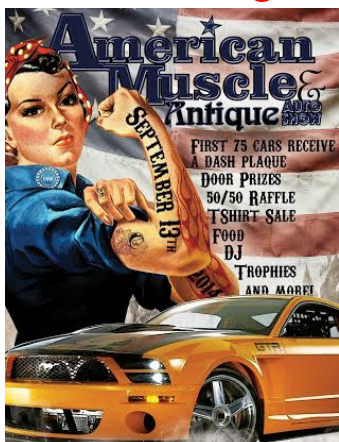


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Region 1D director Gerald Kariem (center) recently visited GM Locals 602 and 652 and toured each facility. He also talked with members in our Lansing area. Pictured above is leadership from 602 and 652.

American Muscle and Antique Auto Show coming September 13



The only show devoted to American-made autos, hosted at Local 652. All proceeds go to the Lansing Labor News to help fund the paper you're reading now.

The show is open to the public and free to attend. It will be in the parking lots of Local 652 and 724 on Clare Street in Lansing.

The show will run from 10 am to 4

pm with registration beginning at 8 am. The cost to enter a vehicle is only \$10. There will be lots of door prizes, raffle prizes, great music, food, and fun for all ages. So please join us!

We are looking for sponsors to help with the event by donating door prizes, raffle prizes, and to be a Major sponsor, to help with the food cost, trophy sponsors and monetary donations to the Lansing Labor News.

Also, if anyone has a product to display or sell, we will have some booth space available with a donation to the Labor News.

If you know anyone who has an American-made vehicle, we would love to have them display it. Any year is welcome.

New this year, we will have an award for the Local that brings the most vehicles to the show that belong to their members.

If you have questions please contact us at (517)896-8317 or email motorsandmetal@gmail.com.

Thank you – Matt and Jill Bowen, American Muscle & Antique Auto Show Chairs

Thoughts on our becoming part of UAW Region 1D

By Bill Reed, President, Local 602

During the 36th UAW Constitutional Convention, UAW Region 1-C became part of Region 1-D, covering most of the state of Michigan. UAW Region 1-D Director Gerald Kariem effectively became Director of one of the largest International Regions in the UAW. The news may seem uneventful to some, but as a local union President, I had the privilege of seeing some of the logistics and planning that went into combining the two regions.



The move was one that goes along with the international union's plan to cut costs. Many decisions have been made since the convention in order to build strength in areas that will ultimately have a positive impact on our future. These are inevitably hard decisions as change is never easy. Many local leaders had numerous questions amid the hustle and bustle of making the move as smooth as possible for our new director and his staff.

At a recent conference, I had the opportunity to ask our new director to express his vision for the future of our region as well as some insight into the direction he will take us.

I was moved by a statement he expressed midway through his presentation, "we are all our brothers' and sisters' keepers and we need to share their pain."

When he said "share their pain" I sat up in my chair. I wanted to know what he meant, hadn't we had enough pain already? Who is "their" and what pain are they going through? Furthermore, why should I have to feel it too?

He spoke about a group of UAW members who had recently been out on strike. He emphasized the importance of taking notice and supporting them

during their time of need—and wouldn't we want their support in our time of need? He went on to say how hard it can be sometimes to "connect" with others' needs if we haven't experienced the same pain in our life.

His words made me think. If we don't try to understand, can we truly be able to understand the impact this strike had on their livelihood or the negative ramifications bestowed upon those families? After all, we were not the ones impacted by the loss of wages and the uncertainty of a future. That happened to somebody else.

Before he finished his speaking, I was already evaluating my own sensitivity to those who are fighting the fight. How much emphasis was I putting on their plight as I stayed within my own comfort zone? Can I know exactly what they went through, even when I've been there myself? No, every situation is different. Actions speak louder than words. Many times we say, "I know what you're going through," when in reality we can never know how that person really feels. So we can't put ourselves in someone else's shoes—but that doesn't mean we can't try.

One thing is for certain, if we don't try we will never know the importance of their fight. When we don't understand the importance to them, we won't see the importance when that fight comes to us!

As we make our way through the change of becoming the largest region in the UAW, I see the importance of "sharing their pain." As UAW members we really are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

Our circle of friends just became a lot bigger. We need to look beyond our job on the factory floor. We must think about those who we don't have an immediate connection to. We must stand up to the injustices happening to those we have never met. We are all brothers and sisters in the UAW. An injury to one is an injury to all!

Save Our State! Vote Schauer on November 4

Now is the time to replace our anti-union, pension-taxing governor. Not only do we need to vote for Mark Schauer for governor and Lisa Brown for lieutenant governor, we need to help their campaign in many ways—be it donating, volunteering, or spreading the word. See the website markschauer.com to help. We do not currently plan another print issue before the election, but we will post UAW-vetted and endorsed candidates on our website, lansinglabornews.org.

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LOCAL 652
Mike Green, President

\$174 million for stamping plant

I don't know where summer went, but it's time for the kids to go back to school and thoughts of fall activities start.

I want to thank all our members who got out and voted in the primary election. Our CAP-endorsed candidates fared well, but the job is not done until the November election is done! Please go to the Lansing Labor News website, lansinglabornews.org, to make sure you know the endorsed candidates. The screening process takes into account all the concerns working people have.

I also want to thank each and every one of our members over the announcement of GM's decision to invest \$174 million in the Lansing Grand River stamping facility. The following are comments from Erin Davis of GM Lansing Operations Communications:

General Motors will start construction of a \$174-million stamping facility that will create or retain about 145 jobs. The new facility, part of the company's Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant, will produce stamping components for the Cadillac ATS and Cadillac CTS family of vehicles and a future product.

"Lansing Grand River Assembly is known for the high quality of its work and the flexible manufacturing that has been a trademark since it opened," said GM North America Manufacturing Manager Christine Sitek. "Today's announcement demonstrates GM's commitment to strengthening key plant capabilities related to quality and efficiency."

The new facility, which comes on line in 2016, will save about \$14 million a year in logistics costs tied to material handling. Built in 2001, Lansing Grand River is GM's second-newest U.S. assembly plant and the manufacturing home of the Cadillac ATS, CTS and the CTS V-series performance versions. Earlier this year, Motor Trend magazine recognized the all-new 2014 Cadillac CTS sedan with its Car of the Year award.

"This major investment is a vote of confidence in the hard-working membership of UAW Local 652," said UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada, who directs the union's General Motors Department. "We're proud of the role we played in helping rebuild Michigan's economy through collective bargaining and negotiations for investment and jobs in our UAW-represented plants."

"I think I can speak for all of the UAW members at General Motors' Lansing Grand River plant when I say we are thrilled to have this additional investment in the plant and the jobs it will create in the community," said UAW Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem.

Including this latest announcement, GM has announced Lansing facility investments of more than \$530 million since 2009.



At the Doug Griffith Community Service Award breakfast in June, Art Luna from UAW Local 602 was this year's recipient. The award, presented annually since 1996, also serves as a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network through Sparrow Health Systems. A former president of Local 602, Art is currently on the UAW International Staff for Region 1-D. Congratulations, Art!

2010

- \$190 million for the addition of the Cadillac ATS and 600 jobs

- \$37 million at Lansing Delta Township Assembly plant for tooling and equipment to enhance the plant's manufacturing capabilities

2011

- \$88 million for the all-new 2014 Cadillac CTS sedan

2012

- Announced Lansing Grand River would produce the next-generation Camaro

2013

- \$44.5 million and 200 jobs for a new logistics optimization center at LGR

Since 2009, GM has announced nearly \$11 billion of investment in U.S. facilities, including \$777 million so far this year.

"Once again, our hometown car company is hitting it out of the park with a massive new investment at Lansing Grand River," said Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero. "I'm deeply grateful to General Motors for making the Lansing region a centerpiece of its global manufacturing strategy. Its confidence in our world-class UAW workforce and strong partnership with local government will continue to deliver jobs and prosperity in Lansing for decades to come."

In Other News

Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem recently visited the Lansing area GM plants of Locals 602 and 652. I would like to thank him for coming to visit our membership.

September 13 Car Show

Put September 13 on your calendar to join us at the American Muscle and Antique Auto Show, which will be held in the Local 652 and Local 724 parking lots. All proceeds will go to the Lansing Labor News. This is free and open to the public.

If you are entering a car, the registration fee is \$10 and registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Show time is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be dash plaques for the first 75 entries, a 50-50 raffle, T-shirt sale, food, DJ and trophies. See you there!

Buy Union!
Buy American!

LOCAL 724

Dean Poggiali, President

Thinking about 75th anniversary

Greetings from the Local. Here it is almost the end of August and school will be starting soon. It seems like we were just getting through the non-stop winter. Here's hoping your summer has been enjoyable.

Things have been relatively stable at the hall. Several of our Units have been meeting this summer so they can prepare to meet the needs of the membership. Currently the Dimondale and RSDC Units have been in contract talks. The talks have been rather stressful for the respective committees. With the delicate nature of contract negotiations, it is important that both sides respect each other to find those middle ground areas. This will allow the bargaining committee to bring a fair and equitable agreement back to the membership and their families. The support of the entire Local goes out to these members.

The decision was made to cancel the Local 724 picnic in order to focus on our 75th Anniversary in 2015. UAW Local 724 was chartered as a Local Union on May 14, 1939. Since that time we have seen many highs and many lows. We have had many good times, along with times where we struggled through difficult times. We had dropped to around 700 members in the late 90's. Since that time we have seen increases that have the membership flirt with around 2,000. We are currently at 1,700 to 1,800. We hope to continue to grow for the next 75 years.

Speaking of the lows, we recently saw the final members working at the Lear-Mason facility. Since first organized with the UAW, the Unit grew to over 600. As work was reallocated to other facilities, the membership steadily declined. We applaud the members who have contributed to the Unit, Local and the UAW over the years.



On the reverse side, the Alliance Unit concluded their annual Capital Area United Way campaign. When the dust settled, they raised \$676 over last year's total. Thanks to the donors who have taken the initiative to help out the community.

We mentioned that in May of 2015 we will be 75 years young. The Local is planning to acknowledge the occasion with an event close to the anniversary date. We are looking for volunteers to help out with a variety of tasks the day of the event and leading up to the event. If you are interested, please call the Local at 517-482-7377 and leave your name and number.

Throughout the years one thing has been constant at Local 724, and that is the proud members who have worn the wheel. We can stand on our service to our families, our country, our movement and our communities. I am proud to say that I AM A UNION MEMBER.

May the wind be at your back and peace and joy within your soul.

LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

The birth of a new movement?

When the workers in the Volkswagen

plant in Chattanooga Tennessee voted this past February on whether to unionize or not, the stakes were high. Win and the UAW would have that all-important foothold in the South.

Lose and it could be interpreted as the Labor movement's continuing decline. Horribly, and with great assistance from anti-union supporters both inside and outside government, the latter came to pass and the UAW was left to ask "where do we go from here?" Another vote could not legally be held for at least a year, so a new plan was formed. A bold plan that could be the most important development in the modern history of the labor movement: the members-only or "minority union."

On July 10th the UAW chartered Local 42 in Chattanooga, a members-only union to represent the workers of VW. While not a completely new strategy, the UAW has never before embraced the idea. Unlike a traditional union, a members-only union is voluntary and represents only the workers who choose to join. A company has no legal obligation under the National Labor Relations Act to negotiate with a union of this type; however, the UAW and Volkswagen have come to a "consensus" that the company will recognize Local 42 once it has signed up a "meaningful portion" of the workers. With a majority, Volkswagen may choose to recognize the union as the exclusive bargaining representative of the entire worksite, effectively bypassing the need for another NLRB election.

Of course, the anti-union forces are already crying foul, commenting that their hard-earned victory in the last election could be thrown out on a technicality. But I find it encouraging that a strategy like this is being attempted. We



have been at a disadvantage for too long in the South and this type of effort could be a game changer!

If the UAW can be accepted by enough workers *voluntarily*, it gives us a greater chance to win all their hearts and minds, to prove the worth of collective bargaining.

Under this course of action employees can take the chance on collective bargaining without the stigma of the old style union, which in the South is reviled by a good portion of the populace. There, a union security clause is seen as a detriment, not an advantage.

As of this writing, more than 670 employees have voluntarily signed up for membership in Local 42. That number is very significant. If those same 670 people had voted yes in the NLRB election it would have constituted a majority and the Volkswagen plant would today be a UAW-represented plant.

While the outcome of the efforts in Chattanooga are not clear, it is a positive step. Will it work? Maybe, maybe not, but the thing to take away from it all is that the effort was made.

We're not sitting on our hands waiting for the cards to fall. We're taking the fight to the enemy and ultimately, that's all we can ask.

If you would like more information, please google "The New Volkswagen Model: Minority Unionism" or visit www.uaw.org or www.labornotes.org.

LOCAL 652 Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Things do not go better with Koch

As election time comes near, once

again I write today to warn against believing the smears and lies put forward by the PAC's and super-PAC's supported by the corporations and the rich; especially that two-headed



monster of anti-worker evil, the Koch brothers. In the last election cycle, 2012, the Koch brothers spent an estimated \$400 million on hardcore right-wing initiatives and candidates. Now they are spending large amounts to get the outcome they want in this year's elections in Michigan. They support Terry Lynn Land for Senate and Rick Snyder for Governor. Here are a few things you should know about the Koch brothers.

The vast fortune they use to corrupt the political process is largely based on a massive network of oil and gas pipelines, and was largely inherited from their father Fred Koch who made his fortune building pipelines for the Soviet despot Joseph Stalin. Fred Koch was also a supporter of racial segregation and groups like the John Birch society.

Following that lead the brothers have invested millions in more than 85 right-wing organizations. Most prominent of these is Americans for Prosperity, their PAC that invests heavily in the Tea Party candidates and has close ties to, among others, Supreme Court Justices Anton Scalia and Clarence Thomas, who the Koch's brought in as speakers for a

group of industrialists shortly before the infamous Citizens United decision.

Among the things that the Koch brothers vehemently oppose and spend their vast fortune to eradicate are the following: minimum wage laws, labor unions, public education, and Social Security. In other words, all of the reforms that helped to create a large and vibrant middle class are on the chopping block if these brothers get their way.

You may ask yourself, how did our society evolve to a point where any of this is allowed to happen? And how can we stop it?

Well, this isn't a new situation. In fact it was just these sorts of abuses by the wealthy industrialists at the turn of the 20th century that the Progressives and President Theodore Roosevelt fought against. During his presidency the robber barons of the oil, steel, and railroad industries were incrementally pushed back from total and limitless control of our institutions.

Unfortunately, within months of Roosevelt leaving office, moneyed interests began the push to regain their hold on government. By the 1920's they were once again in the driver's seat. Only the Great Depression and Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930's and 40's chiseled away some of this power.

In the decades since, the rich and their corporations have once again gotten astride our institutions and begun to steer them in directions conducive to them and not the average citizen. Why do we have to re-fight this battle again and again? Because the wealthy are relentless and too often the working class are lulled into a sense of powerlessness or apathy; and even more frightening is the ability through the media for the rich to convince the workers of this country that groups like Americans for Prosperity and the Koch brothers are looking out for them.

We must remember that our government is supposed to be for the people and by the people, not a government for the corporation and by the corporation or for the rich, by the rich.

If we allow outside groups funded by the likes of the Koch brothers to influence our elections, a day rapidly approaches where we the working people will have no voice at all. On Election Day, remember to support those who support the workers of this state and not those who support the corporations of this country.

LOCAL 724 Debra Mills, Financial Secretary

What is V-CAP?

V-CAP is the UAW's Political Action Committee. It is funded by money that is voluntarily contributed by members and retirees to UAW V-CAP. Only V-CAP money can be given to candidates, up to limits established by the Federal Election Committee. By law, union dues cannot be used for this purpose.



V-CAP dollars are spent to support candidates who support us. In 2012, ninety percent of the money given by organized labor was to Democratic candidates. Republican candidates received nine percent.

Where does V-CAP money come from?

- Check-off: if negotiated in the collective bargaining agreement, members can elect to have their employer take a set amount out of their paycheck as a V-CAP contribution, to be sent to UAW. To initiate this process, members must sign a check-off card.

- Direct Payment: members/retirees may also send their V-CAP contributions directly to the UAW each month in a personal check. Some locals also use online V-CAP giving.

- Raffles: most Regions sell tickets at regional events that go to benefit V-CAP.

Why V-CAP funds are more important than ever: Simply put, the U.S. Supreme Court changed the landscape for elections with its decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. Now, corporate spending for independent political commercials cannot be limited.

This has led to right-wing groups like Americans for Prosperity (Koch Brothers) and American Crossroads (Karl Rove) pouring millions into advancing their anti-worker agenda.

Consider this: in 2012, PACs supporting Obama raised almost \$96 million. PACs supporting Romney raised over \$174 million.

Almost all the money raised in support of Romney was spent on attack ads against Obama.

LOCAL 4911 Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Appreciation cookout success

Thank you to all our members who attended our Membership Appreciation Cookout lunch/dinner August 5 and 7. Every year the attendance at this event continues to grow. It is your Executive Board's way of thanking our membership for the good work that they do each and every day at Sparrow Hospital. Though we had to move indoors to the doctors' dining room at Sparrow campus due to a stormy forecast, our numbers continue to grow. Perhaps it may be more convenient for our membership to continue an indoor trend?



A sincere thank you goes out to Jim Long at the Sparrow campus and Dennis Mulholland at St. Lawrence for all their expertise in preparing and serving large crowds in a short time frame. Without your input and guidance, this project would not be so successful. We appreciate all that you do to ensure we feed the masses in a timely fashion!

Tiger Game

If you are going to the Tiger game on Sept 28, remember that you must attend the Sept 24 membership meeting which is at 5:00 p.m. at 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, across from Bud Kouts Chevrolet. Meetings are held in the first floor meeting room. If you have not paid your deposit, please come prepared to do so. Buses will depart on Sept 28 from the Sparrow shuttle bus lot.

Next Fall Event

We will be hosting a Halloween "Trunk or Treat" night in the parking lot of the UAW Administration office - 2722 E. Michigan Avenue. Details for this event will be in the October Worker to Worker. If you are not receiving the monthly Worker to Worker via your email, you may register on our website. Please go to www.uawlocal4911.org

LOCAL 1753 Nancy Munchbach, Fin. Secretary

My thanks

Hello Local 1753 members! I want to thank everyone for their support in the election and the run-off. I was overwhelmed by the level of support I received. I really "felt the love."



I wanted to remind you that we have tables and chairs available at the hall to borrow for your personal events. We also rent the hall to our members only. It can be very handy for birthday parties, showers, reunions, etc. Please contact me at 517-487-1753 if you are interested or if there is anything else I can help you with. If you will leave a message I will call back when I arrive (usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

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Dorothy Stevens

602 retirees

Where has our summer gone? In a couple of weeks the kids will be starting back to school and that brings us closer to the 2014 Election Day, November 4.

It is of utmost importance that you vote for the right people. We must vote for those who will work for us. We seniors should be especially concerned about our Social Security and Medicare. Think: how would it impact you and your family personally if Washington decided to change, cut, or dismantle Medicare and Social Security?

A group of politicians, special interests, and pundits are talking about doing just that. They say these programs are too expensive, ineffective, and actually harmful to the economy and the American people.

This is one the most dangerous and deceitful ideas ever to come up in Washington and it needs to be challenged. The vast majority of seniors are NOT living high on their earned benefits as some economic experts claim. Far from it. The average retiree is scarcely able to afford soaring food and utility expenses, not to mention out-of-pocket Medicare costs.

While some in Washington claim America cannot afford programs like Social Security and Medicare, without the current level of Social Security benefits, 44% of all seniors would be living in poverty.

That's why, with so much at stake for the future of Social Security and Medicare, it is so important you take the time right now to contact your Representatives in Congress asking them to reject any proposals that affect the well-being of Social Security and Medicare.

The Region 1-D UAW Travel Group is now finalizing their next trip, which is to Cape Cod. At the present time, we have eight buses going and we're taking stand-bys for the ninth bus and possibly the tenth. We will be going October 19-25 at \$529 a person. If you're interested, you may contact Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146 or myself at 517-627-3542.

For all our sick and shut-ins, you are in our prayers.

For all who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send our condolences.

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Happy Days—the UAW 1753 June Picnic came off without too many hitches. For those not there, we got the grill out, and Hutch and the boys manned the grill. They produced hot dogs and hamburgers for the gang. Jim (Sharon's dad) ran the popcorn maker. Shirley Albright came all the way from Ionia to win the dessert contest (it looked good). We rented the tent from Tom as we have in the past, but we (the Executive Board) are wondering if we get enough use of it. Should we play croquet, horseshoes or bean bag toss?



The annual area retirees picnic was changed to an indoor luncheon this year. It was held at the Royal Scot banquet center and food was provided to a fine crowd. Shown here with some of the retirees are (standing, left to right): Local 652 Vice President Randy Freeman, 652 Financial Secretary Bob Smith, and 652 President Mike Green. You can see more pictures of the retirees at this gathering on the Labor News website, lansinglabornews.org.

Please let us know of your thoughts on that and any others that could improve the picnic.

Special thank-you to the retirees for those who made the extra trip to the active meeting in June in support of Nancy against the election protest. I believe their speaking out really shifted the balance in her favor. The general membership voted against the protest 19 to 3 with the majority for the election and run-off results.

The Lansing Area Council of Retired Workers had their election in June and I was re-elected their chairperson; thank-you to everyone involved. I mention this because I helped spearhead the move from their annual picnic by this group to a luncheon instead. The lunch was held August 12th at the Royal Scot. I believe it was OK since 85 people more than last year attended, but we will find out when we read the suggestions for next year. I would like to hear from you, my friends: did you like it and would you go again?

Neither of these luncheons would have been as successful without the help of either of our wonderful executive boards.

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.

Remember

Don Wade, aka "Red?" He gave me a call and said hi to all of you out there. He wanted to know if I had all my ducks in a row because we're all getting up there. This is true. But life is good.

Lois Dyer gave me this prayer which I really enjoyed:

Lord, thank You for another day,
Within this life of mine
Give me the strength to live it well,
Whatever I may find
Bestow from Your abundance,
Whatever I may lack
To use the hours wisely,



For I cannot have them back
Lord thank you for another day,
In which to make amends
For little slights or petty words,
Inflicted on my friends
For sometimes losing patience,
With problems that I find,
For seeing faults in other lives,
But not the ones in mine

Lord thank You for another chance,
In which to try to be
A little more deserving
Of the gifts You've given me

For yesterday is over,
And tomorrow's far away,
And I remain committed,
To the good I do today!

by Grace E. Easley

This just about said it all and hopefully I can live up to it.

Happy birthday: Lois Dyer and Leo Gray.

Happy anniversary: Dick and Dorothy Gyger, 36 years.

The final payment for the Cape Cod trip is due. Buses going from Lansing and Flint had 334 signed up at last count. Contact Connie Dunn about this at 517-323-2146. Also call her if you have ideas for other trips.

The regional retirees' luncheon was a great one, with about 220 in attendance. You know, we do have a few rules about this: no children, and only UAW retirees and their mate. Let us know how you felt about this luncheon. I really liked it myself.

On September 20 we will have our pancake breakfast and bake sale. We need workers, baked goods, and craft items. We sell cookies by the bakers dozen, cupcakes, breads, candy, pies, or whatever you care to make. Candy the Clown will be there to call people in. It sounds like fun, and the food is downright good.

Condolences to the family of Jerry Sunkin on the loss of his wife Karen at age 72. Condolences to the family of Jim Glenn, 88 years old. Condolences to the family of Ivan Wooder, 88 years old.

Ron Haag plays cards with a 100-year-old man who used to run the No. 1 upsetter at the GM plant. I bet he knew the history and the one and only Bill Hagan.

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Mike Bauer

652 retirees

Happy Labor Day to all. The following is our monthly schedule of events:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 5:00 p.m.

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 card night starting at 5:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652 and 602. Our bingo night, potluck/business meeting, and social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only.

Our next social night will be on October 14. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only — no guests.

Upcoming cancellations to mark on your calendar: The November 4 bingo night is cancelled. The December 23 card night is cancelled.

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

Sept. 12-13-14 Rockys Campground, Albion. And Oct. 10-11-12 Michigan Trap Shooting Association, Mason. For more info, call Wagon Master Jay Courser, 517-323-2331. Camping is not limited to retirees; active workers who are members of the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club are welcome to join in the fun.

October 3 the Lansing Area Retiree Euchre Tournament will be held at Local 602, starting at 9:00 a.m. Arrive by 8:45, to sign in, and get seated. Call 372-7581, ext. 147, leave your name and phone number to sign up for the tournament. There is no cost to play. You do not need a partner to sign up.

October 24 is the annual insurance informational meeting. There will be representatives from the VEBA Trust, various insurance carriers, Delta Dental, and Express Scripts. Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m., at Local 652.

Condolences to all the families who have had a loved one pass. Condolences to Robert & Shirley Abernathy on the loss of their son, Jeffrey Abernathy, Delbert Person on the loss of his mother, Peggy Person (retiree), Steve Grant on the loss of his father, Rolland Grant (retiree), Sue Sanders on the loss of her husband, Art Sanders (retiree), the family of Herbert Farrand (retiree).

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Joyce and Herb Fernholz, Dave Hodges, Don & Helen Hogan, Dorothy Hoisington, Roger & Alice Miller, Leonard Schneider, Bob & Lee Vergason, Mason Williams, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

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

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Email me at retiree652@hotmail.com

602 golf outing thank yous

The UAW Local 602 Conservation & Recreation Committee thanks the following Companies and Individuals for donating to the 16th Annual UAW LOCAL 602 golf outing, which raised money for the National Children's Home, VFW. The event took place at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing on July 27. We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to all the golfers who participated!

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Chairperson Paulina Rodriguez, Co-Chair Geoffrey Kerley, Co-Chair Daryl Smith, Nancy Minella, Gary Howard, Kellyce Kelley, Rick Martinez, Adrienne McCloud, Tony Perez, Percy Stephenson, and Sam Vowell.



Local 1618 retirees Lois Schultz and Hanna Fox at the annual area retirees luncheon. They wanted to remind readers of their annual pancake breakfast and bake sale on September 20 (see the notice below).

UAW Local 1618 Retirees' Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Saturday, September 20

At UAW Local 1753
3204 W. St. Joseph, Lansing
All You Can Eat:
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns,
Juice & Coffee
Serving from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Donation: Adults, \$6.00, Children under 12, \$3.00

Ice cream social September 7

Local 602 Women's Committee is hosting an Ice Cream Social to benefit Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Come make your own favorite Sundae or Cone.

12 pm–2 pm
Multiple flavors & toppings
to choose from!

Sunday, September 7

UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 W Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI

This event is being held in conjunction with the "Meet Your UAW Endorsed Candidates" hosted by the Local 602 Citizenship & Legislative Committee & begins shortly after the Local 602 Union Label Pancake Breakfast.

Contact Bobbie Ledesma-Chairperson, Local 602 Women's Committee with questions OR any member of the Women's Committee: Co-Chair Shaconda Warren, Bonny Clark, Gladys Gerard, Ofelia Glasgow, Nicki Jones, and Demohn Stanley.

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Letter to the Editor

Elect Dawn Levey

Republican state Sen. Rick Jones introduced Senate Bill 958, allowing citizens to be strip searched for something as simple as being arrested for forgetting to pay a parking ticket. Do you want your mom, wife or daughter to undergo such a humiliating experience? For a parking ticket? Jones has lost touch with reality, and this career politician needs to be put out to pasture. Vote for and financially support Ovid/Elsie school teacher Dawn Levey!

Levey, a two-term president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs is an advocate for hunting and gun rights as well as your civil rights!

– Lyle Birchman, Local 602

Meet the candidates

UAW Local 602 Citizenship & Legislation Committee Presents Meet your UAW-endorsed candidates!

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am—Noon

UAW Local 602 Union Hall

2510 W Michigan Ave
Lansing MI 48917

Gather the information you need to make your informed decision! (In conjunction with the Union Label Pancake Breakfast & Women's Committee Ice Cream Social) Questions? Contact Chair Julie Hartshorn, UAW Local 602 Citizenship & Legislation Committee at 517-281-4552

UAW Local 602 Women's Committee presents....

Second Annual Bowling for Breast Cancer Sunday, October 5

1:00 pm–5:00 pm

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at the Labor News website:

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UAW Local 602 Union Label Committee presents....

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast! \$5 Adults Kids 12 & under FREE Sunday, September 7

8:30am-12:00pm

At UAW Local 602 Union Hall

2510 W Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48917

ALL proceeds to Local 602 Union Label Community Outreach

Joining us to sample our breakfast will be
pro-labor candidates, feel free to meet them!

602 Obituaries

Maynard Beech – Retired
 Roger Cole – Retired
 Rodger Burnett – Retired
 Hiram Sage – Retired
 Eliseo Ornelas – Retired
 Everett Heady – Retired
 Leonard Cunningham – Retired
 Christine Oliver – Mother of John Oliver,
 Body Shop
 Samuel Stornant – Retired
 Joseph Halsted – Retired, Body Main-
 tenance, Skilled Trades
 Wilbur Austin Stearns – Father of Bonnie
 Moffett
 Kenneth Carl – Retired
 Richard Howe – Father of Willis Howe,
 Trim 3
 Frank Kessler – Father of Wendy
 Thrush, FEM Line
 Lance Houghton – Material and Brother
 of Wesley Houghton, Torque Team
 Thomas Kestenholtz – Retired Paint
 Maintenance and Uncle of Julie
 Selleck, Material
 Heather H. Henney – Daughter of
 Brent Mitchell, Engine Dress
 Thomas Bellgowan – Father of
 Stephanie Silvas, Quality Flash
 Robert Scharter – Retired and Uncle
 of Todd Davis
 Daniel Tuller – Retired Pipefitter
 Trudie Bennett – Mother of Tim Bennett,
 Body (Underbody)
 Michael Lee Eilber – Retired Millwright
 Gerald O'Brien – Retired
 Ronald G. Willnow – Father of Debra
 Thorn, Benefit Rep. and Father-in-
 Law of Nick Thorn, Body Shop
 Genise Buckley – Mother of Andrew
 Buckley, Chassis 2
 Richard Smith – Father of Richard
 Smith, Retired
 Shirley Lockhart-Weaver – Mother of

Ruth Shifter
 Robert VanKirk – Retired
 William Moriarity – Retired
 Shirley Hands – Retired
 Harry Vozar – Retired
 William Potter – Retired
 Richard Young – Retired
 Phyllis Bindschatel – Retired
 Allen Staskus – Retired
 Minnie Bell Fundunburks – Mother of
 Stephanie Brown, Retired
 Roger A. Sack – Father of Cynthia
 Young, Trim
 Norman G. Smith – Father of Thomas
 Anthony, Material
 Gary Whiting – Father of Carol Wood,
 Paint
 Darryl Mangles – Retired
 Laurence G. Clark – Father of Jerry
 Clark, Retired
 To the 602 Local UAW... Thank
 you for your thoughtfulness in sending
 us a beautiful Bible. Wilbur Stearns, the
 father of Bonnie, was a wonderful man.
 His life was 90 years long, so he saw
 many changes during his lifetime. We
 were blessed to have him as part of our
 family. Again, we thank you for the
 beautiful Bible and your thoughtfulness
 at our time of loss... Ed and Bonnie
 Moffett

Dear Members of 602... Thank you
 for your kind expression during the loss
 of our husband and father. In apprecia-
 tion... Judy Kestenholtz, Sam and Lyn
 (Family of Thomas Kestenholtz)

A big Union thank you. God bless
 America and God bless you. Thank you,
 Retirees... Bruce and Robert
 MacConnell and family

Local 602... Thank you for the won-
 derful Bible and for everyone's kind
 words... Stephanie Silvas (Quality Con-
 trol)

652 Obituaries

David Amato – Retiree
 Lawrence "Larry" J. Bauer – Brother
 of Mike Bauer, Brother-in-Law of
 Diane Bauer
 Helen A. Brown – Spouse of Edgar
 Brown, Mother of Helen E. Brown
 Elizabeth Bishop – Spouse of Raymond
 Bishop
 Victor Comstock – Retiree, Brother-in-
 Law of Dan Boucher, Robbin
 Boucher and Dennis Martin, Father-
 in-Law of Larry Pudvay, Grandfather
 of David Nickel Jr.
 Ronald L. Cole – Retiree, Spouse of
 Mary Cole
 Ofelia Garza Cruz – Mother of Juana
 Chelf
 Ronald J. Cuthbert – Retiree, Father of
 Richard, Pat and Jack Cuthbert
 Edgar G. Dixon – Retiree
 Betty Fish – Retiree, Mother of John Fish
 David Vernon Grove – Son of Vernon
 R. Grove, Brother of Jennifer Gilbert,
 Uncle of Jayson Grove
 Robert Harry – Retiree
 William "Bill" Henry – Retiree
 Frances Hill – Retiree, Spouse of Bryce
 Hill
 Frank Kessler – Retiree
 William Kobiska – Father-in-Law of
 Kim Livermore
 Kenneth LaCourse – Retiree
 Iris Lapointe – Mother-in-Law of Phil
 Smith
 Billy Ray McDaniel – Retiree
 Charles D. McNease – Retiree
 Lucille Mueller – Mother-in-Law of
 Mike Smith and Joseph Schaffer
 Lowell J. Muma – Retiree, Father of
 L.J. Muma
 Daniel V. O'Brien – Father of Gerald
 O'Brien
 Dorothy O'Brien – Mother of Gerald

O'Brien
 Christine Oliver – Mother of Dorothy
 Morrell
 Peggy Jo Person – Retiree
 Opal Piggott – Mother-in-Law of Rich-
 ard Fox
 Randall Rairigh – Retiree
 James E. Reid – Retiree
 Laurine Sebrell – Mother of Gary
 "Bruno" Sebrell
 Gladys Tucker – Mother-in-Law of
 Mason Williams
 Russell A. Wagonschutz – Father of Roy
 Wagonschutz
 Gary Whiting – Retiree
 Alvin Woodhams – Retiree, Brother-in-
 Law of Mike Wing and Paula Rob-
 erts
 Basilio R. Ybarra – Retiree
 Thank-You's were received from: the
 Ella Bancroft Family, the Lawrence
 Helmker Family, the Lowell Muma
 Family, and the Bob Scharter Family

1753 Obituaries

Floyd Smith, Ngere Wali, Walter E.
 Thornton, Hilah Witherell, and Mike
 DeLine

Schultz

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I will vote for Mark Schauer for Gov-
 ernor. All Mark's life he has been Michi-
 gan tough. His dad was a teacher, his
 mom a nurse. By pumping gas and flip-
 ping burgers he worked his way through
 Albion College. In Congress Mark
 worked to pass tougher buy-American
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 dustry. Mark says we need an economy
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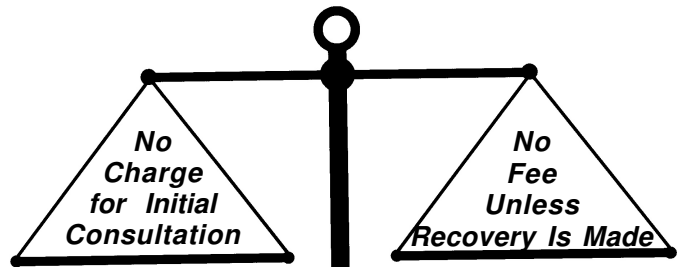


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