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UAW officers and members joined Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem (center) at the September UAW CAP conference in Lansing.

Our choice matters

By Gerald Kariem
Director, UAW Region 1D

As we move into the final days of this election cycle, I would first hope we would all keep Vice President Cindy Estrada and her family in our prayers for the loss of her husband Frank White.

We as the UAW have endorsed Hillary Clinton for President of the United States. The endorsement process has the candidates coming in for an interview. Some of the issues we base our decision on are:

- Trade/ Labor Rights
- Manufacturing
- Middle Class Economic Policies
- Social Security
- Voting Rights
- Social Justice

So it is safe to say we look at all issues pertaining to workers and how it affects our members and retirees, and our families. When it comes to the process, we don't take it for granted. Hillary

Clinton stands close to all of our positions vs. what Donald Trump stands for.

As we move forward to the November 8 Election Day, we have members not sure who to vote for. Let me remind you what he said about auto workers. He said that auto workers make too much money. And that we need to send their jobs to low wage states looking for work. Leave them there for a few years and then bring the work back. Then they would work for lower wages.

He also stated he supports Right to Work laws because it's better for the people. He is talking about our members, and not just unions but working families. Why would anyone vote against their pocketbook, their families and their union?

Look we are not perfect, but we fight for you. I ask you to review the candidates' positions on all that is important to you and your family. I'm sure we all have regrets of things we did or didn't do we probably wish we could take back. Regrets versus responsibilities. Don't sit on the sidelines because you are uncertain. Your vote does matter.

The UAW and its members (you) expect us to Be Better, Do Better and we can only do that by having support in the White House to help keep us strong. Help keep you and your family comfortable.

Please support all UAW-endorsed candidates.

I ask you to:

- VOTE for HILLARY CLINTON
- VOTE FOR YOU and YOUR FAMILY
- YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

See election notice
on page 6 for
Local 4911

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The right to vote was hard won. Please use it!

By Bill Reed, President, Local 602

Recently Ron Bieber, retired Director of the UAW Community Action Program (CAP) and now current President of the Michigan AFL-CIO, and Gerald Kariem, Director of UAW Region 1-D, spoke at one of our Lansing Area CAP meetings concerning the upcoming presidential election and the importance of electing labor friendly candidates to the Michigan House of Representatives. The message was clear, we are in a serious battle. We need to come together now even more than ever to ensure we elect a president that is on the side of labor. In addition, our county commissioners, prosecutors, city council races, etc. are just as critical in ensuring the voice of labor is heard so that the very foundation the labor movement was built upon can continue to stand on solid ground. Sticking together in solidarity is the most important decision we can make as union sisters and brothers, especially on Election Day.

Did you know, during the first presidential election, only 6% of the population were eligible to vote, but only 1.3 percent [38,818 people], cast ballots? Because an agreement for a national standard on voting rights didn't exist, states were given the power to regulate their own voting laws. In most cases, having the right to vote meant that you had to be a white male who owned land. It wasn't until 1856 that those who didn't own land were given the right to cast their vote when North Carolina became the last state to do away with this requirement. That still didn't mean that you could vote, English language requirements and violent intimidation severely limited access to voting rights for many U.S. citizens.

Even with the passing of the 15th Amendment which forbids the federal or state governments from denying someone the right to vote based on race, many states began to enact measures such as voting taxes and literacy tests that restricted the actual ability of African Americans to register to vote. If you



Local 602 President Bill Reed (right) with Michigan AFL-CIO President Ron Bieber

were a non-white male and wanted to exercise your right to vote, you would have been met with violence and other intimidation tactics. Women were not given the right to vote in state and federal elections until 1920.

It wasn't until 1965 when the passing of the Voting Rights Act, prohibiting discriminatory restrictions on who can vote, did positive change start to come about. This legislation was brought forth due to a large grassroots movement that included protests and marches earlier that year. But that didn't mean violence and intimidation went by the wayside.

The fight for voter rights continues even today. Recently we've experienced an initiative to do away with straight party voting and have also experienced the attempt to implement voter I.D. restrictions in various states.

The fight for the right to vote has a long and sometimes violent history. It's a shame that so many take that right for granted. Being registered and casting your vote at your polling place or by absentee ballot are major responsibilities and for the most part the patriotic duty of every American citizen. Not sure if you're registered? Check to see at webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/

Who you vote for will decide your future and the future of your children and grandchildren. Don't stay home and let someone else make that decision for you, get out and vote this Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016.



UAW members at the September UAW CAP Conference.

Your vote is your voice

I hope the summer was a fun time with your family and friends.

We have been very busy at the local with some updates at the union hall and thanks to our retiree chapter for their donation to help out.

I am sure you feel like you have heard enough about the candidates but we must remember "Your vote is your voice!" For working men and women, that includes many issues for our people, such as education, Social Security, health care, and good paying jobs.

Our CAP Council has screened over 100 candidates on their positions on all the issues that face our members. Remember, our system allows Democrats as well as Republicans to receive our support if they support the issues that support working people.

We don't tell our members how to vote. We tell our members why they should vote for our endorsed candidates.

Please see page 5 for a list of our vetted and endorsed candidates for the mid-Michigan area.

I would like to share a quote that was in the Detroit News on August 12, 2015:

"You can go to different parts of the United States and then ultimately you'd do full-circle—you'll come back to Michigan because those guys are going to want their jobs back even if it is less. We can do the rotation in the United States—it doesn't have to be in Mexico. [After Michigan] loses a couple of plants—all of a sudden you'll make good deals in your own area."—Donald Trump

Thinking about the "other"

The "other" is an individual or group that is perceived as being different and not belonging. This otherness could be based on race, religion, sexual orientation, ideology, or social class.

This year's Presidential election, and really most elections since the rise of the Tea Party and other ultra-conservative groups, is largely about this idea of "otherness." The far right believes in an America that is white and staunchly Christian, with no room for the "other" who don't fit that demographic.

This November's election gives a clear choice, on the one hand we have Hillary Clinton whose campaign motto is "stronger together" and on the other is Donald Trump who never misses an

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Former State Senator Gretchen Whitmer (center) joined Local 652 President Mike Green (left) and Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem at the September UAW CAP conference held at Local 652. Whitmer has always been a supporter of labor and union members and is a good example of the sort of candidate the UAW CAP vets and asks you to vote for.

Organizing victories

Here's hoping you had an enjoyable summer. From no rain to hot temperatures to abundant rain, we have seen it all.

There are a few updates to report since our last article. The UAW has been conducting some organizing efforts at some local area facilities. Two such drives were successful. The Faurecia and Kirchhoff Van Rob locations recently voted for UAW representation. Additionally, UAW Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem has requested that both locations become part of the UAW Local 724 family. We wholeheartedly thank Gerald for his trust in placing them within our Local. As they are working to secure their first collective bargaining agreement, we wish them the best of luck and welcome to the UAW.

Another change you may notice if you stop by the Local is another entry point to the main hall. This is an added layer of security for staff, officers and members. We have seen a slight increase of non-members accessing the hall to ask for pop cans, use the bathroom facilities, etc. The Executive Board and General Membership approved the extra security door. We also solicited union contractors from the Carpenters hall, which provided us with the contractor who did the work.

Many of our worksites have been experiencing difficulty with staffing. The pool of potential employees who desire a job in manufacturing/assembly is shrinking. There has been a turnover in some locations as those hired in are not familiar with the requirements and work conditions in many of our facilities. So, if you are aware of someone who may want to consider working at one of our facilities, please contact us as the companies all have a different procedure for employment consideration.



Many of our worksites have conducted or will be conducting worksite United Way drives. We truly have some members who are very thoughtful of the communities we live in and donate to the cause. There are worksite campaigns at most of the UAW Local 724 Units. One note from this year is the Alliance Interiors Unit, which had the largest United Way drive in the history of conducting the outreach there. Units worthy of recognition are Bridgewater and RSDC, which have a significant number of their donors who donate \$5.00 or more per week. However we couldn't do the work without all of the support from organized labor. Thanks to all those worksites that go above and beyond.

We have been overwhelmed with political ads, rhetoric, name-calling and sound bites. Before we know it November 8 will be upon us. Please take time before you and your family vote to review the candidates and their platforms on working people. And please review the list of candidates that have the recommendation of the Capital Area UAW CAP Council. They have been evaluated over their time in office and/or their commitment to working people.

The list will include more than those running at the top of the ticket. It will include township boards, community colleges, judges, county commissions, etc. These offices conduct the framework for lives locally from educating our children, providing a social safety network, to providing fairness in court. The old thought that we only endorse those with a "D" is not always the case. We look at all the issues. Additionally we don't go and seek out them to appear before our screening panels, they must request our support. So when the listing is on the UAW Local 724 website, please consider voting for them.

We can also use help in getting out the message in a variety of ways. From speaking to family and friends, to registering the unregistered to phone banks, and door-to-door outreach, we can help with making sure our working class values are kept intact.

As Walter Reuther so eloquently said: *There's a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls.*

Committees getting active

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It's hard to believe that summer is over and autumn is upon us. With the season change comes a change in temperature, and I don't mean warmer! Shorter days, longer nights, and children heading back to school. Just the other day I was shopping at Meijer and I noticed the summer stuff is gone from the shelves and in its place were Halloween candy, costumes and Halloween decorations. And that's when it hit me. This is it! Summer is over! And that to-do list? Well, it's always good to have a plan for next year.

Fortunately, it was a different story at the hall. A new hot water heater was installed, and now we're looking into upgrading the electrical service.

As many of you know, our standing committees have been busy as well. The Women's Committee was successful in gathering donations for the Back to School supplies drive. Thanks to Sharee, Yvonne and Iris, Local 1753 was well represented at the work day/kickoff rally. Way to go ladies!

The Community Service Committee is working with management to bring life back into the United Way fundraising campaign. We hope to have more people involved than in years past.

And Eric says the Recreation Committee is planning a football trip. The Local was also able to send eight members to Fall School this year. As we move forward, it's exciting to see so many members getting involved.

This spring, 18 of our brothers and sisters took advantage of a special attrition program. They took a cash incentive and retired. I would like to take this time to wish all of you a long and happy retirement. Go enjoy yourselves! And if I know Laura Clark, she's already making contact with all of you to invite you to the retirees' chapter meetings. As always, retirees are welcome to be a part of the general membership meeting. So please come back and visit us at the hall.

No sooner were we finished saying our good-byes than we were saying our hellos to 14 new employees. To all the new members, I would like to welcome you to Lansing CC&A and invite you to participate at our Local. General membership meetings are held monthly and I invite you to get involved.

As if you have to be reminded, we're near the end of this election cycle, and it looks as if the race to the White House is heating up. As UAW members in good standing we are all called to be politically active, so I would encourage all members to get involved.

There are many ways one can get involved, from phone polling to volunteering to handing out campaign leaflets. You can get information from our VCAP rep and the postings that are on the plant communication boards. Get educated on the issues! Find out who the UAW endorses and why. Talk with other members. But be respectful. Like President Williams stated in a speech, "Republican, Democrat, it doesn't matter. We're all Unionist." And on Election day, GO VOTE!

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Union hall gets updated

If you haven't been in the area lately you should stop by the Union Hall and take a look. We've made a few improvements! We have replaced the suspended ceiling in the auditorium and installed a brand new audio/video system! No more garbled speeches or washed out videos.



We are also replacing or updating most of the fluorescent light fixtures with state of the art LED lighting. This lighting is brighter, runs cooler, and is many times more energy efficient than the old lighting.

We are hoping to cut our electric bills by a good percentage and along with a rebate program from Lansing's Board of Water and Light we were able to reduce the cost of replacement even more. Many thanks to the Local 652 Retiree Chapter and the Ryder Unit for donating funds for these projects! Stop in and take a look!

Skilled Trades Christmas Meeting

The 2016 Skilled Trades Christmas Meeting will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall on Thursday, December 15 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all active and retired Trades. Food and beverages provided. There is a \$3.00 donation at the door. For more info call me at the hall, 517-372-7581. Hope you can make it!

Election 2016

Last but not least. You didn't think I could pass up a chance to talk about THE ELECTION, did you?

We have a choice this election cycle. A choice between someone who is campaigning using fear, anger and vitriol and one who has served the public in some capacity for most of her life. Someone who has used the bankruptcy laws to wipe out his bad business decisions not once but four times. Someone who has refused to reveal his income tax return because it's "over 12,000 pages long." Someone who is on his third marriage. Someone who has a pretty good catchphrase, "Make America Great Again!" but doesn't present a cohesive plan to make it happen.

We must recognize this strategy for what it is! Donald Trump is a master of manipulation and he's using the discontent of the electorate to pave his road to the White House. Don't fall for it. Look behind the mask and see the person. He's only in it for himself.

Please, vote for the people that support you! You can find a list of UAW supported candidates on page 5 in this edition of the Labor News. You may find it convenient to cut it out and take it with you to the polls. If the wrong people get elected we'll all suffer!

**Election Day is
November 8!**



Local 652 Vice President Randy Freeman received the 2016 Douglas Griffith Community Service Award. Our congratulations and thanks for all you do for the community.

LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President

A proud moment

I was very proud to receive the Douglas Griffith Community Service Award this year. What really made the day even more special was having a lot of my family surprise me by showing up when I got the award. Not only was my wife Michelle there, but all of my kids, grandkids, one of my brothers, and my sister and her kids. Man, was it a great day! But no one person wins this kind of an award by themselves. It takes all kinds of support from all the people around you every day, from the people you work with to your friends and family. So I just want to take a minute to thank everyone for their support. And thank you for all you do!

Don't forget that October is Breast Cancer awareness month and the yearly Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk at the State Capitol. It will be held on October 22. Register at 9:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 11:00 a.m. You should get yourself checked yearly because early detection means a better chance to beat breast cancer!

On October 13 Mainstay Capital Management will be holding a Financial Investment and Wealth Building class. This class will be held at Local 652 at 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., with each session lasting approximately one hour. This is open to all active and retired members.

LOCAL 602
Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Time to unify

UAW members have many choices to make this fall, including who will be our next president. We know that the presidential candidate who supports the needs of UAW members and America's working families is the best candidate to vote for in November.



We need a leader who is focused on raising the incomes of hardworking Americans, restoring full collective bargaining rights, protecting workers from exploitation, protecting retirement security, and strengthening the manufacturing industry by promoting fair trade and investment in manufacturing.

Donald Trump stated that UAW members should compete with Mexico by taking lower, nonunion wages. When given a chance to clarify his position through our endorsement questionnaire, he refused. Why would we support a candidate who wants our members to make less money?

Trump talks about trade but his own product lines are largely made overseas with nonunion, cheap labor.

It is time to unify in the presidential race and support the best candidate for UAW members and their families. That choice is Secretary Clinton.

LOCAL 4911
Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Absentee ballot

If you are a registered voter, you are provided with a convenient way to vote if you are unable to attend the polls on Election Day. Your request for an absentee voter ballot must include one of the six statutory reasons listed below, your signature and date. Utilizing this option will ensure you have time to discuss the candidates with your family and have ample time to mark your ballot in the comfort of your home.



Many unforeseen circumstances can

happen—a sudden emergency, an illness, a work schedule conflict, a family medical issue, etc., are all issues which could prevent you from reaching the polls on Election Day.

Voting by absentee ballot will ensure you have the opportunity to exercise one of the most fundamental rights in our country—casting your vote.

You can obtain an absent voter ballot for the following reasons:

- 60 years old or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

If you would like to fill out a Michigan Absent Voter Ballot Application for the November 8, 2016 Election, you have options:

1. UAW Local 4911 has applications at our 1010 River Street office. Simply give us a call at 372-7201, go to our website, or email us your request at www.uawlocal4911.org. (You may return the completed and signed Absent Voter Ballot Application request to our office and we will forward them to your city or township clerks.)

2. Or, you may contact your city or township clerk directly for an application and more information. To find your clerk go to: www.Michigan.gov/vote

Requests to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your city or township clerk the Saturday before the election.

LOCAL 724
Debra Abent, Financial Secretary

Historic struggle

Here is an interesting historical item from the UAW website:

On September 22, 1910, seventeen-year-old Hannah Shapiro (also known as Annie) walked off the job at Chicago's Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothing factory after getting a pay cut—from 4 cents to 3 ¼ cents an hour.

Sixteen of her co-workers followed Shapiro out that day and by the end of the week, 2,000 of Shapiro's co-workers had joined the strike. Word spread that an immigrant girl was taking a stand against the garment industry and by mid-October, 40,000 garment workers were on the streets of Chicago demanding better wages and working conditions.

The strike lasted four months and crippled the clothing business in the Midwest. Some of the striking workers at other sweatshops ended up back on the job without a pay raise but Hart, Schaffner & Marx became one of the first clothing companies to sign a contract with its workers.

By 1915, many of the Chicago garment workers were members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, a new union that grew out of the 1910 Chicago strike led by a teenage girl who had had enough.



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602 retirees

Brothers and sisters, I hope you've all had a great summer with family and friends and are ready to jump into fall, where a lot of things will begin to change. As we know, a lot has been going on politically and with November quickly approaching it is time to start thinking deeply about the elections and who is running for presidency.



For the Republican Party we have Donald Trump, a narcissistic candidate who is an embarrassment to the party and our country. He stands against everything we have been fighting for over time. For us trade unionists and Americans, our human and civil rights are being offended and he is trying to take rights away from our veterans, handicapped, our immigrants, African-Americans, Hispanic, Latinos, Muslims and more. He is insulting our freedom and rights with his words.

He may start a sentence one way, but by the end of it he is completely opposing it. He does not stand on fair ground and we cannot let this happen. He is inequitably able to run for presidency if we want to see change in our world. We also need to think about if this will be fit for our children's lives, knowing this is the next running up generation. This man is only trying to find ways to make himself successful, and we cannot afford to deal with flip-flopping situations.

On the other hand, we have the Democratic Presidential nominee, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. This woman has dedicated her time and life to fight for ALL people regardless of their race, beliefs, and religion. We have seen firsthand her strengths when fighting for the middle class. I strongly feel she will be able to help our world come up again slowly, and there will be Justice and Liberty for all.

Currently, America is prospering with job growth, lower national deficit, and some of the lowest unemployment numbers nationwide we've ever seen. Our UAW leadership and membership has endorsed Secretary Clinton to represent and work for us. She has definitely proven to us that she can work hard not just for union members, but for all Americans, to promote their benefits, secure our jobs, and maintain our Social Security. We cannot afford to let the wrong person in, our world needs positive change and difference and that starts with us. Not voting or taking action to vote is your standing of how you want the world to be.

The UAW 602 will be having phone banking Monday-Friday 10am-5pm for everyone. If you are not registered to vote yet we will have voter's registration forms. Please don't forget to vote on November 8th, please take advantage of the freedom we have been given and help take a stand because the difference starts with us. Candidate information is available at the Union Hall if you are wondering where a candidate stands on certain issues.



The board of the Lansing Area Retired Workers Council is shown at the annual luncheon for area retirees at the Royal Scot on August 9.

Come see us on the first Monday of every month for Bingo at 6:00 p.m. and/or the third Wednesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. for a potluck luncheon where everyone brings a dish to pass, a little something for the Food Bank and own table service. We have a short meeting after eating followed by BINGO. With love, peace and Solidarity at your service, Marta Bobillo.

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

We made it through a blistering hot summer—looking forward to fall.

The following is our monthly schedule of events:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. Games start at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. **If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Bingo game will be cancelled.**

Third Tuesday of the month is our potluck dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.

Fourth Tuesday of the month is cards starting at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. **If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Card game will be cancelled.**

By membership action the **November 22** and the **December 27** cards are **cancelled**.

This is a very important election year. Everyone please get out and vote for your UAW-endorsed candidates. Don't forget you can also vote absentee ballot from the comfort of your own home.

The annual VEBA Trust insurance meeting will be Thursday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m., at Local 652.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has supplied us with the following 2016 camping date and location:

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

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

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Dear Brothers and Sisters, it looks like the election is finally arriving after all that fanfare—make sure that you are in it! Many UAW members are busy calling you at home, walking to drop off literature at your house, all trying to remind you to vote. If you see the UAW logo, open it and read it. The UAW leads the fight for working folk; let's support our endorsements. You have to be in it to win it, it's our future.



The spring Euchre tournament went well with these winners: Kevin Lincoln 467, Dave Lwanski 735, Dale McClellan 652, Ed Short 599, Chris Balog 599. From our local, Denny Slowinski, Rick King, Doug Bachelor, Doug Jenks and I were in attendance.

I was also in attendance for our local 1753 hall clean-up day. A big thank-you to Mike Shumway; because he came, I was not the only person from our local. Eight people were working and eating pizza. Thanks to Local 1618 and their Connie and Curtis Dunn, Judy and Jerry Hunt, Sue and Dick Torgerson. Good job, folks, you are the cream at the top!

The Hall looked great for our 1753 picnic. We had good weather and a good turnout. Greg Hutchinson and Denny Slowinski did a great job flipping burgers and rolling the dogs, as they usually do.

It's always a good time seeing old friends sitting back in the sunshine, eating too much good food. We gave away 10 door prizes, this was a first time and people who won liked it. Let us know what you think, and any other ideas. The dessert contest was pretty and tasty. Linda Nichols won with pretzel and cherries; second place was Peggy Snell with carrot cake; and third place was Shirley Abright and her wonderful pineapple upside down cake. Good job to all and of course the winners. Please enjoy

your prizes, folks, and everyone think about next year's goodies.

September's Euchre party sounded great with a 10 a.m. start. The winners were Dave Lwanski-IAC, Ken Pratt-602, Joyce Kloeckner-652. There was a three-way tie for fourth place and guess who caused that? Our own Dennis Slowinski was not going home without the money, the same for Dale McClelland-652 or Bill Michike-602.

Our next meeting will be on October 13. Coffee and donuts and chat at 11:00, lunch around 12:00, meeting to follow.

Don't forget the seventh annual Veterans Charity Chili cook-off. That will be on Saturday, October 22 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., hosted at the Local 652 hall.

For November's meeting we are thinking of having a veteran come in and give a short talk of his experiences. Looking forward to see all of you soon!

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

The third annual area luncheon was held at the Royal Scot in August. Once again they did great. There were a lot of good prizes. Chaplain Mariann Anthony said the prayer in place of Chaplain Don Sleeman who was under the weather.



A few things to remember:
October 9-16 – Region 1D trip to Savannah, Georgia
October 12 – Halloween luncheon. Dress up.

November 9 – Veterans memorial. Also, Thanksgiving luncheon.

December 14 – Christmas luncheon.
If I don't have your cell phone number, I'd like to get it. In case something comes up, I can always text you. My
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Where to, folks?

The Region 1D Retiree Travel Committee would like your input. Please let us know where you would like to go. The following trips are being considered for future travels:

- Maine
- Myrtle Beach Show Trip & Charleston, SC
- San Antonio
- Tunica & Memphis
- Montreal

You may also suggest others not on this list. Contact Connie Garner-Dunn at 517-323-2146.

Breakfast with us

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

NEW TO LOCAL 4911 RETIREES

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



YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!



The following local candidates were vetted and endorsed by the UAW Region 1D Capital Area CAP Council. We ask you to support these candidates as the best choices for working people in mid-Michigan. In addition, the UAW has endorsed:

HILLARY CLINTON for President

TIM KAINE for Vice-President

- John Austin State Board of Education
- Ismael Ahmed State Board of Education
- Dianne Byrum MSU Board of Trustees
- Diann Woodard MSU Board of Trustees
- Laurence Deitch UM Board of Regents
- Denise Illitch UM Board of Regents
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- Andy Schor 68th District MI House of Representatives
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- Ryan Sebolt Ingham County Commission 2nd District
- Sarah Anthony Ingham County Commission 3rd District
- Brian Crenshaw Ingham County Commission 4th District
- Todd Tennis Ingham County Commission 5th District
- Brandon Currin Ingham County Commission 6th District
- Kara Hope Ingham County Commission 7th District
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- Julie Brixie Meridian Township Treasurer
- Phil Deschaine Meridian Township Trustee
- Patricia Herring-Jackson Meridian Township Trustee
- Dan Opsommer Meridian Township Trustee

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opportunity to place someone in that "other" category. Trump talks about making America great again by banning people due to their religion, which violates the Constitution, and by building walls.

He also wants to pit one region of the country against another, by moving American auto jobs out of the unionized north to southern states with low wages, and then offer them back to places like Michigan for even lower wages once workers are hungry enough to agree.

Trump's attack on the "other" was shown clearly in August when Trump chose Stephen Bannon to lead his campaign. Bannon is Chairman of Breitbart Media which has become the main platform for the "alt-right." This is a once fringe political movement which even Bannon says attracts white supremacists and anti-Semitic groups. The "alt-right" is all about making people fear and mistrust the "other."

Recently, Hillary Clinton made a statement that 50% of Trump supporters could fit into what she called the basket of deplorables, "The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic — you name it." Clinton has received criticism from the right for this statement and from Trump who called her out for not uniting people.

Those critics are clearly missing the whole point of Clinton's statement, which was about how those Americans who harbor hatreds based on the "otherness" of their fellow citizens have flocked to Trump's banner.

The fringe elements of the right still rail about President Obama's birth, and that the President is a secret Muslim, and that the LGBT community is somehow trying to recruit our children. And it is exactly those sorts of fringe actors and groups that Breitbart Media under Stephen Bannon has embraced.

I think it says a lot that Trump would put a man with connections to those groups in charge of his campaign. The idea of "otherness" goes directly against what the Labor Movement, and the UAW in particular, stands for.

Since the days of Walter Reuther the UAW has stood for racial equality, gender equality, and has espoused the ideal that we are all Brothers and Sisters within the movement.

Those groups that point fingers and try to get the working people to blame immigrants, minorities, and the "other" for the loss of jobs, power, or privilege do so to distract from the fact that this country is not divided so much along racial or religious lines but instead along economic lines.

The wealthy elites want the working class to blame the "other" instead of opening their eyes to the gross income and economic inequalities created by a system that more and more favors the wealthy elite.

Come November 8, please support those candidates who support working families and an America for everyone, even those different from you.

Election Day is November 8!

602 Obituaries

- Eugene Allen – Retired
- William Lawrence Robinson – Father of Patrick Robinson, Material/Final
- Robert James Meyers – Retired
- Cinda Joyce Miller – Daughter of C. Edgar Brown, Retired
- Helen Arlene Brown – Mother of Edgar Brown, Retired
- Kenneth Montrose – Father of Rose Killian, General Assembly Final 1
- Henry McDaniel – Father of Al McDaniel, Retired Body/Paint Material
- Janet Mae Murray – Mother of Rod Murray, Retired Shop Committee
- Hattie Greene – Retired
- Melvin Tiedt – Retired
- Eulogio L. Bermudez – Father of David Bermudez, Retired
- Ramon Villegas – Retired
- Larry Main – Retired
- Brian Rasmussen – Father of Tressica McDowell, General Assembly Engine Dress
- Donald M. Fedewa – Father of John Miller, Material Final
- Barbara Arnold – Retired
- Gregory C. Reynolds – Retired
- Steven McAlister – Retired Material/Body
- Robert Oberlin – Retired
- Robert Sodman – Retired
- Russell Walker – Retired
- Elmie G. Austin – Wife of Michael Austin, Retired Underbody
- Elene Erdelyi – Wife of Robert V. Erdelyi, Retired
- Vicki Vermillion – Mother of Christina Zopf
- Rebecca Arnett – Mother of Judy Thornsby, Body/Paint Quality Control
- Paul Cook – Grandfather of Eric Cook, General Assembly Trim 5
- John Robinson – Father of Laronn Robbison, Materials - Body/Paint
- Howard Charles Whipple – Father of Veronica Reed, Materials – Trim
- Helen Weaver – Mother of Tracy Weaver, Materials – Body/Paint
- George Goscinski – Retired
- John M. Kile – Retired
- Andrew B. Gager – Retired
- Edward L. Caswell – Retired
- Ronald C. Higdon – Retired
- Elmer L. Phifer – Retired
- Michael D. Marshall – Retired
- Redell Willoughby – Retired
- John Wickwire – Retired
- Sandra Brown – Mother of Dan Brown, 2nd shift – Body Metal Finish and Mother of Bobbi Brown, First shift GA Trim 2
- Joyce Harmon – Retired
- Aletha Marquette – Mother of Dave Marquette, Retired
- Douglas Winans – Father of Dan Winans, GA Chassis 1
- Lyle Birchman – Retired
- Eugene Pratt – Step Father of Damion Morris, GA Quality Control
- Eugene Watts – Active, Body Shop B1
- Richard Wenzlick – Father of Tim Wenzlick, Retired
- John Amber – Father of Rebecca Shuler, Paint – Topcoat Review
- Alfred Dexter – Retired
- Mark Stevens – Retired, Husband of Dorothy Stevens, Retiree Chair
- Dennis Brown – Retired
- Merriel J. Smith – Retired
- Robert L. Brundage – Retired
- Embra Camper – Retired

NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE FOR UAW LOCAL 4911 ELECTION COMMITTEE

Nominations and Election for the Election Committee will be announced at the September 28, 2016 Membership Meeting 5:00pm.
Nomination and Election of an Election Committee, consisting of six members, will be conducted at the **October 26, 2016 Membership Meeting 5:00pm, 1010 River Street, Lansing, MI 48912.**
Candidates must attend and turn in their nomination acceptance letter at the October 26th meeting.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE FOR
UAW LOCAL 4911 OFFICERS AND STEWARDS**

Nomination for the following offices will be conducted on
October 14, 2016 6:00am – 4:00pm
at the **UAW Local 4911 Office, 1010 River Street, Lansing, MI 48912**

**Trustee • Skilled Trades Unit Chairperson • Skilled Trades Unit Steward
Sparrow Specialty Hospital Chairperson • Sparrow Specialty Hospital Steward
3 Technical Unit Stewards St. Lawrence Campus - 1 Day Shift, 1 Night Shift, 1 Satellite**

Candidates must submit a written acceptance of nomination in person
(no emails or phone calls will be accepted)

You must be a UAW 4911 member in good standing with at least one (1) year of seniority.

<u>ELECTION OF UAW LOCAL 4911 OFFICERS AND STEWARDS</u>	<u>RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)</u>
Date: October 21, 2016	Date: October 28, 2016
Time: 7:00am – 9:00pm	Time: 7:00am – 9:00pm
Place: UAW Local 4911 1010 River Street Lansing, MI 48912	Place: UAW Local 4911 1010 River Street Lansing, MI 48912

*LaYvonn Beatty, Local 4911 Election Committee Chairperson
Derrick McDuffey, Local 4911 President*

- Janet Small – Mother of Greg Miller, Materials – Body/Paint, 3rd shift
- Joseph H. Wilson – Father of Deb Quinlap-McPherson
- Leonard Mailand – Father of John Mailand, Retired (Martha Mailand, Retired) and Scott Mailand, Retired (Kimberly Mailand, Active-GA Trim)
- Anita Houghton – Spouse of Mark Houghton, Retired
- Ramon Villegas – Retired, Father of David Villegas-GA Repair
- Thomas A. Keener, Retired
- Richard "Gomer" Garner – Retired, Spouse of Jane Garner, Retired
- Gerald R. Turner – Retired
- Robert Spolesnick – Retired
- Larry Norwood – Retired
- Oscar Rodriguez – Retired
- Carol A. Worden – Mother of Tony Worden
- Richard Tocalis – Father of Theresa Lingenfelter
- Cynthia J. Beach – Spouse of Eugene Beach – Retired
- Dean Chick – Father of David Chick, Materials – Body/Paint
- Jeffrey Howard – Brother of Gary Howard, Quality Control
- Terrence Fletcher – Retiree
- Roy Frechen – Father of Randy Frechen
- Kyle Gemalsky – Son of Richard Gemalsky
- Naomi Gibbs – Retiree
- Harley Goods – Father of Harley Goods
- Magadlene Kerr Gothard – Mother-in-Law of Kenneth Croff
- Richard E. Gyger Sr. – Father of Debra Couthen
- Allan Hawley – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Robert Lanz
- Ted Hooker – Retiree, Brother of Leon Hooker
- Dennis Hooper – Retiree
- Michael "Mike" King – Retiree
- Eskor Laughlin – Retiree
- Russell Lemke – Father-in-Law of Darrell Taylor, Brother-in-Law of Vince Wieferich Jr.
- Mark Letner – Son of Grady Letner, Brother of Denny Letner
- Bacilio Lira – Retiree, Father of Robert Lira, Father-in-Law of SanJuanita Lira
- Bernice P. MacGregor – Mother-in-Law of John Jones
- Cary McGinn – Retiree, Bother of Gerald and Darryl McGinn
- Theo Meredith – Retiree, Father of Jack Meredith, Grandfather of Ricky L. Meredith
- Larry J. Moore – Retiree
- Irene S. Nietling – Mother-in-Law Gary Drummelsmith
- Robert E. "Bob" Patterson – Father-in-Law of Allan Maize
- Adelbert L. Pung – Father-in-Law of Mike Heuer
- Joan Rennells – Mother of Alan Rennells
- James Rose – Retiree
- Catherine S. Rouster – Mother of Marvin Choyce
- Judith Strathmann – Daughter of Eskor Laughlin, Sister of Roger Laughlin
- Arline Smith – Spouse of Roy Smith, Mother of Erick Smith
- Ronda Vorce – Spouse of Gary Vorce, Daughter-in-Law of Dennis Duff
- Richard Wenzlick – Father of James Wenzlick

602 Thank You's

Dear People... Just a note to tell you thank you for the Bible. It is beautiful. I like it very much... Rosetta Meyers (Family of Robert J. Meyers)

652 Obituaries

- Bonnie Bartshe – Retiree
- Myrtle Belbeck – Mother of Jeff, Wayne and Randy Belbeck
- Euligio Bermudez Jr. – Retiree
- Lyle Birchman
- William Blake Jr. – Retiree, Brother of Shed Blake
- Salvador Cantu – Father of Jeff Cantu
- Maxine Lott Chelf – Mother of Juana C. Chelf
- Willie B. Cotton – Retiree
- Donald E. Davis – Retiree
- Mark Doten - Retiree
- Richard L. Ettinger – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Randy Phelps
- Thank-You's were received from:
The JoAnn Corn Family
The Guy Reynolds Family

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cell is 517-282-2292. That way you'll be in the know.

I hope you all have your absentee ballots for the election, as this is the easy way.

If you get mail from the UAW Retirees Trust, read it carefully, it could be important. I am taking mine to Meijer to make sure I am participating in their pharmacy. \$12 in 2016, \$14 in 2017. Your flu, pneumonia, shingles or TAP immunizations. Remember, the pharmacy must participate in Express Scripts.

Condolences to the families of: Richard Gyger, who leaves his wife Dorothy; Jerry Raymond; John Rose; and Arthur Colark, who leaves his wife Thea.

Claude Harris at 96 made our luncheon. What a guy!

Happy birthday to: Claude Harris, Lois Dyer, Leo Gray, and Charlie Carr, who turns 70 in October.

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carr. 49 years!

We have a new flag at the veterans memorial at Chapel Hill on Grand River. Stop and see it.

We will be getting a new bingo machine which will be easier to handle.

I'd like to thank all who came to my party. It was a good one. Love you all.

Walter Reuther, who was our UAW president from 1945 to 1970, said, "We happen to believe that the American labor movement is a movement dedicated to human service and its people. If people want to copy the ethics and morality of the marketplace, then these people should be kicked out of the American labor movement."

Till we meet again, keep smiling.

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