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VOICE OF 27,000 UAW MEMBERS



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Why we are involved in politics

By Mike Green
President, Local 652

I would like to congratulate all our members on the announcement of a new press plant to be built at our Grand River facility. The stand-alone plant will be built where our old press plant stood.



Mayor Virg Bernero and City Council members stated that they were ready and willing to make sure they would cooperate with GM to ensure the facility will be here.

So many times people ask why we get involved in politics. The answer is quite simple: none of us want to get Tennessee'd! We look at what happened at the VW plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where the vote of 712 to 626 defeated the UAW's organizing drive to represent the VW workers. There was interference by U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, as documented in an article in the Huffington Post by Erik Schelzig and Tom Krisher.

Sen. Corker's claim that a "no" vote would quickly mean more jobs fit in with an assertion Gov. Haslam leveled days earlier, when he said a union win would hurt the state's ability to attract auto suppliers and other future business.

In the same article UAW President Bob King said it was unprecedented for Corker and other elected officials to have "threatened the company with no incentives, threatened workers with a loss of product."

"It's outrageous," King said in an article that appeared in the Detroit News on March 5. Two years ago, when the gates to the General Motors assembly plant in Spring Hill, Tennessee reopened, it was a testament to what can be gained and who wins with sound collective bargaining and strong collaborative relationships.

The UAW's 2011 collective bargaining agreement reopened the idled GM

plant, since infused with new life to the tune of nearly 1,800 new jobs and the hefty \$350 million product investment. Those jobs were in or headed to Mexico. Now they belong to workers in Tennessee.

Another article I would like to list is by Lydia DePillis in the Washington Post on February 12. It is an interview with Sen. Corker on why he can't stand the UAW.

Let's make sure we don't get Tennessee'd! Please continue to support those candidates who support the working middle class, and be proud of the UAW, the union we belong to and count on to make sure our voice is heard.

Congratulations again to each and every member on the new press plant.

The UAW CAP Council has endorsed a number of candidates for the coming elections. Please see the box below.

UAW CAP endorsed candidates

23rd Michigan Senate
Curtis Hertel, Jr.

67th Michigan House
Tom Cochran

68th Michigan House
Andy Schor

69th Michigan House
Sam Singh

71st Michigan House
Theresa Abed

Euchre Tourney!

Region 1C Retiree Recreation Committee is having a Lansing Area Euchre Tournament May 7, at Local 602, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact your retiree chair to sign up. Winners play off against Flint that afternoon at Local 602.



At a meet-and-greet meeting, Mark Schauer, candidate for Michigan Governor, was warmly welcomed by the March UAW CAP Council. Schauer is a proven union supporter and friend to labor. Among the union members and officers pictured here are Local 724 President Dean Poggiali, Local 602 President Bill Reed, Local 4911 President Joe Douglas, Local 652 President Mike Green, and Local 2256 President Edgar Loring.

Critical midterm elections

I hope everyone had a safe winter. This was one of the worst winters I can remember, with snow accumulation over 50 inches. Spring is right at our doorstep so hang in there.



It is also tax time and you will undoubtedly feel the tax increase given to us by Gov. Snyder. Oh, they won't call it an increase but it surely is: HB 4361 taxes seniors on their pensions for the first time ever; EITC, which is EARNED, was lowered from 20% to 6%; Homestead Property Tax will be cut; and your \$600 child exemption for children under 18 is no longer allowable. These bills and many more can be found at www.legislature.mi.gov.

Please educate yourself on all of the upcoming issues for the midterm election and do not rely on misleading ads from Super PACs.

One question to ask yourself is "why are they spending so much money to

defeat something?"

Right to Work is a prime example. Republicans really do not care about workers, they care about destroying Unions because typically we tend to back Democratic candidates, because they work for the middle class.

You will receive information in the next few months with UAW endorsements. We are not telling you how to vote, just reminding you who the candidates are that are labor/middle class friendly.

Only by working together can we have a STRONGER voice in the workplace.

I hope everyone has a safe and very enjoyable summer.

Woods and Water 5K Run/Walk Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Free Kids Race at 8:30 a.m.

GM's Lansing

Delta Township Assembly

Habitat Area

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LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, President

A way out of the mess

As the economy continues to recover from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, we still see little progress in the fight against inequality, shrinking middle class and lack of good paying jobs.

In 2013, Union membership was at 11.3% compared to 20.1% in 1983, a drop of 8.8%.



Nearly 50 Million Americans were poor in 2012, including 13 million children.

From 2000 through 2011, median income for working-age households fell 12% as middle class jobs were replaced by low wage jobs, a trend that continues to this day.

As unemployment reaches 7.3 percent, with 50% of Americans living with less than \$10,000 dollars in savings, the top 1% continues to receive 95% of ALL U.S. income growth since 2009.

How has Congress responded? Unprecedented obstruction in Congress has led to federal government shutdown in October 2013, costing the economy \$24 billion.

Since January 2013, Tea Party Republicans in the Senate blocked legislation 83 times and austerity has cost the U.S. economy 2 million jobs since the recession began.

In December, Congress reached a two-year budget agreement that prevents another shutdown in the near future without cutting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits.

Although this measure is necessary, it does not extend emergency unemployment benefits, close corporate tax loopholes, or include new revenue to fund job creation and infrastructure programs.

Our economy grows best from the middle out, not from the top down. We need our representatives to support policies that spur job creation, raise wages, and fight income inequality for workers and future generations.

We need them to extend emergency unemployment benefits for those 1.6 million Americans actively seeking work and have been out of work more than 26 weeks.

We need them to support the raising of the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour.

We need them to protect our Social Security by strengthening benefits for all. Raise the payroll taxable cap to those making over \$110,000 to ensure longevity of the trust and support retirement legislation that will enable our members to plan for the future. Only 1 in 5 Americans have defined pension benefits. Social Security has become the bedrock for retirees and their families.

To protect our domestic auto industry, we need our representatives to say no to Fast Track legislation for the proposed Trans Pacific Partnership unless protections are put in place to assure that Japan stops its currency manipulation and other methods used to close its market

to free trade.

There are over 11,000 corporate lobbyists in Washington DC alone compared to labor lobbyists who combined could fit inside a small room. Sending our CAP delegates to Washington DC in support of labor has a major impact on legislation impacting working-class America and shows strength in keeping our representatives accountable in doing what's right in support of American middle-class families.

In 2013 the UAW, through its VCAP campaign had the single most amount of funds raised in support of CAP initiatives. Jobs are being created in the automotive industry and we have organized over 11,000 members in gaming alone.

Through coordinated bargaining in our supplier plants such as Dana and Lear, we have begun to eliminate the second tier.

We have to put our trust in the recommendations of the UAW CAP committees if we are to show strength at the ballot box. We need to support those who support labor if we are to change the direction of our future. Without a strong middle class we cannot have a strong democracy, and you cannot have a strong middle class without unions.

Those who are bent on destroying the work of unions have more money than us and they will continue to pass legislation meant to hurt our cause and weaken our defense—but we have the numbers in votes to silence their voices and to do away with their ability to war against us. But we will need to be in one accord without division, lest we be divided amongst ourselves.

UAW Local 602
General Membership Meeting
Sunday, April 13, 2014

4:30 pm Executive Board
6:00 pm General Membership

*There Will Be
a Second Reading of
Proposed Bylaws Changes
Regarding Local 602 Becoming
an Amalgamated Local Union*

UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 W. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48917
517-372-4626

— Bill Reed, President,
UAW Local 602

1st Annual Local 602
Presidents' Social

Open to All Local 602 Membership
& their families!

Join us for a meet & greet!

Light refreshments available

Meet many of our
former UAW Local 602 Presidents
as we continue to reflect on
our 75-year history

Friday, April 11, 2014
5pm-6pm

UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 W. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48917
517-372-4626
www.local602.org

Hosted by UAW Local 602
Bill Reed, President

LOCAL 724
Dean Poggiali, President

Elections and negotiations

With Daylight Savings Time in effect, it so far has only allowed us more time

to view the snow cover in our yards. It has become a challenge to drive down our streets with the snow piled along the sides narrowing our way. The potholes have become pot slabs.

By the way, if you are going south on Marshall Street between Saginaw and Michigan please be careful as that section has qualified for the pothole hall of fame. Our sincere hope is that we have seen the end of the cold, snow, and wind.

Changing gears, we applaud all those who have committed to participating in the 2014 Local and unit triennial elections. With many units still conducting their nomination process, things will conclude with the elections on May 1, 2014 at the Local.

The Dimondale Nursing Care Center and RSDC Units are or will be in contract talks by the time you receive this. The challenges in today's economy and preparing impactful contract language make the process at times very stressful. Here's hoping the contract talks yield a fair and equitable agreement for the membership.

The Woodbridge Unit recently had a change in Unit Chair. Rich Buscemi has taken over the reins of the unit and has started to get acclimated in the duties of the office. We look forward to working with Rich.

The recent Capital Area Community Services Walk for Warmth received over \$14,000 in donations for the City of Lansing event. When these results were added to the results for the rural Ingham County, Eaton County, Clinton County, and Shiawassee County walks close to \$45,000 was raised. With the winter we have had, the money will surely be put to a good use.

The Mystic Lake YMCA Camp Union Camp Committee has started meeting for the 2014 camping season. Last year the UCC was able to send 60



kids to camp and have over \$13,000 in funds received from local unions. This partnership has existed since the 1940's between the camp and Lansing area unions. The UCC has impacted literally hundreds of area youth by allowing them to enjoy the experience of Mystic Lake Camp they may otherwise not be able to afford. Please contact me at 517-203-5027 for more information

Speaking of Mystic Lake Camp, they will be conducting the annual clean up weekends. The "Work or Shirk" event will be on April 25-27 and May 16-18. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

Also some dates to keep in mind for May. On May 10, the annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct their annual food drive. This drive, the largest one-day food drive in the country, allows area food banks and pantries to replenish their supplies. With many school districts supplying free breakfast and/or lunch for their students, once school is over many of these kids may not get the necessary meals needed for growing up strong and healthy. Please consider putting something out by your mailbox on the 10th and help with feeding of our community

On Wednesday, May 21, the Volunteers of America (VOA) will be holding the 11th annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down at Lansing's Adado Riverfront Park. The event allows our vets who have experienced issues acclimating back into civilian life an opportunity to meet with many service providers to determine if they can access needed services. One way to help is by collecting personal needs items for the event that will then we assembled into ditty bags for the participants.

In closing, we continue to face many challenges within our families, our community and our worksites. By making those decision makers in Lansing and Washington DC more accountable for their lack of compassion and forgetting the people, then we can resolve to rectify those situations. The most swift and telling way is to elect those who truly represent the interests of working families and not the business interests solely.

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

Please see page 5
for the revised Local 724
Election Notice

LOCAL 724 MEMBERS

When you vote on May 1,

Please vote for

DEBRA MILLS

and

DEAN POGGIALI

**for Local 724's Delegates
to the 36th UAW**

Constitutional Convention

Vote at the Local 724 Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 1.

No union funds were used for this ad.



LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

The VW fiasco

An excerpt from an article by Laura Clawson:

"Their senator said publicly and repeatedly that if they voted against joining a union, their company would bring more jobs to the region.

A state senator said that if they voted for a union, their legislature would vote against funding for jobs expansion.

And the threats to Volkswagen workers apparently had their intended effect: The workers voted narrowly against joining the UAW in results just counted.

According to an emailed press release from the UAW:

At the end of voting on Friday, Volkswagen workers voted against joining the union in a vote of 712 to 626. [...]

"While we're outraged by politicians and outside special interest groups interfering with the basic legal right of workers to form a union, we're proud that these workers were brave and stood up to the tremendous pressure from outside," said UAW Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Williams, who directs the union's transnational program. "We hope this will start a larger discussion about workers' right to organize."

If all of your elected officials were saying that you choosing more power in the workplace and better wages and working conditions would mean fewer jobs, wouldn't you think twice? Fear works for Republicans. They use it effectively."

I had been searching for a way to discuss the Volkswagen union vote and was having some problems with getting my feelings to come through on paper when I read the above couple of paragraphs.

Ms. Clawson, in a few short sentences, hit the bullseye on why the vote at the Chattanooga VW plant bothered me so much.

The workers at VW should have been allowed to make a personal decision in this matter. Instead they were browbeaten and threatened, BY THEIR OWN ELECTED OFFICIALS! What does that say about the state of our nation? Not too much, I'm afraid. Stay tuned.

Winterfest 2014

The 2014 Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's "Winterfest" at Grayling, Michigan was a rousing success. Lots of snow, good people and a friendly atmosphere added up to a great time had by all.

A big thank you needs to go out to all those who attended, to the Ramada Inn for being a gracious host, and an even bigger thank you to all of the volunteers that give their time and energy to make this event a success.

Well done, guys! I'm proud to be a member!

If you didn't have a chance to go this year, do yourself a favor and mark it on the calendar for next year.

It's a great time for the family and one of the things that your kids will remember forever.



LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President

CPL class

There will be a Concealed Pistol License (CPL) class at Local 652 on June 22. The price will be \$120. For more information, please call Ralph Ball at 517-582-1104. Note that Local 652 is located at 466 Clare Street in Lansing, zip code 48917.

I was at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's Winterfest in Grayling in February and, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed it. There are always so many good people there and so much to do! Thanks to all who took part.

Please see page 5 for our Local 652 Nominations and Election notice.



LOCAL 652
Scott R. Lounds,
Recording Secretary

VW, the NLRB, and our next governor

There are those who have been unhappy with my views on politics and what I see as the importance of the UAW's involvement in that arena. But if there was ever better evidence of how much the right-wing politicians hate Unions, and the UAW in particular, than the VW NLRB vote in Tennessee, I don't know what it would be.

The usual suspects, Bob Corker, the Koch brothers, and others spent large sums of money and large amounts of time fighting the UAW in Tennessee, even though the company itself seemed more than happy to see the UAW organize their plant.

The same politicians who claim that right-to-work is all about worker freedom (as opposed to worker freeloaders) injected themselves into the NLRB's



democratic process that has been in place for almost 80 years. Elected officials threatened VW and its workers with the loss of tax incentives and claimed to have knowledge that future product would not be allocated to the Tennessee plant if it was organized. Clearly these threats were meant to discourage employees from voting in the Union.

What are these politicians afraid of? Do they fear that if VW organizes, some of their citizens might have better pay, better benefits, or a safer work environment? Egad! Who could ever support that? If there is anything that the situation in Tennessee and the ongoing attacks on Unions in Michigan has proven, it is that who we support and who supports us as workers has never been more important.

That being said, I had the privilege of hearing Mark Schauer, Democratic candidate for Governor, speak this week. I must say that I was highly impressed. Many times in the past I have listened to candidates who were seeking the support of the UAW and other Labor groups. Sometimes, you can tell the speaker has studied up on what to say, or is searching for the right answer for the crowd they are speaking to; not Mark Schauer.

It was clear to me that Mr. Schauer's beliefs are those that the Labor Movement holds dear. He spoke about the ways in which our current governor has attacked our retirees through taxes on their pensions and all the laws Snyder has signed limiting the rights of Unions and union members. Schauer also said that his first priority would be to get right-to-work (for less) repealed. Amen to that. It will be a brighter day for Michigan when Mark Schauer is Governor.

PRIDE RIDE

for
Motorcycle Safety Awareness
MAY 16

T-shirt deadline: April 15

See your Local for more info and registration forms, or download them from the Labor News website:
lansinglabornews.org

Please see page 4 for columns by
Local 724 Financial Secretary
Debra Mills
and
Local 4911 Financial Secretary
Rose Van Schoick

LOCAL 602
Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Crossroads

Are we, as a society, at a crossroads? If you look back over history, our fellow brothers and sisters fought for our right to representation and collective bargaining by a Union. Even during this time of rebellion against rich and powerful corporations, politicians stood by the people. They recognized that "We the People" do have rights and signed into law several bills that allowed representation.

What has changed in today's society that allows the politicians and the rich to think they have the right to control whether workers want to elect representation from a Union? Has corporate greed taken over our way of life? Some politicians in the Republican Party are openly trying to keep workers from electing a Union to represent them in the workplace.

Recently, in Tennessee, the workers at the Volkswagen facility had the opportunity to vote on Union representation. Through negative advertisements and statements regarding future work, Republican politicians, along with their rich and powerful special interest groups, influenced these workers. They know that political power is derived from Union membership.

We, as Union members, are not going to stand by and let these politicians bully people into submission. The UAW filed an appeal with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on February 21, 2014 related to the interference by politicians and outside special interest groups in regard to the Union representation election at Volkswagen's Chattanooga plant.

Let's not forget the past. Do not continue to bury your head in the sand as politicians and the rich take the social and economic gains we, as Unions, have achieved over decades. Take the time to become politically active in your Union and your community.

I invite you to attend the Capital Area CAP Council meetings. Come join your brothers and sisters at our next meeting on April 9 at UAW Local 724 at 5:30 pm.



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UAW Local 602
Union Label Committee
presents

**2014 Pancake Breakfast
& Easter Party**

Sunday, April 6

Breakfast 8:00-12:00

Easter Party 12:30-3:00

\$5 each / 12 & under FREE

UAW Local 602 Union Hall

2510 W Michigan Ave

Lansing MI 48917

Public Invited!

Open to entire

Local 602 membership!

Coloring Contest! Games!

Cookie Decorating!

Win Prizes!

We look forward to seeing you!

LOCAL 724

Debra Mills, Financial Secretary

Women's History Month

March is celebrated as Women's History Month. Following are excerpts of President Obama's March 1 proclamation of Women's History Month:

During Women's History Month, we recognize the victories, struggles, and stories of the women who have made our country what it is today.

This month, we are reminded that even in America, freedom and justice have never come easily. As part of a centuries-old and ever-evolving movement, countless women have put their shoulder to the wheel of progress—activists who gathered at Seneca Falls and gave expression to a righteous cause; trailblazers who defied convention and shattered glass ceilings; millions who claimed control of their own bodies, voices, and lives.

Together, they have pushed our nation toward equality, liberation, and acceptance of women's right—not only to choose their own destinies—but also to shape the futures of peoples and nations.

Through the grit and sacrifice of generations, American women and girls have gained greater opportunities and more representation than ever before. Yet they continue to face workplace discrimination,



a higher risk of sexual assault, and an earnings gap that will cost the average woman hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of her working lifetime.

As women fight for their seats at the head of the table, my Administration offers our unwavering support.

The first bill I signed as President was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which made it easier for women to challenge pay discrimination.

Under the Affordable Care Act, we banned insurance companies from charging women more because of their gender, and we continue to defend this law against those who would let women's bosses influence their health care decisions.

We are also encouraging more girls to explore their passions for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and taking action to create economic opportunities for women across the globe.

Last fall, we finalized a rule to extend overtime and minimum wage protections to homecare workers, 90 percent of whom are women ...

As we honor the many women who have shaped our history, let us also celebrate those who make progress in our time.

Let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds. And from Wall Street to Main Street, in the White House and on Capitol Hill—let us put our Nation on the path to success.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.—Barack Obama

LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Spring is here!

Have you noticed the birds singing in the mornings? To me, this is the official sign that Spring is here!! We have all endured a very long winter season being cooped up indoors with a limited amount of sunshine around us. I am excited to watch the grass turn green and witness the trees sprouting their new leaves. Our surroundings will transform from white and brown to a lush green landscape rejuvenating each and every one of us. I will tackle that Spring cleaning inside and outside without any complaints. In just a few weeks, I will smell the flowers, plant the berries and gardens while breathing deeply the crisp, clean, fresh outdoor air. The hibernation of winter will no longer have its gripping hold on us—we will be set free!

By the time you read this paper, our Local 4911 union will have had our fifth annual bowling event for our membership at Spare Time near Frandor. At this writing, we have 153 signed up to bowl! This event has had a steady growth rate since our first session which was held at Royal Scot during the first three years. We continue to offer this event for our members due to the positive feedback we receive. Remember, **YOU** are the union and we strive to offer activities that you enjoy.

Please watch our monthly Worker to Worker, the web site, and the bulletin board postings for upcoming summer activities, such as the Tiger baseball game and our annual summer cookout on both the Sparrow and St. Lawrence campuses.

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• **Targeted** at at-risk students identified in the sixth grade and supported through high school graduation.

• **Creates hope** and inspires students to complete high school and go on to college. Increases future job opportunities and income potential.

• **Where can I learn more?**
www.lansingpromise.org or call Executive Director Brad Patterson at (517) 230-5393

Allen Neighborhood Center

1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 367-2468

www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org

Interested in information/activities that provide access to education and resources? Check out Allen Neighborhood Center and their programs and/or workshops which include a variety of topics, such as: housing, cooking courses, gardening classes/programs, nutrition, health, plant sales, youth programs, or even the rental of the facility—and of course, their year-round farmer's market on Wednesdays.

Lansing Financial Empowerment Center

Financial counselors can help you take control of your debt, improve your credit, lower your payments to take control of your finances, create a budget, save and plan for your future, etc. Where can I learn more? www.lansingmi.gov/ ofe or call 2-1-1. Free and confidential, multiple languages spoken.

Mystic Lake Camp

Mystic Lake Camp is a great place for your child to experience this summer and as a UAW Local 4911 member, there are scholarships that your child may qualify for!

Applications are available at the Union Office, 2722 E. Michigan Avenue and also at the Union House on Holmes (first house next to the old Goodyear parking lot). Submission deadline is May 20. For more information go to www.uawlocal4911.org.

ELECTION NOTICE

UAW LOCAL 724

Election of UAW Local 724 Officers and 36th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates, Unit Officers and Unit Committeepersons

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2014

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

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

RUN-OFF ELECTION

(if necessary)

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

Marcella Rosario, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson

Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

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Nomination and Election of UAW Local 4911 Vice President and 36th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates

Nominations are for the following: Vice President and Five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates delegates for the 36th Annual Constitution Convention which will convene in Detroit on June 2, 2014.

Candidates must submit a written acceptance in person to UAW Local 4911, 2722 E. Michigan Ave, Suite 205, Lansing, MI 48912. All nominations will be accepted on Friday, April 11, 2014 from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm

Elections for the above-mentioned officer and Constitutional Convention Delegates will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

April 18, 2014

7:00 am to 8:00pm

UAW Local 4911

2722 E Michigan Ave

First Floor Meeting Room

Run off date, if necessary: April 25, 2014 7:00am – 8:00pm

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution: No member is eligible to serve as a delegate from her/his Local union unless she/he has been in continuous good standing in this international Union for twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held and shall also have been a member of the Local Union electing her/him for three (3) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held. For purpose of this Section of the Constitution, members must pay their dues or secure out-of-work credits receipts in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

UAW Local 602 Election Notice

GENERAL ELECTION &

UAW 36TH Constitutional Convention Delegates Election

A nomination meeting will be held Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 6 pm

(in conjunction with the regular monthly membership meeting)

at UAW Local 602 Union Hall – 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917

“Where a Local Union in the United States adopts a nominating procedure that all members stand nominated, such procedure must also provide the opportunity for a member or members to nominate candidates of their choice during the nomination period.”

“Such alternate procedure may not prevent a member from making a nomination of some other member or members. To meet this requirement, Local Unions in the United States adopting the alternate procedure that all members are nominated should make it known on the notices to the membership, that any member may nominate any other members s/he desires for the specific office established in the election. Where a member chooses to nominate another member, s/he would be required to notify the Local Union of her/his nomination in writing within the first five (5) days of the nomination period. S/he would also be required to notify the member s/he had been nominated for the specific office so her/his nominee would be aware of the nomination and of her/his obligation to accept such nomination within the deadline. If a member is nominated and the nominator fails to notify the nominee, such failure will not invalidate or excuse the member’s responsibility to accept such office or position to which s/he was nominated within the established deadline period.”

Nominations will also be accepted at UAW Local 602 Union Hall – 7am-4pm

Monday, April 14, 2014 through Thursday, April 17, 2014

AND Monday, April 21, 2014

(Hall closed Friday, April 18)

UAW Local 602 Union Hall is located at 2510 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48917

Election will be held 11 am Tuesday, April 29, 2014 until 11 am

Wednesday, April 30, 2014. 24 hour election.

Three (3) Election Sites:

Active & Retired: UAW Local 602 Union Hall

Active: LDT GA Cafetorium – 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing MI

Active: LDT Body Shop Grand Am Room – 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing MI

Run-Off (if necessary) will be held 11 am Tuesday, May 13, 2014 until

11 am Wednesday, May 14, 2014, all three sites

All members in good standing (active or retired) are eligible to run and vote for the following positions (3 year term):

President	Vice President
Recording Secretary	Financial Secretary-Treasurer
Trustee (3 positions)	Sergeant-At-Arms
Guide	

One Chairperson for each of the following Committees (3 year term):

Citizenship & Legislative • Civil & Human Rights
Community Services • Conservation & Recreation
Constitution & Bylaws • Education • Strike
Unemployment & Worker’s Compensation
Union Label • Veterans • Women’s

36th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates (4 year term)

Delegates Five (5)

Alternate Delegates (5)

5 highest vote totals will be Delegates

Next 5 highest vote totals will be Alternates

(Only delegates attend convention)

ACTIVE LDT members in good standing are eligible to run and vote for the following positions (3 year term):

Shop Chairperson

Skilled Trades Zone (ONLY Skilled Trades members are eligible to run and vote)

At-Large Production Zone

Team Solutions (3 year term) (ONLY Team Solutions members are eligible to run and vote):

Shop Chairperson

[Signed:] Brian Stead, Chair, Local 602 Elections Committee; Jerri Smith and Kevin Barnum, Co-Chairs, Local 602 Elections Committee; and Bill Reed, President, UAW Local 602

ELIGIBILITY NOTICE FOR UAW LOCAL 2256

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 8, Section 11 of the UAW International Constitution:

“No member is eligible to serve as a delegate from her/his Local Union unless s/he has been in continuous good standing in this International Union for twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the convention is held and shall also have been a member of the Local Union electing her/him for three (3) months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Convention is held. For the purpose of this Section of the constitution, members must pay their dues or secure out-of-work credits receipts in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.”

Election of UAW Local 2256 Officers and the 36th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegates will take place: Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing

Run-off Election, if necessary, will take place: Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing

– UAW LOCAL 2256 ELECTION COMMITTEE

Nomination Acceptance and Election Notice for UAW Local 652

Nominations, acceptances, and election notice for the following elections:

General Election

Election of Delegates to the 36th UAW Constitutional Convention

General Motors Unit • Ryder Unit

Android Unit • JCIM Unit

Nominations and acceptances for the positions listed on this notice may be made at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing beginning April 7, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through April 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. All acceptances must be made in writing at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall during business hours. The Hall is open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All candidates are required to sign a fair election code. No acceptances may be made by telephone or by mail. All candidates must have been a member in continuous good standing for one year prior to the acceptance period to be eligible to run for office.

General Election

Local Executive Officers

President	Three (3) trustees
Vice-President	Sergeant-at-Arms
Recording Secretary	Guide
Financial-Secretary Treasurer	

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Community Service • Education
Conservation and Recreation • Women’s
Civil and Human Rights

General Motors Unit

Bargaining Committee

Shop Committee Chairperson

Two (2) Production Shop Committeepersons
Skilled Trades District/Shop Committeeperson

36th UAW Constitutional Convention

Three (3) General Motors Unit Delegates

One (1) General Motors Unit Alternate Delegate

Ryder Unit

Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

First Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

First Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson

Second Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Second Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson

Third Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Third Shift Alternate Bargaining Committeeperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

36th UAW Constitutional Convention

Two (2) Ryder Unit Delegates

Two (2) Alternate Ryder Unit Delegates

Android Industries Unit

Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

First Shift Committeeperson

First Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Second Shift Committeeperson

Second Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Third Shift Committeeperson

Third Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

JCIM UNIT

Bargaining Committee

Unit Chairperson

First Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Second Shift Committeeperson

Second Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Third Shift Committeeperson

Third Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Unit Officers

Recording Secretary

Sergeant-at-Arms

36th UAW Constitutional Convention

Two (2) Miscellaneous Delegates

One (1) Alternate Miscellaneous Delegate

Miscellaneous Delegates to be elected by AI and JCIM Local 652 Members only

Elections for the above positions will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Thursday May 1, 2014 with the polls to be open continuously until 5:00 a.m. Friday May 2, 2014. All voting to take place at UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing. Members must provide picture identification to vote.

A run-off election, if necessary, will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St., Lansing. The polls will open Thursday May 8, 2014 at 5:00 a.m. and be open continuously until Friday May 9, 2014 at 5: a.m.

REVISED MARCH 20, 2014

652 retirees

Hello everyone. Spring is officially upon us now, who knows what kind of ride it will be? 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 April 8, 2014. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only – no guests.

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

May 16-17-18 Camp Michawana, Hastings

June 13-14-15 White Cloud Campground, White Cloud

July 11-12-13 Leisure Lake Campground, Sumner

Aug. 8-9-10 Lakeside Camp Park, Cedar Springs

Sept. 12-13-14 Rocky's Campground, Albion

Oct. 10-11-12 Michigan Trap Shooting Association, Mason

For further information, 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.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the date for the Region 1C Retiree Recreation Committee Euchre Tournament for the Lansing area retirees has been changed to May 7, at Local 602, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. You do not need a partner to play. Please call 372-7581 ext. 147, and leave your name and phone number if you wish to play. The winners of this tournament will play the winners of the Flint tournament in the afternoon, at Local 602, following lunch.

The retirees are having a trip to Chicago September 9 - 12. Let's fill the bus and have a good time! Call Marni for details, 517-321-6871.

Any Local 652 retiree that has never been to Black Lake, or has not been since they retired and would be interested in going, should contact me at 517-372-7581 ext. 147. Please leave your name and phone number. Black Lake Educational Center is an integral part of understanding how politics affect our daily lives (and pocketbooks). Members will attend seminars where retiree issues are discussed. While the Center is a beautiful place, it is not a vacation, you must attend the seminars daily.

Condolences to all the families who have had a loved one pass.

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, Cecil Osenbaugh, Leonard Schneider, Bob & Lee



Members of Local 602's Union Label Committee served food at the Winterfest. Back row, left to right: Gary Howard, Darrell Webster, Brett Brown, Jesse Williams, Josh Hoerauf, and Union Label Chair Doug Fox. Front: Doug Rademacher and Local 602 President Bill Reed. See the Labor News website for many more full-color pictures by Mary Reed.

Vergason, Mason Williams, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

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

WANTED: your old 45 rpm records. Are you between the ages of 60 and 80 and have a collection of records you don't play anymore? Or do you know someone who has an old 45 collection? I might be interested in buying them. Call me at 517/775-3989 or 517/645-2508.



The Local 652 Florida picnic was held in February. You can see more pictures in the article archives on our website.

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

We had a breakfast on March 4. I called all that I have on my list; if I don't have your cell or home number, I can't get hold of you. I know lots of you like the breakfast, so call me so I can keep in touch: 517-543-5385.

Connie Dunn is on the Region 1-C Travel Committee, which will have a trip to Cape Cod in October. They're also thinking of a trip to New Orleans. Call Connie if interested at 517-323-2146.

Calendar

April 9 – Easter luncheon
April 25 – LAFCU annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Royal Scot.
April 30 – euchre tournament at Local 602 hall
May 14 – luncheon
June 3 – Ted's breakfast, same place and time



June 11 – cookout luncheon
July 9 – No-bake bake sale
August 11 – area retirees' picnic
September 10 – luncheon
September 16 – Tigers game
September 20 – pancake breakfast and bake sale

Nomination of our officers will be on April 9, and the election on May 14.

The hearing aid benefit increased \$1,500—2,000.

Joe Sagy comes to all our meetings, if you want to see him. His phone number is 517-372-7201.

Condolences to the families of: James Gleason, 65; Max House, 70; Geraldine Hodge, 92, grandmother of Ron Hodge and mother-in-law of Charlie Carr.

Happy 50th anniversary to Richard and Dianna Zelenka.

Birthdays: March: Ted Gauss, Jerry Hunt, and Sue Figle. February: Richard Zelenka, Connie Gauss, Dick Torgeson, Joe Sagy, Dianna Sagy, and Juan Mendez. April: Connie Dunn, Jill Raffler, Canda Anthony, Debbie Snell, Minnie Gill. May: Doris Williams, Bill Anthony, and me, Lois Schultz.

Charlie Carr had surgery in December on his neck.

Dorothy Stevens

602 retirees

The Republican Party is not going to leave working people alone. State legislation to limit union picket activity in HB 4643 would change current law to allow employers to obtain an automatic injunction from a circuit court against picketing activity without first having to prove irreparable harm, as is currently the case.

The bill would seek to financially intimidate workers from expressing their constitutional right to protest unfair working conditions. What next?

Call or write your State Representative now and tell them to oppose HB 4643, an unnecessary and likely unconstitutional attack on the ability of workers to exercise their First Amendment Rights to protest.

This may seem like a broken record but I cannot stress the importance of keeping the heat on Congress to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. Over and over again, seniors are being told they must foot the bill for the crisis in Washington.

Rather than cutting Social Security and Medicare to pay down a deficit which these programs did not create, Washington should be looking for ways to address the retirement crisis head-on.

The debate over the future of Social Security has started anew. With federal debt now exceeding \$17 trillion, will lawmakers rubber-stamp deficit reduction proposals that cut Social Security benefits? Raise the retirement age? Reduce the COLA?

This is a very real battle with very real consequences for our retirement security. Congress needs to know where you stand so I hope you will write or call your representatives. Let them know that among their top priorities as your representatives should be to defeat proposed benefit cuts, privatization, and other harmful proposals that threaten your retirement and health.

We must help elect more lawmakers who are on our side and will support legislation seniors need and reject propos-

als that undermine the promise of Social Security and Medicare. If we flood them with letters and phone calls, they will listen, but it takes numbers and we've got the numbers if everyone does their part.

The Euchre Tournament has been changed to May 7 at Local 602.

For all of the retired Fisher Girls, mark your calendars for the fourth Thursday in July, which is July 24, at 2:00 pm at

Finley's on S. Cedar for our annual luncheon.

Your picnic this year will be held at Royal Scot with the entire meal being furnished on August 12.

For all who are ill and homebound, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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

UAW Local 2256 Unit of BCBSM Election and Nomination Acceptance

For the positions of:

1-President, 1-Vice President, 1-Recording Secretary,
1-Chairperson and 1-Alternate Chairperson

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from April 14—April 18, 2014. Letters to be dated no later than April 18, 2014 and sent to the following Election Committee members: Vickie Montgomery, Chair; Sheila Slentz; Mary Holmes; and Christy Jones.

Campaign time frame is scheduled for April 21—April 28, 2014.

Election will be held April 29, 2014

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.

Location: Lansing Office, 232 S. Capitol Ave.

Run-off Election date set for May 14, 2014

No Absentee Ballots

602 Obituaries

Frederick Frese – Retired
Gary Geiger – Retired
Roger Collier – Retired
Lawrence Riley – Retired
Robert Johnson – Retired
Robert Plowman – Retired
William Hoople III – Retired
Gregory Kellogg – Retired, Body Shop Metal Finish
R. Keith Sheldon – Retired
Myra Grantham – Stepmother of Marilyn Jackson, General Assembly Trim 1
Janet Marie Jacobs – Wife of Bruce Jacobs, Retired
Marie Karn – Mother of Dennis Karn
Gary Nostrant – Retired
James Shawanibin – Retired, Quality Control
Ella Louise Bancroft – Mother of James Bancroft, Body Shop
William Daniel Badgett – Retired
Barbara Fowler – Retired
Stanley Taylor – Retired
Wilmer Barber – Retired
Wayne Brown – Retired
Eugene Pearsall – Retired
Larry Allen – Father of Robin Fox, Body Shop Underbody
Barbara J. Toth – Mother of Frank Toth, General Assembly
Bradford Wills – Retired Skilled Trades
Wilson Vernel Wells – Retired and Father of James Wells, Material and Quality Control
Wesley Earl Fancher – Father of Connie Young, Chassis 3
John Kish Jr. – Father of John Kish III, General Assembly Trim 1 and Father-in-Law of Heather Kish, General Assembly Trim 1
Ervin Lyle Reed Sr. – Retired
Lucy Lee Armour – Mother of JoAnne Moore, Quality
Carla Jones – Wife of Garry Jones, Body Shop
Morris Dewitt – Father of Jackie Gunnell, Body Shop Underbody and Uncle of Mary Diffin, General Assembly Door Line
Henry Schafer – Retired
Glenn Allen Clark – Father of Bonny Clark
Robert Barnes – Retired
Walter Coleman – Retired

Nancy Craig – Retired
Guy Dorer – Retired
George Koenigsknecht – Retired
Virgil Pipes – Retired
Clarence Randall – Retired
Arthur Ruffner – Retired
Allen Tweddie – Retired
Thank You

Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughtfulness, caring, concern, the gift of money, and to Local 602 for the Bible. Keep Roy in your memory. May God bless and be with you all ... Linda Knoblauch and Family (Family of Roy Knoblauch)

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered ... (The Family of Harry Sturn)

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express ... James Bancroft (The Family of Ella Bancroft)

Thank you so much for all the help and for the Bible ... (The Family of Larry Malek)

652 Obituaries

Mervel D. Carter – Father-in-Law of Brian Van Neste
Johnnie Chappell – Spouse of William Chappell
Chad Cochran – Step-Son of Rex Hutchison
Walter Dexter – Retiree, Father of Ronald Dexter
Paula Gates – Sister of Moses Hobbs
Elizabeth Condra-Guzman – Daughter of Oliver Condra
Robert Law – Retiree
Robert "Bob" L. Lord Jr. – Retiree
Ralph V. Murray – Retiree, Father of Michael and Steven Murray
Douglas Rohrer – Retiree
Joseph Smolka – Retiree, Brother of John Smolka
Elizabeth Maxine Starbard – Mother of Darrel Starbard
David Thayer – Retiree
Gene F. Thompson – Retiree
Eva Waltz – Mother of Robert Waltz Jr.
Thank-You's were received from:
The Elizabeth Condra-Guzman Family
The Robert Lord Jr. Family
The Elizabeth Starbard Family

Local 1753 Nominations & Election Notice

UAW Local 1753 will be holding the triennial election of local union officers. Please be advised that all members with one year continuous good standing in the local union are automatically nominated for all elected offices. Any member wishing to accept nomination must indicate their intentions in writing with forms provided at the Local Union Hall from **11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., April 15, 16, 22, and 23.** You may also accept nomination at the Plant on the same dates during first and second shift lunch periods. No acceptance may be made by phone or by mail.

General Election: May 7, 2014

Local Union Hall: 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

In Plant (in the cafeteria): 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Run-off Election: May 14, 2014 (if necessary)

Same Locations and Times Listed Above

All elected offices are for three-year terms. The offices are as follows:

CON-CON DELEGATE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Vice President Financial Secretary-Treasurer
Recording Secretary Three (3) Trustees
Sergeant -At -Arms Guide

SHOP COMMITTEE

Shop Committee Chairperson
Committeepersons and Alternates for Districts 1, 2
and Skilled Trades Representative

STANDING COMMITTEES (elect 3)

Bylaws Civil Rights Community Action (CAP)
Consumer Affairs Community Services Union Label
Education Women's Recreation Veterans

LOCAL 1753 DRAYTON UNIT

Recording Secretary

First Shift

Unit Chairperson
Alternate Committeeperson

Second Shift

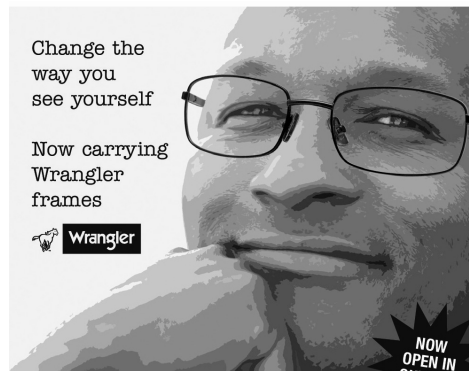
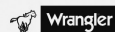
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Alternate Committeeperson

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Grand Rapids
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5857 W. Saginaw
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7207 Eastman Ave.
989-488-1866

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4930 Marsh Road
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2350 Tittabawassee
989-791-1044

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1545 S. Division St.
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