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UAW locals support our veterans at the annual stand down



Many local unions participated in the Homeless Veterans Stand Down in Lansing co-sponsored by Volunteers of America on May 21. This event brings together resources for homeless veterans from various agencies, as well as donations of personal items for the veterans. Shown here are (left to right): Local 602 President Bill Reed, Local 724 President Dean Poggiali, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, Local 4911 President Joe Douglas, UAW Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem, Local 652 President Mike Green, and UAW Servicing Rep Scott Dedic.

Fourth annual American Muscle and Antique Auto Show - September 13

The only show devoted to American-made autos, hosted at Local 652. All proceeds go to the Lansing Labor News to help fund the paper you're reading now. The show is open to the public and free to attend. It will be in the parking lots of Local 652 and 724 on Clare Street in Lansing.

The show will run from 10 am to 4 pm with registration beginning at 8 am. The cost to enter a vehicle is only \$10. There will be lots of door prizes, raffle prizes, great music, food, and fun for all ages. So please join us!

We are looking for sponsors to help with the event by donating door prizes, raffle prizes, and to be a Major sponsor, to help with the food cost, trophy sponsors and monetary donations to LLN. Also if anyone has a product to display or sell, we will have some booth space available with a donation to the LLN. If you know anyone who has an American-made vehicle, we would love to have them display it. Any year is welcome. New this year, we will have an award for the Local that brings the most vehicles to the show that belongs to their members.

If you have questions please contact us at (517)896-8317 or email motorsandmetal@gmail.com. Thank you – Matt and Jill Bowen, American Muscle & Antique Auto Show Chairs

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Congratulations and thanks on local elections

Dean Poggiali, President, Local 724

After the harsh winter we had, it now presents new challenges as we have to deal with the daily rains that have frequented us during mid-May. With many yards in near flood stage we can take some peace of mind that it isn't snow!

Congratulations to all those who were recently elected and/or re-elected in the recent Local 724 triennial elections. Many of those elected have already assumed their offices, while the Local 724 Executive Board takes office on June 10, 2014 at the General membership meeting that starts at 5:00 pm.

Everyone is invited to attend the June 11 meeting to be officially sworn in and your families are welcome. Thanks for stepping up to serve your membership to make sure they are treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

Lastly, many thanks for the dedication of our Local 724 Election Committee who conducted the process. Carol Allen, Bill Barrett, Ken King, Nadia Lockett, Julius Maurer, Mary Patino, Marcella Rosario and Mark Titus deserve our thanks when we see them as they stepped up to the challenge of the process.

There will be a new look about our Executive Board, as there are several new members. We will work to assimilate everyone into their new offices. Due to the fact that we do have so many new E-Board members, the E-Board will not recess during July and August. The General Membership meetings will, however, not be scheduled in July and August and will resume in September.

The Local 724 Executive Board recently appointed Rich Buscemi, Woodbridge Unit, as a Local 724 CAP delegate. The delegates attend one meeting a month, learn about what other Locals are doing, become informed in the political process, are given tools to empower our members about the major issues, and help further the union brand. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact me at 517-482-7377 or dlpoggiali@gmail.com. This is a new e-mail address as my previous one was hacked.

The Alliance and Woodbridge Units recently held their Unit V-CAP drives. Working with Region 1-C CAP Coordinator Art Luna, we scheduled the drives, then Krista Szafranski from Region 1-C conducted the outreach. Both units had a good turnout and we are looking at

scheduling more drives soon. This year's top prize will be a 2014 Light Duty Silverado built in Flint. There are also other items available based on the level of donation.

Remember that in order for your V-CAP contribution to stay in Michigan to help with the fight for working-class Michigan families, you need to re-sign up every year. This is true even if nothing has changed from the last time you signed up.

We will be working on some website updates with our webmaster, Nick Lumsden from the RSDC Unit. If a Unit has something they would like placed on their Unit tag on the site, please forward it to me at the above e-mail address. The Local 724 website is www.uawlocal724.org

On the community scene, the Mystic Lake Union Camp Committee (UCC) has been meeting to send deserving kids to the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp. There are many kids that would not have a vacation experience if not for the generosity of many of the area Local Unions. Thanks for all those who believe in the UCC mission.

The National Association of Letter Carriers food drive was recently held on May 10. The final numbers have not been tallied, but we can know that many area families will have food available to them through their area food pantries. Especially critical is the fact that many school districts have students that qualify for free breakfast and lunch, but that may not be available after school lets out. The outpouring of donations helps get the pantries through the summer months.

On May 21 the Volunteers of America held their annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down. This allows veterans to have a variety of services available to them in one setting to help them make the necessary transition back to civilian life. Many of this year's sponsors of the event are labor organizations, along with many of the volunteers.

Until our children no longer need free meals, there are no more homeless veterans, or families not able to take vacations, we will continue to give what we can to make these experiences possible. We can also include those members who have stepped up to the mantle of service by representing their members.

We are reminded of a quote by the late, great Walter Reuther that sums up our feelings:

"There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

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

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LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, President

Together, we are the UAW

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the membership of UAW Local 602 for electing me to a second term. It's an honor and a privilege to serve, and I will continually stand upon my principles of honesty and integrity in all that I do as I represent our membership.



As a union, we have a long history of working together in our pursuit of justice. Looking back we can easily see that the labor movement has been a continual struggle. As we move forward we are certain to face many obstacles in our path, but if anyone is up to the task of meeting challenges head on, it's the men and women of the UAW.

The UAW has been a driving force in building the middle class. Since its inception, it has changed the lives of working families across the globe and defined what it means to be united.

While considering the values and power behind our great organization, we should never entertain the perspective of standing on the outside looking in. You and I are the UAW. As long as we understand that it starts from within, nothing, not even our own doubts, will defeat us.

Too often, we find ourselves focusing on our own needs, so much so that we forget about the needs of others. It's not that we don't care, we just might not know the situations others are facing. The UAW is about us, all of us. Words like union, collective, solidarity and unity portray who we are.

We continue to be successful because we can depend on each other in times of need.

We have faced the impossible countless times, persevered to become strong, and overcome enough adversity to prove we are conquerors.

So join with me on the path we must take to lead us into the future. Let's move forward together, our strength in numbers, our allegiance to our union, and our faith in God.

Local 602 and the Conservation & Recreation Committee present
16th Annual
UAW Local 602
Charity Golf Outing

Proceeds this year to benefit
VFW National Home for Children

July 27
Timber Ridge Golf Club
16339 Park Lake Road, East
Lansing, MI 48823

9:00 am with a shotgun start!
7:30 am check-in

Teams are limited to 4 people each
\$65 per person, \$260 per team
before the deadline of July 18.

Get a reservation form at the local
or online at
lansinglabornews.org



Shown here are members of the Local 602 contingent at the May 21 Homeless Veterans Stand Down. Thank you to everyone who helped with this important event.

LOCAL 652
Mike Green, President

Medical and dental benefits

I would like to thank all our members for turning out to vote and for the support you gave to the leadership at the local. The trust you have given to all the officers at Local 652 is important and a privilege serving you to secure all our futures.



Welcome back to all our "snowbirds" who made their way back home. Finally, Old Man Winter is losing his grip on Michigan!

Medical Benefits Trust (UAW Retirees)

We received the following letter from UAW President Bob King concerning reinstating vision and dental coverage starting in 2015. Again the UAW is looking out for our retirees.
May 2014

Dear Trust Member,

Medical benefits are important to you and your family. The Board and staff of the UAW Retiree Medical Benefit Trust (the "Trust") is dedicated to designing medical benefits and managing Trust assets in a way that reflects its mission—providing comprehensive health care coverage which improves the health and well-being of members. Each year, the level of benefits is evaluated to keep long-term liabilities aligned with the assets.

We are proud of how we have worked with you to find savings and make the Trust stronger. You've helped by switching to generic drugs, using preventive services and maintaining healthy behaviors. Many of you have also used Trust programs, such as diabetes education, Medicare Advantage options, and routine office visit coverage to help even more. All of these programs help avoid the cost of unnecessary care and provide you with better health outcomes.

As a next step, we recognize the importance of quality dental and vision coverage in maintaining your overall health. That's why the governing Board

of the Trust has authorized the Trust staff to provide dental and vision coverage for 2015. This coverage, pending negotiations with insurance carriers, will be comparable to the dental and vision coverage for UAW retired workers prior to the 2009 bankruptcy process.

This is tremendous news for GM and Chrysler retirees and we wanted you to hear it from us before rumors begin. While we know you may have many questions, details of the dental and vision coverage are still under negotiations with various insurance carriers. This new benefit will not be effective until January 1, 2015. Information about these benefits will be mailed in the fall; therefore, no action is required from you at this time. We encourage you to read thoroughly all of the information that you receive from the Trust and our carrier partners.

Sincerely,
Bob King, President, International Union, UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust Committee

and
Robert H. Naftaly, Chair, UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust Committee
Information will be mailed to you as it becomes available.

Elections

Mark Schauer has received the UAW's endorsement for Governor. It's very important that we do everything we can to defeat Snyder this fall. He has shown that the hard-working middle class and organized labor are his targets! Snyder's claims to fame have been to:

- * Tax the pensions of our seniors
- * Take away six weeks of unemployment compensation for laid-off workers
- * Make Michigan a right-to-work state
- * Claim to create new jobs, with not one job being created, only UAW-negotiated jobs

Mark Schauer will reverse the attacks on senior pensions and on students by repealing the devastating cuts to our schools. He will strengthen the middle class and give small businesses the tools they need to create jobs.

To help, go to markschauer.com.

Gary Peters was endorsed for U.S. Senate. To learn more, visit petersformichigan.com.

Both statewide candidates deserve our support. Please help support them for a brighter future for all Michigan residents, not just the Snyder few!

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Road woes

Recently there has been a very lively debate taking place at the State Capitol concerning funding for road and other infrastructure repairs in the state of Michigan. A survey by Marketing Resource Group found that 82% of their sample group thinks that the roads and bridges in the state are in poor condition or worse, and 72% favor spending an additional \$1.8 billion a year for the next ten years.



The problem is where is the money coming from? While 68% of this same group are willing to pay an extra \$10 a month in taxes to maintain and improve our roads and bridges, many others are more reticent.

Since anyone who travels even a little bit in our state realizes our roads need improvement, it would help to start with a bit of information. According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, 38% of Michigan roads are rated poor or mediocre, and 29% of all bridges in the state are either functionally obsolete or structurally deficient, with their average age being 42 years.

Michigan's overall infrastructure is given a grade of "D". This compares with a 32% national average for poor road ratings and an overall grade of "D+" for the entire country. This is a telling statistic, one that indicates not just a state or regional problem but an indication of how far the deterioration has been allowed to go on a national level.

Some of the ideas being proposed are a House bill that would replace the state fuel tax with a 6% wholesale sales tax that in combination with streamlining and squeezing a little more out of vehicle registration fees would raise an additional \$450 million annually.

The Senate has announced their own version that would bump the wholesale tax to 7.5%, which, along with the same registration changes, would add \$1.3 to \$1.4 billion per year. Others oppose the idea of a wholesale tax and would rather increase the existing fuel surcharge (which is currently sixth highest in the nation) and tie it to inflation. They argue that this would ensure that available revenue would keep pace with rising costs.

Another faction believes that users of the infrastructure must be willing to pay the appropriate price for its use. They argue that tolls, mileage taxes, or other use taxes are the best way to secure funds. Their contention is that the people who use the facilities the most should pay the most.

To add a little more to the discussion, an argument can be made that since the infrastructure of the nation was originally financed and built using federal revenue and that a central strategy for the improvements to our infrastructure would be the most efficient, a federal solution would be in order.

An increase of the federal fuel tax has been suggested, because the current 18.6 cents per gallon that has been around since 1993 is stagnant and has

not kept pace with rising costs. The only way that federal funding to the states has remained at current levels is through patched together, short-term bills that are funded by general tax revenue transfers. An increase here may be the best solution, allowing oversight and vision from a central source rather than a scattergun approach by each state.

The bottom line to all this is that no matter what solution is found, it will be costing us. Whether we pay more at the pump, the Secretary of State office, or a toll booth, the truth is we will be paying more to drive in Michigan. And we need to. The real truth is that the increase in cost today is an investment in our future. We can't stand idly by and allow things to fall down around us, too much of that has gone on already. My hope is the politicians can work together to come up with funding strategies that can be a slight pain to all, not a huge burden to a few. It wouldn't be good to have perfect roads in Michigan but no one with the money to drive on them.

LOCAL 652 Randy Freeman, Vice President

Veterans notes

I want to share with you these veterans' notes from our Local 652 Veterans Committee Chair Michael Melfi. Our thanks to Michael for all his hard work and to everyone on our Veterans Committee for their efforts on behalf of veterans.



As we enter into summer, (we hope it will warm our chilled bones of this past winter), Region 1-C Veterans Association has begun their busy schedule, starting with the Region's Color Guard presenting the Colors at the A. Philip Randolph Annual Luncheon on April 26 at the Kellogg Center at MSU.

At their second quarter meeting at the VFW Home for Children on May 6, the Veterans presented the Home with a check in the amount of \$2,500, which was accompanied with a check for \$500 from the UAW Local 652 Veterans Committee.

Normally we would donate bicycles, however the past two years it was decided to contribute to their wish-list which you can review on the Amazon site: go to "Find a Wish List" and type in VFW National Home for Children. Gifts-in-kind are welcome at the National Home. The web site has the most current list of items they can use. And their Santa Shop program is always accepting donations for use at Christmas time. We encourage you to make your generous donation toward one of the many items that the families are in need.

May also is the month for Lansing's Volunteers of America 11th Annual Homeless Veterans Stand-Down on May 21. Veterans from UAW Locals 425, Jackson; 602, 652, 724, 4911, Lansing; and 659, 598 in Flint; and several other UAW Locals, not only donated their own personal time, (vacation, or leave w/o pay), but those Locals make monetary contributions to help offset the cost of sponsoring that event.

See more by Mike Melfi on page 6.

LOCAL 652 Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Raising the minimum wage

As some of you may be aware, a coalition of labor and civil rights groups called Raise Michigan is gathering signatures for a ballot proposal to raise the minimum wage in Michigan to \$10.10. The conservatives in the state legislature, of course, have a big issue with this. Their response, which on its face looks like a compromise, invalidates the petition that citizens are signing.



The bill introduced by Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville would gradually raise the minimum wage over the next few years until it would top out at \$9.20 an hour for most employees. The underhanded part of this bill is that it makes the change in minimum wage by rescinding the current minimum wage law and enacting a new one. This would invalidate the ballot initiative that proposes to amend the current minimum wage law.

While I agree completely with Democratic candidate for Governor Mark Schauer that, as he said, "This is a meaningful raise for one million people in Michigan," the problem is the way in which the Republican majority put forward this bill only in response to the petition and only to block the possibility of the petition getting on the ballot. Additionally, just because the Senate passed this bill does not by any means guarantee that the Michigan House will.

When our current minimum wage is factored into the ways in which the Republican majority have attacked our most vulnerable citizens through changes in the earned income tax exemption and other bills that make it harder for the poorest citizens to survive, the need for an increase in the minimum wage is crucial.

A full-time worker, even at the proposed \$10.10 an hour, would still make only a little over \$20,000 a year. Raising a family on that amount of money in

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LOCAL 602 Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Working together

My fellow Brothers and Sisters of UAW Local 602:

Thank you for the overwhelming support you gave me in our recent election. I am very proud to represent you during my second term as Financial Secretary-Treasurer.



Over the past three years, I have worked to make our Local financially secure, and with your guidance, I will continue my fiscally responsible representation.

Congratulations to all of our newly elected and re-elected local Union representatives. I look forward to working with each of you over the next three years.

As leaders of this great Local, it is our responsibility to promote solidarity and to inspire and guide our newly elected officers and chairs.

By working together, we can forge a stronger and more effective Local. There is no limit to our efforts.

LOCAL 4911 Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

It's official!

Nearly a year-long process has finally paid off. I am very pleased to announce that on

April 23 I received the official letter of notification from the UAW International that our Retiree application was approved. We are now known as Chapter No. 881 - Local 4911, Region 1-C, Sparrow Hospital.

If you would like to become a retiree member of UAW Local 4911, please read the following instructions.

1.) Go on-line to register at



www.uawlocal4911.org

2.) On the left-hand side of the home page, look for the blue box titled **Member Login**. Click on the orange type which reads "Click here to sign up".

3.) Fill in the requested information. For Bargaining Unit, choose Retiree from the drop-down list. After entering all required fields, click on Preview Registration Information. Review the entries to be certain correct information is entered. Click on submit to send.

If you do not have access to a computer or do not have an email address, please call Rose or Sandy at (517) 272-5865 to register and we will be happy to assist you.

Two guests from Local 4911 were invited to attend the Black Lake Retiree-to-Retiree outing May 27-30. Much information was gathered at this event for learning the next steps in the process of forming our Retiree Chapter. As we move forward, we will be announcing nomination and election dates, meeting dates, etc.

This is a very exciting new endeavor for our union's retiree members. Thank you for your support in wanting to begin a Retiree Chapter. Those members wishing to stay in touch and socialize with fellow retirees will soon have an opportunity to do so!

LOCAL 724 Debra Mills, Financial Secretary

UAW Black Lake scholarships

For the first time, **active members can now bring their grandchildren on the same basis as their children.**

The UAW Family Scholarship Program was created to provide an environment where members may bring their families to the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center in Onaway, Mich., (Black Lake), and help them gain an understanding of the values of the union and what it does to advance the rights of working people.

Members, through lively discussion and interactive exercises, also gain an understanding of the value of union membership, and how what happens at the bargaining table not only affects them, but their families and communities as well.

Children learn what their parents learn at an age appropriate level. For children ages 4 through 6 years old, Day Camp provides a playful environment with creative activities that teach the basic functions of the union and child safety. Youths between ages of 7 and 11 enjoy a variety of outdoor activities that include golf, gym, swimming, along with unique arts and craft workshops also used to teach the value of union membership.

Teenagers from 12 to 15 years of age will enjoy a schedule filled with Union Involvement workshops combined with outdoor activities. Teens from 16 to 18 years of age are included in the adult

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652 retirees

Hello everyone. Summer is almost here. Whatever plans you have this summer, remember safety first! 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 October 14, 2014. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only—no guests.

There are several **cancellations** to mark on your calendar. The July 1 bingo night is cancelled. The August 19 potluck/business meeting is cancelled. The November 4 bingo night is cancelled.

The Lansing Area Wide Luncheon will be held August 12, at Royal Scot. This is a catered luncheon, do not bring table service or a dish to pass. Luncheon starts at noon. Royal Scot is located at 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing, MI. This luncheon is replacing the annual picnic.

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

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 Rockys 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.

Congratulations to the winners of the Lansing Area Euchre Tournament. All winners were from the Local 652 retiree chapter. 1st place: Jerry Degner, 2nd place: Marlene Courser, 3rd place: Ken Kubaszyk, 4th place: (tie) Dennis Duff, Sue Sanders. The playoff between the Flint and Lansing winners was won by Flint. Thank you to everyone that came out to make the day a success.

The chapter will be electing its Election Committee on June 17, at the business meeting. The retiree Executive Board elections are July 15, at the business meeting.

The retirees are having a Mississippi River Boat Cruise, October 11 - 14. Call Marni for details, 517-321-6871.

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

The Local 652 Retiree Chapter will be electing their Election Committee on June 17 at the business meeting. The Retiree Executive Board elections will be held on July 15 at the business meeting.



On May 16, local union members and supporters came out for the 14th annual Pride Ride for motorcycle safety awareness. Included in this picture are Local 602 President Bill Reed, Local 652 President Mike Green, Local 4911 President Joe Douglas, and Local 652 Vice President Randy Freeman, and Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum. Special thanks to Linda Mogyoros and the Pride Ride Committee for their hard work. You can see many more pictures on the Labor News website, lansinglabornews.org

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

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

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

What a busy, fun-filled month. The executive board checked out the grill just

to make sure that it wintered over OK. Great dinner, folks. People at the April meeting found that it worked very well on brats, even better on hot dogs. Fun was had by all, though we heard that Flint won the Euchre tourney. We had a couple of fellows who played in it. Next year we can try again, practice!

We also had retiree elections, everyone won by acclamation, thank you for returning a great Executive board and thanks to the board for running.

The active Local also had their election, as many of you know. If you did not, you may not be receiving your Lansing Labor News; call Nancy at hall and leave your address. We had two retirees in the running, Nancy Munchbach and Al Vincent. We are sorry Al was not reelected. Nancy was in a runoff



and won. Thank you to all of you whose effort made that possible.

Apologies to those whose personal space I infringed on. I was glad to see you so I hugged you, but I can back down to a hand shake at the next meeting. Everybody knows how excited I get at elections.

Speaking of the next meeting, the 1753 picnic this year will be Thursday, June 12 at noon, right here at the hall. We will be renting a tent again and having a dessert contest with prizes. Please let us know if you have new ideas or plans concerning the picnic.

The Lansing Area Retirees Council has worked hard this year to improve the Region 1-C picnic (more banquet than picnic). This year it will be at noon, Tuesday, August 12 at the Royal Scot. Come EARLY to sign in and get a ticket for a door prize. This will be a totally catered affair. You will not need to bring table settings or a dish to pass. This should alleviate the bunching around the dessert line. It will be inside so we can meet regardless of weather and I think you will be able to hear if you are called on to win a prize. Hope to see all of you there.

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi our there, all you wonderful people. What a day! Blue skies, white clouds—can't ask for anything else. And me on the deck enjoying it all, that's the best part, after last summer. I sure appreciate my home. You're welcome to come out and join me. Most don't want to leave, that's what's so special. Here come the pontoons!

Election of officers: Our one contested office is vice chair, with Ted Gauss and Hanna Fox running. No one is running against Chairman Curtis Dunn, Treasurer Jerry Hunt, Recording Secretary Lois Schultz, Sergeant-at-Arms Doris Williams, Trustees Leo Gray, Dick Torguson, Dick Raffler, and Chaplain Ted Gauss. Best to all of us.

Greg Brunett from Local 602 retirees was voted in for Sergeant-at-Arms for the Region 1C retirees.

I am now back with the area council and Region 1C area wide retirees. The area-wide picnic this year will be at noon on August 12 at Royal Scot on Grand

River. This is an indoor, sitdown "picnic." You do not have to bring a dish to pass! Sign in at the door. See you there!

On the sick list: Dorothy Stevens, the Local 602 Retirees Chair; and Jerry Raymond, who is bedridden. Get well soon to all who are sick and on the mend.

Good to see at the potluck and meeting: Jean and Arlie Caudell from down south, Claude Harris, Jim Seidelman. Everyone looks great.

I am headed for Black Lake May 27-30. This is a political meeting, as the upcoming election is important to the poor and working class. The Tea Party has really taken over the Republican Party, lots of money to be had.

After the UAW Convention in Detroit in June, Regions 1C and 1D will merge. I will keep you updated.

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hudson, 70 years together; and to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kline, 38 years together.

Happy birthday to Claude Harris, 94; and Tim DeCorte.

The Region 1C trip to Cape Cod is up and ready. I understand they have three buses.

Connie Dunn needs suggestions on trips. If you get ideas, we could use them.

June 3 – Ted's breakfast, same place and time

June 11 – cookout luncheon at noon

July 9 – No-bake bake sale and luncheon

August 12 – Region 1C area-wide retirees luncheon, noon, Royal Scot

September 10 – luncheon at noon

September 16 – Tigers game, if enough want to go

September 20 – pancake breakfast and bake sale. We need lots of cakes, cookies, breads or whatever. Bring it in, and stop and have breakfast.

October 8 – Halloween luncheon, dress up!

Budget bills moving through the state legislative process near the end of May include these contentious issues: Proposed closing of WJ Maxey Boys Training School, whose employees are represented by UAW Local 6000. MSU penalties for labor classes; schools still being shortchanged; a lower minimum wage bill; many more.

I know I need the UAW and the union is very important to me. I am middle class and they have been good to me in raising my children. So thank you to the UAW, the best union around.

Remember, people, a day at the lake is priceless. Have a safe summer. Till we meet again, keep smiling.

My address is 3009 Luella Ln, Springport, MI 49284. My phone is 517-543-5385.

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Strike

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Union Label

Josh Hoerauf

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Dan Jones

Women's

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At-Large Zone

Heather Randolph

Skilled Trades Zone

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Shop Chairperson

Thomon Aikens

Constitutional Convention Delegates

Harold E. Brown, Mike Huerta, John Anthony,
Kevin Baker, Mike Karl

Constitutional Convention Alternates

Alex Hernandez, Heather Lucas, Gary Howard,
Grant Arnold, Melvin Brantley

Local 4911 Election Results

Vice President

Wil Slone

Constitutional Convention Delegates

Service Unit

Deb Aldrich, LaYvonn Beatty, Wil Slone

Technical Unit

Kymberlynn Harvey, Muhammad Qawwee

Local 652 Election Results

The following offices were filled by acclamation

President

Mike Green

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Randy Freeman

Recording Secretary

Scott Lounds

Financial Secretary

Bob Smith

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Bob Warner

Guide

Winston Williams

Education Committee Chair

Matt Schnieder

Recreation Committee Chair

Matt Bowen

Civil and Human Rights Chair

Winston Williams

Community Service Chair

Sylvia Freese

Women's Committee Chair

Sharron Mowers

GM Unit

Constitution Convention Alt Delegate

Gracie Pena

Ryder Unit

First Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Mike Luna

First Shift Alt Bargaining Committeeperson

Art Luna Jr.

Second Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Gordy Hyler

Constitution Convention Alt Delegate

Gordy Hyler

Constitution Convention Alt Delegate

Art Luna Jr.

Android Unit

Bargaining Chairperson

Jake Jacobson

First Shift Alt Bargaining Committeeperson

Jeremy Foster

Second Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Chris Maxie

Second Shift Alt Bargaining Committeeperson

Michael Jenson

Unit Recording Secretary

"Pokey" Dan Hicks

JCIM

Third Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Troy Baum

Miscellaneous

Misc. Constitution Convention Delegate

Jake Jacobson

Misc. Constitution Convention Alt Delegate

Doug Elders

Misc. Constitution Convention Delegate

James Ward

The following officers won their elections:

Trustees

Jill Bowen, Lori J. Gentz, Mike Melfi

GM Unit

Shop Chairperson

Ted Krumm

Production Shop Committee

Ben Frantz, David Gaudard

Skilled Trades District/Shop Committee

Joe Cantin

Constitution Convention Delegates

Preston Bunce, Ben Frantz, David Hunsaker

Ryder Unit

Unit Chairperson

Joshua E. Clifford

Second Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Joe Sewell

Third Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Becky Brown

Unit Recording Secretary

Jill Kitzmiller Trout

Unit Sergeant-at-Arms

Art Luna Jr.

Constitution Convention Delegates

Joshua E. Clifford, Michael Luna

Android Unit

First Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Douglas Elders

Third Shift Bargaining Committeeperson

Jason Zimmerlee

JCIM Unit

Unit Chairperson

James Ward

First Shift Alt Bargaining Committeeperson

Jeannie Buck

Local 1753 Election Results

President

Hollis Barker

Vice President

Yvonne Vincent

Financial Secretary-Treasurer

Nancy Munchbach

Recording Secretary

Terri Reyes

Trustees

Bob Davis, Chuck Jones, Steven Worthy

Sergeant-at-Arms

Zach Coburn

Shop Committee Chairperson

Arniece Stepherson

Committeeperson District 1, Days

Chuck Jones

Alt. Committeeperson District 1, Days

Todd VanDellen

Committeeperson District 2, Nights

Justin Sealy

Alt. Committeeperson District 2, Nights

Diana Ohlman

Skilled Trades Representative

Eugene E. Jones

Constitution Convention Delegate

Bill Niblock

Drayton Unit

First Shift Unit Chairperson

Herberto Mora

First Shift Alt. Committeeperson

Danielle Jimenez

Second Shift Committeeperson

Rick Churchill

Second Shift Alt. Committeeperson

Jessie Jones

Veterans notes

This year, by invitation of Erin Davis, Lansing's Plant Communication Manager, the Region Veterans were honored to represent General Motors at the Habitat for Humanity Michigan Awards Banquet on May 7 held at the Lansing Center. Thank you, Erin, for this most welcomed and honored invitation.

At the 36th UAW Constitutional Convention, to be held in Detroit, on June 2-5, 2014, the NVAC (National Veterans Advisory Council), consisting of each UAW Region Veterans Chair, will be presenting the Colors. We are very proud and honored to be asked by our Vice President Joe Ashton to perform the presentation.

August will be a busy month for the Region Veterans as well. They will conduct their third quarter Veterans Regional Meeting on August 12 in Battle Creek at the VA Medical Hospital. After the business meeting they will be hosted by the Hospital with lunch. They then will volunteer the remainder of the day at the pavilion for the Hospital's Annual Watermelon Festival where resident Veterans are treated to an afternoon of music, games, conversation and naturally "mouthwatering cold watermelon."

At the printing of this article plans are being formulated for the 20th Anniversary of the UAW National Veterans Conference, August 24-29 at Black Lake, in the Walter and May Reuther Education Center in Onaway, Michigan. I will report out on that week's activities in September's edition.

The Color Guard of Region 1-C will present the Colors at the Regional Office in Flint for our Labor Day Celebration on September 1, with a breakfast following at a UAW Local to be announced.

Thank you for your continued support of our UAW Veterans and all Veterans, because they are the individuals that signed the blank check for their lives to make it possible for us to enjoy our freedom. Thank you and God Bless – Michael Melfi, UAW NVAC - National Veterans Advisory Council, UAW Region 1-C Veterans Association, UAW Local 652 Veterans Committee

**UAW Local 652
Veteran's Committee
7th Annual Charity Golf Outing
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Lounds

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today's world is nearly impossible. Even with both parents working full-time the economics barely work for two people, much less a family.

But Republican Sen. Patrick Colbeck opposes a minimum wage hike because he claims it would have a negative effect on the state's economy. "Every time you jack up the minimum wage, you decrease the rate of employment," he said.

"This is bad news for the state of Michigan."

Well, Senator, I ask you, what good to anyone is a job that even worked full-time won't support my family? Or maybe you think people should have multiple full-time jobs? What Michigan needs is more good paying jobs, not more jobs that pay so little that they make it impossible to support a family. This is where I disconnect with the self-proclaimed "pro-family" conservatives. They decry the loss of "family values" while at the same time supporting an economic plan that ensures that parents must spend more and more time away from their family just to keep them clothed, fed, and housed.

In the end, raising the minimum wage is good for Michigan, because it is good for the working people of Michigan. If a person is willing to work hard to support their family, they should be paid a living wage that enables them to do so.

Mills

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program to help prepare them for entry into the workforce. The adult program is designed to coordinate with the schedules of children's day camps.

The dates are July 6-11; July 13-18, which will also be for those who need Spanish translation; and July 20-25.

At the end of the program, we're sure you, like all others, will leave with a renewed spirit of family both at home, your workplace, and community. **The UAW covers the cost of all lodging, food, and programming for the member and their family.**

For more information about how your family can be a part of the UAW Family Scholarship Program, please contact your local union president, unit chairperson. Or go to lansinglabornews.org for the scholarship application.

MetLife change

A big improvement has been made for any hourly GM participant calling MetLife to inquire about their life insurance. There is a new telephone response system that will allow participants to enter their social security number and date of birth to obtain beneficiary and certain billing information without speaking to a representative.

This involves calling the GM Benefit Center at 1-800-489-4646 and selecting the life insurance prompt to MetLife. After being transferred to MetLife you will choose option #4. You will be asked if hourly or salary and then will be transferred to the Automatic Response System. At this point the social security number and date of birth of the participant must be given.

After that you will be given several options to choose from. To obtain beneficiary information go to option 2. The names of your beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries will be told to you. You can further request a written confirmation of this information and also request a new beneficiary designation form if you wish to change the listed beneficiary.

By choosing option 3 you will be told the amounts of your life insurance coverages. A written confirmation of this information can also be obtained.

Any questions call Joe Sagy, UBR Region 1C, at 517-372-7201 or 1-866-782-6513.

602 Obituaries

Douglas R. Plumb – Father of Michael Plumb, Quality
Steven Cichon - Retired, General Assembly
Paul V. Davis – Father of Nicole Williams
Betty L. Somers – Mother of Robert Somers, Jr., Retired Body Shop
John Ralph Carson – Retired
David J. Duquette – Son of Dan Duquette, General Assembly Engine Dress
Marjorie H. Nash – Mother of Steven Nash, Material
Francisco "Frank" Fuentes – Retired, Paint Inspection
Ella Haughton – Retired
Joyce JoAnn Simons – Mother of Francis Simons, Material
Harold R. Lehman – Retired
Martina Adams – Retired
Andrew L. Aikens – Retired
Carol Reed – Mother of Carla Bissonnette, General Assembly Chassis 1
Charles McMillen – General Assembly (Final 1)
Teresa A. Hannibal – Mother of Anita Dawson, Underbody and Mother-in-Law of Ray Dawson, Material (Body/Paint)
Barbara Furgala - Retired
As life is renewed in Heaven, your kindness refreshes our spirits like rain...
The Family of Betty Somers
Joyce J. Simons – Mother of Charles Simons
Ezree Hemphill – Mother of Rochelle Johnson, Trim 1
Jonathan Gilliam – Father of Mary Gilliam, Quality
Kathleen Duke – Retired
Patricia Cook – Mother of Kevin Cook, Chassis

652 Obituaries

Henry Adler – Retiree
Andrew L. Aikens – Spouse of Jean Aikens, Brother-in-Law of James and John Howlett
Mary Bender – Mother of Greg Bender
Charles Blair – Retiree
Woodia B. Browne – Spouse of Claude Browne
Richard C. Chaffee – Retiree
Jack Cochran – Retiree

Patricia M. Cook – Retired Local Secretary
Kathrine Donley – Daughter of Robert Barrera Jr.
Donald R. Eldred – LGR Employee
Xavier Figueras – Retiree, Son of Louis Figueras, Brother of Marcellus Figueras
William "Bill" Flynn – Retiree, Brother of Jerome Flynn
Paul Foren Sr. – Retiree, Father of Paul Foren Jr.
Vada J. Fosburg – Mother of Jeff Fosburg, Grandmother of Josh Fosburg
Sarah Guerrero – Spouse of Jesus Guerrero, Mother of Crystal Guerrero, Sister-in-Law of Alberto Guerrero, Cousin of Robert Rivera
Dick Jensen – Retiree
Fleta F. Kinney – Mother of Darrell Kinney
Emily Coward Lartigue – Mother of Homer Lartigue, Mother-in-Law of Lessie Lartigue
William Mayer – Retiree
Therese Paruszkiewicz – Mother of Ron Paruszkiewicz
Gerald Piggott – Father of Duane, Alan and Phillip Piggott
Mansil Raymond – Retiree
Cecil Ribar – Retiree, Father of Robert Ribar, Father-in-Law of David Reeves
Jerome Schafer - Retiree, Father of Joseph Schafer
Bruce Seegraves – Father of Steven Seegraves
Lynn Stewart – Mother of Ryan Stewart
Arwilda Wallace – Mother of Dwayne Wallace Sr, Grandmother of Nichole Wallace
Bernard Wolfinger – Retiree, Father of Gregory Wolfinger
Norbert Wrubel – Father of Michael Wrubel
Thank-You's were received from the following families:
The Patricia Cook Family
The Vada Fosburg Family

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