



Jeremy Ramirez, center, was the recipient of funds raised by the Local 652 Veterans Committee

A soldier's love for his country

By Michael Melfi
Local 652 Veteran's Chair

"I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense." Words quoted from the United States Military Code of Conduct, Article 1.

Though he did not give of his life in the service to his country, it cost Jeremy Ramirez the ability to walk. These injuries were suffered while on patrol, North of Baghdad in the Providence of Abu Ghraib on February 8, 2008. Jeremy was assigned to the 1/21st Infantry Regiment, a Ranger Unit.

Now, total strangers gave of their valuable time one sunny Saturday in June, enjoying 18 holes of golf, in a four-person scramble at Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield, Michigan, just west of Lansing.

The outing was sponsored by the Local 652 Veterans Committee. This was the committee's second annual golf outing. Last year's outing honored Chris Blaxton, another U.S. Army brave and dedicated soldier, from the Lansing area.

Jeremy is a former member of Local 652, joining General Motors in June of 2002. He joined the U.S. Army in September of 2005 and was sent to Iraq in November of 2007.

Despite mounting debts, chronic back pain and terrible memories from the 500-pound IED, (improvised explosive device), that made him a paraplegic, Ramirez is proud to have fought for the United States of America.

"I would do it all over again," Ramirez said of his service in Iraq, "even if I knew what would happen, because it was my job and I love my country."

Jeremy, his wife, and two-year-old son were presented with a check from the funds raised at the golf outing by the Veterans Committee members and the Local's leadership at the offices of Local 652 in July.

Jeremy was very thankful and said he would like to attend the Local's next membership meeting to thank the membership for their generosity and support of him, his family and all the veterans that the UAW Veterans Committee supports.

We don't ask for much

By Al Vincent, Local 1753 President

I look at working in a union shop as almost like it's a family. The Union is your blood side of your family and your employers are the in-laws. You have more of a sense of responsibility to your blood side for your family than your in-laws. You do your best to please everyone.



Here at Local 1753 on the union side, we only ask that you support the union in its endeavors, attend union meetings, and give of your time or dollars on special projects. Generally, we only have eight membership meetings a year, which amounts to about 12 hours a year we ask you to give.

Considering everything we do, this comes out to about one hour a month, if you do your fair share. WE DON'T ASK MUCH! I feel this is a fair price for working in a union shop. I could give names of people that go overboard on their efforts for the union and then there are the slackers.

There are always a few that say, "We can do as well without the union." Yeah, right! No one in their right mind can ignore the fact that history proves that unions have accomplished great things to improve the lot, not only for the worker, but even for the company and this great country of ours.

So the next time you are asked to do something for Local 1753, say "YES," and consider it family.

Cash for Clunkers

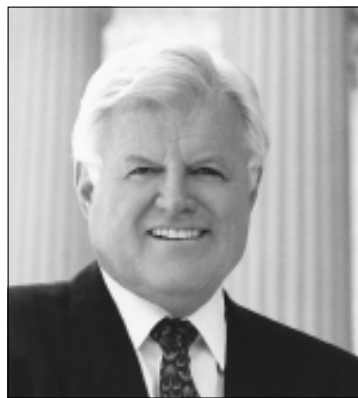
I'm happy to see so many people got out and bought new cars. My only rub was that this program did not zero in on "the cars should be assembled in America." Also, the program had to have many restrictions. I had a friend tell me about his in-laws that went out and bought a KIA. Talk about my blood boiling. That is just is not right!

Here at the plant, as with all GM plants, the company is having the unions reduce the number of local appointments in accordance with the plant population. (National Contract) In our case, all three will now be flexing their hours with their union jobs and working on the floor.

Retirees, don't forget Local 1753's retirees luncheon on the second Thursday of each month at noon. Bring a dish to pass. The retiree board will have the main item. Remember, if you used to work at the GM Parts Warehouse but retired from someplace else, you can always transfer your membership back to Local 1753, even in retirement.

My food for thoughts: Don't let aging get you down, it's too hard to get back up. Your friend is the person who knows all about you, and still likes you. So be happy! Don't let anything burst your bubble! Boogie through life!

Another Kennedy passes



Mike Green, chairman of the UAW Region 1-C Capital Area CAP Council said, "Working men and women of our country owe a large debt of gratitude to the entire Kennedy family for their support of legislation that has impacted middle-class workers across our nation. With the passing of Senator Kennedy, we reflect back on the history of the three brothers who have served this country well. Our prayers and thoughts are with their family at this time."

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The C-word

Don't you hate it when the doctor says, "I've got some good news and some bad news"? "The good news is we found it early, and the bad news is that there was something to find!" Welcome to the world of the C-word.

I was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and I had three thoughts come to mind. The first, "Oh my God, I have cancer." The second, "Oh, thank God I have health care coverage."



The third, "Oh my God, what if I didn't have health care coverage?" Would I be one of the millions of Americans who would be faced with the choice of losing their homes, pulling their kids out of college, buying food, or do I save my own life by paying for treatment? I cannot imagine having to make that decision.

God bless the UAW for negotiating health care benefits on my behalf. Rest assured that the corporation you work for, whether you are active or retired, does not offer health care coverage out of the kindness of their heart, or their overpowering sense of obligation to the health and well-being of their current and former employees.

With a global economic meltdown, a GM bankruptcy, and mounting pressure from every direction, (including the US Treasury Department), the UAW was able to maintain basic health care coverage, pensions and supplements for our retirees, and save base wage and base health care for our active employees.

As a union, our expectation is that once GM returns to profitability, we will remind them that the UAW, active and retired, shared in the sacrifice. We will also remind them that we expect a share in the success.

Just for the record, if all goes well, I will be fine. I will endure the pokes and the prods of doctors and nurses and robots. I am scheduled for *DaVinci* robotic radical prostatectomy surgery at Sparrow Hospital (UAW represented), and I'll be in good hands. My deepest gratitude goes to all those offering your thoughts and prayers in my behalf.

So guys, get your PSA blood work done, every year. Conquer the audible fear as you hear the snap of the latex glove, and hear "You'll feel a little pressure," and save your life for your family, friends and loved ones.

And oh, by the way, the next time a doctor tell you there is some bad news, you can tell them that you have some good news. You have health insurance.

Local 602 Meetings

Meetings are currently scheduled for September 13, October 11, and November 8. The executive board meets at 5:30 p.m., general membership at 7:00 p.m.

Buy Union!



Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero has been endorsed by the Region 1-C Capital Area CAP Council in his bid for a second term as mayor. Shown here, left to right, are Local 652 retiree Dale Fee, Local 652 Vice President Randy Freeman, Local 602 President Brian Fredline, Mayor Virg Bernero, Local 652 President Mike Green, Local 724 President Dean Poggiali, Local 652 Financial Secretary Bob Smith, and Local 724 Financial Secretary Debra Mills.

DEAN POGGIALI, LOCAL 724

Some callbacks

Since our last article, we have seen a few changes within the Local. The Lansing Delta Township GM facility has called back the second shift, which impacts the Alliance and Bridgewater Units. At this juncture they have called back those eligible for recall. We only hope that this is the start of recovery that we need and the announcements concerning Lansing Grand River will also occur.



The recent Union Family Fair Day was a success as many union families took advantage of the reduced ticket prices and short drive to attend the event. There were more ride and admission tickets sold versus last year, so the value provided was easier to fit in the family budget.

Because it happened during the summer recess, we received a letter of resignation from Local Sergeant-at-Arms and CAP Chair, Rob Hardee. The family has relocated to the Atlanta, Georgia area where Kim will continue her education and quest to become a doctor. We wish them all the best and appreciate the years of service Rob gave the Bharat Forge Unit and the Local.

We also would like to pass along greetings from another former Executive Board member, Tony Chandler. As you may recall, Tony received a staff assignment with the UAW Organizing Department and is responsible for organizing outreach in Alabama.

As you have undoubtedly noticed, the Lansing Labor News is being published in a reduced format. Because the operating revenues for the paper are contingent on membership level funding and advertising, the income has been down. As we have members laid off, we therefore don't have the same income and with reduced publications the advertising revenue is lower. The Lansing Labor News Board is exploring all possibilities to continue with the outreach. We are

looking at issues of a newsletter variety, an up to date website, along with quarterly editions that will continue to be published. We thank you for your patience and understanding through this transition period.

We would also like to offer our gratitude for the contribution received for the UAW Tribute to Women that will be constructed at the Region 1-C office in Flint. We have committed to supporting this endeavor, but were helped along greatly by the Bridgewater Unit membership that took membership action to allow the Local to sponsor a bench at the venue. We wish to thank them again for their generosity in making this happen.

In closing, please remember that the media can be a great source of information or it can only give one side to the story. As we go down the health care reform road, remember that the product we see now will inevitably be changed before actualization and implementation. As information becomes available, we will share the information with all our Units.

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

Local 1618 meetings

The executive board and membership will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Local 1753 hall on West St. Joseph.

LOCAL 1753 MEETINGS

The Executive Board will meet on September 22, October 20, and November 17 at 2:15 p.m. at the hall.

The general membership will meet on September 23, October 21, and November 18 at 2:15 p.m. at the hall.

Local 2256 meetings

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The executive board meets at 6:30 p.m. and the general membership meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are at the hall, 2114 N. East St., Lansing. Phone 485-5883.

Welcome back

Welcome back to work to all our members at LGR, Ryder, AI and JCIM. I hope your summer has been a safe one.

On August 19 I was glad to join our members at LGR to launch the new CTS Wagon. Team leader Bob Buck had the honor of driving the first CTS Sports Wagon off the line.

Congratulations to everyone at LGR. Our work force is the reason we can celebrate new products at our plant. We will continue at the local level to make every effort to bring new products to our plant.

Our thanks to everyone who voted for our endorsed candidates in the primary election.

Our congratulations go out to Randy Eding, Education Director of UAW Region 1-C, and Bruce McAttee, Region 1-C CAP Director, as both retired effective August 1. Both were members of Local 652 and deserve our thanks for a job well done. We hope your retirements are full of fun and health for you and your families, from everyone in the greater Lansing UAW membership.

I have received many questions from active members and retirees about what they can do to help keep our Lansing Labor News coming into our homes. Most of you know that our paper was started in 1945 with all our Lansing area locals agreeing to fund a paper that could be the voice of membership for social and economic justice.

Our board of directors and staff at the Labor News are committed to make sure the Labor News continues to be a tool to keep our membership informed.

Through the years our active membership has been able to cover the costs so that all our members – active and retired – would continue receiving the Labor News. As our active membership has decreased, our retiree group has increased dramatically. The action the Labor News had to take was previously announced in our July edition. It is going to a quarterly publication with an ongoing website. The website creation is in the works right now. As soon as it is available, we will announce the web address.

The need currently at the Labor News is funding to keep the paper and website available to everyone. You can make a contribution to the Lansing Labor News at 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917. Our thanks in advance to help keep our voices in the labor movement heard.

Local 652 Skilled Trades Christmas Meeting December 10

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local 652 Hall

\$3 donation

Food and
Refreshments
Provided



With friends like these ...

... who needs enemies? The "Cash for Clunkers" program has by all indications been a rousing success. Thousands of cars have been sold. A huge number of gas-guzzlers have been taken off the roads. By all indications a success ...

So why do I feel a little empty? A little defeated? It may have to do with the fact that of the top ten vehicles on the list of car purchases, only two were from what remains of the "Big Three." The top-ten list reads like an import horror story. Number one on the list, our old nemesis, the Toyota Corolla, is followed by the Honda Civic, Ford Focus, Toyota Camry, Hyundai Elantra, Toyota Prius, Nissan Versa, Ford Escape, Honda Fit, and the Honda CRV.

My congratulations to Ford for placing two of their cars in the top ten. Apparently Ford was actually following a strategy the last couple of years. They were able to stay out of bankruptcy and provide their loyal customers with models that fit today's world. What a concept!

The real question is this: Is General Motors conspicuously absent from the list because they don't have the models that people want, or because they are so damaged by the bankruptcy mess that few customers are willing to buy from them?

I believe it's probably the latter, but either way, GM needs to commit to itself, its employees, and its customers that it will do whatever it takes to succeed.

We as employees past and present need to become better ambassadors to our company and **we need to become better salesmen!** This is our livelihood and we cannot afford to have it fail.

Take the time to talk about your company. Tell people about the successes. We have a lot to brag about. Our vehicles are competitive on every level.

We make some of the best vehicles on the planet and it's time everyone else hears about it! Talk loud, be proud, push GM!



RANDY FREEMAN, LOCAL 652

Bowling tourney

The annual Region 1-C Bowling Tournament info is as follows. Entry forms should be available at everyone's local union hall.

REGION 1-C BOWLING
TOURNAMENT
November 7-8

Nottke's Bowling Alley
775 W. Columbia Avenue
Battle Creek, MI

Singles & Doubles Events 1:00 pm. on
Saturday, November 7
Team Event (Noon) on
Sunday, November 8



Men's & Women's Prizes
Call (810) 767-0910 and ask for
Marcia Braden or Norwood Jewell
\$17.50 per event includes Prize
Money, Bowling Fee and
Tournament Expense

I hope everyone's summer has been a safe one as we get ready for the fall activities.

CONNIE SWANDER, LOCAL 602

Welcome

Welcome to the new people from Lansing Grand River and Grand Rapids. I look forward to getting to know you as you make your home here with us.

I hope many of you were able to get new vehicles through the Cash for Clunkers program. I double hope any of you who were able to take advantage of the program made sure the new vehicle you bought was made in the USA or Canada.

Just because it says Ford, GM, or Chrysler on it, doesn't mean it was made in the US or Canada. Yes, there are other car companies that build here in the US. Yes, they do pay a fair wage to the people who work here. But that is only so they can keep the Union out.

If the UAW failed, and we no longer had a Union to hold these employers' feet to the grindstone, they would cut their employees' pay.

People want to complain about Unions, but I surely wouldn't want to work in a world without them. I believe if you would take the time to think about it, you would not either.

DEBRA MILLS, LOCAL 724

Golf scramble

This golf event at Black Lake in September should be a great time. Note that it includes two nights' lodging and five meals!

Golf Scrambles
UAW Region 1-C
Black Lake Golf Course
Best Ball – Saturday
Carry Over: Scramble
September 18-20
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Prize Money and Skins Game
4-person teams, scramble format
Just \$250 per person (\$230 retiree)
based on double occupancy. Price includes: room Friday night; breakfast, dinner, and room on Saturday; breakfast and lunch on Sunday; and two rounds of golf with cart.

Make check out to Dan Smithingell and mail to: Dan Smithingell, 3518 Robert T. Longway Blvd., Flint, MI 48506. Or call the Region 1-C office at 810-767-0910 for more information.



On August 22 the Local 652 Women's Committee hosted a golf outing to raise money for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. They raised \$2,838 that day. Virg Bernero was one of the hole sponsors and the above pic shows that. Shown here are (left to right): Local 652 Women's Committee members Alicia Grubb, Cindy Williams, Lena Wyeth, and Cynthia Johnson.

Support the Women's Memorial

Ground was broken in June for a sculpture in tribute to women in labor, near the Sit-downers memorial. There are a number of ways you can be a part of this new memorial.

Courtyard bricks are available and range in price from \$30 to \$80. They will be placed around the main sculpture.

Honorable mention level bricks, for a donation of \$100-249, will be placed in the reflection area surrounding the water feature. These bricks are a won-

derful way to memorialize a woman who has made a difference in your life.

Donors gifting \$250-999 will be recognized as Bronze level contributors on a permanent plaque in the courtyard. There will be a Silver level plaque for gifts of \$1000 - \$2499.

Patrons or collectives giving \$2500, our Gold level, will be recognized with their own granite bench in the courtyard, and there are a few Diamond Donor spots left. If you are interested, you can contact Bettye at 810-767-0910.

Local 724 Nomination and Election Notice

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the following: Local 724 Executive Board position of Sergeant-at-Arms. The term of office for the Sergeant-at-Arms will commence upon election until the second Tuesday of June 2011.

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. at the UAW Local 724 Hall
Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, October 16, 2009.

ELECTION

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

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 1 - 6 p.m.
at the UAW Local 724 Hall**

RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 1 - 6 p.m.
at the UAW Local 724 Hall

Kim Petrie, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson
Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724, President

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**Buy Union!
Buy
American!**

602 retirees

In 1968 Walter Reuther announced the organization of a committee for National Health Insurance and enlisted 100 leading Americans to join in working toward a single-payer health insurance system. He recruited a man by the name of Max Fine to be executive director of the committee of 100 for National Health Insurance. They had first met as members of President Kennedy's Medicare Task Force. Not present among the 100 were any leaders of the Auto Industry.

Walter and his top V.P., Leonard Woodcock, spent hours with General Motors officials, praising the economic and social values of National Health versus the burdensome Blue Cross and major medical premiums, which even then had become a competitive and wage drag on GM, its employees and retirees, Walter emerged from the meeting and said, "There's something more important to them than their own self-interest." He had made an offer that Union leaders of lesser stature would not have dared to make; under a comprehensive national health care plan he would ask no more in collective bargaining than the benefits provided under the plan. His urging that they join in working to enact such a plan was flatly rejected. If it had been accepted, possibly GM followed by most U.S. manufacturers, could have produced enactment of a national health plan, probably during the Nixon Administration. After denouncing the Reuther effort early in 1969, Nixon, persuaded by favorable media reports about Reuther's plan, recanted that July, said he saw a "massive health care crisis" and vowed to act. Six months later Walter died in a plane crash. In 1973 Nixon, surrounded by Watergate, offered a health plan based on employer mandates.

Here we are 40 years later and still trying for a National Health Care Plan.

The Health Care Reform plan includes provisions to fix what broken with our health care system. Most importantly are the millions of families with no coverage, ending price gouging, and continues to let patients to choose their own doctors. The Republicans and their big money campaign contributors along with special interest lobbyists and right-wing media are going all out to block health care reform.

We'd be a stronger country if the Republicans started taking to heart the values Senator Ted Kennedy stood and fought for every day, especially the truth he spoke in 1980. I quote, "Let us resolve that the state of a family's health



A joint retirement party was recently held at Local 652 for Region 1-C CAP Chair Bruce McAttee and 1-C Education Chair Randy Eding. Shown here are Local 602 President Brian Fredline, Retired Local 652 President Gary Watson, Current Local 652 President Mike Green, Bruce McAttee, and Randy Eding.

shall never depend on the size of a family's wealth."

Republicans are trying to scare the American people by repeatedly calling President Obama's health care plan "socialized medicine" when they know the President just wants to give every family greater choices of health care. The best answer to that lie comes again from Senator Kennedy in 1980 and I quote, "If health insurance is good enough for the President, Vice President, and the Congress of the United States, then it's good enough for every family in America."

The plan may not be perfect, but it's a step in the right direction. Look for the truth and ignore the lies.

There was a good turn out for the Area-Wide Picnic. We had in excess of 300 who attended.

Donald Scherer, who retired from Fisher Body has been hospitalized with a stroke and would appreciate hearing from some of his buddies and friends that he worked with.

To all our sick and homebound, you are in our thoughts and prayers. For everyone who has lost a loved one or dear friend, we send our condolences.

LAURA CLARK, LOCAL 1753

1753 Retirees

Did you miss the Lansing Region 1-C Picnic? What a good day for a picnic! We started early with volunteers setting up tables, sound, and the game plan – which was stuffing as many retirees under a pavilion as we could, and adding food, just to see how loud they could get.

Art Luna, our service representative, spoke as well as Chuck Walis from benefits. Also in attendance were Joe Sagy and Bill Faust. Many door prizes were handed out by raffle; you only had to sign in and get a ticket! The prizes came from the Region or some of our regular vendors.

For the volunteers who stayed all day and helped with the cleanup, a big pat on the back. And from our local that person is Denny. Thanks again. The overview is: good day, good food, good



fellowship for area UAW retirees.

Lunches before our meetings and picnics like this are great ways for your good friends from work to meet your good friends from home (your spouse).

Speaking of meetings, ours is the second Thursday of the month at the hall. At twelve o'clock is lunch, meeting is held at one. I'm sorry I was not able to be at the last meeting in July. It sounds like I missed a good time. Our Vice Chairman did a wonderful job. Thank you and all the other board members.

The Region 1-C bowling tournament is November 7-8 at Nottke's Bowling Alley in Battle Creek. If you have questions, please call Marcia at the Flint office (810) 767-0910. So knock down those pins, come to lunch or a meeting. You could meet us for breakfast at Spuds on the fourth Monday of the month. See you soon.

LOIS SCHULTZ, LOCAL 1618

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.

Ted Gauss' breakfast will be on Tuesday, September 29 at Guerrazzi's Restaurant, 15643 S. US-27 in Lansing. You can call Ted at 517-321-4754. We hope to see the snowbirds before they head for warm weather.

You know our beloved Labor News will be produced quarterly and will have a website for the Lansing area. Keep in touch and let me know what's going on.

Our breakfast at the Local 1753 hall was a great success and it went over big. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped.

The UAW'S tribute to women memorial will be held in Flint at the Region 1-C office on September 7. The unveiling of the memorial will start at 9:00 a.m. Brunch will be at 10:30. You can get your tickets at the door at Region 1-C. Local 1618 members and retirees should attend, as we will be mentioned. Crossroads Village opens at 10:00 a.m. with food and drink tickets three for a dollar. It should be a great day. If you want a ride, call me at 517-543-5385.

Congratulations to Lester and Helen

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652 retirees

The Lansing area-wide retiree picnic was well attended. Everyone enjoyed a nice lunch and visited with their friends. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this a success.

Our monthly schedule of events is as follows:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 6:00 p.m.

Third Tuesday of the month is our bohemian 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 6:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652, 602, and 1618.

Mark the following upcoming events and changes to our usual schedule on your calendars!

September 7 is the Union Labor Day Picnic at Genesee County's Crossroads Village. Union members and their families are invited to come enjoy the food, games, entertainment, and fellowship. The park opens at 10:00 a.m. Activities start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The park closes at 5:00 p.m. Crossroads Village is located at 6140 Bray Rd., Flint, MI.

October 13 is social night from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

As a cost cutting measure, **the membership voted to cancel the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.** The monthly bohemian dinner will be held in November and December. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

January 12, 2010, will be our first social night of the new year from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, Agnes Morris, Jean Schneider, Bill Smith, Rosemary Spitzley, and any others we may have missed.

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate to the area Food Bank when you attend retiree events.

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.

You may contact us at the following email address: retiree652@hotmail.com

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

**Local 652
Millwrights & Welders
Get-together
October 7
10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Local 652 Hall**

Cleo Parks

Cleo S. Parks of Eaton Rapids, age 71, passed away on August 26. He retired from General Motors in 1998 after 40 years of service. He was a member of UAW Local 652 and a former union steward. Our condolences to his family and friends.

See more obituaries on the following page.

Local 602 Hourly & Salaried Retirees

**Annual Florida Picnic
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Stacey's Homestyle Buffet
4848 14th St. W
Bradenton, FL**

**\$6.00 - \$7.00 per person
Questions: Call Larry Miller at
941/746-6968 (home)
269/664-6633 (cell)**

602 Obituaries

Robert Peace – Retired Sanitation (Trim) and Brother-in-Law of Jim Hope, Retired Trim

Ray DeMond (Sheepdog) – Retired Trim/Statistical Control and Brother of Delana Mead, Retired Suggestions Department

Wilson Love – Retired Body Shop
Barbara Schafer – Mother of John Schafer, General Assembly
Ralph Chamberlain Sr. – Father of Ralph Chamberlain, Retired Powerhouse
Jerald Reynolds – Retired Fixture Repair

Sammie George – Retired Body Shop
Louie Ryder – Retired Paint
Dorothy Rose Schlachter – Mother of Nick Schlachter, Retired
Domingo Gonzales – Father of Dan Costilla, Body
Arthur William O'Neal Sr. – Father of Gladys Carter, Retired Quality (General Assembly)
Jean Dimet – Retired
Jeffery Young – Retired
John W. Elsenheimer – Retired Paint and Father of Lyle Elsenheimer, General Assembly and John Elsenheimer, Material
Esther L. Herrick – Mother of Cheryl

McQuaid, Retired Quality
Elouise Barrows – Mother of David Barrows, Retired Paint
Esther Lopez – Mother of Hipolito Lopez, Body
Juanita Middleton – Wife of James R. Middleton Sr., Retired Wheel and Disc Finish (Solder Department)
Grace DeLang – Mother of Gary Anspach, Retired Trim
Wiley McKinney – Retired
Ward Rychman – Retired
William Podoba – Retired
Douglas Taber – Retired
Cecil Wiseman – Retired
Clarence Blasen - Retired

Matilde G. Rendon, grandmother of Robert Rendon, Body Shop Material

602 Thank Yous

Thank you for the Bible and support provided for the family. Special thanks to Marta Bobillo, Sam Warren, and Roberta Cannon. Thank you ... Dan and JoAnn Costilla and Family

652 Obituaries

Bibles were sent to the families of:
Rudy Benavides - Retiree
Jack Allen Blaser - Father of Greg Blaser
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Allen J. Crittenden - Retiree
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Lester Kleen - Retiree
Johnnie Blanche Peters, Jr - Father-in-Law of Moses Hobbes
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Melinda Robinson - Mother of Kyle Robinson
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Joyce Vinton - Mother of Wally Vinton
Con Virgin Sr - Retiree, Father of Con Virgin Jr
Joseph L. Wells - Retiree, Father-in-Law of Duane Bishop
Chester E. Wesolek - Father of Curtis Wesolek
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Geraldine L. Wood - Mother-in-Law of Richard Bennett
Robert D. Wallace – retiree and father of Mike Wallace, Local 602 retiree; and father-in-law of Jim Agler, Local 652


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Please select project sites below that interest you by indicating your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. A check mark indicates the project site is booked.					
Number of volunteers needed is parenthesis					
Service Projects on Friday, September 18 th - 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.					
<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Elm's Place at 1145 W. Central Ave., Lansing, MI Project: Moving supplies to new trucking station and erect light outdoor work	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Beach Realty Air Baster at 1814 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI • Project: Gardening and weeding, window washing, organizing and cleaning classroom space, indoor painting, grill building, and minor assistance with Access Database	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Haven House at 121 White Hills Dr., East Lansing, MI Project: Painting outdoor fences, repainting lines in parking lot, painting indoor walls and base, clearing landscape, pulling weeds, and plant/flowerbed removal	<input type="checkbox"/> (50) Salvation Army at 2800 N. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI Project: Sorting, and inventorying for the organization's Christmas Program	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) El. Wesolek Catholic Charities at 2808 W. Walker St., Lansing, MI • Project: Prepare flower beds for the winter, and cutting back ground cover	<input type="checkbox"/> (20) Mother Teresa House at 308 N. Walnut St., Lansing, MI Project: Mosaic, interior cleaning, and yard work
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<input type="checkbox"/> (20) Blank Child and Family Institute at 831 W. Cassman St., Lansing, MI • Project: Clean and clean storage areas, and ship and sea floors	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Northwest Initiative at 2802 N. Saginaw St., near Bigby Coffee Shop, Lansing, MI • Project: Street clean up, sidewalk edging, and possibly planting shrubs/trees	<input type="checkbox"/> (5) Basin Injury Association of Michigan at 7100 Grand River, Brighton, MI • Project: Assemble conference registration packets and name badges, and poster filing and coloring	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Park Lane Footprints at 3025 N. Grand River, Lansing, MI Project: Clean trail, and spread mulch in gardens and picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Spartan Child Development Center at 1730 Cassman Rd., Lansing, MI • Project: Organize library, general landscaping and weeding, and clean/paint building interior areas	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Elmer Law of Michigan/Consumer Fraud Prevention Program at 1814 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Suite C206, Lansing, MI Project: Offer a info/training...help place calls to a list of people with a short educational message about avoiding scams
<input type="checkbox"/> (20) Mid Michigan Food Bank at 2141 Mid Rd., Lansing, MI Project: Food sorting, and building/preparing for shipment	<input type="checkbox"/> (10) Project: Pick up pizza orders from Happy Home's and deliver to project sites				
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The Union Label & Service Trades Department reminds all union members that Union Label Week will be observed Labor Day, **Monday, September 7 through Saturday, September 12.**

Traditionally, Labor Day is a time to celebrate and remember working men and women. It's a time to remind our friends and family, and our communities that union goods, made by union workers, are always the smartest buy; and that the services of union members in the private and public sector help support middle-class communities.

Many Americans are hurting in this economy. That's why it's more important than ever to support union families by looking for union goods and services. By doing so, you can ensure that the hard-earned money you spend will reward employers who act with integrity, not runaway manufacturers and offshore employers.

When you buy union, you not only get the highest quality goods and services, but you also help maintain good union wages and benefits that sustain the quality of life in U.S. communities.

Even in these tough times, we've all got to buy life's essentials. Kids will need clothes and supplies for back to school. Some of us may even need a new auto, tools, appliances, furniture or hardware. Let's all try to make smart purchases and look for union-made goods and services.

To find union made goods and services visit our website: www.unionlabel.org. You can also find good suggestions at the UnionPlus website: www.unionplus.org.

Tell your families, friends, coworkers, elected officials and faith leaders: Buy union. Support quality union jobs, support integrity, and support your community. Make smart decisions about how you spend your hard-earned money and look for union-made choices.

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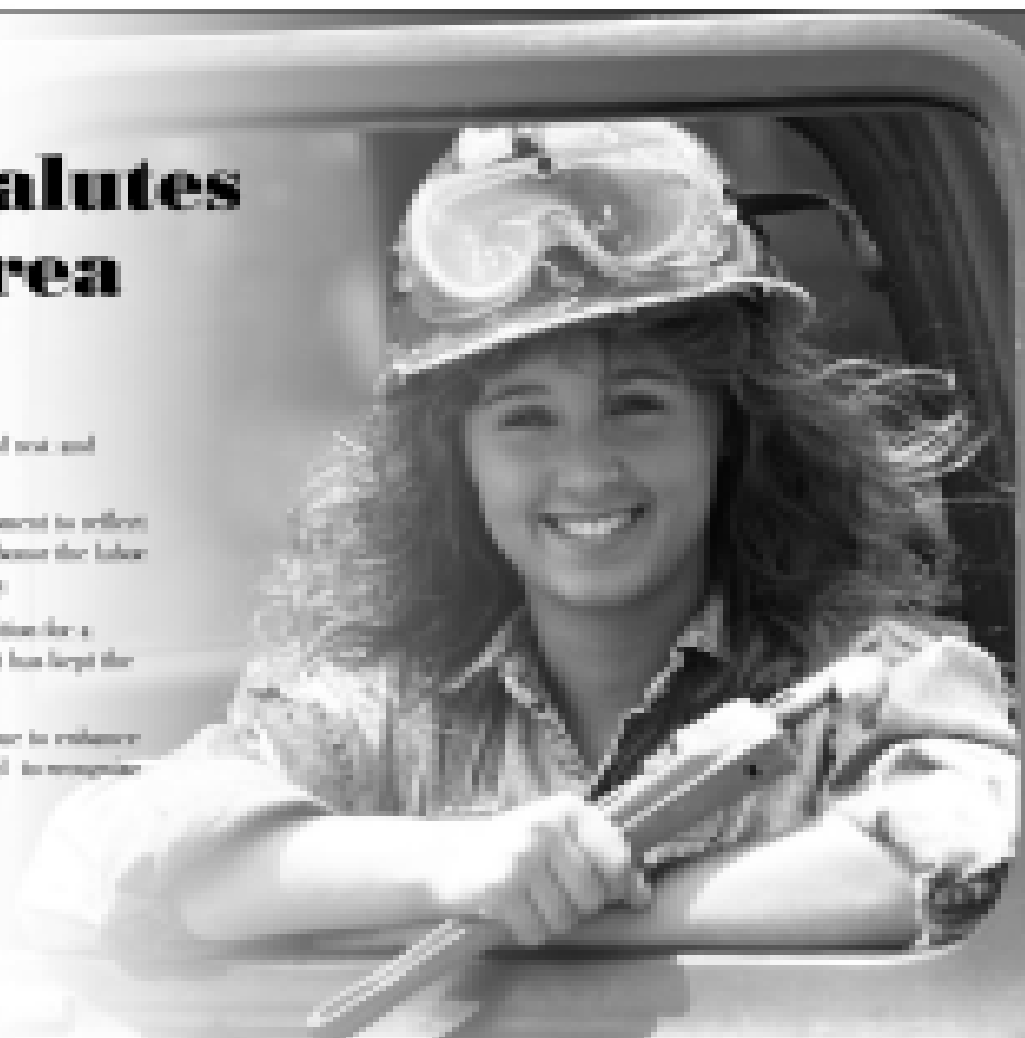
We all look forward to Labor Day as a day of rest and relaxation with our friends and family.

At LAFCU, we would also like to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful Labor Day as a time to honor the labor force that is the key to our growing economy.

Lansing area labor deserves special recognition for a commitment to quality and productivity that has kept the economy going strong.

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Yonkers. Their children had a 70th anniversary celebration for them. He is 91 and she is 90.

Our next meeting will be on the second Wednesday, September 9.

On our sick list: Barbara Casper had a stent put in. Calvin Smith was in the hospital and will have to go back for an operation. Jerry Raymond had carotid artery surgery.

Condolences to the families of: Billy Horn, who retired in 1993 and lived in Tennessee; Earl (Trigger) Gaut, crane operator, age 88; William Bailey, who lived in Carson City, age 61; Jerold Cannon, who worked in the Crib and lived in Ovid, 68; and John William Elsenheimer, who retired from Local 602, 75 years old. His sons John and Lyle are also Local 602 members.

The Blue Tour Group will have a trip to Chelsea, Michigan which will include the Teddy Bear Factory, the Jiffy Mix Factory, and the Purple Rose Theater on October 7. There will be a color tour on the Michigan Princess on the Grand River on October 21. Be there by 11:30 a.m. Call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146 for information.

The area picnic was great again. Everyone said they had a good time. Many thanks to all who helped.

Congratulations to Lyle Elsenheimer on his retirement from Local 602.

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around the right way and who has the right-of-way. This is important. I live on a lake and see bad things all the time. I wonder what happened to respect for the other guy in all we do.

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Fundraiser for women's memorial

By Candice Morrison, Region 1-C Veterans Association Recording Secretary

On behalf of the Region 1-C Veterans Association, I want to thank all of the participants, volunteers, and the companies that sponsored this year's first Annual Bike Run and Bikini Bike wash held at the Lansing Hooters restaurant. All the proceeds raised were for the Region 1-C Women's Memorial Fund.

We were joined by the National Guard, Capital Harley Davidson, Full Throttle Motor Sports, and Shaheen Chevrolet. In addition, we felt it was necessary to let everyone know from now on when any active or retired union member visits Full Throttle Motor Sports they will receive a continuous discount. And also the Hooters restaurant located on Edgewood Boulevard is offering a 20% discount to all, just show your current union card. We had a rough start on August 8 due to inclement weather. Still, as always, the Veterans Association persevered and rescheduled for August 22 and we were able to reach our goal. We look forward to next year's event.

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