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## Who are the "lucky" ones?

By Brian Fredline, President of UAW Local 602

Have you ever had someone approach you and say, "You are lucky to have this job?" Webster defines "lucky" as fortuitous, or acquired by chance and good fortune. As a UAW President, my blood pressure goes off the charts, and I grit my teeth every time I hear the ill-informed statement, "You are lucky to have this job."



Luck is a flip of the coin. Luck is winning the lottery. Luck is being car number eleven in a ten-car pile-up. As UAW members, we are not "lucky" to have a decent job, we have earned the right to a decent job.

Ray Kroc, the founder of the McDonalds corporation said, "Luck is a dividend of sweat—the more you sweat, the luckier you get." Well, it seems to me that our UAW membership is pretty lucky, based on that statement.

How lucky we are to accept a job that has forced many of us to move our families halfway across the country and leave all that was sacred to us. How lucky we are to drive for hours round trip, every day, so we can pay the bills.

How lucky we are to have a job that is controlled by a buzzer and a mechanical moving chain that demands mind-numbing, repetitive task every 67 seconds. How lucky we are to have a job where every movement is engineered down to a tenth of a second with a grip,

place, bend, walk, get, grasp, or bend.

How lucky we are to have a job where we are confined to a footprint and must endure the invasion of our privacy, when we are forced to "pull a cord" just to go to the bathroom. How lucky we are, when we are threatened with discipline for a problem we did not create, nor can we control.

How lucky we are to have a job where at the end of every day, our muscles are tired, our backs are sore, and our feet can barely carry us home.

I would submit that anyone who thinks we are lucky to have this job has never spent eight hours on an assembly line. Fact is, the more we sweat, the luckier we get.

So who are the lucky ones? The lucky ones are the managers who have the honor of working with the most skilled and dedicated workforce on the globe. The lucky one is the corporation that despite all the recent concessions, confusion, and upheaval, has a workforce who is able to maintain focus and build the highest quality cars and trucks on the planet.

And ultimately, the lucky ones are the customers who are the beneficiaries of our world-class products.

The next time someone tells you, "You are lucky to have this job," take a moment for a dramatic pause, straighten your aching back, square your drooping shoulders, look them directly in the eye and say, "No, you are the lucky one, because I will be back tomorrow."



CAP Council delegates welcomed U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, who spoke on the economy, jobs, and the future of Michigan. The importance of labor's support in the upcoming November 2 election was stressed. Please support our CAP Council endorsed candidates listed below.

### Capital Area CAP Council Endorsed Candidates

#### Governor

Virg Bernero

#### Attorney General

David Leyton

#### Secretary of State

Jocelyn Benson

#### U.S. Congress

Mark Schauer - 7th District

#### Michigan Senate

Gretchen Whitmer - 23rd District

#### Michigan House

Barb Byrum - 67th District

Joan Bauer - 68th District

Mark Meadows - 69th District

Theresa Abed - 71st District

#### 30th Circuit Court Judge

Clinton Canady

#### Ingham County Commissioners

Victor Celentino - 1st District

Debbie De Leon - 2nd District

Brian McGrain - 3rd District

Rebecca Bahar-Cook - 4th District

Andy Schor - 5th District

Dale Copedge - 6th District

Todd Tennis - 7th District

Penelope Tsernoglou - 8th District

Carol Koenig - 9th District

Deb Nolan - 12th District

Randy Schafer - 13th District

Elizabeth Kranz - 14th District

#### Eaton County Commissioners

Michael Hosey - 1st District

Terrance Augustine - 3rd District

Carol Strachan - 4th District

Jeanne Pearl-Wright - 5th District

Glenn Freeman - 7th District

Joseph Brehler - 8th District

Linda Keefe - 10th District

Art Luna - 11th District

David Fernald - 14th District

Roger Harris - 15th District

#### Eaton County Probate Judge

Thomas Byerley

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#### Shiawassee County Commission

Brian Fredline - 6th District



Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell's annual fund-raiser donated \$5,000 to each of two Lansing-area charities. A death in the family prevented Jewell from attending, but he was represented by 1-C Assistant Director Steve Dawes. Above, Dawes presents \$5,000 to Al Ott, president of Old Newsboys. Right, a check for \$5,000 goes to Betsy Rueckert of the Mid-Michigan Food Bank. Also shown here are Region 1-C staff.

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MIKE GREEN, LOCAL 652

## Our new leaders

I hope the summer was fun for you and your family.

We've been busy at the Local with our Constitutional Convention, which was held in Detroit. This convention was very special as we said good-bye to Ron Gettelfinger and elected Bob King as President of the UAW. Our congratulations to President King and his entire Executive Board, which includes:

**Bob King, President**

**Dennis Williams, Secretary-Treasurer**

**General Holiefield, Vice President**

**James Settles, Jr., Vice President**

**Joe Ashton, Vice President**

**Cindy Estrada, Vice President**

At our Region 1-C meeting we elected Norwood Jewell as our new Regional Director. Norwood appointed Steve Dawes as his Assistant Director. They will do a great job for our Region and the UAW!

On July 28 I attended the community tribute to our retiring Regional Director Duane Zuckschwerdt. Duane was honored for his work in our community on behalf of working men and women in the UAW. Our best to Duane and our thanks to his entire family for sharing him with all of us!



### Quality is important

I recently had a visitor in my office who stopped by to tell me the story of his 1991 Olds 88:

I bought my 1991 Olds on January 24, 1991 with 3,400 miles on it. As of today, July 20, 2010, it has 405,480.3 miles. This was bought through Product by Marsh Brothers Dealership in Honor, Michigan.

I still have the original engine, exhaust, and ball joints. At 342,000 miles I had the transmission rebuilt. It has had various minor repairs, but nothing major done to it over the years. I still get 26-30 miles per gallon!

It is the best vehicle I have ever owned. — Proud owner, Dennis Duff.

### Election

Thanks to everyone who voted in the primary and supported our endorsed candidates. I would again ask for your support or our endorsed candidates in the fall election. Thank you in advance.

RANDY FREEMAN, LOCAL 652

## Highest praise for our Coupe

We received a letter from a union member in Wisconsin who is thrilled with her new Cadillac CTS Coupe. We know we build good cars, but it's always great to get feedback like



this. I have excerpted the letter here. For the full text, see the Labor News website at [lansinglabornews.org](http://lansinglabornews.org). Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am a fellow UAW member, Secretary Treasurer of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council ... I am writing you because I am also the very proud owner of one of your first Cadillac CTS 2011 Coupes, and I wanted to share some thoughts with you.

When I worked in the plant, and we made the electronic components for these cars, we always fought to do the best job we could to make the parts as important as those that controlled fuel emissions for cars and guidance systems for planes at the plants that finished the vehicle. We did quality work and we worked hard. We were UAW/GM and darned proud of it.

Over many years I have driven and purchased our cars. ... When I decided to buy a new car this year, I decided to buy myself an early birthday present. I decided to buy "a big girl car," and I decided on a Cadillac. ... I like sporty cars, so when I saw a picture of the CTS Coupe, I fell in love and hard.

I drove it out of the dealership on July 20, and I was never so proud of a car before. It is beautiful. People stop me, I received thumbs up from kids on the street, and stares from strangers ...

Nothing gives me greater pride than looking down on my driver's side door and seeing the state of Michigan, with the UAW/GM and Local 652 on that door. I show it off with pride. That is why I am writing you today. I know how it feels to have been through what you have, struggled to make an honest living, do what you do for this movement and have to fight every day just to make the product that you are paid to make.

In Solidarity, Sheila D. Cochran, Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO

### Reunions

To all Head Assembly Retirees of Local 652, the Annual Retiree Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 25 at the Fire Mountain restaurant, 730 Elmwood, Lansing, starting at 5:00 p.m. Meal is at your own expense. Come see all your old friends! Contact persons: Gordon Quinn (517) 882-6715 or Bonnie Degree (517) 394-3579.

Local 652 Millwrights will have their get-together on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at the 652 hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop by for coffee and donuts and to see your old friends!



BOB SMITH, LOCAL 652

## Winning big

The recent golf outing to raise funds for breast cancer research was a winner for everyone — but even more so for Dan Dowdy. Not only was he on the winning team with Jeff Makely, Tom Adams, and Marcos Leal, but his hole-in-one and the right hole won him a trip to Hawaii! So you see, it is possible to

DEAN POGGIALI, LOCAL 724

## End of summer

As the dog days of summer are upon us, it is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close. Although we extend our actual season till September, with the advent of back to school and football practice, we feel the time pass by.



In the realm of summer, we would like to comment on the annual Local 724 Golf Outing. Twenty teams of Local 724 members, retirees, family members and friends descended on Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield the first Saturday of August. Recreation Chair Todd Collins is to be commended again on the fine array of prizes for the golfers. Todd made sure that all the golfers felt welcome and was successful in securing hole-in-one sponsors for a Lansing built Chevy Traverse and a cash prize of \$10,000.

Thanks go to Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell, Assistant Director Steve Dawes, and past Director Duane Zuckschwerdt, along with Graff Chevrolet for their generosity. Additionally, thanks go out to Carol Allen from RSDC and Dakkota Unit Chair Ron Dean for volunteering their time on the hole-in-one locations.

We want to mention a recent event that the UAW Region 1-C Women's Council held. They organized a backpack/school supply drive, then distributed the supplies to deserving children. See Debra Mills' article for more on this.

As we pen this, the Bharat Forge Unit is in the throes of contract talks. The discussions have yielded minimal sources of middle ground. The Unit has remained steadfast in their quest for a fair, respectful, and equitable contract. This proud membership has made moves in the past in order to show good faith in their desire to keep the doors open. The Unit, which is the oldest in the Local, remains unified in their continued quality of job, integrity of their convictions, and their solidarity of spirit in these most stressful of circumstances. Please keep these proud members in our hearts and prayers as they fight to keep their American dream alive.

As we enter the political landscape

Shown here are the winning team along with Women's Committee members Kathy McKenney, Chair Lena Wyeth, and Cynthia (CJ) Johnson, and Recreation Chair Reggie Townsend.

win big on those hole-in-one.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this outing possible and to the 652 Women's and Recreation Committees that organized it. And special thanks to Sundance Chevrolet for sponsoring the hole-in-one prize!



of this November's elections, please remain cognizant that the current administration was saddled with a burden of deficit, military action on two fronts, and economic uncertainty. Some of the very critics who called for change from the Bush administration are now expressing that we must do another overthrow of the establishment.

The Obama administration has been burdened with issues that are more complex than FOX News can describe in their 30-second sound bites. Our wounds must be nurtured before our critics even contemplate amputation of the system. Change for the sake of change will only doom us to repeat the mistakes made before.

We must not forget that when President Clinton left office, we had a budget surplus. Bush erased the surplus and burdened us with his blunders. Although the corrections have been slow to evolve, we must stay the course. If for not for the help to save General Motors, the collateral damage felt in our little corner of the cosmos would be felt for generations.

As unionists we must remain diligent in our quest affordable housing, quality schools, a clean environment, good paying jobs with life sustaining benefits, and our right to support the union way of life.

DEBRA MILLS, LOCAL 724

## Backpack aid

The UAW Region 1-C Women's Council along with Regional Director



Norwood Jewell, International Reps, and Lansing UAW presidents, passed out 476 backpacks, with Flint projected to pass out 600 more on August 18. The outreach to our community to help families get their children ready with the supplies needed to start the 2010-11 school year was a huge success.

With the donations from UAW Region 1-C, Lansing and Flint UAW locals, and Lansing and Flint businesses, the goal was reached.

Special thanks to the UAW Region 1-C Women's Council for all their hard work. I was proud to work with Anita Dawson, Lena Wyeth, Roberta Cannon, and our Flint sisters, who all gave so much time and effort to make the rally a success in the Lansing area.

Thanks to UAW Local 724 units, donations from Bharat Forge, Dakkota, Lear, RSDC and the Huntsman Unit. I would also like to send a special thanks to Pam Kissane. She did a wonderful job, as always, with all her hard work.

Also, thanks to Local 652 for hosting the lunch at their hall, along with many of the picnic supplies. See page 3 for a photo of the event.

Region 1-C is sponsoring a **bowling tournament** on November 6 and 7 at Richfield Bowl in Flint. Men's team first prize is \$1,000, based on 100 entries. Women's team first prize is \$300, based on 40 entries. Men's and women's high single first prizes are \$100 each. The closing date for registration is October 22. See [lansinglabornews.org](http://lansinglabornews.org) for forms or call 810-767-0910

## A vote about Local 1618

You won't be able to say this edition of the Lansing Labor News is not hot off the press [because of the hot weather]. I can smile and thank God I am not 10 to 20 feet up in air, in one of the aisles, picking parts at the warehouse. I hope you have been able to too stay cool.



This coming September 22nd at 2:15 p.m. at the Local 1753 General Membership meeting, we will be asking the membership to approve a motion asked for by the International UAW – to accept Local 1618 as an affiliated membership to our local. NO, they are not amalgamating with us. Local 1618 was the old Plant #2 employees. Now that the last one has officially retired, all that is left is their Retirees unit. Local 1753 will be taking their retiree unit under its umbrella. Their money will be separate from ours. Our Financial Secretary Nancy Munchbach will disperse their funds on their behalf. Their retirees will NOT be able to vote in our general elections. Local 1753 will just be Local 1618's big brother.

Many warehouse employees came from Local 1618 in the mid 80's. A few went back, but most of us stayed and retired from Local 1753. Local 1618's Retiree unit has been using our union hall for their monthly meetings the last few years, and has built a shed in back of our hall for their supplies and fixtures.

There should not be any objection to this motion. It's just helping the 1618 Local, like we would any other local.

It is hard to put timely information in the Lansing Labor News since the number of issues are down this year. But I want to thank all the retirees who came out to Local 1753's retiree picnic and

the Lansing area UAW picnic.

This year our Halloweenie Roast at the plant will be on Friday, October 29. Watch the boards in October for more.

Important date to remember is Thursday, December 9 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Local 1753 in conjunction with the Retiree Chapter will be having our annual open house at the hall. Stop by and see your former co-workers, past and present. A dish to pass is optional. Refreshments will be served.

Remember, general elections for the local are next year. If you have thought of running for an office, it's never too soon to start planning. From what I hear, there should be plenty of openings.

Don't forget to read Laura's column (page 4). Retirees meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon at the union hall for a lunch and short meeting. Retirees still meet the fourth Monday morning at 8 a.m. or later at the Waverly Restaurant just North of Waverly Rd & St. Joe for a social breakfast.

**Food For Thought:** Only Robinson Crusoe could have everything done by Friday. Forbidden fruit results in many a bad jam. One day you will no longer be the big dog, just the old dog who has to stay on the porch.

### MEETING NOTICES

#### Executive Board

Tuesday, September 21

October 19

November 23

December 21

#### General Membership Meeting

September 22

October 20

November 24

December— Cancelled

All meetings are at 2:15 p.m. at the hall.

The Labor News extends condolences to the family of Army Ranger Spc. Bradley Rappuhn, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 8. His mother Roxanne Rappuhn and his father Cary Rappuhn are both Local 602 retirees.

## Right to work?

There is a lot of talk out there by politicians about making Michigan one of those "right-to-work" states. You better be careful what you ask for, because you really won't like it. The politicians will paint a pretty picture that "right-to-work" will create jobs. What kind of jobs at what pay—do they tell you that? How are you going to like being out on strike and having non-union people cross your picket line and run the plant? Then, when the strike is over, those SOB's are going to get everything you just walked the picket line for.

Your family lived on strike pay for how many weeks and these non-union workers never missed a beat on a pay-check or benefits the whole time. How do you like them now?



To make it even more interesting, by them crossing your picket line and running the plant, they have hurt the bargaining team's ability to negotiate. So they undercut collective labor agreements and further weakened the union.

We do have people working in our union shop who don't want to pay union dues, and yet they want the pay scale and benefits the union has negotiated for us ... the things my grandmother and grandfather walked the picket line and did without for us to enjoy today.

I say if you don't want to pay dues, go to work in a shop without union representation. If it wasn't for the union holding management's feet to the fire, how long do you think management would provide the pay and benefits you enjoy today? You can bet your sweet bottom things would be different.

### New Hours and meetings

UAW Local 602 will be open 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Meetings are at 4:30 (E-board) and 6:00 (general membership). Upcoming meetings: September 12 and October 10.



**Region 1-C Women's Committees teamed up to give out backpacks in the Back-to-School celebration to help underprivileged youth. Special thanks to Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell for their donations to the program. See Debra Mills' article on page 2 for more information, and see our website for more photos - lansinglabornews.org.**

## Nomination and Election Notice UAW Local 2256 - Accident Fund Unit

### Nominations

**Nominations will be accepted Sept. 8 - Sept. 17, 2010 for the following positions:**

- |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Unit Chairperson      | 1 Guide                           |
| 1 Unit Vice Chairperson | 1 Sergeant-at-Arms                |
| 1 Recording Secretary   | 6 Stewards & 3 Alternate Stewards |

**The term of office will be three years. In the Steward race, alternate positions will go to the three (3) runners-up in the order in which they finish.**

In accordance with unit bylaws, the Unit Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and four (4) top vote-getting Stewards will also serve as members of the Unit Bargaining Committee. The Bargaining Committee Alternates will be the next four (4) highest vote getters in the Steward race.

All members in good standing for one year are automatically nominated for all offices. Those who wish to accept the nomination should indicate their intentions in writing and give it to an Election Committee member (Mary Leys, Katie Ames, Karen Duffield, or Arnetta Parker). Nomination forms must be received by the end of the business day Sept. 17, 2010 after which time no candidate will be allowed to add or remove his/her name from the ballot. Write-in candidates will not be allowed on election day.

### Election

**The election of Local 2256 Accident Fund Officers and Stewards will be conducted at the date, time, and place indicated below.**

Date: October 26, 2010  
Time: 11:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Place: Accident Fund Building, Lower Level Training Room  
232 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

All members in good standing are eligible to vote. Members will be asked to present a picture I.D. Absentee ballots are available to members whose work site is greater than 30 miles from the Lansing Office. Please contact an Election Committee member for details. If necessary, a runoff election will be held November 3, 2010 at the same time and location.

## 1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. We have a pancake breakfast coming on Saturday, September 11 at Local 1753's hall on St. Joe. It runs from 9:00 a.m. till noon. All you can eat for \$5 adults, \$3 children. We will also have a bake sale at the same time, so bring in your best. There will also be a raffle of two handmade afghans. Pat Smith is chairwoman and she can use your help. Her number is 517-641-4323.

For Ted's breakfast we'll have to call folks, since a lot of us do not use computers to see the website. I done the calling before, and it works.

Remember, we will always be Local 1618 retirees, so stop in for our get-togethers at noon on the second Wednesday of the month at Local 1753, except for November and December. In those months we will be at Local 724's hall on Clare Street (just south of Local 652), in November on the second Wednesday and in December on the FIRST Wednesday.

We do not do a meeting at all in August because we have the area-wide retirees' picnic. Please put these on your calendar, that's what I do.

The travel committee is running a trip to the Fire Keepers casino on September 22 for a price of \$20. The bus will be at the Local 724 union hall at 9:30 a.m., with an additional pick-up in Charlotte by the VFW hall just off the highway. Return at 3:30 p.m. Call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146 if you are interested in any of our trips.

Congratulations to Diana and Joe Sagy on their wedding. It was so great and everything went so well. We danced and ate and laughed. I saw a lot of good friends I hadn't seen in a long time. I hope you two will always be happy.

The area-wide picnic went well. We all worked hard to make it so. Thanks to LAFCU and Auto Body for the great gifts. And to Region 1-C for the \$5 bills we gave out. My sidekick Russ Little didn't make it, as he was under the weather. A big thank you to all the volunteers. We need more people like you.

Remember, we have a big election ahead of us in November. Dorothy Stevens will run a phone bank at Local 602 and she could use your help. Remember to vote for the people that work for the working people.

What happened to respect on the highways? I guess that went out the window. Till we meet again, keep smiling. My phone is 517-543-5385.

## 602 retirees

In less than 2 months, millions of voting seniors will help elect a new Congress that will have the power to change Social Security and Medicare and future benefits as well. Those we elect to serve in the 112th Congress will inherit the historic federal debt crisis now driving plans that would cut spending on Social Security and Medicare.

With the political campaign in full force, we must work to help the candidates who will fight for our retirement security. Washington deficit hawks and the forces opposed to benefit programs are using the debt crisis as justification to unravel Social Security and Medicare.

The co-chairs of President Obama's Commission on Fiscal Responsibility have made it clear that Social Security and Medicare top their list for targeted spending cuts.

The Senate rejected COLA relief legislation that would have given Social Security beneficiaries a one-time payment of \$250 to help offset the loss of the 2010 Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

Efforts are already underway to repeal important improvements under the health care overhaul, improvements that include phasing out the "donut hole" coverage gap in the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.

These issues will be carried over to those we elect this November and a closely divided Congress puts benefits for retired Americans at risk. This coming Congressional election will have an enormous impact on the future of Social Security and Medicare.

There's only one thing certain at this point: we must help our candidates win or be prepared to live with devastating losses in seniors' benefits.

Now is the time to make a difference, whether it be phone calling, door-to-door, lit drops, yard signs, and most of all Get Out The Vote (GOTV). Waiting till election day will be too late.

For 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 deep condolences.

MIKE BAUER, LOCAL 652

## 652 retirees

It has been a long hot summer. With fall just around the corner, we can look forward to cooler temperatures and the bright colors of autumn.

Our monthly schedule of events is:

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.

On Labor Day (September 6) there will be a ceremony in the Sitdowners Memorial Park at the Region 1-C Office in Flint. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. A brunch follows at Local 659. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door. The Region 1-C Office is at 1940 W. Atherton Rd., Flint. Local 659 is located at 4549 Van Slyke Rd, Flint.

The annual Labor Day Picnic will also be held in Flint at Crossroads Village

from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 12 will be our next social night from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The **November 2 Bingo Night** will be **canceled** due to election activity at the hall. Please note this cancellation on your calendars.

Just a reminder, the November and December dinners will be our regular monthly potlucks. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

Bob Sheldon, who is 90 years young, recently completed his last year of working for the Ingham County Fair. Congratulations, Bob, on a job well done!

Please support UAW-endorsed candidates. Endorsements are based on candidates' positions on issues and, where applicable, their voting records. Phone bank volunteers are needed. Phone banks will be operating Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. starting October 1 at Local 602.

**There is a trip scheduled to Mesa, Arizona, February 13-24. It will include the retiree picnic in Mesa and stops in cities along the way such as Oklahoma City and San Antonio. Contact Marni for more information and to make your reservation. Phone 517-321-6871. Reservations must be made by October 15.**

Condolences to Mansil Raymond on the loss of his brother Lawrence Raymond and his sister Eunice Mylander. Condolences to the families of Nancy Barker and Rosemary Spitzley.

The Olds Outdoor Club has the following 2010 camping dates: Sept. 10, 11, & 12 at Rocky's Campground, (517) 857-2200; Oct. 8, 9, & 10 at Mich. Trap Shooting Association, (517) 676-2295.

Each individual camping unit must call the campground to make their individual reservations. For more details about the campground, you may contact "Wagon Master" Jay Courser at (517) 323-2331.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, Joyce Fernholtz, Joyce Kloeckner, Wilfred and Millie Pullman, Al Schneider, Jean and Leonard Schneider, and any we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is online at [www.lansinglabornews.org](http://www.lansinglabornews.org).

If possible, please bring canned goods to donate to the area Food Bank when you attend retiree events.

LAURA CLARK, LOCAL 1753

## 1753 Retirees

We are having fun at the local and around town. Some of you got very involved with the Region 1-C euchre tournament. I was very pleased with the turnout of the fellows in the local. The boys "hit it out of the park," as they say. Everyone did well, had a fun time, and enjoyed the lunch sponsored by our friends at Optiview. Winners went and played the winners from Flint. Ta-da! The champ from Region 1-C is our own Doug Jenks. We are so proud, keep up the good work. Girls, I hope for a better showing next year. I know you can play!

The June 14 picnic was a blast, good job by everyone. It was great to see so many turn out, the food was great. Thanks, guys, for the great grilling. Ev-



everyone brought a huge amount of dishes to pass—what a tough choice! The desert contest was out of this world. The judges had a hard decision, but named Bill's wife Joyce Dawson as the winner. We thank Jennifer Tissue and her company for supplying gifts for prizes.

Thanks to our wonderful E-board for running July's meeting and lunch. Thanks, Dennis, I appreciate your covering while I was away. I got back in time for a good lunch and meeting in August. It's good to be back and see you all. Randy, we heard you broke or sprained your foot again, we are sorry and hope you heal real soon. Cards can be sent to Randy Jenetzke at 5661 N. Canal Rd, Dimondale, MI 48821.

It looks like you and Randy missed the Lansing area 1-C retirees' picnic at Hawk Island. I was glad to see some of us enjoyed the new caterer. I was glad to see so many brothers and sisters from around town, the new Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell, Michigan Representative Barb Byrum and U.S. Representative Mark Schauer.

At our next meeting on September 9 at 12:00, we will be cooking outside, burgers and hot dogs. Bring a dish to pass or just bring yourself.

Obits: Chester Henre, Paul Bailor  
I want to send out get-well wishes to all my executive board members. As of this writing, Nancy Munchbach was still in Sparrow Hospital.

## From Joe Sagy

UAW members eligible for the Legal Services Plan pay imputed income. If both spouses worked for GM or Delphi, they may be charged for two imputed income amounts. To avoid this increased

liability and if the above stated circumstance exists, one eligible participant of the Plan now may declare coverage for both eligible parties for tax purposes. Both will have the same coverage, with only one member charged with imputed income. To provide notice of dual coverage or to delete or reinstate coverage, the member must call 1-800-521-7818, ext 517 and indicate they are calling regarding dual Plan coverage. Eligible participants' names, Social Security numbers, locations of employment, and local union numbers should be available at the time of the call. This must be done no later than Friday September 24, 2010 and will become effective November 1.

## 602 Obituaries

Thomas A. Pizzo – Retired  
Ernest May – Retired  
Emory Newman – Retired  
Lee Dobson – Retired  
Helen R. Clark – Mother of Bonny Clark, General Assembly  
Frank Hughef – Father of Jocelyn Perry, Material  
Melba Barnice Przelawski – Mother of Linda Cusick, Quality (Paint Verification)  
Connie V. Grosnickle – Mother of Brian Grosnickle, Sr.  
Lillian Pappas – Mother of Stephen Pappas, Paint  
Dixie Anita Harmon – Mother of Aniesia Durrance, Body  
William Despain – Step-Father of Anita Rehil, Electrician (Body)  
Feotis Dumas – Father of Teresa Mosley, Chassis  
Wilho Kempainen – Father of Paul Kempainen, Paint  
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