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The 2012 American muscle & antique car show



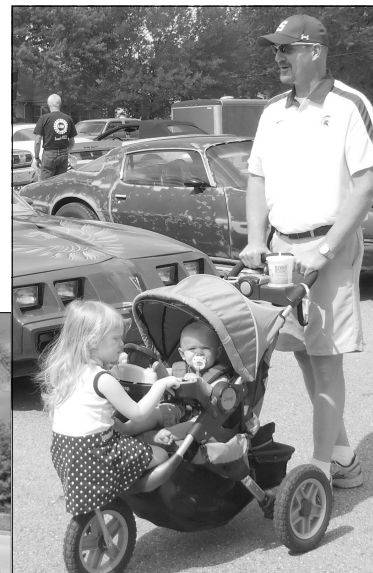
ABOVE: Local 602 President Bill Reed rides in the curved-dash Oldsmobile owned by Mike Walters.



ABOVE RIGHT: Local 602 Alternate Committeeman John Fedewa and Local 602 Financial Secretary Doreen Howard with a real classic.

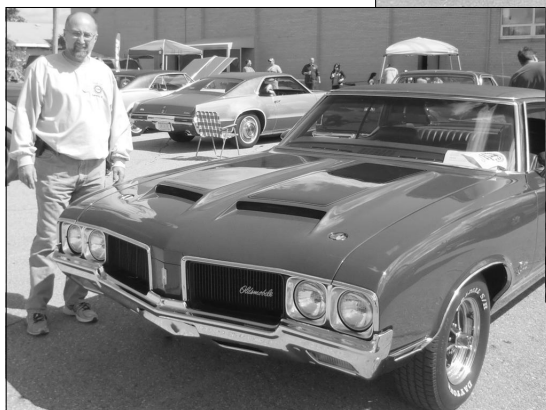
RIGHT: Local 652 President Mike Green thanked all the volunteers who made this year's cars show a great success.

BELOW: Local 724 President Dean Poggiali inspects an Olds 442.



ABOVE: Local 4911 President Joe Douglas brought his family out to the show.

BELOW: Local 652 President Mike Green rides in the curved-dash Oldsmobile.



ABOVE: AVI Food Systems donated the proceeds of their food sales. Thanks to the Android employees who staffed the booth.

BELOW: LAFCU had a booth and also made a donation. Our thanks to all the sponsors!



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Romney just doesn't get it

"We should have let Detroit go bankrupt!"

Mitt Romney doesn't get it; it wasn't a bailout but emergency rescue loans. To qualify for this we as UAW members made deep sacrifices to save the company. We gave up pay increases, overtime pay, holidays, agreeing to a reduced pay and benefit structure for new hires among other concessions.

It was because these sacrifices the auto industry was able to get those loans, saving more than 1.4 million jobs up and down the supply chain.

The emergency loans worked. GM is once again the world's top carmaker. GM's profits in 2011 were its largest ever and they have repaid their outstanding loans years ahead of schedule.

The Big Three along with their suppliers have added more than 200,000 jobs in the last two-and-a-half years, and 2011 was the strongest year of industry job growth since 1994. Added shifts and new facilities mean jobs for thousands more workers not only here in Michigan, but in many other states across the country.

Unlike a loan, which must be paid back, Romney's not opposed to bailouts. Romney supported the bailout of Wall Street and opposes tough new rules that would stop Wall Street excesses from causing another crisis. Romney has his financial interest in Wall Street, not in you or me.

In listening for the GOP's message of putting people back to work, all we've heard about are more attacks on workers' collective bargaining rights, and this message has been loud and clear.

Mitt Romney promised to take on unions that represent Michigan autoworkers. During his visit to Compatico, an office systems furniture maker in the Grand Rapids suburb of Kentwood, Michigan, Romney boldly stated, "I've taken on union bosses before, and I'm happy to take them on again" and, "I sure won't give in to the UAW."

I am happy the company I work for is doing well but we still have a long way to go before my union brothers and sisters are doing well. I'm concerned that any future gains we hope to make will be taken away at the ballot box as we look at the Republican agenda to dissolve unions and take away our rights as working men and women.

When a Republican candidate can support working people, stand behind my UAW brothers and sisters, and stand up to corporations and big business, I'll vote for them. So far I haven't found one.

Local 602 meetings

The next meetings will be on **October 14 and November 11**. The Executive board meets at 4:30 p.m. The General Membership meets at 6:00 p.m. at the hall.



ABOVE: Local 652 President Mike Green and 652 Vice President Randy Freeman joined the two owners of the last two cars in Plant 3's annual car show.



LEFT: Android Industry Unit Chair Jake Jacobson was joined by family in checking out that snappy Mustang!

LOCAL 652 Mike Green, President

Gearing up for November 6

I hope everyone's summer was great and you had a great time with your family and friends.

It has been very busy at our local and plant, bringing in new hires and training for the start of our new product line, the ATS Cadillac. Our thanks to everyone who has played, and will play, a critical role in making our new car a success!

As summer ends, we are gearing up for the November election. The UAW sees this process as very important to all our members. Candidates seeking endorsement go through the CAP Council screening process. This is not to tell you how to vote, but to let you know about candidates' voting records and positions they take that affect each and every one of us.

Our Capital Area CAP Council spends a lot of time on this screening process, so we can make a well-informed endorsement to our membership.

I can remember like it was just yesterday when we all were facing the horrible thought of GM going bankrupt, the reality of our plants closing, and the loss of retiree health care and pensions.

Where do they stand on the auto industry?

Presidential candidate Mitt Romney advocated a bankruptcy process in which the automakers would shed their pension obligation. Romney described the successful restructuring of GM and Chrysler as "crony capitalism," a reward to "union bosses."

Later on he took credit for the industry's comeback, even though he opposed the government loans that made it possible. Romney was never involved in the companies' turnaround.

"Let Detroit go bankrupt" was Mitt



Romney's November, 2008 op-ed in the New York Times.

Barack Obama

I was fortunate to attend the national CAP Conference in Washington, D.C. In 2012 and hear President Obama address our convention, where he said, "I placed my bet on the American worker. And I will make that bet any day of the week."

President Obama convened a task force to work with automakers and stakeholders on a turnaround plan when private funding was available.

He saved taxpayers the costs of a traditional bankruptcy in which pension obligations would have been dumped on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

He saved over 2.5 million jobs.

Thanks to President Obama, GM and Chrysler avoided liquidation and today both are profitable and adding jobs.

Employment in the U.S. auto and parts industries is growing at a pace not seen since the 1990's.

You're already being bombarded by misleading ads funded by Super PACs. If the political right had their way with investing the Social Security fund into Wall Street, where would all our retirees be?

Once we look at the facts, we learn the truth never changes—nor should our support for President Obama to finish the job he is doing.

Remember, every time we add a job in the auto industry, we help add seven to ten more jobs in the community, be it hospital workers, restaurant workers, parts suppliers, or many other service industries.

How could anyone who works in the auto industry come to any other conclusion than to vote for President Obama? Thank you, the membership, for your help, and please support our endorsed candidates.

If you would like to help elect our endorsed candidates, you could help with phone banks, yard signs, canvassing door to door, etc. We need your help to win the fight of life!

Vote November 6!

LOCAL 724 Dean Poggiali, President

Sprucing up the local

It has been a while since we last updated things at the Local, so we can start with the most recent development. The Local underwent some major building improvements. Over the years we have experienced issues with rain runoff going into the building. Sometimes the overflow would go into the hallways and work its way into the meeting rooms. The parking lot has a slight crown to it and that tends to compound the issue.



Bids were received and the work was started after Labor Day. It involved digging around the perimeter of the building, putting in new drain tile, installing a water barrier on the outside, and a sump pump. As the project was in the middle of the renovation, we experienced some rain and it appears as though we have weathered the storm, if you can excuse the bad pun.

The next phase will be to install a new furnace and air conditioning unit. This will upgrade our system and will allow for increased costs savings going forward. With the new energy efficient units we can expect a warmer and cooler building during the appropriate seasons.

Both of these projects were done by union contractors. The Local 724 Executive Board believed it was important to support the organized labor movement and seek bids from unionized contractors.

The last project will be done in conjunction with our neighbor to the north, UAW Local 652. The parking lot will be seeing some work in filling in the cracks and also getting a reseal as well. Just wanted to update everyone as to what the old building is going through. Also as a point of reference, the current Local 724 building at one point was the hall for Local 652.

The Local 724 picnic was held in August at a new venue, Valhalla Park in Delhi Township. We had a glorious day to spend with family, co-workers, and friends. The kids were able to play some games, get some goodies and have some wide-open spaces to run around. The Recreation Chair, Todd Collins, again had plenty of prizes for the raffles so the event is always a thing to look forward to. Planning is already underway for the next picnic and volunteers are always needed, so call the Local if you are interested.

The JLL-Drayton Unit recently elected a new Unit chair, Trish Trammell. The Unit has been meeting on a regular basis and is working to make sure the membership has a voice in the workplace.

The Bridgewater Unit started contract talks and is looking to improve the well-being of the membership. They have picked up some new work and will undoubtedly be working hard to incorporate some new ideas into their second contract. Good luck to the committee in their efforts.

Speaking of adding some members,

the Alliance, Bridgewater, Dakota, JLL-Drayton, JLL-TEAM, RSDC and Woodbridge Units have seen some more work head their way. Some of this is attributed to the addition of a second shift to the Lansing Grand River General Motors facility.

This brings an interesting correlation. If not for the efforts of President Obama to help preserve the domestic auto industry, many of these opportunities would not exist. In fact, if not for this strategy, many of the current jobs may have been greatly reduced as well. This is an extreme contradiction from President Obama's opposition, Mitt Romney. Candidate Romney was in the mindset to let Detroit go bankrupt. The very fact that this shortsighted attitude could have cost millions of Americans their way of life should cement the idea that he is not the right person to lead our country.

Remember, the UAW screens candidates on the issues that affect our ability to provide for our families through the work we do. The recommendations are just that—recommendations—and should be looked at objectively. That is why it is critical for us to vote this November. We must review the list of recommended candidates with our families, neighbors, and co-workers to make the choices that will allow us to function as the working class.

Also make sure that the whole ballot is reviewed. There will be three Michigan Supreme Court seats up for election. It is critical that we have judges in the court that will be hearing cases based on their merits, not on who is the most powerful lobbyist. There will several ballot proposals that will also appear. The most important one for union folks is the proposal to protect collective bargaining rights. By insuring that we have a voice in the workplace, we can make sure we are paid fair wages, receive benefits, work safely, and have a recourse in the event of being unjustly treated.

If you have any questions concerning anything that will be on the ballot, please call the local and we will try to help answer your questions. If we can't answer them, then we will look to get them answered.

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

Local 724 Meetings

Local 724 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The executive board meets the same Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

LOCAL 1753 Ray Whitford, President

Coping with the changes

Another summer has come and gone. What a hot one we had! Hot, humid days, especially on the afternoon shift, when it heats up, being on an order selector truck and picking parts close to the ceiling.

Thank the UAW for five VR days. Who wants to come to work when it's 100-plus degrees?

I know in our area we consumed plenty of Gatorade every day. It was put on ice in a five-gallon bucket and it sure was refreshing.

Now it's time to look forward to another winter. Hopefully, it will be a mild one like last year.

The Shop Committee is still trying to negotiate the local agreement for skilled trades.

New hires

Your local leadership welcomes all the new hires to our plant. As seniority employees, let's help them to learn. By this I mean to look out for them. Management will take advantage of them every opportunity they get. A good example is having new hires do two-man picks. Hopefully this has been put to bed. It's been brought to management's attention.

Think about the trickle-down

This is an important year. November 6 is the Presidential election. We play a major role in these elections. When the Big Three went before Congress' Ways and Means Committee, the Republicans were more than willing to throw us to the wolves.

Could you imagine the trickle-down effect this would have on the automotive industry, with all the lost jobs, down to all the suppliers?

Our thanks go to President Obama. Now it's our time to get him re-elected as our President. He had faith in us, he depends on us as we did on him. Everybody has a part to do. Get out and vote on November 6.

Other issues also affect us. The Republicans want to take away our collective bargaining rights. Can we live with all the take-aways they want? Will there be a middle class or just be rich and poor?

Vote on November 6!

LOCAL 4911 Joe Douglas, President

The importance of collective bargaining

Hello my UAW brothers and sisters. Well, summer has come and gone and I

hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable one. I want to talk to you about the importance of collective bargaining and the attack on the middle class that is being waged on us by special interest groups and politicians.

Collective bargaining is very important to each and every one of us for better wages, better health care coverage, safer work places and better pensions. Hundreds of bills have been passed through the current Republican controlled House, Senate and the Governor—and not one bill has been introduced to help create jobs. Bills have only been passed to cripple our rights to bargain collectively, or to tax our seniors, or take critical aid from our young chil-



LOCAL 4911 Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

What is at stake? The entire middle class

In just a few weeks, we will all have the opportunity to make a difference in

our future and our family's future. We have an enormous number of citizens that could potentially stop the systematic erosion of the middle class family. The 99% versus the 1%; what is right versus what is wrong; we are all in this together versus you are on your own; what is morally right versus morally wrong. Our philosophy is that we are our brother's and sister's keeper. We help each other in the time of need in whatever way we can. This is how the majority of us grew up—with respectable ethics which govern the way we live our lives.

Today, we are in the biggest economic fight of our lives. While the 99% have



dren for school essentials.

Proposal 2 is one of the most important issues on the upcoming ballot in November, aside from re-electing President Obama for four more years. The proposal will amend the Michigan constitution to protect collective bargaining and keep our voice alive in the workplace. These companies that we work for now and are covered by a collective bargaining agreement would not give us what we have gained through collective bargaining had we not had a union.

The UAW is exactly that, YOU-AW! You are the most important part of the union, your involvement is crucial to keep our voice alive and you must remember that in the November election. Please educate yourselves on all of the issues and do not rely on a 30-second commercial for your information.

There have been changes in voting districts, so please know where you need to vote. See www.michigan.gov/vote for the right information on precincts and times. This is the most crucial election in our lifetime and we must move forward! If you would like information to become a volunteer please go to our website: www.uawlocal4911.org.

Thank you and enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends. Yes on Proposal 2!

wages that are decreasing, the 1% has wages and company profits that are increasing. While the 1% is quietly funneling money to the Cayman Islands for shelter, the 99% are struggling to keep their houses out of foreclosure, keep their jobs, pay their bills, put food on the table, clothe their children and put gas in the car. How has our society become so twisted and unfair? One reason is because during the election of 2010, **only 46%** of the people went to the polls and voted. *The rest of the people stayed home.*

The tragic result is that CEOs and corporations are earning record profits and the wealthy 1% is receiving endless tax breaks. (Recall that billionaire Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway announced that he pays a lower income tax rate than his secretary does!) Some politicians want to undermine and destroy Social Security and make permanent the Bush tax breaks for the wealthy. The 99% continue to struggle by having the Earned Income Tax Credit diminish, our pensions are now taxed, student loan rates are about to skyrocket, and there are some politicians who want to tax your health care benefits as in

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

President Obama needs our help in order to win re-election and continue his fight to support the middle class workers (99%) of America and protect working families. There are only a few more weeks until Election Day. Please take the time to invest in your family's future!

Indoors:	Phone Banking	Daily 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
	Data Entry	Daily 11 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Outdoors:	Canvassing, walking to specific doors	Daily Weekends
	Voter Registration	Mondays – Sundays

For more information and up-to-date schedules, please call LaShawn, Field Organizer of Organizing for America – Michigan (517) 515-8632.

Office location: 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite #103, Lansing, MI 48912 (Across from Bud Kouts and downstairs from Local 4911)

LOCAL 602**Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary**

We must unite as one

We need to unite as one voice on November 6 for the good of all middle-class citizens. We are being attacked from all sides by the Republican Party and are in a struggle for our way of life. Do not stand by while your rights and voice are taken away.

The Democratic Party has supported the middle class in many ways. Democrats support unions and our right to collective bargaining. They have supported ballot initiatives against the GOP's anti-worker agenda, thereby protecting working families. They've supported equal pay for equal work, while Republicans have repeatedly voted to limit collective bargaining rights, prevailing wage requirements, and to defund the National Labor Relations Board.

President Obama stood at the side of each and every one of us when he supported loans to the auto industry. We know where Romney stands. He was more than willing to turn his back on an entire industry.

Think about where you are today and how different your life would be without the auto industry and the jobs it supports in your community.

Consider how you could live the last few years of your life. Under the Romney/Ryan Medicare Voucher program, future retirees would be forced to buy coverage with a voucher that would not cover all the costs.

You would have limited doctor choices, and insurance companies would have the upper hand in your personal health decisions.

Stop and look at how your children will be affected by your vote. The Affordable Health Care Act allowed millions of people to gain preventative services coverage and allowed your young adult to have insurance coverage through your insurance plan. Romney intends to repeal this law.

President Obama believes that our children are our future and need to have access to an affordable college education. He has increased the number of Pell Grants available and increased the dollar amount to \$5,500 per year. Our children who want to attend college will be directly affected if Romney is elected, since he plans to eliminate Pell Grants for many students.

The Democratic Party supports middle class tax cuts and the elimination of tax loopholes for billionaires. It believes everyone should pay their fair tax share. The Romney/Ryan plan will increase taxes on the middle class and give cuts to those making more than \$250,000 per year.

The UAW strongly believes that everyone should get out and exercise their right to vote. Through collective bargaining, your UAW has negotiated for you to have Election Day off work, allowing you time to go to the polls.

I urge each and every one of you to stand up for your rights before they are gone.

Vote on November 6.**LOCAL 652****Bob Smith, Financial Secretary**

If you care about your job...

Warning! The following contains extremely biased and one-sided material. If you care about your job or your pension please continue to read!

On November 6 we will once again take part in that great American tradition of choosing our leaders for the next four years. This election is extremely important to us! If you have been paying attention (and most likely even if you haven't), there seems to be a huge amount of money that has been made available to purchase radio and TV ads, billboards, newspaper and magazine articles, even faux documentary films, all in an effort to influence our vote. Welcome to politics, post-Citizens United!

Although there has always been a great deal of money spent on the political trail, after the US Supreme Court decided in the above mentioned case that "...corporations are people, too..." the amount of money seems unlimited. For those that haven't heard, the Citizens United decision allows billionaires, corporations, and others to donate practically unlimited amounts of money to Political Action Committees (you hear them referred to as Super PACs). These organizations then purchase the advertisements, etc., that I mentioned above.

The problem with this for us as autoworkers and retirees is that billionaires and corporations are closer to having "unlimited funds" than we or our organizations will ever be. The other problem with this is the billionaires and corporations don't particularly like us (autoworkers, middle class, retirees, etc.). Well, I guess they like us when we are young, strong, healthy, and productive. It's when we age a little, maybe slow up a step or two, or get a little close to retirement age, or we injure ourselves working that they don't like us quite as much. That's when we become the dreaded "legacy costs."

Some companies (usually non-union) tend to trim "legacy costs" (read employees) by using whatever means necessary to get rid of more senior employees. Others just close their doors and move to another state or country where they can hire another set of workers until the time comes that this new set may become "legacy costs" and the cycle restarts.

Which brings us back to where I started, this election is very important to us! It's a big deal! I know that our current President and the Democratic Party as a whole supported us during the GM bankruptcy. I also remember the Congressional hearings where several Republicans wanted us to fail. I hope you remember those hearings! Without President Obama and the rest of the Democrats we could have lost everything! We could still lose everything if this election goes the wrong way!

So ... I am going to continue to support the people that supported me. President Barack Obama and the Democrats



saved our jobs, now it's time to return the favor and save theirs!

Skilled Trades get-together

October 1 was the date for Local 652 Skilled Trades annual get-together for coffee, donuts, and friendship. This was for all active and retired trades. We were glad to see everyone, and our thanks to Alex McPherson for his work on this.

Veterans' Chili Cook-Off

On October 20, UAW Local 652 is the site of the Region 1-C Veterans' Chili Cook-Off from Noon to 4 p.m. Please register by October 15 by calling Mike Malfi at 517-285-4070.

LOCAL 652**Randy Freeman, Vice President**

Join the Olds Outdoor Club

I want to share some information about the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club. The Winterfest date has changed, which I will get to later. Let me first start out with giving you a little background on the club. This family oriented organization was founded in 1943. Founding members of the group were employees from the Oldsmobile Plant (Local 652) in Lansing who were avid outdoorsmen. Club interest grew as the years passed and got bigger as they reached out to include the other UAW Locals in the Lansing area.

In 1984 Locals 602, 1753 and 1618 came on board. Membership in the club has fluctuated over the years with a high of 3,000 in the 1960's to around 1,300 at the current time and looking to grow! We are now open to all UAW locals in a 25-mile radius of plants in downtown Lansing (Grand River), Local 652, and the Plant in Delta Township, Local 602.

The club has numerous events each year, including fishing contests, camping, Summerfest, Winterfest, hunting contests and education to name a few.

We are offering a special \$5.00 membership for all new members for the remainder of 2012, and annual dues for all members are only \$10.00.

The club invites you to attend informational meetings to be held on Monday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 17 at Local 652, which is at 426 Clare Street, Lansing, 48917. The club will have someone there from 1:00 p.m. To 6:00 p.m. to answer questions about the club. The club's website is at: www.oldsmobileoutdoorclub.com.

Winterfest date change

I have received this notice from Club President Mike Bokovoy:

Attention, the Winterfest date has changed due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be held on February 22, 23, 24, still at the host hotel, Ramada Inn in Grayling. Check our website for further information.

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but we are working to get it back to Presidents' weekend in 2014 and 2015. Questions? Contact Mike at 517-420-5335.

Scott Lounds' article is on page 8.

**LOCAL 724****Debra Mills, Financial Secretary**

Where you shop matters

Are you supporting a Republican Party Super PAC and don't even know it?

Surely you have heard of the Koch brothers, two of the top money backers of the Republican Party. They own many companies. If you are buying their products, you are donating to the Republican Party as well.

Koch Industries products include:

Angel Soft toilet paper
Brawny paper towels
Mardi Gras napkins and towels
Quilted Northern toilet paper
Soft 'n Gentle toilet paper
Sparkle napkins
Vanity Fair napkins
Georgia-Pacific paper products and envelopes
All Georgia-Pacific lumber and building products
Stainmaster carpet
Think about it!

Shop Union

The 40,000 Michigan members of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union ask you to support good union jobs by shopping at these unionized retailers where UFCW members work. You can get more info at www.ufcw.org.
Kroger, statewide
Meijer, statewide except Traverse City
Rite Aid stores
Hollywood Markets, statewide
Hiller's Markets, statewide

Nomination and Election Notice UAW Local 724

Nomination

The nomination for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of Guide will be conducted on:

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

UAW Local 724 Hall

Election

The election for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of Guide will be conducted on:

**Tuesday, October 16, 2012
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

UAW Local 724 Hall

Run-Off Election (if necessary)

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

UAW Local 724 Hall

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



Dorothy Stevens

602 retirees

In a matter of days once again Election Day will be here. It is a day that will govern your lives in the future so it is extremely important that you vote the right way and support those who support you.

Those you elect this November will no doubt make their historic decisions concerning Social Security and Medicare—your earned benefits.

The Republican Party wants full control of our government. They ran our government, our economy, and our international standing in the ditch before and they'll do it again if we let them.

It is vital for the middle class, women, low-income families, seniors, and minorities to all pull together for the challenges that lie ahead and vote straight Democratic to stop the war the GOP have declared on us instead of eliminating the breaks and loopholes for America's wealthy.

The GOP makes no secret about what they will do if elected. They boast about repealing health care reform, making Medicare a voucher program and privatizing Social Security using the federal debt crisis as justification for their reasoning in order to give the wealthiest a tax break.

Do not forget the election year motivation for some lawmakers to score political points at seniors' expense by cutting your earned benefits.

That is why we must support candidates who will fight for us and fight against support for changes to Social Security, proposed by Fiscal Commission Co-Chairs Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles; Resist the pressure to approve changes to Medicare like those proposed by Paul Ryan; The 'Trigger' mechanism in Ryan's plan that, if passed into law, could call for deep cuts to Social Security starting next year, and politically motivated forces seeking to unravel critically needed Medicare benefit improvements under the "Affordable Care Act," by challenging and ultimately, repealing the law.

Candidate Mitt Romney made his fortune closing plants, driving companies into bankruptcy, laying off workers, and shipping their jobs overseas. He has invested millions of dollars in funds set up in the Cayman Islands, a notorious Caribbean tax haven.

If Romney and Ryan were to win this election it's impossible to imagine or be prepared to live with the consequences of spending cuts and devastating losses in future benefits.

We must re-elect President Obama, secure our hold in the Senate, and re-take the House.

All across Michigan we worked tirelessly collecting over 600,000 signatures to get "Protect Collective Bargaining" on the ballot and now we ask you to please support this proposal with a YES vote and enhance the quality of living and working conditions for all Michigan citizens.

Don't forget to turn your ballot over and vote for our endorsed candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court—Sheila Johnson, Connie Marie Kelley, and Bridget Mary McCormick. All of whom are labor friendly.

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

For those who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send you our deepest condolences.

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

We have made it through an extremely hot summer. It is great to have some moderate temperatures again. Before we know it, the snowbirds will be leaving. For those of you departing before the next issue—have a safe trip!

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, 602, and 1618. 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 9, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only—no guests.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars: **November 6, Bingo night is cancelled. December 25, Card night is cancelled. January 1, 2013, Bingo night is cancelled.** January 8, 2013, is the first social night of the new year.

The November and December dinners will be our regular potluck. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

The Outdoor Club is finishing another fun season of camping. The last 2012 camping dates are: Oct. 12 – 14 Michigan Trap Shooting Association, Mason. Reservations are necessary. For more information, call Wagon Master Jay Courser at 517-323-2331.

We must stop the attacks on Collective Bargaining Rights, Unions, the Middle Class, Small Businesses, Public Education, and SENIORS! Everyone is strongly encouraged to support the UAW-endorsed candidates. As retirees, we cannot forget the "fix" for the state's fiscal problems—taxing pensions!

Please vote at your local polling place, or do as many do, and vote absentee ballot.

Do not forget to vote on the proposals and for the nonpartisan offices. The proposal on Collective Bargaining Rights is critical to the middle class and we need you, your family, and your friends to get out and vote. Remember, every vote counts.

We are updating our list of Local 652 retirees who would like to go to the Walter & May Reuther Educational Center at Black Lake when our retirees have an opportunity to attend. We currently have three pages of names, but many of the phone numbers are no longer in service. If you have not been to Black Lake and would like to be added to the list, please email your name, address, phone number, and whether you are married or single (rooms are double occupancy and you will be given a roommate if single) to: retiree652@hotmail.com. If you don't

have access to email, you may call 517-372-7581 ext. 147, and leave the information on the answering machine.

The retirees attending these sessions attend classes and listen to speakers—this is not a "vacation," but a learning experience for attendees. There is some free time for retirees to enjoy and explore the complex after the sessions each day.

Condolences to the families of Wayne Bitner, Tom Gauna, Catherine Haeck, Bob Mullen, Ralph Smith, and any others we may have missed.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Clara Mae Bean, Al Bebow, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, T.J. Evans, Joyce and Herb Fernholz, Linus Hognesbach, Dave & Hazel Hodges, Don & Helen Hogan, Dorothy Hoisington, Don & Maxine Jubb, Brenda Lee, Ken Mohnke, Annie Morris, Ray Myers, Wilfred Pullman, Larry Salters, Leonard Schneider, Bob & Lee Vergason, Mason Williams, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at www.lansinglabornews.org

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

Send your change of address to: Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917. Please include your current address and the old address when requesting the change.

If you have benefit questions, contact a benefit rep for answers. 517-372-7581 ext. 500.

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

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hello out there all you wonderful people!

Someone vandalized my central air conditioning during the hottest days of summer. Too bad people think they can get away with things. I'll find out, I always do.

Ted Gauss' breakfast is on Wednesday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. at Guerrazzi's Restaurant, 15643 Old U.S. 27, Lansing Charter Township, MI 48906. Ted's phone number is 517-321-4754.

Coming Events
Oct. 10 – Halloween luncheon. Dress up!

Oct. 15 – Michigan Princess color tour in Grand Ledge.

(For trips, call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.)

Nov. 7 – Ted Gauss' breakfast, a Wednesday.

Nov. 14 – Veterans Memorial at Chapel Hill on Grand River. This is the flagpole and monument that was at the plant. This is our fourth year. Be there at 10:00 a.m. Then on to the Local 1753 Hall on St. Joe for the turkey lunch. A holiday auction will follow, so bring quarters. Happy Thanksgiving!

On our sick list: Lois Dyer is in Ingham Hospital. Jerry Lawrence is at the St. Lawrence campus. Chairman

Dunn was in the hospital, but is home now. Doug Kosloski hurt his shoulder.

Condolences to the family of John D. Raymond Caudill, age 67. The brother of Arlie Caudill.

Birthdays: Claud Harris, 92; Leo Gray, Lois Dyer, Al Williams, Annsia DeCorte, and Dick Kline.

Anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Noland Douglas, 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunt, 57 years; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gyer, 34 years; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gauss, 49 years; Mr. and Mrs. Tim DeCorti, 20 years; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Torguson, 47 years.

Now about the election: More than one million seniors and people with disabilities save \$687 million on prescription drugs in the doughnut hole—the gap between tradition and catastrophic coverage in the Part D benefit. The health care law does work. The American Action Forum, a conservative think tank, needs to regroup.

47 years of Medicare, we should be proud to be union members. We need to get the vote out, it's the only way we can make it. If we listen to what the Republicans say, untruth in papers and on TV. Do you want to be the last generation to retire?

We would like to see all our families, now or later, to have a union. If we don't wake up in time, we'll all be living together to make it.

Romney is the wrong guy, he is a millionaire and wants more. He can't even get along with England.

Many of you didn't vote in 2010, and look what happened. I for one like President Obama. He took on a mess from President Bush.

You talk about taking away the American Dream. What did Bush do but start two wars?

Romney has attacked Social Security. For years Social Security has existed, many have tried to eliminate the program. Not because it's a so-called Ponzi scheme, which it isn't, but because employers don't want to pay into the fund through payroll tax. From Barry Goldwater till now, there have been many schemes to kill this vital program, including: making it voluntary, letting it twist in the wind, phase it out, connect it to the stock market, and more.

One of the leaders is Willard "Mitt" Romney, one of the "Wall Street Raiders," who with Bain Capital specialized in buying companies, selling them and pocketing millions.

Romney and others who attack Social Security care not at all about current and future retirees. They want the billions of dollars they will capture if the program ends.

This happened under Margaret Thatcher in England and virtually destroyed that nation's pension programs. I don't know about you, but I like my pension and Social Security every month. So remember VOTE, our livelihood depends on it.

I forgot Jack Calahan's May 3 birthday. Their anniversary was Sept. 29. Best to both. They live in Evart.

Come join us at our potlucks and meetings, they're great! Til we meet again, keep smiling. My address is 3009 Luella Ln, Springport, MI 49284. My phone is 517-543-5385.

Retiree columns and obits
continue on pages 9 and 11.

UAW CAP Endorsements for November 6 election

EATON COUNTY		
Barack Obama	President	
Joe Biden	Vice President	
Debbie Stabenow	U.S. Senator	
Kurt Haskell	U.S. Congress	
Theresa Abed	MI House 71st District	
Lupe Ramos-Montigny	State Board of Education	
Michelle Fecteau	State Board of Education	
Mark Bernstein	University of Michigan Board of Regents	
Shauna Ryder Diggs, MD	University of Michigan Board of Regents	
Joel Ferguson	Michigan State University Board of Trustees	
Brian Mosallam	Michigan State University Board of Trustees	
Sandra Hughes O'Brien	Wayne State University Board of Governors	
Kim Trent	Wayne State University Board of Governors	
Tom Reich	County Sheriff	
Kathi (Sam) Schroder	County Clerk	
Bob Robinson	County Treasurer	
Michael Atayan	County Drain Commissioner	
Michael Hosey	County Commissioner 1st District	
Terrance Augustine	County Commissioner 3rd District	
Howard Spence	County Commissioner 4th District	
Jeanne Pearl-Wright	County Commissioner 5th District	
Jane Whitacre	County Commissioner 6th District	
Glenn Freeman III	County Commissioner 7th District	
Joseph Brehler	County Commissioner 8th District	
Duane Eldred	County Commissioner 11th District	
George Pierce	County Commissioner 13th District	
Roger Harris	County Commissioner 15th District	
Ken Fletcher	Delta Township Supervisor	
Mary Clark	Delta Township Clerk	
Howard Pizzo	Delta Township Treasurer	
Dennis Fedewa	Delta Township Trustee	
Doug Kosinski	Delta Township Trustee	
Karen Mojica	Delta Township Trustee	
Travis Radina	Delta Township Trustee	
Linda Keefe-Lewis	Windsor Township Clerk	
Connie Marie Kelley	Michigan Supreme Court	
Bridget Mary McCormack	Michigan Supreme Court	
Sheila Johnson	Michigan Supreme Court	
Steven Freeman	County Circuit Court Judge	
BALLOT PROPOSALS		
Placement	Description	Vote
1	The Emergency Manager Law	NO
2	Protect Working Families	YES
3	Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs	YES
4	Citizens for Quality Healthcare	YES
5	Michigan Alliance for Prosperity (2/3 approval)	NO
6	Construction of International Bridge	NEUTRAL

INGHAM COUNTY		
Barack Obama	President	
Joe Biden	Vice President	
Debbie Stabenow	U.S. Senator	
Lance Enderle	U.S. Congress	
Tom Cochran	MI House 67th District	
Andy Schor	MI House 68th District	
Sam Singh	MI House 69th District	
Lupe Ramos-Montigny	State Board of Education	
Michelle Fecteau	State Board of Education	
Mark Bernstein	University of Michigan Board of Regents	
Shauna Ryder Diggs, MD	University of Michigan Board of Regents	
Joel Ferguson	Michigan State University Board of Trustees	
Brian Mosallam	Michigan State University Board of Trustees	
Sandra Hughes O'Brien	Wayne State University Board of Governors	
Kim Trent	Wayne State University Board of Governors	
Stuart Dunning III	County Prosecutor	
Gene Wriggelsworth	County Sheriff	
Curtis Hertel, Jr.	County Register of Deeds	
Eric Schertzing	County Treasurer	
Patrick Lindemann	County Drain Commissioner	
Barb Byrum	County Clerk	
Victor Celentino	County Commissioner 1st District	
Rebecca Bahar-Cook	County Commissioner 2nd District	
Sarah Anthony	County Commissioner 3rd District	
Debbie De Leon	County Commissioner 4th District	
Todd Tennis	County Commissioner 5th District	
Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri	County Commissioner 6th District	
Kara Hope	County Commissioner 7th District	
Randy Schafer	County Commissioner 13th District	
C.J. Davis	Delhi Township Supervisor	
Kathleen Rodgers	Lansing Township Supervisor	
Leo C. Rodgers	Lansing Township Treasurer	
Elizabeth LeGoff	Meridian Township Supervisor	
Evan Hope	Delhi Township Clerk	
Roy Sweet	Delhi Township Treasurer	
Milton Scales	Meridian Township Trustee	
Angela Wilson	Meridian Township Trustee	
Connie Marie Kelley	Michigan Supreme Court	
Bridget Mary McCormack	Michigan Supreme Court	
Sheila Johnson	Michigan Supreme Court	
Ken Ross	30th Circuit Court Judge	
Hugh Clarke, Jr.	Lansing 54A District Court Judge	
Mark Meadows	East Lansing 54B District Court Judge	
John Revitte	East Lansing School Board	

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These candidate have been vetted by your UAW CAP Council. We believe they are the most labor- and union-friendly candidates in these counties.

It's time to remember

By Norwood Jewell
Region 1-C Director

It was just three years ago that GM almost liquidated. If John McCain had been elected president, GM would have liquidated. That is not a prediction, it's a fact. If Mitt Romney had been president in 2009, GM would have gone under. That too is a fact. President Obama made the unpopular but righteous decision to loan GM the money they needed to survive, betting that they would do just that. He bet on the American worker. He bet on us. Where would we be now if President Obama had listened to the nay-sayers?



No Obama = no GM, Chrysler or Ford = no pensions & no health care!

The Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC), which insures our pensions, is funded through the companies that have pension plans. The PBGC is and has been underfunded due to a large number of companies closing their doors and dumping their pension obligations on the PBGC. GM is the largest contributor to the PBGC. If GM had gone under, the PBGC would have gone with it. No PBGC, no pension.

And the first thing that retirees would have lost if GM had gone bankrupt is their health insurance. I know that the changes to retiree health care have been painful, but there would have been no

retiree health care if GM had liquidated.

We need to show President Obama how much we appreciate what he did. Every autoworker, retired and active, should think about how he saved the American automobile industry when they vote for President in November. President Obama deserves our vote.

And it isn't just that he made the decision to save the American automobile industry that we should remember. The Affordable Care Act (National Health Care) was the right thing for our country. All of us pay more for insurance because of those who don't have insurance. It only makes sense to insure the uninsured. And how can we consider ourselves a first-class country if we don't even insure our nation's children?

Walter Reuther believed in National Health Care. He believed that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers and an injustice to one is an injustice to all. We need to remember our great leader, his words and his actions. Walter would have worked tirelessly to re-elect President Obama because President Obama believes as we do, that we need to fight for working families, our children and our seniors.

Please vote like Walter Reuther would have voted ...

Vote to re-elect President Obama.

And let us not forget where the stock market was when President Obama took office. The Dow Jones Industrial Aver-

age has more than doubled since 2009, from a low of 6,547 to over 13,250 as of this writing.

Romney and Ryan want to go backwards to the terrible economy of George Bush. They believe in trickle-down economics, "give all the tax breaks to the rich and hopefully they will trickle some of their wealth down on us." Do you like being trickled on?

They will increase taxes on middle-class working families. They will end Medicare as we know it. Without Medicare, our Retiree Trust Fund would be decimated. They believe in privatizing Social Security, are they crazy? Their budget would eliminate veterans' programs, medical and scientific research, highway improvements, decimate our national parks, reduce education for our children, and eliminate protection of food safety and the water supply.

At the same time, their budget would give millionaires and corporations more tax cuts. They will represent the richest Americans well. So if you earn more than \$250,000 per year, vote for them. If not, remember this:

R stands for Republican and Republican stands for Robin Hood in Reverse

Vote for working families – vote for President Obama.

We need to remember all of the gifts that our Republican-led Michigan legislature has given us. A lot has happened since the 2010 state elections. All of us are paying more in state taxes than we were before the current Republican-led Michigan legislature took office. The Republicans are hoping that we will not figure out how bad they lied to us until after the November elections. We need

to send them a message. We are paying attention and we will vote our conscience.

The so-called Tea Party members, the worst of the worst Republicans, pledged not to raise taxes. They figured if they eliminated tax deductions, we would not think of it as a tax increase. Brothers and Sisters, if you pay more taxes next year than you did this year and you had the same income, your taxes were raised. What I am referring to is the elimination of your homestead tax credit, elimination of your per child tax credit, and the 80% reduction of the earned income tax credit.

A recent retiree will pay approximately \$1,000 more in state taxes than they did under Governor Granholm, and that is not including those of you that are paying Michigan income tax on your pension. Some of you are paying approximately \$1,670 in state income tax thanks to the Michigan Republicans. So now is your chance to thank them for all of their wonderful tax increases. VOTE! Take someone with you. Make sure your whole family is registered to vote and get them to the polls.

There is nothing more important to working families than re-electing President Obama. If you want the rich to get richer at your expense, vote Republican. If you want an economy like we had under President Clinton, vote for President Obama. And at the state level, nothing is more important than electing working-family-friendly members to the Michigan Supreme Court. We have three candidates that fit that bill.

They will make our Supreme Court one to be proud of. If you want a Supreme Court that will look out for

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CLINTON COUNTY

Barack Obama	President
Joe Biden	Vice President
Debbie Stabenow	U.S. Senator
Debra Freidell Wirth	U.S. Congress
Paul Silva	MI House 93rd District
Lupe Ramos-Montigny	State Board of Education
Michelle Fecteau	State Board of Education
Mark Bernstein	University of Michigan Board of Regents
Shauna Ryder Diggs, MD	University of Michigan Board of Regents
Joel Ferguson	Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Brian Mosallam	Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Sandra Hughes O'Brien	Wayne State University Board of Governors
Kim Trent	Wayne State University Board of Governors
Eileen Heideman	County Commissioner 6th District
Paula Clark	Bath Township Supervisor
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6	Construction of International Bridge	NEUTRAL

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY

Barack Obama	President
Joe Biden	Vice President
Debbie Stabenow	U.S. Senator
Debra Freidell Wirth	U.S. Congress
Paul Ray	MI House 85th District
Lupe Ramos-Montigny	State Board of Education
Michelle Fecteau	State Board of Education
Mark Bernstein	University of Michigan Board of Regents
Shauna Ryder Diggs, MD	University of Michigan Board of Regents
Joel Ferguson	Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Brian Mosallam	Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Sandra Hughes O'Brien	Wayne State University Board of Governors
Kim Trent	Wayne State University Board of Governors
Anthony Newman	County Drain Commissioner
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Election time

Those of you who regularly read the Lansing Labor News might recall that last year I wrote an article entitled "Why Republicans Hate Unions," every word of which I stand by.

I received a lot of feedback on this article, most of it positive, some of it negative, including a demand that I be removed as Recording Secretary of Local 652.

I have to say I found that particular suggestion undemocratic. I mean removing a duly elected official from office without the consent of those who elected him. But then I realized that maybe the letter writer was Governor Snyder. After all, this is exactly what his emergency manager law does. So if that letter came from you Mr. Snyder, thanks for reading.

Election time is upon us once again and as such this article will be political in nature. That being the case, for those of you who did not appreciate my opinions in that article, or those that have followed, I warn you now that I am once again going to encourage people to vote in a particular way.

On November 6 the citizens of this great country will have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. While it is a given that many people won't exercise this right, I would beg that everyone reading this do so.

When you do go to vote there are some very important ballot initiatives. Some of these initiatives will help working families and some will not. I would ask that you take the following recommendations under consideration.

First as to Proposal 1, I would strongly urge people to vote against the emergency manager law. Under this law an appointed official can tear up contracts, get rid of employees, and sell property owned by the municipality or school district, without voter approval. That's right, a person who was not elected could sell property paid for by the taxpayers without a vote of any kind. The best part is that your community gets the privilege of paying for this financial dictator. The whole program goes against the very idea of democratic government. So, please, vote **NO on Proposal 1**.

On the other hand I would encourage you to please vote **YES on Proposal 2**. This is the proposal that would make collective bargaining a right under the Michigan Constitution. Many of the people reading this are among the approximately 700,000 Michiganders who signed petitions to place this proposal on the ballot in November. Unfortunately, the collection of all those signatures was only the first hurdle that needed to be cleared before the citizens of Michigan were allowed to vote on this proposal. It then had to win at the Michigan Court of Appeals, and finally at the Michigan Supreme Court. Now that those hurdles are behind us, the highest, and most important hurdle remains—which is to pass this proposal on November 6. Please vote, and help clear this hurdle, guaranteeing the right to a voice in the workplace for all of us, as well as for our children and grandchildren.

I would also suggest that you vote

YES on Proposal 3, the Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs proposal. This initiative requires that 25 percent of Michigan's electricity be generated through the use of wind, solar, biomass, or hydropower processes by 2025. Neighboring states, including Ohio and Minnesota, have already adopted similar initiatives. In all, 30 states have passed laws akin to this proposal. One of the reasons that the UAW has endorsed this proposal was laid out by UAW President Bob King when he stated, "Michigan has the most skilled workers in the world, and Proposal 3 can create thousands of new manufacturing jobs that cannot be outsourced. Proposal 3 will help put our state's manufacturing talent to work, and will help to preserve a healthy environment for Michigan citizens while reining in rising energy costs for businesses." For these and other reasons I would urge you to vote yes on Proposal 3.

The UAW has also come out in **favor of Proposal 4** which would establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining rights for in-home care workers. Among the things this law would do is to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who have undergone background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.

The UAW has also stated a position on Proposal 5. It would require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the state to impose new or additional taxes, or to expand the base of taxation or increase the rate of the taxation. This might actually sound pretty good on the surface; the problem is that so long as 1/3 of either the State House or State Senate voted against a proposal it could not pass. So, for example, if every member of the House voted for it as well as 25 of the 38 State Senators it would not become law, because 13 State Senators voted no. I for one believe that this goes against the idea of majority rule. It also bothers me that Washington D.C. Lobbyist Grover Norquist is bankrolling this initiative; our Government and our laws should not be for sale to some Super-PAC. I would urge you to vote **NO on Proposal 5**.

Also, please remember not to leave the voting booth until you have filled out the nonpartisan section of your ballot. I would ask that you vote for Judge Connie Marie Kelley, Judge Shelia Johnson, and Professor Bridget Mary McCormack for Michigan Supreme Court.

All three of these highly accomplished women have been lifelong advocates for working families. These votes are extremely important—what we win at the bargaining table, or even at the ballot box, can be taken away at by our Michigan Supreme Court.

Please see page 9 for the actual wording of the ballot proposals.

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

Jewell

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the middle class, vote for Johnson, Kelley, and McCormack.

I know that all Democrats are not created equal. We need to hold them accountable, too. But if you look at the voting records, you will see that overwhelmingly, Democrats vote to protect the middle class and the poor, our children, and our seniors. The Republicans overwhelmingly vote to protect the wealthy, corporations, and CEO's.

I don't begrudge someone being wealthy; I just want them to pay more taxes than I do. They make more, they should pay more. How can someone that makes the kind of money that Mitt Romney makes understand what and how we feel? He is forever indebted to the wealthiest Americans because that is who finances his campaign. On the other hand, President Obama is indebted to regular folks like you and me because we finance his campaign.

It's really that simple, Democrats for the middle class and poor and Republicans for the rich. Republicans get a lot of regular folks to vote for them based on lies and single issues. The one that bothers me most is the gun issue. Republicans want you to believe that Democrats want to take your guns. That is simply hogwash. Democrats do not want to take your guns! I believe in the Second Amendment, I have a CPL, and I own a handgun and a rifle. I would not support a candidate that wanted to take away my guns and I am very much a proud member of the Democratic Party.

Please consider what I have stated. Vote for working and family friendly candidates, those that support our seniors and our children. And most of all, please vote for President Obama. He has earned our vote more than any other President in my lifetime.

Thank you and God Bless.

Van Schoick

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come and repeal women's rights which would take women decades backward in time.

Some politicians have an agenda to destroy unions so the working class people don't have any voice or power. As President Clinton stated at the Democratic National Convention—some politicians have an agenda NOT to put America back to work, but to put President Obama out of work. While some will ignore the fact that President Obama inherited a terrible economy, the fact remains that he prevented an economic collapse of the magnitude of the Great Depression era. He also did not let Detroit (GM) go bankrupt which saved thousands of middle-class jobs, whether they were GM workers or countless suppliers who depend on GM orders for their livelihood. That in turn affects our livelihood, as many of those workers and their family members are our patients who frequent Sparrow Health System for our services.

The Super PACs will certainly outspend us this election year for television, radio and public announcements. But we, as the working middle class, outnumber them by sheer number of votes. If we all talk with our co-work-

ers, family members, neighbors and friends, we can make our voices heard by going to the polls and voting in the November election for those "labor friendly" politicians who are fighting to help protect the middle class. (The International UAW sends out their recommended listing of "labor friendly" candidates who vote for the working middle class and support their issues. They also hold them accountable by watching their voting record history.)

Turn the Ballot over: On the back side of the November ballot, the Supreme Court candidates and the proposals will be listed. Remember, Proposal 2 is the Collective Bargaining Proposal. If this Proposal does not pass on November 6, we may not have a contract to negotiate when ours expires on November 30.

Your family needs you so they know what their future will be. Let's all do our part to ensure our friends and family members vote so that we can all help rebuild our economy in favor of the working middle-class people!

Letter to the Editor

Corporations are not people

Ever heard of the "Citizens United" Supreme Court case? In January of 2010, the Republican majority of the US Supreme Court agreed with slick talking lawyers and declared that corporations are "people," and can spend unlimited money on political campaigns. This is a dire threat to the American democracy as we know it!

Has a corporation ever lost a son or daughter, mother or father in defense of America? Has a corporation ever earned a Purple Heart or a Bronze Star defending America? Does it bother you that the Republicans in the US Supreme Court said corporations are *people*? IT SHOULD!

Vermont US Senator Sanders (Independent) reports that Citizens United has enabled 23 billionaires to bankroll Super PACs and "BUY" the next election for Republicans. Are you going to let them? Call your UAW Local Hall and volunteer today!

—Lyle Birchman

UAW Local 602 member

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Retirees
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March 5, 2013
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Questions: Call Larry Miller at
941/746-6968 (home)
941-920-2988 (cell)

Local 2256 meetings
Fourth Wednesday of the month. The Executive board meets at 6:30 p.m. and general membership at 7:30 p.m. at the hall, 2114 N. East St., Lansing.

Thanks from Local 602

UAW LOCAL 602 Conservation & Recreation Committee would like to thank the following companies and individuals for donating to the 14th Annual Local 602 golf outing, which raised \$4,000 for ELE'S PLACE and LANSING STEELERS FOOTBALL. The event took place at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing on July 29. We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to all the golfers who participated!

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602 Obituaries

Emma Alexander – Mother of Gwen Harper, Retired Body
Maxine Fleetwood – Mother of Al Fleetwood, General Assembly (Doors)
Josephine Whiting – Retired Paint and Quality (M-Trim) and Mother of Barb Sanders, Quality
Maria E. Luna – Mother of Grace Mann, Body
Barbara Betty Warren – Mother of Penny Pardee, Quality (General Assembly)
Stanley Pentz – Retired
Francis McKenna – Retired
Louie Pavlica – Retired
Beulah Brand – Retired

Kenneth Cook – Retired
Edgar R. Roberts – Father of Ron Roberts, Body
David L. Parks – Father of James Parks, Body (Framing)
Edna F. McDonald – Mother of Dave McDonald
Jose Martinez – General Assembly (Repair) and Brother of Mario Martinez, General Assembly (Chassis 4)
Frances W. Fluke – Mother of Mark Fluke, Quality
Leon Deshazer – Retired Booth Cleaner
Joel Huyser – General Assembly
Barbara LaMacchia – Mother of Paul LaMacchia, Body and Mother-in-Law of Teresa LaMacchia, Body (Sides)
Beautiful Bible... we appreciate it.
Thank you... Cindy and Don Martemucci (Family of Evelyn Hath)

June-July 2012

Barbara A. Newson – Retired
Delores Mae Wright – Mother of Steven Wright
Bettie Duell – Mother of Jeff Duell, Electrician (General Assembly/Wheel and Tire)
Lester Conarton – Retired
Donnelly Ballard – Retired
Kenneth Speigl – Retired
Donald Summers – Retired
Jack Vrooman – Retired and Brother of Brad Vrooman, Body (Metal Finish)
George Pruitt – Retired; Father of Charles Pruitt, Retired Paint and Teresa Dukes, General Assembly (Trim)
Christine M. Rowe – Wife of Kenneth Rowe, AGV
Patrick Grandstaff – Retired
Edgar Husted – Retired
Harold Patrick – Retired
Delbert Cook – Retired
Roland Croope – Retired
Richard Leroy Grosnickle – Father of Brian R. Grosnickle, International Staff and Grandfather of Brian P. Grosnickle, Body (Sides)
Joann Knight – Mother of Kevin Knight, Material Handling
Evelyn Hath – Mother of Jeff Hath, Retired Electrician and Cindy Martemucci, Retired Paint; Mother-in-Law of Don Martemucci, Retired Material
Louis Houston – Retired
Delores Wright – Retired
Mollie Burns – General Assembly (Trim 1) and Daughter of Billy Burns, Quality Control (Engineering)
Clifford Lewis – Retired
Tony Castillo – Retired
Jeffrey Reinert – Retired
Arlen Dezess – Retired
Richard D. Harley – Retired Body Shop; Nephew of Harvey VanVleet II, Retired Trim; Cousin of Harvey VanVleet III, Retired Material and Randy "Squirrel" Mercer, Retired District Committee
Mary L. Beard – Mother of Kevin Beard, Retired
Mary Davila – Mother of Robert Guzman, Quality
Frieda Knapp – Mother of Carmella Savage
Luis Rodriguez – Father of Simon Rodriguez, Retired Paint and Material
Thank you for all the support and prayers. Everything was greatly appreciated... The Odunuga Family (Family of Molaru Odunuga)

May 2012

Leon Woodbury – Retired
John Ransom, Jr. – General Assembly (Trim 1)
Max Kelley – Retired Trim (3X)
Bruce Ulrich – Retired Trim (B-Line)
Karl (Sparky) Gilson – Retired Cushion Room; Father of Mike Gilson, Former Member, Body; and Father-in-Law of Yolanda Gilson, Retired Body
Marie Knisley – Wife of Donald Knisley, Retired; and Mother-in-Law of Connie Hall, General Assembly (Chassis)
Frances Frechen – Mother of Bruce Frechen, Retired Body
Robert O'Dell – Retired Tool Repair
Molaru Odunuga – General Assembly (AGV); Sister of Lola Odunuga, Material (Chassis); and sister of Temea Robertson, Material (Trim)
Rebecca Elizabeth Hooper – Mother of Kenneth Hooper
JoAnn McKay – Wife of Terry McKay, Retired Sanitation
Lois McKay – Mother of Terry McKay, Retired Sanitation
Larry Pifer – Retired
Thomas Bryant – Retired
Alice Little – Retired
Melvin Marvin – Retired
Keith Yager – Retired
Ben Richards, Jr. – Retired
Carlyle Barnes – Retired Paint; and Wife of Arlene Barnes, Retired Paint
Raymond W. Hummel – Father of Gregory Hummel, Body
K.C. Black – Retired; and Wife of Norma Black, Retired
Sandra Page – Mother of Patrice Page

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Jearline "Jearl" Adams – Mother of Verlinda Beasley
Alice Andrews – Mother of John Andrews
Charles Bennett – Retiree
Juan Bermudez – Retiree
Judy M. Bierstetel – Spouse of Dave Bierstetel, Sister of Alan Ruhl, Sister-in-Law of Paul and Bob Bierstetel
Wayne Bitner – Retiree
Eugene G. Brown – Father of Dan, Bob, Dale and Art Brown
Clifford Burch – Father-in-Law of Robert Dennis
Fred Campbell – Retiree
Michael Carmody – Retiree
Eugene Conroe – Retiree
James Cook – Retiree
Gere Cooper – Retiree
Michael Crankshaw – Stepson of Russell de Beaumont
Natalie Jean Dean – Retiree
Alice DeLong – Spouse of Warren DeLong
Margaret J. DeMyers – Spouse of Gregory DeMyers Sr.
Robert Dennis – Retiree
Max Edington – Step-Father of Russell Hall
Thomas Evans Jr. – Retiree, Father of Marcus Evans
Harvey Fletcher – Retiree, Brother of Richard Fletcher
Thomas Gauna – Retiree
Marty Grettenberger – Retiree
Richard L. Hadley – Retiree
Nola L. Haines – Spouse of Charlie Haines, Sister of Ray Poirier, Sister-in-Law of Bill Conn
Ronald Halstead – Father of Ronald Halstead Jr.

Jeffrey Hartsuff – Member, Father of Jeffrey Hartsuff II
Eleanor Hoffmeyer – Mother of Richard Hoffmeyer
Jarad Holbrook – Son of Debby Arnold-Holbrook
Tina Marie Rowe Holbrook – Daughter of Newt Rowe
Max L. Kelley – Father of James H. Kelley
Tammy Kent – Spouse of Barry Kent
Alice Kerdee – Sister-in-Law of F. Russell Johns
Dianne M. Kies – Member
M. Marie Knisley – Mother of Mike J. Hill
Sarah A. Kowatch – Mother of Luke Kowatch
Joan Marian Leonard – Mother of Andrew Leonard
Arlene McCrumb – Mother-in-Law of Mike Simon
Glenn "Bud" McCrumb – Mother-in-Law of Mike Simon
Helen L. McIntyre – Mother of Theodore "Ted" Wade
Robert "Bob" Mullen – Retiree
Robert E. Myers – Retiree
Navina Nashef – Mother of Franco Nashef
Janet S. Nichols – Spouse of Gerald Nichols
Lyn Partridge – Father of James Partridge
Manuel S. Ramirez – Retiree, Father of Maria Elena Ramirez
Naomi Parks Riley – Mother of Gary Riley
Pauline Roll – Retiree, Spouse of Karl Roll, Mother of Brian Roll
Mary E. Schafer – Mother of Jerome Schafer
Stephen Schrauben – Son of Gary Schrauben
Lillian C. Seales – Mother-in-Law of Joe Geller
Margaret May Seeley – Mother of David Seeley
Linda Simon – Spouse of Mike Simon
Ralph "Smitty" Smith – Retiree
Susan J. Smith – Spouse of Joe R. Smith
Betty Todd – Retiree, Spouse of Roy Todd, Mother of Ron and Fred Todd, Mother-in-Law of Nolan "Pete" Litwiller and Dennis Childress
Richard Thompson Jr. – Retiree
Roger Vanneste – Retiree, Brother of Steven Vanneste
Norma Shance Viele – Mother of Steve Shance
Janette Walters – Mother of Steve Walters
Nellie Weaver – Mother-in-Law of Fred Swanson
Roger D. Wickerham – Retiree
James H. Workman – Father of James M. Workman
Kenneth W. Zemer – Retiree
Thank-You's were received from the following families:
The Judy Bierstetel Family
The Wayne Bitner Family
The James Cook Family
The Barbara Frizzell Family
The Ralph Smith family
The James Workman Family

724 obituary

We are sad to report the sudden passing of Al Snauko, a Local 724 member at the Bharat Forge Unit. Our condolences to his family, friends, and fellow union members.

The Michigan ballot proposals

Following is the wording of the ballot proposals as they will appear on the November 6 ballot.

We obtained this information from the Secretary of State's website, where you can enter your county, jurisdiction, and ward/precinct, and it will generate the ballot information that will appear at your voting site or on your absentee ballot. Very cool! The link:

<https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/SelectPublicBallot.aspx>

PROPOSAL 12-1 A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.

- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.

- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.

- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-2 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.

- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.

- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.

- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-3 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.

- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.

- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in

order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.

- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-4 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.

- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.

- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.

- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-5 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

ERNMENT

This proposal would:

- Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

- This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-6 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

This proposal would:


- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.

- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?

Note: The UAW recommends:

No on 1	Yes on 2
Yes on 3	Yes on 4
No on 5	Neutral on 6



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Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Retirees, how are you enjoying your retirement? Mine has seen ups and downs. Right now, I don't feel the majority of lawmakers in Lansing or Washington are on my side or that of the average American citizen. Once in, they said their job was to make sure that President Obama did not get re-elected! Unfortunately, their way of doing this was to wreck the country, and its standing on the world stage (i.e., education, health and wealth).

We the people can see that ideas like reinventing the Civilian Conservation Corps would have been great. But we don't have lobbyists to talk them into it like big business does. Big oil companies have them and of course they're getting big tax breaks and giving us big oil spills.

Now, to afford this, they want to get rid of Social Security, Medicare and



Medicaid. This is like our pensions: we made them by paying into them. They're ours, hands off! We need to stop this kind of theft—that through changing the rules and weighting the dice against the regular guy, they are trying to kill the American dream.

It's important for all of us to be involved in this election. Investigate for yourself which side is compatible with you. We need to fight for the leader who will fight for us. Barack Obama had our backs, it's time for us to have his.

This year's Christmas open house is on Thursday, December 13 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Hall. Note the time.

The picnics, both our own local's and the area retirees' at Hawk Island this summer, were great successes. We had so much fun talking together that we decided to see more of each other. On the second Thursday of the month the Hall will be open at 11:00 a.m. for coffee, donuts and talk before our 12:00 lunch and 1:00 meeting. Please bring a dish to pass. We'd love to see you.

Obituaries

Juanita Williams, Pat Dies, Jim Bancroft, Nola Haines, Doug Gilliland, Norther Templeton.

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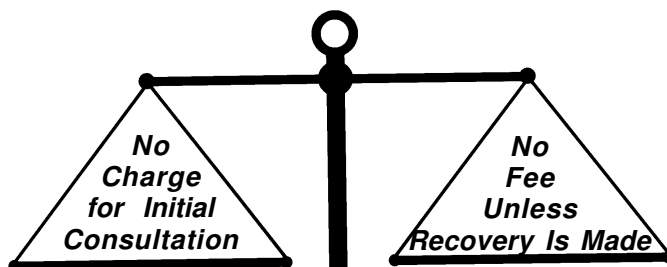
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