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VOICE OF 28,000 UAW MEMBERS

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Region 1D

Steve Dawes,
Director



Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Region 1D.

I hope this writing finds you well. 2021, so far, has been as challenging as 2020 with the majority of meetings and UAW conferences cancelled or suspended. Many businesses and companies are reinstating mask mandates as the Delta variant is now in 50 Michigan counties.

I am not one to lecture anyone about vaccinations, but Michigan has had over 21,000 deaths and 1.03 million cases of COVID-19, and these numbers are climbing. Sadly, most cases could have been prevented according to medical experts. I am hoping this is behind us soon, so we can get back to a new normal.

We're looking forward to a normal where we can get back to training, education, and some good ole fellowship. Our Region represents 73 of the 83 counties in Michigan

with 88 Local Unions and 218 contracts. We have approximately 50,000 active members and 95,000 retired members. All our members have ideas, input, stories, and experiences, that when shared, have proven to make our locals and union stronger, as well as, building solidarity.

Gatherings, such as union meeting, training classes, educational conferences, etc. are the catalyst that help make this happen, and yet, there are third party groups, such as the Freedom Foundation, that are sending our Brothers and Sisters propaganda in an attempt to dismantle our union.

They are spending thousands and thousands of dollars mailing literature full of lies and misleading or misconstrued information. If you receive any of these mailings, ask yourself, why would a third party, a group that has nothing to do with the UAW and other labor organizations, a group that has no represented workers, be trying to influence us. Why? What is their purpose?

Is it to take away your voice at the bargaining table? To take away your ability to negotiate fair wages, benefits, safety procedures, and rules? Is their purpose to silence your voice with big business, so they can dictate your life? What is their motive?

The answer is: all the above and more. They know the UAW and other labor organizations are the builders of the middle class, the voice of the working class, and supporters of social justice for all.

All these threaten corporations when they no longer have the only say.

I will leave you with this, remember how and why the union was formed and built. Remember the ones who took a stand against corporate greed, asking only for a fair share of the profits they produced.

Then I ask you, what would your worksite owner, boss, and shareholders give/force on you if you were without your union?

Stay safe.

In solidarity.

LOCAL 4911

Muhammad
Qawwee,
President



As autumn approaches, who would have thought we would still be in this fight to get over and past the horrific COVID-19 virus.

I, for one, thought once we approved multiple vaccines, made them free and widely available to everyone 16 yrs. and over (and then down to 12-15 years of age) we could relax and go back to living somewhat how we used to.

Boy, was I dead wrong! It has been pushed as a political matter, not a health and safety one. Which is unfortunate in so many ways.

Working in healthcare and dealing with it firsthand, many of our workers are burnt out and some have chosen to leave working in healthcare altogether.

Now that school is back in full effect and in person, everyone should be aware of each and every way to keep our communities safe at all cost. FDA's full approval should put to bed any doubts individuals have about vaccines being made too fast or soon.

Another ongoing event of the last year and a half, is so many of our members directly or indirectly need financial and food assistance. The sudden change in work, being laid off, or decreased working hours has spread all along cities, towns, and rural areas alike.

Some people have stepped up to help their fellow neighbor, co-

worker or church family but we all can do more. If you haven't helped someone in need, even if it is to cook dinner for a family you know, look into your heart and reach out to someone.

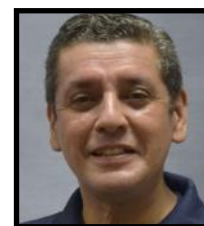
There are many programs and non-profit entities out there to give to if you don't know someone who needs help. We have the food bank, CAUW, and VOA just to name a few. No donation is too small. One dollar (or more) helps. Even buying an extra 2 or 3 canned goods or an extra box of cereal to give to the food bank or area church that deliver food baskets randomly all around town.

Giving supplies to the many schools that are now open in person such as hand sanitizer, tissues, and disinfecting wipes would go a long way.

I hope my heart and words have inspired someone reading this to try, if you can, to help out in any way possible. To attempt to make someone else's and your own life a little bit brighter and fulfilled in a greater way. Stay safe, mask up and get vaccinated!! In Solidarity,

LOCAL 602

Mike Huerta,
President



When will we learn?

In the May issue of the Lansing Labor News I wrote, "Please keep our brothers and sisters that are experiencing long periods of layoff in your thoughts. The global microchip shortage has dramatically affected production of many industries. Those of us in the U.S. labor movement have been demanding the millions of jobs that have been outsourced or moved to countries with questionable environmental and labor standards be brought back to the United States so that

this type of supply chain issue would never happen.” Now it’s Local 602’s turn. As you are reading this, Local 602 active members will be in their 2nd month of layoff due to microchip supply issues.

In 2017 members of UAW Local 292 in Kokomo Indiana stopped building Microchips. Our Brothers and Sisters in Kokomo had built Microchips since the 1980’s. Just like many things that were formerly built in the U.S., they are now built wherever they can be made cheapest. UAW Local 292 was in the headlines last year as they quickly pivoted from building parts to building ventilators to help during the COVID peak last year. Local 292 officials expressed their frustration, “At what point does ‘investing’ in American jobs, in local jobs become a worthy venture?” ... “Are we not worth some of the tax incentives, and breaks that are possible to entice GM to care about American — KOKOMO — jobs?”

It was just a matter of time until other countries, where former American jobs have been moved, determined whether or not we could work. What’s left of American manufacturing work is now being destroyed by corporate greed and we all hold some of the responsibility as well. If we continue to be indifferent to buying American made goods we will continue to see the demise of American manufacturing.

As Labor day approaches please take the time to look at the label and look for American made goods wherever and whenever you can. The American middle class is counting on us!

LOCAL 652

Ben Frantz,
President



Happy Summer brothers and sisters. I hope this article finds you well and enjoying your summer. I am choosing to write this article about what is happening in our community instead of picking one of the many hyped-up stories circulating in mainstream TV media and various podcasts and social media. Here at the Local, we have enjoyed having the opportunity to have the hall

opened up again for Member events. This year has continued to be a challenging extension to the struggles of last year for sure. However, as I write this article, we are providing mesothelioma screenings to all qualifying members of UAW Local 652 or UAW Local 602 here at Local 652 Union Hall. We mailed all eligible members the flyer that gave the particulars to schedule appointments. I was happy to be informed that we had over 600 members take advantage of this screening. As more and more Michiganders get vaccinated and we progress through this pandemic, scheduling events that we are used to having like the Veterans Chili cook-off, Trunk-or-Treat and the all-time favorite, the children’s Christmas party are on the horizon. We look forward to continuing progress and no reinstatement of restrictions. When this happens, we will keep you all informed of the scheduling of these events.

Another high point of this summer is our Ryder Unit’s newly ratified Agreement. The bargaining committee brought to the Membership an agreement that provides immediate raises for existing workers; yearly raises for the life of the agreement coupled with reductions to benefit co-pays beginning next January. Along with a variety of bargained work-life improvements.

We at UAW Local 652 are also patiently awaiting a tentative agreement proposal from our GM Sub-systems Manufacturing, LLC (LOC) group. I would expect this agreement to land near the other settlements ratified in the Lansing area Supplier Unit base during this past year. Though this past year and a half has been a difficult period in our lives, the positive that has come from this whole situation is that working-class people have significantly benefited from the rising wages in all aspects of everyday work life. Unfortunately, it took this extreme situation to finally provide the leverage for the working class to gain this ground on the wage inequities in our society. Still, we will see as we all get back up and running, providing better wages to the masses provides better profits and livelihoods

to all. The workers who provide the vital everyday services and products for this country and its small business and major corporations will now have a better life with better wages across the board. So instead of being frustrated that we have longer wait times for goods and services or even a longer wait at a restaurant or bar. We can look at it in a positive view. Maybe people are seizing this opportunity to change their line of work to improve their lives. Perhaps we can avoid falling prey to the notion that our working class society is lazy and just want a free ride. Maybe, families are just working to figure out if they can go from working multiple jobs to just a single occupation, saving on child care, providing more family time to improve their home lives. We need to acknowledge that everyone has a part to play in our communities and that diversity is a powerful asset to us all. I have written many times before. We should choose to support and raise one another, banding together to make forward progress. We will never achieve our collective potential if we are divided and arguing against ourselves. I, for one, am hopeful as we continue to gain momentum opening up, many families come out stronger, more unified and better able to support their families. God Bless, Brothers and Sisters, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer.

LOCAL 1753

Yvonne Vincent,
President



Hello 1753 Brothers and Sisters,

By now you should have received a prepaid postcard in the mail asking for your correct address. You should write, “Yes, correct” or correct the address (if it was forwarded to you) and mail it back to the Union Hall. The postcards that get returned to us we know are not correct and will attempt to find out why. It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure their address is correct with the Union Hall. General Motors does not inform the Union if you update your address with them.

Having a correct address on record is important because a referendum election will be coming this Fall. It will determine how the UAW International Executive Board is elected. If it stays the Delegate System way, then the person you voted to be the Constitutional Delegate will represent the plant and its interests. If you choose Direct Election, then each Member will be able to vote on who is on the International Executive Board. If you choose Direct Election, it will be up to you as Members to educate yourself on all nominated parties. Just like in any other election, don’t vote for “Anna Whoever” or “Dave Whoever” just because you have an Aunt Anna or a neighbor named Dave who you like. The IEB is very important in national negotiations and growing Membership. This can mean gaining jobs or reducing jobs for us here in 1753.

Speaking of jobs, your actions in the plant can also be considered in this. Are your actions eliminating jobs? For example, do you violate seniority rules when it benefits you? Or are you following the proper process that protects everyone? Does the fact that something takes longer to do right mean you don’t do it right? Having management do part of your job description because it’s easier, or “it doesn’t matter” is a self-defeating way of thinking and can easily end up in a cut of someone’s position, including yours.

If you think your Union is weak - do you stick together in your department or just look out for yourself? How engaged are you in Union meetings, standing committees or calling your committee person if you see something wrong/questionable? Do you give your Bargaining Team a heads-up if something is now changed in your department? All these things lead to a stronger Union, solidarity and job security. If you would like to gain more Union Knowledge, free classes are being offered the entire month of September through the Region. The classes offered are posted on the Union Information Boards in the Plant. Please let Yvonne know if you are interested in taking any of the classes. They are available at your convenience through zoom, but the union must register you.

Our September General Meeting is scheduled for 9/22/21, 2:15 p.m. on Zoom. Info to call in or log on is posted on the Union info board in the plant. Make your voice heard.

In solidarity

LOCAL 652

Lena Wyeth,
Vice President



Why be a part of something, and not actually be a part of it? I'm referring to being a member of our great union, UAW, and not be involved in making it stronger. We are stronger working together than what we are apart. Sometimes members don't know where to start in getting involved. There are several ways to become involved, but the 2 most popular ways are attending union meetings or joining a standing committee.

Attending union meetings is like going to the gym. You grumble at the thought of going because it breaks up your day, you hate to leave your family, and/or you have to stop watching the game and drive to the union hall. Once you are at the union hall and especially after it's over you feel so good about yourself and happy that you went. It's the best place for camaraderie and to get information on all things local union.

Another way to get involved is to join a standing committee. Standing committees are the building blocks of a strong union. Vibrant local unions and progressive social movements don't just happen; they are planned for and worked on by our members. Members who care about the future and status of our union and members who care about what kind of future we want for all working families. We have many members that take part in one or more local union standing committees. It gives a feeling of personal accomplishment and pride all while working with your co-workers on projects that are meaningful and purposeful. By working every day to develop and expand our standing and other committees, we can help meet the needs of our members and the community.

Article 44 of the UAW constitution requires each local union to establish 10 identified standing committees, which are: Constitution and Bylaws, Union Label, Education, Conservation and Recreation, Community Services, Civil and Human Rights, CAP, Consumer Affairs, Veterans and Women's. If you would like to read more information about the standing committees, and/or get a downloadable pdf you can go to uaw.org/standing-committees/.

As our most famous UAW President, Walter Reuther said, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." If you would like to be involved with building the power of our union and surrounding communities through standing committees, contact your local leadership.

LOCAL 652

Scott Lounds,
Rec. Secretary



On January 29 of this year on the heels of investigations and prosecutions of multiple UAW officials the UAW entered into a consent agreement with the Federal Government. As part of this consent agreement the UAW acknowledged that "there have been criminal convictions, allegations, sworn testimony, and judicial findings of past problems of fraud, corruption, and criminal conduct by certain officials within the UAW." Within this agreement the UAW agreed

to oversight by two government appointed officers, the Monitor and the Adjudication Officer who will hold powers and authority over the UAW and its members for six years.

The government and the UAW agreed that duly-elected bargaining committees of the UAW are the best equipped to collectively bargain and enforce agreements. That being the case, the UAW will continue to negotiate and administer collective bargaining agreements free from oversight or approval of the government except as may be necessary to ensure the elimination of fraud, corruption, or illegal conduct.

In other, non-bargaining areas, the Monitor will have extensive powers as to the running of the UAW. The first of these areas will be a secret ballot referendum by all UAW members concerning the method and procedures for the election of the UAW International Executive Board. Among the other powers the Monitor and Adjudication Officer hold are the right to issue subpoenas and to compel testimony pursuant to authority conferred by the Court. And, as to the Adjudication Officer, they are authorized to exercise all of the disciplinary rights and powers of the UAW's International President, International Executive Board, and the UAW Public Review Board for violations of the UAW Constitution and Ethical Practices Code.

Taken as a whole the International Union and its officials will be subject to a level of scrutiny that they have not been under in the past. This scrutiny is justified by the

actions taken by a number of disgraced officials who have through their actions violated the trust of the membership as well as their duties under the UAW constitution.

What I don't believe most members understand is exactly who this consent decree binds to its strictures. The decree is "binding upon the UAW and its constituent entities and all current and future officers, agents, employees, representatives, members, and persons holding positions of trust in the UAW. . . ." That's right, rank and file members are bound by the consent decree agreed to by the UAW, not just elected officials.

This is important to know, especially when it comes to the upcoming referendum on International Executive Board elections and how they will be conducted in the future. Through the consent decree, we are all bound to the election rules set forth by the Monitor. Every member should read these rules and understand them, they govern advocacy on the referendum in the workplace, on-line, in public, and at Union meetings. Violation of these rules could subject officials and members to disciplinary action by the Monitor as sanctioned in the consent decree. Please educate yourself on what it is that the UAW has consented to, it effects all of us. Interim rules for this election, as well as the consent agreement, can be found at UAWmonitor.com.

LOCAL 4911

Rose
Slone,
Fin. Secretary



Vaccinations

Many of us are aware that vaccines are crucial and help our bodies fight foreign bacteria or viruses helping us to prevent various infections by alerting/teaching our own immune system to respond to the foreign invader. For each of us to become more knowledgeable and understand the process of how vaccines work, especially the new mRNA vaccines which Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are utilizing for their Covid-19 vaccines, I advocate for everyone to do their own research.

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Please educate yourself well in the science behind vaccinations so you are informed and can make your decision intelligently based on the science if you are still hesitant regarding your choice of whether to vaccinate or not.

We have all heard our own physicians, Dr. Fauci, physicians across the globe, the news media, etc., urging and advocating for us to be Covid-19 vaccinated. Quite often however, an individual's comfort level of choosing to vaccinate or not lies in the amount of research and knowledge they have personally obtained on the subject matter.

Listed below are several resources with excellent information to help you begin or further your research regarding the Covid-19 vaccinations. Once you educate yourself, you will perhaps be comforted in the knowledge you have gained and you will be able to help yourself and those you love make your vaccination decisions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fact sheet:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/mRNA.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Q & A site:

www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/covid-19-vaccine-faq

National Institutes of Health/US National Library of Medicine:

<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/therapy/mrnnavaccines/>

Mayo Clinic

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccine>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/coronavirus-covid-19/patient-education>

The scientists who are working tirelessly out in the field and in their labs (for example: virologists, epidemiologists, molecular scientists) where researchers work in space suits while studying lethal viruses are all heroes in my opinion. We know that the emergence of zoonotic diseases is not a new topic to us; Ebola, SARS, bird flu, rabies, ring-

worm, salmonella, Lyme disease and AIDS are a few examples you may recognize. For more information on this topic, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/onehealth/basics/zoonotic-diseases.html>

Please do your research and help yourself become knowledgeable so that you can help those you love.

LOCAL 1753

Tammi Ostrander,
Fin. Secretary



Hello all! I hope this year has been good to all of you. This first year in office has been an interesting one for me! I have had to face many challenges during this time, but I have always found a way to get through them.

It is hard to believe that it is already more than half way through the year. It seems like this year just started, considering all that we have had to endure for the past few years. It is refreshing that things are starting to get back to more of the way we are used to them being. I think this is the first year that all of my kids are excited to go back to school! I think they are just excited to get back to a more normal day to day lifestyle, whatever that is anymore.

With fall just around the corner, it makes me feel bitter sweet about the changing of the season. Fall is my favorite time of year, but I love my flower garden and feeding all of the neighborhood ducks. This year we had a mamma nest in our garden, right next to our front porch! It was so exciting to see her care for the eggs every day, and to know she was as excited to see us too! She would wait for one of us to be out there so she could go take her bath, or eat her meal because she knew we would keep an eye on her eggs!

These are the little things that make me happy in my daily life. I feel that it is important to take a few minutes every day to find something to appreciate. I try to find the good in any place or thing, positivity is contagious!

I hope you are all finding a way to stay as positive as you can!

LOCAL 652

Matt Schneider,
Fin. Secretary



As I thought about the many relevant events affecting our members in Labor, I kept returning to one topic. It's been something I have been thinking about for a while but hesitated to write about because how does one share the brighter side of a pandemic which has caused so much hardship for the membership and for our country? This hesitation began to wane as it became apparent that many of our fellow Americans in the working-class were getting caught in the trap set by big business and special interest; divide and conquer.

As the pandemic took hold, everything from public health mandates to just plain self-preservation triggered a tidal wave of layoffs, resignations, and quits. While businesses small and large were trying to deal with the above-mentioned obstacles, worker illness and supply chain disruptions dealt another blow. It would be several months of these challenges before public safety measures, new treatments, and the plain cyclical nature of viruses teased us with relief. It was during that time of relief this glimmer of hope appeared for working class people and for the Labor movement.

In that time of relief, it was apparent that a labor shortage was brewing. As is typical with most things, the cause of this labor shortage is not singular, it was and is multifaceted. People not only fell ill or passed away, they took stock of their situation and made bold moves. It's true that many feared Covid-19 and made the decision to stay home, but many also saw how fragile life was and took buyouts or retired. Others took the opportunity to receive further training and changed careers. Yet others did the math and realized staying home was a better option than expensive and hard to find childcare. Did people also choose

to abuse social safety nets and stay unemployed after job cuts? Yes. Was it a majority? No, it rarely is. More importantly, did many marginalized workers decide they were worth more? Absolutely they did.

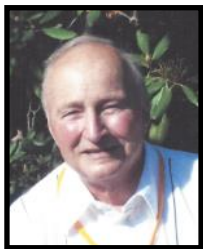
It is this realization of worth which makes up the brighter side, the part of this pandemic the working class and Labor should embrace as a tool to create power. As we work to harness this power there are challenges to overcome. Professional provocateurs of politics, big business, and social media are trying to lead us down the path of blaming poor or marginalized people for the issue. We must stare that challenge in the face and realize we've been given an opportunity to regain the courage to be powerful and charge toward the path of correcting income inequality. Riding this wave, we can overcome the setbacks created by policy set since 1980's or change legislation and Supreme Court verdicts which have harmed the working class. We can make the decision to be civically engaged again, to fulfil our obligation as citizens so that lobbyists and campaign millions no longer dictate our path to success. It will take hard work, but it is possible. If only we would open our eyes, we could see there are already pockets of success.

This success is not only national, just look around the Lansing area to see what is possible. Many local worksites are offering bonuses, adjusting pay, or modifying collective bargaining agreements to improve workers' positions. Workers are finally using supply and demand to their benefit. We are realizing the power behind our own words, "but without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn". As employers are being pushed closer to a day of reckoning, we cannot fall into the trap of fallacies which blame and shun workers for wanting what they deserve. This is our time, and while the concept of spring boarding from a devastating pandemic for the greater good of Labor can be unsavory to some, we cannot allow this opportunity to pass us by.

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available online at
lansinglabornews.org

LOCAL 1618

Ted Gauss
Retiree



Hi Everybody. It's Howdy Doody time.

This summer Dick and Barb Kline became great grandparents to triplets (1 boy & 2 girls). Also this summer they welcomed 2 additional great grandchildren. Congratulations to them!

Denny Matthews had a fight with a racoon. Seems the darn thing did his duty in Matthew's pontoon boat and then decided to snack on the pontoon seat. "BANG" No more racoon.

I talked to Roy Spencer a couple of days ago. He was happy at the age of 99. Next March he will be 100 years old. Wow! How lucky and blessed he is. Maybe we'll have a big party next March.

Connie and I celebrated 58 years of marriage on June 22. Wow! I couldn't have found a better woman to spend my life with.

Nolan and Artie Douglas are celebrating their 69th anniversary.

Jerry and Judy Hunt are celebrating their 66th anniversary on August 13.

Larry and Pat Smith celebrated 48 years on August 10.

Denny Warfle celebrated his birthday on July 20.

Jean Caudill will be 80 years young on September 1.

Connie Garner Dunn enjoyed a family camping trip this summer which included 15 grandkids and 17 great grandkids. That had to be quite a trip.

That's it folks. Hope to see you when the next paper comes out.

Ted Gauss (517) 321-4754

Hanna Fox, Chairperson (517) 719-4559

LOCAL 652

Mike Bauer
Retiree

Due to the recent surge in Covid 19 cases we will remain shut down until further notice. Everyone

please take all necessary precautions to remain healthy and safe. Fully vaccinated people can still get and/or spread the virus. There will be notification in the Labor News when it is deemed safe for our retirees to begin meeting again.

The UAW Trust will not be traveling in-person this fall for the annual update meeting. 2022 update information will become available via virtual and telephone meetings this fall instead of the meeting we would normally hold at the hall. Trust members will receive an invitation to these meetings and will have the opportunity to participate. While there is currently no date available you should receive the information in the fall.

If you have any questions or concerns about your current health care or claims issues you can call the number on the back of your medical ID card or contact a benefit rep at the hall for assistance.

LOCAL 1753

Laura Clark
Retiree




Dear brothers and sisters:

What a rollercoaster ride we have been on! Earlier this month your Executive board and I were planning a meeting for all of us in September. This was brought on by the VEBA people wanting to go over changes to our coverage. Since the then, the region, after seeing the mutated Delta version coming our way, sent a letter saying to go by the CDC recommendations. The VEBA people canceled the next day, so we are also canceled. They said they would send postcards to everyone to let them know that they will be working on a way to set up a zoom or conference call so we can all get in on it and thus deal with questions we might have. I have spoken with Kelly a few times so I asked her to give me a clue on what changes we could expect. She said they would all be good ones, so I was pretty pleased.

I send Apologies to all I called, texted, E-mailed or those who went on our face page. I hope I got

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the new word out to all about the canceled meeting. It's hard to say just how much we all rely on you members. You are our local's influencers, since the meeting was to be before the paper came out. We really need you all to get the word out. I thank you and the local thanks you. You know we will continue to keep in touch.

On to the Facebook page reemerging after so long. Thanks go to Doug Fox of the Labor News who spent two hours working on it after our officers had given it the old college try. Facebook has no tech support to help you with any problems. You cannot even communicate with them. Even if talking to you could help them find weakness in their own systems. I learn of that in the news about some of their users getting hacked. The hacker then took over the real user's page! Still no communicating!

You can always get hold of me though, so let me know if I can help, glad to talk any time. You know the answering machine is on and ready to have you leave a mes-

sage. I always need your help keeping me updated with the latest obituaries. Please cut out the obits you see for the scrap book or you can try to text me, I'm trying to get better at that.

Remember to fight the virus not our friends or family. Get the vaccine shot, get the booster if needed, and wash your hands often, wear a mask in crowds, keep safe I want to see you next year or as soon as I can. OBITS Wanda Jean Conner, Billy L Jenkins, Kenneth Raymond Fairman, Frederick Charles Kuntz and Jill Ann (Meyers) Barner

We salute
all members
on



**LABOR
DAY**

LOCAL 602

Obituaries

Donald Hull - Active
Theodore G. Rogers – Retired
Henry C. Adams – Retired
David J. Smith (11/11/2020) - Retired
Joseph C. Morey – Retired
Kenneth P. Pendygraft – Retired
Howard U. Lundquist – Retired
Gary O. Bessey – Retired
Bernard W. Ferris – Retired
Kenneth J. Williams – Retired
Jerry A. Stahl – Retired
Margaret M. O’Connor – Retired
Tanner J. Hawk – Retired
Clair W. Gorman – Retired
Gerald L. Hughes – Retired
Steven B. Olson – Retired
Jerry L. Pennington – Retired
William J. Elya – Retired
John Donohue – Father of Victoria Wallace - GA Trim
Charles Andrews Sr. – Father of Reginald T. Andrews - Active
Karla Calloway – Spouse of Willie Calloway – Retired
Marguerite Fuhry – Retired
Daniel Costilla – Active, Body Shop
Arthur Loveland – Retired
Curtis Chester – Retired
Ronald Haas – Father of Ronda L. Bement – Active
Shirley Winsor – Mother of Deo Winsor - Active
Kenneth L. Schultz – Retired
LuAnn Lincoln – Mother of Mark Lincoln-Active
Mary Brooks – Mother of Suzanne Brooks – Active
Judy Bolton – Retired
Lloyd A. Cain – Retired
Bradley Fuhrman – Retired
Barbara Shepherd – Mother of Randolph Shepherd-Retired
Kenneth Fletcher – Retired, he is survived by his spouse, daughter, brothers and sisters and grandchil-

dren
Felix Hernandez – Retired
Ruby Cudney – Retired
Judith Diane Aleman – Spouse of Tony Aleman
Sherman Smith – Retired
Raymond D. Winters – Retired
Niles Lombard – Retired
Melvin Kellogg – Retired
Roger A. Youngs – Retired
Kathleen Krawczyk – Retired
Richard Wrath – Retired
Joseph Fletcher – Son of Stephanie Brown, Retired
Jill Ann (Meyers) Barner – Mother of Tammy Blocker, Body B-2 Metal Finish 1st
Benjamin Demaray – Retired

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Obituaries

Florence Alldaffer – Retiree
Montrelle Allen – Son of Tina Wallace
Sharon Branson – Mother of Norman “Chris” Branson, Mother-in-Law of Rosemary Branson
Carol L. Brown – Retiree
Gerald Buxton – Retiree
Lloyd A. Cain – Father of Michael Cain
Janice Carlson – Spouse of Richard “Chainsaw” Carlson
Oliver Condra – Retiree
Frank Courter – Father of Bob Courter
Linda DeZess – Retiree
Marjorie Galvin – Step-Mother of Michael Galvin
Bobby Johnson – Brother of Cassandra Adams
Linda Garrison-Kehres – Spouse of Michael “Mike” Kehres, Sister-in-Law of Allen Kehres
Terry Klont – Retiree
Debra Kramer – Spouse of Edward Kramer, Mother of Ryan Kramer
Kathryn Martin – Spouse of David Martin
Lee McDiarmid – Retiree, Spouse

of Frances McDiarmid, Cousin of Gary McDiarmid, Brother of Milan McDiarmid
Frederick “Fred” Moore – Retiree, Son-in-Law of Rudy Masarik
LaVonne and Earl Rogers – Retirees
Barbara Shepherd – Mother-in-Law of Larry Drumheller
Lola Soule – Spouse of LeRoy Soule, Mother of Bruce Soule
Gary G. Spear – Retiree
Mary Tyler – Spouse of Andrew Tyler
Eldon Watson – Retiree

Thank you’s were received from the following families
The Sharon Weaver Family

A brief history of Labor Day

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America’s strength, prosperity, and well-being.

In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts’ wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the well-spring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions

and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

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