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## LOCAL 652 Mike Green, President

### Labor loses a great union man

Dale Fee passed away in May at the age of 82. Dale was a great union member at Local 652. He served as a committee member and Benefit Plans Rep. He served the entire greater Lansing area on the Capital Area CAP Council as our Workers Comp and Unemployment Representative.



He touched many thousands of lives. Dale fought for workers' rights and came up with innovative ideas for the process of unemployment to help our members, companies, and government.

Our sincere thanks to Dale's wife Annie and Dale's entire family for sharing him with us. Dale was very proud of the UAW and, Dale, the UAW was proud of you!

**Update:** Local 652's retired president Chris "Tiny" Sherwood has been in intensive care at Ingham Medical Hospital over 30 days now. Tiny wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, as he feels your kindness has helped him during this time.

**Seasons changing:** I hope everyone's summer was fantastic. As we head into fall, Local 652 along with all the Lansing area locals are holding an American Muscle and Antique Auto Show to benefit the Lansing Labor News. As you may know, the Labor News has had to adjust its publication to meet the times. As the number of members in the active workforce has decreased, so has the Labor News funding which comes only from active workers.

### Labor News fundraiser

Currently the Labor News is mailed to almost 28,000 retired and active members. Our Labor News has been the source of in-

formation about politics and endorsed candidates from the Capital Area CAP Council.

The Labor News raised more than \$300,000 for the Greater Lansing Food Bank through the annual golf outing sponsored by the Labor News and LAFCU.

The Labor News also put together the "Adopt a Striking Family" during the holidays for Local 724 members during the Melling Forge workers' strike. And now the Labor News needs help from all of us.

We have 28,000 members we are mailing to. If everyone donated \$1, it would go a long way in helping us continue our newspaper.

Currently we're only able to staff part-time and publish four times a year, along with a web site to help keep our members updated on current events, elections, and general information.

The car show, which will be held September 10 at Local 652, is our first attempt to help, so please come out and help donate to the Lansing Labor News. Some details are below, with more on the website: [www.lansinglabornews.org](http://www.lansinglabornews.org)

8:00 a.m. - Registration. Entry fee is \$10. Show time is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffles, food, and a T-shirt sale.

**American Muscle & Antique Auto Show**

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## LOCAL 602 Bill Reed, President

### Salt on the wound

Already, we have been surrounded by articles and news reports telling us more and more jobs are off to Mexico, China, and others. We are always told it is in everyone's best interest, even though any of these moves by corporations cost Americans their jobs, their livelihood. And yet, there is little we can do to prevent this from happening. Or is there?



Buying candy for any loved ones in the near future? What brand will you choose? Will you remember to look at the label? Are you counting sugar and calories? What about job impact?

Yes, job impact. If you purchase candy made outside of the US, you are making a direct impact on your community, and in the long run, a negative impact on your family. This isn't rocket science, folks. Simple process of elimination. Something that the competition (outside of the U.S.) has used for years. The less American the work force, and the less earnings the working Americans make, the more profit a corporation will make.

Too bad it doesn't really work this easy for any of us. When the middle class keeps shrinking, so does everything else. How does this benefit you? It doesn't. We are paying now for purchases made by previous generations.

Hershey's Chocolate Company, Hershey, PA, began in the early 1900's (1894 was when the founder and creator was toying with making milk chocolate!) by one gentleman with a big dream, and undaunted perseverance. Milton S. Hershey is the one person responsible for the successful locally owned and operated company. For 100 years this was the way Milton ran his company. Local employees, new plants, safe working conditions, prevailing wage. Then Milton passed his legacy to his family.

Recently, and you probably saw this in the news, there are guest workers in our country, who were hired by Hershey's. This is commonly known as the "Guest Worker" program, and many corporations participate in it. The program allows students from other coun-

tries to come into a factory/business and learn how it works, learn different parts of the jobs involved, while at the same time, the students earn a salary. Students must pay upwards of \$4,000 to participate in such a program.

Several students were accepted to work at the Hershey, PA plant. Upon arrival, and expecting to see a grand tour of the famous chocolate company, the students were quickly forced into sweatshop conditions and made to do hard labor. They were compensated by Hershey by way of "discounted" fees charged to the students and poor working conditions. After a hard week, most started their weekend between \$40 and \$140 for the whole week they worked.

Students weren't counting on being treated completely opposite of what was promised by this International Guest Worker Program. They didn't sign up to be exploited. It's up to us, the citizens, to stand up and speak out against wrongs like this. Why not contact Hershey's today? It's one phone call, and will help save a teenager from being exploited further. These students do not have a voice. I'm asking you to stand with me, and speak out against this horrible corporate behavior. 800/468-1714 or write them at: The Hershey Co., 100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey PA 17033.

We can ignore the pleas from others for help and voice. Soon, our parents and grandparents will be paying even more money to just get their regular medicine. Most of us likely don't have a clue the amounts of cashed shelled out by our seniors just to survive. In Michigan alone, over 35,000 children will go hungry, and so will their parents. The newly elected Michigan Administration is dedicated to taking food out of our children's mouths, and removing financial assistance to those in need, among other atrocities. We need to speak up and continue to speak up. Find out who your State rep is at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and call their office. Make your voice heard. Don't let salt get added to the wound!

### Vote November 8

In November, please vote for these candidates for Lansing City Council that were endorsed by the Capital Area UAW CAP Council: Carol Wood and Derrick Quinney for at-large seats; Jody Washington in the First Ward; and Jason Wilkes in the Third Ward.

### Flu shots

Flu shots will be available for local UAW members through the Sparrow health system from about October 1 to October 20. Specific dates and times to be determined around the middle of September. They will then be posted on the Labor News website, or you can call your local hall.

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## Positive news for our local

By the time this arrives in your mail, school will be upon for our children and grandchildren. It seems like just yesterday we attended the end of school year activities, graduation and the much anticipated school's out. But this also means that for many of us the football season is also anticipated for our Friday nights, Saturday afternoons and Sunday all day.



There has been some positive news within the Local. Bharat Forge, Huntsman, IMPCO, and RSDC have been calling back some laid-off members. In some cases the members have been laid off up to two years. This is a positive step for our respective Units as they are starting to pick up some work and hopefully stability for the membership and their families.

We have alluded to the fact that many of the Local Units have been or will be in contract talks. The Dimondale Nursing Care Center (DNCC) Unit recently ratified a new agreement. They were able to secure some much needed contract language changes on some major issues. There were wage increases, improved language for job bidding and job posting to name a few. Congratulations to the membership for the perseverance.

Alliance Interiors will enter talks in September. They have been proactively engaging the membership by circulating a bargaining survey, discussing hot issues at their monthly meetings and working at filling Unit level committee positions. We offer them our support as well.

As of the time of composition, the RSDC Unit was still hoping to ratify their agreement. Some issues remain unresolved, with hopes to find fair and equitable results. We hope that the necessary adjustments can be made for the mutual of all the parties.

On August 6, under some cloudy skies and sprinkles, the Local golf outing commenced. There were teams representing many of our Units, along with some retirees. The big money hole-in-one sponsors were UAW Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell for \$10,000 and Graff Chevrolet provided a new Chevy Traverse made here in Lansing by Local 602, 652, and 724 members. Graff also put in a team as well. Thanks to our sponsors, the golfers, Centennial Acres Golf Course, and volunteers Teri Niblock and David Levine who sold 50/50 tickets and watched the money holes. Also a big shout out to Local 724 Recreation Chair Todd Collins for his work in organizing the event.

The Local retiree team consisted of former Local Financial Secretaries Dave McClelland and Donn Jenkins, former veterans Chair Mark Titus, and recently retired again hall janitor Stan Walker. Dave was from Lindell Drop Forge, while Donn, Mark and Stan worked at Melling Forging. We mention this because our retirees have been a



**Local 724 Financial Secretary Debra Mills helps out at the backpack giveaway sponsored by the Region 1-C Women's Council. With their help, hundreds of local schoolchildren will have a better start to their school year.**

source of history, knowledge and inspiration for many of us over the years. Stan faithfully served the membership as "keeper of the hall" for the last ten years or so. We knew the building was in good hands with Stan. He took it personal to keep things operating in light of the varied schedule the Local has. We can't thank him enough and only wish him the best in his second retirement.

We are seeing some of our Units conducting their V-CAP check-off drives, along with pledge drives for the Capital Area United Way. Our membership steps up to make sure we have the necessary resources to support those who support us. If you would like to donate to V-CAP, please see one of your Unit committee.

With our participation in the worksite United Way drives, it against shows that our members have taken social responsibility on a personal level. The UAW has always been at the forefront of being a social movement and making sure we help the community in our actions, deeds, and our donations. Thanks to all who donate their time and precious dollars to help.

What better way to cap off the summer, than with the Local 724 picnic. The event will be held on Saturday, September 10 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Delta Township's Sharp Park, located behind the Lansing Mall. Please bring the family for food, fun and friendship on the 10th. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed, so please leave your name and contact information with the hall at 482-7377.

We referred to our volunteer our time and our dollars in service to our families, our community and our union. We are reminded of the most prophetic words of Walter Reuther that illustrates this so succinctly: "There is no greater calling than to serve your brother. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well."

Thanks to all for their unselfish service.

### 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

## Winners of our election

Hello, brothers and sisters. With our triennial election behind us, I will take the opportunity to congratulate the winners:

President Ray Whitford  
Vice President Tony Glover  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Munchbach

Recording Secretary "Big Al" Vincent.  
We also have three newly elected Trustees: Tamera Sangster, Bob Davis, and retiree Steve Carr.

Chairman Bill Niblock  
Day Shift District 1 Shop Committeeman Rob "Farmer" Geisenhaver and Alternate Todd Grant  
Afternoons District 2 Committeeman Tim Patrick and Alternate Eric Sanchez

Those who decided not to seek another term—we thank you for all your years of dedicated service to this local. To our past Recording Secretary "Indiana" Freddy, good luck.

A special thanks to our past trustees: Brian Fox, John Mazurek, and Steve Worthy. All of you did an outstanding job.

With local negotiations facing the Shop Committee, it's time for Chairman Bill Niblock to determine the date to kick it off. Bill has spent countless hours on the computer organizing all the local issues. In June the Shop Committee met with the membership at the local union hall and discussed all the demands which were submitted, both non-skilled and skilled. Some were adopted and others not. If you have any additional demands, please get them to the Shop Committee, as they will still accept them.

We are seeing quite a few new faces in the plant. Local management made a business decision to hire some additional permanent hourly employees. With the line count up, plus being forced to work 10 hours per day and Saturdays, our members are getting burned out. Let's hope the line count continues on the incline, though, as it means job security.

Remember, we were new hires at

one time. Welcome them to our plant and help them to get into a comfort zone. Show our unity and give all our support to the Shop Committee during local negotiations.

### LOCAL 2256 Edgar Loring, President

## Thanks for your support

With this being my first time writing an article for the Lansing Labor News, with many more to come, I hope, I would like to start out by saying thank you to those of you on my e-board and the membership of Local 2256 that have supported and trusted in me as your president of Local 2256.

And I would like to say to those of you who were not supporters or believers, or who just didn't know me, that I look forward to the opportunity of getting to know you and the challenge of working toward gaining your trust and respect as your president of Local 2256 in the upcoming weeks and months.

With that said, I would like to commend and thank each and every one of you, and especially those members of Local 2256, for all of your tireless efforts, contributions, and time spent attending the many rallies at our state capitol and others throughout the Mid-Michigan area and Region 1-C in our fight for justice against our own lowdown, backstabbing, devious—"no, wait a minute, he TOLD us up front what he was gonna do to us."

But anyway, the greedy, selfish, backstabbing Governor of Michigan Rick Snyder and his "trusty Henchmen" (the Republican Party members) and their weak-minded groupies who don't know any better, but they are starting to see the big picture now because it doesn't include most them in it either. (lol).

Also I know I don't have to keep reminding all of you but I will say it anyway: We have to keep doing whatever it takes, and for however long it takes, to continue our fight against the attack on us by Governor Rick Snyder and the Republican Party.

We must not give up the fight, the time is now to stand up and show all Michiganders, and the rest of the world if need be, what the words "union" and "solidarity" really stand for.

We must all try and unite together as one big giant and stomp out this all-out attack on the middle class, the poor and the unions by the greedy, selfish, heartless Governor Snyder and the Republicans who are attacking everything we believe in and everything we stand for.

They are also attacking everything that those before us fought so hard for—and even died for—to make sure that they could have a comfortable and above standard level of living (middle class).

So let's all stand tall and proud and continue our hard work in this fight against the attack by Governor Rick Snyder and the Republicans on the middle class, unions and the poor.

And remember, brothers and sisters, "united we stand, divided we fall."

### 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.

## LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

# A time of transition

As the newly elected Financial Secretary of UAW Local 602, I would like to thank all the members who supported my campaign. The last few weeks have been a time of transition as I settle into my new role and responsibilities. Be assured I have been hard at work for each of you.



I would like to welcome all the new members to our Local; we are delighted to have you here. Please note: a refund of the Union initiation fee may be due to you. If you have paid more than one initiation fee to the UAW, you would be eligible for a refund of that money. Please return your voucher, along with the appropriate check stub, to the Hall. You can obtain a voucher for initiation reimbursement in several ways.

- In person: UAW Local 602 Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917
- Online: [www.local602.org](http://www.local602.org) under the Financial Secretary's information
- E-mail: [financial@local602.org](mailto:financial@local602.org)
- Phone: (517) 372-4842

The last couple of weeks have reminded me of how grateful I am to have the excellent benefits that the Union has negotiated for me and my family. As you are well aware, many of your co-workers do not have those same benefits. It's sad to say it took an accident to one of our own to highlight the fact that there are flaws in the system. When a four-year temporary employee without insurance gets into a life-threatening accident, and her life is changed forever, it makes you stop and think how your life could be different in a blink of the eye. It's heartbreaking to see how the inequities of employment can affect your life and your family forever.

During this time of negotiations, I urge each and every one of you to support your Union leaders in their efforts to achieve justice and equality for all.

### Local 602 meetings

The next meetings will be on **September 11 and October 9**. The Executive board meets at 5:30 p.m. The General Membership meets at 7:00 p.m. at the hall.

## LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

# A busy autumn

Hello all! Happy Labor Day!

With the coming of September all of us need to be reminded to watch for our school children waiting for the bus or walking to and from school. We have had a whole summer to forget that children sometimes go where they aren't supposed to go or do what they aren't supposed to do. Many of us are on the road at the same time as the school



children, so please be careful.

### Recall Rick?

Local 652 has recall petitions available for those who would like to sign. Come by any time during business hours and we will help you to rid the state of one rough nerd. Have voter registration info handy to ensure accuracy.

### Backpack Giveaway

Congrats to the Region 1-C Women's Council for their successful backpack giveaway held at Local 652 union hall on August 15. Over 400 children received back-to-school supplies along with brand new backpacks. Programs like this are a real credit to the UAW. Thanks to all who participated!

### Coffee Club

On October 5, retired Millwrights and Welders will hold their traditional semi-annual get-together, a "Coffee Club," where they share a coffee and a couple donuts, reminisce about old times and catch up on what is going on in their lives. The meeting will happen at UAW Local 652 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is open to all old friends, regardless of trade. Please contact Alex McPherson at 517-242-1011 for more info. It's a good time to see old friends and make new ones. I hope to see all of you there!

### Upcoming Events

• Detroit Lions vs. Atlanta Falcons Football – The Local 652 Recreation Committee has a trip scheduled for October 23. The price is \$78 and includes a bus ride. Tickets are on sale now through September 22. Call the Union Hall at 517-372-7581 for more information. Please watch the bulletin boards for more activities.

• Lansing Regional Stamping will host the fifth annual Twisted Metal Open on Sunday, September 11 at the Willow Wood Golf Club in Portland, Michigan. The scramble will start with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$240 per team with the requirement that at least one team member be an LRS active or retired employee. To enter contact Dave Lawless at 517-721-2033 or Chris Harris at 517-721-2019.

• American Muscle & Antique Auto Show – September 10 in the Local 652 parking lot. Registration at 8:00 a.m. Showtime 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lots of food, prizes and fun! Bring the whole family! Proceeds to benefit the Lansing Labor News.

• V-CAP Tickets – \$5 each on sale at the Union Hall or from your Union Rep or CAP committee member. Grand prize is a Chevy Silverado.

## LOCAL 652

Scott R. Lounds, Rec. Secretary

# Why Republicans hate unions

A large percentage of our own members, as well as members of other Unions in this state, voted Republican in last year's gubernatorial election. Considering the animosity that the Right has shown toward Union members and workers in general this is misguided at best and masochistic at worst. The Republican Party hates Unions. They hate us for our support of causes they have opposed. The UAW has been on the side of civil rights protesters in the sixties and seventies, women's rights in

the 70's and 80's, and most recently taking up cause with our public employees in the fight to retain their rights to Union representation.

They fear our support of their opponents, both financially and politically. They hate us for our belief that all Americans, regardless of race, gender, or economic class have the same rights to prosperity. They hate that Unions stand for the belief that the blue collar should be as powerful as the white collar. That being rich should not give someone greater access to the political system. That corporations are not "people too." That the middle class is what made America the greatest country in the world and that as long as the working people have a voice it will remain the greatest country in the world.

All of these beliefs are the antithesis of what the conservative right believes. They believe that the rich are the only important people and that it is the corporation that makes America great, that even though you might be working at a backbreaking, mind numbing job, you should just smile and go along. After all, you are helping the company make money and that is what is important. Ask for your fair share? Unthinkable. Band together to ask for your fair share? Un-American. Unfortunately, the Republicans have been able to convince large numbers of American workers that this is the case. They have convinced them that Unions are their enemy. The very people who have the most to gain from collective action have taken up sides with their oppressors. All the while the Republicans have blamed financial woes and State budget crises on the cost of Unionized employees. Even as states without large public employee unions suffer the same fate. They blame the bankruptcies of Chrysler and General Motors on the high cost of Union labor. Not on corporate greed, failed trade policy, or the disastrous economic conditions under George W. Bush.

We Union members need to wake up. If we do not, we will be re-fighting the battles that our parents and grandparents already fought. It starts with winning the battle for the hearts and minds of our fellow workers. So when your co-worker, or friend, or family member starts to regurgitate the lies the political Right puts out regarding Unions show them where they are wrong. Tell them how Unions have blazed the path that led to the birth of this nation's great

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## LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Financial Secretary

# Back to school

I am amazed that summer is behind us and the children are gearing up for the next "back to school" season. I am pleased that Local 4911 contributed to the Region 1-C Women's Council Backpack Rally program. The backpack program is truly a wonderful annual event which helps those who are less fortunate in the community with their back-to-school needs. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** is extended to Region 1-C Women's Council for making this program a huge success.



As we all adjust to our new fall routines for getting children back to school, raking leaves, cleaning out the garden spot and garage, swatting mosquitoes, etc., please make an effort to find time to enjoy the spectacular color show Mother Nature is about to embark on. I hope you all have a blessed and wonderful fall season.

### Tuition reimbursement increase

Due to our nation's troubled economic times, many Sparrow associates may be reflecting upon and examining their current/future employment status. Are we comfortable and secure in our current jobs? With the nationwide trend of corporations downsizing their working staff and eliminating jobs through the increasing use of new technology, we find ourselves facing a dilemma. **Will the future need us?**

Upon reflecting on our individual career situations, should we be asking ourselves if it would be advantageous to secure our future by continuing our education? If you find that the answer to this question is yes, remember to take full advantage of Sparrow's Tuition Reimbursement Program. If you work full-time or part-time, you may qualify for up to \$2,100 (an increase from \$1,700) of tuition reimbursement per calendar year. For details, see Article 21 – Tuition Reimbursement in your contract.

4911 MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, September 28, 5:00 p.m. at the Union Office, 2722 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing

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Dorothy Stevens

## 602 retirees

Key members of Congress are leading the charge to balance the federal budget on the backs of those least responsible for our financial woes and most vulnerable to deep benefit cuts.

First Social Security, then Medicare, and now Medicaid—a program critical to seniors—is under attack by those who care more about tax breaks for the wealthy than funding these programs that are vital to seniors' well-being.

Statistics say one in three Americans turning 65—many with adequate retirement incomes—will at some point exhaust their life savings and turn to Medicaid.

Already the House has approved a budget proposal to cut Medicaid by almost \$771 billion over the next 10 years and convert it to a block grant program. This reduces the flow of federal Medicaid dollars to the states by huge amounts that the states cannot and probably will not be able to absorb. This would result in dramatic pay cuts to doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes; reduction of covered benefits; limits on eligibility; seniors forced onto nursing home waiting lists; and some seniors left with no health benefits at all.

Since Medicaid is the nation's single largest provider of long-term care coverage, making 62% of total payments, many families would be pushed into poverty without it.

The Medicaid cuts could lead to reducing nursing home staff who work to prevent conditions requiring hospitalization, such as dehydration, malnutrition, and broken bones. The cost of treating these conditions would be shifted to the already overburdened Medicare system.

Yet leaders in Congress forge ahead, under political cover of "deficit reduction," with plans to dismantle the entire retirement safety net by destroying a large part of Medicaid, ending Medicare as we know it, and cutting future Social Security benefits!

We must rein in our nation's crippling deficits. But making the most vulnerable seniors pay the price is unfair and financially irresponsible.

I'm asking each of you to contact your Representatives and Senators and ask them to reject deficit reduction plans threatening our retirement safety net programs: Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security. Tell them, as your constituent, you're urging them, your elected representatives, to protect our retirement safety net by rejecting deficit reduction plans to cut, cap, or fundamentally change Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.

Now is the time to make your voice heard. Don't wait until tomorrow because that could be too late.

To all our sick and shut-ins, you are in our thoughts and prayers for a better tomorrow. For all who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send our condolences.

Quote: "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

**Buy Union!  
Buy  
American!**



**Local 652 President Mike Green (left) with retirees at the area-wide retirees picnic on August 15. Another good crowd was on hand at Hawk Island County Park to enjoy a great spread and the company of fellow UAW retirees.**

Mike Bauer

## 652 retirees

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day. 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 Bohemian dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.

Fourth Tuesday of the month is card night starting at 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.

Anyone wishing to sign a petition to recall Rick Snyder may do so at the hall.

Please mark the following events on your calendars:

There will be a ceremony honoring the Sitdowners and Women's Emergency Brigade at the Sitdowners Memorial Park on September 5, at the Region 1-C office, in Flint. The Region 1-C office is located at 1940 W. Atherton Rd. The ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m.

Labor Day Sitdowners and Women's Emergency Brigade Brunch - Sept. 5, at Local 659 in Flint. Brunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for retirees and can be picked up at the Regional office or at the door the day of the event. Local 659 is located at 4549 Van Slyke Rd., Flint. There will be no UAW picnic and parade at Crossroads Village.

There will be an American Muscle & Antique Auto Show on September 10 at 426 Clare St., Lansing. Showtime 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Lansing Labor News.

General Motors will be having an open house for the Lansing Grand River, Lansing Regional Stamping, and Delta Township plants on September 30. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Volunteers should expect to work at least two hrs. Call 517-372-7581 ext. 147 - leave your name and phone number if you are interested in volunteering.

Our next social night will be October 11 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only—no guests.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has supplied us with the following camping

dates and locations:

Sept. 9-10-11 Rocky's Campground, Albion

Oct. 14-15-16 Michigan Trap Shooting Association, Mason

For further information, call Wagon Master Jay Courser, 517-323-2331.

Condolences to the families of Bruce Sneider and Neil Carpenter.

Condolences to Don Korkoske on the passing of his wife Eleanor.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, Dave Hodges, Dorothy Hoisington, Roger & Alice Miller, Linda Mogyoros, Wilfred and Millie Pullman, Jim Rose, Jean and Leonard Schneider, Chris Sherwood, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at [www.lansinglabornews.org](http://www.lansinglabornews.org).

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

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

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](mailto:retiree652@hotmail.com)

Lois Schultz

## 1618 retirees

Hi out there all you wonderful people.

**Ted Gauss' breakfast will be on Tuesday, September 13 at Guerrazzi's Restaurant, 15463 US Highway 27, Lansing.** It starts at 9:00 a.m.

September 14, luncheon and meeting at Local 1753's hall on W. St. Joseph. Eat at noon.

September 24, pancake breakfast and bake sale. We need volunteers, baked goods. This is an annual event. Call me for information: 517-543-5385. Helpers should arrive at 8:00 a.m. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. till noon.

October 12, luncheon and meeting. Eat at noon.



October 19, Michigan Princess color tour. Be there at 11:00 a.m. and load at 11:30. Call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.

November 9, Thanksgiving luncheon. There will be an afghan drawing and a holiday auction. Bring your quarters, it's lots of fun.

November ?? Veterans memorial. This is where our flagpole went. The names of our folks are on the back of the monument. I will have more info later.

December 14, Christmas luncheon. Don't forget the mitten tree, gifts for seniors that are in the nursing home.

March 26 and 27, 2012 a northern casino trip, \$100 per person based on double occupancy. There are four casinos on this trip. Payment needed by December 31, and we need 55 people for this deal. Call Connie Dunn, 517-323-2146.

We have the same officers after our election, as no one wanted to run. Chair Curtis Dunn; Vice Chair Hanna Fox; Secretary Lois Schultz; Recording Secretary Jerry Hunt; Trustees Leo Gray, Richard Raffler, and Richard Torgerson; Chaplain Ted Gauss; and Sergeant-at-Arms Doris Williams.

The Area-Wide Retirees Council Chair is Hanna Fox, and the Vice Chair is Laura Clark.

We all work hard for the retirees to keep us strong, so join us when you can.

On our sick list

Claude Harris is doing great.

John Hoyt had two lung transplants and a triple bypass at the same time. He should be great in a year.

Jerry Hunt has had a bad time of it.

Happy belated birthday to Jack Calahan, in May. Lois is in November. Their 60th anniversary is in September. Condolences to all the families who lost loved ones. You are in our prayers.

We vote folks into office to protect us and all that, but they soon forget about the people who are the lifeblood of the good old USA. Then they get the business tax dropped. Then they tax our pension. I'd like to know where the retirees are that make the so-called big bucks.

With half a heart, I am doing fine. I really feel good. How lucky we are to be able to get pacemakers that keep the ticker running.

Till we meet again, keep smiling!

## Legal Services dual coverage?

By Joe Sagy, Region 1C Benefits Rep

Many members have been asking about the notice of dual coverage of the UAW-GM Legal Services. For example, if both spouses work for GM or Delphi or have coverage as a retiree they are being double charged imputed income amounts.

To avoid this increased liability, one member can elect to delete or reinstate their legal service coverage and the member will be charged only one imputed income. They may do this by calling (800) 521-7818 Ext. 2389 and mention they are calling regarding dual plan coverage. You have to make this call no later than Friday, September 23, 2011 and the change will be effective November 7, 2011. There is no need for further action in this regard if the Legal Services was previously notified.



Laura Clark

## 1753 retirees

Hope every one had a great summer. A lot has happened since the last paper ... here's the news.

\*We have the leading Republican Presidential candidate saying companies are people.

\*You may remember the recent Supreme Court decision allowing companies to contribute to campaigns, since they have the rights of people.

\*This is not the only Supreme Court decision that allows a company to be recognized by the federal government as a citizen, it happened in 1886.

\*You could remember talks such as "I like Ike;" everyone did. He is the one who on leaving office said, "Beware the Military- Industrial complex."

\*As UAW members we all need to hear and understand Walter Reuther's words. "Prices and profits are up in the stratosphere, and purchasing power and real wages are being depressed more every day. Unless we get some balance in this economic machine of ours we are hell-bent for another depression."

History is today, to be forgotten tomorrow, and repeated the next, unless you remember, and make the change you want! Educate yourself on political issues and vote to support those who support labor!

In local issues the Lansing Area UAW retirees' picnic went well. Slowly we are getting more 1753 folks to come. Of course, we had many more attend our own 1753 picnic, some from far enough away to camp overnight.

The Region 1-C Euchre Tournament gathered ten of us from the local. This inspired discussion for a party at the last meeting, so volunteer to work on the committee for our own Euchre party.

Nancy has been very busy lately; she has put 1753 on Facebook, look for it.

Fundraising for Lansing Labor News will be an American Muscle and Antique Auto Show on September 10 at Local 652 and 724 parking lots from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting is on September 8 at the local, with lunch, at 12:00. We are cooking brats on the grill; please bring a dish to pass (something to go with brats).



## Thanks for 602's golf outing help

The Local 602 Conservation & Recreation Committee would like to thank the following companies and individuals for donating to the 13th Annual UAW Local 602 golf outing benefiting the VFW National Home for Children at Timber Ridge Golf Club on July 31. Also a big THANK YOU to all the golfers who participated!

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## Local 724 golf outing report

By Todd Collins, Recreation Chair and First Vice President

Hello to all my fellow UAW members out there. Our annual Local 724 Golf Outing was held at Centennial Acres golf course in Sunfield on August 6. I would like to thank all the UAW members and their friends and family for coming out and making the day a huge success once again.

All of the hard work that goes into putting on all the events at our Local is definitely worth it when you see all of the fun everyone is having and the smiles on their faces. The true purpose for all of the recreation events we put on at the Local is to promote solidarity, not only within our workplaces, but outside as well.

I definitely can't do all of the work by myself and would like to thank the volunteers who helped make the day a success once again. Terri Niblock from our Dakkota Unit and Dave Levine from our RSDC Unit were our Hole-in-One spotters. Our President, Dean Poggiali, checked the golfers in and made sure we got out on the course without any issues.

I would also like to thank our spon-

sors. UAW Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell sponsored a \$10,000 hole-in-one hole. Graff Chevrolet in Okemos sponsored a hole-in-one hole for a new Lansing-built Chevrolet Traverse. The law firm of Rapaport, Pollack, Farrell & Waldron also sponsored the event. Thank you to all of our sponsors for your support. I look forward to seeing you all next year. Solidarity!

## LOCAL 4911

### NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Due to recent vacancies, election is necessary for three positions. All members with one year membership in continuous good standing are automatically nominated for all elected offices. If you wish to accept the nomination for one of these offices you must submit a statement to this effect, including your name, date, the unit where you work, the office you seek and a phone number where you can be reached. **Deadline for nomination acceptance is September 8, 2011 at 4 pm.** Acceptance is to be submitted to: 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite 205, Lansing, MI 48912 or faxed to 517-272-5870.

### NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE OFFICES OF:

**Service Unit Chairperson**  
**Skilled Trades Unit Chairperson**  
**Trustee**

Elections will take place on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 7 am to 7:30 pm at the Local 4911 Office (First Floor Meeting Room), 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI. If run-off is necessary, it will be on Wednesday September 21, 2011 from 7 am to 7:30 pm, at the same location. ~ *Marsha Mead, Election Committee Chairperson*

## LOCAL 724

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

#### NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the following: Local 724 Executive Board position of **2nd Vice-President**. The term of office for the 2nd Vice-President will commence upon election until the second Tuesday of June, 2014.

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, September 16, 2011.

#### ELECTION

The election for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of **2nd Vice-President** will be conducted the date, time and place indicated below:

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Time: 7 a.m. - 10 am & 1 - 6 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

#### RUN-OFF ELECTION

(if necessary)

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011

Time: 7 a.m. - 10 am & 1 - 6 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

Kim Petrie, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson

Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

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**Annual Millwright and Welder**  
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For more information, contact  
Chairperson Paulina Rodriguez at  
517-231-7648  
or Local 602 at 372-4626  
or visit the Local 602 website or the  
Labor News website.

## 602 Obituaries

Cynthia Williams Benman – daughter of Willie Fuller, Retired  
 Raymond Redburn – Retired General Assembly  
 Pauline Nethaway – Mother of Gene Nethaway, Retired Electrician (Maintenance), Gary Nethaway, Retired Shipping (Body), and Barry Nethaway, Retired Truck Hauling  
 Theodore Mushlock – Father of Martin Mushlock, FEM 2 (Team 2)  
 Juan Castillo – Retired  
 Cornelia Norton – Mother of Winfield Norton, Skilled Trades  
 Rebecca Gamez – Mother of Marcus Gamez  
 Rosemary Goodlander – Mother of Alisa Elston  
 Lucille A. Robinson – Mother of LaRonn Robinson, Body (Framing)  
 Naomi L. Robbins – Retired  
 Richard L. Miller – Retired  
 Ella Walters – Retired  
 Peggy Sue Kirkland – Mother of Suzette Lewis  
 Rosa T. Magistro – Mother of Michael Magistro, Body  
 Rita Woods – Mother of Suzette Kenny, General Assembly (Door Line) and Aunt of Keith Pulling, Retired  
 Gladys Davis – Retired  
 Frank Martin – Retired  
 Vera Belen – Retired  
 Clarence Fraley – Retired  
 Paul Hoard – Retired  
 William Rushford – Retired  
 Thomas Vitovsky – Retired  
 James Jones – Retired

The family of Juan Castillo wants to thank you for the beautiful Bible that was sent to us.

### July 2011

Cleo Townsend – Retired Pipefitter  
 Leon W. Carey – Retired  
 Sharon Hammond – Mother of Randy Crawford, Millwright (Paint)  
 Kimberly S. Sebastian – Daughter of Linda Higelmire, Retired Body and Dave Higelmire, Retired Body  
 Marvin Shaw – Retired Sanitation and Father-in-Law of Jason Hetherington, Body (B-1 Closures)  
 Virginia Barras – Wife of George J. Barras, Retired  
 Barbara Ondrias – Wife of Michael Ondrias, Trim II (Team 4)  
 Edmund Dickman – Retired Trim and Father-in-Law of Gerald D. Fillwock, Retired  
 Yvonne VanHoven – Mother of Mark VanHoven, Body  
 Kathleen M. Bourassa – Mother of Chip “Clare” Bourassa, Body (Underbody)  
 Winfred E. Troll – Mother of Mark Troll, Millwright  
 Daniel Feher – Retired; husband of 602 member Bonnie Feher; son of Victor Feher, Retired; and brother of Raymond, Retired Body Shop  
 Stanley Reynolds – Retired Paint  
 Naomi Robbins – Retired  
 Harold Tupper – Retired  
 Merton Babcock – Retired  
 John Lewis – Retired  
 Steven Compton – Body (Sides)  
 Richard Gavin – Retired  
 Charles Higelmire – Paint  
 Buddy Keener – Retired

Dear Bill and Kevin ... Thank you so much for the beautiful Bible and your kind offers of assistance with Cleo's pension and/or life insurance. It is com-

forting to know there are qualified people such as yourselves out there should a need arise. Cleo was proud to be a member of 602. Thank you and God bless ... Mrs. Kathleen Townsend and Family (of Cleo Townsend)

### June 2011

Doris Walker – Mother of Ulysses Walker, General Assembly (Final)  
 Jim “Boz” Bosley – Step-Father of Wesley Parker, Quality  
 Randy Shepherd – Father of Randy Shepherd, Retired  
 Robert Litwiller – Father of Scott Litwiller, General Assembly (Final 1, Team 1)  
 Mary Beth Dickinson – Wife of Timothy Dickinson, Material (F1 Dock)  
 Mary L. Elias – Mother of Dave Elias, Electrician (Maintenance)  
 Mary Hoffman – Mother of Douglas Hoffman, General Assembly  
 Genevieve “Eva” Brunk – Mother of Paulina Rodriguez, Recreation Chair  
 Eugene Wilcox – Retired Electrician  
 Bernard Dorr – Retired and Grandfather of Scott Hatt, Chassis III  
 Barbara Rueckert – Mother of Roger Rueckert, General Assembly (Maintenance)  
 Javel R. Lewis – Son of Malvrick Lewis, Quality  
 Steve Black – Son of Norma Black, Retired  
 Carrie A. Stewart – Mother of Sandra Williams, Retired General Assembly  
 Randolph Jones – Father of Ameen Aadil, General Assembly (End of Line)  
 Irma Simmons – Wife of Cliff Turner, Skilled Trades

Mark Strickling – Retired, Son of John Strickling, Retired Paint and Brother of Matt Strickling, Retired Paint  
 Terry C. Gould – Retired C-Trim and Brother-in-Law of Maria Gatica, Retired

Ronal Grosshans – Father of Greg Grosshans, Material and Steve Grosshans, Retired  
 Richard Robbins – Father of Gaylord Robbins, Material  
 Roberto A. Rendon – Father of Robert Rendon, Material  
 Duane “Din” Christensen – Father of Scott Christensen, Material (Chassis I)  
 Neva B. Slee Wiederhold – Mother of Larry Slee, Retired  
 Sandra V. Ruiz – daughter of Jose Hernandez, General Assembly (Trim 5, Team 1)  
 Eloy Soto Jr. – Retired  
 Robert D. Harmon – Retired  
 Billy Beckwith – Retired  
 Gale Mead – Retired

Dear 602 Family ... Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and lovely flowers. Mac enjoyed his monthly dinners and bingo with you all. We appreciate it all ... The Family of Irving “Mac” MacDonald (Betty, Debbie, Denise, Pam)

The Holy Bible in the wooden keepsake box is just beautiful. Thank you ... Julane (daughter of William Spagnuolo)

Thank you for the beautiful card ... Marilyn Lewis and Family

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## 652 Obituaries

Vernon Bailey Sr. – Father of Gail Bailey  
 Lynn Boers – Retiree  
 Leonard J. Burns – Father of Mel Burns  
 Neil “Nick” Carpenter – Retiree, Father of Nancy Musgrave, Uncle of Jane Stevenson  
 Lauren Colombo – Daughter of Mike Colombo  
 Lorraine Crevier – Mother-in-Law of Randy McGillis  
 Nancy Cushman – Mother-in-Law of Michael Meredith  
 Edmund Dickman – Father of Jim “Moose” Dickman  
 Dale Fee – Retiree  
 Dorothea Franks – Spouse of John W. Franks, Sister-in-Law of Carl, Donald and Walter Franks  
 Roland Garcia – Retiree, Brother of Robert and John Garcia  
 Leota “June” Hesterly – Mother-in-Law of Darrel Starbard  
 Gary Hoffman – Retiree  
 Jay Laxton – Member  
 Estella Luna – Spouse of Raul Luna, Mother of David and J.R. Salazar, Stepmother of Art Luna  
 Santos Martinez – Spouse of Gilberto Martinez  
 Walter Lee McMullen – Father of V. Naurice McMullen and Sharon Lindsey  
 Matthew R. Michalski – Father-in-Law of Randy Williams  
 Beverly Miller – Mother of Scottie and Michael Miller  
 Jerome Myszak – Retiree, Uncle of James Parks and Thomas Henning  
 Leola Anderson Padilla – Mother of Alfred Anderson Jr.  
 Carolyn Pakkala – Spouse of Ronald Pakkala

Angelo Piccici – Retiree  
 Beulah J. Pierce – Mother of Virgil Wood, Step-Mother of Dennis Pierce  
 Agnes M. Price – Mother of Larry Price Sr.  
 Stephen Michael Rathbun – Spouse of Barbara Rathbun  
 Ordella “Babe” Rogers – Mother of Trudy Sheldon and Rodney Rogers, Mother-in-Law of Merrill “Bird” Sheldon, Grandmother of Babe Dyer, Sidney Sheldon and Merrill “Snapper” Sheldon  
 Kenneth Ryan – Retiree  
 Ronald C. Shepherd – Retiree, Father-in-Law of Larry Drumheller  
 Robert Shinabery – Father of Ken Shinabery  
 Jim Siegrist – Father-in-Law of Dennis Acker  
 Donald B. Smith – Retiree, Brother of Darrell Smith, Uncle of Norman Smith  
 Bruce Snider – Retiree  
 H. Irene Stange – Mother of Joy Walton, Mother-in-Law of Bobby Longmire  
 Howard Taylor Jr. – Father of Christina Pulliam  
 Joshua Thoma – Member  
 Jean Vipond – Mother of Robert Vipond  
 Joseph Watts Jr. – Retiree  
 Roger R. Williams – Father of Roger D. Williams  
 Helen Wilson – Retiree  
 Carolyn Wirth – Mother of William Wirth

### Thank you were received from:

The Leonard J. Burns Family  
 The Dale Fee Family  
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Hortencia Munoz - mother-in-law of Terri L. Reyes  
 Carolyn Wirth - mother of Allen R. Wirth  
 Ronnie Chandler - father of Corey Jones I.E. Hafelein  
 James Shrewsbury  
 Maynard Smith  
 Evelyn Wygant  
 Sue Medcoff nee Johnson

## 2256 Obituaries

Harold Jacobs - grandfather of Amy Castanon, BCBS  
 Robert Boyer - father of Mark Boyer, City of Lansing  
 Joe Anderson - father of Sonya Bennet, Accident Fund  
 Juanita E. Mazuca - mother of Rudy and Oscar Mazuca, City of Lansing  
 Robert E. Picken - father of Kathleen Perry, BCBS  
 Antoinette Marie Thomas - mother of Joan Thomas, BCBS  
 Jim Crisp - retired, City of Lansing

## Save the date ...

... for the retirees' Arizona picnic in Mesa on February 16, 2012. This is for Locals 602, 652, 1753, and LAFUCU - both hourly and salary. Watch our December and January issues for more.

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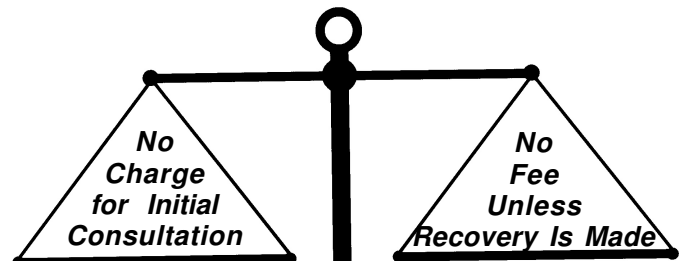
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