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A NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM



REGION 1A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by **Laura DICKERSON**

Greetings Region 1A Retirees,

At this time, we have just completed our first International Officer direct elections in the history of the UAW. The following were elected in this election:

- Shawn Fain International President
- Margaret Mock Secretary Treasurer
- Chuck Browning Vice President
- Rich Boyer Vice President
- Mike Booth Vice President
- LaShawn English Region 1 Director
- Laura Dickerson Region 1A Director
- Steve Dawes Region 1D Director
- David Greene Region 2B Director
- Brandon Campbell Region 4 Director
- Mike Miller Region 6 Director
- Tim Smith Region 8 Director
- Daniel Vicente Region 9 Director
- Brandon Mancilla Region 9A Director

While the election has been completed, there are still appeals that were filed by candidates that are still outstanding and need to be answered by the Department of Labor. These appeals may or may not change the outcome of the election, but will provide answers to how the elections were conducted and will help how elections are run in the future.

This has been a huge adjustment for the membership and everyone is still adjusting to the changes this election has presented. With "Big 3" negotiations on the horizon, many members are uneasy and not sure of how these changes may impact them. I can reassure all of you that these changes will not change how we operate at Region 1A. We will continue to serve our membership, active and retired, as we have for decades. A foundation of strength at this Region has been built by prior leadership and will continue under my leadership.

The Special Bargaining Convention took place in March 2023 at Huntington Place. This convention set the priorities for upcoming bargaining in all sectors – GM, Ford, Stellantis, IPS, TOP, Agricultural Implement, Gaming, Aerospace, Heavy Truck and Higher Education. In short, it encompasses all sectors in the UAW.

It's important to note that this convention happens every year following the UAW Constitutional Convention.

With the bargaining agenda set, UAW-Ford, UAW-GM and UAW-Stellantis Departments

are preparing for upcoming Negotiations, this summer. Many of the National Councils are meeting to discuss final business before Negotiations. One item that will make it to the top of the list is Advanced or New Technologies. This is in regards to the introduction of Battery Electric Vehicles and Electric Batteries and all of the associated technologies. It's changing the way we see Automotive!

This change represents the biggest transition in the automotive industry since its inception. It doesn't mean that Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) will go completely away, but it could potentially reduce the number needed, which could have a huge impact on our engine plants. We are asking for everyone's support as they tackle this at the bargaining table. The impact will include all of us, active and retired, and our families. So please support our bargaining teams!

I want to take a moment to mention how important our Regional Community Action Program (CAP) is to bargaining and the people we elect to office. Region 1A has a long history of supporting and endorsing candidates who represent the best interests of all of you, the membership! This has been seen in legislation that has been created and passed for us. One great example is the Repeal of Right to Work!

Please support CAP, so that we can continue to endorse and support candidates who support us, Labor Unions!

Again, thank you all for your support!



see more details inside this issue



Advisory Council Report

by Yvonne Harris, Region 1A Retired Workers Advisory Council Alternate



Valuable Information from Your UAW Retired Workers Advisory Council

Hello Everyone,

I pray all is well. I would like to welcome all new

Retirees. Please sign up for the (*voluntary*) V-CAP and (*voluntary*) Retiree Union Dues. Spouses/surviving spouses can sign up to become an Associate member. The *voluntary* minimum monthly dues are \$3.00.

Please stay active and informed, attend your Local and Regional meetings, and enjoy your summer.

2023 UAW Special Bargaining Convention

Welcome to UAW President Shawn Fain and the entire Team. I attended the March 2023 Convention. Many good speakers addressed the membership with encouraging words of support for the UAW. Topics of concern included the upcoming Contractual Bargaining Negotiation for Active, and hopefully the Retired workers who laid the foundation. Many proposals were read and debated.

Thank you to everyone in attendance. It was a success. *All we want and deserve is to be respected, treated fairly and share the wealth.*

The UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust

The VEBA Trust has started attending in-

person meetings. Please keep all 2023 Benefits Highlights booklet information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact them at the numbers listed inside each booklet. Remember that BCBS prescription drug plan is now OPTUM RX.

If you have questions or want to make changes to your coverage, contact Retiree Health Care Connect (RHCC) at 866-637-7555 or visit: UAWtrust.org

United Healthcare

On February 22, 2023, there was suspicious activity on the UHC mobile app. That may have led to the disclosure of some of your information, but not your Social Security or driver's license number. United Healthcare is offering you two (2) years of free *LifeLock Identity Theft Protection Service*. If you have any questions, call (800) 669-1812. The *deadline* is July 18, 2023 to enroll for this *FREE* service.

Remember To Use The New Over-the-Counter (OTC) Program (*Annual Allowance*)

You can place your order by *phone, online* or with the *order form*. Please remember the unused benefits will not carry over into the next year. You must use your full benefits amount before December 31, 2023. Depending on your insurance,

the Annual Allowance is \$50.00 to \$150.00 to spend.

Items are shipped directly to your home. This is a great benefit. If you have used the program, you are in their system. You can place two (2) orders a year toward your total amount. For example, if you don't use all the money at that time you can place another order. I encourage you to use it, do not lose it. To request a new catalog, call 1-877-218-9951.

Update Your Information

Please remember to update your information with your Local Unions and/or your Retired Regional Coordinator. Change of home address, phone, and email address, it's vital that you keep your information current. Contact Region 1A's Jeff Morris at (313) 291-2750.

Legal Service Plan

UAW-Stellantis/Ford/General Motors, it is your benefit... *use it*. The Plan is for Active, Retired and Spouses/ Surviving Spouses of eligible members. A case intake specialist will verify your eligibility, explain the coverage available for your matter, and refer you to an attorney. They emphasize service by phone at (313) 202-8099 (direct office) and email at georgiba@uawlsp.com.

Region 1A

Many thanks to the Director, Assistant Director, and Staff for their continuous help and hard work in making sure our Active and Retired members get the service they need.

Plan your trip for the Black Lake Retirees Retreat, July 5 thru July 8, 2023. Bus will leave the Region 1A parking lot, at 10:00 am *sharp*. Hope to see you then.

Fraud Watch

Talk to your families, your kids, and grandchildren. The risk is growing rapidly today because our children have more access to the outside world through their phones and internet services. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has opened a new door for scammers, making it easy to replicate almost anyone's voice from a brief audio sample. Please beware that this is a growing concern. *Be your best security.*

FYI

I was nominated, I accepted, and was voted in as your Advisory Council Alternate. I made this decision to dedicate more time to family and other committees I am involved in. It has been my heartfelt pleasure and honor to have served as your UAW International Retired Advisory Council Delegate over the years. I'm just stepping aside, *not* away. Much love, always...Yvonne

We Are One

I would like to send my condolences and prayers to the families and close friends of members passed.

I also send speedy recovery to our Sisters and Brothers recuperating. Get well soon.

God Bless You, God Bless America, and God Bless the UAW. In Solidarity, Peace and Love
Until Next Time...

IF YOU MISS THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE, THEN TAX A MILLIONAIRE



SINCE 1891

SUPPORT A UNION, AND BUY AMERICAN.



UAW REGION 1A BLACK LAKE RETIREE RETREAT

JULY 5-8, 2023

RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Single Occupancy.....\$402.50

Double Occupancy.....\$275.00 (per retiree)

Couple Package.....\$550.00 (per couple)



This will include your room accommodations and all meals, starting with dinner on Wednesday, July 5th and ending with breakfast on Saturday, July 8th.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 23, 2023.

Please be sure to include the \$10.00 bus fee for each retiree riding the bus from UAW Region 1A. Buses will leave UAW Region 1A on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. You may park in the Region's parking lot (West side), where you will return at approximately 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 8, 2023.



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CHAPTER 36 REPORT

Chair - YVONNE HARRIS



month at 10:30 a.m. at UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

2023 Dates To Remember

Mark your Calendar

- 6-19 Regular Meeting, guest VEBA Trust
- July 5- .. Region 1A Black Lake Retirees Retreat
- July 8 (Sign-up deadline is June 23, 2023)
- 7-17 Regular Meeting
- 8-21 Regular Meeting
- 8-24 Region 1A Picnic
- 9-4 Detroit, MI Labor Day Parade
- 9-18 Regular Meeting
- 10-16 ... Regular Meeting
- 11-20 ... Meeting/Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 12-5 Region 1A Christmas Luncheon
Crystal Gardens Banquet Hall
10 a.m. -2 p.m., **must purchase tickets**
- 12-18 Meeting/Christmas Luncheon

Asking For Donations

Let us start early by making donations to "Keeping our Seniors Warm" and "Coffee for Vets" and hopefully to share with more places. The nursing homes and VA centers were very thankful to receive our most recent donations. Thank you to our UAW Local 36 Retirees and Associate members. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Many Thank yous to our UAW Local 36 Retiree Executive Board, Barbara Whatley, George Love, A. Griffin, Nika El, Duane Nunnally and brother Chaplain Greg Wilson. God Bless.

Everyone, please enjoy your summer. We appreciate your hospitality, UAW Local 182... thank you!

In closing, for our brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones, please keep them and their families in prayer. Prayers are needed also for the sick and shut-ins. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

In Solidarity, my brothers and sisters, stay safe and God Bless...

Staying Safe and Informed

Greetings to My Retired Brothers and Sisters of UAW Local 36 and Associate Members, I am praying I find you well.

On behalf of the Executive Board, we would like to wish you a safe, healthy, enjoyable spring and summer. Stay as healthy as you can. Make and keep your doctor appointments. You are important to us.

Let me start off by thanking the membership for their support in attending the meeting on April 17, 2023, our first meeting of the year.

Information was shared concerning:

- Bills passed and signed in Lansing by Governor Whitmer.
- UAW Retired and Associate member voluntary dues are a minimum \$3.00 a month, which is tax deductible.
- The importance of supporting V-CAP with your voluntary donations, which is tax deductible. V-CAP is a community-driven program that helps support social and economic justice for all. It is an investment in our future.
- Beware of artificial intelligence (AI) scams, which can duplicate your voice.
- The Detroit summer 3 mile Riverwalk (50 and over). The walk is every Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-10:00 a.m., with blood pressure screenings and give-aways. Our meetings are the third Monday of each

CHAPTER 78 REPORT



Chair – NATHANIEL 'DAN' BISHOP

The Political Climate – The Storms are Upon Us

Special Greetings To The Retirees
And Spouses Of Local 78,

I truly hope all is well with each of you and your family. I hope and pray that you have overcome the many challenges that may have come your way.

I would just like to speak briefly on our current 'Political Climate,' which is upon us. You don't need to be a political science professor or a student of political science to recognize that we are living in a time of great turmoil. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to be living in this day and time, no doubt, finds it overwhelming to see the many devastating occurrences happening in our nation.

Without question, gun violence and mental illness, from the west coast to the east coast, is on the rise like never before. We are reading and seeing lives being impacted in ways like never before. The question of moral values is driving a very deep wedge between individuals in state after state.

The question of integrity and ethical behavior surrounding our judicial system, no doubt has left all of us to shake our heads in disbelief.

The very fiber of our nation is on the verge of being ripped apart without any safety net for anyone. If what we are seeing with our own eyes and living through at this time is any indication of what's to come, the forecast isn't good.

The political philosophy and political agenda of the GOP (Republican Party) have gone past the danger point for all of us. The political climate of our nation isn't very promising. It is heartbreaking to imagine what is going to happen in the days of our upcoming elections, which will no doubt be filled with deceptive and false promises like never before.

This great divide is leading us to a point of no return. If the storm clouds that are currently gathering here in our nation are any indication of what is going to come, well, all I can say is batten down the hatch, stand-up and do what you know is right.

SENIOR ALLIANCE INFORMATION 1-800-815-1112

A special expression of sympathy to the family and friends of those members or spouses who may have passed away.

Reminders

We will be meeting during the summer months on the third Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m., at UAW Local 245, 1226 Monroe St., Dearborn, MI. *Come on out and join us.*

Union dues are \$3.00 per month. You can pay at our Regular Meeting or send a check to:

REGION 1A

9560 Telegraph Rd., Taylor, MI 48180

**Local 78 Union Dues – Check payable to
INTERNATIONAL UNION UAW.**

If you have any questions concerning your pension check or any other personal matters related to your retirement:

DETROIT RETIREEES, CALL:

ZF (TRW) Service Center

877-698-7910, press "2"

Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ROMULUS RETIREEES, CALL:

PBGC – Customer Contact Center

800-400-7242

Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CHAPTER 182 REPORT



Chair – GEORGE 'MICKEY' HERRICK

Summertime Events

Hello Retired Brothers and Sisters of Region 1A!
Covid seems to be in our rearview mirror, and

the nation, as far as health goes, is looking up.

We at Local 182 just finished our Local elections and the turnout showed the Company that we care about the UAW and who leads us into the future, and also the present times.

We're getting ready to shut down for the months of June, July, and August, as our Local goes dark for those 3 months. However, the action at Local 182 doesn't stop during those months.

On August 12th, we are having our annual Golf Outing at Riverview Highlands. This golf outing raises money for our "Labor of Love" Christmas party for local underprivileged families. There will be lunch at the turn and a full dinner and

prizes at the club house.

There will be a Health Fair at the Livonia Transmission Plant on August 16th and 17th, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and all retirees are invited. The fair will take place on the west side of the plant off of Levan Road at Gate 9, by the Fitness Center and Security.

Also, in August, we are having our Local 182 Picnic. This event will take place August 27th. There will be bounce houses for the kids, food, drinks, and much more. This will take place around 11:00 a.m. in Local 182's parking lot and runs till late afternoon.

Then, on September 23rd, we will have our annual Car Show and Chili Cook-off. The festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. for registration and the show will go into the afternoon, when trophies will be distributed in many classes.

Also, in September, we will be offering flu shots and any Covid boosters that will be available through the Kroger pharmacy. Shots will be administered by the same person that has been dealing with our Local for years.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer. I'm donating 2 games to see the Tigers in the month of September to be raffled off at the Region 1A picnic in August.

Again, strength in unity and stay strong for our new UAW contract!

**Unions have been the
only powerful and
effective voice
working people have
ever had in
the history of
this country.**

Bruce Springsteen



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Chair – ELMER DUFF

Welcoming New UAW Officers

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It's time to turn off the heat and put away that winter clothing. We remember Memorial Day, although it has passed, but let's not forget those who gave their all.

On May 10, 2023, I had a meeting with the Region 1A Director Laura Dickerson. The meeting

was very fruitful. I found out she has a great concern for retirees and since this is a contract year, we talked about retirees' needs. One of the things we talked about was, with all the talk about electric vehicles (EVs), how do these vehicles affect people with pacemakers and defibrillators? She will ask this question at their board meeting.

At our May meeting, it was asked what would you like to see in this contract for the retirees?

1. Restore the Christmas bonus,
2. COLA on our pensions, and
3. Restore T.A.P.

Our picnic has been set. It will be August 16, 2023 at Shed #2 on Belle Isle.

We congratulate the new UAW Executive Board: President Shawn Fain, Secretary-Treasurer Margaret Mock, Vice President Chuck Browning, Vice President Rich Boyer, Vice President Mike Booth, Region 1A Director Laura Dickerson, and

Region 1 Director LaShawn English. They have pledged to serve all the members and retirees of the UAW.

Question: What has happened to all the donut shops?

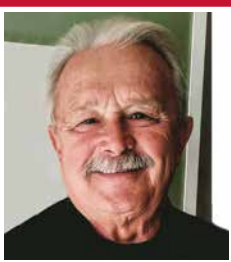
We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of our deceased members: Maryann McGrath, Paul Revello, Eugene Williams, Gary Sitz, Coy Morris, Laurence Cathey, Alicia Rose Curtis, Gary Derouin, Lawanc Stallworth, and Michael Olen Jerrells (son of Karen Jerrells). May they rest in peace.

I told members that the older we get, the smaller our world gets. So again, I say let us put away foolish things and check on each other.

Our Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month. Social hour is 10:00 a.m., meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. (except August, picnic).

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

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Chair – JAMES BARCZYK

WOKE

Is defined in the dictionary as "having or marked by an active awareness of systemic injustices and prejudices, especially those involving the treatment of ethnic, racial or sexual minorities."

Our lived experiences influence our reactions to preconceived injustices. African Americans,

since being stolen from their lands, have had *real* injustices forced upon their race. White privilege has been imbedded in our psyche since the birth of America. Unfortunately, addressing fairness in America is not universal. Neither political party has a record to be proud of, yet, as Martin Luther King stated, "the arc of the universe bends toward justice."

Who or what stands in the way of justice? From where I stand, the religious right stands with white supremacists. When torch-carrying racists marched in Charlottesville, VA, the President of the United States insisted "there are good people on both sides" and then 70,000,000 Americans vote for him. *Seriously, what's with that?*

Critical Race Theory (CRT) became the rallying cry to divide Americans, but now the rallying cry is "WOKE." Being WOKE is a

longtime adjective for Black Americans because it means being *aware*. WOKE is awareness about community issues and social injustices.

We, as Union members, have to seek out politicians who ban books, suppress individuality, marginalize the needy, promote racism and *vote them out!*

Democracy needs us now more than ever! Being a one-issue voter is not sustainable. We need to be active. It's hard to talk about politics, but we must in order to fight for our democracy. Ben Franklin said, "Democracy is not easy." You have the only weapon you need...*your vote*. Be sure to use it!

The June 27th, 11:00 a.m., meeting will celebrate the birth of our nation with a barbeque and good times. We hope you will join us.

An injury to one is an injury to all.

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CHAIR KAREN MAGER

Guest Speakers at Meetings

Our first vice president, Gary Schack, ran our past retiree meetings in my absence. He did an excellent job! He had our Region 1A retiree representative, Jeff Morris, and Local 387 Veterans Chairperson Ray Lopez speak about current events affecting veterans.

Gary also scored BBB representative Mel Leonard to speak at our May Retiree Meeting, which turned out to be the perfect choice for a speaker. Some of our members received a notice of a security breach and Mel changed the focus of her presentation to address this breach. She contacted people in the BBB, who are very aware of what to do in these instances. She is a fantastic

speaker and did lots of research so she could answer all of our questions.

At the June meeting, we will have some attorneys speak about asbestos exposure, how to address, how to verify, and what to do if you are exposed.

In July and August, there will not be a meeting.

At September's meeting, we will have CVS attend to give anyone wanting a flu shot. Thank you, Mark Petrlich and Traci Gray. We are also trying to coordinate a doctor to speak about how to recognize warning signs of suicide.

COALITION OF BLACK TRADE UNIONISTS



Conference attendees (L-R) Katie Martin, Linda "Kay-Kay" Hayes, Region 1A Director Laura Dickerson, and Peaches Anderson

2023




Are you paying your retiree dues?

Thank you if you are, but if you are not, PLEASE SIGN UP.

They are only \$3.00 per month and support UAW Retirees at your Local Retiree Chapter, Region 1A Retired Workers Council, and UAW Retired Workers Department. There are forms for Ford, GM, Stellantis, and Non-Big 3 Retiree (at right).

Sign up for pension check withdrawal or send a check for the year (\$36.00) to: UAW Retired Workers Dept. 8000 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214



Retired Workers Dues Allocation (\$3 Per Month)

- 40% to UAW Retired Workers Department
- 35% to Local Retiree Chapter
- 25% to Regional Retired Workers Fund

RETIRED EMPLOYEE'S AUTHORIZATION FOR CHECK-OFF OF DUES

I hereby assign to the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), from any monthly retirement benefits payable to me as a retired employee under a Retirement Plan established by agreement between the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), from any monthly retirement benefits payable to me as a retired employee under the Retirement Plan established by agreement between Ford Motor Company and the International Union, UAW, the sum of \$3.00 or more _____ as monthly membership dues in accordance with the Constitution of the International Union, UAW. I authorize and direct you to deduct such amount from said monthly retirement benefit and to remit same to the Union at such times and in such manner as may be agreed upon between Ford Motor Company and the Union at any time while this authorization is in effect.

This assignment, authorization and direction shall remain in full force and effect until written revocation is received by the Company, except that it shall be suspended and not in effect with respect to any monthly retirement benefit payable at a time when there is not in effect (1) an agreement between the Company and the Union concerning the maintaining of the Plan which permits or provides for the deduction of Union dues from monthly retirement benefits payable to a retired employee and (2) an authorization by the Board of Administration to the Trustee to make such deductions.

Contributions or gifts to the UAW are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Name - Type or Print Name _____ Local Union No. _____ Region _____

Street _____ Social Security No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Signature of Retired Employee here _____

Return to: UAW Retired Workers Dept. 8000 E. Jefferson - Detroit, MI 48214

UAW
FORM RW 1386

RETIRED EMPLOYEE'S AUTHORIZATION FOR CHECK-OFF OF DUES

I hereby assign to the Chrysler-UAW Retirement Plan, and any Successor Trustee(s), from any monthly pension benefits payable to me as a retired employee, including any pension payable to me, monthly dues in the amount of Three Dollars (\$3.00) or more _____ I authorize and direct that such amounts be deducted from any pension check payable to the Union of such times and in such manner as may be agreed upon between you and the Union while this authorization is in effect.

This assignment, authorization and direction shall remain in full force and effect until written revocation is received by the Corporation and the Union or until the termination of the applicable collective bargaining agreement between the Corporation and the Union or the date of expiry of this authorization, and I agree and direct that this assignment, authorization and direction shall be automatically renewed for the period of such succeeding applicable collective bargaining agreements between the Corporation and the Union. This authorization is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 300(d) of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended.

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Name - Type or Print Name _____ Local Union No. _____ Region _____

Street _____ Social Security No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Signature of Retired Employee here _____

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UAW
CHRYSLER
FORM RW 1387
PENSION PLAN

RETIRED EMPLOYEE'S AUTHORIZATION FOR CHECK-OFF OF DUES

I hereby assign to the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), from any monthly retirement benefits payable to me as a retired employee under the Retirement Plan established by agreement between Ford Motor Company and the International Union, UAW, the sum of \$3.00 or more _____ as monthly membership dues in accordance with the Constitution of the International Union, UAW. I authorize and direct you to deduct such amount from said monthly retirement benefit and to remit same to the Union at such times and in such manner as may be agreed upon between Ford Motor Company and the Union at any time while this authorization is in effect.

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UAW
FORM RW 1386

RETIRED EMPLOYEE'S AUTHORIZATION FOR CHECK-OFF OF DUES

I hereby assign to the GM-UAW Retirement Plan, and any Successor Trustee(s), from any monthly pension benefits payable to me as a retired employee under the General Motors Hourly-Rate Employees Pension Plan, the sum of \$3.00 or more _____ as monthly membership dues in accordance with the Constitution of the International Union, UAW. I authorize and direct you to deduct such amount from said monthly pension benefit and to remit same to the Union at such times and in such manner as may be agreed upon between General Motors Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Corporation," and the Union at any time while this authorization continues to be in effect and operative.

This assignment, authorization and direction shall remain in full force and effect until written notice given to the Corporation, except that during any period when there is not in effect a written collective bargaining agreement or supplement thereto between the Corporation and the Union which permits or provides for the deduction of Union dues from monthly pension benefits payable to a retired employee, such assignment, authorization and direction, if otherwise in effect, shall automatically be suspended for the duration of such period only.

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Street _____ Social Security No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Signature of Retired Employee here _____

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UAW
General Motors
FORM RW 1389



BUILDING OUR TOMORROW TODAY

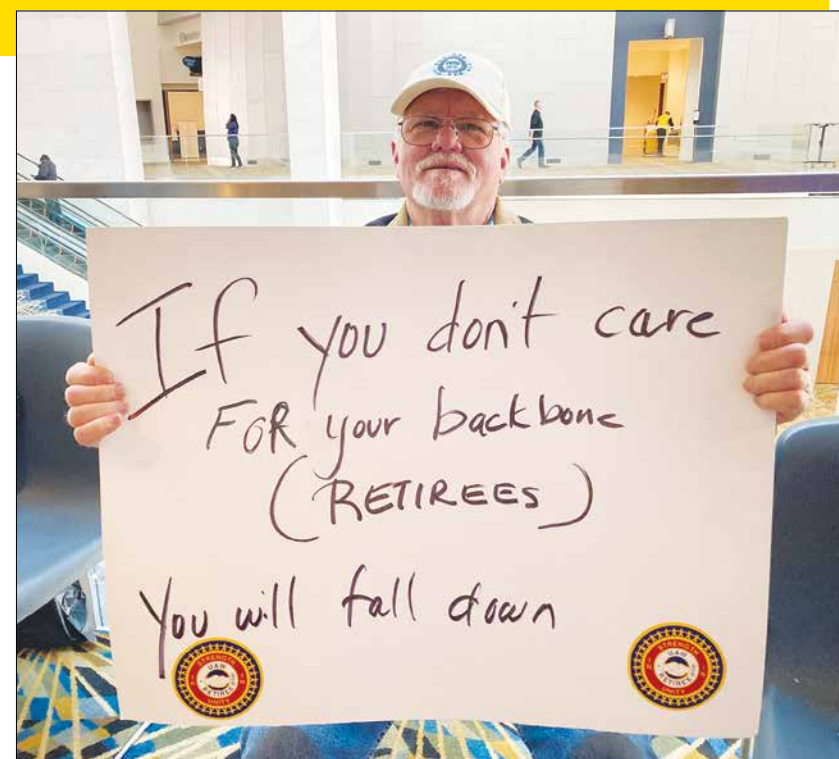
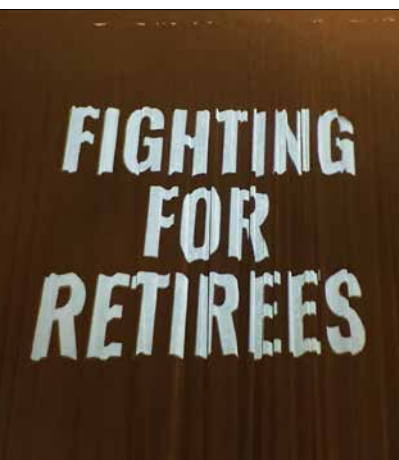


SPECIAL BARGAINING CONVENTION

Huntington Place • Detroit MI • March 27-29, 2023



UAW Region 1A Retirees were holding signs at the opening of the Convention, reminding the Delegates to make sure that Retirees are not forgotten when the 2023 negotiating begins for new contracts.



BOB SISLER *from Cover Page*

If there are certain topics you would like to be presented, let us know.

In my last two articles, I have shared with you the issues of how the corporations have taken over government regulations and passed their cost on to Main Street. *Medicare for All*, the unemployment system, and minimum wage have been deregulated by the government.

The minimum wage, present health care system, and the present unemployment system all generate undue stress adding to our social problems. Reports done by the federal government show that *Medicare for All* would reduce stress, stop bankruptcies due to health care costs, and eliminate the need for long-term medical coverage on your car insurance. A new

system of employment (*the Full Employment Bill*) versus unemployment would produce a positive resolution to unemployment.

Minimum wage is a joke. We have been brainwashed with the idea of entry-level jobs. We forget that workers are working two or three jobs, but still qualify for taxpayer benefits through public assistance. Billions in profit for companies and you are on the hook to help their workers survive. Our recent presentations on suicides clearly noted that “monetary insecurity” is first on many lists as a major factor in suicidal situations.

Do we have the desire to stop the violence or do we support a system of undue stress to keep indentured servants legal in this country? A billion may not be enough for corporate greed. You can be sure in today’s economy that \$15.00 is not enough to support yourself.

Remember to stay quiet and say, “don’t bother me.” There has been success in getting rid of pensions. Businesses report more taxpayer service to help retirees. Banks are closing due to deregulations of the industry (Dodd-Frank Act). The bankers who caused the problem wanted taxpayers to pay their bonuses and salary. Call your State and Federal representatives and ask them to place regulations to protect consumers in a reasonable way.

Healthcare not insurance. Minimum wage is not enough to live. Employment system that is positive vs unemployment loaded with stress and uncertainty. The UAW has never been afraid to work for justice in the face of violence being inflicted on others.

Seniors can make a difference! Unite and support *all* workers. Hope all is well.

CHAPTER 600 REPORT



President – PEACHES ANDERSON

Benefits. This is real. I know we have always said if it doesn't have *UAW Trust* on it throw it away, but this is a company that works for the *UAW Trust* and handles the Over-the-Counter (OTC) benefit, which had a data breach. Our information has been hacked. You must call this number ASAP:
1-800-984-8168

From 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., Monday-Friday *or* 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Please be patient. Some of our members have called and said they got through right away, but not every time. If you know of anyone who needs this information, please share it with them.

The United Way is here to help us. This is a free service that connects Michigan residents with information and resources, local health and human resource service agencies. For information and resources on utilities, rent payments, food, childcare, healthcare, housing, and temporary shelter, free tax preparation, school-related programs, **211** is available 24 hours a day and their staff will help you.

Call: **211** or **1-844-875-9211**

Text your zip code to 898211, or email 211@LiveUnitedSEM.org.

There is very good information coming from the Chairpersons and President. Use it please. Always make your doctors' appointments while we still have our benefits. You know the old saying, "*When you don't use it, you will lose it!*" Remember that this is a contract year.

Although we are retirees, we should still be supporting our great UAW Leadership and our Locals. Remember, *Unity is Strength!* Wear red on Wednesdays... *Solidarity Forever!* Our battle is not over and we must keep the fight within us.

At all of our membership meetings, important information is given to us. I will try to also put some information in my articles highlighting some of the information that was given, for those unable to attend our meetings.

Wishing you and your family the best of everything. Have a wonderful summer with family and friends, and please stay safe and in good health.

My condolences go out to those who have lost family and loved ones.

A lot of things you can't change. You also can't change people. The best change in our lives is our self-awareness and improvement.

A LIST OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

VEBA Trust.....	866-637-7555
Davis Vision.....	888-234-5164
Midwest Vision.....	313-582-8080
Delta Dental.....	800-524-0149
Tru Hearing.....	844-394-5420
Nations Hearing (<i>HAP only</i>).....	877-484-7977
Optum RX.....	855-409-0219
MetLife Insurance.....	833-552-3673
NESC.....	800-248-4444
Ford-UAW Retirement Board.....	800-829-8833
UAW Legal Services.....	800-482-7700
AXZ Plans.....	800-348-7709

A Changing Of The Guard

Sisters and Brothers,

The Change of the Guard has come in more ways than one. So, let's make a deal with ourselves and say we are going to do better with our lives. The reason I say that is we, as people, are not trying to do better. We are just sitting and waiting on a few people to make our decisions for our lives. Voting is our power and our speaking permit. Why aren't we doing better?

We will be the first to complain that they're not doing anything for us, but you have to realize that you are doing nothing for yourself. That's what happens when we don't *vote*. You are right, that's enough of that, but sometimes the truth needs to be heard and sometimes it hurts.

I hope you are reading your paper from our Local 600, the Region 1A *RETIREE NEWS*, and the UAW information mailed to your home. They all contain very important information for you.

Recently, we received a letter from *Nations*

Retirees Chapter. Congratulations to all those who were elected.

It is with a sad note that we have lost four members this month. If anyone knows of any member who has passed away, please let the Local know.

Sisters and Brothers, the Retirees Meeting and luncheon are still being held on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Currently, the meal is still at \$5.00 per person.

At this time, our Retiree funds are okay.

We have a new caterer now and she is working out quite well. The food is a lot better. Even the dessert is much better. With that being said, I hope that you will start coming to the meetings and enjoy fellowship with our members.

Hope to see you at the June meeting. It's contract time, so you might hear what may be taking place at the bargaining table.

If you are out and about and happen to talk to some of our retirees, let them know that we have a new caterer and the food is much better. The Retiree Chapter is still in need of some volunteer help at the meetings from time to time.

Sisters and Brothers, if you are not paying *voluntary* retiree Union dues, please come to the Local and sign up as a dues-paying retiree. The dues are only \$3.00 a month. Help support our Local Retiree Chapter by being a dues-paying member. By paying retiree dues,

you are financially strengthening our Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, as I have said in the last Region 1A *RETIREE NEWS*, our country is still in peril. We still need to have both the Democrats and Republicans to come together and help us bring our country back to where it needs to be. Yes, we, as citizens, need to come forth and help turn this country of ours around to where it needs to be. We can help by calling and writing letters to our elected Representatives and our President. If we do not get in there and participate in helping turn our country around, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

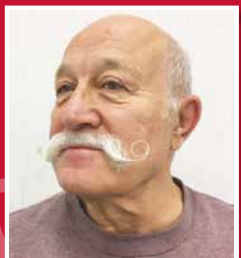
Are you tired of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the President? Well then, let us join together and let them know that we are tired of the way they are running our country. In my opinion, it truly is sad what our country has become.

If you are a Veteran, you can have your name on the Veterans Wall at the UAW Local 723 Union Hall. Come to the Local and fill out the form to have your name on the wall. You have earned the honor to have your name on that wall.

Mike Keck has decided to retire. Jeff Morris, our former Local President, will be handling the retiree issues from now on. Jeff works out of UAW Region 1A. The phone number at the Region is 313-291-2750. Good luck, Mike Keck! We hope to see you at the Retiree Meetings.

God bless all of you for what you have done for our Union.

CHAPTER 723 REPORT



Chair – ROBERT CEBINA

Local and National Issues

Greetings UAW Local 723 Members,

I hope that all of you are in the best of health these days.

The Tri-Annual Elections have taken place and Mike Miller was re-elected as our Local President. I have been re-elected as your Chairperson of our



CHAPTER 735 REPORT



Chair – SHIRLEY POLING

Oct. 11..... Retiree Chapter Healthcare Fair
 Nov. 8..... Retiree Chapter Meeting
 Dec. 13.... Retiree Chapter Christmas Party
 Check the *Local 735 Forever* Facebook page for more detailed information on these listed events.

New for this year is that the tickets for our Christmas Party will be on sale at our Retiree Picnic in August. Christmas Party tickets will be \$30.00 per person. We will once again be at Burton Manor in Livonia.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of our sister, Melba Hogue. Melba has served our Chapter as a Board Member-at-Large for over 10 years and as a volunteer for many years before that. Melba was a dedicated Union sister. Her bright smile, loving nature, and willingness to work hard will be missed from among our ranks. May God render great comfort

to her family.

Your Executive Board also extends our condolences to the families of all our members who have passed this year. May they rest in peace.

As you can see, our calendar is quite full for the remainder of the year. If you live near Westland, MI, I encourage you to attend our meetings. As changes in our healthcare plans come along, new legislation is proposed in our State and Federal capitols. As these events happen, they impact us as retirees. Attending our meetings is a great way to stay informed.

Our meetings are held at UAW Local 163, 450 S. Merriman Rd., in Westland. They are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. A hot lunch is served about 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$7.00 per person.

If you show up, you will know that you are in the know.

2023 Scheduled Events

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a list of upcoming important 2023 dates and events:

- July..... No Chapter Meeting
- July 14..... Reunion Golf Outing
- Aug. 9 Retiree Chapter Picnic
- Sept. 13 ... Retiree Chapter Meeting

CHAPTER 845 REPORT



Chair – MIKE LAMBERT

finish the required time before retirement. The Reunion will start at 10:00 a.m. and last till around 3:00 p.m. Bring a friend, a spouse, a family member. There will be entertainment from some of our talented retirees. Bring some memories, a smile, and a warm heart to share.

Now, many of our members have used the over-the-counter (OTC) products that the medical trust started last year. This has been extended another year. Please take advantage of this program again this year. They have not sent out catalogs this year, but you can still go online to view and purchase the products



you like. Visit: uawtrust.org/otcbenefit or call: 877-218-9951 to talk to a representative, or to request that a catalog be mailed to you.

I thank each of you for letting me serve you throughout these many years.

In Solidarity...

In Search of a New Chairperson

Once again, I come to write an article to the many retirees of UAW Region 1A. This may be the last article that I write, as I have been the Retiree Chair for our Local 845 for most of my 17 years of retirement. As we age, we also begin to have more ailments. I have enjoyed representing our Local over the past years. Helping our retirees is something I hope that I will never stop doing, however, the time has come to spend more time with the grandchildren and the kids, not to mention my wife who has stood beside me.

I am using this newsletter to see if there is anyone interested in the continuing efforts to bring our great Local the information that each of us needs from our Region and International Union. Please attend our Local Retiree Union Meeting on the second Thursday of the month to see us. I am looking at the end of this year as the time I will be stepping down.

Now, let us look at the things that we, as a Local, are continuing to do. On August 20th, the active membership will be having their Annual Picnic. This will be at the Van Buren Park, located at 50901 North Interstate 94 service drive. The picnic will begin at noon and last until around 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy the day with our members.

Our Retirees are once again having a Sheldon Road Survivors Reunion on August 31st at Heritage Park in Canton. This Reunion is open to all who worked at the Sheldon Road Plant under the FORD, VISTEON, ACH flags. Many of our members were transferred to other Ford plants to



CHAPTER 849 REPORT



Chair - **BOB BOWEN**

- October 19 – 57th Anniversary 12:00 noon social, then a 1:00 p.m. meal
- November 16
- December 5 Christmas Party

Special Request

Please be careful when using weedkiller chemicals. Marlene Fox wants all of us to know that George's death was caused by a weedkiller. If you use these products, please use protective gloves and other safety gear.

Occasionally, I get a call from a widow/widower who wants to announce the death of their husband or wife. Some of these requests are for those who never worked at the Ypsilanti Plant of Ford Motor Company, but are members of Local 849. When that happens, with the assistance of the Region, we try to get the departed brother or sister's name printed in the proper Local's Region 1A Chapter's report.

After the last edition of the *RETIREE NEWS*, Barbara Trazakos called to ask if it would be possible to get the news out about her husband's death. Stanley Trazakos died in 2019 and she wanted his friends from Local 15's Machinist Club at the Cadillac plant to know that he had passed. Unfortunately, Local 15 no longer submits a report.

With that in mind, Local 849 will gladly honor Barbara's request by adding her beloved husband's name to our report. Thank you, Barbara, for reading the *RETIREE NEWS* and for caring about your husband and his friends.

IN MEMORIAM
Stanley A. Trazakos
11/1/32 - 12/14/2019

If you are not a Chapter member and would like to join up, please email Bob Bowen at bowl59@gmail.com, or call (734) 482-6213 and leave a message, include your name and a phone number. I will return your call and gladly send you an application. Membership only costs \$3 a month.



Local 849's 1957 Baseball Team
(Bottom row, L-R): Bob Barnett, Wayne Tye, Charles Parker, Ray Robinson, Roland Tooson, and Rube Westfall. (Standing, L-R): Bill Bailey, Bill Argo, O.K. Allen, Marvin Auten, Lee Simpson, Bill Auten, and manager Bill Husted. (Not shown: Bob Mellinger)

In Memoriam

Mourning the loss of Local 849 Members, the following are deaths reported since last edition of Region 1A *RETIREE NEWS*:

Sam Music	06/18/40 - 08/27/2021
Randolph G. Burrow	06/02/32 - 02/01/2023
Charles J. Anderson	08/06/42 - 02/03/2023
Logan Combs	03/15/33 - 02/20/2023
Orin F. Smith	04/15/41 - 02/25/2023
Arlillian Bennett	10/05/42 - 03/05/2023
Thomas E. Fital	05/26/45 - 03/22/2023
Harley H. Parker	07/01/31 - 03/29/2023
John A. Hayes	06/23/56 - 04/03/2023
Raymond E. Porter	04/10/30 - 04/08/2023
Linda J. Collins	10/17/47 - 04/13/2023
George P. Fox	03/22/40 - 04/14/2023
Richard L. Keiger	02/02/45 - 05/16/2023

To this tribute, we add our brother Bobby Elkins (3/11/39 - 7/31/2021), who retired from Local 36, and Hubel E. Freeman, Jr. (5/13/47 - 5/6/2023) who retired from Local 845.

Retirees Chapter Planning 57th Anniversary Celebration

The clock moves faster for older people, so I'm up before sun up typing instead of sleeping. I suppose some of you are up too, checking yesterday's news, today's weather forecast, and planning the day to come. That's our nature – plan, then work and pray for a good outcome. That's the way Local 849's Retired Workers Chapter works, too.

We are already planning this year's Local 849 anniversary celebration. This will be the 15th since the plant closed in 2008. This notice is being published early, so be on the lookout for your official invitation. It should be in your mailbox by mid to late August. This year's celebration will be held Thursday, October 19th at UAW Local 898's Union Hall at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Make it a practice to attend Chapter meetings whenever you can.

Our 2023 Meeting Schedule

We meet on Thursdays, with a 12:00 noon potluck (bring a dish to pass), and a 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting. Meetings are held at Local 898's Union Hall.

Upcoming 2023 Important Dates:

- June 15
- July – No Meeting
- August 17
- September 21

CHAPTER 898 REPORT



Chair - **SHEILA PEDERSEN**

Michigan.

Congrats to our E-Board at Local 898. Most ran unopposed and the In-plant Committee also. Our Chairman is working on negotiations for the National Agreement. We applaud their efforts during these trying times of change.

Recently, we celebrated Workers Memorial Day. I hope all of you took a moment to remember our members who were killed on the job.

Local 898 Retirees have voted to meet year-round again this year with our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. All retirees from Rawsonville and/or their spouses are welcome. Each year, we lose more and more of our retirees. It would be nice to see the room full again. Lunch is catered with a small donation at the door.

I drive to the meetings and the orange cones are everywhere, be safe and be careful.

Remember to pray for peace and our Union and for our nation.

What A Busy Spring

With elections, conventions, and all that repeal going on in Lansing, it's hard to keep up. I read a t-shirt the other day that said "*Promises Made and Promises Kept.*" I am so proud of the Michigan Legislature and the hard work they have done to repeal Right to Work and other anti-Union laws, and especially proud of our very own UAW member and Legislator, Jimmy Wilson, Jr. We have been watching and he is working hard for

CHAPTER 931 REPORT



Chair - **SYLVIA GRIFFIN**

Cyber Security Breach

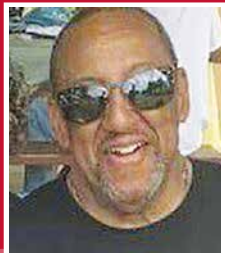
Greetings Retirees of Local 931,

I hope that each of you reading this issue of the *RETIREE NEWS* is doing fine.

Since the last edition, there have been some changes in leadership due to elections, both at the Local and International level. Congratulations to all of the winners in their new roles! In the near future, I hope to see attention given to retirees in

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Chair – DERIC TWIGGS

- Recording Secretary..... Edna Smith
- Financial Secretary Ann Carter
- Trustees..... Rose Davis
- Delegates..... Edna Smith
Rose Davis
Ramona Burris
- Clergy Rev. Banks

In May, we had a guest speaker, Rep. Jeff Morris, from the Education and Retirees Office of Region 1A. He was available to swear in the new officers. He also wanted to introduce himself to our members and make them aware that he was available at any time there were any questions that needed to be answered. He would be happy to return any time we requested, if he is available.

Retiree Jerry Clifton (former plant chairman) reminded us that *we* are the Union and it is important for us to continue our beliefs and our

responsibility to keep the Union strong through our friends and family. Remember “*YOU put the U in Union.*”

In order for us to continue supporting our Local 1776 Retirees, we need to increase our attendance. Please encourage other members to join us at our regular monthly meetings...

**Every Third Thursday of Every Month
11:00 a.m
UAW Local 182
35603 Plymouth Road
Livonia MI 48150**

We will continue our meetings during the summer months. There will be discussions at the June meeting about our annual picnic.

The Annual Willow Run Picnic is scheduled for the second Saturday in July at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park.

Newly Elected Leadership

It’s great seeing some of our Retirees getting back into the swing of things. At our meeting in March, elections were held for the new officers for Local 1776 Retirees.

The results were as follows:

Chairperson..... Deric Twiggs

bring a dish to pass, vegetable or dessert.

Don’t forget about the Region 1A Retirees Annual Picnic, August 24, 2023 at Newport Fireman’s Park, 9005 Brandon Rd., Newport, MI 48166 from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. If you would like to carpool, please meet at UAW Local 3000, 22693 Van Horn Rd., Woodhaven, MI 48183 at 10:30 a.m.

The Retiree Scholarship winners of the “*How my family and I benefited from the UAW/Union?*” contest will be announced at the Scholarship Program Luncheon on June 22, 2023. I am very proud of this crucial program.

We have some exciting speakers and

presentations starting in September. Please mark your calendar to benefit from being part of this *great UAW Local 3000.*

All Meetings start at 12:00 noon

MEETING DATES:

June 13, 2023

July 11, 2023 – Meeting *CANCELLED*

August 8, 2023 – Meeting *CANCELLED*

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

Obituaries

Our sympathies go out to the families of:

Don Johnson

Dwain Grant

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Chair – SHARON HARDING

Upcoming Events

The next retiree meeting will be June 13, 2023 at 12:00 noon. BBQ is the main entrée. Please

policy and support substance abuse disorder prevention and treatment), who discussed the opioid epidemic in Michigan, how to use the opioid settlement monies in the local communities, and basic care for overdose victims until first responders arrive. Each participant was given a Narcan kit provided by Vox.

The retirees established an exploratory group to look at re-establishing pensions for State workers. There is currently a bill in the Michigan Senate to establish a 50% pension 50% 401(k) plan for Michigan Corrections Officers. The Senate Bill 156-157 is sponsored by Ed McBroom.

The membership agreed to suspend meetings during the months of June, July, and August 2023. We will resume meetings at UAW Region 1A, 9650 S. Telegraph, Taylor, MI 48180 on September 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Have a safe and great summer.

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Vice Chair – BERNARD NOWAKOWSKI

Retired Workers Happenings

Spring has sprung. Hope all are enjoying the warm weather.

The group has been primarily focusing on three activities. A group of this membership is involved in educating community organizations on the benefits of *Medicare for All*. They are preparing for the reintroduction of the *Medicare for All Act of 2023* by Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Jayapal Pramila. This bill would eliminate medical expenses for all Americans.

To get involved in the movement, contact Robert Sisler at (313) 824-0952 or email robertsisler@att.net.

As a group, we have had training in identifying and giving first aid treatment to persons in opioid overdose. Our April 2023 meeting had Mark Kilgore, the Community Organizer for Care/Project Vox of Southeastern Michigan (a recovery advocacy group that works to influence public

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areas like cost of living, profit sharing and/or bonuses at the end of the year, just to name a few.

As Union brothers and sisters in good standing, we strongly support and stand behind our Union 100% and appreciate the reciprocal relationship. Retirees have always answered when called, shown up when asked, and we expect our leaders to do the same.

One issue I wanted to bring forth to you all is about a recent communication you should have received from *Nations Benefit*, a company providing benefit administration services to our healthcare provider. Apparently, there may have been a cyber security breach with one of the vendors used to provide services. Before answering any questions and providing any information pertaining to this letter, if you made an over-the-counter order, you may be impacted.

Please check with your Benefits Representative to help guide you on what needs to be done and be sure to read the front and back of the letter before taking any action. Calling the number provided will provide you with 2-year credit protection. However, read this letter carefully and in its entirety.

As always, it’s my pleasure to serve alongside you as a proud UAW Retiree, and I hope to see many of you at Black Lake at the upcoming gathering July 5-8, 2023, *or* at the next Retirees Meeting on July 19th at the Golden Corral, located at 14591 Eureka Road in Taylor, Michigan.

Yours in Solidarity...

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UAW CAN IGNITE A MOVEMENT OF JUSTICE

RETIRED WORKERS
COUNCIL CHAIR

BOB SISLER



I would like to thank the Region 1A Delegates for electing a slate of Officers to the board dedicated to serve. Welcome to our New Administration with President Shawn Fain. The UAW can ignite a movement of justice in this country.

The purpose of our Region 1A Retired Workers Council is "to act on legislative issues for ourselves and our Union brothers and sisters as well as social issues impacting our American life". Our UAW history has never stayed focused on just their members, but *Justice for All* by standing up for civil rights in the United States, standing against apartheid in South Africa, and standing with the Air Traffic Controllers. The UAW saw wrong and took action to correct the wrong.

Martin Luther King noted, "The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress."

I was told to stay on senior issues. I believe we are all united and division hurts the workers, retirees, and the families of all Americans. An example of division is funding of Social Security. As noted before, there is an attempt to lift the cap of about \$170,000. FDR designed this trust to be for workers and noted if the wealthy paid larger percentages, they would try to control it.

So, in an attempt to divide us, we fail to unite with minimum wage workers who struggle to make a living. We believe the propaganda that says this is an entry job for kids. Instead, the Company is making "billions" and should not be allowed to have an indentured servant in the USA.

If Congress passed a bill that made minimum wage a living wage, Social Security would have enough money and the deficit would be reduced. (Remember when Clinton put people to work and had a surplus when he left office?) Small businesses would get tax breaks, or rebates to offset higher cost. (We did it during the Covid 19.)

If we stay divided, we lose.

As we enter negotiations, it is time to take on the Corporations and return to the days where workers and their families mattered. We will be asked to help during strikes and movements to change laws (Right to Work, Pension tax, Medicare for All, Social Security increase, Pensions, etc.).

"...it is time to take on the Corporations and return to the days where workers and their families mattered."

We may say I am retired and what does this have to do with me. When injustice exists, it spreads through society. When citizens are in a struggle financially, have medical needs, there is a lack of recreation centers, etc., we have despair. The reality is we have deregulated corporations, which create everyday problems. (*REGULATION, the non-profit status of healthcare, utilities focused on service vs profit, privatization vs public service, pensions, etc.*) It is time to unite with our new administration fighting for justice.

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2023 Picnic



Retired Workers Council

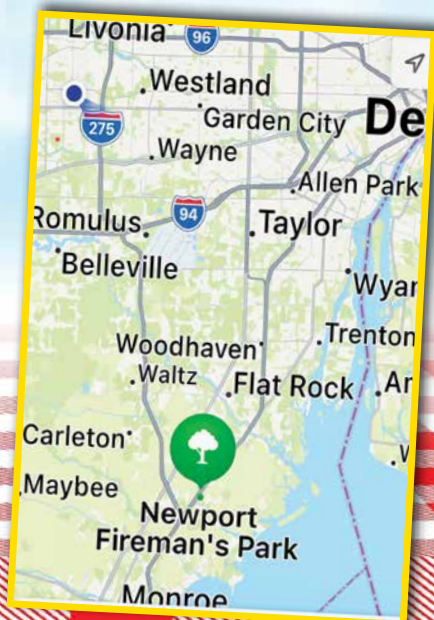
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Come on out for a day of friendship.

Newport Fireman's Park

We look forward to seeing you there!

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Region 1A Retirees & Family

9005 Brandon Road • Newport, MI

