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Fighting For Working Families



REGION 1A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Laura DICKERSON

Greetings and Happy New Year Region 1A Retirees,

This is an extremely busy year, and 2022 will go down in history as the political agenda begins to take hold. Redistricting is at the forefront of everyone's mind. The redrawing of the lines has taken on a new identity. While the lines have not been finalized, the maps will take on a new look.

The Chestnut Congressional map, which now includes 13 districts, eliminating the 14th, will include new communities that were not included in the past district. With the new districts this has created a political stir in our communities, as current and future members of Congress, State Senate and State House debate their futures. This has caused some to announce retirement, some to run in new districts and others to seek seats in open districts. There will be a lot of movement in 2022.

Along with the Chestnut Congressional map, there is also the Linden State Senate map and the Hickory State House map. There have been

legal challenges to all three maps, but the maps should have been finalized by the time this *Retiree News* reaches you.

Needless to say, this will leave the Region's Community Action Program (CAP) and CAP Council extremely busy with screenings and CAP activities through the end of the year. One major event to note is the 2022 UAW National CAP Conference, which will be held this year the week of May 15th. Further details will follow.

We will continue to fight for retiree benefits and protect pensions. That starts with voting in the right leadership in the state of Michigan in 2022. One election that will be at the top of the Region's agenda is the gubernatorial race. We will be working hard to protect working families in the state of Michigan. The key piece to that protection is the re-election of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. They will be at the top of the Democratic ticket this fall.

The Nominating Convention for the Michigan Democratic Party will be held on April 9th at Huntington Place (formerly the TCF Center and Cobo Hall) in Downtown Detroit.

Part of Governor Whitmer's agenda will



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include repealing the tax on retiree pensions. This tax started in 2011 and has been a huge burden to our UAW retirees and retirees across the state of Michigan. This tax has caused many to move out of state and others to consider moving just to maintain a decent retirement. We have a lot of work to do!

At this time, we are still dealing with Covid-19. With the latest variant, Omicron, it leaves us still unable to meet in large crowds due to the safety of everyone. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated, get boosted, wear a mask, and follow CDC guidelines. Covid-19 has taken so many lives, which includes the lives of our active and retired members. It continues to surge and we can only remain hopeful that it will start to decrease and taper off this year.

Lastly, I just want to add that I appreciate everyone's support as we work hard to protect our Union and fight for working families!

from the **RETIRED WORKERS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD** Region 1A

IN-PERSON MEETINGS
There have been some Locals that have been meeting in person, but as of now the Region is watching the Covid numbers before we will be having in-person meetings at the Region.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Our Scholarship Committee has met and we have a program set for our 2022 youth scholarships. See more information on page 3.

CAP CONFERENCE
The Virtual CAP Conference scheduled for February 15th and 16th has been cancelled. The CAP Conference will instead be held in Washington, D.C, May 15-18, 2022.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
The Constitutional Convention will be held at the Huntington Place in Detroit on July 25-29, 2022.

BLACK LAKE
Region 1A's Retiree Retreat at Black Lake will be July 31-August 3, 2022.
As plans are finalized, we will share further information with you.

Advisory Council Report

by Yvonne Harris, Retired Workers Delegate



Information from Your International UAW Retired Workers Advisory Council

Hello everyone, I pray all is well. Happy 2022 New Year!

I would like to welcome all new retirees. Please sign up for the (voluntary)

V-CAP and (voluntary) Retiree Union Dues. Spouses can sign up to become an Associate member. As your Retired Workers Advisory Council Delegate, I received the following valuable information...

Covid/Flu Shots

Covid vaccines, boosters and flu shots are free and available at many various sites. Just a reminder, a mask is free and available at most pharmacies, Meijer, Kroger, Walgreen, and Walmart.

Warning: It has been reported there's a group going door to door pretending to work for the U.S. government and passing out chemically treated masks. Please beware of opening your door to any solicitors.

Free Covid-19 test kits are available to every home in the United States. Please go to the online site at COVIDtests.gov for more information and to order. Remember, we're all in this together. We owe it to each other to be as safe as possible.

UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust

The 2022 Healthcare Benefits Highlights has a few changes effective January 1, 2022. You can find more information in the booklet you received.

- Lower deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums
- Lower office visit copays
- Expanded benefits
- Dental preventive care services not limited to annual maximum
- Vision benefit enhancement
- New over-the-counter (OTC) program

(Annual Allowance)

Before you make any changes, be aware that enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan, including a Prescription Drug plan, outside of the Trust's offerings will disenroll you from Trust coverage. Medicare's enrollment rules state you can only be enrolled in one Medicare Advantage plan at a time.

Learn more about your UAW Trust Benefits. They are hosting live educational sessions by phone or webcast. The sessions continue to be held throughout the month of February. Call 844-480-4826 (Monday-Friday), 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. or online at uawtrustevents.co.

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

At this time, the VEBA Trust is not attending any in-person meetings. Any questions, call 866-637-7555 or visit UAWtrust.org.

Update Your Information

Please remember to update your information with your Local Union and your Regional Office with any change of home address, phone and/or e-mail address. It's vital that you keep your information current.

Region 1-A

Region 1-A is back working in the office. Please call 313-291-2750 to ensure availability. They are happy to help.

Solidarity House

Glad to inform you, our UAW International Reps. will hopefully be moving back into their offices in the spring of 2022.

Scams

Due to the covid pandemic, we find ourselves at home a lot more, of course. Many of us are ordering home delivery services from Amazon, FedEx, UPS and local stores. I have heard so many scam stories, it's sickening. Scams are on the rise by phone, computers, mail or even by a knock on your door. Be careful with your personal information – alert, look and listen.

Please remember the government/IRS will *not* call you. Look for personal information by mail. Be safe.

"WE ARE ONE"

I would like to send my condolences and prayers to the families and close friends of members who have passed. We have lost so many during these last few years. It hurts so bad that we were not able to console many of our Union friends.

I send speedy recovery wishes to my Sisters and Brothers who are recuperating. Get well soon.

God Bless You, God Bless America, and God Bless the UAW!



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Union Label Committee **Report**

by Linda (Kay-Kay) Hayes, UAW Local 600 Retiree



Be Sweet To Your Sweetie...

...and to the UAW-FORD partnership making and providing masks. Union members volunteered to return to work to make masks, ventilators, and other supplies to combat the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We applaud the UAW members who helped make it happen.

My Union Brothers and Sisters, let's continue to pray for loved ones and friends, our sick and shut-ins. Our age group is so vulnerable to colds and flu. Just be careful and stay prayed up. I miss you guys, and am praying that this will soon go away. *Wear your masks, get your shots.*



SPIRITS

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| C.K. Mondavi (UFW) | JFJ (UFCW) |
| Charles Krug (UFW) | Tott's (UFCW) |
| Chateau Ste. Michelle (UFW) | Wycliff (UFCW) |
| Gallo of Sonoma (UFW)) | |



FLOWERS

- Kroger (UFCW)
- Meijer (UFCW)
- Costco (Teamsters)
- Safeway (UFCW)



SWEETS

- Ghirardelli (UFCW)
- Hershey's Chocolate (BCTGM)
- See's Candies (BCTGM)
- Russell Stover (BCTGM)
- Jelly-Belly (BCTGM)
- Nestle (UFCW)



RETIREE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Child, grandchild or ward of a UAW member in Region 1A
- 2022 high school graduate
- Accepted to college or trade school

2022 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

can win one of the following four awards of **\$1,000 EACH** honoring...

- ◆ **Laura Dickerson**, Region 1A Director
- ◆ **Roy Gonzalez**, Local 163
- ◆ **Alyce Graves-Kirk**, Local 6000
- ◆ **Jeff Washington**, Local 900

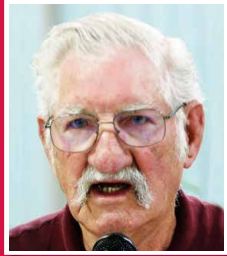
Please submit an essay of 500 words or less on the following topic:

“The Core Values of American Democracy”
(Where are our Core Values today?)

For application forms, contact
YOUR UAW LOCAL UNION
or Nova Schollenberger at
313-291-2750

DEADLINE for completing entry requirements is APRIL 28, 2022

CHAPTER 36 REPORT



Chair – JIM MAGGARD

Abiding By Our Principles

I hope this news article finds all Local 36 retirees well and virus free. Please make sure you get fully vaccinated and always wear your mask. This Omicron variant is nothing to play with.

I am unsure when we will be able to have our next face-to-face meeting. We are still holding off until things begin to stabilize. We are doing everything necessary to keep everyone safe.

With that being said, I do want to take this time to thank all the officers for the work that

they have done, and continue to do, every day. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Please keep an eye out and ears open to what is going on in this country. In particular, I am speaking of the states changing their voting rights amendments. It is going to get more and more difficult to vote, particularly for those who need to do absentee voting (such as our elderly), those in nursing homes and hospitals without the needed transportation to get to the voting booths, those who have jobs where they travel, and even our military or citizens living abroad. We need to wake up and raise our voices against these changes before these guaranteed rights as American citizens are taken away from us.

Boy, things are changing. My dad told me when I was a little boy that if we are not careful “they” will take over without firing a single shot. Who are “they”? You must ask yourself that. The more I am seeing, the more I wonder if his prediction will come true. *Examples:* In April 2020, we had armed citizens storm the State House in Lansing wanting to “talk” (yes, they

were armed with rifles wanting to talk) about not extending our state’s Covid orders.

Agree with the order or not, to go to Lansing while armed with the overall intentions of “forcing” your point on others in itself is not right. January 2021, we had armed citizens storm the Capitol Building in Washington, DC wanting to protest an election. During this uprising, we even had injuries and a death. *Why?*

Nothing is worth taking an innocent life away. These are houses and institutions that I never thought in my lifetime I would see American citizens try to destroy and or take over. Where is this country going?

I will end this by saying I love this country and I love being an American citizen. I have worked hard and my family has sacrificed for freedom and the rights we have been given. I wonder exactly what our forefathers were thinking when they wrote the Declaration of Independence, and if we are abiding to those writings as they were meant, or have we lost their true interpretation.

CHAPTER 78 REPORT



Acting Chair – NATHANIEL “Dan” BISHOP

A New Year: Bringing Great Challenges For All Of Us

Greetings to our Retiree Members and Spouses,

It is my sincere hope and prayer that the beginning of this new year has started on an encouraging note for you and your family.

May I extend my sincere sympathy to those of you who may have lost a loved one. I know without a doubt that 2021 was an uphill climb for many of us. So, let us buckle up and promise ourselves, whatever may come our way in this year of 2022, we will be ready to stand strong

and be committed to that which is right. Let us hope for the best, for we know there are forces already hard at work seeking to do all they can to promote hatred and bitterness.

We have gone through a year of being overwhelmed with the Covid-19 virus, and questions about getting the vaccine or not, should we wear a mask or not, should masks be allowed in schools. Also, about what news channel should you watch, and “yes” was the election stolen? We are truly a divided nation and there are some who want it like that. Heartaches and heartbreaks continue to be the daily diet for many throughout our nation.

You would think there would be a majority of people having the desire to move in a direction that would be uplifting for all Americans. Unfortunately, that isn’t the case. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to know we’re at the threshold of seeing our nation going deeper into a state of chaos and destruction like never before. If ever there was a time for those of us who know what is truthful to stand up for the well-being of our nation, it is now.

Let us stand up and be counted. Let us stand strong for the very future of this nation and generations to come. Don’t buy into all the lies, falsehoods, social media misinformation, and the cancel culture. Don’t get sucked down the drain of no return.

Let us hope for the best and do our part to make a difference for the good of all, standing together in 2022!

Things To Look For

Remember to be on guard against the ever-increasing scams, fraud and financial abuse that is out there.

This month, you should notice an increase in your Social Security check (good news).

All insured drivers should be getting a refund on each of the cars they have insured, no later than May of this year.

Reminders

We are meeting 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.

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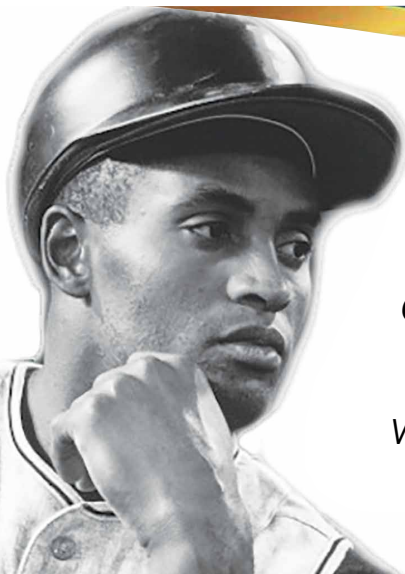
PBGC – Customer Contact Center
800-400-7242

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

“Anytime you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don’t, then you are wasting your time on Earth.”

– Roberto Clemente
Latin American Baseball Legend

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CHAPTER 163 REPORT



Chair – ROY GONZALEZ

from small townships to the Presidency, probably yourselves also, and the same threats to school boards, dedicated poll workers, and others. Then, the Trumpsters try to take over the elections by all their nefarious means, and try to overthrow the elections declaring the Rat Trumpsters the winners.

If the Trumpsters get the 2022, 2024, and beyond elections, while also cementing the U.S. Supreme Court, then our nation becomes the United States of Russia, with Putin the real President.

Merrick Garland should do the right thing for the salvation of American democracy and retire in January 2022. Then, for a real strong U.S. Attorney General, get Frank Figliuzzi, Jill Wine-Banks, or Lawrence Tribe to rescue the United States of America. We need an all-out push for straight Democratic votes.

Hall in Livonia on Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Call for hours at 734-522-9003.

In December (Christmas Holiday), we partied like the Kennedys. We had a great party with lots of door prizes for the membership (more prizes than people). Everyone left with a full belly and an arm full of door prizes.

Now begins a new year, 2022, and covid is still amongst us, along with the Omicron variant, shingles, flu, and pneumonia, etc. It goes on and on, but whatever it takes to beat them all, sign me up! I have no stomach, gall bladder, spleen or part of my pancreas, but I have all my shots and I'm still standing. *Thank God and science!*

We will be having a meeting in February on the 10th. We meet the second Thursday of every month except for June, July, and August. I'm hoping to have the Trust come and address our retirees in May, right before we shut down for the summer months.

Getting speakers is a challenge, but I'll do my best for the retirees. Hoping to get someone from St. Mary's Hospital to speak to us about what is going around. I'm also going to try and get the Red Cross to come and talk to us about defibrillators. We are thinking about getting one for the Union Hall.

In closing, I'd like to say Happy New Year to one and all. Please stay safe and remember, there is always strength in numbers and unity!

CHAPTER 227 REPORT



Chair – ELMER DUFF

Union Business

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

As we enter a new year, our prayers are with you and your family.

Our last in-person meeting was February 2020. We left each other on a good note. However, a month later, it seems like we became victims of a virus that separated us from family and the whole world. This coronavirus has taken a lot from us, changed our way of life, and made some of us prisoners in our own homes. Because some don't want to comply with the CDC and federal government and take the shots or other guidelines, we are still in a state of panic.

Upcoming Events

1. **The UAW Convention** is July 25th -29th 2020 at Huntington Place (old Cobo Hall)
2. **Black Lake** will be July 31st to August 3rd, 2022. Single room booking only.
3. **CAP Conference** will be May 2022 in Washington, D.C.
4. The good news is that **Solidarity House should reopen** in the spring of 2022.

All dates are subject to change and fees will be announced later.

The UAW sent out a notice of how we want to vote for the International Executive Board. The majority voted for individual. The UAW is working out how the balloting and counting will be done. More to come later.

As for our 227 meetings, we are still waiting for International UAW to give us the "all clear." Again, to all Wayne County Veterans, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund is taking applications for assistance for wartime-era Veterans and spouses for grants up to \$3,500.00. This also applies to all non-remarried widows and minor children of eligible veterans who have experienced unforeseen temporary emergency hardship. Call 1-800-642-4838. This program applies to all counties in Michigan.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of the following deceased members of McGraw Glass and Export-Import Plants:

- Bernie Miles
- Cecil Squire
- Lawrence (Larry) Plfiger
- David Whigan
- Kitty North
- Clarence Sanders, Sr.
- Eschol Wheeler

May they Rest in Peace.

Continue to check on each other. Till we meet again... *Stay Safe!*

CHAPTER 182 REPORT



Chair – GEORGE 'MICKEY' HERRICK

Getting Back To 'Normal'

Hello Retired Brothers & Sisters and All Active Brothers and Sisters of the UAW,

I hope everyone is found in good health after the holidays. I hope you're wearing your masks when needed and you got vaccinated for your own protection and those in your family and friends you hang around with.

We started having meetings again in September with a pizza party. Then, in October, we started having regular meetings. We had been dark since 2020, so getting back to some sense of normalcy has been great. It was nice to see some old friends again and some new faces (new retirees).

In November, we met again and had the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) come and address our vets. They came with much knowledge for what the vets are entitled to. They meet every Wednesday at the D.A.V.

HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME

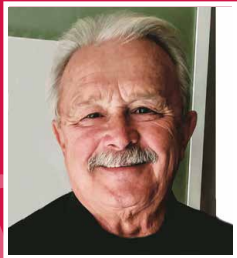
If you have an old cell phone to donate, you can bring it to Pat Greca (Guide RWC) or Rick Custer (Local 600 retiree), at the monthly retiree meeting at the Region or look for collection boxes in your community. **Help support our soldiers!**

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

CELL PHONES —★ FOR ★— SOLDIERS



CHAPTER 372 REPORT



Chair – JAMES BARCZYK

One Man, One Vote

I think we all grew up being taught “one man, one vote” is a principle of our democracy. Senator Romney has recently reminded us that money also has the right to vote. I was not taught that in my civics class, were you?

The Senate has vigorously debated our beloved franchise “the right to vote.” How did that vote go? That vote *did not happen*, and why not? The filibuster! Republicans insist the filibuster encourages members to work across the aisle. They say our “founding fathers” created a system of government that “protects the rights of the minority.” The Constitution only has super majorities for impeachment, treaties and Constitutional amendments.

The Senate, *on their own*, legislated a rule to *block* votes. The first time was in 1837, to prevent the Whig Party from censuring President Andrew Johnson, ending the debate and voting on an issue using a *2/3 majority*. Then it became a tool for the *minority*.

After the Civil War, the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments were passed to protect citizenship for emancipated slaves.

Fast forward to 1917, cloture (means ending debate) has been used 2,000 times; one thousand of those since our country’s first black president. Now, ending debates can be blocked by *one* Senator from his/her office.

Why has the “greatest deliberative body” stopped passing legislation of the majority? The answer is simple... *racism!*

Voting rights are paramount to democracy,

majority rules. Today in America, 41 Senators, representing 11% of our population, can thwart the will of the 89% of population. How does that make sense? Yet, the filibuster is not a steadfast rule. Whenever an issue is “important,” a temporary carve out changes the rules in order to pass legislation.

Political cowardice has seen both parties allow the other party to advance legislation with the filibuster. This is called a carve out. One hundred sixty carve outs for an “important issue” but not voting rights...*get real!* An example of this is the twice-impeached President Trump’s tax cuts of *two trillion dollars*, of which over 95% went to the top one percent.

I earlier mentioned racism. Why do I mention that? I do because new voting laws fundamentally are aimed at non-white voters and yet the majority of Americans wonder why lines to vote are short in white districts and hours long in urban districts.

The Democratic Party has presented laws to make it easier to vote, and yet the Republican obstructionist cult aims to do whatever to block governance in order to “inflamm” their supporters and regain power... *no matter the cost to democracy. One Man, One Vote!*

We have all heard how counting jelly beans in a jar and/or reciting passages of the Constitution were once asked of black people wanting to vote. That changed in 1965 with the Voting Rights Act. In 2013, the John Roberts Supreme Court ended the preclearance section of that law. Voting then became harder!

New laws have been filibustered and two Democrats won’t *carve out* an exception for “one man, one vote.” In short, the Senate is broken. *Why?* Because the Democrats and Republicans think the voters of America are not capable of voting in Senators to be the check and balance of our government. I call myself a Unionist first and a Democrat second because Union leadership has our backs... politicians, *not so much!*

An injury to one is an injury to all.

CHAPTER 600 REPORT



President – PEACHES ANDERSON

A Busy Year For All Of Us

Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to the New Year 2022. There have been so many changes in our lives since March of 2020, but we are still here. Our Local 600 offices and other rooms are still under construction. There are no meetings scheduled for retirees until further notice. I’m hoping to see everyone soon.

The UAW VEBA Trust has invited us for an informational meeting to learn more about our UAW Trust Benefits. Call 844-480-4826.

- **Live Teleconference calls.** Listen in on a live session with a UAW Trust Representative. Once registered, you will receive a toll-free number to call on the day of the session.
- **Virtual Webcast.** Join a live session from your computer, smart phone, or tablet. You do not need to download any additional program to join.
- **Register Now.** The sessions are being held throughout the month of February. To find a date and time that fits your schedule, register soon. Also call for your questions at 844-480-4826, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

UAW Region 1A Retiree Scholarship Award applications are available at your Local and Region 1A. The topic for this year is “The Core Values of American Democracy” (Where are our core values today?). This will be a 500-word essay, and it must be mailed by the deadline of April 28, 2022 (*see details on page 3*).

This year will be a very busy year for all of us.

There are a lot of important elections coming up. We must support the right candidates, who care about the issues of our hard-working families and our retirees.

There will be more information coming soon about different bills, etc. Our Union must stay strong. *United we stand, Divided we fall.* We must stand tall!

My prayers and condolences go out to all who have lost anyone during these times. May you have the strength to carry on. We must all stay safe.

It’s conceivable, believable, achievable, and obtainable when you have faith and keep praying.

The following information was received in a letter to Retiree Chair Bob Sisler from:

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE

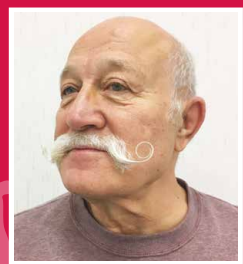
Up to now, traditional Medicare has been administered exclusively by the government, with no profit motive – unlike the Medicare Advantage program, which is run by private, corporate interests. But now an experimental pilot program, called “Direct Contracting” that began under the Trump Administration and continues under the Biden Administration, represents yet another attempt to push Medicare towards privatization.

If you haven’t heard about it, here’s what’s happening... Under “Direct Contracting,” some traditional Medicare patients are being placed in for-profit managed care plans without their knowledge or consent. This insidious and largely unpublicized effort gives private companies control over selected Medicare patients’ care, and it could lead to Medicare privatization.

The National Committee, along with other seniors’ advocacy groups, are raising the alarm on this program and reminding lawmakers in Congress that the majority of the public fiercely opposes Medicare privatization, because it could lead to higher out-of-pocket costs, denied claims, and limited networks of health care providers.



CHAPTER 723 REPORT



Chair – ROBERT GEBINA

Meetings To Begin This Spring

Once again, greetings fellow retired brothers and sisters of UAW Local 723. I trust that all of you are doing well, in spite of what all of us have been through this past year and more.

At this time, let us all take a moment out of our busy lives and pause with what we are doing and offer a prayer of remembrance to those sisters and brothers who have passed on since our last newsletter. Our prayers and thoughts go to the families who have lost a family member. Since our last *Retiree News*, we have lost far too many members from our Local 723 Retiree Chapter. If anyone knows of a member who has passed away, please call the Local and let them know.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyful holiday!

I am sure you are still wondering, as well as I do, when the UAW Local 723 Retiree Meetings and the luncheons will take place. Well, I have some good news regarding the Retiree Meetings and the Luncheons for this Local. I have been contacting the UAW Region 1A Retiree Rep., Solidarity House, and Local 723 as to when our meetings can take place. The meetings for the Retirees have been left up to the Locals as to when they can restart.

We are starting to plan our meetings in April; not sure if we can start in March. You will be receiving a mailing as to which month the

meetings will start up again.

I'm also not sure who the caterer will be. If you know of a caterer who would be willing to do the luncheon, let the Local know.

I have been keeping in contact with the Local as to what has been going on within our Local, so that I can keep all of you informed. I have attended some of the Executive Board meetings and the General Membership meetings. As a retiree, you are still entitled to attend the Local 723 General Membership meetings. If you have an issue or something concerning you about the Local or the UAW, come to the meeting and voice your opinion. We would like to see our retirees still be an active part of the Union.

Also, by attending the meetings as a retiree, you will be helping strengthen our Local and keep yourself abreast of what is going on in the Local and the UAW.

For those retirees who are not paying voluntary retiree Union dues, please consider signing a check-off dues card to pay retiree Union dues. The dues are only \$3.00 a month. Contact Mike Keck, the Financial Secretary of the Local, to sign up for the retiree dues check-off card.

If you are a Veteran and have not yet had your name on the Local's Veterans Board, contact the Local to have your name put on the wall.

Stay safe out there, and be careful during the remaining winter months.

Let us not forget our service men, women and families, who are serving around the globe, protecting the freedoms that too many Americans have taken for granted.

Also, let us not forget those who work in the healthcare business for their tireless work ethic while caring for us and others during this current health crisis. They certainly could use some cheering up.

God bless all of you.

CHAPTER 735 REPORT



Chair – STERLING MULLINS

Options Open For Meetings

Greetings Local 735 Retirees,

I hope you are all staying healthy and safe. We have not had any meetings since last fall, but we hope to resume our monthly meetings in the spring. The Executive Board has been working on our calendar of events for 2022, but we are keeping our options open for adding events/trips, or canceling them if we need to.

We will be having our elections for officers sometime this year. We still have to set the dates, but there will be announcements made.

As you probably know, without meetings being held, I do not have a lot of information or news to pass along, so let me use this time to remind everyone to make sure and update your address and beneficiary information with GM Fidelity at 800-489-4646. You can follow the Retiree Chapter on Facebook at: *Local 735 Forever*.

It is with a sad heart that I post the following members who have left us this last year. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. God bless to all of you... John Lane, Jimmy Kilyanek, Glenn Gill, Lynn Sears, Bill Brice, Brenda Rodgers, Diana Winn, Dennis Berent, Bob Dienes, Gary Townsend, Michael Faulkner, Mike Maloney, Rick Holcomb, Curtis Tidwell, Ira LaFramboise, Patsy Blevins, Jim East, Edward Thomas, Jacqueline Stokes, Sherrie Chenault, Charles Healy, Greg Gibson, Alan Harper, Thomas White, Peggy Roark-Rose, Zohn Zebrowski, Louise Maxwell, Ronald Smith, Jose Adams, George Long, James Galloway, Louis Langton, Barbara Luke, Mickey Stein, and Paul Valyasek.

Here is a shout out to Dave Polk, Bill Bennett, Rick Sutton, and Jack Sakall. I hope you guys are doing well. I enjoyed working with all of you. Love you, my brothers.

BOB SISLER from Cover Page

Stock Market. The Stock Market isn't bad, but to have guaranteed income from Social Security and a pension that is separate from the company makes for a much more stable life. Play the market after all your basic needs are met!

If we all act in the spirit and reality of *union*, we will all benefit. Social Security and pensions reflect a collective *union* with the input of all to collect and divide assets.

Walter Reuther was called names, including a Socialist, when what he always wanted was a fair wage and lifestyle for all workers. Don't let name calling stop justice.

Our Union has always fought for universal healthcare because it would function like Social Security with a trust to help all, making a better society. Our Union has also fought for the environment, and programs to help *everyone*.

I pray that one day the corporations will stop preying on the American people. I ask for enlightenment that *all* American people work with their Union and demand laws that protect them from abuse by these corporations.

Your Union has reorganized thanks to members like Rory Gamble and Ray Curry, who have remained faithful to the betterment of every member and an equal common good of the total society. Get involved with your local Union and CAP. Only *together* can we take on the corporations to get our fair share.

Our sweat made them millions they never toiled to earn. "In *our* hands is placed a power greater than all their *hoarded* gold... *For the Union makes us strong!*"

Walter Reuther had no power alone. The Union did it, with the *collective* strength of all!



CHAPTER 845 REPORT



Chair – MIKE LAMBERT

Happy New Year

I hope that each of you are enjoying 2022. We are all hoping that 2022 will be the start of a better time. Our Local Retiree group is having difficulty getting attendance at our meetings. This Covid-19 virus has been a relentless pandemic. Many of our retirees have contracted it, and many have survived. Our prayer is that each of our retirees stay safe.

Due to this virus and the attendance at our retiree meetings, we may discontinue our

monthly meetings after our February meeting, until things are better. I will be able to send available information through the *Retiree News* a few times a year. I will try to send a monthly notice to those who I have email addresses for.

The first thing on my list of news concerns the UAW Retiree Medical Trust. Everyone should have received a product catalog in the mail. This booklet has a list of over-the-counter (OTC) purchases that you can order at no cost to you. There are various items from cough drops to dental floss; too many items to list here. These items can be purchased over the internet or by phone. Each retiree and spouse will have a certain amount to spend each year. You can check the amount by calling the number in the catalog. *Please use this benefit.* It could save your family \$300 each year. If you have not received your OTC catalog, you can have one mailed to you by calling 877-218-9951 or 800-928-1558.

The Retiree Scholarship is open to graduating seniors. Our graduating grandchildren are

eligible for a \$1,000.00 scholarship. The Region 1A Retirees are giving 4 scholarships to our high school seniors who have been accepted to a college. Please contact your Local Union hall to get an application. For Local 845, the phone number to call is 734-329-2034.

The Region 1A has started our Retiree Retreat once again at Black Lake. This year, it will start on July 31, 2022. Please contact your Local to get full information about this senior retreat. There is fun for everyone while visiting the beautiful upper part of lower Michigan. After your stay at Black Lake, take a couple days and visit Mackinac Island.

Our Local is still having monthly meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. If you are in the area, stop by to support our active membership and stay a part of our UAW.

If any UAW Local 845 Retiree does not get this paper in their email, please let me know at mlambert7160@comcast.net. I will be glad to add you to my mailing list.

GUEST COLUMN

AL CHURCHILL

Promise of Democracy Unmet

“The rich will strive to establish their dominion and enslave the rest. They always did...they always will. They have the same effect here as elsewhere, if we do not, by the power of government, keep them in their proper sphere.”

Those are the words of Gouverneur Morris, the most prolific speaker at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Morris was also the Chairman of the Committee on Detail and Arrangement and wrote the final draft of the U.S. Constitution. Morris, alone, wrote the preamble and significant parts of the Constitution's full text. Himself considered the father of the Constitution, James Madison thought Morris to be the “penman” of the Constitution.

Morris coined the phrase “We the People...” He inserted into the Preamble responsibility of government to “promote the general welfare.” Lastly, by creating three individually weak branches of government, Morris and the framers tried to prevent the levers of power from falling into just a select few hands.

That being said, Kevin Phillips, author and political campaign strategist, wrote in his book “Wealth and Democracy” that the richest 1% in this country were in possession of 40% of all the wealth in the nation. On the other hand,

half of America's workforce today retire without a pension that might provide a modicum of comfort in their later years.

History, particularly the history of working folks and unions in this country, shows just how much the words of Morris, concerning the rich and powerful maintaining their dominance, often with an acquiescent government, has, too often, been the reality. Events at Andrew Carnegie's Homestead, Pennsylvania steel mill and his treatment of union members negotiating a new contract in 1892 is informative.

With a then-existing contract nearing expiration, Clay Frick, Carnegie's man in charge, slashed wages for hundreds of Homestead workers. He refused to negotiate with the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers union; instead, locking out 3,800 employees. Frick then built a fence topped with barbed wire around the mill.

In response, armed workers surrounded the plant and sealed off the town. In order to protect the strikebreakers he intended to hire, Frick contracted with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, notorious for infiltrating unions and strikebreaking nationwide.

On July 6th, 300 armed Pinkertons, on barges towed down the Monongahela River, headed toward Homestead. Being alerted of their approach, thousands of striking workers and their families rushed to the river to keep the Pinkertons from coming ashore at Homestead. Gunfire from both groups occurred. People died.

To make a long story short, considerable violence followed. Frick called the Governor of Pennsylvania, who sent 8,500 National Guard members to Homestead. The strike was broken thanks to 1,700 strikebreakers, the Pinkertons, and the compliance of Pennsylvania's government.

The plant reopened, with Carnegie slashing wages, requiring a 12-hour workday and cutting hundreds of jobs in the years to come.

Strike leaders were charged with murder and, if you can believe it, treason against the country. Because there was not a jury in the country that would convict them, the strike leaders were all acquitted. Other strikers were blacklisted, their names circulated to other businesses with an instruction to not hire them. Consequently, “Honest John McLuckie,” both the Mayor of Homestead and the union President, blacklisted, was last seen working in a mine in Mexico.

While lawyers, media sycophants, lobbyists, public relations firms and politicians have quietly and effectively replaced earlier corporate thugs, efforts aimed as self-enrichment and power by the wealthiest has not.

The corporate entities that finance “Right to Work” demonstrate as much. So does election-rigging gerrymandering. Ditto a Supreme Court decision gutting a Voting Rights Act intended to prevent discrimination; add a Citizens United court decision that declares corporations to be people and allows, pretty much, unlimited financial contributions to politicians by corporations who oppose unions.

The full list is radically adverse to fundamental human fairness and civility. Clearly, we have not done very well in keeping the most powerful among us “in their proper sphere.”

Be aware of the issues, participate, spread the word and vote in every election. Be involved in and support a UAW agenda that uplifts the lives of all Americans. Vote for union-endorsed candidates. Remember our history. Make your voice heard.

Being a contradiction of everything implied in the word democracy, America doesn't exclusively belong to the very wealthy or the corporations that they own. This country exists for all of us – rich, poor, all races, all religions – *all of us*. That is the mission of the UAW. That is the mission of an American Constitution, properly understood by Gouverneur Morris.

CHAPTER 849 REPORT



Chair – **BOB BOWEN**

potluck (bring a dish to pass), and 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting. The upcoming dates are:

- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16
- July – *No Meeting*
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20 – *56th Anniversary*
- November 17
- December Meeting & Christmas Party (TBD)

In addition to *Region 1A Retiree News*, Local 849 has a newsletter. The *Retiree News* is a great asset to retirees, but space in it must be limited, so every Local will have room for its information. With that in mind, Local 849 publishes an online quarterly newsletter for our membership. If you would like to receive the *Local 849 Retired Workers Newsletter* in a printed form, write to:

UAW LOCAL 849
 c/o UAW Local 898
 8975 Textile Road
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Just say you want to get 849's newsletter. We will print and mail the newsletter, as long as we can afford to do so.



IN MEMORIAM

Mourning the loss of Local 849 Members

Deaths reported since last edition of *Region 1A RETIREE NEWS*...

Gerald E. McKeever	06/19/35 - 09/18/2020
Theodore Massey	02/09/43 - 09/06/2021
Gregory S. Doe	07/08/50 - 09/16/2021
Thomas D. Rose	04/06/35 - 09/16/2021
Rose M. Adiska	10/31/34 - 09/23/2021
Michael C. Naida	10/15/26 - 10/03/2021
Roger A. Nocella	05/23/46 - 10/07/2021
Fred Palmer, Jr.	09/15/29 - 10/26/2021
Johnny Taylor, Jr.	01/26/46 - 11/07/2021
Lowell A. Jensen	08/22/54 - 11/19/2021
Sandra Lee Moore	07/18/51 - 11/23/2021
Nathan Smith.....	01/06/47 - 11/25/2021
Elmer F. Varney	10/18/40 - 12/02/2021
Sarrah L. Johnson	10/28/42 - 12/07/2021
Robert J. Smith	03/13/43 - 12/17/2021
Richard F. Burse	05/01/38 - 12/11/2021
Betty I. Mackson	12/24/50 - 12/28/2021
Melvin B. Edmundson.....	05/23/44 - 01/06/2022
Marvin L. Osborne	10/03/34 - 01/16/2022
Preston D. Brown	10/17/35 - 01/17/2022
Donald P. Neigum	1/23/47 - 01/17/2022

We Are Meeting Again

Our schedules have been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, but we are gradually adjusting our lives so we can take care of business and fellowship with our friends and families.

Over 100 members or guests attended our 55th Retired Workers Chapter anniversary celebration on October 21, 2021 (see photos below). As of this date, there have not been any reports of Covid outbreaks because of our gathering. Suspending meetings until vaccinations made it safe to meet, and has paid off.

Our Meeting Schedule

We meet on Thursdays, with a 12:00 noon

55th Retiree Chapter Anniversary



Bob Bowen



Anthony Vick, Yvonne Johnson and Rosalind Vick



Bonnie & Roy Hall



Jeffrey Addie



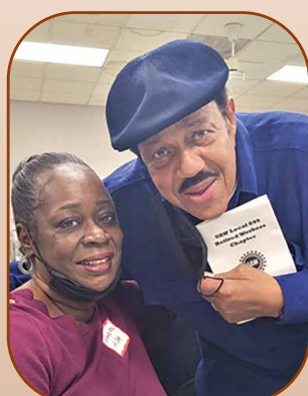
Arthur Cain and Yvonne



Al Obeginski



Betty Hickman, Helen Wylie, and Yvonne



Sandra Miller and Roland Tooson, Elder



Robert Baggett and Yvonne



Shirley Green



Carole Galante



Bruce & Maggie Greenfield



Willo Evans and Yvonne



Cheryl Mortenson and Yvonne



Corey Frost



Pearlie Wilkins and Yvonne



Beverly James and Yvonne



Larry Ferguson and Tracy Matthews

CHAPTER 900 REPORT



Chair – KATIE MARTIN

friend during this pandemic. Please continue to wear your mask.

FYI, coming in 2022 concerning Delta Dental, effective January 1, 2022, your Delta Dental Plan will be expanding and I want to share the changes. *Yes, a new benefit was added!* Posterior composites (white fillings on back teeth). This is covered under minor restorative treatment. The treatment is covered 100% if you go to a Delta Dental PPO provider, and 90% if you see an out-of-network provider. If you have any questions, contact Delta Dental at 1-800-524-0149.

Another important number:
Retiree HealthCare Connect 1-866-637-7555

We miss you all and we hope to come back together soon.

CHAPTER 3000 REPORT



Chair – SHARON HARDING

Retirees Promote Fellowship

It's been a roller coaster ride since this pandemic began. We send our condolences to the families and friends of the loved ones we have lost during this pandemic. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

We have been having our monthly Retiree Meetings, and turnout has been good. We have been providing masks and taking extra care with our cleaning practices.

Our Toys for Tots drive was once again a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who participated.

We hope that you will find time to join us for our Meetings, which begin at 12:00 noon. We provide the main entrée. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass, such as a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Come join us, see old friends, and get the latest information which can help you navigate through your retirement.

We will have speakers in the upcoming months. As soon as the dates are verified, we will post the information on the Local 3000 Retirees Facebook page and also the Local 3000 Members Information Facebook page.

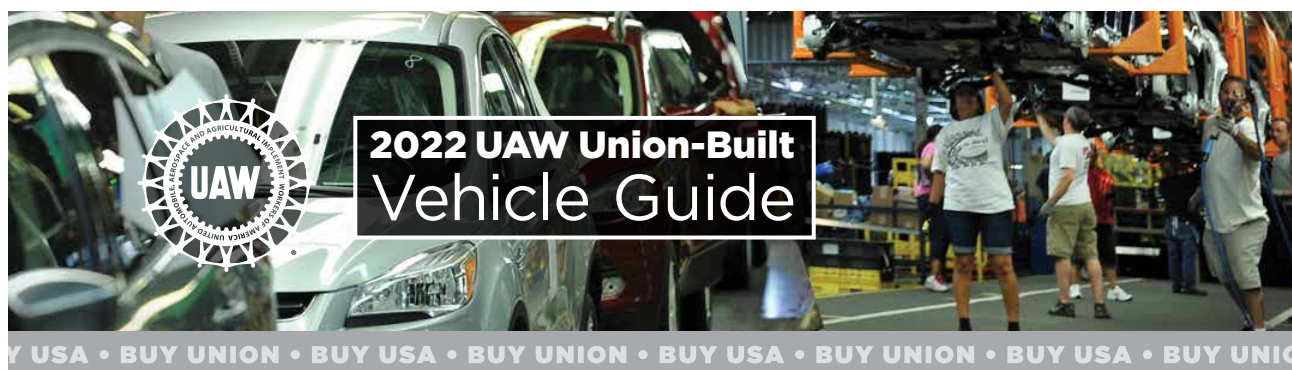
Our next Meeting dates are February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10, 2022.

From March 8 through May 10, 2022, we will be collecting old eyeglasses for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program. Please feel free to bring your donations to the meeting or drop them off at the Local, 22693 Van Horn Rd., Woodhaven, MI 48183.

Looking forward to seeing you!

A New Dental Benefit

Greetings to all Region 1A Retirees,
First, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I also want to send my condolences to all members who have lost a family member or a



2022 UAW Union-Built Vehicle Guide

UAW CARS

- Cadillac CT4
- Cadillac CT4-V
- Cadillac CT4-V Blackwing
- Cadillac CT5
- Cadillac CT5-V
- Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing
- Chevrolet Bolt (Electric)
- Chevrolet Bolt EUV (Electric)
- Chevrolet Camaro
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Mustang Coupe
- Ford Mustang Convertible
- Ford Mustang Shelby

UAW TRUCKS

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Chevrolet Medium-Duty Silverado
- Navistar (Regular and Crew Cab)
- Chevrolet Silverado Light Duty (Crew** and Double Cab only)
- Chevrolet Silverado Heavy Duty
- Ford F 150
- Ford F-150 (Hybrid/Electrification)
- Ford F-650/750
- Ford Ranger
- Ford Super Duty
- GMC Canyon
- GMC Sierra Light Duty (Crew** and Double Cab only)
- GMC Sierra Heavy Duty

- GMC Hummer Pick-up (Electric)
- Jeep Gladiator
- Ram 1500
- Ram 1500 Classic
- Ram 1500 (Hybrid)
- Grand Wagoneer
- Wagoneer

UAW SUVS/CUVS

- Buick Enclave
- Cadillac Escalade
- Cadillac Escalade ESV
- Cadillac Escalade (Hybrid)
- Cadillac XT4
- Cadillac XT5
- Cadillac XT6
- Chevrolet Suburban
- Chevrolet Tahoe
- Chevrolet Tahoe (Police)
- Chevrolet Tahoe (Special Service)
- Chevrolet Traverse
- Dodge Durango
- Ford Bronco
- Ford Escape
- Ford Escape (Hybrid)
- Ford Expedition/Max
- Ford Explorer
- Ford Explorer (Hybrid)
- Ford Explorer (Police Interceptor)
- GMC Acadia
- GMC Yukon
- GMC Yukon (Hybrid)
- GMC Yukon XL

- Jeep Cherokee
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Jeep Grand Cherokee (Hybrid)
- Jeep Grand Wagoneer
- Jeep Wrangler
- Jeep Wrangler (Hybrid)
- Lincoln Aviator
- Lincoln Aviator (Hybrid)
- Lincoln Corsair
- Lincoln Navigator/L

UAW VANS

- Chevrolet Express
- Chevrolet Express (Cut-Away)
- Ford Transit
- Ford Transit (Electric)
- GMC Savana
- GMC Savana (Cut-Away)

UNIFOR CARS

- Dodge Challenger
- Dodge Charger

UNIFOR SUVS/CUVS

- Chevrolet Equinox*
- Ford Edge
- Lincoln Nautilus

UNIFOR VANS

- Chrysler Pacifica
- Chrysler Pacifica (Hybrid)
- Chrysler Voyager

These vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the UAW and Canada's Unifor union, formerly the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). Because of the integration of vehicle production in both countries, all of the vehicles listed as made in Canada include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW members.

However, vehicles marked with a single asterisk (*) are also produced in Mexico.

All heavy-duty Chevrolet Silverados and GMC Sierras will be built in Flint, Michigan, only. Light-duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra regular cabs are produced in Mexico only. Vehicles marked with a double asterisk (**) are the crew cab versions of the Chevrolet Silverado light-duty and GMC Sierra light-duty trucks. Those are assembled by UAW members in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and also in Mexico.

When purchasing a vehicle marked with a single or double asterisk, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a "3" identifies a vehicle made in Mexico. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.



How to read a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

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- 1**: Vehicle's brand, engine size, and type
- F**: Vehicle Manufacturer: B, C or D: Chrysler/Dodge; FA, FB, FC, FD, FM, FT: Ford; Starts with G: General Motors; J4: Jeep; L: Lincoln USA; ME: Mercury USA; NX: NUMMI USA; P3: Plymouth USA; YV: Mazda USA (AutoAlliance); ZV: Ford (AutoAlliance)
- 4**: Vehicle Manufacturer (continued)
- 2**: Vehicle's brand, engine size, and type
- X**: Vehicle's brand, engine size, and type
- 9**: Vehicle's brand, engine size, and type
- T**: Vehicle's brand, engine size, and type
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- Where the vehicle was built:
- 1, 4, 5 made in United States
 - 2 made in Canada
 - 3 made in Mexico
 - 6 and 7 made in Oceania
 - 8 and 9 made in South America
 - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H made in Africa
 - J, K, L, M, N, P, and R made in Asia
 - S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z made in Europe

CHAPTER 6000 REPORT



Vice Chair – **BERNARD NOWAKOWSKI**

Happy New Year to All

Members of UAW Local 6000 Retirees Region 1A are having monthly *Zoom* meetings to stay in touch with our membership at the present time. The meetings are usually the first Monday of each month. For information on the *Zoom* meeting, go to the UAW Local 6000 Retired Workers Region 1A Facebook page or leave contact information with Bernard Nowakowski (Vice Chair) by calling or texting 586-767-9303 or by email at big.cobra@gmail.com.

Many State of Michigan retirees who receive a pension are following Senate Bill No. 775, introduced December 7, 2021. This bill would remove the \$300 cap on retired State employees in the defined benefit plan annual supplement.

The current maximum was established by an amendment to the State Employee Retiree's Act in 1987. It currently affects about 85 percent of defined benefit State employee retirees. That \$300 in 1987 is now worth about \$129, due to inflation in the last 34 years.

If the cap is removed entirely, DB retirees would get an annual 3 percent cumulative (not compounding) annual supplement. That is, 3 percent would be added to whatever your wage at retirement was, then 3 percent the next year, and so on.

Co-sponsors – Joining Sen. Hertel to co-sponsor the bill are Tom Barrett (R-Grand Ledge) and Adam Hollier (D-Detroit), who both signed on the first day it was offered

for co-sponsorship. Others signing on were Senators Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), Sean McCann (D-Kalamazoo), Paul Wojno (D-Warren), Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids), Ed McBroom (R-Waucedah Township in the U.P.), Betty Alexander (D-Detroit), Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), and Rosemary Bayer (D-Beverly Hills in Oakland County).

Except for Hertel, all of these are first-term Senators likely running for re-election, with Sen. Barrett running for a Congressional seat.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Senate Standing Appropriations Committee Senator Stamas (C), Bumstead (VC), Barrett, Bizon, LaSata, McDonald, Nesbitt, Outman, Runestad, Schmidt, Victory, Daley, *Hertel (M-VC), Bayer, Hollier, Irwin,*

McCann, Santana

(Majority in regular type. Minority in italic print.)

Take Action – Call or e-mail your Senator's office and urge them to sign on. In either case, let them know you are following the progress of the bill and are looking for the bill to get a fair hearing and a vote. Information for your Senator can be obtained by putting in your address or zip code or finding your Senate district on the map at www.senate.michigan.gov.

Contact your legislator on this bill, influence a legislator. Mail to your Senator's P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

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– Data on Sponsor and Co-sponsors and Retirement Act obtained from State Employee Retirement Association (SERA) website

Look for these UNION-MADE PRODUCTS for your St. Patrick's Day Celebration

CORNER BEEF

- » Hormel
- » Thumann's
- » Winter's Premium Deli
- » Harris Ranch

POTATOES AND CABBAGE

- » Dole Fresh Potatoes
- » Purchase cabbage at a union grocery store like Safeway, Fred Meyer, QFC, Albertsons, Haggen or Giant Foods

BEER

- » Bass
- » Beck's
- » Blue Moon
- » Budweiser
- » Busch
- » Buttle Creek
- » Coors
- » Dundee
- » Duquesne
- » Lionshead
- » Mad River
- » Killian's
- » Miller Genuine Draft

- » Shock Top
- » Steelhead
- » Third Shift

WHISKEY

- » Jim Beam
- » Knob Creek Whiskey
- » Old Grand-Dad Whiskey
- » Bakers
- » Basil Hayden's
- » Henry McKenna
- » Old Crow

PARADE BANNERS

- » Is your union participating in a St. Patrick's Day parade? Look for a union printer for your banners and signs on our website at unionlabel.org



Union-Made St. Patrick's Day



Union Made Irish Coffee:

Recipe By: Union Label and Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO

Brew some union made **Folgers** coffee.

Add union made **Henry McKenna Whiskey** or other union made whiskey to a mug

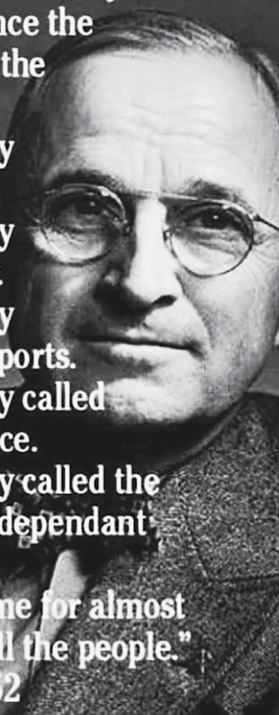
Sweeten with **American Crystal granulated** or **light brown sugar**

Add a splash of coffee, leaving about 1/2-inch at the top for whipped cream

Top with **Keddi-Whip** whipped cream

“Socialism is a scare word they have hurled at every advance the people have made in the last 20 years.

Socialism is what they called public power.
 Socialism is what they called Social Security.
 Socialism is what they called farm price supports.
 Socialism is what they called bank deposit insurance.
 Socialism is what they called the growth of free and independent labor organizations.
 Socialism is their name for almost anything that helps all the people.”
 Harry S. Truman, 1952





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What has happened to our Union?

**RETIRED WORKERS
COUNCIL CHAIR**

BOB SISLER



As we have talked about the American class system, divide and conquer is the plan of the elite to create wealth beyond imagination. In 2022, there is an ongoing debate about companies and billionaires paying their fair share, while the rest of us pay higher taxes while losing our tax breaks. Historically, our UAW worked has for equality for all.

We have suffered from leaders who forgot the roots of UAW solidarity and turned to personal benefits. Among the ranks of our leaders, there were very good and honest unionists who guided the Union along this embarrassing moment in our history.

Only 14% of the UAW members bothered to vote in the important decision about UAW's future at the end of last year. *Does that mean we don't give a damn?* I got 'mine' so who cares?

Since there are more retired UAW members, we hold the blame for what is happening. Our power, as the UAW, is lessened with the boss and politically when we don't care about the future of the UAW. All we had to do was return the envelope. When we vote, we count those

who actually voted and abstained. If you don't send in your ballot, you lose. Walter Reuther understood those important things about the boss (corporations). One, they will do anything to divide the workforce (pay the Negroes or women less), and two, make laws that profit the wealthy and keep others struggling to live (unequal distribution of wealth).

As Walter Reuther said, what we gain at the bargaining table can be lost at ballot box. These are a few examples of deregulation. Laws changed to benefit the corporation will lead to disaster for the common person. Loans by the banks that forced predatory lending,

lead to destroying households, and people being thrown out of their homes. Banks and mortgage companies being fined billions.

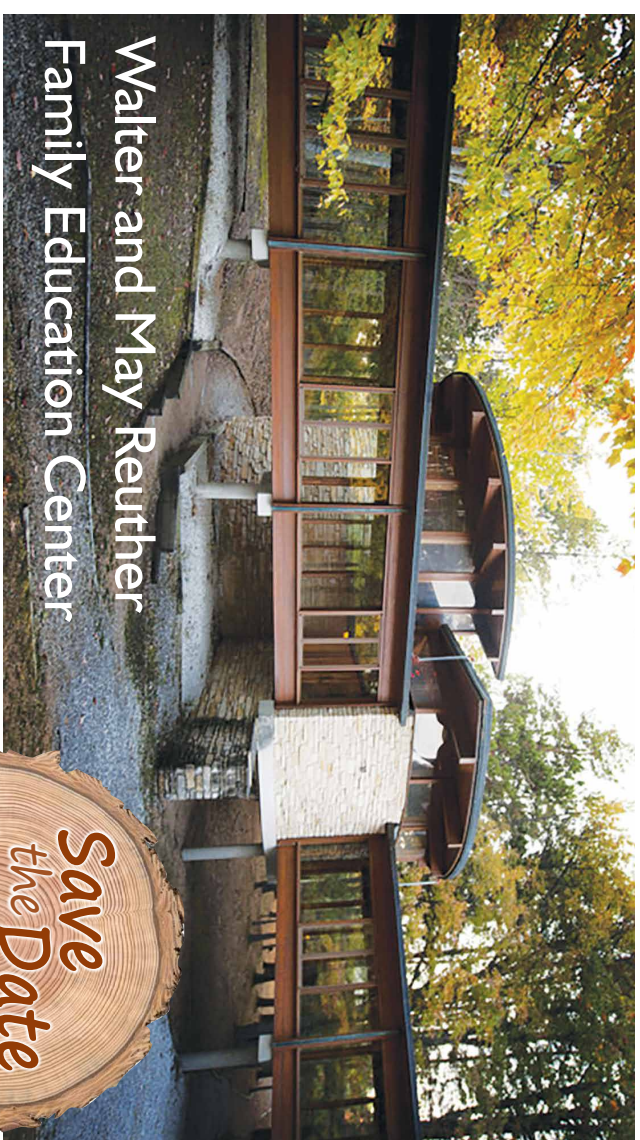
You and your children, if you cosigned on student loans, are victims. Navient recently reached a settlement for \$1.98 billion in student loans, finally. If corporations are

willing to pay settlements in the billions, do you wonder what their profits were?

Don't sit back! Corporations are now trying to come after Medicare. The plan is clear, take it out of federal regulation and charge what they can to make a profit. It has happened with housing and student loans already.

Don't forget that under President Bush the attempt was made to take our Social Security money and let *you* put it in the

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**Walter and May Reuther
Family Education Center**

REGION 1A RETIREE RETREAT

Reservations have been made at the Walter & May Reuther Family Education Center for the 2022 UAW Region 1A Retiree Black Lake Retreat. Due to Covid, room rates and occupancy details are not available at this time. Those details will be communicated to Locals as soon as possible.



Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis, and the deadline is June 27, 2022. We have been allocated space to accommodate 290 Retirees.

COVID UPDATE: The health and safety of our membership is of the utmost importance to us. With that in mind, we are doing everything we can to ensure that the Retirees Retreat will be safe, based on the latest State, Local, and CDC guidelines related to COVID.

—JEFF MORRIS, RETIREE COORDINATOR