Members step up

By Randy Freeman
President, Local 724

I would first like to thank everyone for all your continuous support— not only to your local and international Union, but the support you show to your fellow Union members and the families in our communities that we live in. I have seen year after year our UAW members volunteering and donating to the many charities we have in our areas.

This year the United Way drives again were very successful in our plants, along with an exceptional Toys-for-Tots drive—the Lansing-area GM automotive plants combined for over $18,900 to help make sure that kids in this community will have a Christmas this year.

And I know by the time you receive this paper that you will have again supported the OLD NEWS BOYS and helped put shoes on kids’ feet. I also see our retirees that take time out of their lives to volunteer throughout our communities with places like the Red Cross and the Safety Council, just to name a few. Thank you for all you do!

Don’t forget the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Winterfest on February 16, 17 and 18. It will again be held this year up at the Ramada Inn in Grayling. It’s a great time for the whole family.

Please take the time to spend with your families and friends this holiday season and if I don’t see you, I would like to wish you and yours this Holiday a very Merry Christmas and Happy and New Year!

“May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!” – Author Unknown

Big shoes to fill

By Todd Collins
President, Local 724

As I thought as to what to write for my first article as President of UAW Local 724, I immediately thought of our Past President Dean Poggiali. The words dedication, commitment and passion for the union all exemplify the work that he has done (and still continues to do) for our local and the community.

As I took office I realized that I have some very big shoes to fill. Dean’s leadership at our Local has been unwavering over the course of the years and I can only hope to continue the work that he has started. Again, big shoes to fill!

I am truly honored to be elected your President and will work every day to live up to the responsibility of representing you and our Union.

The Local is proud to announce the addition of two new units to our UAW Family: Kirchhoff Automotive and Faurecia Interior Systems. Congratulations to the newly elected committees from both Units.

I look forward to working with you all to represent our members. On behalf of the entire Executive Board of UAW Local 724, I would like to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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**LOCAL 602**

**Bill Reed, President**

**Making the holidays fine**

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve are happy times spent with family and friends, good food and celebration. But for some, the holidays are marked with feelings of anxiety and depression, commonly referred to as the Holiday Blues. Stress over hosting family and friends, purchasing gifts, changes in our daily routine or diet and thinking about friends and family who have passed on or live too far away to visit can all contribute to feelings of stress, sadness or loneliness during the holidays.

As we plan our holiday activities, we don’t have to make sure everything we do is perfect or over the top in order to show someone that we care about them. Lending a helping hand, paying a visit, and even a phone call can mean a lot to someone regardless if they might be experiencing the holiday blues, and will help combat any blues of our own.

There is usually a lot going on between Thanksgiving and New Year’s. We will most likely attend more than one event with family and friends and will be confronted with lots of food, alcohol and spending. This can cause a lot of anxiety so be realistic about what you can and can’t do and set limitations.

The holidays are more enjoyable when you are not stressed about the repercussions later. This doesn’t mean you need to abstain from drinking and eating at parties, or that you cannot buy presents for those you care about, but rather that you are doing so in moderation so you don’t stray far from your regular routine.

With the holidays right around the corner, many of us may be wondering how the year went by so quickly. Maybe because we immersed ourselves so much in our work and outside commitments that we don’t notice how fast life can be? I hope you’ll take a little time to slow down during the holidays this year. This holiday season, be sure to take at least one whole day where you can put that cell phone away, throw on some pajamas, and remain far away from all the busy restaurants and malls. Whatever you decide to do, take a day for you this year.

In closing, I would like to extend a huge thanks to you the membership for your support in allowing me the privilege to serve as we close out yet another year at Local 602. As always, be sure to take advantage of Local 602 events and opportunities provided at our union hall and around the Lansing area. It’s been my goal to make sure UAW Local 602 has a strong presence in our community. Our 2018 calendar is booked even before the year begins, and I couldn’t be prouder as we utilize our hall to the fullest extent possible.

I would like to extend a thank you to each of the following: Tim Bogar, staff member of the Lansing Labor News for your years of hard work and expertise in making the Lansing Labor News what it is today. I wish you the best in your retirement; our UAW Local 602 standing committees who give up their personal time to host events, educate and provide services to our members, their families and friends; the officers and staff I have the pleasure of working with every day as well as our Local’s chairman, members of the shop committee, districts, alternates and appointed.

Together we work hard as a team to bring the direction of our Local forward in these changing and often uncertain times. Many times our work goes unnoticed, but we have been entrusted to do the hard work and make the difficult decisions and we willingly step up to the challenge.

I believe the real measure of our accomplishments is not in the things we do individually, but in the outcome of the direction we take collectively.

Thank you and may you all have a wonderful holiday season!

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**LOCAL 652**

**Ben Frantz, Vice President**

**Your best friend**

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While learning about the various units, I’ve noticed there are a few folks who work with clergy who have signed off on paying their union dues. I truly believe that many of these individuals have no innate disbelief in the Union or its positive impact on working standards. In fact, I believe these folks understand that working in a Union shop provides them with better benefits, pay and working conditions. The important thing is that we have had interactions with merely aren’t in agreement with a particular person in an elected position, or a piece of their Agreement, and—even more unfortunate—something they wanted didn’t go their way. Now this clearly is the “I’m gonna take my ball and go home” philosophy that we all saw as children growing up. My hope is that these folks may have gotten themselves in life’s “rut” and just need a reset.

We need to remember that in life negative things happen in all facets of our lives, and we can still appreciate the positives that coexist with these small inconveniences or irritations. I have thought of life as an adult attempting to utilize this “all my way or nothing” approach and how it would work in its simplest form—like this:

"They say dogs are a man’s best friend, but the accompanying dog hair that attaches itself to all of our earthly belongings is not! My wife and I see our dog as loyal (yet flawed) and we are comfortable knowing that she is protecting our whole family while we are distracted. With that, my family and I work around the dog as much as possible. When we are called upon, we can no longer feed her due to this hairy nuisance. Lily would show little change at the onset … but over time our Lily gig will grow weak and no longer be able to be trusted."

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**LOCAL 1753**

**Yvonne Vincent, President**

**Busy officers and committees**

Hello, Union Brothers and Sisters.

Your newly elected officials have been busy. Congratulations to Sharae Rosboro for being the new Second Shift Alternate Committeeperson.

Some of the officials attended a week at Black Lake to learn specifically about their new positions and some committees have been actively getting information and collecting donations to help support their causes. The Women’s Committee made shirts and did a 5K to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Halloweener Roast went over well. Thank you to everyone for help making that happen.

We once again had Marines come into our plant to help collect for Toys for Tots. Our generous members helped collect $1,150 and new toys are being collected until December 12th. The Veterans Committee has collected pop cans, participated and hosted chili cook-offs and are working on updating the plaques in the plant to acknowledge people who have served. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE SERVED.

Old Newsboys will be gate collecting on Thursday, December 7. We did great last year and local boys and girls appreciate your donation to help them get winter boots.

The Christmas Party Open House, hosted by the retirees, will be on December 14th at the Union Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. I hope everyone will come and enjoy it.

Please, everyone, be safe these holidays and have a great time off. Remember, when buying stuff/gifts or using services, to use Union companies and buy American. Thank you.

**LOCAL 4911**

**Derrick McDuffey, President**

**Bargaining for a better tomorrow**

In a previous article I mentioned that Sparrow Hospital is a union operated facility. Not only does the hospital operate over 2,300 members, we also work side by side with MNA/PECSh, the nurses union at Sparrow. They, too, represent over 2,300 members and of this writing, they are entering their third week of working without a contract.

With the uncertainty of health care in the United States, most hospitals are bracing for less reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, forcing hospitals across the country to tighten their belts in preparation for potential loss of revenue.

While the nurses union works without a contract, they are still at the table working with Sparrow to negotiate an agreement that will take care of their nurses and their families, as well as the patients they care for—all while trying to avoid a work stoppage which looms over their negotiations.

As President of Local 4911, I know we will face a lot of the same challenges a year from now when we enter into contract negotiations with Sparrow. Our bargaining team will work to negotiate our seventh contract that will take care of our members, our families, and all who come to Sparrow for their healthcare needs.

Saving lives and providing services that promote a healthy community, while at the same time building a strong middle class in Lansing and surrounding areas, is paramount for Local 4911 and other labor unions in the Capitol City.

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Reagan Tax

LOCAL 652

Plan 2.0

1.5 trillion dollars. You could buy all of

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the US Department of Defense bud-

get, one of our largest budget items, for all of

That’s the amount of

new debt the

proposed Republican tax plan will add to

the deficit over its first ten years.

So, let’s look a little closer.

The right has claimed they are the

party of the balanced budget ... NOPE!

The tax cuts being proposed are ex-
pected to increase the deficit (1.5 tril-

lion dollars from above). This is being

acknowledged from members of both

the right and the left.

The right has claimed this is a tax plan

for the middle class ... NOPE!

Around one-third of the tax benefits

would go to people earning six figures or

more (about 23% of all filers) and the

majority of that would go to the highest

earners, the infamous 1%, who will see a

40 to 60% tax cut.

The right has claimed this tax plan will benefit workers ... NOPE! NOPE! NOPE!

A linchpin of this plan is a reduction in the corporate tax rate from 35% to

20% and asserted rules changes that

concern money earned outside the US

(allows this cash to return to the US with

little to no tax) which would allow

businesses to invest more, creating jobs,

increasing economic growth, and gen-

erating additional taxes to help pay for

the cost of reductions. That’s all fine and
dandy, but here’s the truth:

Record Secretary, Steven Mnuchin, addressed

gathering of businessmen and mer-

chants in Columbus, Ohio recently and

asked for a show of hands on who would

invest tax savings in manpower and fa-

cilities. Only a few hands were raised.

Befuddled, he asked what the group

would do with it.

They responded with a litany – in-

creased dividends, mergers and acqui-

sitions, stock buy-backs, etc. Jobs and

increased wages for employees were

conspicuously absent—and I suspect

Trump knows this, he is a businessman

after all. His intent seems to be to help

those who have the most while the rest of

us get “tricked” on. That’s something

I am getting a little tired of and I sin-

cerely hope you are too! A quote from

Frank Mathews with the Communica-

tion Workers of America is chilling –

“Once this millionaire’s tax scam is com-

plete, those in power will cry poor, and

then they will come after Medicare and

Social Security.” Many believe these to

be off-limits but as any retiree in Michi-

gan knows, a new gap is off-limits when it

comes to tax breaks for business. Think

about it.

The Skilled Trade Christmas Meal will take place on December 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Local 652 Union Hall. Food and beverage provided with a $3 donation at the door. I hope to see you there!

I’d like to wish a safe and happy holiday to everyone! Enjoy your loved ones and enjoy the time you spend with them. It all passes too quickly. — Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

LOCAL 652

Scott R. Lounds,

Recording Secretary

Rising tribalism

During the 2016 presidential cam-
paign at a rally in Iowa, Donald Trump

boasted that he could stand in the

middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot

someone and not lose votes. With the

revelations of his behavior to-

ward women and other actions since

being elected, I don’t doubt that President

Trump’s boast may not well be true.

Now a Republican Senator candidate

from Alabama has been accused of

sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl and

multiple other women have come for-

tward to tell their stories of how Roy

Moore behaved toward them while they

were teenagers and he was an

old assistant district attorney. Anyway,

even if true, this is not a disqualifier for

being elected in some Republicans’ minds.

Republican leaders in Alabama

mostly supported Moore with one Ala-

bama Republican comparing the relation-

ship between Moore and his accuser to

the age difference between the biblical

couple, Mary and Joseph.

One Alabama county G.O.P. chair-

man went so far as to basically say that

even if the accusations are true, people

must still vote for Moore or they would

be handing a victory to the Democratic

party.

Sadly, this sort of thinking is appar-

ent across the political spectrum and in

many parts of society. It is part of a trend

over the last decade which has led people
to attach their social identity to a politi-
cal party in a way that has alienated

them. It is no longer even about ideology

or the political differences between the

parties. Instead it is about supporting

those who identify as belonging to the

same groups you belong to, even to the

point of ignoring abhorrent behavior in

your fellows.

This is a scary proposition. When you

come to identify so closely with a group

to which you belong that anything that

group does is seen through the prism of

partisanship as an attack by the other

side, you have lost the internal dissent

that is key to curtailing extremism and

corruption.

No member of any party or organi-

zation should feel that dissent is the

equivalent of treason, and no leader of

men and women should ever treat dis-

sent as treason. But as the rank parti-

sanship of our political system continues
to grow, this becomes more common.

The sentiment behind this way of

thinking is sold to people every day; it is

the “be true to your school,” “my coun-

try right or wrong,” ideal. But that road

leads in the end to jingoism and to de-

pottery.

We in the Labor movement need to

be vigilant in seeing the signs of gang

mentality in ourselves and our organiza-

tions. I like to think that the Civil War

General and Senator Carl Schurz had it

right when he proclaimed on the

floor of the Senate, “My country, right

or wrong; if right, to be kept right; and if

wrong, to be set right.” This sentiment,

if applied to our country, our political

parties, and our Union, will point the path
to right thinking and right action.

Tim Bogar is retiring after 34 years

at the Lansing Labor. We are thank-

ful for his expertise through the years

and wish him well in his retirement,

whatever he decides to do. We will

miss him and his knowledge. Con-

gratulations! – Harold Foster, Editor

LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Reagan Tax

Happy Holidays

Each year our Holiday Tree of Wishes

would have to be a huge success because

of all of you, so we need all your dona-

tions again this year to provide help to

families in need with new hats, mittens,
gloves, and scarves to put on the tree.

We will also accept gifts to the needy

people in our community.

Please drop off your items from December 1 to December 22 at Local 724 Union hall during these hours: Mon-

day-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Or drop at

your worksite. Our sincere thanks ahead

of time; I am sure that with your help

we will have another successful drive.

I know everyone will be out shop-

ping. Let’s remember to buy American

and buy Union. With so many of Union

brothers and sisters in need, let us help

our own this holiday season!

LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

Reflecting

The hustle-bustle of the holiday sea-

son is upon us and winter is finally here. As many of us hibernate in-

side during the winter months, we have the op-

portunity to re-

flect upon all of the wonderful things in our lives for which we are blessed and for which we are thankful. Please keep in mind those that may be less fortunate this holi-

day season. Volunteer opportunities, food and clothing requests are abundant at many community organizations, such as the City Rescue Mission, Volunteers of

America, local area food banks, etc.

You may also call 2-1-1 to ask for suggestions regarding the needs of dif-

ferent organizations. They will help

match your blessings of gifts/food/dol-

lars to an agency that is in need as well

as give you a location for the organiza-

tion if you are dropping off your gifts.

Let us hope that 2018 will be a hap-

per and more prosperous new year.

LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Union shopping

As we all know, it’s simply not pos-

sible to buy all we would like to use-

made in America, Made in

A m e r i c a. (iPhones, any-

one?) But we can certainly help support our union brothers and sisters by buy-

ing such products—and using union services—when-

ever we can. (Continued on page 7)
Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.
– UAW Local 602 Leadership

Local 724’s Amalgamated Units wish you Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year

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General Membership Meeting Second Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness
UAW Local 4911

Local 1753 wishes you all the joys of the holiday season.

We wish you happy holidays and a bright new year!

From the officers and unit chairs of the GM, GM LOC, YFAI, Ryder, and AI Units of UAW LOCAL 652

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from Local 602 Retiree Executive Board and members
Marta Bobillo, Chairperson
Jerni Smith, Vice Chairperson
Sam Warren, Recording Secretary
Veronica Johnson, Financial Secretary
Kirk Alexander, Trustee
Sami Goodman, Trustee
Pauline Wireman, Trustee
Greg Brunette, Sergeant-at-Arms
Marta Bobillo, 602 Retirees

Greetings brothers and sisters;

As we are aware, we have nearly met the end of a long year. We’ve experienced many made and natural disasters everywhere in the world. We’ve lost a lot of loved ones and friends. With all that said, we need to remember to remain humble and positive because that is the only thing that can never be taken away, our spirits.

Let us all make an effort to make these last weeks of 2017, so we can go into another year and make 2018, one of peace. Spend these next few days with friends and family, and cherish the time together.

Our annual Christmas luncheon for our retirees will be on Wednesday, December 13 at noon at the hall. This is a catered meal.

The deadline for sign-up for the Christmas luncheon is Friday, December 8. The food is ordered right after that date so it is important you met the end of a long year. We’ve experienced a lot of loved ones and friends. With all that said, we need to remember to remain humble and positive because that is the only thing that can never be taken away, our spirits.

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

Winter is almost upon us. Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season. The following is our monthly schedule of events:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. Games start at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Bingo game will be cancelled.

Third Tuesday of the month is our potluck dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.

Fourth Tuesday of the month is cards starting at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Card game will be cancelled.

Upcoming event cancellations - please mark your calendars accordingly.

November 26th: Cards cancelled

December 10th: Both Cards cancelled

The Region 1D Retiree Travel Committee has an upcoming Pigeon Forge trip April 9 - 14, 2018. For additional information on Lansing buses call Diane Bauer 517-627-5895 or Connie Garner-Dunn 517-323-2146. For the second week (Lansing) call Diane Bauer 517-627-5895. Anyone wanting info for the Flint buses call Linda Francis 810-423-8661.

If there is enough interest there is a possibility of having a bus to the Detroit Auto Show in January. Details are still being worked out at this time. If you are interested please call 517-372-7581, ext. 147, and leave your name, phone number, and mention the Detroit Auto Show. I will get back with you when the details (date, cost, any other activities during the trip) are available.

There will be two sessions for Black Lake again in 2018. The first session is April 3 - 6. The second session is May 29 - June 1. Participants must attend all classes of the session you are assigned to. If you are interested call 517-372-7581, ext. 147 and leave your name and phone number. I will return your call and provide additional details.

The spring euchre tournaments will be held in April. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw - Friday, April 20th, Local 467; Eaton St., Lansing - Friday, April 27th, Local 602, 2510 W Michigan Ave.; Flint - Friday, May 4th, Local 599, 812 Leith St. These tournaments are open to our retirees, their spouses, and associate members. You may play in all of the tournaments. You do not need a partner to play. Tournaments start at 10:00 a.m. Please arrive by 9:30 to get signed in, seated, and ready to play.

For any of our members or their families, who are ill or have lost a loved one, know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

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Mike Bauer

1753 retirees

Greetings from the hall! I’m writing after our November meeting and lunch. What a good time, seeing people we hadn’t seen in a while. We had a great turnout for our second dinner catered by Swede’s restaurant from Mullicken. This was melt-in-your-mouth turkey, very moist. The first time, we had delish chicken and pork, and we enjoyed letting them cook dinner for us. Also, thanks to the members who brought dessert dishes—so-o-o-good!

At this meeting I reminded folks of the Region 1D trips that are coming up. April will have the Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountains show trip. Or you could go in October to Niagara Falls and Toronto.

If you are in Sparrow hospital, you can have help to navigate the health system from our Labor Community Liaison, Claire Corr.

Local 1618 is collecting gloves and mittens to dress up the Christmas tree. I asked if we could have our members join in on the giving tree, and they said to bring them!

You can still support GM Parts by calling 1-888-484-0553 and having them send parts to your house. There could be some good support in local government. Three of our candidates came to the CAP meeting to thank us for our endorsements and votes that helped them win. Congratulations to them.

You now have a friend your personally know on the Region 1D Retirees Executive Board. I’m proud to say I’ve connected Sergeant-at-Arms for the board, thanks to all members.

This seems like a good time to give thanks. I’ve so enjoyed being retired and working with all of you. Lots of fun visiting, meeting, and traveling with our members and the Region 1D members (especially the New Orleans trip). But it started long ago with some members getting together for breakfast to enjoy fun and interesting stories. I'll be thinking of you.

I hope you all have a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

The area retirees council got me a brick in Flint to be put by the wall. I would like to extend the council for this. My phone is 517-543-5385.

Still we meet again, keep smiling.

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We are going to Indiana for a week.

The Christmas pollock and meeting will be December 13 at noon, at the Local 1753 Hall on St Joe. Don’t forget to remember! (ha ha)

Ted’s breakfast at Spud’s will be on January 9 at 8:30 a.m. Call Ted for more info. See you there.

We will have noon munchie breakfasts at the hall, as it just didn’t pan out.

To all on our sick list, you are in our prayers.

Dennis K. Helfer got a new knee. Hanna had the flu. Me, I’m doing okay.

Condolences to the families of: Barbara Wasalaski, my relation. She leaves her husband Pat. And Linda Burns, who died in my son Bill Anthony’s arms. And Sharon Roiter, the Brookfield Township clerk. What will we do without her? She ran the township. I will miss her. When I needed something, she always helped me. She leaves her mom, Mrs. Powers, who is 95.

Connie has trips going, so call and find out about them: 517-232-2146. Very good times.

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602 Obituaries

Kathy Bryan - Retired, UAW Local 602 Bookkeeper

Brittany Bucchole – Daughter of Kelly Burichello, Active, Paint Maintenance

Chris Knight Jr. - Son of Heather McClain, Active, GA Chassis 3

David Benavides – Retired Floyd Puckett - Retired Howard D. Caaffe - Retired

Mark A. Simpson – Active (Sick Leave), GA Final 1

Eleanor Geister – Mother of James Geister - Active, GA-Door Line

Chris Knight Jr. - Grandson of Gerald McClain, Active, Materials Trim & Son of Eric McClain-Active, GA

Erlene S. Johnson – Father of Bruce “Boston” Johnson – Active, Materials Finals

Dana A. Sevrey – Daughter-In-Law of Alan Sevrey - Retired

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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

In Bradenton, Florida

American Legion

Kirkby Steward Post

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Register at 11 a.m.

Eat at Noon

Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. For information, call Jere Avenshine at (517) 626-2398 or Larry Miller at 941-746-6968 (home) or 941-920-2988 (cell.)

Laura Clark

Barbara Wasalaski

She leaves her husband Pat. And Linda Burns, who died in my son Bill Anthony’s arms. And Sharon Roiter, the Brookfield Township clerk. What will we do without her? She ran the township. I will miss her. When I needed something, she always helped me. She leaves her mom, Mrs. Powers, who is 95.

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We are going to Indiana for a week.

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Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

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Kevin V. Kuykendoll Jr. - Active ( Sick Leave), Quality Control General Assembly
Adelbert Luther – Retired
Harold J. Boucha – Retired
Dennis J. Julson – Retired
Frederick R. Powell – Active, ( Sick Leave) GA Trim 2
Robert G. Hoy – Retired
Alvis Hester - Retired
Melvin Johnson– Father of Myrkinshea (Kim) Johnson, Active, GA Chassisis
Mark S. Groce – Retired
Lawrence Hettinger – Retired
Debra McNichols – Retired
William Van Deusen – Retiree, Step-Uncle of Dave
Jim Maurer – Retiree, Uncle of Dave
Patrick J. Izzo – Father of Mike Izzo
Andrew Higelmire – Son of Steven
Janet Ferguson – Spouse of Bobby
William Epps – Retiree
Donald Debolt – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Preston Rapelje
Rosemarie Corey – Mother of Bruce
David Church – Retiree, Brother of Jim
Marilyn Chaffee – Spouse of Ed
Noe Benavidez Sr. – Father of Noe
Rose Marie Nieto – Mother of Robin
Debra McNichols – Retired
Lawrence Hettinger – Retired
Mark S. Groce – Retired
Alvis Hester - Retired
Robert G. Hoy – Retired
James L. Rogers
John Simon
Terry Bever
Frederick R. Powell – Active, ( Sick Leave), Quality Control General Assembly
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Adelbert Luthher – Retired
Howard Clarke
Mary Weber
Terry Bever
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United Way campaigns
By Dean L. Poggiali, Labor Liaison, Capital Area United Way

Just wanted to update everyone on many of our UAW-represented worksites as it pertains to their United Way campaigns.
We have great results at Dakkota, Woodbridge, Bridgewater, Android and Kirchhoff Automotive. The first facilities went over last year’s totals. This was the first time that Kirchhoff conducted a campaign and we were well received. Whenever we start a new presence at a facility it takes a bit to build some momentum.
A side note: the facility is in the home of the closed ASC Unit. This unit supplied the closed GM Craft Center with sub-assemblies for the Chevy SSR. With sales rather slow, the worksites seemed to be laid off quite a bit. However, in the year of the campaigns at ASC, they always found a way to exceed the previous year’s pledges.
December brings the Old Newsboys and Toys for Tots campaigns. The tremendous outpouring of support for these programs by union folks is a testament to our commitment to the community. We definitely cause the tide to rise with our support.
A save-the-date for those who have attended or are thinking of attending the annual community services classes. We plan on kicking off the classes on Monday, February 12, 2018 until the wrap up on Monday, April 2, 2018. Nothing has been scheduled as of yet and the call letter will go out at the end of the year or early 2018.
Please feel free to contact me if anyone has any questions about the community and we can problem solve together.

Howard
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It is challenging to keep track of products that are union-made and made in the U.S.A. The AFL-CIO does a good job of it, and even lists items by the various holidays that you might wish to purchase them for. You can have a look by visiting their site at aflcio.org/ MadeInAmerica. I encourage you to have a look and see what suits your fancy—or that of the people you will be gifting this holiday season. Have a great holiday, everyone!

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Winterfest 2018 will be held in Grayling on February 16-18 Plan now to attend this fun family event! For more info, check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Facebook page.

The 65th annual UAW Region 1D Bowling Tournament will be held at Lansing’s Royal Scot Lanes January 27 and 28. Deadline for entry is January 12. For full info, see the notice at lansinglabornews.org

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Jim Maurer – Retiree, Step-Uncle of Dave
William Van Deusen – Retiree, Step-Father of Bruce Jury
Thank-You’s were received from:
The Marilyn Chaffee Family
The Donald Debolt Family
The Andrew Higelmire Family

1753 Obituaries
Howard Clarke
Mary Weber
Terry Bever
John Simon
James L. Rogers

Alex McPherson reported that 90 people attended the annual Local 652 Skilled Trades get-together in September. And we believe a good time was had by all!

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