Dealing with changes at Delta plant

By Bill Reed, President, Local 602

The Corporation announced they will be laying off our third shift starting in May of this year. I hope everyone recognizes the commitment and contribution of those impacted by this announcement, our temporary and low-seniority members. They have played a significant role in the success of General Motors. This announcement has a dramatic effect on, and places stress and hardship on, many in our UAW Local 602 family. My hope is that we can bring these folks back to work, but in the meantime we all need to do whatever we can to help them during this time.

I have been working with our benefits representatives; worker’s comp and unemployment representative, Harold Brown; EAP representative, Martha Adams; and production zone, Heather Woods, to produce a booklet for our sisters and brothers affected by this layoff.

As with any changeover in product, we may see some ups and downs as we work to maintain stability and meet market demand for quality and sales projections. From the meetings I’ve had with the national parties in Detroit, I have every indication to believe our future at LDT is looking bright. I believe we have submitted a solid business case for full utilization of our facility and we will continue discussion over adding a third product to our plant.

Recently, I had the opportunity to represent the membership of UAW Local 602 at the International Auto Show in Detroit for the unveiling of the 2018 Chevrolet Traverse. As I spoke on camera to the various media outlets, I wanted to be sure they conveyed to the public who the true heroes were concerning the recognition our vehicles receive: the UAW Local 602 women and men who sacrifice their time and commitment every day on the assembly line. They truly are the experts when it comes to assuring a world class quality vehicle is provided to our customers.

I was very excited to announce the new Traverse will be built at the Lansing Township Assembly Plant (LDT) by our UAW Local 602 members. During the Auto Show in New York we will unveil the second vehicle to be built at our facility, the 2018 Buick Enclave. The new designs of the two show off some of the best technology and safety features of any GM product on the market.

As someone who is involved in many of the Lansing area community outreach programs, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of volunteer opportunities within your community. Volunteerism is important to the good and welfare not only for our local outreach services, but more importantly to those who depend on these programs in order to sustain their family’s health and well-being.

The second Saturday in May is the largest one-day food drive in the nation and this is just one of the many ways you can help out in your community. On May 13 the National Association of Letter Carriers (NLAC) will be holding their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. As they deliver your mail, you get to do your part by filling their mailbag with non-perishable food items. You can also volunteer your time at your local Post Office to help sort food gathered from the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Visit either of the following sites for more information on how to participate: www.nlac.org or www.usps.com.

In the Lansing area, the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp will be looking for volunteers to help with their “Work or Shirk” clean up April 28–30 and again October 20–22. The Mystic Lake YMCA Camp offers high-quality camping programs for children and teens. Their programs focus on helping campers develop the skills necessary to have great success in life by helping children gain confidence, make great friends and by teaching lifelong skills to further their maturity.

On Wednesday, May 24, we will be having our Volunteers of America (VOA) Homeless Veterans Stand Down at Lansing’s Adado Riverfront Park. It’s a shame when we hear the words “homeless” and “veterans” in the same sentence and the only way to change that is to do our part in making sure goods and services are provided for those in need.

If you haven’t done so, I welcome you to spend a little time volunteering for any one of these events. Our Local’s Standing Committees are the best when it comes to coordinating and providing assistance and education to our membership and to the public. They are instrumental in keeping these and other programs in the limelight and are always willing to welcome you with open arms, should you decide to help.

With all of the outreach our Local Union is involved in, there are endless opportunities to lend a helping hand. Volunteering is a great way to stay mentally and physically healthy. Not only will you build self-confidence, make new friends and have a positive effect on the day-to-day lives of your fellow volunteers, you’ll also experience purpose and satisfaction as you change the day-to-day lives of those in need. Volunteering can also work as a great gateway to future career opportunities and teach you valuable job skills.

All in all, make 2017 YOUR year. It’s an awesome feeling to look back and know you’ve made a difference.

Local 602 President Bill Reed speaking to the press at the 2017 auto show in Detroit.

Winterfest photos by Jill Bowen from Facebook

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LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President

On the move

We had a real nice Black History program this year with Melvin Coleman as our guest speaker. Congratulations must go to Mike Green for being awarded the E.S. “Pat” Patterson Community Service Diamond Achievement Award. Great job, Mike!

We had a great time at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Winterfest this year. Members and their families had lots of fun fishing and playing bingo, and lots of nice prizes were given out.

We have the Adam Wils Motorcycle Safety Awareness Ride coming up this year on May 20. Come out and support all the riders. Look for more details on the UAW Local 652 web page or Facebook page.

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary
Who to trust?

The limits of propriety have been reached! I cannot think of a time in my life that the climate of our nation could be any worse! Conservatives bash liberals and label them free spenders, welfare lovers, anti-religious elitist snobs. Mean while liberals bash conservatives, labeling them greedy, war mongering, racist, separatist, Cronkite’s, Ed Murrow’s, Chet Huntley’s or David Brinkley’s in today’s world. The kind of newspaper that earned our trust over many years. I don’t see that kind of honesty and integrity in any of this era’s news people and I’m not sure how we correct this situation or if it can even be corrected. I do know that I’m studying my news outlets with a jaundiced eye, no longer trusting because it’s CBS or ABC or CNN.

Perhaps someday another Cronkite will emerge. I certainly hope so, but until then, I’m going to be very wary of my news sources. Just remember, don’t live in an echo chamber. Don’t be afraid to listen to an opposing view. If you never hear a narrative that contradicts your world view, you are probably not getting the full story. The real story is always somewhere in the middle.

LOCAL 652
Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary
Experts

Oscar Wilde defined an expert as an ordinary man away from home giving advice. Wilde died in 1900, so this was well before the advent of social media. If he was alive today Wilde might define an expert as any human being with a smart phone and wifi.

This is the age we live in, one where a person without knowledge or thought can put their opinion out into the greater world as fact. There are plenty of examples, just one being the “Bowling Green Massacre,” an event that thankfully never happened but was put out to the nation as an actual event. Unfortunately, these sorts of stories on a smaller and more personal scale happen every day. Anyone who has Facebook or twitter or any other form of social media sees it. Your friends and co-workers will provide you with Contractual, Constitutional, Legal, Medical, or personal relationship advice all day every day if that is what you are looking for. With their opinions seemingly holding as much weight as those who might actually have knowledge that would help.

Randy Freeman, Matt Bowen, and Mike Green passing out souvenirs at Winterfest 2017. It’s always a good time for kids and adults.

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LOCAL 724
Dean Poggiali, President

Another busy season

Hope this finds things going good for you and yours. With our weather on a roller coaster pattern, we are blessed with warm temps and sunshine one day and wind chill readings the next. On a personal note, I hope it is not too much crazier with the temps as it was several years ago, as we lost all our apples.

It will be a busy time at Local 724 as several units will be negotiating new collective bargaining agreements, as in the newly organized Faurecia and Kirchhoff Automotive Units. Several more units will be entering into talks to renew existing current agreements. We hope that these talks will bring meaningful positive change for their respective memberships.

The recent Walk for Warmth was again a success in collecting donations to assist those folks needing help with their heating bills. 100% of the proceeds are used for program. Again this year there were several union members who saw that the cause is a worthy one. This was my 26th year of walking and my sincere hope is that we will one day no longer need to walk because everyone will not have an issue with heating the home for their families.

Another event that will be in May is the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual food drive. This one-day effort allows us to place non-perishable items by our mailbox and then either your carrier or a volunteer will collect the donation and get it to the food bank. This event will be on May 13 and we can always use volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested. Also worthy of a note is that this effort allows the food bank and area pantries to replenish their supplies, as a month later school is out. Many of our children and grandchildren get their breakfast and lunch throughout the school year. This can make a positive impact in our children.

You may also remember that there was some confusion about up and coming elections in May. That’s right, three years have passed, and it’s time to consider whether we keep or replace the leadership of our local. Every officer’s term is soon to limit out. The President, Executive Board and the Bargaining Committee, all offices.

As a member of this local for one year, in good standing, and an active member, you qualify to accept your nomination for any office. If you are a retired member you may accept your nomination to the Executive Board. Please pay particular attention to the dates posted in this edition of the Labor News. Also, for postings on the UAW communication Boards in the plant, and at the hall. Just a note of clarification: a member cannot be a co-ordinator of only one office of the Executive Board.

In addition, the standing committee terms are due. So, if you as a member have ever considered running for a leadership role, to serve this local and its members, bring it. We need you and your talents and time.

As always, in your service, Hollis Barker, President
Thanking our committees

Many of our members do not seek the spotlight or recognition they deserve. They volunteer to help our Local because they truly love being involved in their Union. It’s the collective effort of many individuals volunteering their time that it is for a member in need of a helping hand, a committee needed assistance, a local charity collection, or a community organization, UAW Local 602 always joins together to help.

Thank you to the Union Label Chair Josh Hoerauf, Co-chair Rick Reed, Doug Fox, Gary Howard, Brett Brown, Jesse Williams, Doug Rademacher, and Jody Frasher, who volunteered to represent the Local at the Oldsmobile Outdoor Winterfest in Grayling, Michigan.

At this recent event, Local 602 displayed Union-made products and information, as well as served chili and hot dogs to the community. Thanks for representing us throughout the year and promoting Union made/American made products.

Civil and Human Rights Chair Lola Odunuga and her committee put together a magnificent Black History Program. What a wonderful way to educate our members about our history. Not only did they hear a presentation by Professor Griff and eat great food, our members had an opportunity to examine an award-winning mobile museum collection of over 5,000 original Artifacts of Black Memorabilia.

Paulina Rodriguez, Local 602 Recreation Chair, along with Co-chair Daryl Smith and her committee, work diligently throughout the year to provide a variety of entertainment for our membership.

A few of the things her committee works on are the Annual Golf Outing, the Auto Show, Casino excursions, Tiger Games, Lions Games, and the Annual Picnic just to name a few items. Thanks for your dedication.

I commend our new Veterans Chair, Bernadine Ross, on this year’s bean soup collection for the Volunteers of America. She surpassed all past collections for this event. Her committee was able to provide a generous donation to the VOA to help support the homeless veterans program at their facility. She also had a seminar on March 11 at Local 602 for Veterans with PTSD. Great job!

Our recently elected Education Chair, Jason Peck, has many innovative and creative ways to educate our membership. He has diligently worked on a new information packet for our membership, of which he will be conducting a sample test. Looking forward to seeing more educational materials from him.

Julie Hartshorn, Citizenship and Legislative Chair, has worked tirelessly for the UAW at the Local and in the community on legislative initiatives that affect our members. Keep up the good work.

I would like to thank our Unemployment and Workers Compensation Chair, Harold Brown, for his continued service to our membership. His many years of efforts in assisting and educating our members during stressful times of layoff is exceptional. It’s a daunting task.

Alexis Littlejohn, our Community Services Chair, and her committee volunteer hours of their time to promote Local 602 within the community. They support initiatives for many charitable organizations such as United Way of Dimes, Red Cross Blood Drive, and Greater Lansing Food Bank. Each year the committee provides turkey dinners to those in need during the holiday.

Throughout the year the Women’s Committee Chair, Bobbie Ledesma, and committee members promote numerous events supporting women’s issues in the Local as well as the community. Thanks for supporting women.

Bylaws Chair Steve Delaney has done a great job in updating our Local Bylaws over this past year. Thanks to you our committee’s dedication to detail that is required to ensure our bylaws support the desires of our membership.

Over the past 18 months our Retiree Chair, Maria Bobillo, has done a remarkable job in encouraging our retired members to become actively involved to the union. She tirelessly supports many of our committee chair’s efforts in the advancement of our union. It’s wonderful to have such an active committee.

As you can see, our committees are committed to promoting the UAW and our local union. As Financial Secretary, I would like to extend my appreciation to our members to become involved in “YOUR UNION.” Our committees have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Stop by the Union House on Holmes (first floor) and call 517-377-4262, or contact one of the Committee Chairs to see where you can volunteer your services.

Also, thanks to Doug Fox for promoting our web page, www.local602.com, and Facebook page for Local 602 UAW. Look there for up-to-date information on happenings at the local and upcoming events that you can participate in.

I’m proud to be a member of UAW Local 602.”

LOCAL 4911
Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary
Community Service Resources

Since February 6, your Community Service Committee has been attending classes to gain information to pass on to the members who may benefit from the outstanding resources which are available in our local community. Below, is a sample of various local organizations and the benefits they offer.

Mid MI Recovery Services – An agency offering alcohol and other drug treatment. Advocates, educates and enrolls in a substance use treatment provider for 50 continuous years. Also provides family and friends support services if 18 years or older. For more info for programs and services go to: midmirecovery.org or 517-337-2310 or 517-887-0226

Financial Empowerment Center – Financial counselors can help you take control of your debt, improve your credit, lower your payments to take control of your finances, help you create a budget, suggest methods to save and plan for your future, etc. For more info go to: www.lansinggova.org or call 517-883-4550

Bullying – MSU Extension has a program called Be Safe which helps people who may be experiencing bullying. A number of other resources are available to help Michigan’s Economy and People. For info: www.msu.edu

Community Resource for Women – Support groups and workshops provided by the 36 a men’s center of Greater Lansing. For more info and events go to: www.womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org

Footprints of Michigan – Mission statement: “making a "soleful" footprint in the life of others. Donating new or gently worn shoes, boots, winter boots to the homeless and those in need. For more info go to: www.footprintsofmichigan.org 2017 Recycle Rama – 9 am – 2 pm on April 8. If you have items to either donate or recycle, you will want to mark this date on your calendar! For more info: http://bit.ly/RecycleRama2017

Boys & Girls Club of Lansing – Open since 1964, outreach program to youth ages 7 – 17 years old in a very supportive environment. Open from 3pm – 8 pm, club membership is $10 per year. Helping our young children’s needs by helping with homework, developing social skills, getting “future-ready”, learning responsibility, respect, job readiness, etc. Hosts many volunteer activities for children including Arts & Crafts, Jr. Games Room, Computer Center, Gym, Cadet Room, Teen Zone, etc. For more info: bgclansing.org or 517-394-0455. If you are interested in volunteering, every adult volunteer at the Boys & Girls club must have a background check.

Lansing Promise Scholarship – Tuition assistance for college or skilled trade education. Must be within Lansing School District boundaries. Application eligibility criteria must be met. For more info: www.lansingpromise.org or 517-201-5020

Siren Eaton Shelter – Advocating against domestic violence in Charlotte, MI. For info: www.sirenetanutshel.org 418-528-7450

EVE – Advocating against domestic violence in Lansing, MI

For more info: www.eveinc.org or 517-372-5572 (hotline # open 24/7)

Highfield Daycare – Daycare, intervention, training and support services to children, youth, parents and families who wish to change their lives. For more info: www.highfieldMI.org

Camping Resources

Mystic Lake – Mystic Lake Camp is a great place for your child to experience this summer and as a UAW Local 4011 member, there are scholarships for which you may qualify. Applications are available at the Union Financial Office, 1010 River Street and also at the Union House on Holmes (first house next to the old Goodyear parking lot). Submission deadline is mid-May.


Local 724
Debra Abent, Financial Secretary

Int’l Women’s Day

International Women’s Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. International Women’s Day (IWD) has been observed since in the early 1900’s, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

International Women’s Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, academic institution, women’s network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women’s Day. Many organizations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause.
**Marta Bobillo, 602 Retirees**

**Local 602**

Hello, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this wonderful weather.

Legal Service is now open for retirees. The phone number is 1-800-482-7700.

Also, our Retiree Elections will be held for all Retiree Executive Board positions at the May 17th Luncheon which starts at 12:00 noon. Nominations and Elections will be held at this meeting. Please remember you have to be a dues-paying member to run and/or vote. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (517) 256-3739.

Love, Peace and Justice In Solidarity, Marta.

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**Mike Bauer**

**652 retirees**

Spring is almost here. Summer will be right around the corner.

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:

June 21st Cards cancelled July 4th: Bingo cancelled August 15th: Potluck/Business mtg./ Bingo cancelled

The Region 1D Retiree Travel Committee has a Myrtle Beach Show Trip in October. There are two buses leaving Flint and two buses leaving Lansing the week of October 1 - 7, 2017. There are also two buses from each location the week of October 8 - 14, 2017. Lansing buses-contact Connie Garner-Dunn (517-323-2146) or Kathy Sain (810-736-2524) for more information and to make your reservation for the first week. For the second week contact Diane Bauer (517-627-5895) or Linda Francis (810-423-8661).

The Region 1D Travel Committee also has an Alaskan cruise August 19 - 26, 2017. Contact Joe Couturier (810-743-9943), Stan Marshall (517-899-1921), Mary Duncan (810-787-6705) or Linda Francis (810-423-8661).

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There could be a casino trip to Mount Pleasant, Odawa, Turtle Creek, Traverse City. $101.50 for non-members, $51.50 for dues-paying members. We need 40 people. Call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.

Happy birthday to Jerry Hunt, March 14; Ted Gauss; Artie Douglas in February; Bud and Jan Miller, February 22; Dick Torgerson; and in April, Canda Anthony and Connie Dunn.

Happy anniversary in January to Bud and Jan Miller, 48 years!

Ted’s breakfast will be on March 21 at Spud’s restaurant on Waverly. Call Ted at 517-321-4751.

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**Laura Clark**

**1753 retirees**

Greeting and salutations, brothers and sisters. This spring is acting like it has already sprung. I hope you are enjoying the early nice weather.

The Retirees really had a fabulous White Shirt Day Soup lunch, with half a dozen different kinds of tasty soups for us.

I am so proud of how far this little local has come, this was the best one ever.

The February meeting went well. We had good news in the obits department. We had Sally (Clara) Siebert call and say there was a mistake in the Lansing News! Although she did die on the table, they revived her and she is alive! Of course her church is still doing the salad luncheons; we are all invited. (I’ve been there and they are good).

We talked about a spring cleaning out at home and bringing it in and having a garage sale here at the hall. We have a great location. You can rent a table or, when they run out, bring one and rent a space for yourself. Think about it. We will also have a table for donations to the Local. Please only good stuff! All proceeds from the Local will go to charity! The date picked was Saturday, June 17, from 9 am to 3 pm. Let us hope we have good weather.

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.

Tendreens to all families who have loved one pass.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at www.lansinglabornews.org

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

Please sing, MI 48917 Please include your number is 1-800-482-7700.

What does everyone think about ham for April, sort of an Easter nod?

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**Lori Schultz**

**1618 retirees**

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.

We still meet the second Wednesday of the month (except in August). We eat at noon, have a meeting, then play bingo, with our new bingo machine.

I went to stay with Jim and Celia Anthony in Grand Ledge for two weeks. Celia takes good care of me. Their daughter Jessica Anthony just got a new house in Lansing.

Most people can’t hear me when I try to talk, as my vocal cord is paralyzed on the left side. But I can still write the column to let you know what is happening!

We have had lots of calls about the new legal service. It is now called UAW-FCA-Ford-General Motors Legal Service. The plan went into effect on January 27. So write their number down: 1-800-482-7700.

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UAW Local 652 Election Notice

GENERAL ELECTION

A nomination meeting will be held Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 6pm
[in conjunction with the regular monthly membership meeting]

All candidates must sign-up in person beginning:

Monday, March 27, 2017 at UAW Local 652 Union Hall through Friday, March 31, 2017
Union Hall hours M-F, 7am-4pm

Election will be held 11am Tuesday, April 11, 2017 until 11am
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 24 hour election

Three (3) Election Sites:
Active & Retired: UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 2510 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI
Active: LTD GA Cafeteria – 8175 Milliett Hwy, Lansing, MI
Active: LTD Body Shop Grand Am Room – 8175 Milliett Hwy, Lansing, MI

Run-Off (if necessary) will be held 11am Tuesday, April 25, 2017 until 11am Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at all three sites

All members in good standing (active or retired) are eligible to run and vote for the following positions:

(3 year term):

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary-Treasurer

One Chairperson for each of the following Committees: (3 year term)

- Citizenship & Legislative
- Civil & Human Rights
- Community Services
- Conservation & Recreation
- Constitution & Bylaws
- Standing Committee Chairpersons
- Women’s
- Education

- General Motors Unit
  - Bargaining Committee
  - Shop Committee Chairperson
  - Two (2) Production Shop Committeepersons
  - Skilled Trades District/Shop Committeeperson

- General Motors LOC Unit
  - Bargaining Committee
  - Unit Chairperson

Elections for the positions listed above will be held beginning at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2017 with the polls being continuously open until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2017. All voting is to take place at UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St. Lansing. Members must provide picture identification to vote.

In the event a run-off election is necessary it will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St, Lansing, with the polls being continuously open from 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2017 until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2017. All voting is to take place at UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St, Lansing.

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UAW Local 2256 – Unit of BCBSM

Election and Nomination Acceptance

For the positions of:

- 1-Unit President
- 1-Unit Vice President
- 1-Recording Secretary
- 1-Full-time Chairperson
- 1-Part-time Chairperson
- 1-AIternate Chairperson

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from April 17 – April 21, 2017.
Letters to be dated no later than April 21, 2017 sent to one of the following Election Committee Members: Vickie Montgomery–Chair, Sheila Slentz, Christy Jones

Campaign time frame is scheduled April 24 – April 28, 2017.

Election will be held May 2, 2017 from 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Lansing Office, 232 S. Capitol Ave.
Run-off Election date set for May 17, 2017. No Absentee ballots.
Grant will help UAW journey- men of the future

The following is excerpted from UAW Solidarity magazine online, February 23, 2017. You can see archives of the magazine at uaw.org/solidarity.

Patrick Mumbower wants his children to understand that they are never too old to chart another course in life. It’s one reason why the 40-year-old former paint shop technician at Ford Motor Co.’s Dearborn Truck Plant in Michigan is aiming to become a journeyman tool-and-die maker.

“For me, I’ve got kids and I want to show them that it’s never too late to change what you are going to do,” said Mumbower, a 17-year member of UAW Local 600.

He’s getting the opportunity thanks in part to a $5 million, five-year federal grant that the UAW Skilled Trades Department secured in partnership with the UAW-Labor Employment Training Corporation (UAW-LETC), a private, non-profit national labor-management organization that has been operating federal, state and local workforce programs since 1984. More than 1,000 apprentices in a variety of UAW-represented facilities will receive apprentice and pre-apprentice training under the grant.

“We’re working hard to provide apprenticeship training for our members who want the opportunity to become UAW journeymen,” said UAW Secretary-Treasurer Gary Casteel, who directs the union’s Skilled Trades Department. “This funding will go a long way toward getting our members’ skills up to the point where they can learn a trade and carry a UAW journeyman’s card.”

At present, 163 UAW-represented apprentices representing seven trades are enrolled in the program, which covers the first 144 hours of apprenticeship training. The program is already underway at GM facilities and is expected to be expanded to UAW-represented Ford facilities, and is intended to be expanded to UAW-represented General Motors and FCA US plants. Other plants that have either represented General Motors and FCA US automakers, or to develop new apprenticeship programs like those at the domestic model maker and machine repair. Addi-

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The truly sad part is that we have never in human history had access to the vast range of actual knowledge that we do today. At the stroke of just a few more keys than it takes to get on social media a person can read articles and papers written by scholars and true experts on virtually any topic.

But, fake news and alternative facts seem to rule the day. Everyone is an expert, even on topics they have no background in or knowledge of; the trained and educated are lumped in with the posers and con artists. This makes for difficult times.

When facts are malleable and even scientific evidence is ignored as hogwash, we are going backwards as a society, not forward. We in the Labor Movement must strive to overcome the alternative facts that our opponents in both the state house and the White House put forth against us every day and take solace in fighting the good fight. We can only fight untruth with truth, and “alternative facts” with actual facts.

Saturday April 29th 2017
A. Randolph Institute - Kellogg Center's 17th Annual Community Role Model Celebration Luncheon
“Mobilizing and Motivating; Working To Protect Our Future”
Keynote Speaker: Jewell Jones, Michigan’s youngest state representative, East Lansing, MI

Doors open at 10 am and Program will begin promptly at 11 am
Tickets: $30
For tickets contact Jason Wilkes at (517) 819-6111 or Roberta Cannon at (517) 881-2935

ELECTION NOTICE

FOR
UAW LOCAL 2256

NOMINATIONS OF UAW LOCAL 2256 OFFICERS

We will be accepting nominations beginning immediately through Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Local 2256 Union Hall.

Candidates must accept nomination in writing and in person at UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing, MI 48906, by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Nominations being accepted for the offices of President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary/Treasurer; three (3) Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms and Guide.

Election of UAW Local 2256 Officers will take place:
Date: Wednesday May 17, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday May 18, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing

Run-Off Election (if necessary)
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: UAW Local 2256, 2114 North East Street, Lansing – UAW LOCAL 2256 Election COMMITTEE
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