The keys to our future

By Mike Green
President, Local 652

The year 2016 will turn into 2017 with the keys to all of our futures. No matter how you may have voted, we will all reap the outcome.

Remember, we will be called upon to rally together to make sure the future for our children and grandchildren is one we can be proud of.

The keys to our future will be turned over to the Republican Party, where they can be proud of.

For more information, see Randy Freeman’s article on page 2

Whether you celebrate with ceremony or solitude, sing carols at the top of your lungs or smile silently at the sound of sleigh bells, receive a thousand kisses under the mistletoe or hold only one small, mittened hand, your Region 1D family wishes you peace, love and joy this holiday season.

From the Green family, we hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!

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New Year’s Eve Extravaganza
Hosted by UAW Local 2256’s Civil & Human Rights Committee
December 31, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Liederkrantz Hall
5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing
$25 per person admission price
Includes free food, beer & door prizes.
A portion of proceeds will go to Greater Lansing Food Bank
For more info, call Sonya at 517-703-4361 or Tamela at 313-530-9540

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or check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s website

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Local 602 Holiday Open House
Friday, December 23

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LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, President
Community involvement

This time of year can be a busy time for all of us. We expend a lot of our energy during the few precious hours away from work getting ready for the winter months, doing last minute shopping for family and friends and of course, hunting down all of those papers we will need for our year end taxes, just to name a few.

This time of year also brings us some quiet time, time to reflect on the year gone by. We will look back and judge how well we’ve fared during the events of the past twelve months. This is the time of year when we miss those we’ve lost over the years. This is also the time when we wish for better things to come by re-evaluating healthy goals and personal relationships.

As we prepare for our holiday break I am excited by all of the wonderful things I see. Our local accomplishing, and the groundwork we are laying for a very exciting future.

We have long-standing ties to the Lansing community. When you consider the myriad of problems that our community faces, such as unemployment, homelessness and financial challenges, our commitment in providing outreach is invaluable. We make a difference in someone’s life. If we can do this, nothing else at us can bring us down.

May your Christmas this year be filled with blessings and good times with family and friends.

LOCAL 724
Dean Poggiali, President
2017 to see contract talks

From our families to yours, we hope you have a blessed holiday season. As we compose this it is still in the 50 degree range, so it is hard to imagine Santa Claus needing a sled. Perhaps he will need rain boots. December brings a variety of activities at the Local. From the Old Newsboys to the Toys for Tots to the Local holiday party to the Tree of Warmth, the membership of Local 724 continues to help our community. We hope to report in our next column the results of all these activities.

Pertaining to the Old Newsboys, this program helps area kids who don’t have proper footwear to combat Michigan’s winter weather. Here is the criteria for the program:

“In cooperation with the Greater Lansing School Districts, we were able to provide shoes or boots to more than 7,000 local school children last year through our fundraising efforts. The Old Newsboys Shoe Voucher program is handled through the Administrative Office of your local school district. Children who are eligible for free or reduced lunches meet our income requirement. However, please contact your local school district for additional information and to request the eligibility form.

“When completing the eligibility form, you may include all school age children from the same family even if the children are attending different schools. You must verify that each child listed on the form is attending school.”

We welcome Todd Arnold to the Local 724 Executive Board from the Dimondale Nursing Care Center. We look forward to working with him.

As we look into 2017, several of the local worksites will be entering into contract talks. Whenever these talks take place the rumor mill ramps up to a heightened state. It is important to let the committee get your input, evaluate the needs of the membership and seek a fair and equitable agreement. This is also important for our two new units; Faurecia and Kirchhoff-Van Rob. We pledge any support needed to help this endeavor going forward.

As we are to hear that the IMPCO Unit recently ratified a new collective bargaining agreement. The process was long and stressful, but the agreement allows for continued growth at the facility. At this juncture there is work in the facility well into the next year or so. Congratulations.

Also on the radar is the transition of the third-shift at the Lansing Grand River (LGR) GM facility. With approximately 85% to 90% of our Units supplying area GM facilities it will have an impact. It appears as though the majority of our worksites that supply LGR also utilize temporary employees; contractually those folks will be the first to be laid off. However, we will help out any of those impacted as needed. If you know someone who has been affected, they can call the help line at 2-1-1 or at http://www.centralmichigan211.org. Also, I can be reached at 517-203-5027 at the Capital Area United Way.

Happy Holidays.

LOCAL 652
Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Our new path

Those of you who have read my articles over the past few years shouldn’t have to guess at my level of disappointment at the outcome of the recent Presidential election. It is hard for me to swallow that a man who repeatedly espoused ways that were full of misogyny and bigotry is now President of the United States.

But I have faith that America and the majority of the people living here have no desire to return to a time when a person’s gender, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation made them less of an American. Contrary to what many of the one-percenter believes, what makes America great is not free markets and unrestrained capitalism, but the market place of ideas that can only exist in an open and fair society such as the U.S.

For now we are headed down a road, it might not be the road I would choose, but it is the road we are on. All we can do as Americans is speak our minds, debate ideas, try to combat hate with compassion and remember that as much as anything this country is founded on the idea that we have the right and privilege to speak our minds.

I would ask that during this holiday season we remember those less fortunate than ourselves and take the time to enjoy the privilege of being Americans. Happy Holidays.
Volunteers of America, local area food abundant at many community organizations, food and clothing requests are this holiday season. Volunteer opportunities which we are for which we are appreciated. Things in our lives which we are thankful for include: a much happier and more prosperous New Year. May you be a blessing to an agency that is in need as well as a match your blessings of gifts/food/dollars to an agency where they need it. They’re here for you 24 hours a day.

Please keep in mind those that may be less fortunate this holiday 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 different organizations. They will help match your blessings of gifts/food/dollars to agencies that are in need as well as give you a location for the organization if you are dropping off your gifts.

Let us hope and pray that 2017 will be a much happier and more prosperous new year for all of us to enjoy.

Local 4911 donates $5,000 to new cancer center
UAW Local 4911 is pleased to donate funds for one of the most exciting building projects under construction at Sparrow - the new Herbert-Herman Cancer Center. The construction of the new $64 million Sparrow Plaza is located across from Sparrow’s Main Campus and will also adjoin Sparrow Professional Building (SPB). Within the Sparrow Plaza is the location of the new Cancer Center which will be twice the size of the current 28,000 square foot Cancer Center.

Three specialized linear accelerators will be utilized for radiation therapy treatments of cancer patients. The process of treating a cancerous tumor is to customize the radiation beam to the tumor’s shape thereby limiting the surrounding tissues exposure to any unnecessary radiation damage. To plan an accurate dose of radiation to a cancerous tumor and deliver the radiation treatment requires the expertise of many professionally trained, specialized caregivers – doctors, physicists, dosimetrist and radiation therapists.

As a former radiation therapist at Sparrow, I can attest to the fact that along with our medical expertise, there is a very special quality that the caregivers possess: an abundance of compassion to address the emotional state of their patients as well. Clinical radiation treatment course may last 4-6 weeks. During this duration of time, a patient and their doctors, radiation therapists, nurses and ancillary care givers develop a very special bonding of trust and dependence. Because of this level of expertise and level of compassion, it is not surprising that hundreds of people a day choose Sparrow for their service provider in cancer care.

A multidisciplinary approach to patient care is currently in use at Sparrow Cancer Center. However, the new Herbert-Herman Cancer Center will offer the community a more convenient cancer center which takes into account the patient’s needs and the patient’s convenience for managing their daily treatments, multi-doctor appointments, etc. Patients will also have convenient access to additional features such as: a pharmacy, lab, dietitian, social workers, resource center, genetic counseling, palliative care specialists, and retail space is provided for a hair and breast prosthesis salon.

The installation of 40 infusion pods will treat nearly 1,500 people who visit Sparrow for chemotherapy and specialty infusions annually. A beautiful rooftop garden area will also be constructed for viewing pleasure while patients are receiving treatments in the infusion pods. The pavement in front of the new building has an under-concrete heating system so icy driveways will not be an issue for patients being dropped off or picked up. Patients will also be able to conveniently park in the new 600 space adjacent parking deck.

As you drive down Michigan Avenue at Sparrow’s main campus, you may wonder what all the construction fences and barriers are in place for. It is the location of the new Sparrow Plaza which will house the new cancer center and serve the community’s cancer needs in an improved, convenient way. The grand opening of the new cancer center is scheduled for mid-2017.

TAX help from United Way
If you make $62,000 or less the United Way sponsors a free software website by H&R Block that you can use to prepare your Federal and State taxes online. The following was taken from the Capital Area United Way website.


Tax Preparation Checklist
Use this list to help you get organized to file your taxes — either online or in person. Note: If you’re getting free help filing your taxes in person (at a VITA site, for example), bring photo identification and Social Security card for each adult in your household.

Step 1: Gather your documents
W-2s for each job held in 2016 for each person in the household. This form reports your name, wages, and other tax information to the IRS.

1099s showing other income (unemployment, social security, school loans, health care reimbursement, state tax refund, gambling winnings, contract work) that is reported to the IRS.

1098s showing payments you’ve made (school loans, property tax), through direct deposit. If you received credit from the healthcare.gov marketplace.

Income/interest statements received for any savings account/investments.

Bank account numbers: a voided check from your bank or credit union’s routing number and savings or checking account number for your refund to be deposited automatically into your account through direct deposit.

Last year’s return (if you have it).

Step 2: Collect information for everyone in your household
Name and taxpayer number as they appear on the Social Security Card (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number letter (ITIN) for you and all dependents (including children and elderly relatives for whom you provide care). A W-2 must be received from the IRS for any dependents.

Step 3: Gather additional items for a larger refund
Child’s name, address, Tax ID or Social Security Number of the child care provider.

Business expenses and assets: if you’re self-employed or have a small business.

Colleges: loans and/or scholarships received, and bills for technical/community college or university (Forms 1098-T/990-E).

Educator expenses for teaching grades K-12 (school supplies and materials used in the classroom).

Charitable donations: list of contributions and amounts, receipts for contributions over $250.

Vehicles: vehicle sales tax, personal property tax statement for each car you own, total miles driven for the year and/or business miles.

Renters: amount of rent paid (in some states).


Retirement/IRA: amount contributed to an IRA and total value as of December 31, 2016.

ITIN: if you need to apply for an ITIN for yourself or a family member, find out what other documents you need to take with you when you get help filing your taxes for free.

Step 4: File your taxes for free through MyFreeTaxes.com
70% of U.S. filers qualify to file state and federal for free with MyFreeTaxes. The service is brought to you by United Way, and powered by H&R Block. For your protection, keep any forms used to prepare your taxes and a copy of your return for seven years. This information will make it easier to file your taxes next year.

If you prefer not to do your own tax preparation you can dial 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment with an IRS Certified Volunteer preparer. Central Michigan 2-1-1 is a free and confidential service that helps people across North America find the local resources they need. Call now for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Holiday Wishes
My sincerest wish is that the members of the UAW, and especially the members and retirees of UAW Local 652, have a very Merry Christmas and a truly blessed New Year. May you receive everything you desire, but more importantly, everything you truly need, for they are never one and the same.
Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.
– UAW Local 602 Leadership

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

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Local 652 officers and members were among the UAW members in the Lansing area who collected money for the U.S. Marines’ annual Toys for Tots drive. Shown here, left to right, are: Recording Secretary Scott Lounds, Committeeperson Martin Young, GM Shop Chair Ted Krumm, Gunnery Sergeant Dan Hubbert, President Mike Green, and Committeeperson Keith Cannon. Our thanks to all who participated and donated.
Marta Bobillo, 602 Retirees

Local 602

“There’s more, much more to Christmas
Than candle-light and cheer;
It’s the spirit of sweet friendship.
That brightens all the year.
It’s thoughtfulness and kindness,
It’s hope reborn again.
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill toward men.”

I believe it says it all. We must re-
member all the men and women
who are stationed overseas who
will not be home with family and
friends fighting to protect our
freedom as well as the poor
and needy.

This is the time to pray for unity among all backgrounds
and ages, and to celebrate religious free-
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New Year!

And for goodwill toward men.”

Laura Clark
1753 retirees

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we made
it through the most grueling 18 months
in political history. Congratulations,
though a majority of the folks are
not feeling like winners. I think
the best quote of the season was
that he may not be good for the
nation, but he is great for CBS. I am paraphrasing here,
but you may agree it was a lot of TV
coverage that the other 25 or so can-
didates did not enjoy.

Review and restructuring is always
talked about after any election but this
one was so bad, I feel we should all
work for change. Many people could not
even watch the news in their own living
rooms.

I’ve always thought equal time for
each candidate (even those little parties)
would be the American thing to do. One
idea could be a platform talk on PBS.
All the presidential candidates could
speak for, say, 20 minutes. The Senate
and Representatives maybe 15 minutes,
the rest of the Supervisors, Trustees,
Commissioners and Prosecutors lesser
times for smaller jobs right down the line.
No interruptions, no posturing, just their
position on their platform. That way
you could look up races of personal interest
to you and not the others. That would
allow the big corporate news to go on
with entertainment news coverage,
which seems to be their favorite.

At the time of this writing, the folks
were still counting the votes, so I can only
speak to the last few times that a can-
didate won the electoral college but not
the popular vote. In 1824, John Quincy
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not the popular vote. In 1824, John Quincy
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As a group I think we are smart
even for each person to cast one vote
and that your driver’s license and/or state
issued ID should be your registration.
Think how easy it would be to vote by
mail, no worry about hanging chads or
computer hacking of your vote. Oregon,
Washington, and Colorado have been
voting this way for a while with no prob-
lems; their clerks count it once and
they’re done. Do you have better ideas,
please talk to your Representative.

The Halloweene Roast happened
and both the enjoyed deluxe does or
chefs to taste (since they fixed their own)
plus chips, pop and candy treats.
We were very lucky with all our volunteers
in the plant and of course our retirees
Nancy Bruchbach, Dennis Stalowicz
and I. I hope everyone had an enjoyable
holiday.

Point of interest for Star Wars fans: there will be a fundraiser for Freedom

Farms on Saturday, January 14 from 1:00
to 5:00 p.m. At VFV 4090 at 1324 East
Bridge St, Portland 88475, Questions,
call Nancy at 517-566-7380

Also another fundraiser is the Festi-
val of Trees, happening at the Turner
Dodge House, Dec 3 through January
3. Hours are Saturdays 12-8; Sundays
12-6; Tuesday—Friday 10-5. Holiday
family fun.

Our December meeting was not a
winner, it was a party! The annual 1753
Christmas Open House. I can’t think of a
group more deserving to have a party.
The Local paid for pizza, drink and treats.

Merry Christmas!

Lois Schultz
1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.
I would like to honor my good
friend Chairman Curtis Dunn, who
passed away on October 31. He
was 88 years young. We were
family. He leaves his wife
Connie; they
have always been best friends with an
unfailing love. He loved to cook and
did the retirees’ luncheon and for family
and friends. He also loved to bowl was part
of a team at Royal Scot. He was
always happy to see us all. He truly
cared. He was special to many people and we
will miss him greatly.

Years ago when walking in the mall I
asked Curtis to come to the retirees
meeting and he did and has been there
ever since, cooking and caring. Many
came to say good-bye to him and he
would have been proud. Condolences to
his wife Connie, family, and many friends.
Condolences to the families of:
Carl Stump, who passed away in August.
He lived in St. Johns and leaves his
wife Shirley. Also to the family of Jack
Callahan from Evert, Michigan, who
passed away in August and leaves his
wife Lois.

Don’t forget our retirees meeting and
potluck, every second Wednesday of the
month, except August, when we have the
area luncheon.

At Christmas time we help many, So
remember our neighbors if they need a
helping hand. The Rescue Mission needs
lots of things, including: men’s razors,
toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex packs
or boxes, nail clippers, Men’s undershirts
XXL-2XL, women’s socks, and under-
wear for women, girls and boys.

Thank you, Jean Cauldri, for the hats
and mittens you make. So glad you are
back in Michigan.

On our sick list: Mel Place got a knee
replaced. He said it hurt! Have you talked
to Big Ben Alen?

Lois Callander is at her daughter’s
in Omaha, Nebraska for a wedding on the
10th. See ya in 2017 and I will tell you
about all of it. Till we meet again, keep smiling.

Mike Bauer
652 retirees

Seasons Greetings to all. The follow-
ing 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 in-
clement 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 usu-
ally a guest speaker. Bring your own
snacks. If the Lansing School Dis-
ctrict is closed due to inclement
weather our Card game will be
cancelled.

With another year coming to a close,
take time to reflect on all the things you are
grateful for in your lives. The next
few years will be tough, politically speak-
ing, and it is important to not let it get
you down. With that in mind, Happy Holidays to everyone. Make wonderful
togetherness memories with friends and family. We’ll see everyone back in the new year.

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

Condolences to all families who have
had a 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. No ex-
pired foods.

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sing, MI 48917 Please include your
current address and the old address
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You may contact me at the following
email address: retiree652@hotmail.com

602 Obituaries

Linda Binkele – Mother of Duane
Binkele, Body Maintenance
Joseph Brown – Father of Erik Spenny,
GA Final 1, shift
Steven Cambric – Retired
Robert R. Casler – Retired
Lloyd E Christian – Retired
Harold L Drake – Retired
Ronald R Feltman – Retired
Kay Fennema – Mother of Kevin
Hoezee, Materials Trim, third shift
Amanda Goodknecht – Daughter of
Donald Goodknecht, Materials Body/
Paint
Murita Grindley – Mother of Laurie
Polglaze, Body Sides
Sybille A. Kurlinski – Mother of Ken
Kurlinski, GA Quality Control, third shift
Reina C. Mazzoni – Retired
Duell L Meal – Father of Nick Meal,
Materials Trim
Sharon M. Schiller – Sister of Nick Meal,
Materials Trim
Lawrence Meidrind – Retired
Margie Morgan III – Stepson of Damon
Harper, GA trim, third shift
Paul Ramsey – Brother in-law of Bryan
Clinger, Body Maintenance
Ron Romanowski – Retired Material
Control
Carol Salisbury – Wife of Warren
Salisbury, Retired
James Schneider – Retired
Lawrence C. Scott – Retired
Howard Scott – Retired
Jerry Strachota – Father of Dennis
Strachota, Paint Maintenance
Eva Thompson – Retired
Audley L Tissue – Retired
Dwight L Williams – Retired
Wayne M Wolan Jr. – Father of James
Tate, Body Maintenance, Skilled
Trades, second shift
Daniel T. Stine – Retired
Douglas N. Wilcox – Brother of James
Wolanski, Skilled Trades
Margaret A. Annekeller – Mother of
Mark Keller, Retired
Thomas Belen – Retired
Robert L. Densmore – Retired
Connie Swanson – Retired
Note: Here is a correction that we
missed in past issues. Our apologies.
Norma Villegas, Retired Paint and wife of
Ramon Villegas, also from Paint, passed
away, passed away earlier in the year.

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