A leader sorely missed

By Mike Green
President, Local 652

Here is an article from the Lansing Labor News archives, dated April 18, 1968. This was shortly after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was written by Local 652 member Grady Porter.

The nation mourns the untimely death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but America is a much better place because he lived. And the principles of love and nonviolence which were a part of his life will live forever.

His great love for people, his belief in equality, justice, brotherhood and dignity for all men gave hope to all men, and especially those who are oppressed.

I was privileged to have known the entire King family very well, having been a close and personal friend of his uncle, Joel L. King, who for eight years was a minister in the Union Baptist Church in Lansing. During this time the Reverends Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. visited Lansing and we became close friends.

During the first mass demonstration in Washington, D.C., I accompanied the Rev. Joel King to the nation’s capital and attended, as a guest, a banquet given by the India delegation honoring Dr. King.

Deeply Honored

Yours truly was deeply honored, as well as grieved, to have been invited to join the bereaved family at the funeral. I also expressed the personal condolences of my local union, Local 652 UAW.

Editor’s Note: Grady Porter, in addition to being a Local 652 member, was a veteran of the European campaign in World War II. However, he is best known for being an Ingham County Commissioner for 24 years. He is best known for being an Ingham County Commissioner for 24 years. In 1992 the Ingham County building was named the Grady J. Porter Building. Perhaps more UAW members will take his example and run for office—and be elected!

February is Black History Month

There will be a number of events relating to this theme in the Lansing area. We wanted to point you toward these in particular:

The 2017 Taste of Black History at Local 602 on Saturday, February 18. It will feature Professor Griff from Public Enemy and the Black History 101 Mobile Museum.

The Local 652 Black History program on Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Local 652 hall. With keynote speaker UAW International Assistant Director of the Civil and Human Rights Department Melvin Coleman.

“Blood at the Root,” a play for those who like their theater to pack some punch. Presented by the MSU Theatre Department, February 3-12. See theater.msu.edu for performance info, and google it for the American Theatre site’s fascinating article on how the play came to be.

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UAW LOCALS 652, 602, 1618, 1753 and LAFCU
BOTH SALARY & HOURLY

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
In Bradenton, Florida
American Legion
Kirby Steward Post
2000 75th Street West
(Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.)
Register at 11 a.m.
Eat at Noon
Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. For information, call Jere Auvenshine at (517) 626-2398 or Larry Miller at 941-746-6968 (home) or 941-920-2988 (cell.)

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Winterfest 2017 will be held in Grayling on February 17-19

Plan now to attend this fun family event!
For more information, see Randy Freeman’s article on page 3 or check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s website or Facebook page
**LOCAL 602**
**Bill Reed, President**

**New legal services plan**

The new Legal Services Plan is called the UAW-IGM—Ford General Motors Legal Services Plan ("Plan"). Effective Wednesday, January 25, 2017 the Plan will begin taking new cases. A new case can be opened by calling this toll-free number: 800-482-7700.

Eligible participants in the Plan will include active and retired UAW-represented employees at FCA, Ford and General Motors and their surviving spouses.

What legal services or matters will be covered by the Plan? The Plan will offer an "office work" benefit, which will provide services for the following types of legal matters:
- wills and trusts
- powers of attorney
- purchase or sale and other uncontentious issues regarding residential real property
- deeds
- uncontested family matters
- credit reporting
- contracts for goods or services
- residential leases
- birth or marriage certificates
- name changes

"Office work" services will include advice, document preparation, document review, factual and legal research, and correspondence. No representation will be provided by the Plan in court or in any litigation situation.

In addition to office work services, the Plan does provide UAW members and retirees with full representation, including attendance at hearings, for Social Security disability applications, suspensions and terminations.

For many legal matters that are not covered under the new Plan, or that require court activity, the Plan intake staff can still process a participant’s inquiries. Such matters will be referred to outside private cooperating attorneys, who will provide legal services to Plan participants at a reduced legal rate.

Local UAW members, including many local union officers, were at the plant gates and other locations in December, collecting money for the Old Newsboys’ drive, which raises funds for warm clothes for children who need them. Here are shown some of the collectors at the main LAPFCU office.

Local 724
**Debra Abent, Financial Secretary**

**Moving into 2017**

By the time you read this, the Christmas holiday period and we will have celebrated the 2017 New Year. As we move into 2017, let’s hope for a brighter and secure future.

All of us at Local 724 would like to thank everyone for all their donations, along with special thanks to Nicholas Lumsdon for his generous donation to the Tree of Warmth. Our Holiday Tree of Warmth was a success; the hats, mittens, scarves and gloves will be given to the community for those in need.

Local 724 held the annual Children’s Christmas party for its members on December 4. The party was wonderful, the families had a nice time, and the children saw Santa Claus. They had many activities to participate in, and received a present from Santa. Our Holiday Tree of Warmth was a success; the hats, mittens, scarves and gloves will be given to the community for those in need.

Local 724 Election schedule will be posted in the worksite bulletin boards as well as Local 724 hall and the Lansing Labor News print edition and website. If you are considering running for either a Unit office or Local office, either speak to your Unit Chair or call the Local.

By the time this edition has reached you, the nation would have honored the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King was a man who always strived for the common good for all of society. His words have inspired many for decades. If ever you have an opportunity to visit his memorial in Washington, DC, I hope and pray that the aura that is there by the monument. People pose for pictures, stop to reflect on his words, say a silent word for peace and are moved by the presence of a great American. My wife and I have had the opportunity to visit there on several occasions with some of our grandchildren. I hope that when they get older they can do the same and reflect as we did.

On that note, here is something Dr. King so eloquently spoke in 1957 to a group in Montgomery, Alabama: “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’” The world is better place because of him and we must get back to his mantra and do for others.

**LOCAL 1753**
**Hollis Barker, President**

**Recapping our local’s year**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I know most of us only had the weekends off. All the same, it was with family and friends. If I may, I would like to recap some of the events that took place at our local in 2016. And thank all the members that helped make them a success. And all the members that came out and supported the events.

Thanks to Yvonne, Nancy, Laura and Dennis, along with Mandy and half of first shift’s maintenance crew, our annual Holloweenie roast went off without a glitch. And from the feedback (no pun intended), everyone had enough to eat while enjoying lunch with friends. Great job!

Let’s not forget the Chili Cook-off. The money generated went to support the vets. Thanks, Mandy, for planning such a fun event. I don’t even know how to begin to thank Bob Davis for all the hard work and dedication he so willingly volunteers to the Veterans Committee.

During this election cycle, many of our members involved themselves or volunteered to participate in political rallies. Others manned the phone banks. Your time was not wasted, for you cared enough to get engaged and make a difference. I applaud you.

Our standing committees have been involved serving the communities of Lansing. They helped ensure that many needy children heading back to school had backpacks filled with school supplies. When asked, our members donated gifts of time and money so children would have new coats and boots. And presents under their Christmas tree!

Your generosity even reached our neighboring community, Flint, in their time of need.

We really accomplished a lot in 2016. Looking forward to another great year with UAW Local 1753, and I can’t wait to see what we accomplish this year!

**LOCAL 724**
**Dean Poggiali, President**

**Doing for others**

As we embark on a new year with some uncertainty for the direction of our country, we must be ready to face any challenges that may occur. Regardless of your selection of candidates, it is important that we are members of the human race first and foremost and must continue to strive for the common good.

Speaking of the common good, we had some wonderful results from some Local 724 outreach efforts during the holidays. The Local 724 total from the Old Newsboys efforts was over $2,800!! This includes the Local 724 donation, several Unit donations, and the facility collections.

All the Units did fantastic with their collections at the doors, but one worksite needs to be specially recognized. The Delta Dental Unit collected over $700 this year from union and non-union employees. They have consistently achieved fantastic results and we applaud their efforts.

The annual Toys for Tots collection was again a rousing success. With several units taking action to purchase donations, along with those dropped off at the hall, the small meeting room was like the Toy Department at Meijer with all the donations. The IMPCO Unit also conducted a door collection that generated around $200.

We would also like to thank our neighbors at UAW Local 652 for helping us with the delivery of the toys to the warehouse. I was on the mend, as I had carpal tunnel surgery, and was not able to navigate very well.

The Holiday Tree of Warmth was also overwhelmed with donations of hats, mittens, scarves, etc. We have had retirees drop off donations which are hand signed and greatly appreciated. We also received a donation to purchase some additional items that was also put to good use.

Thanks to Local 724 Financial Secretary and Women’s Committee chair, Debra Abent, who spearheaded this effort and made sure they passed on to the Highfields organization.

With the reduction of the third shift at the GM-LGR facility, the impact at this point is completely unknown. Although several of our Units have a supplier relationship with the LGR and LDT facilities, in many cases they also utilize temporary employees. The collective bargaining agreements spell out the laying off of these employees first before any bargaining unit members. We sincerely hope that this will be short in duration, but we will continue to monitor the situation.

That being said, we still have some collective bargaining agreements that will either expire, or in the case of our two new Units—Fuercia and Kirchhoff Van Rob—still need to negotiate for a first agreement.

2017 also brings the triennial elections at Local 724 for Local officers and Unit officers. The Local 724 Election schedule will be posted in the worksite bulletin boards as well as Local 724 hall and the Lansing Labor News print edition and website. If you are considering running for either a Unit office or Local office, either speak to your Unit Chair or call the Local.
LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President

Coming events

It will be a challenging year for all of us, so we need to stick together and support each other as union brothers and sisters.

There is a new phone number for the UAW-GM Legal Services Plan. Effective Wednesday, January 25, 2017 the Plan began taking new cases. A new case can be opened by calling toll-free: 800-482-7700. For more info, see our website, lansinglabornews.org.

It’s not too late to make plans for this year’s Winterfest in February. This annual event is sponsored by the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club. The dates are February 17-19. With ice fishing contests, Bingo, games for the kids and let’s not forget the indoor swimming pool. It will be fun for all, so come out and join us. If you would like to make reservations, call the host hotel, the Ramada Inn at 989-348-7611. Hopefully the ice will hold up.

Everyone’s looking forward to the Florida picnic in Bradenton again this year. It will be held on Tuesday, February 21. This is for UAW Locals 652, 602, 1618, 1753 and LAFCU, both hourly and salaried employees. As in recent years, it will be at the American Legion Kirby Steward Post, 2000 75th Street West (Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.). Register at 11 a.m., eat at noon. Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. For information, call Jere Auvenhuis at (517) 626-2398 or Larry Miller at 941-746-6968 (home) or 941-920-2988 (cell).

Save the date: Sunday, February 26, 4:00 p.m. will be the Local 652 Black History program, at the Local 652 hall. With keynote speaker UAW International Assistant Director of the Civil and Human Rights Department Melvin Coleman, we should be a great evening shared by all.

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Last words on the election

Democrats! Please tone it down a little bit! We had our chance – we didn’t finish the race! I know a lot of dirt was thrown on the track towards the end and our nominee didn’t overcome it, but the race is over!

As much as it may pain me to say it, Donald Trump IS the President of the United States. It’s time to suck it up and accept the facts. The democratic process was followed and that’s the important lesson in all of this. The same process that has been used in this country for hundreds of years has given us a result. That process is the key. It’s what makes our country what it is!

I don’t care about Wikileaks or Russian hacks or locker room talk or income tax returns. The process was followed, a winner was declared and we move forward, although I pray that we never have to suffer through another election cycle as distasteful, disgusting, distracting and divisive as this one has been. This wonderful nation deserves so much better!

Now, with that being said, Donald Trump was not my choice for President, BUT I WILL HONOR AND RESPECT the office of the President of the United States. Which means I WILL honor and respect President Trump. He deserves no less.

You fellow Democrats, don’t demean the office because of the man. We demean ourselves and our party when we resort to that type of behavior. No matter your beliefs, we all must be for the office and institution of President of the United States. That is what makes us great again!

Don’t forget the Olds Outdoor Club Winterfest event taking place February 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, 2560 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738, contact info 989-348-7611. It’s good fun with good people! You’ll be glad to be a part of it.

LOCAL 652
Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Civility and discourse

Each of us knows, works with, maybe even loves people who hold a different political view than we ourselves hold. Sadly, it has become harder and harder in this country to find people of different viewpoints who are willing, or able, to have an actual discussion about the division in American politics. Instead of a discussion everything seems to devolve into name calling.

The sides seem to have drifted further apart, the proverbial aisle getting wider and wider, more difficult to reach

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LOCAL 602
Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Walk for Warmth

The annual Walk for Warmth will be held on February 25, 2017 at the various Capital Area Community Service locations in the Clinton, Eaton, Lansing, Rural Ingham and Shiawassee Counties. This program allows 100% of the donations to go towards heating assistance for families in need.

Walk for Warmth is a volunteer community effort to assist low-income families with their heat-related utility bills. Walks are sponsored by Capital Area Community Services, Inc. (CACS), in the Cities of Lansing, Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, and Shiawassee Counties the fourth Saturday in February each year.

How Are Funds Raised?

Most funds are raised by individuals requesting pledge sheets from CACS and asking their friends to make pledges. Pledge donations of $5 or $10 add up quickly. Contributions can be made at any time by businesses, groups or individuals. Checks should be made payable to CACS Walk for Warmth and mailed to your local CACS Service ACCESS Center.

Many of our friends and neighbors are still struggling to meet their basic needs due to the lack of living wage jobs in our community. Although there are no immediate solutions available to resolve this crisis, you can help by joining us to raise funds to assist your friends and neighbors. The WALKS have helped many who would not otherwise have had assistance.

How Can You Help?

By agreeing to experience what it feels like to be COLD for one hour this Winter, you can help people in your Community so they do not have to COLD in their own homes.

Ask friends, neighbors and co-workers to walk with you or sponsor you in the next WALK.

Offer to be the “Designated Walker” for your company, church, organization or neighborhood.

Walk the 1 to 3 mile fixed route in the community nearest to you (Lansing, Charlotte, St. Johns, Mason, or Owosso).

How Are Funds Applied For?

Applications are available at any of the CACS Service ACCESS Centers or Senior Offices in the four county service area and the City of Lansing. Eligibility for utility assistance requires participation in an energy education workshop prior to payment.

Walk for Warmth funds will be used to assist with paying bills, for match to secure State and Federal funds, to provide energy Education, and to provide referrals for Weatherization.

Here are the locations of the access centers:

Clinton County Service ACCESS Center
1001 S. Oakland Street
St. Johns, MI 48875
989-224-6702

Eaton County Service ACCESS Center
1370 N. Clinton Trail
Charlotte, MI 48813
517-345-5465 or 482-3005

Lansing Service ACCESS Center
1301 Rensen Street
Lansing, MI 48910
517-742-5515

Rural Ingham Service ACCESS Center
218 E. Maple Street
Mason, MI 48854
517-676-1065

Shiawassee County Service ACCESS Center
1845 Corunna Avenue
Owosso, MI 48867
989-723-3115

LOCAL 4911
Rose Van Schoik, Fin. Secretary

Planning for Social Security

Are you planning ahead for those “golden years” of retirement? It pays to begin the research now to determine what age is suitable for you to retire from your employment or retirement program. Many people are depending on Social Security to help ease the burden of financial woes during retirement years.

How do you qualify for Social Security retirement earning “credits” when you work and pay Social Security taxes. If you were born in 1929 or later, you would be required to have 40 credits (10 years of work) to receive retirement benefits. Currently, about 10,000 people reach retirement age daily. You have the ability to view many sources of retirement publications and information on the following websites or choose to join 14 million people who have opened a personal mySocialSecurity account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

For the average worker, about 40 percent of your pre-retirement income is replaced by Social Security. The website www.socialsecurity.gov/retire has a retirement planner for your use to

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Marta Bobillo, 602 Retirees

Local 602

Greetings my Union brothers and sisters! Happy and prosperous New Year from my family to yours! 2016 was a very divisive and difficult year and we’ve lost a lot of people that we loved.

As a Union activist, it is time to shake off the past and get back on our feet to make a change. It is time to go forward, fighting for our benefits, rights, civil rights, everything our founding fathers and sisters have worked hard for. It is critical that we do not forget what was fought before us, and we should always remember that an injury to one is an injury to all. We need to get strength from our differences to make us a stronger Union. Going back to our grassroots with boots on the ground, we are prepared to be on call for our Union.

We are approaching our General Elections of the Local 602 this spring. As retirees we can run and vote for any position with the exemption of bargaining. That being said, let’s get going and make a difference for our elections!

Also, as for our elections for the retirees E-Board: nominations will be the day of our May meeting and Elections will take place during our June meeting. Last but not least, thank you to my retirees, E-board and active members for all the support I have received from you this past year. Our 602 staff has been wonderful, keep up the hard work! I hope to see everyone on the third Wednesday meeting of this month at 12 pm. If it’s possible, dishes to pass would be great to follow our bingo.

With love, peace and justice, in solidarity—Marta Bobillo

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

Happy New Year everyone.

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.

The Region 1D Retiree 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) for more information.

The VEBA Trust will be holding a Medicare meeting at Local 652 on February 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Euchre Tournaments will be held in Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Saginaw on April 21 at Local 467, 2104 Farmer St. The second tournament will be in Lansing on April 28 at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint on May 5 at Local 659, 45-49 Van Slyke Rd. All tournaments start at 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to sign in and get seated so the games can start on time. You do not need a partner to play. You are welcome to play at all the tournaments if you like.

White Shirt Day is February 10. Sit Downers will be honored at Local 599, in Flint, starting at 11:00 a.m. Local 599 is located at 812 Leith St, Flint, MI.

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.

Conferences to all families who have had a loved one pass.

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

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

No expired food please.

Send your change of address to: Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917. Please include your current address and the old address when requesting the change.

If you have benefit questions, contact a benefit rep for answers. 517-372-7581 ext. 500.

You may contact me at the following email address: retiree652@hotmail.com

Breakfast with us

GM salary, hourly & skilled trades Retirees Lunch, last Wednesday of the month, 7-9 a.m at Guerazzi’s Restaurant on Business 27 in DeWitt Township. Phone 517-374-6456.

Robin Frucci from LAFCU welcomed Local 602 members to the 2016 Florida picnic. We look forward to seeing them again this year on Feb. 21.

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Hope you are all enjoying the new year! By the time you read this we should have already watched the peaceful transition of power from one party to another. This equality and fairness as well as many other high ideals are what make this a great country that others look up to. These are good traits that we can strive to keep.

Now that the new year is here, a reminder for new and old retirees: elections will be held in April or May. Think about it. We would love to have you run and join us, please come to a meeting. As a retiree, you may remember, the local buys the main dish and a side dish and you bring a dish to pass. Lunch is at 12 noon, we have coffee and donuts at 11 a.m., our meeting follows lunch. There is a pick up a stamped calendar. Thanks to our wonderful e-board, who had a stamping party for both retirees’ and active workers’ calendars. They are available at our meetings, the second Thursday of the month.

The retirees also keep a phone book. The local can’t give out your phone number, only you can by writing it in the book.

We have other resources for you, like a UAW file concerning your estate papers. Also a national identification program kit.

The retirees meetings are for you; they can be as fun or as informative as you want. We usually have a benefit representative at every meeting to help you through the red tape.

At the last meeting we announced the next UAW trip to the Myrtle Beach Show Trip and Charleston, SC. Also, the explore Alaska trip. Paperwork was handed out to all the folks. You can tell us where you would like to travel.

Announced at the meeting, the annual Capital Area Community Service’s Walk for Warmth. The funds collected go to utility bills. This year’s walk will be February 25. For questions, please call 203-5027.

At our regular meeting on February 9, we’re going to do a soup lunch in honor of the sit-down strikers who sat down all those years ago for us. It’d be nice to have a variety of soup, since that’s probably all they could afford when they were on strike. Bring your favorite. We’ll have apples, too.

Good news, the UAW/GM Legal has given us a new number for the end of the month; it’s 1-800-482-7700.


Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. It hope it’s fine in your neck of the woods. December weather was bad, couldn’t even go to Omaha. Canda would have had an extra driver, but they backed out.

Local 1618 and the area retirees council went together to purchase a brick to honor Curtis Dunn at the sit downers memorial in Flint.

Joe Saly says the lawyers are coming some work on it.

If you are interested in a trip, we will have lots to choose from: Myrtle Beach-Charleston, North Carolina, October 1-7. Alaska in August, Connie Dunn is waiting for your call at 517-323-2146. She is a good organizer.

Region 1D’s meeting at 9:30 a.m. Will then have a sit-downers luncheon at 11:00 a.m. It’s at 812 Lieth Street in Flint.

The menu for our February 11 meeting will be soup and salad in honor of the sit-downers. We eat at noon. Bring yourself and friends and a dish to pass. What fun it was! We’ll play Bingo and we have a new machine that makes it easier on those who have to carry it. We’re not as young as we once were, that’s why we need you younger people to come. We don’t bite.

Hanna Fox is our new retirees chair. Welcome, you know it’ll do us proud.

On our sick list: Connie Gauss with knee trouble. Judy Hunt went to emergency with a bad case of pneumonia. Condolesences to the family of Dora Behl. She worked at Bingo.


Obits: to the family of Richard Kline on the loss of his brother.

Condolesences to the family of Benjamin Allen, who passed away on December 22, leaving his wife Joan. He was Big Ben to me, a good person to all. We will miss him.

Condolesences to the family of Dora Behl. She worked at Bingo.

Does anyone remember John or Paul Adams? They worked at Plant 2 in the 70’s. They were both electricians. If you do, please call Andy Schmichele at 417-459-7168.

Phone numbers to remember:

Lois Schultz: 517-543-5385.

Joe Saly: 800-282-6513 or 517-372-7201

Hanna Fox: 517-719-4559.

I hope the new year is good to you. I pulled something and am not going to be eating from that, so be careful out there!
UAW Locals 602 And 2256 Present
2017 Taste Of Black History
Black History 101 Mobile Museum –
(An Award Winning Collection Of Over 5,000 Original Artifacts Of Black Memorabilia)
Keynote Speaker:
Professor Griff (From Hip/Hop Group Public Enemy)
Saturday, February 18, 2017
1:30 pm
UAW Local 602
2510 W Michigan Ave. Lansing MI 48917
Free Admission, Door Prizes, And Food
Questions? Contact:
Lola Odunuga at 517-281-4337
or Tamela Brantley at 313-530-9540

UAW LOCAL 602
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017
4:30 PM EXECUTIVE BOARD
6:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
There will be nominations and election for the UAW Local 602 Election Committee for the two-year term from March 2017 through March, 2019. The UAW Local 602 Election Committee consists of 15 members and 6 alternates. The Election will take place during the General Membership meeting.
UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE
LANSING MI 48917
517-372-4626

Nomination and Election Notice
UAW Local 2256 - Accident Fund Unit
Nominations
Nominations will be accepted February 8–February 14, 2017 for the following positions:
1 Unit Chairperson 1 Guide
1 Unit Vice Chairperson 1 Sergeant-at-Arms
1 Recording Secretary 5 Stewards & 2 Alternate Stewards
The term of office will be three years. In the Steward race, alternate positions will go to the two (2) runners-up in the order in which they finish.
The Unit Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and three (3) top vote-getting Stewards will also serve as members of the Bargaining Committee. The Bargaining Committee Alternates will be the next two (2) highest vote getters in the Steward race.
All members in good standing for one year are automatically nominated for all offices. Those who wish to accept the nomination should indicate their intentions in writing and give it to an Election Committee member (Tina Smiley, Susan Anderson, Wendy Graham or Kifara Rodgers).
Nomination forms must be received by the end of the business day February 14, 2017, after which time no candidate will be allowed to add or remove his/her name from the ballot. Write-in candidates will not be allowed on election day.

Election
The election of Local 2256 Accident Fund Officers and Stewards will be conducted at the date, time, and place indicated below.
Date: February 23, 2017
Time: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm
Place: AF Group - Cafeteria
200 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
All members in good standing are eligible to vote. Members will be asked to present a picture I.D. Absentee ballots are available to members whose work assignment is greater than 30 miles from the Lansing Office or whose work shift does not overlap voting hours. Please contact an Election Committee member for details.
If necessary, a runoff election will be held March 2, 2017 at the same time and location.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 29
A. Philip Randolph Institute - Lansing Chapter
17th Annual
Community Role Model
Celebration Luncheon
Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI
Time TBD

Local 4911
Election Notice
February 17th – Notice of nomination of Recording Secretary and one Technical Steward at Local 4911, hours between 7am–4pm
February 24th – Election of Recording Secretary and one Technical Steward at Local 4911, hours between 7am-8pm
March 3rd – Runoff Election if needed at Local 4911, hours between 7am-8pm

NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE
UAW LOCAL 724
Nominations & Election of the Election Committee
Nominations for up to nine (9) Local 724 Election Committee members will take place:
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: UAW Local 724 Hall
Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, February 17, 2017.
(Units will conduct their own nominations for Unit level election committee members)

Nomination of UAW Local 724 Officers
Nominations for the offices of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Guide will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: UAW Local 724 Hall
Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, March 17, 2017.
(Units will conduct their own nominations for Unit level officers & committee persons)

Eligibility Requirements as per Article 38, Section 3 of the UAW International Constitution
Section 3. No member shall be eligible for election as an Executive Officer of the Local Union until she has been a member in continuous good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year immediately prior to the nomination, except in the case of a newly organized Local Union.

Election of UAW Local 724 Officers, Unit Officers & Unit Committee persons
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: UAW Local 724 Hall
RUN-OFF ELECTION
(if necessary)
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: UAW Local 724 Hall
– UAW Local 724 Election Committee
The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Winterfest is fun for all ages! Bring the kids and grandkids!

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s Winterfest 2017
will be held in Grayling on February 17-19
Plan now to attend this fun family event!
For more information, see Randy Freeman’s article on page 3 or check the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s website or Facebook page.

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This divide is driven, at least in part, by factors that have arisen relatively recently. The scariest being the part, by factors that have arisen relatively recently.

It used to be that if I was liberal and you were conservative maybe we read a different newspaper, the Washington Post or the Washington Times, the Detroit News or the Free Press, whatever. While the editorial boards of these opposing papers would endorse different candidates and have columnists of different parties and views, basically the news was the news.

Now, people watch different channels, listen to different talk radio, get their news from different internet sources, and in the process get totally different news. On top of that, what was once the purview of the editorial page, and avoidable, is now a nearly unavoidable 24-hour-a-day circus. And this circus drives ratings, and those ratings drive money. That is the politics of today.

The views of Murdoch’s Fox News are not just driven by a far-right political agenda, but also the larger agenda of profit. Sadly, intelligent discourse and objectivity in the middle don’t drive profit.

We in Labor must continue to fight the good fight and continue to beat the drum for a society based on legal and economic equality for everyone. What other choice do we have?

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In the past, Social Security sent our earnings history in the mail annually. After age 60, you will receive a Social Security statement every year in the mail about three months before your birthday, unless you have a mySocialSecurity account online. Your complete earnings history is shown, which will allow you to verify the accuracy of your earnings. Your benefit amount is based on your earnings over your lifetime.

Your actual earnings are adjusted or “indexed” to account for changes in average wages since the year the earnings were received. Then Social Security calculates your average indexed monthly earnings during the 35 years in which you earned the most. They apply a formula to these earnings and arrive at your benefit amount.

This type of media works to widen gaps and to emphasize the importance of certain values and deemphasize and demean others. Not unlike the way the party that controls both our state and federal governments demeanes, even demonizes, many of the values for which the Labor movement stands.

In response we must find ways to have civil discourse, make politics a marketplace of ideas, and not a marketplace of fear and loathing. To engage in civility and reason, one will have to swim against the stream and be able to engage in civil discourse.

It comes down to the old cliché that I might disagree with everything a person says, but, I believe completely in their right to say it—unlike our new President. I will work hard to change the libel laws so that you can’t say it. (Okay, that might be a touch uncivil of me but I’m trying.)

We have to keep in mind that a person’s political views are not the totality of that person. In many cases they work, worship, or live where you do.

There is common ground on which to stand, and that is where we must start.

In the end it is about striving for a better America.

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Age to receive full Social Security benefits

Source: www.socialsecurity.gov

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Lilibelle Cox - Mother of Randy Cox, Retired
Richard E. Mathias Sr – Father of Pamela Richard, Quality Control Engineer
Linda Justice – Active, Paint
Brenda Sabin – Mother of Anthony Casarez, Body/Underbody
Steven Garcia – Retired
Frank Bozzo – Retired
Annie Johnson – Mother of Robert Johnson, Production/Quality Control
Susano Solaris – Retired
Celine M. Curtis – Retired
Steven S. Wilborn – Retired
Hal Andrews – Stepparent of Dustin Burke, Material Final
Lawrence Evans – Grandfather of Tyiesha Dumas, Body Sides
Shantell Walker-Cook – Daughter of Doris L. Walker, Retired
Clyde H. Gee – Retired
Deborah A. Peake – Retired
Douglas E. DeRosia – Retired
Almeleta Brent – Mother of Jacqueline Trent, Paint Top Coat Review
Corey Michael Taylor – Son of Aaron VanAntwerp, GA Production
Lillie Wells – Mother of Victor Wells, GA-M-Doors
Robert Thomas – Father of Kenneth Thomas, Production GA
Linda Badgley – Mother of Darrell Bradgley, GA-M-Doors
W. Madge Cowles – Father of Ann Hansen, Materials Trim
Edwin Vargo – Retiree
Laverne R. Reed – Retired
Pearl Cornett – Retired
Allen D. Smith – Father-in-law of Matt Newman, Skilled Trades – Maintenance GA
Nelda Noe – Mother of Keith Noe, Retired

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