What the union does for you

By Joe Douglas, President, Local 4911

Hello, fellow UAW 4911 brothers and sisters, I hope you all had a safe winter and have a safe and blessed spring and summer.

I would like to talk to you about the importance of having a Union and what it means to each of you.

The phrases I hear most are “What has the Union done for me?” or “What good is the Union?”

To answer the first question, the Union has done several things: increased wages, no increase in healthcare premium for three years, job security, and a retirement plan.

You may not feel what the Union is doing for you every day, but the representation is a continuous process.

Dean Poggiali receives LAFCU community service award

Stand up for your rights

By Bill Reed, President, Local 602

How do we gain in an ever increasing world of higher cost of living?

In our quest to enhance our own standard of living, our right to free decision making without government coercion is not without risk. We take for granted everyday the rights we have been accustomed to. These rights affect us individually, our families and our communities.

We work hard every day to improve work conditions to make your jobs easier. All of the legislation that has been pushed through over the last few months does nothing to help save our voice in the workplace. We would be left to accept what is given to us from management!

The second question has a clear answer. The Union gives you a voice in the workplace regarding wages, health care and all of the examples given.

Businesses and corporations don’t give these things out of the goodness of their hearts, we have to fight and struggle for everything we receive.

If the Union were not here we would have a marked increase in health care premiums, lower wages, less vacation time, and little or no job security—meaning you would be an at-will employee (fired for any reason!). And, of course, no union dues are used for any political purposes. The UAW uses V-CAP voluntary contributions to fund all of our efforts to improve people’s lives through the political process.

We are a hard-working group that only wants dignity and respect for a hard day’s work.

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The question becomes, are you going to do what you can to make a difference or not? Either way we must move in a direction, be it positive or negative, as a group of people.

The direction depends on how many are participating in the process. Sometimes bad things happen because only a few negative people got involved, and even fewer positive people got involved or just sat it out waiting to see what the others were going to do.

By now I hope you are getting the point I’m trying to make. By now we should all have seen the negative effect recent legislation has had on our income taxes; some of us have had contracts expire which brought “right-to-work” into our workplace; some of us have seen the devastating effect to our budget because we are now paying for taxes on our pensions. Some of us have fought to stave off these devastating changes to our livelihood; some of us have sat back and let it happen. In the meantime we have been losing the battle to protect the rights of the middle class.

Collective bargaining is one of those rights and can exist only in an environment of political freedom. Every dictator in history either left or right has, as a first step, sought to destroy free trade unions. We are dedicated to freedom politically, economically and through private enterprise. This is what has made America the “Land of the Free.” No matter what side you lean toward in your beliefs and convictions, freedom for those rights are held with the highest regard and respect. We have shed blood to protect those freedoms, not only for us, but for future generations.

Our collective bargaining rights will be in jeopardy unless we continue to pay our dues.

Collective bargaining is not a means of seeking a voice in management; it exists to protect the interests of the worker. It’s neither right nor left. Where in the past collective bargaining only included wages, hours and safety concerns, it now includes a whole host of items such as medical care, pensions and job security.

Showing our strength in numbers as dues paying-members who won’t back down because of “right-to-work” lets our legislators and our bosses know we stand as one, undivided.

We must think about those who have lost their ability to support their family through no fault of their own. Those who struggle daily to put their kids through school, pay medical bills, or put food on the table. We must put ourselves in their shoes and fight for them, ourselves and future generations of workers. Corporations have enjoyed billions in profits by stripping their workers of a voice, a vote and job security. It is our right, our expression of freedom, to bargain. Let’s not let anyone take these rights away.

If you choose to not pay your dues, not get involved and basically not care, you send a message not only to the workers and retirees who struggle to get by, but to your legislators as well as your place of work that you’re OK with not having rights. Without unions, we are nothing but “at will” employees who can be let go for no reason. Standing up for our rights and the rights of others sends a strong message, but one that is only as strong as its participants. Stand with me, your co-workers, your family and your community!

Plants 2-3 REUNION
Tuesday, June 11
12 noon until ...
you are full and happy
Westgate Tavern
on Rosemary Street
in Lansing
(Open both inside and outside)
For more info, call Al Freeman at
517-819-8657

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reasons to be proud

I recently attended the apprentice conference. It was very proud to hear the presentation at the opening of the conference about the great job our members are doing in Lansing at our Grand River plant, winning the “Car of the Year Award.” This is only possible because of the hard work our members do each day in producing a quality product.

The Lansing area has two GM production facilities to be proud of—UAW Local 602’s Delta Plant and Local 652’s Grand River Plant. Congratulations to both plants for the job they do!

I hope you don’t get tired of hearing me say what a great job you do, because I never get tired of saying it!

V-CAP

Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell announced the car to be given away in our annual V-CAP ticket sale: our own ATS Cadillac! That’s another good reason to buy the V-CAP tickets. Thanks to all who voted for picking our car this year for the grand prize!

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April Fools

You may well have gotten a shock when you prepared your taxes before the April 15th deadline this year. A lot of the deductions that you used to get are gone, thanks to Governor Snyder and Republican legislators who supported his tax plan (HB 4361/Roll Call 126 2011).

And senior citizens will have to pay tax on their pensions for the first time.

Snyder’s tax hike was a huge tax shift that raised individual taxes by $1.2 billion to pay for a $1.4 billion tax cut for business owners.

Here are some of the tax hikes and deductions we no longer claim:

Your Children — You used to be able to deduct $600 for each of your children under 18. Not any more. That will cost you.

Michigan taxpayers $57 million.

Senior Citizens and Unemployed — A $2,300 exemption for persons 65 and older and workers whose unemployment compensation exceeds half of their adjusted gross income is eliminated. That’s a $41 million tax hike for seniors and the unemployed.

Homestead Property Taxes — The Homestead Property Tax Credit will be cut for all by 40,000 large families, costing taxpayers $270 million.

Earned Income Tax Credit — The EITC will be lowered from 20% to 6%, a $261 million tax hike for low income working families. That is a higher average tax hike of $307 for those who can least afford it.

Charitable Contributions — A number of tax credits have been eliminated, including credits for charitable contributions, college tuition, adoption expenses and stillborn children. This tax hike will cost Michigan taxpayers $104 million.

Pension Taxes — Retirees will pay more than $340 million in new pension taxes. Don’t get fooled again!

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We encourage every member for the job you do each day!

LOCAL 724

Dean Poggialli, President

Doing good

As we plan (or type this), the snow is finally gone, but the April showers are still chilling to the body and soul. Until we see those buds on the trees and hear the roar of the lawnmower, we will reserve judgment on the celebration of spring as an open arms.

Back to the theme from the last article: Right to Work. I don’t think it’s right for Michigan, right for the middle class, and mostly right for our families.

Check out stats from other RTW states and you will see lower wages, less affordable health care, higher poverty rates and less money from our payroll taxes going to education, the roads, and our environment.

That is just my humble opinion, but hopefully one shared by many of you as well.

As the saying goes, stay tuned for more!

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LOCAL 724

Debra Mills, Financial Secretary

Race for the cure

April 28 was the date of the 11th annual Komen Race for the Cure at the Lansing area. It was an important event raises funds to make the following programs possible:

Free mammograms and diagnostics

Support services for breast cancer survivors

Education about the warning signs of breast cancer, methods of early detection and the latest treatment options

Cutting edge research to find a cure for breast cancer

Up to 75 percent of net proceeds are used for local programs like those listed above, with 25 percent used to fund breast cancer research.

LOCAL 4911

Rose Van Schooi, Fin. Secretary

Spring greetings

We can finally see the telltale signs of spring — flowers are blooming, birds are singing, the grass is getting green and there are signs of life in the garden plot! The neighborhoods are coming alive again with people walking and children playing. I love this time of year as it rejuvenates everyone into motion after a winter hibernation.

The office has been busy with the regular tax season requirements which we are required to report. Two huge areas of responsibility for all Financial Secretaries are the LM2 report required by the Department of Labor and the 990 report mandated by the Internal Revenue Service. These reports help the IRS and Department of Labor enforce the many laws that govern the nonprofit organizations, thus making our funds more transparent.

I truly love the challenges of accounting and bookkeeping. I never thought about the potential of the fund when I signed up, but I am truly grateful for all the very kind and generous donations that we receive from our members throughout the year. We had many positive comments regarding the facility and the wonderful pizza. I took pictures of those who wished to be on our photo stream of our website. If you have not seen the pictures, go to www.uawlocal4911.org, to view them — they are wonderful.

Our Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox game event is coming up Sunday, June 23 at Comerica Park. We have had an overwhelming response for this event compared to last year, which is awesome. We encourage you to take advantage of these wonderful family opportunities and events which we are offering to our members.

If there is anything I can do to assist any of our Sparrow Hospital UAW members, please feel free to give me a call at (517) 272-5865. I will be happy to help you or guide you to the appropriate person. Please also feel free to call with ideas or suggestions of activities, educational opportunities, etc. Your input is valuable and always appreciated.

Take the time each and every day to enjoy this wonderful spring season. Mother Nature is giving us!
LOCAL 602
Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

Why you should care about the minimum wage

The President is calling on Congress to raise the federal minimum hourly wage from $7.25 to $9.00 in stages by the end of 2015. This will directly affect over 15 million people, making a huge difference in the lives of many. Economic studies show that modern day raising the minimum wage reduces poverty without jeopardizing employment, in part because it increases purchasing power for the consumer which helps the overall economy.

Congress sets the minimum wage in nominal dollars, so it doesn’t keep pace with inflation. Because cost of living is consistently rising, the value of the wage buys less than the minimum wage did throughout the 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s. Although the minimum wage has increased 22 times since it was established, those increases were needed to restore the real value of the minimum wage.

A stronger middle class is a key to a stronger economy. A higher minimum wage will allow more families to be lifted out of poverty. Around 60 percent of these workers are women. The President believes that no one who works a full time should raise their family in poverty. A minimum wage worker makes about $15,080.00 a year, which leaves many out of poverty. Around 60 percent of the minimum wage buys less than the minimum wage that has made us great!

I am “Proud to pay my dues.” Our state has been taking from families of our members helps us retain our ability to bargain on behalf of our members. Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Detroit, introduced Senator Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard, Fin. Secretary

LOCAL 602
and the Conservation & Recreation Committee Present:

DETOUR TIGERS VS. BOSTON RED SOX
Sunday, June 23, at 1:05 pm

Please note: Game time is subject to change.

Tickets are $5.00 and go on sale:
Thursday, May 9, 1 pm – 4 pm
at UAW Local 602 Union Hall
2510 Michigan Ave., Lansing MI

Includes: Game ticket, deluxe motor coach transportation, water and pop, movies on the bus, prize drawings. You are welcome to bring your own cooler.

NO REFUNDS!

Bus will leave UAW Local 602 Union Hall at 10:30 am to allow at least one hour to get settled at Comerica Park

For more information: Paulina Rodriguez (517/231-7648), Local 602 (517/372-4626) or see a committee member:

Co-Chair Geoff Kerley, Co-Chair Daryl Smith, Gary Howard, Kellyce Kelley, Christie Medina, Nancy Menilla, Adrienne McCloud, Tony Perez

Local 602 meetings

Following are Local 602’s meeting dates for the coming period. The Executive Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. and the Membership at 6:00 p.m. on:
05/19/13 09/08/13 10/13/13 11/10/13 12/08/13

Wealth inequality in America

I recently received an e-mail from a friend that suggested I watch a certain video that had gone “viral” on YouTube. The video is an interpretation of a study performed by Michael Norton and Dan Ariely, professors at the business schools of Harvard and Duke, respectively. The duo do research in behavioral economics and try to describe their results in plain language. They recently performed a study that asked 5,000 Americans what their average distribution of wealth would be, splitting the population into five 20% groups. Then they asked them what they thought the actual distribution of wealth was. Less equal than their ideal, came the answer. But the truth, as Ariely and Norton noted, was that America was much less equal than that. Reality was twice as far from the average American’s ideal as the average American thought.

The study group’s “ideal” distribution chart was about what I would choose, the top 20% earning 30% of the wealth, with the next two groups having about 20% each followed by 14% for the fourth group and about 11% for the poorest group. This breakdown represents a strong middle and upper class with lots of support for the lower. The “estimated” chart started to slide to the top 20%. On this chart the top 20% was believed to own almost 60% of the wealth of the United States. The second group held 20%, the third a little over 10%, the fourth 6% and the poorest 4%. The real eye opener is the next chart. The reality is the top group owns 84% of the wealth, the second 11%, the third 4%, and the fourth and fifth group less than 1% combined.

A couple more facts from the “actual” distribution chart need to be highlighted. The top 1% of the population holds 40% of the nation’s wealth. The bottom 80% only holds 16% between them. You may ask yourself, “Why should I even care about the minimum wage?” It doesn’t affect me.” As UAW members, we are fortunate to make a little more than the minimum wage. But the fooling into thinking that “if a company didn’t have to pay the minimum wage, we would receive the same in work.” We’ll know that’s not true. Our ability to bargain on behalf of our members helps us retain these wages. I believe that the dues I pay to my union have more than proven to be a great investment.

“It Pays to belong to the UAW,” and I am “Proud to pay my dues.”

LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President

Car of the year billboards

Have you noticed the “Car of the Year” billboards at I-496 West near the Waverly Road exit, and at the intersection of MLK and Saginaw?

This is one of the highest levels of recognition a car manufacturer can achieve. This doesn’t happen by accident can only be achieved with all the hard work that our members do every day in the plants!

The only reason they call Lansing the Automotive Capital of the world is because of the great work ethic and the excellent quality that Lansing has provided over the years. From the early Ninety-eights, Eighty-eights, Cutlass and the great Olds V-8 Rocket engines to the Grand Am and Alero to theCTS and Aurora next the Camaro.

So thanks to everyone who ever turned a wrench or checked a part in one of our Lansing plants and if you see the billboard be proud because it is you that has made us great!

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

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Scott Lounds’ article is on page 5.

The 2013 Woods and Waters 5K Run/Walk will take place on May 5 at the Delta Township Assembly Plant’s lovely habitat area. (See the Lansing News website for more info.)

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Dorothy Stevens 602 retirees

Welcome back to all the snowbirds. You’re great with your suntans. We’re glad you’re back safe.

Some dates to remember: Euchre tournament, May 8. Registration is at Local 602 at 8:30 a.m. and playing starts at 9:00. The top four winners will meet with Flint’s top four at Local 602 in the afternoon. Come join us for a day of fun and also lunch.

Retired Fisher Girls’ annual luncheon will be on the last Thursday in July, the 25th, at 2:00 p.m. at Finley’s Restaurant on South Cedar Street in Lansing. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone for an afternoon of reminiscing.

We are working to set up a travel club for all retirees in the region. If you have a place you’d like to go and think that other retirees would enjoy, please let me know. If we can get the numbers, we’ll be looking at cheaper rates.

Due to its steady popularity, Congress is now considering undermining the existing Medicare system. They would slash benefits for the elderly and leave older Americans at the mercy of the for-profit insurance industry.

The solution to our nation’s health care crisis isn’t cutting Medicare. It’s making Medicare into a single-payer system for all.

More than four years after the financial crash and two years after the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Wall Street still remains out of control. We need to push for the rules that Dodd-Frank mandated and for tough standards that will crack down on Wall Street abuses.

Spend just a few minutes of your time and call your Congressperson and make your voice heard.

For all our sick and shut-ins you are welcome. If you have benefit questions, contact Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only.

The Regional IC Retirees’ Euchre tournament is Wednesday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m., at Local 602. Local 602 is located at 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Call 517-722-7581 ext. 147, and leave your name and phone number if you are interested in playing in the tournament. You do not need a partner.

The July 2 Bingo night is cancelled. The Lansing Area Retiree Picnic is Monday, August 12, at Haw Island. The picnic starts at noon. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Haw Island is located at 1601 E. Cavanaugh, Lansing.

The August 20 potluck dinner and business meeting is cancelled. The August 27 Card night is cancelled. The retirees chapter is taking a trip to New York on September 5-10. There are still seats available. Call Marni at 517-321-6871, for more information.


The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Leonard Schneider, Bob & Lee Vergason, Mason Williams, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is now online at www.lansinglabornews.org. The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate when you attend retiree events. No expected date 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

Lois Schultz 1618 retirees

Hello out there all you wonderful people!

Number one on our list is Ted Gaus’s breakfast, held at Guerazzi’s Restaurant, 15643 South US 27, Lansing Township, 48823 at starts at 9:00 a.m. on June 4. Call Ted at (517) 321-4754.

Proposed calendar of events

May 8 – Euchre tournament at Local 662.
May 8 – Retiree luncheon May 10 – Lunch at Old World Buffet, 11:30 a.m.
June 4 – Ted’s breakfast at Guerazzi’s June 13 – Cook-out luncheon July 10 – Luncheon with “no-bake cake sale”.
August 12 – Area-wide retiree picnic and August 20 – Picnic at Downsville, noon September 11 – Luncheon September 17 – Tigers night game September 21 – Pancake breakfast and bake sale.
October 9 – Halloween luncheon October 15 – Michigan Princess color tour
November 13 – Veterans’ memorial and Thanksgiving luncheon with holiday auction.
December 11 – Christmas luncheon

Please mark your calendars and join us. You’ll be happy you did.

Call Connie Dunn about our trips at (517) 323-2146.

On our sick list: Jerry Rayman; Gary Sunken and wife are working at getting better. To the families of James Greer, Critt Lowery, Rick Rendon, Norma Hunt (84), Joe Finkbeiner, and Jack Whitney (79), Jenny Henderson (84), Bruce Jameson: you’re all in our prayers.

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Laura Clark 1753 retirees

Spring has sprung, hope you are out and about enjoying it.

As of the time of my writing this article I am in court again, fighting against the “Right to Work for Less” is leaning towards Labor.

The judge rebuked the employees for not being ready twice. You may have heard Sen. Hopgood has introduced SB 95 and 96, bills that would allow right-to-work. Remember, those bills were rammed through last year’s lame duck session without public hearing while thousands of union activists like us were locked out of the State Capitol.

Union workers are under attack, fighting off both government and corporate factions who want worker protections and rights. Presidents around the country can make more money or further their agendas.

Speaking of agendas, is the NRA getting you down? Maybe you’re a hunter or a fisherperson, or into conservation … think about joining the Union Sportsmen’s Alliance “USA”. In five short years they have put on some wonderful ‘Boots on the Ground’ events and entertained us with a great sports show “Brotherhood Outdoors”. They also send out a great informative journal quarterly. I liked USA so much that I joined it! You may like it too.

The Region 5 C’s Euchre Tournament is May 6 at Local 602. You should arrive at 8:45 am to sign in. You don’t need a partner and it’s free to play. We have a nice lunch afterwards and you could win a prize.

Our own Local 1753 picnic is June 13 at the hall. Coffee will be ready at 11:00 am. Come help us set up for lunch at noon. We won’t do a meeting that morning. All the Retirees: if we plan to grill, make popcorn and you of course bring a dish to pass. We also do the dessert contest. Be sure to use your best recipe, you could win a prize. We are opening the picnic to active members of 1753. You may remember before we had a retiree chapter, the active members put the picnic on for the retirees. This is a great way to return the favor and encourage more interaction between the retired and active members. We also voted to fund the Christmas Party in total.

We canceled the August meeting, so if you only do one thing a month it may be the UAW Region 1-C Retirees Picnic. It’s at Hawk Island Park August 12 at 11:45 am to sign in. Please bring a dish to pass.

I know I’ve said it before, but let me know, or call the hall if a brother or sister passes. I can’t report it unless I know. Reminder, next meeting is May 9. Coffee at 11:00, lunch at noon, and a meeting about 1:00. We voted to have grinders that day. Please bring a dish to pass.

Hope to see you soon.

1753 Obituaries

Gary Arnett 2-13-2013
Gerald McKenna 2-20-2013
Molly Lord 4-9-2013
So, when our Republican Governor and the rest of Dick DeVos' henchmen tell you that Right-to-Work is about worker freedom, don't believe it for even a second. Of course they are well aware that participation in the union has never been mandatory. You aren't required to attend meetings, or even vote in elections. Traditionally, all you had to do to get the full benefits of the agreement the union negotiated is to work in a unionized facility and pay your dues. Now you only have to do the former and not the latter. This is so patently unfair as to seem un-American.

If the Republicans and their corporate interests really are interested in "freedom" why hasn't the Republican-controlled House of Representatives in Washington introduced legislation to amend the National Labor Relations Act? The removal of just a handful of words would make it so that only dues-paying members get the rights under collective bargaining agreements. This would create a true marketplace of ideas, where you had the choice to join the union or not, and where there would be consequences to making that choice.

If a worker thought they could do better going it alone, they should have that right. But they would not have the right to freeload on other people's dues money and still receive the benefit of a union contract. This is a service most people should be willing to pay for. Especially when they do the math and find that the difference in what union and non-union workers make for the same job is far more each year than the cost of the dues people pay.

Unions provide a great service to the working people we represent, and to society as a whole. One that is worth every penny in dues we collect. The minute that people can no longer shelter under the umbrella of security and protection that unions provide without paying for that right—and it then makes a difference in their paycheck—there will be consequences to making that choice. For a worker to insist that workers have the right to freeload on other people's dues money and still receive a union contract is un-American.

Every dollar lost by unions due to the Right-to-Work laws is currently trying to organize a number of automotive transplants. These facilities are largely located in the American south. The companies involved include Nissan, Mercedes, and Volkswagen, among others. Airbus, the European based manufacturer of aircraft, is also opening a plant in Alabama. In their home country most of these manufacturers are not only unionized, but pay wages such that workers have a standard of living comparable to traditional American autoworkers. In these transplant factories they are paying low wages, often to "temporary" workers who have no benefits or retirement plan, and have no way to ever gain such.

This leads one to a stunning conclusion: our southern states are becoming Europe's and Japan's Mexico. That's right, the gappy and graying of teeth by American workers over the last decades as we saw jobs stream across our southern border to plants built by American manufacturers in Mexico can now be heard by workers all over the world. Only now our own fellow citizens are the lowest common denominator when it comes to wages.

It is a perfect storm for the foreign companies who get to build cars in a country with a stable government, which more and more takes the side of corporations over their own citizens. As an added bonus they get to set up shop in states that have been, and largely remain, hostile to organized labor. This virtually guarantees that they can keep paying low wages, with scanty benefits, indefinitely. Parts of our own country are becoming the third world to manufacturers unless these transplants are organized and pay wages, often to "temporary" workers who have no benefits or retirement plan, and have no way to ever gain such.

Unions have been mandatory. You aren't required to attend meetings, or even vote in elections. Traditionally, all you had to do to get the full benefits of the agreement the union negotiated is to work in a unionized facility and pay your dues. Now you only have to do the former and not the latter. This is so patently unfair as to seem un-American.

The Nomination and Election of the Executive Board of Local 4911 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

ELECTION OF UAW LOCAL 4911 OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSONS AND STEWARDS

Date: June 10, 2013
Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm
Place: UAW Local 4911 Hall
2722 E.Michigan Ave, Ste 103
Lansing, MI 48912

ELECTION OF LOCAL 4911 OFFICERS, CHAIRPERSONS AND STEWARDS

Date: June 17, 2013
Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm
Place: UAW Local 4911 Hall
2722 E.Michigan Ave, Ste 103
Lansing, MI 48912

Election Committee Chairperson
Joseph Douglas, Local 4911

The 13th annual Pride Ride for motorcycle safety will be on Friday, May 17. We have more info on our website, lansinglabornews.org.

The Tri-County Union Label Coalition will hold their annual "All you can eat" pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, May 5, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Local 602 Union Hall. The cost is $5 per person and children 12 and under are free. Tickets available at the door.
602 Obituaries
Emma M. Willoughby – Wife of Redell B. Willoughby, Retired Sanitation
Bowlin Wright – Retired Paint
Daniel Fournier – Retired Body Shop
Marvin Arnold – Stepfather of Elson Beard – Retired Doors
Larry Tester – Retired
Richard Andrews – Father of Jeffrey Reeves, Retired Quality
Machele Marie Bahl – Daughter of Rodney Bahl, Retired
Ramona Garibay – Mother of Ray Garibay, Quality
Joshua Peerson – Stepson of Steven McClure
Henry Homer Jones – Retired Body Hauler
Phyllis J. Jessen – Mother of Arnie Jessen, Doorline
Freda F. Frary – Mother of JoAnne Schnaars, Pipetfiber (Body Shop)
Sandra Langham – Retired
Charles Corbett – Retired
Sue Meadows – Retired
Mark Hawley – Retired
Russell Martin – Retired
Gerald Rodebaugh – Retired
Howard Anderson – Retired
Ricky Wong – Retired
Glen Wilcox – Retired
Iris Faye Decker – Mother of Randall Decker, Millwright (Body Shop)
Maude E. Nelson – Mother of John Nelson, Retired Electrician (Tire Bay)
Jackie Stanley – Retired
Leo John Lucian – Father of John Lucian
Robert H. Moyer – Retired Body Shop
Jesus Gutica – Father of Hector Gatica, Retired Sanitation; Juan Gatica, Retired Sanitation; and Irma Medina, deceased
Charles A. Nethaway – Father of Gene Nethaway, Retired Electrician (Body); Gary Nethaway, Retired Shipping (Body); and Barry Nethaway, Retired Truck Hauling
Eugene M. Ellis – Father of Michael Ellis, General Assembly (Chassis 3)
Carol L. Eifert – Wife of Joe Eifert, Re-tired Trim (C-Line and M-Line)
Dorothy Jean Esskilsen – Mother of Mark Esskilsen – Body (Framing)
Casey Richardson – Retired
Wilfred Kabelitz – Retired
Thomas France – Retired
George Barnes – Retired
Raymond Hoogcuard – Stepfather of David Beadie, General Assembly (Trim 2)

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Arthur W. Allen – Retiree, Father of Duane and James Allen
Richard M. Andrews – Retiree
Gary Arnett – Brother of Kenny Arnett
Carl W. Baker – Father of Brenda Farner
James Baldwin – Father-in-Law of Bill Golf
Sherry Lee Brown-Beasley – Mother of Ernest Beasley
Darrell Coffey – Father of Thomas P. Coffey
Clarence Cole – Retiree
Dor Dorr – Retiree
Anna Coscarelli – Mother-in-Law of Armando DeLuca
Samuel D. DeLaGarza II – Son of Mary De La Garza, Brother of Jose Zavala and Yolanda De La Garza
Charles Dolbe – Retiree
John Dwyer – Retiree
Larry Eiser – Retiree
Marlene J. Eveleth – Spouse of Thomas Eveleth
Jacqueline M. Fenby – Spouse of Richard Fenby
Jeanette Fritch – Mother of William Fritch
Darian Lee Graham – Retiree
Leotha May Guild – Mother-in-Law of Earl Dennis
Charles Campbell – Father-in-Law of Arlene Pesik
James L. Iler – Retiree
Alice Johnson – Spouse of James Johnson Jr.
Elwood “Ed” King – Retiree, Step-father of Rod Vedder
Janice Levendoski – Spouse of Thomas Levendoski
Laura Lyon – Mother of Larry Kyser, Mother-in-Law of Earl Dennis
M. Joyce MacCreery – Mother of Richard “Rick” MacCreery

Jessie Mayo – Spouse of Gilbert Mayo
Yvonne McAttee – Spouse of Al McAttee, Mother of Bruce McAttee
Betty Meade – Mother of Michael Meade
Paul Meyer – Retiree
I.D. Miller – Father of Mark Doten
Robert H. Moyer – Father of Kirk Moyer
Frank Ochoa Jr. – Retiree
James L. Patterson – Spouse of Ledia Patterson
Oldrich Pesik – Father of John Pesik, Father-in-Law of Arlene Pesik
Wilfred “Joe” Pullman Sr. – Retiree
Gladiys Ralbovsky – Mother-in-Law of Dave Robison and Bill Fritch

Maria Ramirez – Retiree
Edwin “Bill” Reynolds – Retiree
Lois Jean Smith – Mother of Sherry Smith
William Smith – Retiree
Marjorie Stanton – Mother of Gary Stanton
Harold L. Stewart – Retiree, Father of Art and Henry Stewart
Alvin W. Woodrow – Retiree
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