I would like to take a minute to thank the Rapaport, Pollok, Farrell & Waldron Group for supporting us over the years. They have been coming to our hall on Wednesdays for more than 40 years. They have helped to service our members by answering questions and giving advice on legal matters. They have supported many different events at this Local and the Region, and they truly are a part of our union family here at Local 652.

With the return of GM Legal Services (whose numbers is 1-800-482-7700) and the drop in membership at this local, the bad news is, starting June 2018 they will now only be coming to the hall on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesdays of the month.

If you have a problem that needs to be addressed in the meantime you are more than welcome to call and contact them at 517-332-3555. Again they will continue to be here to support us, but now just two Wednesdays a month at the hall.

Don’t forget to put this year’s UAW Local 652 Family picnic on your calendar. It is being put on by the Recreation Committee July 21, 2018 at Sleepy Hollow State Park from 12p.m. - 3p.m. Bring a dish to pass and food will be served at 1p.m. Some of us will be camping for the weekend so come on out and bring the family. It should be a lot of fun for all.

Hello Union Brothers and Sisters. Summer is soon approaching and we are glad to have Summer help in our plant to help with vacations. We will be holding a union hall cleaning day June 2nd from 10am to 2pm. The idea behind this is to deep clean the inside and pretty up the outside to show our 1753 pride.

Also to show pride, don’t forget to wear a red shirt on Wednesdays. Your Women’s Committee will soon be coming up with a new red t-shirt design for pre-order. You can leave a message at the Hall with your order or follow instructions in the Plant once a design is chosen.

Isabel Baker, the new Chaplin for our Local, just got back from the UAW Chaplin Conference.

She had a blessed time. She also hosts a women’s church group at our local. If anyone is interested in more information, flyers are posted in the plant or you can just ask Isabel.

Both the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate will be attending the Constitutional Convention in June. It was decided between the two candidates that Yvonne Vincent would be the Delegate and Arniece Stephenson would be the Alternate Delegate.

We have UAW Membership cards and will start handing them out at the membership meetings. It was good to see new members at the last membership meeting. It was good to see new members at the last membership meeting. Always feel free to bring your questions to your membership meetings. We are stronger when we stand together. Remember to buy Union and Buy American.
I feel extremely blessed to stand alongside you as a dues paying member of the UAW. This organization provides us with job security, benefits and the opportunity to make a positive impact, both in our workplace and our community.

Time and again we reach into our pocket to support the community, providing a helping hand to people in need. Those same hands reach out when a union sister or brother needs lifting up. Those hands show the calluses from our job because we work hard to provide a better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

Ask anyone what it means to be strong and they will most likely tell you physical endurance. Building our physical self will help us to live a longer, heathier and ultimately a happier life. Being union strong isn’t that much different than being physically strong. Holding each other up so we all are standing in solidarity makes us union strong.

Together we decide what is or isn’t important to our wellbeing. We don’t focus on adversity, but on diversity. We look to the strengths and talents of each other to take us on the path to our future. There isn’t anything we can’t do as long as we do it as a team, and a team connected hand in hand cannot be torn apart.

The willingness to stand together will show the world just how important we really are. Don’t let adversity stand between you and your potential. Always ask for help when needed, always admit when you’ve made a mistake and always do your best to understand someone else’s viewpoint.

If we remind ourselves of these simple principles, the impact we have will be far reaching for generations to come.

In Solidarity

— Mahatma Gandhi
While the Right-to-Work law passed here in Michigan is the clearest evidence of this, there are many things happening at the Federal level that will also be damaging. The right of the administration to appoint the heads of agencies like the NLRB and cabinet posts such as the Department of Labor is crucial and over time causes great damage to the Labor movement. With the office of president comes the power to appoint many, many, officials whose actions effect our lives. These political appointees often have tremendous power to change the direction of labor law and its enforcement. As an example, the current administration’s efforts to reverse the direction of federal labor policy continue to accelerate in an alarming fashion. Labor rights advocates are particularly alarmed by the direction NLRB General Counsel, and Trump appointee, Peter Robb has taken regarding the agency. Former NLRB Chair, and Stanford University Law Professor William Gould has called Robb “a man in a big hurry” to seize control of the complaint process at the regional level which is the strength of the NLRB. The regional directors and their staffs typically resolve more than 85 percent of the roughly 20,000 cases filed with the agency each year over disputed labor practices without involving the general counsel, the top enforcement official. The NLRB Regional offices are where Union officials or lawyers can go to have complaints handled in a professional manner. But, Republicans believe that the civil servants who man these offices are biased toward Labor. Under the proposal by Robb the NLRB regional staff would answer to a small group of politically appointed officials higher up in the boards hierarchy that would surely reflect Robb’s personal agenda. Affectionately demoting longtime public servants in favor of political hacks. Keep in mind that Robb came to his position after a legal career spent representing management, including being a key part of the staff that brought the Reagan administration’s litigation against the air traffic controllers’ union when they struck in 1981. Most labor historians say the government’s hard line in firing the controllers contributed to organized Labor’s struggles in the following decades. The example of the NLRB and Peter Robb serves to illustrate the reasons that we need to work diligently to elect pro-worker and pro-labor candidates this election season. The people who hold office at both the state and federal levels can change our lives for better or worse and with the Governor’s race and other important elections only months away it is time to energize and mobilize to protect our rights and the rights of those who will follow.

UAW Local 4911 will be hosting a picnic for our members and their families on Saturday, August 4th at Patriarche Park in East Lansing in lieu of having an Appreciation Day on the Sparrow campus. It is with deepest gratitude that we show our appreciation to our members as we stand together in these challenging times of economic uncertainty. More information regarding the details of our picnic will be announced as plans develop.

As many of you know, our contract expires this year on November 30th and the Bargaining/Negotiation team will enter into contract negotiations later this year. I hope everyone capitalize on the opportunity to make your voice heard by submitting your completed Bargaining survey and Recreational Event which was mailed to your home address.

Our union displays solidarity by standing together during negotiations to protect our interests. Never before has it been so vitally important for us to join the rank and file to protect our collective bargaining rights. We must continue our fight for a living wage, affordable healthcare, vacations, benefits, a safe and healthy work environment, etc. It may also be a great learning opportunity for you to teach your family and children the history of unions and the battle we strive to continue today for economic fairness for all.

Please take an interest in what is happening during collective bargaining as well as on the legislative front with upcoming elections. If you don’t think you want to get involved for yourself, then do it for your children or your grandchildren. If you don’t, you may find them on your doorstep one day wanting to come home to live with you because they may not be able to afford to live on their own.

**Breakfast with us**

GM salary, hourly & skilled trades Retirees’ Breakfast, last Wednesday of the month, at Flap Jack in DeWitt next to LAFCU from 7:30 till? Phone 517-374-6456.

I look to the past to see what our forefathers have done for our great union and think about what is the legacy that our union will leave behind. Struggle has always been a part of this union’s history and will continue to be part of our future. Through the decades our union leaders gathered together our members for a unified objective that all workers shall achieve the ultimate goal of social and economic justice.

Our union organized and fought for improved working conditions, shorter hours, higher wages, holiday pay, health care, and pensions to maintain and protect the interests of the workers. The UAW has been steadfast in improving safety in the workplace and the working environment of each and every laborer.

One objective of the UAW has been to educate our members in the history of the Labor Movement in order to maintain a strong intelligent membership who vote and work for the election of candidates and the passage of legislation that supports labor. The UAW has worked directly and indirectly to improve the interests of our members. The future we seek is one of equality and justice for all.

Walter Reuther’s enduring speech with the famous words of, “There’s a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls”, has never been more accurate than at this time. Unions are slowly being dismantled by elected government officials who do not support labor. Our union is being attacked from all sides and we are in a fight for survival.

We fight not just for ourselves but for entire communities. There is hope, there is a dream, and it’s all possible when we come together as
a visible symbol of strength to work toward a common goal. By doing this, we can and will achieve improvements in social and economic conditions for all.

LOCAL 652
Ben Frantz, Vice President

Observation…. Union membership is not growing in correlation with dividend postings for stockholders or salaries of CEO’s yet it appears that union and organizations have become complacent. Based upon conversations with both new union members and non-union members the answer is becoming ever more clear; if I don’t feel the pain, why worry, or worse yet, the nothing is going to change mentalities prevail.

In my opinion, the problem is corporate greed and their propaganda machines. Where we as Union members and Union organizations have faltered is failing to keep pace with the corporate propaganda machines in painting a true reality as we live versus what the rich need us to believe. Starting in the late 1800’s through the 1950’s there was clarity as to why joining a union was important. In fact, there were so many reasons to join a union that corporations could not compete with their propaganda. This period of time gave birth to organized Labor in America along with its peak membership and political influence gaining Americans many of the comforts we now take for granted.

What if we as a nation of workers were to step up along with our Labor organizations and go on the offensive to remind American workers that we have rights in our work place, which include a living wage. We should also demand politicians who support America not just rich America. As proven from 1920 through the 1950’s strong Union membership drives political change. Let’s start this change together, be a proud Unionist and defend the belief that when we are together we win. Division only drives us down; our children’s future depends on our ability not only to maintain but also to gain on what we have inherited from those courageous enough to fight for what is right and just for all American’s not just the few. Though the reasons for joining aren’t as perilous as in the past, the attack on our livelihood is modern and aggressive which proves that Unions must go heavy on the offensive because now just as before we are still relevant.

LOCAL 724
Deb Abent, Fin. Secretary

Here is an interesting article on the Conflict of Interest Rule

What’s at stake with the conflict of interest rule

By Heidi Shierholz and Ben Zipperer

When financial advisers are paid through fees and commissions that directly depend on which investment products their clients choose, the advice they provide is “conflicted”—what is best for the adviser may not be best for the client. This creates incentives for advisers to steer their clients into investments that provide larger payments to the adviser but are not necessarily the best choice for the investor. Every year, retirement savers lose $17 billion acting on advice from financial advisers who have conflicts of interest. Annual losses from conflicted investment advice range from $24.2 million in Wyoming to $205.3 million in Iowa to just over a billion in Texas and to nearly $1.9 billion in California.

This fleecing of retirement savers should be illegal. Financial advisers, like lawyers and doctors, should be required to act in the best interests of their clients. That’s what the “conflict of interest” rule—also known as the “fiduciary” rule—does. Set to go into partial effect June 9, the conflict of interest rule would require financial advisers to act in the best interests of clients saving for retirement.

But this rule is under threat from the Trump administration, which has demonstrated that weakening or rescinding the rule is a core priority. In the second week of his presidency, Donald Trump directed the Department of Labor to prepare an analysis concerning the likelihood of the rule—despite the fact that the department had already completed a roughly six-year, exhaustive vetting process. This vetting process produced a nearly 400-page economic analysis on the likely impact of the final rule. The analysis was published one year before the rule would go into effect, and it incorporated feedback from four days of hearings, more than 100 stakeholder meetings, thousands of public comments, and a detailed review of the academic literature. The analysis found that “advisor conflicts are inflicting large, avoidable losses on retirement investors, that appropriate, strong reforms are necessary, and that compliance with this final rule and exemptions can be expected to deliver large net gains to retirement investors.”

To have time to conduct the additional examination, the Department of Labor delayed the implementation of the rule by 60 days, from April 10 to June 9. This delay hurt retirement savers, and not just during the period of the delay. In the proposal to delay the conflict of interest rule, the department noted that the losses that retirement savers would incur from being steered toward higher-cost investment products during the delay “would not be recovered, and would continue to compound, as the accumulated losses would have reduced the asset base that is available later for reinvestment or spending.” The 60-day delay will cost retirement savers $3.7 billion over the next 30 years—and this estimate is an undercount because it considers only individual retirement accounts, not other investment vehicles subject to potential conflicted advice, such as 401(k)s.

Alexander Acosta, who became Secretary of Labor on April 28, (See ABENT p6)
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
ELECTION NOTICE UAW LOCAL 652

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING POSITION'S WITHIN YOUR LOCAL AND RESPECTIVE UNIT HAVE WON

DELEGATE TO 37TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Randy Freeman-GM
Mark Baldwin-GM
Robin MC Clary-GM
Scott R. Lounds-GM
Jake Jacobson-Avancez
Mike Luna-Ryder
Art Luna-Ryder
Annie Rankin-Loc

ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO 37TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Dave Gaudard-GM
Kelly Talbot-GM
Douglas Elders-Avancez
Ed Lindemann “Catfish”-Ryder
Local 652 Election Committee

Local 724 ELECTION RESULTS
37th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate and Alternate

Jeffery "Koz" Kosloski - Delegate
Brian Worlock - Delegate
Mike Huerta - Delegate
Ryan Eding - Delegate
Heather Schroeder - Delegate
Heather Mcclain - Alternate
Steve Delaney - Alternate
John Anthony - Alternate
Harold E. Brown - Alternate
Anita R. Dawson - Alternate

Elected Delegates scheduled to attend the UAW 37th Constitutional Convention in Detroit on June 11-14, 2018 are as follows:

DELEGATES
Corey Engle
Mickie Kreft
David Near
Wl Slone
David Zerbe

ALTERNATE DELEGATES
LaYvonn Beatty
Muhammad Qawwee
Paul Roettger

LaYvonn Beatty, Election Committee Chairperson

Local 4911 37th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate Election Results

Todd Collins - Delegate
Debra Abent - Delegate
Jeremy Hester - Alternate

Elected Delegates scheduled to attend the UAW 37th Constitutional Convention in Detroit on June 11-14, 2018 are as follows:

Bridgewater
Kirk Nordberg - Delegate
Adam Mosher - Delegate
Dawn Parish - Alternate
Lisa Dunton - Alternate

Dakkota
Terri Niblock - Delegate

Woodbridge
Chris Donelson - Delegate

Local 1753 Notice of Election Results
37th UAW Constitutional Convention Delegate and Alternate

Yvonne Vincent—Delegate
Arnice Stephenson—Alternate Delegate

Yvonne Vincent, President, Local 1753 and Al Vincent, Election Chair, Local 1753

UAW LOCAL 602 ELECTION RESULTS
UAW 37TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
DELEGATES ELECTION

Five (5) Delegates & Five (5) Alternates

Top 5 vote-getters are delegates, NEXT 5 vote getters are Alternates

Jeffery "Koz" Kosloski - Delegate
Brian Worlock - Delegate
Mike Huerta - Delegate
Ryan Eding - Delegate
Heather Schroeder - Delegate
Heather Mcclain - Alternate
Steve Delaney - Alternate
John Anthony - Alternate
Harold E. Brown - Alternate
Anita R. Dawson - Alternate

Brian Stead - Election Chair, Jerri Smith, Kevin Barnum, and Jo-Anne Prince – Election Co-Chairs, Bill Reed - President
Recently I was reading an article on the Economic Policy Institute website (www.epi.org) that made a lot of sense. Titled “How today’s unions help working people” it attempts to explain the importance, strength, and power of labor organizations. Americans have historically joined together in organizations to solve problems and make changes that improve their lives and communities. Joining a union allows people to influence a place where they spend a great majority of their lives: their workplace.

Subtitled “Giving workers the power to improve their jobs and unrig the economy” it’s an in-depth look at the who, what, where, why, and how of organized labor in today’s environment and what’s needed to regain the lost ground of the last few decades. Here is a small taste of the beginning…

“The freedom of workers to join together in unions and negotiate with employers (in a process known as collective bargaining) is widely recognized as a fundamental human right across the globe. In the United States, this right is protected by the U.S. Constitution and U.S. law and is supported by a majority of Americans.

Over 16 million working women and men in the United States are exercising this right—these 16 million workers are represented by unions. Overall, more than one in nine U.S. workers are represented by unions. This representation makes organized labor one of the largest institutions in America.

By providing data on union coverage, activities, and impacts, this report helps explain how unions fit into the economy today; how they affect workers, communities, occupations and industries, and the country at large; and why collective bargaining is essential for a fair and prosperous economy and a vibrant democracy. It also describes how decades of anti-union campaigns and policies have made it much harder for working people to use their collective voice to sustain their standard of living.”

And a little of the end…

“Unions are a dynamic and ever-evolving institution of the American economy that exist to give working people a voice and leverage over their working conditions and the economic policies that shape these conditions. Collective bargaining is indispensable if we want to achieve shared prosperity.

But it is precisely because they are effective and necessary for shared prosperity that unions are under attack by employers who want to maintain excessive leverage over workers and by policymakers who want to use their collective voice to thwart them.

Giving workers a real voice and leverage is essential for democracy. While unions historically have not been able to match corporate political donations dollar for dollar, working people organizing together in unions play an equalizing role because they can motivate members to give their time and effort to political causes.

One study found that unions are very effective at getting people to vote—especially increasing voting among those with only a high school education.

As this report has shown, unions—when strong—have the capacity to tackle some of the biggest problems that plague our


economy, from growing economic inequality, wage stagnation, and racial and gender inequities to eroding democracy and barriers to civic participation.

And, unions also help to address current workforce trends that are increasing work insecurity, from the rise of part-time work and unpaid internships to the exploitation of student athletes to increasing numbers of Uber drivers and other "gig economy" workers. In a recent New York Times op-ed, Kashasha Cauley cited some of these trends and called on her millennial peers to lead the next labor movement. Indeed, there is evidence that young workers are primed to do so: 55 percent of 18- to 29-year-old workers view unions favorably, compared with 46 percent of workers age 30 and older. And young people of both political parties are more amenable to labor unions than their older peers. Having entered the workforce during the last recession, these young workers have experienced a labor market with lower wages, diminishing benefits, "non-compete" clauses that make it harder for even entry-level employees to move to better jobs, and other facets of increasing insecurity, Cauley explains.

Certainly, Americans of all ages, occupations, races, and genders have a vested interest in making sure our economy works for everyone. To promote an inclusive economy and a robust democracy, we must work together to rebuild our collective bargaining system.”


Please take the time to visit the Economic Policy Institute website. Read this article and, while you’re at it, take a look at the rest of the site. It’s refreshing to read positive things about workers and their labor groups. Frankly, I’m a little tired of being blamed for all the economic woes of today when the truth is, our conservative “friends” are more the cause of the inequalities plaguing our country than we could ever be.

Until next time…Solidarity

LOCAL 1618
Lois Schultz
Retiree

Hi out there all you wonderful people.

Well what do you think, is it even getting warmer or what? I do know the lake is high. Up and down weather. Mark your calendars for June 5, 2018 for Ted’s breakfast at Spuds on Waverly at 8:00 am. Al and Doris Williams are back home in Charlotte. Lois Dryer in rehab. Ted Douie is back home. Noland Douglas has been in the hospital and is better now. Stuffy Smith, the welder, has been in and out of the hospital.

Me, I’m on oxygen full time now and still use the walker, but life is good. Can’t talk loudly but I can text. Like all of us, it is what it is. Like the one doctor told me, just be happy.

New man on the Labor News so good for us. Doug Fox of UAW Local 602. He works afternoons and is only at the hall on Thursday afternoons. Got phone calls from Mike Muroski, didn’t make the luncheon, Sharon Ankey lives up North, and Frank Rademacher.

If you want to make sure you do get the Labor News get ahold of Chairperson Hanna Fox she will take care of it.

Trips: Michigan wine beer tour and Fundraiser. Sept 19, 2018. Four Winds Aug 22, 2018 Ride the train. Call Connie Dunn on these or any ideas you have for trip at 517-323-2146. We still have our luncheon the 2nd Wednesday of the month and really good food.

Thanks to the Kleins who fixed the ham for our Easter lunch. It sure was tasty.

Today is first of April and it looks like rain at Narrow Lake. Remember to leave early so you don’t have to rush. Why rush when life goes so fast as it is.

Happy Birthday to all. Happy Anniversary to Al and Doris Williams on 30 years together.

Seems like everything has dollar signs. I heard of two apartments and our sewer, but bills have to be paid the name of the game. All is well here no problems, so they say.

So, until we meet again be happy and keep smiling.

LOCAL 1753
Laura Clark
Retiree

Dear Retirees finally spring has sprung. Time to get moving.

June 14th is the 1753 Retirees Picnic. Hopefully good weather to be on the lawn. Bring your Frisbee and lawn jarts. August 14, Royal Scot, Lansing's UAW Luncheon. September are the Euchre Tournaments: September 14, Saginaw UAW 467, September 21 Lansing UAW 602, September 28 Flint UAW 659. October Region 1-D's travel committee is going to Niagara Falls twice and next year Hawaii. If you want to go call Joseph Couturier 810-743-3943 or Stacy Kilburn at 810-695-6170.

Plug into your local, we have get together's, lunches and meetings. Volunteer in your community. Politics always needs attention and action. Mid-terms elections are coming up. Work with your favorite candidate to get them elected.

Not into groups? You can contact you representative about saving Social Security and Medicare. Remember that's your money you paid your whole work history. FI-CA is the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. It was Insurance set up for you. At the time it was implemented we could not imagination all these billionaires. All we need to do is take the cap off then there will be enough to cover all. There is no need to cut when everyone pays there share.

February's meeting went well. We reported that we were able to help three of our local’s charity's after our fund raising at Christmas. We were able to sign up a couple of members to go to Black Lake. Maybe next year it could be you. We had a speaker from American Income Life, a Union insurance co., and of course good food.

March meeting was pretty simple. Many thank you's from charity's. Announcements for International Women’s Day celebrations around town. Reported a number for help, it is the Voice for Quality Long Term Care their number is (202) 332-2275. Maybe that can help you or someone you know.

April meeting was very nice Pres Vincent was able to attend and give a report. We heard two of our members attended the Fla Picnic. Hope we can have a better showing next year. Announced Euchre tournaments, bowling and Con Con. Linda tried a new chicken dish on us, we liked it any time Linda! I went to the Euchre tournament at 602. It was good to see three more of our members there. We all had a good time and a great lunch, but no money. Maybe next time you boys will have better luck.

Our next meeting is May10th for Ted's breakfast. We will have a speaker from the hospital and get a head start on our Spring calendar. We all had a good time. June meeting was very nice Pres Vincent to give report. We heard two of our members attended the Fla Picnic. Hope we can have a better showing next year. Announced Euchre tournaments, bowling and Con Con. Linda tried a new chicken dish on us, we liked it any time Linda! I went to the Euchre tournament at 602. It was good to see three more of our members there. We all had a good time and a great lunch, but no money. Maybe next time you boys will have better luck.

Our next meeting is May10th coffee and donuts at 11, lunch is at 12 meeting is about 1 o’clock. They are the second Thursday of the month we usually do potluck, so bring a dish or your partner or both. We have Benefits Reps, there and would like to talk with you. You will also be able to pick up your Union ID card at the meeting, so be sure to stop in and grab your ID at the meeting.
Everyone have a safe and happy summer.

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.

Please mark your calendars with the following 3 cancellations and 1 addition: June 26 cards cancelled. July 3 bingo cancelled. August 21 potluck cancelled. The Lansing Area Retiree Luncheon will be August 14, at Royal Scot. Luncheon starts at noon.

The Oldsmobile "Homecoming 2018" Car Show will be Saturday, June 16th, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The show is located at Auto Owners, 6101 Anacapri Blvd, Lansing, MI. It is 1/4 mile north of I-496. Take Creyts Rd north to Anacapri. Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Hurst/Oldsmobiles.
The spring euchre tournaments were a lot of fun for everyone. Mark your calendars for the fall tournaments. Fall Euchre Tournaments will be held in Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Saginaw, on September 14th, at Local 467, 2104 Farmer St. The second tournament will be in Lansing, on September 21st, at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint, on September 28th, at Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke. 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. If you enjoy euchre come join in. There is no cost to play.

Region 1D Travel Committee is having a trip to Niagara Falls/Toronto in October. If you would like to go the week of October 1-5, contact Connie Garner-Dunn (517) 323-2146 or Linda Francis (810) 423-8661 for Lansing buses. If you would like to go the week of October 8-12, contact Diane Bauer (517) 627-5895 for a Lansing bus. (Second week bus is full, but you can be placed on a waiting list in case someone cancels - if the second week is the only time you can go.) Linda Francis can assist you on both weeks if you wish to sign up for a Flint bus. 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. 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 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

Region 1D Conferences
June 3-8—Health and Safety Conference at Black Lake
June 9—Region 1D Women’s Council meeting Lansing
June 1-14—UAW Constitutional Convention at Detroit
June 24-29—Community Services Conference at Black Lake
Jult 8-13—National Leadership Institute at Black Lake

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12 noon - 5:00 p.m. • FREE Admission & Family Fun
Join the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Awareness Council and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the 18th Annual Safety Ride!

Motorcycle Safety Awareness
June 2nd at 12:00pm • UAW Local 652 Union Hall
Registration begins at 10am, all riders must register. Starting at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare St, Lansing, MI proceeds to benefit St. John’s School.

United Way Capital Area-East Bay Clinton Eaton Ingham
2018 Volunteer Recognition Celebration
Please join us in recognizing the community’s top volunteer heroes including:
- Adult Volunteer of the Year
- Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Volunteer
- Innovator Volunteer
- Business Volunteer(s)
- And the Walter A. Campbell Award

TUESDAY, MAR. 27, 2018
5:30 p.m. • Check in, Reception & Cash Bar
6:00 p.m. • Program, Dinner & Volunteer Awards

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
295 Harrison Road, East Lansing, Michigan

For more information, please visit www.wwdunsmoor.org

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Happy spring, we hope. It seems as though the weather has been all over the place. Hopefully we are on the upward swing as many of us are mowing our yards and putting away the snow blowers.

By the time this edition is out we will have completed the National Association of Letter Carriers’ food drive. This was the 25th year here in the Lansing area. This allows the area food bank help their pantries stock up especially with school letting out shortly. Many of the volunteers are union members who see this project as a way of giving back to help our communities.

Another project that is near and dear to the community, especially the labor community is the Volunteers of America Homeless Veterans Stand Down. The event is in its 15th year and continues to reach out to our women and men who served our country and may have had a few issues. Again, many of the volunteers are union members who give of their time to help with the event. Also, many area unions donate for the event as well.

The Mystic Lake Union Camp Committee is wrapping up the 2018 scholarship season. We have focused on making sure our outreach is to get some new kids up to the camp to enjoy a week at the camp. We will update everyone on the final numbers.

The Capital Area United Way is again conducting a diaper collection drive for the community. The drive will start June 1 and run until June 20th. Collection points will be at tri-county area LAFCU sites. If you have items and can’t drop them off at the LAFCU sites, please contact me and I will pick them up.

General Motors recently conducted some more community engagement activities with its respective locations. Included in this engagement, they reached out to employees for United Way payroll deduction. This has traditionally been done during late summer/early fall. The results are very positive as they were able to engage some first-time donors. Again, another indication how we believe in our communities and are willing to donate our time, money and ideas.

Having just had my 17th year anniversary with the Capital Area United Way, I am truly honored, blessed, and humbled by serving our members and our communities. The relationship between the Capital Area United Way and organized labor dates back to 1954 and can only thrive with your support. Thanks.

Greetings from Sparrow Hospital! I want to thank everyone who donated their time and/or called in to donate to the 30th Annual Sparrow Children’s Health Center Day of Miracles for the Sparrow Children’s Miracle Network held on April 20. Collectively, we raised over $800,000 for the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and for other pediatric services! A huge shout-out to all the UAW Local 2256 members in the WILX Channel 10 unit, those in front of the screen and those behind the screen, for serving our region’s children over these years. Unfortunately, this may be the last telethon event. Space is becoming an issue at Sparrow and the area where the telethon is held is now considered a privacy area for patients who need to be transferred to and from the main hospital to the cancer center. Thank you to the Capital Area CAP Council for their generous donation. Derrick McDuffey, President UAW Local 4911, did a wonderful job presenting the check on live TV! On Friday, May 4, I had the pleasure of hosting the 23rd Annual Doug Griffith Award Breakfast honoring a local labor leader who exemplifies the selfless giving nature of Doug Griffith, a former business manager of Lansing Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 333 and president of the Michigan Pipe Trades Association. Sparrow’s 2018 Miracle Child, Luci Cichocki was there with her parents and siblings. She is a little spitfire; I’m sure one of the reasons she is beating this ugly cancer! She has no problem being the center of attention and making all those around her laugh as she charms us with her spunk. Price Dobernick, current business manager of UA Local 333 provides their hall, the catering, the beautiful floral decorations, and his local’s support for this momentous event. All the proceeds raised goes to the Sparrow Children’s Miracle Network. Since the inauguration of the Doug Griffith Award Breakfast 23 years ago, over $100,000 has been donated by local labor unions, politicians, and community advocates. This year we brought in just over $4,000! Thank you for all you do for Sparrow and the children. The recipient of the 23rd Annual Award went to Jill Bowen of UAW Local 652. She truly meets the definition of selfless giving! Next year the award will be given to a member of the Greater Lansing Labor Council. Tuesday, May 8 was the official closing date of the St. Lawrence Emergency Department. Although it is very sad to see it close, the rest of the services will remain open on the campus, such as outpatient surgeries, behavioral health, and hospice. The cost to operate 2 Emergency Departments within a 2-mile radius was expensive, so the decision was made to combine the 2 at the main hospital, with expansions to come soon. Currently, there is ambulance service waiting in the parking lot of the Emergency Department at St. Lawrence in case someone drives there for themselves or a friend/family member experiencing a medical or first aid emergency. The ambulance on duty will provide service to the main hospital on Michigan Ave. Please bear with Sparrow as the kinks are worked out.

As always, if you have a need with anything at Sparrow, I am at your service.

In Solidary,
Local 602 presented a donation to Volunteers of America with funds raised from White Shirt Day. President Bill Reed, VoA Program Manager for Veterans Housing Shawn Shaltryr, and Veterans Committee Chair Bernadine Ross.

Claire Corr speaks before presenting the Doug Griffith award to Jill Bowen.

### 2018 No Greater Calling Region 1D Blue Collar Golf Outing

- **Saturday July 28 at**
- **Bucks Run Golf Club**
- **1559 S. Chippewa Rd.**
- **Mt Pleasant**
- **ww.bucksrun.com**
- Must register online at [http://app.eventcaddy.com/events/no-greater-calling](http://app.eventcaddy.com/events/no-greater-calling)
- **Deadline July 20**
- **$400 per 4 person team**
  - 7:00am registration
  - 8:00am shotgun start
- Includes: 18 holes and 2 carts per 4 per foursome
- For more information contact
  - Deb Socier—DSocier@uaw.net
  - Gary Timmer—GTimmer@uaw.net
  - Chad Wurtzel—CWurtzel@uaw.net

### UAW Local 602 Obituaries

- Patricia K. Robinson – Retired
- Helen Rider – Mother of Cindy Bailey, GA Trim 3
- Lawrence Dunn – Retiree
- Johnny Anthony Jr. – Son of John Anthony, Skilled Trades, Benefit Rep.
- Brad Bair – Son of Sherri Adams, Paint
- Sherry Ruth Beck – Mother of Matthew Beck, GA Chassis 4
- Jacob S. Gamaat – Retired
- Katherine Nagengast – Retired
- Cullen M. Stone – Active, GA Chassis 1
- Theresa E. Fox – Retiree
- Minnie Sue Miles – Retiree
- Judy Mae Schuchaskie – Mother of Jodi M. Grennell, GA Engine Dress
- Thomas July – Father of Clayton July, Quality Control Gen Assembly
- Deborah Gilbert – Mother of David Gilbert, Paint P/E Reviews & Seal
- David J. Cannarile – Retired
- Matthew J. Brooks – Active, GA Chassis 1
- Ric Riegel – Brother of Gary Riegel, Skilled Trades
- Eduardo Vallin – Retired
- Helen Johnson – Retired
- Eldon M. Penfield - Retired
- Billie Pickler – Mother of Matthew Pickler, Materials Final
- Jennie B. Starks – Retired
- Gerald E. Kenney – Retired
- Shirley M. Gollach – Retired
- Earl J. Morris – Retired
- George E. Dush – Retired
- John S. Giles – Retired
- Riley Thompson – Retired
- Steve P. Stavros – Retired
- Betty J. MacDonald - Retired
- Alfred Jardot – Retired
- Orvest J. Davis – Retired
- Faye H. Foster – Wife of Lee Foster II, GA Trim 3

### UAW Local 652 Obituaries

- Allen Ainsworth – Retiree
- James “Mike” Baney – Retiree
- Edward Bentley – Retiree, Uncle of Kenneth Bentley
- Mary Jean Cannon – Mother of Kay and Keith Cannon
- Lawrence “Butch” Cook – Retiree, Father of Randy Cook
- Milton Coon – Retiree
- Bruce Eddy – Retiree
- Janet Ferguson – Spouse of Bobby Ferguson
- Kenneth Frederick – Spouse of Phyllis Frederick
- RoseAnna Gunde – Spouse of Frederick Gunde
- Lester Harren – Father of John Harren
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