Dale Fee passed away in May at the age of 82. Dale was a great union member at Local 652. He served as a committee member and Ben-efit Plans Rep. He served the entire greater Lansing area on the Capital Area CAP Council as our Workers Comp and Unemployment Representative.

He touched many thousands of lives. Dale fought for workers’ rights and came up with innovative ideas for the process of unemployment to help our members, companies, and government. Our sincere thanks to Dale’s wife Annie and Dale’s entire family for sharing him with us. Dale was very proud of the UAW and, Dale, the UAW was proud of you!

Update: Local 652’s retired president Chris “Tiny” Sherwood has been in intensive care at Ingham Medical Hospital over 30 days now. Tiny wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, as he feels your kindness.

**Salt on the wound**

Local 602 Bill Reed, President

Already, we have been surrounded by articles and news reports telling us more and more jobs are off to Mexico, China, and others. We are always told it is in everyone’s best interest, even though any of these moves by corporations cost Americans their jobs, their livelihood. And yet, there is little we can do to prevent this from happening.

Or is there?

Buying candy for any loved ones in the near future? What brand will you choose? Will you remember to look at the label? Are you counting sugar and calories? What about job impact?

Yes, job impact.

If you purchase candy made outside of the US, you are making a direct impact on your community, and in the long run, a negative impact on your family. This isn’t rocket science, folks. Simple process of elimination. Something that the competition (outside of the U.S.) has used for years. The less American the work force, and the less earnings the working Americans make, the more profit a corporation will make.

Too bad it doesn’t really work this easy for any of us. When the middle class keeps shrinking, so does everything else. How does this benefit you? It doesn’t. We are paying now for purchases made by previous generations. Hershey’s Chocolate Company, Hershey, PA, began in the early 1900’s (1894 was when the founder and creator was toying with making milk chocolate!) by one gentleman with a big dream, and undaunted perseverance. Milton S. Hershey is the one person responsible for the successful locally owned and operated company. For 100 years this was the way Milton ran his company. Local employees, new plants, safe working conditions, prevailing wage. Then Milton passed his legacy to his family.

Recently, and you probably saw this in the news, there are guest workers in our country, who were hired by Hershey’s. This is commonly known as the “Guest Worker” program, and many corporations participate in it. The program allows students from other countries to come into a factory/business and learn how it works, learn different parts of the jobs involved, while at the same time, the students earn a salary. Students must pay upwards of $4,000 to participate in such a program.

Several students were accepted to work at the Hershey, PA plant. Upon arrival, and expecting to see a grand tour of the family chocolate company, the students were quickly forced into sweatshop conditions and made to do hard labor. They were compensated by Hershey by way of “discounted” fees charged to the students and poor working conditions. After a hard week, most started their weekend between $40 and $140 for the whole week they worked.

Students weren’t counting on being treated completely opposite of what was promised by this International Guest Worker Program. They didn’t sign up to be exploited. It’s up to us, the citizens, to stand up and speak out against wrongs like this. Why not contact Hershey’s today? It’s one phone call, and will help save a teenager from being exploited further. These students do not have a voice. I’m asking you to stand with me, and speak out against this horrible corpor-ate behavior. 800/468-1714 or write them at: The Hershey Co., 100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey PA 17033.

We can ignore the pleas from others for help and voice. Soon, our parents and grandparents will be paying even more money to just get their regular medicine. Most of us likely don’t have a clue the amount of cashed shelled out by our seniors just to survive. In Michigan alone, over 35,000 children will go hungry, and so will their parents. The newly elected Michigan Administration is dedicated to taking food out of children’s mouths, and removing financial assistance to those in need, among other atrocities. We need to speak up and continue to speak up. Find out who your state rep is at www.michigan.gov and call their office. Make your voice heard.

Don’t let salt get added to the wound!

**Election Notices**

In November, please vote for these candidates for Lansing City Council that were endorsed by the Capital Area UAW CAP Council: Carol Wood and Derrick Quinney for at-large seats; Jody Washington in the First Ward; and Jason Wilkes in the Third Ward.

**Flu shots**

Flu shots will be available for local UAW members through the Sparrow health system from about October 1 to October 20. Specific dates and times to be determined around the middle of September. They will then be posted on the Labor News website, or you can call your local hall.

**Nomination and Election Notices**

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LOCAL 724
Dean Poggiali, President

Positive news for our local

By the time this arrives in your mail, school will be upon for our children and grandchildren. It seems like just yesterday we attended the end of school year activities, graduation and the much anticipated school’s out. But this also means that for many of us the football season is also anticipated for our Friday nights, Saturday afternoons and Sunday all day.

There has been some positive news within the Local, Bharat Forge, Huntsman, IMPCO, and RSDC have been calling back some laid-off members. In some cases the members have been laid off up to two years. This is a positive step for our respective Units as they are starting to pick up some work and hopefully stability for the membership and their families.

We have alluded to the fact that many of the Local Units have been or will be in contract talks. The Dimondale Nursing Care Center (DNCC) Unit recently ratified a new agreement. They were able to secure some much needed contract language changes on some major issues. There were wage increases, improved language for job bidding and job posting to name a few. Congratulations to the membership for the perseverance.

Congratulations to the membership for recently retired again hall janitor Stan Niblock and David Levine who sold 50/30’s to several veterans Chair Mark Titus, and former veterans Chair Mark Titus, and others. The Local 724 Financial Secretary Debra Mills helps out at the backpack giveaway sponsored by the Region 1-C Women’s Council. With their help, hundreds of local schoolchildren will have a better start to their school year.

With this being my first time writing an article for the Lansing Labor News, with many more to come, I hope, I would like to start out by saying thank you to those of you on my e-board and the membership of Local 2256 that have supported and trusted me as your president of Local 2256.

And I would like to say to those of you who were not supporters or believers, or who just didn’t know me, that I look forward to the opportunity of getting to know you and the challenge of working toward gaining your trust and respect as your president of Local 2256 in the upcoming weeks and months.

With that said, I would like to commend each and every one of you, and especially those members of Local 2256, for all of your tireless efforts. We have spent the last time attending the many rallies at our state capitol and others throughout the Mid-Michigan area and Region 1-C in our fight for justice against our own lowdown, backstabbing, dishonest, “no, wait a minute, TOLD us up front what he was gonna do to us.”

But anyway, the greedy, selfish, backstabbing Governor of Michigan Rick Snyder and the Republican Party (the Republican Party members) and their weak-minded groupies who don’t know any better, but they are starting to see the big picture now because it doesn’t include most of them in it either. (lol)

Also I know I don’t have to keep reminding all of you but I will say it anyway. We have to keep doing whatever it takes, and how ever it takes, to continue our fight against the attack on us by Governor Rick Snyder and the Republican Party.

We must not give up the fight, the time is now stand up and show all Michiganders, and the rest of the world if need be, what the words “union” and “solidarity” really stand for.

We must all try and unite together as one big giant and stomp out this all-out attack on the middle class, the poor and the unions by the greedy, selfish, heartless Governor Snyder and the Republicans who are attacking everything we believe in and everything we stand for.

They are also attacking everything that those before us fought so hard for–and even died for—to make sure that they could have a comfortable and above substandard level of living (middle class).

So let’s all stand tall and proud and continue our hard work in this fight against the Governor Rick Snyder and the Republicans on the middle class, unions and the poor.

And remember, brothers and sisters, “united we stand, divided we fall.”

LOCAL 1753
Ray Whitford, President

Winners of our election

Hello, brothers and sisters, With our recent triennial election behind us, I will take the opportunity to congratulate the winners:

President Ray Whitford
Vice President Tony Glover
Financial Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Munchbach
Recording Secretary “Big Al” Vincent.
We also have three newly elected Trustees: Tamera Sangster, Bob Davis, and retiree Steve Carr.
Chairman Bill Niblock
Day Shift District 1 Shop Committee: Rob “Farmer” Geisenhaver and Alternate Todd Grant
Afternoons District 2 Committee: Tim Patrick and Alternate Eric Sanchez.

Those who decided not to seek another term—we thank you for all your years of dedicated service to this local.

To our past Recording Secretary “Indiana” Freddy, good luck.

A special thanks to our past trustees: Brian Fox, John Mazurek, and Steve Worthly. All of you did an outstanding job.

With local negotiations facing the Shop Committee, it’s time for Chairman Bill Niblock to determine the date to kick it off. Bill has spent countless hours on the computer organizing all the local issues. In June the Shop Committee met with the membership at the local union hall and discussed all the demands which were submitted, both non-skilled and skilled. Some were adopted and others not. If you have any additional demands, please get them to the Shop Committee, as they will still accept them.

We are seeing quite a few new faces in the plant. Local management made a business decision to hire some additional permanent hourly employees. With the line count up, plus being forced to work 10 hours per day and Saturdays, our members are getting burned out. Let’s hope the line count continues on the incline, though, as it means job security.

Remember, we were new hires at one time. Welcome them to our plant and help them to get into a comfort zone. Show them around and see all our support to the Shop Committee during local negotiations.

LOCAL 2256
Edgar Loring, President

Thanks for your support

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As of the time of composition, the RSDC Unit was still hoping to ratify their agreement. Some issues remain unresolved, with hopes to find fair and equitable results. We hope that the necessary support statements will be made for the mutual of all the parties.

On August 6, under some cloudy skies and sprinkles, the Local golf outings kicked off. There were teams representing many of our Units, along with some retirees. The big money hole-in-one sponsors were UAW Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell for $10,000 and Graff Chevrolet provided a new Chevy Traverse made here in Lansing by Local 602, 652, and 724 members. Graff also put up in a team as well. Thanks to our sponsors, the golfers, Centennial Acres Golf Course, and volunteers Teri Niblock and David Levine who sold 50/50 tickets and watched the money holes. Also a big shout out to Local 724 Recreation Chair Todd Collins for his work in organizing the event.

The Local retiree team consisted of former Local Financial Secretaries Dave McClelland and Donn Jenkins, former veterans Chair Mark Titus, and recently retired again hall janitor Stan Walker. Dave was from Lindell Drop Forge, while Donn, Mark and Stan worked at Melling Forgeing. We mention this because our retirees have been a source of history, knowledge and inspiration for many of us over the years. Stan faithfully served the membership as “keeper of the hall” for the last ten years or so. We knew the building was in good hands with Stan. He took it personal to keep things operating in light of the varied schedule the Local has. We can’t thank him enough and only wish him the best in his second retirement.

We are seeing some our Units conducting their V-CAP check-off drives, along with pledge drives for the Capital Area United Way. Our membership steps up to make sure we have the necessary resources to support those who support us. If you would like to donate to V-CAP, please see one of your Unit committees.

With our participation in the worksite United Way drives, it against shows that our members have taken social responsibility on a personal level. The UAW has always been at the forefront of being a social movement and making sure we help the community in our actions, deeds, and our donations. Thanks to all who donate their time and precious dollars to help.

What better way to cap off the summer than with the Local 724 Picnic. The event will be held on Saturday, September 10 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Delta Township’s Sharp Park, located behind the Lansing Mall. Please bring the family for food, fun and friendship on the 10th. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed, so please leave your name and contact information with the hall at 482-7377.

We referred to our volunteer our time and our dollars in service to our families, our community and our union. We are reminded of the most prophetic words of Walter Reuther that illustrates this so succinctly: “There is no greater calling than to serve your brother. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.”

Thanks to all for their unselfish service.

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LOCAL 2256 meetings

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the 70’s and 80’s, and most recently taking up cause with our public employees in the fight to retain their rights to Union representation.

They fear our support of their opponents, both financially and politically. They hate us for our belief that all Americans, regardless of race, gender, or economic class have the same rights to prosperity. They hate that Unions stand for the belief that the blue collar should be as powerful as the white collar. That being rich should not give someone greater access to the political system. That corporations are not “people.” That the middle class is what made America the greatest country in the world and that as long as the working people have a voice it will remain the greatest country in the world.

All of these beliefs are the antithesis of what the conservative right believes. They believe that the rich are the only important people and that it is the corporation that makes America great, even though they are creating a backbreaking, mind numbing job, you should just smile and go along. After all, you are helping the company make money and that is what is important. Ask your fair share? Unthinkable! Unthinkable to stand together to ask for your fair share? Un-American. Unfortunately, the Republicans have been able to convince large numbers of American workers that this is the case. They have convinced them that Unions are their enemy. The very people who have the most to gain from collective action have taken up sides with their oppressors. All the while the Republicans have blamed financial woes and State budget crises on the cost of Unionized employees. Even as states without large public employee unions suffer the same fate. They have used the bankruptcies of Chrysler and General Motors on the high cost of Union labor. Not on corporate greed, failed trade policy, or the disastrous economic conditions during the Bush years.

We Union members need to wake up. If we do not, we will be re-fighting the battles that our parents and grandparents already fought. It is time to consider the question is yes, remember to take full advantage of Sparrow’s Tuition Reimbursement Program. If you work full-time, yes, you may qualify for up to $2,100 (an increase from $1,700) of tuition reimbursement per calendar year. For details, see Article 21 – Tuition Reimbursement in your contract.

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LOCAL 4911
Rose Van Schoick, Financial Secretary

Back to school

I am amazed that summer is behind us and the children are gearing up for the next “back to school” season. I am pleased that Local 4911 contributed to the Region 1-C Women’s Council Backpack Rally program. The backpack program is truly a wonderful annual event which helps those who are less fortunate in the community with their back-to-school needs.

A heartfelt THANK YOU is extended to Region 1-C Women’s Council for making this program a huge success.

As we all adjust to our new fall routines for getting children back to school, raising leaves, cleaning out the garden spot and garage, swatting mosquitoes, etc., please make an effort to find time to enjoy the spectacular color show Mother Nature is about to embark on. I hope you all have a blessed and wonderful fall season.

Tuition reimbursement increase

Due to our troubled economic times, many Sparrow associates may be reflecting upon and examining their current/future employment status. Are we comfortable and secure in our current jobs? With the nationwide trend of corporations downsizing their working staff and eliminating jobs through the increasing use of new technology, we find ourselves facing a dilemma.

Will the future need us?

Upon reflecting on our individual career situations, should we be asking ourselves if we would be able to secure our future by continuing our education? If you find that the answer to this question is yes, remember to take full advantage of Sparrow’s Tuition Reimbursement Program. If you work full-time, yes, you may qualify for up to $2,100 (an increase from $1,700) of tuition reimbursement per calendar year. For details, see Article 21 – Tuition Reimbursement in your contract.

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SEPTEMBER, 2011
Local 652 President Mike Green (left) with retirees at the area-wide retirees picnic on August 15. Another good crowd was on hand at Hawk Island County Park to enjoy a great spread and the company of fellow UAW retirees.

Mike Bauer
652 retirees

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day. The following is our monthly schedule of events:

- First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 5:00 p.m.
- Third Tuesday of the month is our Bohemian dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.
- Fourth Tuesday of the month is card night starting at 5:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652, 602, and 1618.

Anyone wanting to sign a petition to recall Rick Snyder may do so at the hall. Please mark the following events on your calendars:

- There will be a ceremony honoring the Stidowners and Women’s Emergency Brigade at the Stidowners Memorial Park on September 5, at the Region 1-C office, in Flint. The Region 1-C office is located at 1940 W. Atherton Rd. The ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Labor Day Stidowners and Women’s Emergency Brigade Brunch - Sept. 5, at Local 659 in Flint. Brunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are $10 for retirees and can be picked up at the Regional office or at the event. Local 659 is located at 4549 Van Slyke Rd., Flint. There will be no UAW picnic and parade at Crossroads Village.
- There will be an American Muscle & Antique Auto Show on September 10 at 426 Clare St., Lansing. Showtime 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Lansing Labor News.
- General Motors will be having an open house for the Lansing Grand River, Lansing Regional Stamping, and Delta Township plants on September 30. Hours are from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Volunteers should expect to work at least two hours. Call 517-372-7581 ext. 147 - leave your name and phone number if you are interested in volunteering.
- Our next social night will be October 11 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Social night is for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only—no guests.
- The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has supplied us with the following camping dates and locations:
  - Sept. 9-10-11 Rocky’s Campground, Albion
  - Condominium to the families of Bruce
  - Don Korkoske on the passing of his wife Eleanor.
  - Condolences to the Dave Snider and Neil Carpenter.
  - Condominiums to the families of Bruce Snider and Neil Carpenter.

Lois Schultz
1618 retirees

Hi out there all you wonderful people.

Ted Gauss’ breakfast will be on Tuesday, September 13 at Guerazzi’s Restaurant, 15463 US Highway 27, Lansing. It starts at 9:00 a.m.

- September 14, luncheon and meeting at Local 1753’s hall on W. St. Joseph, Eat at noon.
- September 24, pancake breakfast and bake sale. We need volunteers, baked goods. This is an annual event. Call me for information: 517-543-5385. Helpers should arrive at 8:00 a.m. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. till noon.
- October 12, luncheon and meeting. Eat at noon.

Legal Services
dual coverage?

By Joe Sagi, Region 1C Benefits Rep

Many members have been asking about the notice of dual coverage of the UAW-GM Legal Services. For example, if both spouses work for GM or Delphi or have coverage as a retiree they are being double charged imputed income amounts.

To avoid this increased liability, one member can elect to delete or retain the current coverage and the member will be charged only one imputed income. They may do this by calling (800) 521-7818 Ext. 2389 and mention they are calling regarding dual plan coverage. You have to make this call no later than Friday, September 23, 2011 and the change will be effective November 7, 2011. There is no need for further action in this regard if the Legal Services was previously notified.
Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Hope every one had a great summer. A lot has happened since the last paper — here’s the news.

We have the leading Republican Presidential candidate saying campaigns are people.

* You may remember the recent Supreme Court decision allowing companies to contribute to campaigns, since they have the rights of people.

* This is not the only Supreme Court decision that allows a company to be recognized by the federal government as a citizen, it happened in 1886.

* You could remember talks such as “I like Ike;” everyone did. He is the one who on leaving office said, “Beware the Military-Industrial complex.”

* As UAW members we all need to hear and understand Walter Reuther’s words. “Prices and profits are up in the stratosphere, and purchasing power and real wages are being depressed more every day. Unless we get some balance in this economic machine of ours we are hell-bent for another depression.”

History is today, to be forgotten tomorrow, and repeated the next, unless you remember, and make the change you want! Educate yourself on political issues and vote to support those who support labor.

In local issues the Lansing Area UAW retirees’ picnic went well. Slowly we are getting more 1753 folks to come.

UAW retirees’ picnic went well. Slowly the committee for our own Euchre party is gathering ten of us from the local. This inspired discussion for a party at the last meeting, so volunteer to work on the recreation committee.

I definitely can’t do all of the work by myself and would like to thank the volunteers who helped make the day a success once again. Terri Niblock from our Dakota Unit and Dave Levine from our RSDC Unit were our Hole-in-One sponsors. Our President, Dean Poggiali, checked the golfers in and made sure we got out on the course without any issues.

I would also like to thank our sponsors:

Local 652 Conservation & Recreation Committee were our Hole-in-One sponsors.

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Geoffrey Kerley, Cons. & Rec. Comm

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& Recreation Committee

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Local 602’s Conservation & Recreation Committee are sponsoring a Casino excursion to St. Ignace, Brimley, & Sault St. Marie.

For more information, contact Chairperson Paulina Rodriguez at 517-231-7648 or visit the Local 602 website or the Labor News website.

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LOCAL 602
NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Due to recent vacancies, election is necessary for three positions. All members with one year membership in continuous good standing are automatically nominated for all elected offices. If you wish to accept the nomination for one of these offices you must submit a statement to this effect, including your name, date, the unit where you work, the office you seek and a phone number where you can be reached.

Deadline for nomination acceptance is September 8, 2011 at 4 pm. Acceptance is to be submitted to: 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite 205, Lansing, MI 48912 or faxed to 517-272-5870.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE OFFICES OF:

Service Unit Chairperson

Skilled Trades Unit Chairperson

Trustee

Elections will take place on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 7 am to 7:30 pm at the Local 4911 Office (First Floor Meeting Room), 2722 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI. Run-off is necessary, it will be on Wednesday September 21, 2011 from 7 am to 7:30 pm, at the same location.

— Marsha Mead, Election Committee Chairperson

LOCAL 724
NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations for the following: Local 724 Executive Board position of 2nd Vice-President.

The term of office for the 2nd Vice-President will commence upon election until the second Tuesday of June, 2014.

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Time: 6:30 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 Claret Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, September 16, 2011.

ELECTION

The election for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of 2nd Vice-President will be conducted the date, time and place indicated below:

RUN-OFF ELECTION

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011

Time: 7 a.m. – 10 am & 1 - 6 p.m.

Place: UAW Local 724 Hall

Kim Petrie, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson

Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

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652 Obituaries

Vernon Bailey Sr. – Father of Gail Bailey
Lynn Boers – Retiree
Leonard J. Burns – Father of Mel Burns
Neil “Nick” Carpenter – Retiree, Father of Nancy Musgrove, Uncle of Jene Stinson
Lauren Colombo – Daughter of Mike Colombo
Lorraine Crevier – Mother-in-Law of Randy McGillis
Nancy Cushman – Mother-in-Law of Michael Meredith
Edmund Dickman – Father of Jim “Moose” Dickman
Dale Fee – Retiree
Dorotha Franks – Spouse of John W. Franks, Sister-in-Law of Carl, Donald and Walter Franks
Roland Garcia – Retiree, Brother of Robert and John Garcia
Leota “June” Hesterly – Mother-in-Law of Darrel Starbuck
Gary Hoffman – Retiree
Jay Laxton – Member
Estella Luna – Spouse of Raul Luna, Mother of David and J.R. Salazar, Stepmother of Art Luna
Santos Martinez – Spouse of Gilberto R. Sanchez
Walter Lee McMullen – Father of V. Naurice McMullen and Sharon Lindsey
Matthew R. Michalski – Father-in-Law of Randy Williams
Beverly Miller – Mother of Scottie and Michael Miller
Jerome Myszk – Retiree, Uncle of James Parks and Thomas Henning
Leola Anderson Padilla – Mother of Alfred Anderson Jr.
Carolyn Pakkala – Spouse of Ronald Pakkala
Angelo Piccici – Retiree
Beulah J. Pierce – Mother of Virgil Wood, Step-Mother of Dennis Pierce
Agnes M. Price – Mother of Larry Price Sr.
Stephen Michael Rathburn – Spouse of Barbara Robert
Ordelia “Babe” Rogers – Mother of Trudy Sheldon and Rodney Rogers, Mother-in-Law of Merrill “Bird” Sheldon, Grandmother of Babe Dyet, Sidney Sheldon and Merrill “Snapper” Sheldon
Kenneth Ryan – Retiree
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Robert Shinabery – Father of Ken Shinabery
Jim Siegrist – Father-in-Law of Dennis Acker
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Bruce Sneider – Retiree
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Howard Taylor Jr. – Father of Christina Pulliam
Joshua Thomas – Member
Jean Vipond – Mother of Robert Vipond
Joseph Katz Jr. – Retiree
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middle class. Get up on your soapbox; bring the good works of the Unions to their attention.

Talk to them about how the very existence of Union jobs and their better wages and benefits pulls all workers forward. Tell them how the Labor Movement is a social movement and wants prosperity not just for their members but for all the working people, even those who oppose us.

Explain to them that as a lone voice they are easy to ignore, but as part of a movement, the Labor Movement, they have power. Explain that if we do not exercise that power now, and make ourselves heard, we may have that power taken away by the Conservative Right Wing of our political system.

Real wages continue to fall; benefits are lost, all in the name of corporate profit. But, corporations do not have children to feed, or kids to put through college and so long as Republicans continue to shill for these corporations we the Unionists need to stand in the breach and fight the good fight, for our members, and all hard working people in this country, who deserve fair pay, fair benefits and fair treatment by the corporations of this nation.

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Hortencia Munoz - mother-in-law of
 Terri L. Reyes
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