What Labor Day is really about

By Gerald Kariem
Director, Region 1D

As we move towards the Labor Day Holiday, I think WOW, where has this summer gone?

We are heavy into negotiations, trying to remain strong for our members now that Right-to-Work is law, with GM, Chrysler, Ford, the IPS and State Employees.

As we continue into these negotiations, I can’t help but to reflect upon the history of Labor Day.

Labor Day was the creation of the Labor movement, which is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American workers. It is a tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and the well-being of our country.

The vital force of Labor added materially to the highest standards of living and the greatest producers the world has ever seen. Labor Day has been celebrated since 1885 in industrialized centers around the country and has evolved over the years as Labor grew stronger.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years. Laws have been passed in legislation that are blatant attacks led by extreme ideologies of the Koch Brothers, the DeVos’s, the Mackinac Center and other special interest groups meant to weaken us. They support anti-Labor groups who have come at us with a vengeance and collectively, we are still standing and speaking louder!

Labor has given us a voice and the strength to stand up for our values; we cannot afford to give that up! Labor and its affiliates as a whole are continually busy fending off attackers, solidified in SOLIDARITY.

Change can only happen when we stand together as one, so let’s BE READY TO STAND TOGETHER AS ONE!

As mentioned above, over the years Labor Day has grown stronger. Let’s make sure we continue to celebrate this special holiday that recognizes the accomplishments Labor (YOU and I) have given this country. Let’s keep it strong and let’s not forget our V-CAP drives in our work sites so we can prepare for 2016.

While you are with your loved ones on this Labor Day weekend, stand tall and be proud of who you are. You are LABOR! You are the hopes and dreams your ancestors came to this country for, let’s continue to build those opportunities for generations to come.

Happy Labor Day, this three-day weekend literally brought to you by Labor.

God Bless you, your family and LABOR.

By Mike Green
President, Local 652

I want to welcome back our members as we get ready for the Camaro launch this fall. We have 200 members returning, with 400 new hires, who will populate the second shift at LGR.

Our new LOC unit, which has hired 79 people to support the second shift at LGR, we also welcome to the family at Local 652. Josh Clifford, unit chair at Ryder, said they will be hiring 50 new hires to support the second shift at LGR.

This shows what an impact a new product brought into Lansing has on area jobs. New workers are needed, and it’s because of you, the membership who day after day have committed to building a world-class product in Lansing. I am very proud to represent you here at Local 652 and that’s why GM can count on us to launch a quality product here at Lansing.

The strike vote held on August 20 was 99% for a yes vote to strike if necessary to secure a new contract in negotiations. This lets our bargaining team know that we support them in securing a fair contract. We will strike if called on by our top negotiating team.

The United Way’s Labor liaisons coordinated the building of a wheelchair ramp for a Local 652 retiree in Potterville. I want to thank Glenn Free-
man and Dean Poggiali, the United Way’s labor liaisons, and Josh Clifford, unit chair of 652’s Ryder Unit, who supplied the material to build the ramp. The Carpenters 1004 Union Local members did the construction. Thanks to everyone who helped make someone’s life better.

Local Elections

Our Region 1D Capital Area CAP Council would like to thank everyone for their support of our endorsed candidates. The primaries are over, and now on to the full elections. The CAP Council has endorsed a number of candidates (see below) and asks for your support for these labor-friendly candidates.

UAW Region 1D Capital Area CAP Council 2015 Endorsed Candidates

Please vote on Tuesday, November 3

LANSING

Adam Hussain ........... Lansing City Council, Ward 3
Jody Washington ....... Lansing City Council, Ward 1
Patricia Spitzley ........... Lansing City Council, At-Large
Carol Wood .............. Lansing City Council, At-Large

EAST LANSING

Nathan Tripplet .... E.L. City Council, At-Large
Jermaine Ruffin ......... E.L. City Council, At-Large
Mark Meadows ........... E.L. City Council, At-Large

Capital Area UAW-CAP Council Executive Board members were at the back-to-school backpack giveaway in August. They included (left to right): Dean Poggiali, United Way Labor Liaison; Bill Reed, President of Local 602; Joe Douglas, President of Local 4911; Anita Dawson, Region 1D Women’s Committee and Local 602; and Curtis Dunn, Local 1618. See page 3 for more information.
Our commitment
Our commitment to the union movement extends beyond the halls of our local union. Our commitment should also resonate within our personal life outside of work. I believe it imperative to continually advocate for the rights of our members by developing strong relationships in the communities where we live and work. Just as important is our participation in political action at all levels of government.

Opportunities exist for involvement at many of our community agencies. From volunteering to work on the political campaigns of candidates who support working families to serving on a board of directors, we can demonstrate the principles of unionism to everyone we come into contact with. Participating in charitable and community-based events provide our membership a voice in the community.

As UAW members we all share equally not only the responsibility, but the duty to “conscientiously seek to understand and exemplify by practice the intent and purpose of her/his obligation as a member” as is clearly stated in our UAW International Constitution under Article 41, Section 1. Article 41, Sections 2 and 3, also define the “Duties of Local Union Members” from rendering aid and assistance to our fellow brothers and sisters to participating in all local, state, provincial and federal elections through registration and balloting. This is not by any means a mere suggestion. This section of our UAW Constitution was discussed and voted on during a convention of our delegates. Important enough to reduce to writing to be included in our Constitution simply because of its importance to our survival.

By advocating for the rights of organized labor, we in turn solidify the arguments made by those who have no union voice in their workplace. Building upon the union cause, our participation becomes the cornerstone in an effort to show the value of service and the importance of that service to the future of our local union.

Our anniversary celebration
It doesn’t seem possible that we are already looking down the barrel of the fall. With the rains of June causing us to combat the hordes of mosquitoes to the record one-day rainfall in August, it has been quite a roller coaster ride.

The Local celebrated our seventy-five years of being chartered as a UAW Local at the end of July. The weather cooperated and we had a decent turnout.

We were blessed to have several retirees attend. Additionally, former UAW Local 724 Presidents Russ Emmons and John Legg were also in attendance. Former Servicing Rep Lloyd Cain was there with his daughter, Delta Dental Unit member Rhonda. Lloyd serviced many of our units during his tenure and was instrumental in getting fair and equitable contracts back in the day, as I can attest firsthand. Former Assistant Regional Director Jim Ramey, who also was involved with Local 724, also made an appearance. Between Lloyd and Jim they had decades of dedicated service to representing the men and women of the UAW proudly and with honor. We were truly blessed to have Russ, John, Lloyd and Jim around.

We would be remiss not to thank all the volunteers who helped with the planning, set-up, helping during the event and helping clean up. In order not to miss anyone, we humbly thank you. Additional thanks goes to IMPCO Unit and Second Vice-President of the Local Dean Pasche’s wife Pat for crafting a beautiful quilt made out of union T-shirts. Between the quilt raffle and a few other raffles we were able to generate a few funds to help with future Local 724 family events.

As a wrap-up to the event, Todd Collins and I were victims of some intense members or friends who were in making sure that the dunk tank lived up to its reputation. The dunk tank was active with those trying to raise money for charity as the proceeds were split between the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Capital Area United Way.

Just an update on a few units, both the Alliance and Bridgewater Units are heading into contract talks this fall and have already been meeting amongst their respective committees and also a few preliminary meetings with the company. In the midst of this, Bridgewater Unit Chair Kirk Nordberg had a heart attack and underwent some procedures to correct the issue. We heard that Kirk is doing fine and will be back to work in mid-August.

Later this fall the Dr. Pepper/Snapple Unit will be entering into contract talks as well.

The Local has a vacancy on the Executive Board as Local 724 Sergeant-at-Arms Josh Paseka resigned to take another job opportunity. Please refer to your Unit bulletin boards, the Local 724 website, www.uawlocal724.org, in the Lansing Labor News print edition in September and also the Labor News website at www.lansinglabornews.org for more details.

The Local is looking for people younger and new to the union movement to fill a role with the Region. There is a group that is meeting on addressing the younger generation of trade unionists. They are looking at ways of engaging members in new and innovative ways that many of us are not as familiar with. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please contact me at dpoggiali@gmail.com.

We hope that as we embark on the new school year for our kids and grandchildren that everyone will remain safe and prosper in the learning environment. We hope that the leaders of tomorrow are being nurtured in the ways of the social movement we have come to appreciate, the union movement.

The world is a better place due to our social awareness
People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said but they will always remember how you made them feel.

LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, President

Safety first! Local 724 President Dean Poggiali is gets ready for the dunk tank (a bit tongue in cheek).

LOCAL 724
Dean Poggiali, President

Our anniversary celebration

LOCAL 652
Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

Labor Day
Labor Day! Welcome … to the end of summer. It’s a little depressing really. Kids are going back to school (WATCH FOR THEM). We’re closing up the cabins or swimming pools, taking that last trip up north or maybe getting the hunting equipment out. It’s never too early! Me, I like fishing and golf this time of year. Two of my favorite pastimes done during my favorite season, what could be better? Get out and enjoy. The white stuff will be here sooner than you think!

I hope everyone had a great summer. Here at the Local it has been an extremely busy one! We have welcomed many new members and welcomed back many returning members. Whether you’re a newbie or a returning member, all of us at the hall would like to say hello! With the Camaro launch and the new models of the Cadillacs being built it’s a great time to be a member of the best Local around!

And then we have the political season that’s starting to heat up. Look at the number of people that announced a run for the presidency. You have to search pretty hard to find someone that hasn’t announced. I don’t think I’ve ever seen a more crowded or more confusing set of candidates than the list the GOP is presenting this cycle. Wow! One of the more creative news pundits described it as a “clown car” of candidates and I guess I can’t argue with his choice of words!

Meanwhile the Dems have what I think is a very solid list of candidates. I am looking forward to the primaries, which should be very interesting. As always, I encourage all of you to study all the candidates carefully with an eye to supporting the folks who support us. We need to take the state and country back for the middle class!

Don’t forget, membership meetings are the second Sunday of the month at Local 652 Union Hall, 426 Clare Street, Lansing. Meeting times are as follows: Ryder at 2 PM, JCM unit and GM LOC unit at 3 PM, Android at 4 PM and the General Membership meeting at 6 PM. Hope to see you there!

Local 652 Benefits
To talk to a Benefit Rep, make a request through your Supervisor.

For those who are retired, on sick leave, lay-off, etc., Benefit Reps are at the Local 652 Union Hall Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

GM and Local 652
Retiree Breakfast
Last Wednesday of each month
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Guarazzi’s Restaurant, Lansing
LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President

Helping others

I want to inform you that the Greater Lansing Food Bank is in dire need of your support. Any non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the union hall, if you like. We will make sure it gets delivered to the Food Bank.

Also, the Region 1D Director’s Club Drive/Golf Oouting is coming up on September 19. Money raised helps support the Food Bank and the Olds Newsboys’ Drive. For more information on this event, contact the Local 652 Union Hall.

This year’s Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk will be on October 10. You can support this event by ordering and buying a T-shirt at the hall. Proceeds will go for breast cancer research.

“Help Finish the Fight!”

Great job on the GM strike vote! Local 652 approved it by 99%. We appreciate your support. It’s good to have our members behind us while we’re in negotiations. Thank you.

With the election season approaching, remember to get out and vote for those that support us.

LOCAL 652
Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Labor Day

First of all, in honor of Labor Day I would just like to thank the many Union men and women who through their words and actions taught me the importance of Unions. My education started at home. My father was a committee-man, shop committee, and apprentice committee member during most of my youth and by example taught me many of the core values of the Labor Movement. I have also been lucky enough during my time at General Motors to have been represented by, and served with, many fantastic examples of upstanding and outstanding union leadership. The role of union steward, committee man, from my youth and throughout my career is an important one.

Labor Day celebrates the great works that the Labor Movement has undertaken in creating a middle class, and a society, that have been the envy of the world for decades. The role of Unions in creating and maintaining an open and democratic society is an important one. When you see the rich, the powerful, the Republican Party, opposing Unions keep in mind that Unions play an important role in a civil society, even outside of collective bargaining.

Authoritarian regimes, from Saudi Arabia, to Franco’s fascist Spain, to the Nazi government under Hitler all for-bade, or in some cases still forbid the formation of Unions. This is because authoritarian regimes recognize the power that Unions have to contest their authority and delegitimize authoritarian regimes by providing a collective voice for the working class, and providing an opposition to the moneyed, powerful elite. A prime example of this was the vital role that Polish Unions and Lech Walesa played in the democratization of Poland during the Soviet era.

Another reason that Union are important is that they show a true model of democracy. The election of your representatives at your worksite are free from the kind of outside influence we now see in the American political system; they are not about personalities, performance, knowledge, and the things that elections should be about. Union members get used to voting and participating in a democratic system.

Also, unlike many constituency groups and movements, the Labor Movement is diverse. Unions are made up of a broad spectrum of races, colors, religions, and sexual orientation. The same cannot be said for grassroots groups on the right, like the Tea Party. In the end, to oppose unions is to oppose a civil and open society.

Like Samuel Gompers, the early Labor leader said, “What Labor wants are more schools and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more work and less crime; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less revenge; in fact, more opportunities to cultivate a better nature.” It makes me wonder why there are those who seek to demonize us all as those that support us.

Mike Green, Local 652 – Chairman
Doreen Howard, Local 602 – Vice Chairman
Debra Mills, Local 1753 – Secretary
Dennis Parker, Local 4911 – Treasurer
Debra Mills, Local 4911 President Joe Douglas, who was one of many union thugs and continue to work toward the same cannot be said for grassroots movements. Unions are made up of a broad spectrum of races, colors, religions, and sexual orientation. The same cannot be said for grassroots groups on the right, like the Tea Party. In the end, to oppose unions is to oppose a civil and open society.

The annual backpack and school supply giveaway hosted by the Region 1D Women’s Committee was bigger and better than ever this year. This year we had vendors from many service organizations, with many giveaways—and a bouncy house! Shown below are members of the committee preparing for the crowd. Below right is Local 4911 President Joe Douglas, who was one of many union officers and members on hand to help. Many thanks to all who helped make back-to-school easier for so many families.

Local 724 Debora Mills, Financial Secretary

Backpack giveaway even bigger

An award-winning, non-profit newspaper, established March 15, 1945, and dedicated to the interests of the community and to the interest of Labor here and elsewhere. Published January, May, September, and December. Periodicals postage paid at Lansing, MI and at additional offices. Three percent per month for non-Union Incorporated Localis. monthly dues is for this publication. Subscription rates for non-members: 6 months $7.50; 1 year $15.00; 2 years $20.00. The opinions expressed by the columnists are not necessarily those of the affiliated Local Unions and the Lansing Labor News.

USPS NUMBER 304-840
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Lansing Labor News, c/o Allied Mailing & Printing, 240 N. Freeway Dr., Fenton, MI 48430

VOLUME 71, NUMBER 3 • PAGE 3
VOICE OF 26,000 MEMBERS • SEPTEMBER, 2015

LOCAL 4911
Rose Van Schoick, Fin. Secretary

36 reasons to thank unions

Have you ever heard a union member say “What does the union do for me?”

Did you know that labor unions made the following 36 things possible?

1. Weekends without work
2. All breaks at work, including your lunch breaks
3. Paid vacation
4. Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
5. Sick leave
6. Social Security
7. Minimum wage
8. Civil Rights Act/Title VII – prohibits employer discrimination
9. 8-hour work day
10. Overtime pay
11. Child labor laws
12. Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)
13. 40-hour work week
14. Workers’ compensation (workers’ comp)
15. Unemployment insurance
16. Pensions
17. Workplace safety standards and regulations
18. Employer health care insurance
19. Collective bargaining rights for employees
20. Wrongful termination laws
22. Whistleblower protection laws
23. Employee Polygraph Protection Act (EPPA) – prohibits employers from using a lie detector test on an employee
24. Veteran’s Employment and Training Services (VETS)
25. Compensation increases and evaluations (i.e. raises)
26. Sexual harassment laws
27. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
28. Holiday pay
29. Employer dental, life, and vision insurance
30. Privacy rights
31. Pregnancy and parental leave
32. Military leave
33. The right to strike
34. Public education for children
35. Equal Pay Acts of 1963 & 2011 – requires employers pay men and women equally for the same amount of work
36. Laws ending sweatshops in the United States

Source: www.unionplus.org/about/labor-unions/36-reasons
Dorothy Stevens

602 retirees

The UAW Region 1D Travel Committee is on the road again. We have five buses to New Orleans and three buses to Pigeon Forge leaving on October 4-10.

We have several trips planned for 2016. In March, to Lakeland, Florida for Detroit Tigers spring training game and tour. In May, a train tour to Canyonlands. Also in May, through eight days and nights to Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, and the Black Hills of South Dakota for $689 per person, double occupancy. There are eight dinners and six breakfasts included in the price. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.

These trips fill up fast, so get your reservations in early to insure you get a seat on the bus.

I was asked the question, “Do you need to be a UAW member to take these trips?” The answer is no, as there is no UAW money used on these trips.

If you have any suggestions of places to visit, please let us know. All of those who are on the sick list you are in our thoughts and prayers. For all of you who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send you our condolences.

Mike Bauer

652 retirees

Fall is just around the corner. I hope everyone takes the time to enjoy the beautiful colors of the outdoors.

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.

Second 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.

Third Tuesday of the month is the Lansing area retirees euchre tournament. 124 cards are starting at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks.

The Lansing area retirees euchre tournament will be held Friday, September 25, at Local 652, starting at noon. There is no luncheon. You do not need a partner to play. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

The Lansing Area Retirees Council with Regional Retiree Chairman Stan Marshall (right) at the Lansing Area UAW Retirees Luncheon at Royal Scot on August 13.

Here is the schedule:

- September 9 – lunch: pizza, salad, dessert
- September 19 – pancake breakfast and bake sale
- October 14 – Halloween lunch: meatballs
- October 17 – Region 1D trip
- November 11 – veterans’ memorial and Thanksgiving lunch
- December 9 – Christmas lunch

If you have any suggestions of places to visit, please let us know. All of those who are on the sick list you are in our thoughts and prayers. For all of you who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send you our condolences.

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Busy summer, how bout you? I must start this article with a couple of corrections. The first is from our retiree meetings. We usually start our meetings with announcements of any deaths that have occurred since our last meeting and pass around the obits. Well, this time our respected friend and fellow retiree who got to it from the Facebook of a respected friend and fellow retiree that Febe Velasquez had passed away. This was kind of embarrassing, of course, when Febe showed up at the next month’s meeting. He said that they had recently posted the tragic passing of their beloved dog Fifi. Maybe I should check out this Facebook just to keep an eye on y'all. Please continue to call and to bring in obits and other news we should have, here at the Local.

The other was in my last article to you when I spoke of the passing of our dear friend Ed Ledvina. I mistakenly used the word “count” and the word I should have used was “efficiency.” Back in the day that was the name of the ever-moving number you were given for your rate per hour. They did not care if you got hurt, so as you made that number, it was always raised, it never stayed the same. So for safety reasons, Ed was on time. He checked every seat on the bus, and had a copy of each part card according to our SOP. He did every thing just the way that they wanted but he did it in a safe manner. Ed always counted with us!

I would like to thank the retirees’ Executive board for their fine work on this year’s picnic. July is a great month for a cook-out. The burgers and dogs were great, hot off the grill, thanks, guys.

The prize winners at the picnic were: First prize, Joyce Davis; Second prize, Peggy Snell; Third prize: Larry Bohnett.

August saw our annual UAW Lansing Area luncheon at Royal Scot. It was great, no dish to pass, the food was delicious, there were prizes and you got to see your friends. I spoke in between the 36 reasons why you should thank a Union. We did not have enough prizes to list them all but if you get a hold of me I’ll give them all to you.

This year we are having a work day at the Hall, September 17 at 12:00. Last year we ended up with a cleaner, brighter and a fresher smelling Local. Let’s do it again. Please bring cleaning supplies, tools for inside and outside work. Does anyone still cut trees on the side?

September 19 is the date of the Local 1618 pancake breakfast here at 1753 from 8:30 till 11:00. It’s $6.00 or $3.00 for kids.

Retirees Euchre is Friday, September 25, 12:00 at the 652 hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration, cash prizes given.

Our Local will have our regular September meeting on Thursday, September 10. Coffee and donuts at 11:00, lunch usually starts at noon with meeting to follow. We will grill to use up leftovers and add Polish dogs if needed. Bring dish to pass, a friend, or just meet us here!

Lois Schultz

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people. As you know by now, there is no more UAW-GM lawyers program. There is an Elder Care number at 800-372-3484. Write it down.

I hope you all made it to the picnic.

Big trips coming. Amtrak to Four Winds on September 10. Be there at 7:00 a.m., leave at 8:00 a.m.

October 4: New Orleans/Pigeon Forge

October 23: Region 1D trip to New Orleans if you missed the first.

May 2016: Region 1D western train tour, 50 from you, this is not a trip. If interested in this or other trips, call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.

I got invited to the 75th Girls State at MSU, as I was one of the first in 1940 when they started it. They couldn’t find any others who went. Dee Schaare believed that Girls State was for women. In 2005, she was the first woman to be elected as chair of the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary’s Girls State, about me. When Dee was Girls State Chair in Grand Ledge, I told her that I went years ago, but to U of M. They were all anxious to meet me. When I got done with my speech, I got a standing ovation! One girl came up to me and said I want to be like you when I grow up. Thans to all the ALA ladies who invited me, and to Dee, who asked me up and took me home. Life is good.

We have tickets on sale for the pancake breakfast and bake sale on September 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Local 1753. It is a fundraiser for UAW, St. Joseph’s, and St. Joseph Parish. There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, hash browns, eggs, juice and coffee. Bring a friend. Price is $6 for adults, $3 for kids under 12. It takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen.

Condolences to the families of Herm Derbin, 80; Max Gardener, 92; Arnie DeFeyer, 81; Bud Hall leaves his wife Ann. He was an electrician at the shop. Macfissa Franke at 68, wife of Franko. Harry Henderson passed away at age 90 in his home. We will miss Harry. Frieda Davis at 93.

On our sick list or getting better: Ted Gauss, Noland Douglas, Hannah Fox, Jan Miller, Bud Miller, Bruce Soule, and Jim Van Dorpe’s wife.

Happy anniversary to Joe and Diana Sagy, 5 years; Noland and Ardie Douglass, 63 years; Dick and Sue Torgeson, 54 years; Jerry and Judy Hunt, 60 years.

Ted Gauss’ breakfast will be on October 20 at 7:00 a.m. at Gerarrzzi’s Restaurant, 15643 Old U.S. 27, DeWitt Township. Ted’s phone is 517-321-4754.

Calendar

September 9 – lunch: pizza, salad, dessert

September 19 – pancake breakfast and bake sale

October 14 – Halloween lunch: meatballs

October 17 – Region 1D trip

November 11 – veterans’ memorial and Thanksgiving lunch

December 9 – Christmas lunch

I hope I spelled things right. If not, our next issue will be in December. I like to hear from you. I’m not sure how I get the news. My phone is 517-543-5385. Till we meet again, keep smiling.
The 2016 Conference being held in April.

Since our last report the Region 1-D Veteran’s Council has been active in its commitment to support community organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April, with our Region Color Guard presenting the Colors.

They were also in attendance at the 2015 Leadership Conference, held May 15-17, in Traverse City. The Region’s Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening ceremony of the Conference. Our Veterans Agenda included guest speakers Mayor of Lansing Virgil Bernero who presented the Region Veterans with an award honoring all Veterans; Brigadier General (Ret.) Michael C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Security; Law Programs; Tina Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April, with our Region Color Guard presenting the Colors.

Our Veterans Agenda included guest speakers Mayor of Lansing Virgil Bernero who presented the Region Veterans with an award honoring all Veterans; Brigadier General (Ret.) Michael C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Security; Law Programs; Tina Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April, with our Region Color Guard presenting the Colors.

Our Veterans Agenda included guest speakers Mayor of Lansing Virgil Bernero who presented the Region Veterans with an award honoring all Veterans; Brigadier General (Ret.) Michael C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Security; Law Programs; Tina Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April.

The entire program was well received by all in attendance with Mayor of Lansing Virgil Bernero who presented the Region Veterans with an award honoring all Veterans; Brigadier General (Ret.) Michael C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Security; Law Programs; Tina Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April.

Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April.

The Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening ceremony of the Conference. Our Veterans Agenda included guest speakers Mayor of Lansing Virgil Bernero who presented the Region Veterans with an award honoring all Veterans; Brigadier General (Ret.) Michael C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Security; Law Programs; Tina Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April.

The Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening ceremony of the Conference. Our Veterans Agenda included guest speakers Mayor of Lansing Virgil Bernero who presented the Region Veterans with an award honoring all Veterans; Brigadier General (Ret.) Michael C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Security; Law Programs; Tina Richardson Deputy Director for MVAA, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency spoke on helping Veterans with services and benefits; David L. Dunckel CSM (Ret.) spoke on Military personnel transition to civilian life; Jerry Canon, General, (Ret.) MIARNG spoke on “2015, How Legislation is Impacting Veterans; and Michael Melfi Region 1-D Veterans Chair, presented PTSD, Veterans Security Law Programs; Tina C. H. McDaniel spoke on Homeland Organizations, such as the A. Philip Randolph Institute Luncheon in April.

The Region’s Third Quarter Veteran’s Council meeting was held at the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek on August 11 where we delivered a memorial bench for the newly remodeled golf course for our Veterans at the facility. A dedication ceremony will be continued on page 6.
Rapaport, Pollok, Farrell, & Waldron

Since 1942

Work Related Disability
Products Liability
Slip and Fall
Social Security Disability
Medical Malpractice
Auto Accidents

Staff Represented by the UAW
332-3555
741 N Cedar St #101, Lansing, MI 48906

Change the way you see yourself.

At SVS Vision, we help everyone in your family look like a million bucks without paying anything close.

And we make using your vision insurance benefits easy. Just come in, choose a great look and we’ll do all the rest.

Galedonia
1829 Marketplace Dr. 616-841-4111
Fist
319 S. Linden
810-230-9000
Fist
3811 Lapeer Rd.
810-744-6733
Gaylord
1407 W Main St.
989-734-2000
Grand Rapids
6120 Northland Dr. NE
616-894-4060
Grand Rapids
4200 B. Beltline Sf
616-641-6500
Lansing
6067 W. Saginaw
517-323-8321
Midland
1960 E. Bayliss Ave.
989-681-9556
Olivine
4500 March Rd.
617-708-8010
Saginaw
3320 Tittabawassee
989-791-1044
Traverse City
1545 S. Division St.
231-422-0880
Walker
3150 Alpine Ave. NW
616-365-9851
West Branch
611 E. Hardman Ave.
888-342-8000
Find more locations at ssvision.com

Rx Optical
The people who care for your eyes.

Exams • Glasses • Sunglasses • Contacts
LASIK
Made in Michigan Since 1947.

Your Davis Vision Provider
Savings for all GM UAW Members and Retirees

ANNE KLEIN
OLIVER PEOPLES

We will bill most insurance plans directly including: BCBS
Davis Vision, EyeMed, Heritage, NVA, and Spectera to name a few.

RxOptical.com

Dr. Jack Adkins & Associates
Welcome Back, Retirees!
We offer Value & Service For All Your Eye Care Needs.
We are providers for ALL DAVIS VISION plans for GM Employees and Retirees.
We look forward to taking great care of you!

- Experienced & Friendly Staff
- Cataract Evaluation
- Thorough Eye Health Evaluation
- Diabetic Eye Exams
- Complete Contact Lens Service
- Treatment of Eye Infections

5020 W. Saginaw Hwy. • MON-FRI: 9-5 • SAT: 9-1
CALL TO GUARANTEE AN APPOINTMENT! • (517) 323-3399

Dr. Jack Adkins, Independent Doctor of Optometry
Davis Annell, Office Manager

EYEWAY
- Experienced & Friendly Staff
- Thorough Eye Health Evaluation
- Complete Contact Lens Service
- Cataract Evaluation
- Diabetic Eye Exams
- Treatment of Eye Infections

GET MORE FOR LESS!
We Accept All GM Davis Vision Benefits
Benefits include:
- Complete Pair of Glasses with Covered Frames
- From a Large Selection including Designer Styles
- Includes Single Vision or Lined Bifocal Lenses
- Additional Pairs of Glasses are 30% Off!
Plus! Save 50% on Frames in your “Off Year”
Evening & Saturday Hours • On-Site Lab
Same Day Service

eyemartexpress.com

LANSING
(517) 323-3490
MON-FRI: 9-7
SAT: 9-9
5020 W Saginaw Hwy.
Next to Los Tres Amigos

$15 off when you bring this ad
Take a Ride with $100*
when you switch your auto loan to LAFCU.

Have an auto loan with another lender? Switch your loan from another lender to LAFCU and get $100* with a great rate as low as 2.43% APR**!

Apply online at lafcu.com/autoloans

*Refinancing offer not available on vehicle loans currently financed at LAFCU. Restrictions apply. **Annual Percentage Rate. Rate accurate as of 09/01/15 and subject to change. Rates based on credit history, terms and security. 60 monthly payments of $17.72 for every $1,000 financed. 09/15