



# UAW Retiree Chapter 2209

International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)

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## Address or Status Change

Please notify Retiree Chapter 2209 if your address or phone has changed, needs correction, or if a Retiree has passed away. Your help is needed to keep Chapter expenses down.



## Chapter Nominations and Elections

There will be an election of Retiree Chapter Officers at the June meeting. First, there will need to be nominations held at the May 17th meeting to determine the candidates. Anyone interested need to be present to accept.

The election will consist of the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms. All positions are for three years. (2023-26)

None of the positions include a salary or wages per the Chapter Bylaws and International Policy. The Chapter Chair also serves on the Local Union Executive Board per Chapter Bylaws and the UAW Constitution.

Some of the responsibilities of Chapter Officers include attending Chapter meetings, Chapter Board meetings, providing reports to the members. They may also include newsletter mailings, managing the Facebook group, speakers at meetings, and assisting members with answers.

All members of UAW Retiree Chapter 2209 are eligible to vote. That includes retirees that have transferred from a different Chapter to our Chapter and Associate Members paying dues.

## Newsletter Mailing

Volunteers help on the 1st Wednesday of each month starting about 8:30 am finishing before 10:00 at the Union Hall. A great time to catch up on the news. We are thankful for the help of the volunteers. Next mailing is June 7th, 2023.

## May Chapter Meeting Wednesday, May 17th (10:00 am)

The topic by the speaker will consist of information about Hospice Care for adults with a terminal illness and lifetime prognosis of 6 months or less. Extensions are allowed. It allows people to receive high-quality and compassionate care either at home, assisted living center, or nursing home. The available options for those eligible will also be provided.

## April 2023 Retirees

Steve Cartin  
 Christopher Ladd

## Updated SPD (2023)

In late Spring an updated Summary Plan Description (SPD) will arrive in the mail.

It is a comprehensive review of your Trust benefits. It is also available online at [uawtrust.org](http://uawtrust.org) under "Trust Documents" in the Other Documents column.

The SPD is a 44 page document. When you receive the document or download and print it I would suggest you keep it in a safe accessible place. I would also recommend using a yellow highlighter or post-it note to mark those parts that may apply to you

## UAW Trust Health Care Coverage

Our health care coverage is substantially much better than most plans for retirees. It is the largest non-government plan in the country. Because of that it offers much more. If you were to obtain an individual plan offered in the mail or on TV it would not come close.

Keep in mind that our BCBS, United HealthCare plans are not all the same as other BCBS or United HealthCare plans outside of the UAW Trust. They likely will offer less coverage and/or higher costs.

## Sympathies to the Families

2022

Lee Pegues 19 Apr (73) FL  
 Rondal Watson 27 July (71) OH  
 James Jones 1 Dec (63) IN

2023

Kenneth Pallotta\* 3 Jan (75) IN  
 Ward Whited 18 Jan (78) IN  
 Terry Fadely 21 Jan (72) FL  
 Christy Harrington 4 Apr (69) IN  
 Roscoe Varney 5 Apr (65) IN  
 Brad Wiltse 13 Apr (72) IN  
 Lennel Anderson II 24 Apr (70) TX

\*Military Veteran

For those that are no longer with us, let us not say goodbye but remember the time they were with us.

## Please keep in mind those with health issues or are shut-in.

*Let us know if you are aware of any retiree that is no longer with us or needs support.*

We make every attempt to identify deceased members. Your help would be greatly appreciated so they can be recognized in this newsletter, in our Facebook group, and at our monthly meetings.

You can either email me at [g.l.schepp@gmail.com](mailto:g.l.schepp@gmail.com) or call/text 260-466-9962. A link to the obituary or funeral home so the information can be posted to our Facebook page would be helpful. It also includes a photo image when available along with info about their time at GM.



## Over-the-Counter (OTC) Benefit

Orders can be placed online, phone, app, or mail.

[uawtrust.nationsbenefits.com](http://uawtrust.nationsbenefits.com)  
 877-218-9951 to order or request a catalog.

An App is available at Google Play if you use your cell phone.

## A Priest, A Rabbi and Minister Go Fishing

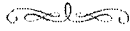


A priest, a rabbi and a minister go fishing on a rare day off. They row their boat out a ways from shore and put down an anchor.

The boat moves just a little bit here and there. They are enjoying being "away" from their jobs, the fishing is very relaxing, and they exchange funny stories about their lives.

The priest says: "Well, I have to go and use nature's rest room." He steps out of the boat, and walks on top of the water to shore, does his thing and walks on top of the water back to the boat and gets back in.

The rabbi is astonished but says nothing. A while later, the minister says:



Do not worry about your smart phone or laptop spying on you.



The vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.



## 2023 Comprehensive Formulary

The formulary consists of the prescription drugs covered under your plan. Retirees and other enrollees should have received the list late last year along with the highlights and other documents. It is also available online by going to your plan's website.

The BCBS Formulary consists of 116 pages and is broken down by type of use with an index of the Rx available. It also indicates the Tier level.

"Well, I guess it's my turn now." He gets out of the boat, walks on the water to shore, and does his thing and returns to the boat by walking on the water and gets back in the boat.

The rabbi is again amazed, saying nothing. When it comes time for the rabbi to "do his thing", he tells himself that if they can do it so can he. So he steps out of the boat, and plunges deep into the water. The priest and the minister help him back into the boat. They look at each other, and the minister says: "Shall we show him where the rocks are?"

## Chapter Meetings

Retiree Chapter Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Union Hall.

Spouses are always welcome to attend Chapter meetings. Spouses can be regular members with voice. Associate Members have voice and vote as well as the right to serve as an officer other than Chair or Financial Secretary.

Members paying Chapter Dues receive the monthly newsletter. Surviving spouses that are not Associate Members have the option of receiving the monthly newsletter by paying a newsletter fee of \$12 annually (Jan-Dec). Please put in the memo "Chapter Newsletter".

## UAW Legal Services Plan

800-482-7700

### Power of Attorney

Did you know that you can convey a specific Power of Attorney to a trusted person to conduct specific actions on your behalf and that power can be limited to a specific amount of time? For example, if you will be out of town at the time of the closing on your new home, a Power of Attorney can be drafted which is limited to allowing someone to act on your behalf at the closing and only for the duration and purposes of the closing. Powers of Attorney are covered by your Plan benefit. Questions? Call (800) 482-7700 or write to [clientcomments@uawlsplan.com](mailto:clientcomments@uawlsplan.com).

### Who is Covered Under the Plan?

Active workers, retirees, spouses or surviving spouses of employees of: FCA, Ford, General Motors, and the UAW.

### Turning 65 in 2023?

New this year, the Trust is launching a digital tool designed to provide members with Medicare information as they approach the age-in process.

In the months leading up to your 65th birthday, you will receive a postcard with instructions on how to download this tool to your smartphone or tablet.

### 2023 Retiree Chapter Meetings

May 17	Aug 16	Nov 15
June 21	Sept 20	Dec 20
July 19	Oct 18	

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