



May 2024 UAW Retiree Chapter 2209

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A UAW Benefit Rep is also available at the Union Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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.



Contact

BCBS MA	888-322-5616
United Health Care MA	844-320-5021
UAW Trust	866-637-7555
Davis Vision	888-234-5164
Delta Dental	800-524-0149
TruHearing	844-394-5420

Additional information is available online at uawtrust.org.

Life Event Changes

To update your address or report death of retiree or surviving spouse.

Fidelity 800-489-4646

UAW Trust 866-637-7555

Chapter 2209 260-466-9962*

*If you text to this number make sure to include your name.

Trust Connect Newsletter

Take Advantage of Additional Offered Programs

Staying on top of your health is no small task. Many Trust health plan carriers offer health and support programs to help you get the most out of your benefits at no extra cost. Depending on which health plan you are enrolled in, you may have access to programs and benefits such as:

- Rewards for health activities - Gift cards when you complete certain important healthcare activities such as getting an annual checkup.
- Personalized clinical and disease management support - Resources to help manage chronic conditions.
- Healthy home visit - Annual in-home visit from a licensed doctor or nurse to assess health and safety needs.
- Virtual doctor visits - Phone or video consult with a board-certified doctor (your office visit copay may apply).
- Nurse help line - Speak with a registered nurse any time, night or day.

May Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

(10:00 am)

Wells County Council on Aging provides services and resources that allow seniors to live independently and safely in their own homes. Services include homemaking, foot care, education on topics important to the aging population, transportation, and more.

Council on Aging services are available in other counties.

June BBQ Luncheon

Wednesday - June 19th

A short meeting is expected followed by the BBQ Luncheon.

RSVP by 2:00 pm Friday, June 7.

Cost is \$7 for dues paying retirees and their spouses or significant other, and Associate Members.

Cost for non-dues paying members is \$15 each.

There are no carry-outs.

Trust Connect

The Trust Connect is a newsletter from the UAW Trust that is mailed to members three times a year.

It is suggested to save them to help answer some questions you may have.

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Sympathies to the Families

Lloyd Hankins



10 Nov (78) MO

Richard Weber

20 Apr (74) WI

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.

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

You can either email me at 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.

Medicare Plans: Important Info

A Medicare Advantage (MA) PPO (Part C) plan is the primary plan for Medicare-enrolled Trust members (those over age 65, or due to disability).

An MA PPO plan is approved by Medicare and provides Original Medicare, Part A (hospital), and Part B (medical), and additional benefits. The Trust's offered plans also provide Part D (prescription drug). This comprehensive plan is called an MA-PD plan.

You cannot have two MA-PPO or MA-PD plans at the same time. Signing up for one of these plan types outside of a Trust-offered plan may kick you and your dependents out of Trust coverage.

* Beware of scams. Medicare will never call or email you requesting personal information.

Social Security Benefits Could Be Dramatically Changed Under New Bill

The proposed legislation, called the Boosting Benefits and COLAs Act, is an attempt to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to require the Commissioner of Social Security to use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E) to calculate the yearly cost-of-living adjustment, better known as COLA, instead of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Should the CPI-W be higher than the CPI-E, the first should be used instead of the latter.

The annual COLA is currently based on the percentage increase in the CPI-W between the third quarter of the previous year and the third quarter of the current year. If there's no increase, there's no COLA. The idea is to adjust Social Security benefits so that they can keep pace with inflation: in 2024, the COLA was 3.2 percent, a much smaller boost than the previous year, when the adjustment had been 8.7 percent.

But Gallego argues that this formula doesn't consider the specific costs that retirees have to face, which are different from the rest of the American population. For example, medical expenses weigh more heavily on elders than

younger people—a number which is reflected in the CPI-E, but not necessarily in the CPI-W.

The earliest this could possibly pass would be in the next session of Congress (2025-2026). The legislation would have a better chance of passing if Democrats have control of both House and Senate.

Elections do matter.

We encourage retirees and spouses to consider the positions Members of Congress take on important legislation.

Facebook Group UAW Retiree Chapter 2209 (FWA)

A Facebook group is available to retirees and their spouses.

To join this group enter the above name into the search box (Look for the magnifying glass). Click on Join and then answer the three questions. You may need to scroll to find all questions.

When all three questions are answered your request to join will be approved by an Admin.

Please do not invite others to join. They will be declined.

Don't wake up until ten



Three men were discussing aging on the steps of the nursing home. "Sixty is the worst age to be," announced the sixty year old. "You always feel like you have to pee. And most of the time, you stand at the toilet and nothing comes out!"

"Ah, that's nothing," said the seventy year old. "When you're seventy, you can't take a crap anymore. You take laxatives, eat bran - you sit on the toilet all day and nothing comes out!"

"Actually," said the eighty year old, "Eighty is the worst age of all." "Do you have trouble peeing too?" asked the sixty year old. "No ... not really. I pee every morning at 6AM. I piss like a race horse - no problem at all." "Do you have trouble taking a crap?" asked the seventy year old. "No, not really. I have a great bowel movement every morning at 6:30."

With great exasperation, the sixty year old said, "Let me get this straight. You pee every morning at six o'clock and take a crap every morning at six thirty. What's so tough about being eighty?" To which the eighty year old replied, "I don't wake up until ten."

He died of what? Doctor's true story.

One day I had to be the bearer of bad news when I told a wife that her husband had died of a massive myocardial infarct. Not more than five minutes later, I heard her reporting to the rest of the family that he had died of a "massive internal fart."



2024 Retiree Chapter Meetings

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

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