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WHITE SHIRT DAY-TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

HISTORY OF WHITE SHIRT DAY

The color white has always been acknowledged as a color of peace and purity. Historically, white attires have been claimed to be the exclusivity of the upper class to signify high social standing. But more than that, white attires signify white-collar jobs and bosses in workplaces, and white t-shirts marked a radical mode of expression used by automobile workers several years back, making this day one of a kind.

In the 1900s, the industrial revolution and its resultant economic crisis affected numerous families, pushing them into poverty. At this time, the automobile industry in the United States was booming, and many automobile plants abounded that made staff work under deplorable conditions. This caused worries from workers whose efforts to unionize and fight for better work conditions were thwarted by the automobile companies. The United States Government in 1935 set the amount of money needed by a family of four to survive annually at \$1,600, while an average automobile worker at the time took home \$900.

Automobile workers banded together under the auspices of the United Automobile Workers, organizing the 'flint sit-down strike,' which continued for several months across the country. The workers remained inside the plants, wearing neat white shirts like the bosses, simply playing board games, and organizing lectures and concerts while refusing to work.

This was so they wouldn't be replaced during the cause of the strike and to prevent violence and cold. This strike crippled the automobile industry for a while, but it also brought about a review of the working conditions and workers' pay. This singular act then went on to influence other work sectors and unions fighting for better conditions of work. It inspired the government to institute laws to protect workers' pay and basic conditions.

WHY WHITE SHIRT DAY IS IMPORTANT

It's a remembrance of past deeds-This day reminds us of the sacrifice and struggles of the United Automobile Workers in the light of the workplace security we enjoy now. We love remembrance!

Encouraged rise of unionism- The actions of the automobile workers to strike against all odds can be directly linked with the birth of unionism in other sectors. This gives us all an opportunity to generally voice our dissatisfaction in the workplace today.

It's a reminder of the power in unity—This day reminds us that if we are united under one voice and body, there is nothing we cannot achieve. What more reason do you need to celebrate?

BLOOD DRIVE-FEBRUARY 20

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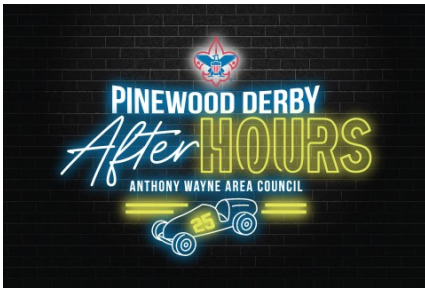


The next blood drive at UAW Local 2209 is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, Noon-4:15PM. You can schedule a time by scanning the QR, clicking on the link below, or by calling the Union Hall, 260-672-2209. Donors will receive a free t-shirt!



https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11601794

PINEWOOD DERBY AFTER HOURS



UAW Local 2209 will be the site for Anthony Wayne Area Council's Pinewood Derby After Hours on Wednesday, March 12th! Registration is \$150 per person and includes a car, dinner and 2 drink tickets. Lucille's BBQ will be catering the food buffet and The Oyster Bar will be catering drinks featuring



high end bourbons. Awards will be given for each division's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, People's Choice, Best Engineered and Most Creative. You can register online scoutingevent.com/157-DerbyAfterHours or you can scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Bowers, 260-409-1590 or Troy.Bowers@scouting.org.

CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TRIVIA

Congratulations to Danny Phillips, winner of week #1 Black History Month Trivia! Week #2 Question:

Who was a journalist in Kansas City and in 1934 became an editor of the NAACP magazine. This person then became executive Secretary of the NAACP in 1955 and held that position until 1977?

Stop in at the Union Hall, 6AM-3PM and fill out your answer form! Winners will be announced on Mondays.



In Solidarity,