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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.



Gary Schepp

We are all saddened by the loss of Gary Schepp. He was a dedicated Union Brother as both an active member and a retired member. He served the Retiree Chapter for 13 years as the Recording Secretary. We will all miss his hard work and dedication to the Retiree Chapter. We ask for your patience while we transition without Gary and until we can have an election to find a new Recording Secretary.



Retiree Birthdays

There are about 264 retirees with birthdays in April. Lowest birthdays in a month for retirees is November with about 245. Highest birthdays in a month is December with about 333.



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
Fidelity 800-489-4646
Additional information is available online at uawtrust.org.

April Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, April 16th

(10:00 am)

The program will be provided by attorney Charles Backs. He is an Elder Law and Trusts and Estates attorney.

UAW Local 2209 is Turning 40!

This year marks 40 years of UAW Local 2209 and next year Fort Wayne Assembly turns 40! If you have any historical items you would like to share with the membership, please contact the Union Hall, 260-672-2209



UAW Legal Services — Tips

Did you know that if your will names someone to inherit a bank account, retirement account, life insurance policy or deed, and your beneficiary designation for one or more of those assets is different from what you have in your will, the beneficiary designation controls. For example, if your will names your current spouse to receive your life insurance proceeds, and your ex-spouse is still on the life insurance policy as the beneficiary, your ex-spouse will inherit that asset. Make sure your beneficiary designations match the designations you have in your will.

When naming individuals to inherit assets by beneficiary form (such as life insurance proceeds, bank accounts, 401(k) accounts), make sure those beneficiaries you have named know where to find the necessary documents after you die so that they can claim the funds you have left them. Too often, heirs are in the dark about what the decedent left them and do not know where to find necessary documents, leaving valuable assets unclaimed.

Questions? Call the Plan at (800) 482-7700. We are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ET) to serve you.

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Sympaties to the Families

Gary Schepp	10 Mar (70)
Jerry Watson	20 Mar (82)
Daniel Taylor	10 Mar (74)
Ronnie Bond	9 Mar (74)



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 repop63@aol.com or call/text 260-437-7676. 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.

Life Event Changes

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

Fidelity	800-489-4646
UAW Trust	866-637-7555

Save
the NEW
Date

RETIREE REUNION DATE
CHANGE
MAY 1ST, 2026

Contacting Social Security

There are several ways to contact Social Security, including online, by phone and in person. We're here to answer your questions and to serve you. For more than 80 years, Social Security has helped secure today and tomorrow by providing benefits and financial protection for millions of people throughout their life's journey.

The most convenient way to conduct Social Security business from anywhere at anytime is to visit the website at www.socialsecurity.gov. There, you can:

- Create a my Social Security Account
- Apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs
- Apply for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits
- Find copies of publications
- Get answers to frequently asked questions

If you don't have access to the internet, you can call the automated services number 24/7 800-772-1213 or TTY number 800-325-0778

2025 Retiree Chapter Meetings

Apr 16	July 16	Oct 22
May 21	Aug 20	Nov 19
June 18	Sept 17	Dec 17

Just for Laughs



An old Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden; but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa

A few days later he received this letter from his son:

Dear Pop, Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love, Vinnie

At 6 am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop, Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best could do under the circumstances. Love, Vinnie

When & How to apply for Social Security or SSI

You should apply for retirement benefits about three months before the date you want your benefits to start. If you are not ready to retire, but are thinking about applying soon, you should visit Social Security's website. If you already have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits, you can use the online Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. This is a convenient, secure and quick financial planning tool that allows you to create your own plan, if you don't already have one.



Ways to receive your monthly newsletter

Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter directly to your cell phone or email? Please let us know if you wish to switch your delivery method by contacting the Union Hall, 260-672-2209 or email signup@uaw2209.org. Please indicate how you would like to receive your newsletter

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