



UAW Retiree Chapter 2209

5820 E 900 N

Roanoke, IN 46783

260-672-2209

uaw2209.org

NOV 2025

CHAPTER 2209 OFFICIERS

Chair – Diana Bovie Koomler

Vice Chair – Mary Ratty

Recording Secretary – Steve Cartin

Financial Secretary – Sheryl Griffin

Sergeant-at-Arms- Orval Plumlee

retirees@uaw2209.org

UAW BENEFIT REP CONTACTS

260-673-2339

260-673-2540

260-673-2596

SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY

Anneta Dennis

9/26

Randy Lawson

10/15

For those who 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

NEWSLETTER MAILING

Volunteers help on the 1st
Wednesday of each month, starting
about 8:30AM and finishing before
10:00AM. This is a great time to
catch up on the news. We are
thankful for the help of the volunteers.
Next mailing is NOV 5th

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please notify the Retiree Chapter if
your address or phone number has
changed. Please email any
changes to

retirees@uaw2209.org

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING November 19th 2025, 10:00am

There is no scheduled speaker for our November Chapter meeting. We will have
regular order of business, followed by our luncheon.

*****THERE WILL NOT BE A BENEFIT REP AT THE UNION HALL ON 11/26/25*****

Shawn Fain was at our Retiree meeting on October 15th, 2025, below are highlights

- Retirees are the life blood of the UAW, and they will continue to add benefits for Retirees.
- Communication strategy along with being vocal, now shows Americas are 75% with support for the UAW- they realize the working class has been left behind in this country for decades.
- Over the last 30 years 65 plants have been lost by the Big 3 and that is with UAW working with companies and they still close plants. Companies care only for profits for shareholders, not us.
- The days of giving free political endorsements are done -each party now needs to earn our endorsement. Examples were given.
- UAW has 4 core values-wages, health care, retirement security and getting time back-meaning balance of work and life schedules. Not having to work 7 days a week
- Since NAFTA in 1994 we have lost 90,000 facilities in the US. The UAW is in favor of targeted tariffs, not a flat percentage or widespread tariffs.
- With this last contract negotiation, the contract time has changed from September to May 1st based on the fact it's more advantageous to strike when production is high, not in September when sales tend to decrease. This is now called May Day for future contracts. With Shawn, if an agreement is not reached by May 1st (May Day)-action will be taken by the UAW- example This last contact was the stand-up strike.
- In the last 2 years the UAW has organized 50 new plants and 75,000 new members.
- If Tier 2 employees retire, even with 30 years they're not considered Retirees, they are considered Quit.
- We are a dying breed, and our voice needs to be heard, please vote when ballots are sent to us for next year's International Elections- make our voice heard.

OVER THE COUNTER (OTC) BENEFIT

Orders can be placed online, over the telephone, in the App or via mail

uawtrust.nationsbenefits.com

877-218-9951

Or download the App from Google Play or the App Store on your cell phone

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

OPTUM RX 855-409-0219
WEX DEBIT VISA 844-440-4300
UAW TRUST 866-637-7555
FIDELITY/BENEFITS 800-489-4646
OTC (Over the Counter) 844-487-2770
UNITED HEALTHCARE 800-633-4227
BCBS (non-Medicare) 866-507-2850
BCBS (Medicare Adv) 888-322-5616



BCBS TCN (PPO Plan) 877-832-2829
LEGAL SERVICES 800-482-7700
UAW TRUST 866-637-7555
TRUE HEARING 844-394-5420
DELTA DENTAL 800-524-0149
DAVIS VISION 888-234-5164
GM FAMILY FIRST 800-489-4646
BCBS (Medicare Adv) 888-322-5616



At our last two monthly meetings, baskets have been passed around to support making strides for Breast Cancer and a total of \$ 1,467.04 was collected and will be donated to Breast Cancer

The Retirees will be collecting slightly used winter coats, please check and bring if you have any that you can spare for this winter season for those less fortunate.



Retiree Health Benefits

If making a change to United Health or traditional BCBS, remember to put down a start date of January 1st 2026, if done by October 31st. If after 10/31/25, the new insurance will begin February 1st 2026. Remember to call RHCC to make this change.

Please remember to check or change your beneficiaries by calling Fidelity/Net Benefits at 1-800-489-4646. This can also be done online at Fidelity Net Benefits.com .

JUST FOR LAUGHS

FISHING FOR WHISKEY

"Poor Old fool," thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So, he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?" The old man replied, "you're the eighth."



2209-November 2025

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
ROANOKE IN 46783
PERMIT NO. 48

UAW LOCAL 2209
5820 E 900 N
ROANOKE IN 46783