



# UAW Retiree Chapter 2209

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### UAW BENEFIT REP CONTACTS

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### SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES

Glen Gooley

Erine Jost

Bernie Miller

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

### ADDRESS CHANGE

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

[retirees@uaw2209.org](mailto:retirees@uaw2209.org)

## OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

October 21st 2026, 10:00am

Kelly Thompson, candidate for Indiana District 3, will be our guest speaker at the next chapter meeting. She is running against Marlin Stutzman.

## IMPORTANT BENEFIT INFORMATION

- Retirees will be getting a new vision insurance benefit company. Watch your mail for a packet from VSP
- WEX benefit will increase to \$1,500 after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- You still have time to make changes to your healthcare providers until October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All changes will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- Reminder to verify or update your beneficiaries
- Dental benefit increases January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- Contact Healthcare Connect with questions 1-866-637-7555
- Beginning Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, there will only be one UAW Benefit Rep at the hall. Kevin Szymanski and Jessica Lund will be alternating weeks.

## MAKING STRIDES FOR BREAST CANCER

There are MANY ways to donate to this year's Making Strides for Breast Cancer fundraiser!

Silent Auction—copy or click the link below to bid on items donated by UAW Members & GM management

<https://GMSilentAuction.givesmart.com>

Purchase a Building Solidarity Day meal for delivery starting with 3rd shift, Wednesday night October 14th and ending with 2nd shift lunch on Thursday, October 15th

<https://square.link/u/kPTcx08c>

Visit the UAW Local 2209 online store and purchase a UAW Fort Wayne Assembly Making Strides t-shirt or purchase raffle tickets to win one of 15 GREAT prizes!

<https://uaw2209.square.site>

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Due to changes made by the USPS on how our newsletter is mailed, we will no longer be able to print, tab and mail our retiree newsletter from the hall. Please bear with us as we look for other ways to continue to communicate with all of you. If you wish to receive correspondence from us via email, please email your name to [signup@uaw2209.org](mailto:signup@uaw2209.org). We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

### OVER THE COUNTER (OTC) BENEFIT

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

[uawtrust.nationsbenefits.com](http://uawtrust.nationsbenefits.com)

1-844-487-2770

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



## JUST FOR LAUGHS

An elderly man driving erratically was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."



## ENDORSED CANDIDATE LIST

The UAW takes the endorsement process very seriously. We do not endorse based on political affiliation, but rather on who supports working families. Because of that and some candidates choosing not to complete our questionnaire, we chose not to endorse in certain races this year. For a complete list of endorsed candidates by state, please go to [UAWEndorsements.org](https://UAWEndorsements.org). Also, to view a sample of your ballot you can go to [indianavoters.com](https://indianavoters.com) or [vote411.org](https://vote411.org) and click "find what's on your ballot".

Indiana Attorney General  
Jonathan Weinzapfel

### Congress

1<sup>st</sup> District – Frank Mrvan  
2<sup>nd</sup> District – Pat Hackett  
3<sup>rd</sup> District – Chip Coldiron  
4<sup>th</sup> District – Joe Mackey  
5<sup>th</sup> District – Christina Hale  
6<sup>th</sup> District – Jeannine Lake  
7<sup>th</sup> District – Andre Carson  
9<sup>th</sup> District – Andy Ruff

State House  
District 50 – Jorge Fernandez  
District 80 – Phil GiaQuinta  
District 81 – Kyle Miller  
District 82 – Michael Bienz

State Senate  
District 16 – Juli Dominquez  
Allen County Council At-Large  
Melissa Fisher

Indiana State Treasurer  
Coumbe Kebe

Indiana Comptroller  
Jessica Bailey

Indiana Secretary of State  
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