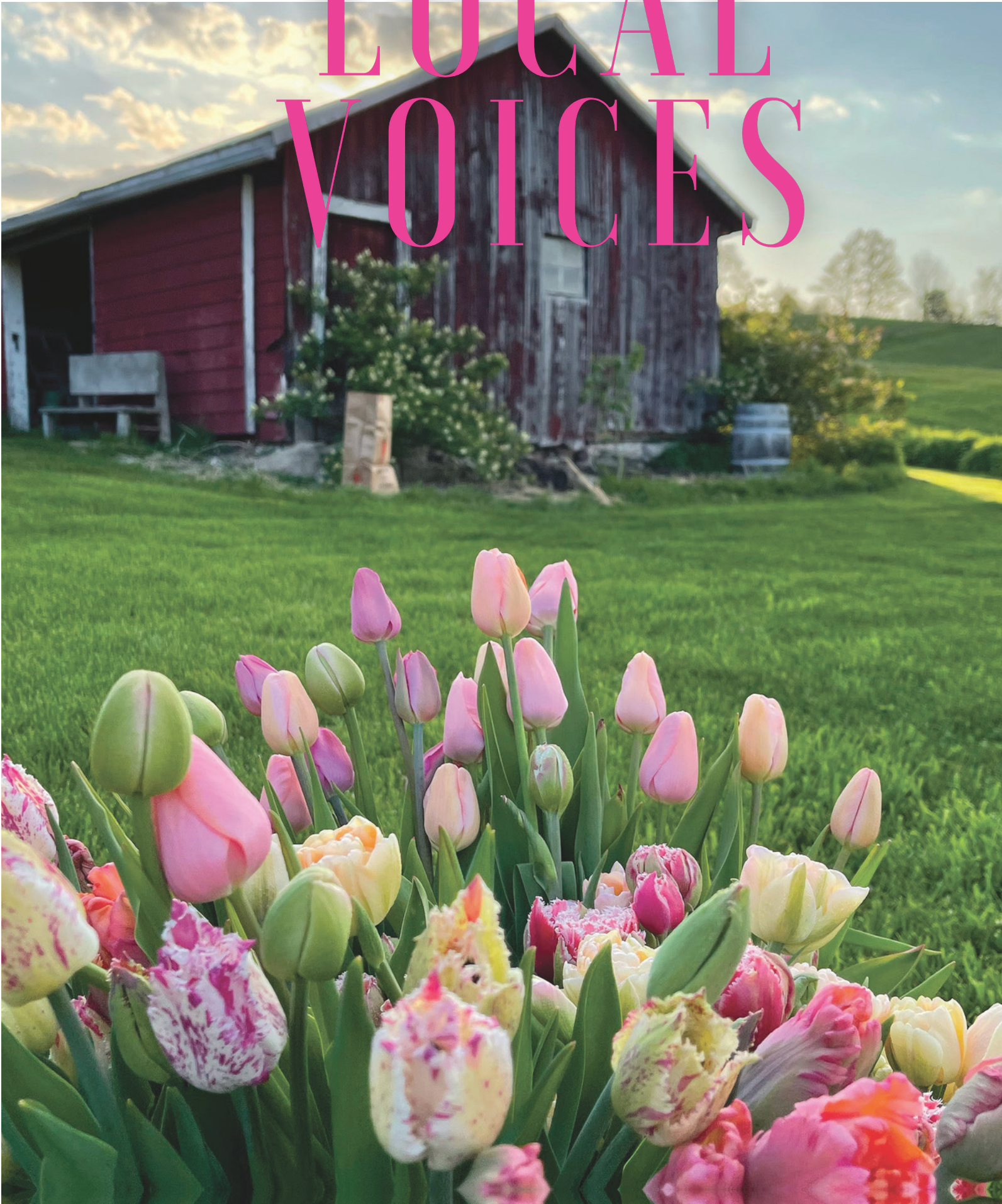


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2209 Community

Pantry

Please take what you need
and donate what you can

Recommended Items



- Peanut Butter
- Bread
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Pop top soups & canned goods
- Microwave Meals
- Boxed Meals
- Fruit cups
- Trail Mix
- Granola Bars
- Pouches of flavored tuna
- Canned Meat
- Beef Jerky
- water
- juice boxes
- Rice

- Dry Pasta
- Sauces
- Cereal
- Powdered Milk
- Ramen
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Body Wipes
- Menstrual Products
- Baby Food
- Diapers & Wipes
- Hats & Gloves

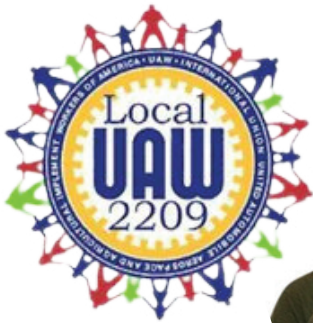


Local Voices Deadline

Friday June 16, 2023

To submit articles

email: LocalVoices@uaw2209.org or drop it off
at the Union Hall



Holli Murphy
President



Hello Brothers and Sisters! I would like to say THANK YOU to this entire membership for allowing me to serve for another term. I am running unopposed for the 2023 Triennial Election. It is with great privilege and honor that you continue to believe in me to lead the membership of UAW Local 2209.

We are comprised of members who work for different employers, which means we are an Amalgamated, 9 Unit, Local Union. When I first took office in 2017, we only consisted of 4 units. We have gained 5 units in those 6 years, which means the needs of the membership and the duties of the elected offices have changed so much. I have always been on the administration side of the Local Union, so bargaining experience is not my forte. I have delegated that out to Vice President Jim Peters, who has years of bargaining experience from his previously elected positions at General Motors, to help our Amalgamated Units.

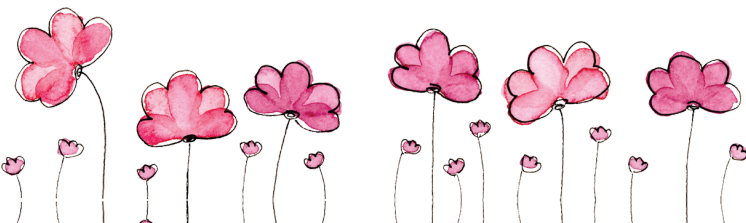
Vice President Jim Peters works daily with units 2 through 9. Jim Peters, along with each unit chairman meet together to find ways to increase union involvement within their units. I would like to thank each of these units for believing in Vice President Jim Peters and our Region 2B Servicing Rep Ryan Hiestand to continue to strengthen the language in the collective bargaining agreements. They hold unit meetings, quarterly or as needed. Recording Secretary Amy Houston also holds an important part in all this by maintaining the minutes for all of them. Financial Secretary Shane Davis records all the dues for the Amalgamated Units as well as all of the Retired member chapters associated with Local 2209.

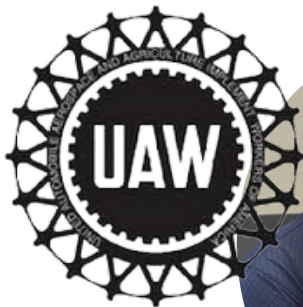
He maintains separate funds for each of these units and chapters and ensures that all dues payments are made to the International Union in a timely manner.

Since our last edition of The Local Voices, we have had many changes in the administration of the UAW International Union. The One Member One Vote has most definitely exemplified change from what we know in how we elect the Top Leadership. Although some would say it was a "clean sweep" it was ONLY around 10 percent who VOTED! I appreciate the years of knowledge and strength that we have in our leadership. We have negotiations with the Big 3 this year and as your local union president I want you to know we will get through all of it, just like we did in 2019.

I am So PROUD to serve this Great Union, UAW Local 2209, ALL 9 UNITS, ALL of Our Standing Committees and ALL of OUR RETIREES, for NONE of them are their own entity, WE ARE ALL UAW 2209!!!!

Holli Murphy





Jim Peters
Vice President

Hello Brothers and Sisters of UAW 2209! I hope this letter finds everyone well! I have just finished up negotiations with Avancez, both the Tire and Wheel and T & W Maintenance Divisions. As soon as I'm done proof reading the contracts, they will be sent to the printer in order to get them out to the members as quickly as possible. Our members voted the contract in by over 83 PERCENT! This really shows that the months of preparation leading up to the negotiations really paid off! I would like to give a special thanks to the Unit Chairpersons that worked hand in hand to help with resolutions and language: Kim Sheets, Avancez VAA, Kris Nerzig, Tire and Wheel, and Ricky Hamm Maintenance. Back in October of 2021, I negotiated a new starting rate for Avancez VAA and Tire and Wheel. This brought their pay rate up from \$13.00 an hour to \$15.50 an hour. This was crucial, in order to get their wages up to a better standard and gave us a much better starting point for their negotiations. Here are some the gains made during these negotiations:

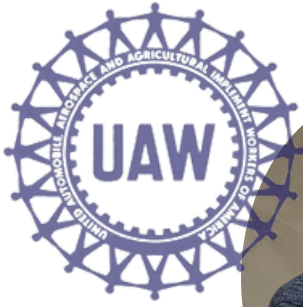
- Team leader pay raised to \$2.25 hour on top of hourly rate
- Mobile equipment operators to \$1.25 an hour over hourly rate.
- A .25 cent raise to shift premiums.
- We were also able to secure a freeze on all insurance premiums for the life of the contract. Prior to this, they had raised every year on the members.
- 2 additional holidays - Presidential election day & Easter Monday.
- 2 non paid days off after they exhaust all of their vacation.
- Bonuses of \$800 the first year of the contract and \$400 each year after for ratification.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for the honor of being your Vice President. I look forward to continuing to build SOLIDARITY and make each unit strong from within.

In Solidarity,



**Union organizing
isn't about signing
cards - it's about
empowering
people and
changing lives**



Rich LeTourneau
Shop Chair Unit 1
(General Motors)



Setting the record straight

security back on the map. Temporary members were temps for 5 and 6 years before we took control of that issue. We got back our fitness reimbursement, and we built a clothing store with clothing paid for by the company. We negotiated a Tim Horton's restaurant in the plant and brought outside food vendors in. Our 25-year dinners are now back, and we can respectfully honor those who have reached it.

Nobody expected the International Union representatives to get indicted and jailed over clothing issues, but it happened and as a result every plant lost their negotiated stores.

It was this leadership that went above and beyond to negotiate a building that would forever protect the material department in this plant, and we did. It was this leadership that lobbied for years to bring that crew cab here. It was this leadership that negotiated the Oshawa project and combined offered over 800 new members to FWA.

I am the sole signature on the shop committee when it comes to hiring temps and navigating my way through appendix A, k and L. Using the temp letters to my advantage I have forced this company to hire over 2,000 temps to permanent hire along with over 1,000 appendix A transfers. They don't just do this because they want to. They would much rather fill the place with temps.

This leadership under my advisement put our emergency response team back on the map after a lot of resistance in the beginning. It was under my advisement that we kept over 50,000 of our trucks on site and repaired by this membership and a lot of overtime was shared. Everyone one of these trucks could have been outsourced but we held our position. We will continue taking the right position for this membership to protect your future not everything you hear is accurate.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of distorted facts, misconceptions, and half truths about what has been gained and lost by your current and past administrations. That fact is, this membership had it all by the end of 2003, a contract and creature comforts for this Local Union that was second to none. We have hired a lot of new members over the last 20 years that have no idea what the truth really is. They only read what some continue to believe is right, who obviously are suffering from severe industrial amnesia.

Between 2003 and 2010 this membership went through 4 different Shop Chairman and this is what this membership lost in that short period of time; *both cafeterias were closed, we lost an \$800.00 fitness and golf memberships, we lost our clothing store that supplied 5 shirts and 5 pants at no cost to the membership, and we lost our 25-year dinners for those reaching that milestone. We lost 40 hours of EDT training which allowed each member to spend some time off the line. Our Skilled Trades Department was almost cut in half, along with their overtime. The company dismantled our Emergency Response Team and our equipment that went along with it. The company shut down our training facility out back.* The list goes on and on and I was not even in this plant during that time frame. These items were given up by previous Shop Committees. These were all negotiated demands that were negotiated by me and some great Shop Committees prior to 2003. Upon my return to this plant, when I was re-elected as Chairman, the 2011 Shop Committee spent 24 months in negotiations regaining what was given up. There were over 11,000 of our trucks parked all around the plant we couldn't sell to our customers because this plant was in full rotation and they all needed repair. A small handful of this leadership; before the Shop Committee elections in 2011, stopped rotation in this plant and put our job

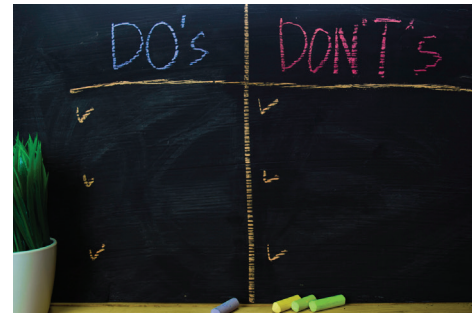


Amy Houston
Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary Report

I recently attended International UAW Financial Officer Training in March. As your Recording Secretary I attended classes covering Administrative Roles & Responsibilities along with other Recording Secretaries, Presidents and Vice Presidents from around the country. It is very interesting to speak with and share ideas and experiences with people who hold the same position but at different locals. I also attended classes taught by Representatives from the Auditing, Appeals & Education Departments. Including Strike Assistance, Leadership Essentials, Bylaws and Election Training. I learned a lot and was able to ask any questions I had and get answers immediately from the experts.

As Financial officers for our Local, we take all of these trainings very seriously and make sure to apply all changes in regulations when we return back home. I want to thank the Membership of Local 2209 for sending me to this Financial Conference and trusting me to serve as your Recording Secretary.



Serving our Members & the Community

At the November 2022 Membership Meeting a motion was made to suspend the regular order of business. President Murphy called Sister Trustee Amanda Meier to the stage and read a letter from Director Wayne Blanchard commending her leadership and unwavering commitment to the labor movement. She was then presented with the Walter Reuther Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to UAW members who have made extraordinary efforts to advance the cause of working people and their families in their communities. Amanda is the perfect recipient for this award in my opinion. Fast forward to February 16 at the Northeast Indiana AFL-CIO annual Excellence in Labor Awards Dinner where she was awarded the Activist of the Year Award for her dedication to canvassing and phone banking for labor friendly candidates

Amanda, when accepting the award said she could have never accomplished anything without her CAP Council team. Everyone took their own personal time to knock doors, drop leaflets and phone bank making November a successful month for labor friendly candidates. Amanda can always be seen out and about at union events and in the community serving and helping others. There is no other person more deserving of these honors. Congratulations Amanda!

2 photos attached. The one at the hall in front of Walter Reuther Mural is the Walter Reuther Service award. The other is the AFL-CIO Activist of the year award. Amanda is pictured with her CAP Council team.





Shane B. Davis

*Financial
Secretary-Treasurer*

January 1, 2023- January 31, 2023


Beginning Balance	\$835,907.05
Income	\$676,088.01
Expenditures	-\$689,007.48
Difference	-\$12,919.47
Balance	\$822,987.58

February 1, 2023- February 28, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$822,987.58
Income	\$300,626.53
Expenditures	-\$299,238.40
Difference	-\$1,388.13
Balance	\$824,375.71

MARCH 1, 2023- MARCH 31, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$824,375.71
Income	\$907,581.61
Expenditures	-\$406,344.12
Difference	-\$-501,237.49
Balance	\$1,325,613.20



UAW REGION 2B

ONLINE ACADEMY

NOW FREE TO ALL UAW REGION 2B MEMBERS

WHAT IS IT?

The UAW Region 2B Online Academy is web-based training about YOUR union and your role within it! **Members may register themselves at the link/QR code below.** Within 24 hours you will receive an email confirmation and be able to log in and begin your workshops!

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Region 2B member
- Must be in good standing
- Must register under a personal email address
- Participate on your own time and at your own pace


Please direct questions to Education Representative Amy Richardson - arichardson@uaw.net


FOR MORE INFO:

region2b.uaw.org/education

REGISTER HERE!

uawregion2b.talentlms.com





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UNION-MADE SPRING CLEANING

- ▶ Ajax (IBT, IBEW, UFCW)
- ▶ All laundry detergent (IBT, IBEW, UFCW)
- ▶ Borateem laundry detergent (UFCW, IBT, USW)
- ▶ Bowl Fresh toilet bowl sanitizers, deodorizers (IBT, IBEW, UFCW)
- ▶ Clorox (IBT, IBEW, UFCW)
- ▶ Craftsman (IBEW, IBT)
- ▶ Fab laundry detergent (IBT)
- ▶ Final Touch fabric softener (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Hi-Lex Bleach (IBT)
- ▶ Liquid Plumber (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Lysol (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Minwax (IBT)
- ▶ Mop & Glo (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Osram Sylvania lightbulbs (IAMAW, IBEW, UAW)
- ▶ Purex (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Renewenz dishwashing detergent (IBDW, IBT, USW)
- ▶ Rit dye laundry treatment (IUE-CWA)
- ▶ Snuggle (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Soft Scrub (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Sunlight detergent (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Surf detergent (IBT, IBEW)
- ▶ Tide (IBT, IBEW).

SOURCE : LABOR 411



A Note from your Trustees

We concluded our semi-annual audit and forwarded the Trustee report to the International Union on February 22. Thank you to Financial Secretary Davis and the Local 2209 clerical staff for all the work they do preparing the necessary materials for the audit.

Per membership approval, we helped oversee the transition from PNC Bank to Bippus State Bank in Roanoke, due to new processing fees being implemented by PNC Bank.

A full update of our inventory was completed during the shutdown weeks in March/April.

Your financial officers also just returned from our annual conference where we learned about new policies and procedures as well as training to help us better serve the membership. Thank you for entrusting us to safeguard the assets of our Local Union.

Melinda Ladd, Amanda Meier, David Bartkowiak





1 Retiree Chapter Meeting Speakers

Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 10:00 am at the Union Hall. At most meetings we have guest speakers or groups providing information of use to retirees.

We had the following speakers at our meetings during the year: Jim Seay of the Fort Wayne Police Financial Crime Section; Jim King Indiana State Chair for UAW Region 2B Retired Workers Council; Nicole Keesling, Records Controller at the Allen County Recorder's office; Mary Wagner from the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation; Dr Hale, Sleep Solutions specialist; UAW Medical Trust about upcoming 2023 medical coverage; Daniel Summers from Social Security with assistance from Phil Ratkos; Mike Bynum, United Way Labor Liaison.

1 Retiree Chapter Activities

- A A BBQ was provided at our July meeting. A Retiree
- 7 Reunion Party was held in October. In November there
- v was a lunch after the meeting and the December
- 1 meeting followed a breakfast and concluded with a
- 4 Holiday gathering after the meeting.

7 Retiree Chapter Donations

-) Chapter Donations were made to the Letter Carrier's
- 7 Food Drive (\$750), Salvation Army – Tools for School
- 7 Fund (\$250), Walk to End Alzheimers (\$250), Making
- 2 Strides for Cancer (\$500 including \$800 from collection),
-) Coats for Kids (\$500), Shepherds House (\$500), and
-) Charis House (\$500).

Retiree Chapter Membership

Membership in UAW Retiree Chapter 2209 consists of UAW Local 2209 retired members, their spouses, surviving spouses, and can also include retired UAW members from other UAW Local Unions.

Not including spouses and retired UAW members from other UAW Local Unions we have over 2,600 retirees in 44 different states. 700 are deceased.

Our first retirees were thirty-five years ago in 1988. They were Feb 1988: Robert Kline; May 1988: Virginia Miley; June 1988: Betty Snook; and Nov 1988: Lonnie Tapplar.

Retiree Chapter Monthly Newsletter

Retirees paying their Retiree Chapter dues receive a monthly Chapter Newsletter. Surviving spouses can also receive the monthly newsletter by paying a newsletter fee.

Each monthly newsletter has helpful information and news for our retirees and their spouses. In addition, we include retirements and notices of retiree deaths.

Information and resources are also provided on our Facebook group "UAW Retiree Chapter 2209 (FWA)". It can be a good resource with help from retirees familiar with our retiree benefits. When joining make sure to answer all three questions. You will likely need to scroll down to see the other questions when joining from your cellphone.

Be Well Be Safe



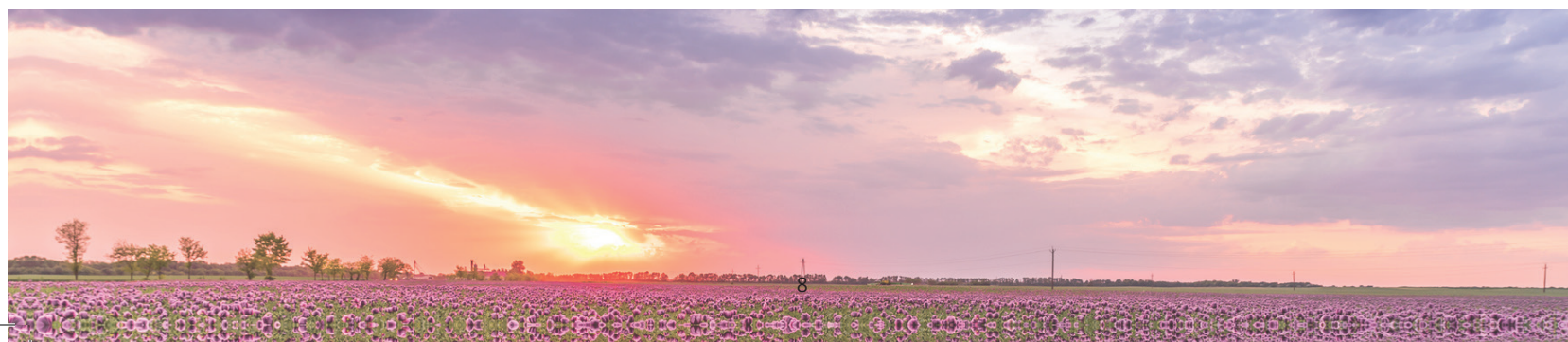
Coats for Kids



Shepherds House



Charis House





A Message from Your Chaplains



Chairperson
Chaplain, Michele Buckler

Salutations UAW Brothers and Sisters

Your Chaplaincy wants you to know that you and your family are loved, cared about and prayed for daily. Know that you may contact us any time day or evening. You may also request any need or question via the union hall.

Many people may not know, but it is our committee person's obligation to first present the Bible when there is a bereavement. This is a traditional courtesy. However, if one has not received one. Please do not hesitate to contact us to serve you in this capacity.

I pray that during our time off of work, that we and our family's don't suffer from any lack, that all are blessed, safe from all hurt, harm or dangers seen and unseen.

To those that Honour The Lord's Resurrection, may your celebration be festive and fulfilling.

If we are not alerted to concerns, they cannot be addressed in a timely fashion. We are happy to be of service to every one.



WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



Chairperson
Beverly Henry

Greetings UAW Brothers and Sisters

The Women's Committee would like to thank everyone for their Continuous support. The Superbowl party, St Patty's Day Taste of 2209, and Spades Tournament were all great successes due to our incredible membership!!

Congratulations to Ms Pamela Ward, 1st place with Meatloaf, 2nd place Shaun Winkler, Ruben Casserole and 3rd place went to Mrs Tempest Rushing with Macaroni and Cheese.

Congratulations to 1st place Spade winners Pat Ward and Charlene Long!! Runners Up went to Brenda Robinson and Bev Henry.

Our 3rd Annual Angleman Fundraiser was April 13th Thank You for supporting by purchasing a fish dinner and tickets for the 50/50 raffle.

In Solidarity,
SOS, Sisters Of Solidarity





EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Nelson Rodriguez

Let me start by saying Congratulations to Grant Walter! Grant is the winner of our annual scholarship raffle. We on the education committee would like to thank all those who purchased tickets or donated to support our children's education. Please be on the lookout for this year's essay question and remember, all scholarships are awarded to the children of local 2209 members and their units who are either going into college or are already enrolled.

I would now like to thank the members of our education committee for overwhelmingly voting me in for another term as their chairperson. I strongly believe that working together in solidarity allows us to truly succeed as a committee. Together we have done some amazing things for our membership to include, Scholarships, Trunk or Treat, and more importantly educational classes like UAW 101 basics and Money Matters

where we helped the Union Label committee to grow that class. If anyone would like to join our committee we are always looking for people. On March 17, 2023 I will be heading down to Indianapolis to run for a second term as your Region 2B Education Advisory Council President. The Education Council consists of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Sargent at Arms, and three Members at Large. This council includes all members within Region 2B and it local unions' education committees. Together we create tools and educational opportunities for all locals and their units to use in enhancing the knowledge, and power of their members. Educating our membership is not just the commitment of our council but it is our passion and drive. Regional Director David Green has stated his commitment on education and its importance to our members so we look forward as a local and council to working with him.

In Solidarity
Nelson Rodriguez



CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Charlene Long- Committee Chair & Janice Hodges- Co Chair

Civil & Human Right Committee celebrated 2023 Black History Month @ our Fort Wayne Assembly Plant. Our committed committee in February did weekly trivia questions from Black African American Entrepreneurs with our membership. We had (1) winner weekly for the month of February & they received prizes. Week#1- Brian Mooneyhan -winner, Week#2 -Jane Walter - winner, Week#3 - Melinda Ladd - winner, Week#4 - Anthony McDonald. Congratulations to all winners.

Always remember we ARE the committee that works inside OUR plant. Trying to make it comfortable for "Every working member here @ Fort Wayne Assembly." Friendly Reminder there is a protocol & procedure that the Civil & Human Committee Members MUST FOLLOW in order to assist you.

Local 2209 Union Brothers & Sisters please continue to support us, Your Civil & Human Rights Committee. We (C&HR) as we will continue our dedication to our members.



Wild Game Feed 2023

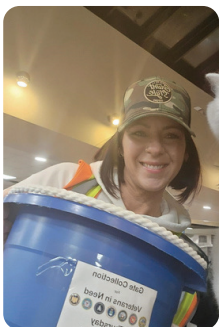
Another Wild Game Feed is in the UAW Local 2209 books! Thank you to the Conservation and Recreation Committee for sponsoring this event and working so cohesively with our active and retired volunteers. I would like to thank all the Fort Wayne area Chevrolet dealers and Outback Steakhouse for sponsoring our Annual event. The constant support from Kelley Automotive Group, DeHaven Chevrolet, Lakeside Chevrolet, City Chevrolet and Shepherd Family Auto Group allows this event to continue to be a success each year. I encourage all of our members and retirees to consider purchasing your next vehicle from one of them.

A big shout out to everyone that donates, meat, sides and desserts. An even bigger shout out to the continued members that work tirelessly cooking, planning and entertaining each year. I would like to personally thank Kyle Palan for ensuring this event continued on after the passing of his father, Mike in 2018. This event was Mike Palan's "baby" and it is with great honor and respect that his son is dedicated to making it one of the most anticipated member events of the year.

Congratulations to the raffle winners – Tim Griner (kayak), Dave McCullough (liquor), Lane Roswurr (liquor), Roxanne Fugate (liquor), and Ruth Bruner (50/50).

We hope to see you next year!

David Bartkowiak



VETERANS COMMITTEE

By Daphne Cercone

Hello to all our Sisters and Brothers here at Local 2209. The Veterans Committee would like to Thank You for the continuous support as we hit a record breaking gate collection this past March. Recently our committee sponsored a table for the veterans to attend the American Legion Post 148 Commanders Ball. We hope you and look forward to future events all enjoyed the evening



GETTING MILES ATHLETIC CLUB

By Ryan Bultemeier

The Getting Miles Athletic Club kicked off the 2023 fun run series in fine fashion, literally. Runners and walkers sported their finest kilts and fanciest tutus for the third annual St Practice Day 5k on Sunday, March 12th, in Lawton Park. It was a chilly one! About half of the people decided to stay home after they woke up to freezing temps and a fresh blanket of snow on the ground. The maniacs who decided to embrace the weather had a great time and looked great doing it.



This year, we teamed up with Changing Footprints, a charitable organization that collects shoe donations of all kinds. Most of the shoes stay in the area in which they're collected. Others will be distributed through their five warehouses located in Rushville, North and South Indianapolis, Hancock County, and New Haven.

Getting Miles hosts several free run/walks that are open to athletes and couch potatoes of all levels. Although running is typically considered to be a solo sport, running and walking with other people helps you to push yourself to levels that you didn't think were possible. Group runs also help to create accountability while having fun.

In addition to our free events, we meet up for weekly runs and occasional weekend runs. You can find more info about Getting Miles on Facebook. You can also find our fun runs on Eventbrite.



Getting Miles on Facebook



You can find more events as we host them on Eventbrite





Union Label

Co-Chair Danny Phillips Sr

At FWA I would be willing to wager that more people know the Union Label Committee runs the annual kickball tournament than know what the Union Label Committee actually is or does. I'll be the first to admit, I used to be one of those people. I initially joined the committee because I enjoyed the kickball tournament so much. It wasn't until after I joined the committee, attended a few meetings, and even took some region 2B sponsored classes that I learned what the Union Label committee does and stands for within the UAW. The best thing I learned after I joined was the great things we (and all the standing committees) do with the money raised from the kick a\$\$ events that are put on, like kickball.

Every year for the holidays the Union Label committee sponsors a retirement community just down the road from us in Roanoke. It all began back in 2005 when sister Marcia Milne and her final line team members put together gift baskets

of socks, snacks, blankets, and miscellaneous games and fun things for all the residents of the Renaissance Village Homes. She would drive past the home every day on her way to work and heard that many of the residents, even around the holidays, would get very few visitors. It grew from there and was eventually taken over by our Union Label Committee. This past Christmas was my fourth year of working with chair Stephanie Higdon and now we reach out to the home and receive a wish list of what each resident would like and/or need. It has truly grown to be one of my favorite things that I look forward to around the holidays.

So remember the next time you are having a blast at the hall for one of your yearly favorite events, not only is everyone having a great time, but also the money being raised is going to support one of our awesome standing committees and funding all of the amazing work they do.



Community Service

Chairperson
Paula Friedrich

The Community Service Committee can always be found lending a helping hand. We can't say enough good things about this group of individuals who serve our membership and community. Our members recently decorated and filled 2 Free Food pantries that will be located in Huntington.



2023 Triennial Election



Voting 24 Hours
Tuesday May 16, 2023 5 a.m.
TO
Wednesday May 17, 2023 5 a.m.



ELECTION REMINDER

Run-Off Election
Tuesday June 6, 2023 5 a.m.
TO
Wednesday June 7, 2023 5 a.m.

ELECTION REMINDER

Members can no longer campaign inside the plant as we have been accustomed to in previous years. Check out the boards and walls located inside the plant at the New Body Shop, Old Paint (Jerry Hill), New Paint, New Trim (SLOC), Final Process, GA Atrium, and the Local 2209 Union Hall. These will also be the polling locations to accommodate all of our members and encourage everyone to vote.

The candidates will possibly be utilizing their right to campaign through distribution of literature via mail or the local texting system. We urge you to contact the hall to Opt-In to the text service.

*We want to assure everyone that the candidates are not gaining access to your personal information. Refer to UAW Local Union Election Committee Guide Chapter 6.

In Solidarity,

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Braylon's Besties



Easter Celebration



**THANK YOU
SEAN & TERESA JAMES, 2ND
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GOOD TRUCKIN' NEWS

Happy Retirement



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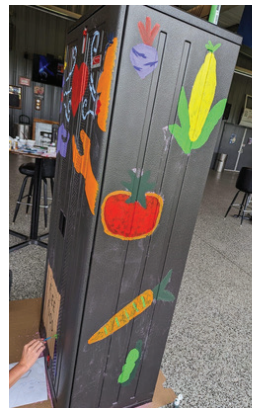
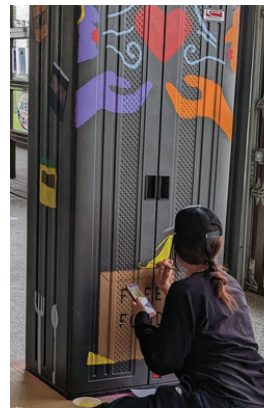
Thank You Sister Cinde Mustaine for initiating The Take a Book Leave a Book cubbard

The Community Service Committee donated 2 pantries to be placed in Huntington. Thank You all for your donations to keep our pantries filled Without this entire membership we would not have the opportunities to help our surrounding communities.



Ice Ice Baby isn't just a popular song from the '90s, it's also the mantra for the eight members of Local 2209 who bravely broke through the ice and plunged into the Matea Park lake on Saturday, February 11. The Special Olympics hosts an annual Polar Plunge event to raise money locally and throughout the state. Amy Houston, Amanda Meier, Ben Neuhaus, Danny Phillips, John Sharber, Brianna Standish, Jamie Teller, and DeAnna Watson represented Local 2209 and joined a record- breaking 360 plungers. With the sponsorship from Local 2209 and the money raised by each of our plungers, our total donation was over \$4,200. Overall the event raised \$80,000 for the Special Olympics. Thank you to everyone who donated and a special thank you to my fellow plungers who brave

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UPCOMING EVENTS



OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM RIDE & RALLY

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20 23

FAMILY FRIENDLY **FOOD & DRINKS**
VENDORS & RAFFLE **LIVE MUSIC**

REGISTRATION 10-12
RIDE 12P-1P
RALLY UNTIL 6

JUNE 10TH, 2023

NEW HAVEN INDIANA

SCHNELKER PARK • NEW HAVEN, INDIANA



UAW LOCAL 2209 PRESENTS:

WANTED

FORT WAYNE TRAILS

PROCEEDS GO TO THE FORT WAYNE TRAILS

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PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 POKER HANDS

8TH ANNUAL PEDAL POKER RUN

17th of June

First Bike Departs At 1:00PM • Last Bike Arrives At 7:00PM
Starts And Ends At Pedal City • 1215 Main Street, Fort Wayne

Registration Ends at Midnight June 6th

Bring Your Own Bike \$30 Each Bike Rider

Register Online:
<http://pedalpoker2023.eventbrite.com>

Registration Includes:
• Event T-Shirt
• Hot Dog Bar At Pedal City After Ride



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INDIANA AFL-CIO

Solidarity Softball Tourney

UAW

SATURDAY, MAY 20
RAIN DATE: JUNE 3

UAW 2209 NEEDS A TEAM (OR 2!)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING PLEASE CONTACT:
DANNY PHILLIPS 260.414.2262
CALL OR TEXT

SIGN UP NO LATER THAN APRIL 30

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5:00PM-11:00PM

LOCAL 2209 UNION HALL

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED

