

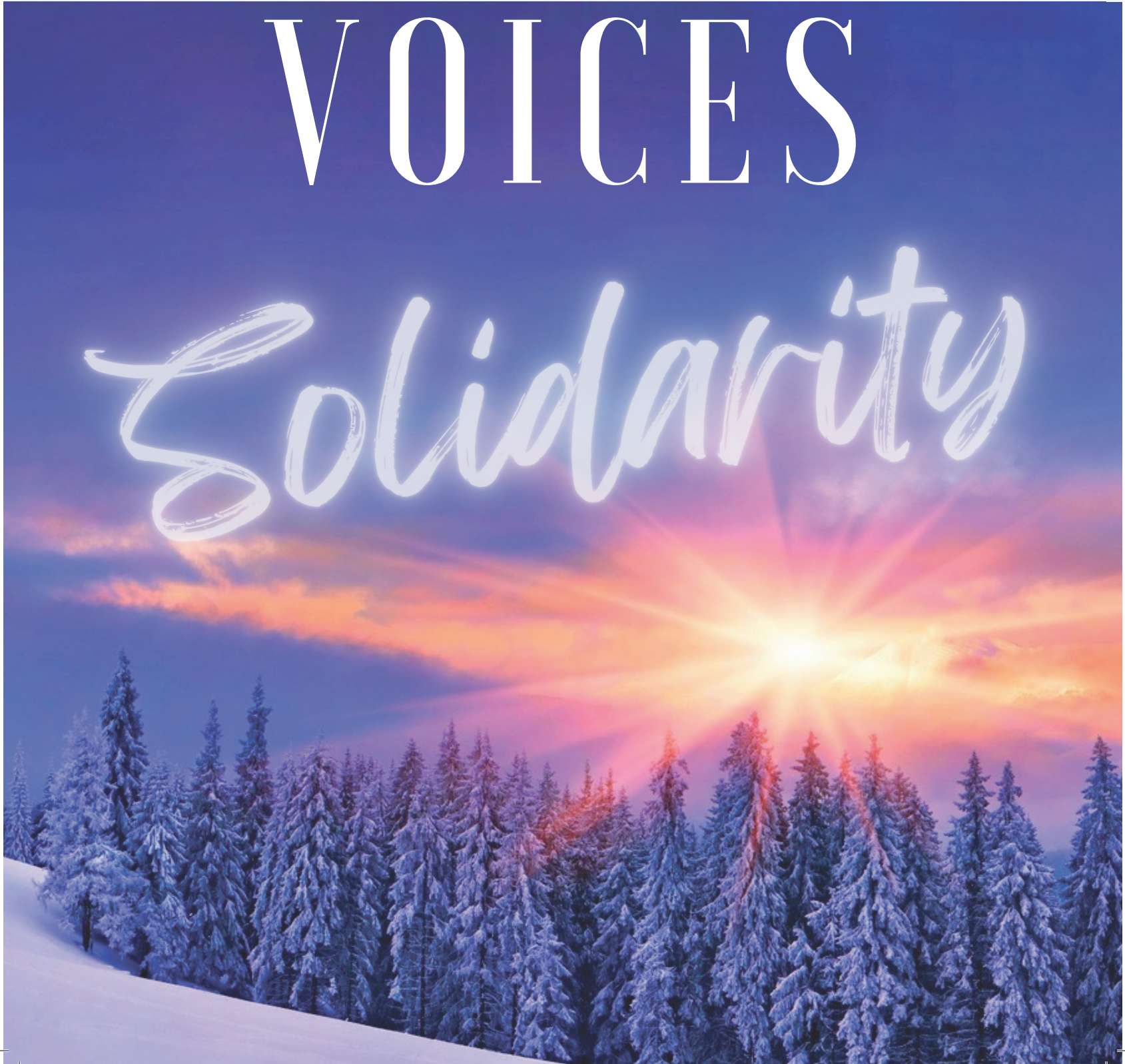
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260-673-2339 260-673-2540

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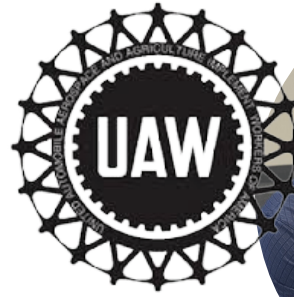
Hello Brothers and Sisters! Between the elections of the International UAW, our Triennial Elections and the UAW-GM Contract, it has been quite the year! I would like to say THANK YOU for allowing me to serve this great membership for another term, it is truly an honor.

I believe we have come so far but we still can do better for our members. Moving into 2024, I would really like to focus on educating our members, not so much in a classroom setting, but rather educate them through tutorial videos, pamphlets and through the means of our standing committees. I have repopulated the committees and they are eager to get this new year started and work for and with the membership!

We will be putting a focus on our Building Solidarity Days. My plan is to have different resources and informational packets so you can fellowship and learn all in the same day. For example, our next Solidarity Day is January 18, in which we will also have a blood drive from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

We'll also be pushing a sign up for organ donors through the Indiana Donor Network. Our Brother Danny Ernstes, UAW Region 2B CAP Rep is currently on the list for a kidney transplant, and this is one way we can all stand up to help him and others in need.

My wish for you all is that you enjoy your time off and get to spend quality time with family and friends or simply just do some self-care. We all work hard and we need to rejuvenate as well.



Jim Peters
Vice President



Hello to all the 2209 family! This year went by quickly as we had elections, a new national contract and many other happenings. We held three (3) amalgamated units contract negotiations this year. We managed to win significant wage gains, annual bonuses, signing bonuses as well as getting a freeze on all their insurance premiums for the life of the agreement. We also just negotiated a tentative agreement for our nurse's unit at the plant which will be voted on in the near future.

Coming up in 2024, the International will be negotiating the Caravan and MPS agreements. I have already started collecting resolutions for both units and written dozens to turn in to International. It's great to see the resolutions coming in.

This year we took on our 10th Unit, Bohl, fork truck repair. Please welcome them if you see them at our events, down at the hall or out in the community.

If you have friends or family members that are working for a non-union shop that would like to organize, please contact the hall and I will get the information to them, or they can come in and see me.

We will have a schedule of our amalgamated meetings after the first of the year, I look forward to seeing all of our amalgamated members at their meetings!

I would like to thank every member for the honor of being able to serve as your vice president and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Rich LeTourneau
Shop Chair Unit 1
(General Motors)

2023 is coming to a close and it's been a pretty eventful year for us. While I think this Local Voices Edition will cover many of our highlights in and out of the plant. I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the successes' you have achieved in the plant while working in challenging positions that the company has created, yet you still work hard to continue to build world class products. Thanks to everyone that gives your time to all the events that bring us together with our families, supports our causes, communities and provides some release from the daily grind.

Congratulations to the 256 newly converted members. To all that are enjoying the economic gains brought about by the new contract, some of which are VERY life changing, Congratulations! To all those that are going to be able to retire under the special attrition program in the coming year, we thank you for your service and congratulate you on achieving this goal. It's what we all work for.

With all that said, I will tell you that FWA is going to be an eventful place in 2024 and a fight is coming. The company is coming at us with more disadvantages to the membership and our ability to build quality products. We've been down this road before, let's see what happens!

Enjoy your time with your family and friends during our downtime then be ready to buckle up when we return!

In Solidarity,
Rich

Meet your Shop Committee



JOE PERRY
ZONE COMMITTEEMAN
1ST SHIFT



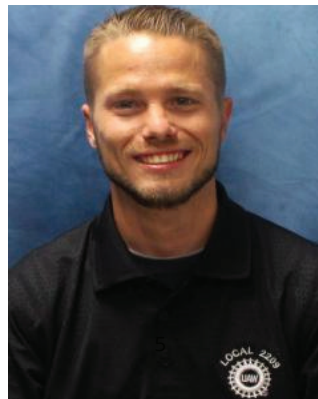
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ZONE COMMITTEEMAN
2ND SHIFT



MIKE KELLOGG
ZONE COMMITTEEMAN
3RD SHIFT



NICK SLAVEN
DISTRICT 1



CODY STEWART
DISTRICT 6



JOHN STINSON
District 11



Amy Houston
Recording Secretary

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

First off, I would like to thank my wonderful family at UAW Local 2209 for re-electing me to be your Recording Secretary for another three (3) years! I am honored to continue to serve all of you. Every single one.

There has been something on my mind the last couple of months. I saw a quote and it really struck me. I had to read it multiple times to absorb it.

PASSION without ACTION is only an opinion and CHANGE requires more than an opinion. Take ACTION.

OK, I know you just read that, but read it again. It's something I constantly work on with myself. If I don't like the way something is, if I don't have a solution, then I'm not going to say a thing. It's just complaining without a solution. This quote is in the same category. During this triennial election, I saw a TON of passion!! That is amazing!! But now what? What can we do with this passion to make it more than just our opinion? A common thing I saw and heard was that you want change. What do you want changed? How can YOU do it? Not someone else, but you. It is time to stop pointing fingers, and listing what everyone else should be doing to make things happen and everyone take a step back and think about what YOU can do. I am aware not everyone can do certain things, but everyone can help to be part of a solution instead of just sneering from a distance and being mad. I want to see our membership step up and be better. Together. It's not simply the Chairmen's job to educate people or grow solidarity on the floor. We are the union and it's our job to take someone under our wing and educate them.

Show them the ropes. If you're the new hire, ask someone with some seniority the questions you have. Start a conversation. I guarantee it will lead to many more! We need to be here to support one another. Take your ear buds out and start talking to each other.

When I hired in there weren't cell phones or internet or wireless ear buds. We had boom boxes that everyone listened to and our conversations. Then, when it was time for break. We sat together and ate and talked even more! I don't see that in here anymore. I think that is a problem within our membership. We aren't invested in each other; we don't know each other! So, here I am with something I feel passion about. Our members need to connect. My action is to discuss it with you guys in this article and hopefully a few of you have made it this far into my ramblings and will think about this and make the effort to befriend, speak to and engage with the people you work around every single day. I will also try to do better to engage and speak to the people I work around. I get it. It's a lot easier not to. But let's stick our necks out and do it. Let's grow solidarity bit by bit with each and every one of us.

Back to the quote from earlier. What are you feeling passionate about?

PASSION without ACTION is only an opinion and CHANGE requires more than an opinion. Take ACTION.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY JAN 27, 2024 @ 11AM

-IF PRODUCTION IS SCHEDULED, IT WILL BE Sunday, JAN. 28

SATURDAY FEB. 17, 2024, @ 11AM

-IF PRODUCTION IS SCHEDULED, IT WILL BE Sunday, FEB 18

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024, @ 11AM

-IF PRODUCTION IS SCHEDULED, IT WILL BE Sunday, March 17



Shane B. Davis
Financial
Secretary-Treasurer

July 1, 2023- July 31, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$906,246.50
Income	\$323,865.40
Expenditures	-\$365,187.98
Difference	\$-41,322.58
Balance	\$864,923.92

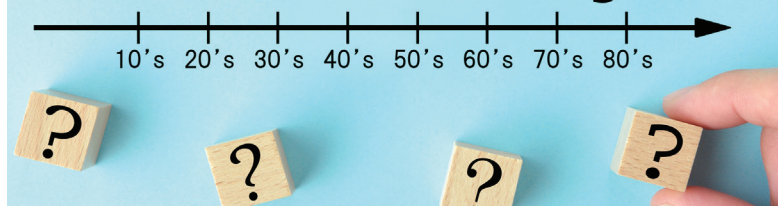
August 1, 2023- August 31, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$864,923.92
Income	\$330,918.28
Expenditures	-\$381,842.48
Difference	\$-50,924.20
Balance	\$813,999.72

September 1, 2023- September 31, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$813,910.46
Income	\$150,001.98
Expenditures	-\$310,065.89
Difference	\$-160,063.91
Balance	\$653,846.55

Financial Planning



A Note from your Trustees

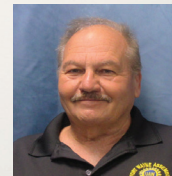
Your Trustees completed our semi-annual audit of 2023 and forwarded it to the International Union. We found all Financials in good standing.

During the July shutdown while doing inventory, we found several items of furniture that were damaged. We submitted claims for those items and were successful at getting each item fixed under warranty at no cost to the Local.

Thank you for trusting us to protect our assets and represent all of you on our Executive Board. We will continue to safeguard our Local Union.

In Solidarity,

Amanda Meier, DeAnna Watson, David Bartkowiak



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Traditional Employees



Management and UAW leadership are conducting a survey of Traditional employees who are interested in a Special Attrition Program (SAP).

The SAP survey will be available until 11:59 p.m. on January 8, 2024

We are looking for those interested in the following timeframes:

- 1st half of 2024 (January – June)
- 2025 (Time TBD)
- 2027 (Time TBD)
- 2nd half of 2024 (July - December)
- 2026 (Time TBD)

Expressing interest is not binding and does not guarantee participation.

INTERESTED? Check out the link below!

<https://workday.gm.com>

NEED HELP?

Contact your...

- Union Benefit Representatives (UBR's)
- Group Leader
- People Services
- Local HR



DIANE BOVIE-KOOMLER
RETIREE CHAPTER CHAIR

Seasons Greetings, as 2023 comes to a close I would like to thank everyone for participating in all of the events we have held. I invite you to continue being active in your UAW Local 2209 Retiree Chapter.

Retiree Chapter 2023 Wrap Up



UAW Local 2209 Retirees receiving their 50-year lapel pins.



Congratulations to the officers who were elected in our 2023 Retiree Chapter Elections



In July the Retirees enjoyed lunch provided by Mission BBQ. Great food and conversation were enjoyed by all in attendance.



Coats for kids \$500 donation



Gail Jeffers holds Sewing Classes after the retirees' meeting for small projects or advice on how to's with sewing questions. Please feel free to join The Sew Much Fun Club.

In August the UAW Trust attended our retiree meeting to update us on the changes for 2024.

ATTENTION RETIREES

Watch you mailbox for the postcard from the UAW Trust that invites you to learn about the current OTC Benefits that have been increased to \$200 a year.



Thank You for your 9 years as Vice Chair and your dedication to the Retirees' Chapter, Rodney Lay



\$500 Shepherds House donation

That's a fact, Jack!



Did you know that our UAW Local 2209 is an Amalgamated Local Union comprised of members from 10 different Units?

- **Unit 1 GM Production and Skilled Trades**
Produces GMC and Chevrolet trucks
- **Unit 2 GM Nurses**
- **Unit 3 Caravan Facilities Management**
Maintain & clean bathrooms, locker rooms, break rooms a robot cells. Building Maintenance group maintains the building.
- **Unit 4 Avancez** (tire and wheel)
- **Unit 5 Avancez** (maintenance)
- **Unit 6 Ruan Trucking**
- **Unit 7 Avancez** (VAA-value added assembly) sequence parts & sub assembly for GM
- **Unit 8 MPS** Paint booth, seal robot and general cleaning in Paint.
- **Unit 9 Superior Essex** Produce magnet wire for multiple industries.
- **Unit 10 Bohl** Fork truck repairs

RUAN

MPS

SUPERIOR ESSEX

Bohl
EQUIPMENT - DIEING - MACHINE



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW A RETIREE? PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY KNOW ABOUT THEIR
UAWTRUST.ORG/OTCBENEFIT FOR THE 2024 SEASON!

Question:

If I don't vote in our local elections, does it count as a yes vote?

Answer:

No, if you don't vote there is no effect, only actual votes are tallied.

DID YOU KNOW?

What is a Shop Committee and who serves?

The Shop Committee negotiates our Local Contracts & is comprised of the Shop Chairman, Zone Committeemen from all 3 shifts, and one committeeman from each shift.

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

Did you realize that gm will pay your approved 501c organization for the hours you volunteer?

Dollars for Doers

10 hours = \$100

40 hours = \$500

Read more about it on Socrates



We don't know what we don't know, and even things we thought we knew can be proven to be wrong sometimes. We've found that even after working here for over 24 years we're constantly learning new things and getting new information that could benefit us or the ones that we care about. We hope for future issues to get input from the membership on information that can help our brothers, sisters and their families. "Did you know" is something we'd like to use to help answer questions or dispel the myths we've heard over the years. Please email all suggestions, helpful information and questions to LocalVoices@uaw2209.org

COMMUNITY PANTRY

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED - DONATE WHAT YOU CAN

*located under covered entrance
at UAW Local 2209 Hall*

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Peanut butter/Jelly
Pancake mix & Syrup
Tuna (pop top or pouch)
Canned meats
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Canned potatoes
Beef stew
Boxed pizza mixes
Boxes rice mixes
Soups
Condensed milk
Powdered milk
Spaghetti sauce & pasta
Mac-n-cheese
Pork-n-beans

Bottles of oils
Crackers
Cake mix w/ icing
Pudding
Trail mix
Applesauce
Oatmeal
Ramen
Beans
Rice
Jerky

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Floss
Deodorant
Soap
Shampoo
Menstrual products
Wipes
Diapers
Baby food
Formula

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Local 2209 Veteran's Committee has partnered with Clothes for Joes. Clothes for Joes is committed to providing essential needs to local veterans. They are desperately in need of volunteers! completely not for profit and operate solely on donations. Donations of clothing can be dropped off outside in bin located at Local 2209. For more information email Daphne @ local2209veterans@gmail.com, info@uaw2209.org or visit www.clothesforjoes.org



Local 2209 Veterans Committee also partnered with Herobox to provide items to our military men and women serving overseas. Christmas boxes have been completed but this is an ongoing important service to military members. For more information on how you can continue this please visit WWW.HEROBOX.ORG



Community Services would like to remind our membership that one-in-four children in Allen County experience's food insecurity. Please keep these donation locations in mind!

Ft Wayne locations: FANCY & STAPLE 1111 Broadway

The MUSE ON MAIN 1332 W Main Street

FAITH UNITED METHODIST 2121 S Clinton Street

BANH MI PHO SHOP 1925 Fairfield Ave

Leesburg location: TRUMP REALTY 103 W VanBuren Street

Huntington Locations are 49 W Washington Street and 608 E State Street.



The Conservation Recreation Committee is calling on all hunters to re mind you we are currently taking Wild Game donations for the 2024 Wild Game Feed. Venison, rabbit, quail, pheasant, bear, alligator. Fisherman, we love fish too This year's party will be Saturday April 13th 2024. Message me with any questions.

Mike Fairchild at 1-260-519-0469 or email info@uaw2209.org



JANUARY 18TH 2024 is the first blood drive date for the new year. Location will be at the Hall from 12:00 - 4:30 pm

Appts preferred please call 317-916-5150 or visit versiti.org/IN or scan code to schedule.



ATTENTION RETIREES

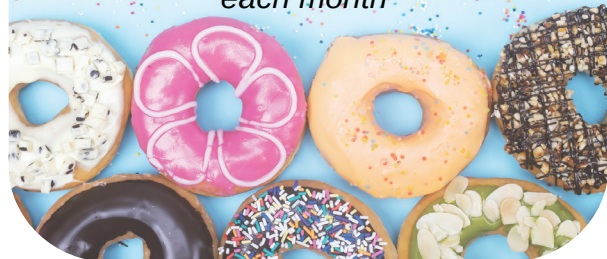
Donut Days with your Benefit Reps

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

also

Retiree Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of each month



Local 2209's website is a good tool to find information on our publications, upcoming events, job postings, job awards, etc.

uaw2209.org

CONTRACT CORNER

2ND SHIFT ZONE
STEVE TURNER



Hello! I'm Steve Turner and I am your 2nd shift Zone Committeeman. Because of this position, I also sit on the Bargaining Committee that negotiates the Unit 1 (General Motors) contract. In future issues of Local Voices, we will be covering an array of topics regarding our Local and National Agreements.

A lot of times there is confusion on the floor or members can't recall how certain instances work, such as short work week or a snow day. This new column will cover topics like those and many others. We look forward to educating our membership to keep you informed and aware on the plant floor. Of course, your first action to take with any contractual questions is to call your district committeeperson. If there is a topic you would like us to cover, please let us know at LocalVoices@uaw2209.org.

*In Solidarity,
Steve*



SKILLED TRADES & APPRENTICES

Are you interested in becoming a Skilled Trades Journeyperson? Our negotiated Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) will pay for your STARC online classes through Penn Foster. For assistance signing up for STARC classes or utilizing your TAP benefit for other further education for you, your partner or children please contact UAW Computer Trainer/Facilitator, Adam Clark at 260-673-2405 adam.clark@gm.com or Joint Training Representative, Joe Barker 260-673-2191 joseph.barker@gm.com

There are four required classes:

Semester 1 Class 1 - Basic Arithmetic/Shop Math Class 2 - Drafting/Machine Tool Blueprint Reading

Semester 2 Class 3 - Skilled Trades Prep/Related Overview Class 4 - Intermediate Algebra

Penn Foster College web address is: www.pennfoster.edu/partners/GM-UAW

For TAP eligible employees the TAP web address is: <https://UAWGM.EdAssist.com>

Username: UAWGM Password: benefits4you

Congratulations to our newest group of electrical apprentices: (from l to r) Jordan McCarthy, Jonathan Storrs, Tricia Malone and Amy Groninger. The four were chosen from the STARC completion list to be offered an electrical apprenticeship. They will rotate between departments and shifts for the next 3-4 years for on-the-job training and will attend special electrical training classes in Detroit before becoming journey electricians. All four came from jobs within Fort Wayne Assembly.

If you would like to become part of the apprenticeship program, contact either Chad Brumbaugh (chad.brumbaugh@gm.com) or Laura Jacoby (laura.jacoby@gm.com).



LOCAL 2209 FIRST RESPONDERS TEAM APPEAR ON WANE 15

By Kisha Pulverenti



The GM Fort Wayne Assembly First Responder Core Team was recently interviewed by WANE 15 News about the team and how it has affected the employees here at Fort Wayne Assembly. They also interviewed a Group Leader about how the team helped him during a medical emergency he experienced at work.

There has been some form of a First Responder Team in the past, but without much structure. The Core Team was started in June 2020 by many people and moving parts coming together after several medical emergencies where it was found that there could be improvements to the response to an emergency. The goal was to bring the First Responders, Security, and Medical together as a team to provide the best care possible from the time of a someone had a medical emergency to when they were transported to medical.

The First Responder Team is comprised of UAW Local 2209 members and salary employees that have a range of experience. There are currently nine Indiana Certified Emergency Medical Technicians, two Indiana Certified Emergency Medical Responders, two Registered Nurses and fifty-four First Responders that are being trained quarterly to improve their knowledge beyond the first aid level. There are some members looking to take classes at IVY Tech or at their local fire departments to become an EMT or EMR. One of the goals of the Core Team is to be able to teach an Indiana State Certified Emergency Medical classes here for those that are interested.

Without the willingness of the members of the team to train and advance their knowledge of emergency medicine this would not be possible. There are areas that more people are needed, and we are looking to expand to three teams in GA in the future. If you are interested in being part of the First Responder Team, an application can be picked up in Medical, GA Security, or email thad.mccallister@gm.com. The Union hall also offers American Heart Association CPR classes. If you are interested, you can call the Union hall to sign up.



We reached a monumental milestone this past year by building the 10 millionth truck. Thank you to all the hardworking members of Local 2209 that contributed to the accomplishment!

A NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN,
GETTING MILES IN BETWEEN,
WEARING PINK TO SHOW WE CARE,
STANDING WITH STRIKERS HERE AND THERE





A DAY OF CARING
& LOOK AT ALL OF THE RED WE HAVE BEEN WEARING!
NEW KICKBALL WINNERS
WITH SOME WONDERFUL RETIREES MAKING OUR DINNERS
POLAR PLUNGING IN THE COLD
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSISTING THE YOUNG AND OLD





**FILLING PANTRIES
KEEPING HUNGRY BELLYS FULL,
IF LOCAL 2209 MEMBERS ARE AROUND
THERE IS NEVER A LULL!
CAR SHOWS, POKER RUNS & MAKING STRIDES,
ALWAYS KEEPING OUR EYES ON THE PRIZE!**



**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AND THE 4TH OF JULY BIG
EVENTS THAT EVERYONE MAKES SURE TO STOP BY!
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL WAS A BLAST,
THIS YEAR HAS GONE BY SO FAST!**



THE FREEDOM WALK IN DC
AND CONGRATULATING THE NEW RETIREES!
WALKING IN PARADES FOR JUNETEENTH & THE 4TH OF JULY
& AT THE HALL WE HAD FIREWORKS IN THE SKY!





**CONEYS TO HELP UAW FAMILY IN NEED,
RIDING BIKES FOR THE TRAILS AT TOP SPEED
SWEARING IN AFTER THE ELECTION
& SHOWING THE MDA SOME AFFECTION.
25 YEAR DINNERS TO SHOW WE CARE.**

**SOFTBALL, BOWLING, SEWING
YOU NAME IT,
WE KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN
AND ALWAYS WITH DETERMINATION & GRIT!
IN DC & INDY WE LOBBIED THE CAPITAL, SHOWING
OUR REPRESENTATIVES THAT WE ARE UNFLAPPABLE**





GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP, AND THE LABOR DAY PARADE
 2209 IS ALWAYS OUT IN THE SUN OR IN THE SHADE!
 THEIR TIME, THEIR SMILES AND THEIR LAUGHTER TOO!
 AT THE WILD GAME FEED YOU COULD SAMPLE ALMOST THE
 WHOLE ZOO!
 A FISH FRY FOR ANGELMAN'S RAISED SO MUCH MONEY
 & AT EASTER THERE WAS A VISIT FROM THE BUNNY!





WE CELEBRATE WOMEN AND THE WORKING CLASS,
WE HONOR BLACK HISTORY AND STAND WITH THE MASS.
WE STAND WITH FELLOW STRIKERS BE IT OUR UNION OR NOT,
WE WATCH THE SUPER BOWL WITH ALL OF THE ENTHUSIASM WE'VE GOT!
WHITE SHIRT DAY OUT ON THE FLOOR,
REMINDS US OF THE HISTORY OF THE WORKERS THAT WERE HERE BEFORE.
YEAR AFTER YEAR WE STAND WITH ONE ANOTHER, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER.
LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024 AND WHAT THE YEAR HAS IN STORE!

POEM SUBMITTED BY AMY HOUSTON





This year was certainly an exciting year full of ups and downs. While it seemed Triennial elections, run-off elections, and contract negotiations took the main stage in 2023, we actually held many wonderful events and functions. Our Standing Committees were very busy throughout the year as well, overall UAW Local 2209 raised money that supported causes, people and our communities while also celebrating and supporting our own Local 2209 families. The amount of work, time and money that people donate without recognition is astronomical! Thank you all for your support in pulling so much off throughout the year!

We offer our Congratulations to all of our newly elected and re-elected members. To everyone that put your name in the hat, we say thank you for stepping up to make a difference in our union family.

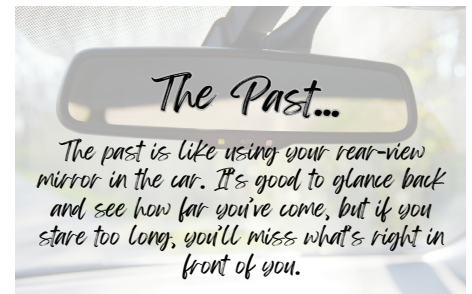
It's important to remember that the beauty of a democracy is every member has the right to support the candidate of their choice and exercising that right should never break down the solidarity that UAW Local 2209 stands for.

Congratulations to the 253 newly converted members. The Stand Up Strike, negotiations and the contract that was passed is changing the lives of many UAW Local 2209 members. Thank you to the locals that were called to Stand Up and Thank You to those that were ready for the call. UAW Local 2209 appreciates your sacrifice's.

The uniqueness of our local is that our members come from OVER 25 UAW locations from all over the US. We each bring different experiences, lifestyles, beliefs and knowledge that could benefit us all. Working side by side with people from diverse backgrounds can not only help to improve our work environment, but it can also enrich our personal lives. If we are lucky, we create lifelong friendships. Remind yourself that, just like you, EVERYONE HAS A STORY. This year, we challenge you to take the time to get to know your co-worker's story.

Moving forward to 2024, the focus on solidarity should be a priority. I am my brother's and sister's keeper. Let's work together to make this next year better than the last.

Happy Holidays!
In Solidarity,
Local Voices



Do you have a cover idea for our spring, fall, or winter edition? We'd love to see your original photos (taken by you, of course)

Do you have a favorite destination you like to visit that's within a days drive? Where is it, and what makes it top your list? Family photo would be great too!

Do you and your family volunteer in your community? We'd like to hear about that! Photos are encouraged!

Hey pet people, we are looking for photos of you and your pets again!

Do you know about events in our community that you think others might enjoy? Send us the scoop!

Proud parent moment you want to share? We like to celebrate along with you!

Do you have a story of a member that you feel recognition is appropriate. We love to hear about our members! Please share.

Do you have questions about one of your benefits that you don't know where to find the answer? You can ask here!



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