



Local 2209

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Nearly one-in-five families will be affected by serious mental illness. This equates to millions of Americans each year facing the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, the National Alliance on Mental Illness joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Each year, there are organizations that fight the stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. There are many resources available for people of all ages. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health of people. Now, more than ever, it is critical to reduce the stigma around mental health struggles, because that stigma often prevents individuals from seeking help. For more information on May is Mental health month, visit the following websites for toolkits, resources, and ways to share your story and connect with others who may be feeling the same way you are.

nami.org— National Alliance on Mental Illness

mhanational.org—Mental Health America

aha.org—American Hospital Association

Each week in May, UAW Local 2209 will be providing information on mental health with our EAP representatives. The next **Suicide Awareness Class**, taught by QPR certified instructor, Alice Jordan-Miles, will be on **May 18th**. Please contact the Union Hall if you are interested in attending. Also, we will be selling t-shirts to raise awareness about mental health. All proceeds from the sale of these shirts will go to The Carriage House in Fort Wayne. The Carriage House is a certified “Clubhouse Model” program with the singular mission of assisting people in their recovery from mental illness and reintegration into the community. The mission of the Carriage House is to assist adults in their recovery. This means gaining or re-discovering the skills and self-esteem necessary to return to work or school, move into better places, stay out of the hospital, and re-claim one’s life.



T-shirt orders can be placed online using the following link:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/MSB7YADIEUY33MY74K555554>

Shirts are charcoal gray with the graphic on front

S-XL—\$20.00

2XL- \$22.00 3XL- \$24.00

Order online starting today—May 5th. Shirts will be available for pickup beginning May 13th.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Every UAW member has a right to access educational tools that allow full participation in their union. The UAW Education Department has many classes and materials geared to enhance your UAW engagement and activism. The Education Committee is responsible for building the power of the movement through educating and training members of their local union. In the next few weeks, we will be holding the following classes:

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Money Matters—June 8th & June 22nd

Union Basics 101—May 25th

If you are interested in taking either of these classes, please contact the Union Hall, 260-672-2209 or erika.keeser@uaw2209.org

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 8th

Sunday, June 13th

Sunday, July 18th

*All Membership meetings begin at 11:00AM on
scheduled date*

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY SWEATSHIRTS

If you pre-ordered a “Standing in Solidarity Sweatshirt”, they are available for pickup at the Union Hall during normal business hours, M-F, 6:30AM-3:30PM

MAY DAY RALLY to RESTORE MUSIC

Musicians of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Fort Wayne Musicians Association, AFM Local 58 invite you to a MAY DAY RALLY TO RESTORE MUSIC to our region.

Performances presented in schools, churches, nursing homes, parks, and concert halls throughout our community are in Jeopardy!

Join us in our fight to preserve everything they bring to Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana.



May 1st, 1:00PM Allen County Courthouse Green

In Solidarity,