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Address or Status Change

Please notify Retiree Chapter 2209 if your address or phone has changed, needs correction, or if a Retiree has passed away. Your help is needed to keep Chapter expenses down.

March 2023 Retirees

Michelle Calhoun

April 2023 Retirees

Chris Chastine

June 2023 Retirees

Kerry Bushaw Robert Curtis Matthew Danna Francis Higginbotham

Let us know if you have been missed.

The rich don't need tax cuts. They don't pay their fair share.

The rich don't create jobs. Consumers do.



Newsletter Mailings

The newsletter is not possible without the help of volunteers to help tab them so they can be mailed out. Volunteers consist of Diana Bovie-Koomler, Rodney Lay, Gary Schepp, Mary Ratty, Sheryl Griffin, Russell Freestone, Richard Gillespie, Brian Hart, Dan McGinness, Geri Trabel, Lori Wells, and Richard Reid.

We are also fortunate to pay only bulk rate postage which helps keep costs down

Volunteers meet up usually the 1st Wednesday of each month about 8:30 am. While tabbing the newsletters we talk about what is happening and keep up to date.

July Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, July 19th (10:00 am)

Elder Care Law and info about the LC Nature Park which features Wild Bison and Elk will be the topics of this meeting.



August Chapter Meeting 2024 UAW Trust

Wednesday, August 16th (10:00 am)

It has been arranged for the UAW Trust to be at the August meeting to provide information about any changes. And to answer questions our members may have for the representatives.

It is expected for representatives from the carriers that handle our health coverage to be available. That also includes for Dental, Hearing, Vision, and our OTC coverage.

As a reminder there is coverage for members that are not Medicare eligible. For members that are Medicare eligible there are both a Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans.

It would be helpful if retirees/spouses that do not attend regular monthly meetings to email or text your intent to attend this meeting so we can provide sufficient seating arrangements.

For those not able to attend we will provide slides showing what was provided at the meeting in our Facebook group. Retirees/spouses that want to join the Facebook group it is important to answer all three (3) questions to get accepted to the group. It helps keep out strangers.

If you can't attend and you have questions please let us know so we can try to get answers from them.

Be Well! Be Safe!
Know your limits
Especially when it involves
air quality.

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Sympathies to the Families

Tony Vonesh Sr 5 June (71) IN
Wray McCalester 16 June (75) IN
Robert Sills 16 June (64) IN
Allen Long* 26 June (75) IN
*Military Veteran

For those that 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.

You can either email me at g.l.schepp@gmail.com or call/text 260-466-9962. A link to the obituary or funeral home so the information can be posted to our Facebook page would be helpful. It also includes a photo image when available along with info about their time at GM.

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"Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive

In May a collection was conducted the members present at the June meeting approved having a combined \$500 to be donated to the Letter Carriers Food Drive. The Letter Carriers will send the money to Associated Churches which has been a supporter of the Local Union especially during the last strike.

We do cash instead of a food collection as Associated Churches can get about \$7 for every \$1 they receive.

2023 UAW Retiree Contacts *

800-633-4227	Medicare	medicare.gov
800-772-1213	Social Security	ssa.gov
800-489-4646	Fidelity (Pension)	www.gmbenefits
866-673-7555	Retiree Health Care Connect	uawtrust.org
866-507-2850	BCBS (ECP) Non-Medicare	bcbsm.com/uawtrust
877-832-2829	BCBS (TCN) Medicare	bcbsm.com/uawtrust
888-322-5616	BCBS (MA-PD)	bcbsm.com/uawtrust
844-320-5021	UnitedHealthCare (MA PPO)	retiree.uhc.com/UAWTrust
855-856-0537	Optum Rx - BCBS MA	bcbsm.com/uawtrust
844-320-5021	Optum Rx - UHC MA	retiree.uhc.com/uawtrustchoice
855-409-0219	Optum Rx - Medicare (TCN)	bcbsm.com/uawtrust
855-409-0219	Optum Rx - Non-Medicare	bcbsm.com/uawtrust
877-218-9951	Over-the-Counter (OTC)	uawtrust.org/otcbenefit
888-234-5164	Davis Vision	davisvision.com
800-524-0149	Delta Dental	deltadentalmi.com
844-394-5420	TruHearing	truhearing.com
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Fighting for COLA: UAW Calls on Big Three to Reinstate COLA adjustments

In a new video, UAW President Shawn Fain lays out a key goal of 2023 contract negotiations with General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis: winning back COLA, or Cost of Living Adjustments. Without COLA, inflation has far outpaced the raises UAW members negotiated in 2019. By contrast, CEOs of the Big Three have seen their pay jump over 40 percent between 2019 and 2022. "Inflation is hammering the American people. The post NEW VIDEO, "FIGHT-ING FOR COLA": UAW CALLS ON BIG THREE TO REINSTATE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS appeared first on UAW. - Jun 26

GM Savings Marketplace

The website provides savings for hotels, rental cars, appliances, computers, Las Vegas, phone service and more.

https://gm.savings.beneplace.com/

Jesus is Watching You!



A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark

said, 'Jesus knows you're here.'

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard 'Jesus is watching you.'

Startled, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot.

'Yes', the parrot confessed, then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he's watching you.'

The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?'

'Moses,' replied the bird.

'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?'

'The kind of people who would name a Rottweiler Jesus.'

2023 Retiree Chapter Meetings

June 21	Sept 20	Dec 20
July 19	Oct 18	
Aug 16	Nov 15	

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