



UAW Retiree Chapter 2209

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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.



NationsBenefits OTC Alert

There was a data security incident resulting in access to some UAW Trust members. NationsBenefits mailed out notice to those impacted with steps individuals can take to protect their information.

Free credit monitoring and identity theft assistance and insurance is offered by NationsBenefits. If you have questions call 1-866--313-7993 or the number included in your letter. If you are impacted, a free 24-month membership to Experian's Identity Works is being offered. The letter will have an activation code necessary to enroll and must be completed no later than August 31, 2023. A credit card is not needed.

You are also entitled under federal law to a free copy of your credit report every 12 months. Obtain your free copy by going to www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call 877-322-8228.

Or you can call the following:

Equifax	800-525-6285
Experian	888-397-3742
TransUnion	800-916-8800

COVID-19

People aged 65 years and older may get 1 additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine 4 or more months after the first updated COVID-19 vaccine.

If you are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get 1 additional dose 2 or more months after the last updated COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your health care provider.

June Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, June 21st (10:00 am)
No speaker — Regular meeting

Chapter Officer Elections

Nominations for Chapter 2209 officers were conducted at the May Chapter meeting. The following were nominated without opposition and elected by acclamation:

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The positions are for 3 years and the next election will be held in 2026.

Social Security & Medicare

At the time of editing, Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky is trying to force the Senate to cut federal spending by 5% which would include both Social Security and Medicare. Others that have wanted to cut Social Security and Medicare include Senators Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Mitt Romney of Utah.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy also wants to create a commission to look into making cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

We have paid into Social Security and Medicare during our working life. Any reduction would pose harm to low and middle class retirees that rely on the benefits. It was mandatory during our work life that taxes would be deducted for Social Security and Medicare. We did not have an option to opt out. And there should not be any cuts to our benefits.

March 2023 Retirees

Lawrence Schmidt

May 2023 Retirees

Wes Hauri
Robert Mendez
James Douglas

Let us know if you have been missed.

Sympathies to the Families

Bennie Reeves 28 Apr (78) IN
Otis Still 1 May (83) TX

*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.

Wray McCalester has returned back to Indiana.

LIVING TO 100?



When my grandmother was in her eighties, she decided to move to Israel and went to her GP to get all her charts and so on. He asked her how she was doing and she listed her complaints: "This hurts, that's stiff, I'm getting more and more tired and slower..."

"You have to expect things to start deteriorating. After all who wants to live to be 100?"

"Someone who's in their eighties," she replied.

Social Security Payments



In general, most recipients receive their payments based on the day born.

1st thru 10th 2nd Wednesday
11th thru 20th 3rd Wednesday
21st thru 31st 4th Wednesday

If you are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) it will be on the 1st of the month.

If you are receiving both SSI and Social Security the SSI will be on the 1st of the month and Social Security by the 3rd.

SSI payments are only in February, March, May, June, August, September, November, and December. Payments are doubled for four of the months.

If you started receiving benefits prior to May 1, 1997, you will receive payment by the 3rd of every month.

If you are receiving benefits on behalf of another individual it will be based on their date of birth.

If you become a citizen or resident of another country there may be sanctions that prevent payment of benefits.

Advance Designation allows capable adult and emancipated minor applicants and beneficiaries of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Special Veterans Benefits to choose one or more individuals who could potentially serve as their representative payee in the future, if the need arises. If you think you may need to do this contact Social Security.

Medicare Enrollment



Less than 80% of our 2,700 plus retirees are of Medicare age. 65 years or older. About 50 retirees will be turning 65 within the next three months. This does not include retiree spouses.

Expect a first letter about 90 days before your 65th birthday. It will include information how to enroll, and how enrollment impacts Trust health plan elections.

A second letter goes out to members not enrolled in Medicare during the month of their 65th birthday. It will

explain the Trust Medicare policy and made aware of the higher costs if not enrolled.

A third letter will go out to members that are not enrolled in Medicare the month following their 65th birthday.

To avoid higher costs it is important to follow the instructions in the first letter and enroll in Medicare.

2023 Retiree Chapter Meetings

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

Two more aisles . . .



A man observed a woman in the grocery store with a three year old girl in her basket. As they passed the cookie section, the little girl asked for cookies and her mother told her no. The little girl immediately began to whine and fuss, and the mother said quietly, "Now Monica, we just have half of the aisles left to go through; don't be upset. It won't be long."

Soon they came to the candy aisle, and the little girl began to shout for candy. And when told she couldn't have any, began to cry. The mother said, "There, there, Monica, don't cry—only two more aisles to go, and then we'll be checking out."

When they got to the check-out stand, the little girl immediately began to clamor for gum and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering there'd be no gum purchased. The mother patiently said, "Monica, we'll be through this check out stand in 5 minutes and then you can go home and have a nice nap."

The man followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. "I couldn't help noticing how patient you were with little Monica," he began. Whereupon the mother said, "I'm Monica . . . my little girl's name is Tammy." Author Unknown

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