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Local Voices Deadline Friday, June 15, 2022

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



Hello Brothers and Sisters!

It is an exciting time for Local 2209, we are staying busy on a weekly schedule with our podcast as well as entering the world of TikTok. A few members of the Election Committee met with nineteen candidates that signed up to make their voices heard at the 2022 Constitutional Convention in Detroit, Michigan. It is so good to see leadership and rank and file on the ballot. Good Luck to All!

We are gearing up for the open house at the plant on Friday, July 22. This will be open to all Retirees, Employees and their Families of General Motors Fort Wayne Assembly. We will be serving food and refreshments here at the hall on that day as well. Please bring your family to get a bite to eat and visit the hall. When you stop by you'll be surprised with the many updates the union hall has had over the past 3 years. Although many things have changed, what remains the same is this is YOUR Union Hall. "It's important to create a culture of innovation-one that both values and rewards risk."-Barbara Landes

You ELECT! You DECIDE! You CHOOSE!



Hello Brothers & Sisters of 2209!

The newest unit of our Amalgamated Local is Unit IX, Superior Essex. In March we re-negotiated their local contract with their Shop Chairman, two Committeemen, our Regional Representative, and three members of Superior Essex Management. The contract vote with dues paying members passed by 97%. After many back and forth offers we were able to secure substantial raises for their members and other benefits.

We would like to welcome Superior Essex to UAW Local 2209 and let them know we are glad they are a part of the family!

We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2022. Keep an eye out for upcoming events!



2022 Season UAW Member Specials!!

- UAW Local 2209 Members will be offered half-price off gate and/or pit admission for approximately 20 events during the 2022 season!
- *not valid for Night of Destruction
- Offer is valid to all UAW Local 2209 Members showing proper ID and their immediate family members (spouse & children).
 Member must be present with the family and show valid UAW member card along with personal ID or GM timecard and Personal ID at the main ticket office
- Half price pit pass upgrades for Members (upgrade to pit pass/full access for \$15

Check out the Gas City Speedway Schedule online!

Priorities, Priorities, Priorities



Rich LeTourneau
Shop Chair Unit 1 (General Motors)

As a plant, we are currently priority number 4 in the truck division. This is not a good position to be in if you want a future product in this facility moving forward. A benefit of being represented by a union, is we can continue to give advanced warnings and suggestions on what we need to do to protect our job security. A non-union shop only receives a 60 day Warren Act notice, and they close the plant or layoff a shift. We have the luxury to negotiate for our members before this becomes an empty warehouse.

I have been trying to deliver this message for over ten years. Unfortunately, I don't believe anyone reads these reports and I feel like I'm talking to myself. The minute the company started shipping our parts and trucks to other countries, it appeared as if some people maybe woke up and said "what happened?" and "why are we priority 4?". FYI, this company will never give you warning signs or heads up that your future is in jeopardy. Why? because they don't care who builds these trucks because they will have a job either way. I purposely did not make any agreements with the manufacturing manager on any mandatory weekend work for this membership. At that time, I explained we needed a job security agreement tied to our Local Agreement so that we are not left out in the cold when the dust settles.

On May 26th he will be back to discuss our future and what plans we may have on the table to secure our future here at FWA. Providing we are down to only a couple demands, we will be making a proposal that encompasses both job security, that we all want, and those remaining items that I am sure will still be left on the table till the end.

Either way, no matter what we agree to, this membership will have the opportunity to vote on whether you want a future product or you don't. That is what it is coming down to and that is why this agreement has been prolonged in YOUR best interest

2022 TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM







UAW Local 2209 hosted a Trauma Symposium sponsored by Lutheran Health Network and the Southwest Fire Department. Lecture topics included adult & pediatric trauma, Emergency Room Management and more. Skill sessions included airway, circulation and patient assessment. Students from area schools were on hand to act out various emergency crises. There was a trauma mannikin with life like wounds controlled by an ipad that simulated blood loss. We had members of our First Responders Unit on hand. This was a repeat event, if interested look for information on next year's symposium to sign up.



I recently attended a City Council meeting in Fort Wayne. The City Council was voting to decide if they would allow the city workers of Fort Wayne to become unionized again. In 2014 the Fort Wayne City Council repealed the collective bargaining rights for city workers (except for Fire & Police). Since then, they have not been allowed to have a union or be in a union. In a public sector, this is how it goes. At General Motors (and our suppliers), we are in the Private Sector. 2 weeks before the meeting I attended, the City Council voted to take the city workers request to unionize under consideration. While I was there Lloyd Osborn a member of the Operating Engineers Local 399 and President of the Hoosier Heartland Area Labor Federation and Mitch Fireoved, an employee of the City of Fort Wayne who had lost his collective bargaining rights in 2014, spoke on the importance of collective bargaining, the unfairness that Police and Firefighters as city workers are allowed to keep their unions, yet the other workers weren't and various other topics like safety & seniority. On the City Council's side a lawyer that worked for the city gave the defense unions cost more and are a hassle. In my opinion, her reasoning was unfounded and exaggerated. I was proud to be sitting in the meeting surrounded by my fellow UAW Brothers and Sisters and members of multiple other Labor Unions in the area. We came to stand in support of the right of our city workers to collectively bargain with their employer. We all have that right and want the city workers of Fort Wayne to have that right, also.

A few things have happened in Indiana in the last 20 years that have really hurt Unions. In 2005, when Mitch Daniels took office as Governor his first day, he eliminated the collective bargaining rights for state workers. He told the state that he was saving them a lot of hassle and money, but what he didn't tell them was, as his constituents it was going to affect a lot of them. In 2012 Indiana became a Right to Work state. While the title sounds very pleasant, as we all know that Right to Work isn't as great as it sounds. It means workers have a choice to not belong to a union while working under the collective bargaining agreement of their workplace, while their co-workers pay their union dues, the nonpaying members still reap all the benefits of the union without paying for any of it. Basically freeloading. I will say it time and time again. My union dues are the best money I have ever spent.

What I'm getting at, in a roundabout way, is that we all pay our dues, we all reap the benefits. Things we are accustomed to and sometimes take for granted. Negotiated raises, bonuses, and benefits. Not everyone is as fortunate as us to have the opportunity to be in a union. People have fought and died to form unions. People have been fired from their jobs for fighting for a union, in some places for even mentioning a union. We have the luxury of already having one. So, lets always fight to keep it, make it bigger, smarter, and continually make it stronger. It takes all of us, not just a few. Everyone has something to give. But you must put your energy into it. We are all worth it. Solidarity.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

-CHANGES MADE BY MEMBERSHIP
ACTION AT APRIL 2022 MEETING

MAY 21 @ 11AM

-IF PRODUCTION IS SCHEDULED, IT WILL BE MAY 22

JUNE CANCELED



Shane B. Davis

Financial Secretary-Treasurer

MARCH 2022

Beginning Balance \$1,603,814.82 Income \$803,756.82 Expenditures -\$432,921.64 Difference \$370,835.18 Balance \$1,974,650.00

UNION-MADE FATHER'S DAY

- · Hugo Boss (UNITE HERE)
- · Jim Beam (UFCW)
- · Joseph Abboud clothing (UNITE HERE)
- · Klein Tools (IBB)
- · Knob Creek whiskey (UFCW)
- · Louisville Slugger (USW)
- · Naturalizer shoes (UFCW)
- · Old Spice (UFCW)
- Pierre Cardin cologne (UFCW)
- Red Wing Shoes (UFCW)
- · Spalding basketball (IAM)
- · Stella Artois beer (IAM)
- Timex watches (IAM)
- · The Union Boot Pro (UFCW)



AFLCIO.ORG/UNIONMADEFATHERSDAY

AFL-CIO

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DEMO

Presented by Pyromaniac Fireworks
FREE FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Product will be available for purchase

Sunday, May 29th 5:00-11:00PM

UAW Local 2209 Union Hall 5820 E 900 N, Roanoke

- Magician ε Photobooth

· Food Trucks, Wine Slushies, Beer

· National Guard with Military vehicles

· Public welcome

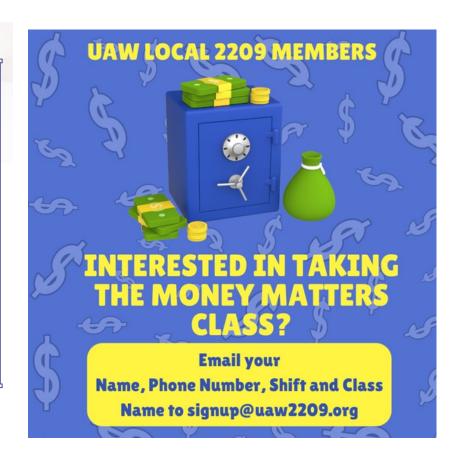
Bring blankets, chairs and try to carpool! This is a family friendly event.

Local 2209 members -Text FIREWORKS to 844-422-0951 to receive a ticket for a FREE adult beverage or KONA ICE!



LIVE MUSIC 6:30-9:00

At 9:00PM they will shoot 75 of their top new items!



a Trustee Note

Once a year, the International Union hosts a Financial Officers Conference (FOC) to assist and train Local Union Financial Officers. Much like everything else, COVID-19 affected the normal routine last year, so we adapted and did an abbreviated online version. This year, with infection rates down, the International was able to host an in-person conference for the first time in 2 years, which meant I was able to attend my first FOC as Trustee of Local 2209.

I was able to talk with other financial officers and International auditors about various best practices and new procedures for the next Trustee audit to allow us to continue safeguarding your funds and assets.

I was also very pleased to see the genuine interest from the International Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Stuglin, and his staff to streamline processes and make things easier for the Financial Officers to perform their duties. After every plenary session, core class, and workshop we were given surveys asking us what changes can be made to make things more efficient. Before the week was out, Secretary-Treasurer Stuglin and his staff were already implementing changes that were requested by delegates.

As a new financial officer I am eager to learn and it's refreshing to see our input being requested and utilized. Thank you for allowing me to attend the conference and continue to educate myself so that I can continue to serve to the best of my ability.

Amanda Meier





Meetings are open to UAW Retiree Chapter 2209 members, spouses, and surviving spouses. Regular UAW retiree members have voice and vote. Spouses, and surviving spouses that are not Associate Status members have voice only.

Covid-19 Booster Shots

At the time of this report Covid-19 is again spiking. A second booster dose of mRNA Covid-19 vaccine is recommended for certain people who have a weakened immune system and people age 50 and older. The second booster dose can be given to those eligible four months after a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

To locate a vaccination provider near you

- Website at vaccines.gov
- Text on your phone your zip code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233
- Ask your doctor, pharmacist or community center

Retiree Chapter Monthly Meeting

Associate Status members are also eligible to hold specific elected positions within the Retiree Chapter. Spouses or surviving spouses regardless of status are not eligible to vote or hold an elected position in UAW Local 2209 unless they are also a UAW Local Union 2209 retiree.

USPS Informed Delivery

Digitally preview your mail and manage your packages scheduled to arrive soon! Informed Delivery allows you to view greyscale images of the exterior, address side of letter-sized mail pieces and track packages in one convenient location. Access is available with email notices that includes images or go to your online account.

You can create an account at https://informeddelivery.usps.com

Informed Delivery is helpful in preventing mail identity theft. Knowing when and whether you will be receiving vital mail is well worth the free service. You can also mark any mail pieces as not being received that are missing.

If your mail is delivered at a location other than to your door, you can avoid checking your mailbox when you do not receive Informed Delivery email for that day. Especially if the weather is less than desirable.

Be Well Be Safe

Covid-19 vaccination providers cannot:

- Charge you for vaccine
- Charge you directly for any administration fees, copays, or coinsurance
- Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage, is underinsured, or is out of network
- Charge an office visit or other fee to the recipient if the only service provided is a COVID-19 vaccination
- Require additional services in order for a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; however, additional healthcare services can be provided at the same time and billed as appropriate

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INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA - UAW

Could you use a little help with something around your home or property? UAW Local 2209 Community Service Committee would like to help our retired union Brothers and Sisters that could use an extra hand. We are not professionals but are willing to do our best!

From moving furniture, yard work or even painting, the Community Service Committee would like to attempt to match your need(s) with members in the area that can assist you.

Please contact the union hall, 260-672-2209 and give them your name, telephone number, address, and city and what you need help with. Whether someone can help you or not, you will be contacted.

We are also extending the invitation to retirees that may have extra time and would like to help the Community Service Committee. Please contact Paula Friedrich, chair, 260-705-6727 or the union hall if you are looking to help.

Holli Murphy

President

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

JUNE 19

Steve Lanier- Committee Chair & Janice Hodges- Co Chair

As we approach the month of June, there's a lot to reflect on. Juneteenth is a time to celebrate freedom. Originating in Galveston, Texas in 1866, it has been celebrated annually on June 19th throughout the United States. Juneteenth has become an official federal holiday since 2021 when President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. Juneteenth is the longest running African American holiday and it recognizes June 19, 1865, as the date that news of slavery's end had reached slaves in Texas and other states in the southwest. We stand on the shoulders of our ancestors, and we should reflect on where we are as a people. Where we are going and mostly where have come from. Let's celebrate with love and compassion towards all. There are still roads and mountains we must climb but, together, as an American we can get there. So many ceilings have been shattered and so many more to follow.



The Civil & Human Rights Committee,
President Holli Murphy and Vice President
Jim Peters presented Erin's House with a
check for \$500 from our Black History Tshirt
Fundraiser. We currently are sending three
members to CBTU 51st Convention being
held in Los Angeles, California. We are also
tuning up for our Annual Classic Car Show
scheduled in August this year.

Please be aware of upcoming Juneteenth raffles in the near future!!

Thank you



Registration 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Judging 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM; Awards 3:30 PM

Registration Fee \$20 (day of event) Early Bird Registrations \$15 by 8/7/22.

If you want to enter Multiple Vehicles, please contact us

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Zip Code:	Email:		

Year: _____Make: _____Model: _____

Awards for: Best Paint, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place, Best Show, Committee Favorite,
People's Choice, Dash Plaques, Club Participants Award.

Vehicle Information

2135 S Hanna St, Fort Wayne IN 46803

(Fort Wayne Urban League)

Open Class

(All 2, 4, or more wheeled vehicles welcome. If you can drive it, you can enter it!!)

Vendor Spots \$25

Contact Guy Jackson, 260-450-4263 or Steve Lanier, 585-455-1314 via text message

Please note this is a Family Event. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises. Smoking in designated areas only.

<u>Waiver</u>: Entrants acknowledge that by signing this form, UAW 2209 Human and Civil Rights Committee and its agents are released from known or unknown damages, losses, judgments, and from any causes suffered to the entrant, guest, and his/her vehicle.

Make all checks Payable to: UAW 2209, 5820 E 900 N, Roanoke, IN 46783. (260) 672-2209

Mexican Heritage in Labor

BY MICHAEL SCOTT

Since May 5th is Cinco de Mayo, I thought it might be a good idea to write about a man that is very important to the labor movement. His name is Cesar Chavez and he isn't included nearly enough in the history of unions and civil rights. Cesar was born March 31, 1927 and from an early age he saw how the system was stacked against poor and working-class people. His father, Librado, had around 80 acres of farmland more or less stolen from him thanks to work of shady lawyers and businessmen. This was the first of many injustices Cesar would see during his life and shape his world view in a major way.



Due to the loss of the family assets, they were forced to move and become migrant workers as his father thought he could break the cycle of poverty by working hard and sending his children to college. Unfortunately he was injured and unable to work so by the time Cesar was in the eighth grade he started working in the fields to support his family. By 1944 he had joined the United States Navy and served for two years before receiving a honorable discharge and returning to marry Helen Fabela.

In 1947 Cesar had joined the National Farm Labor Union (NFLU), that same year he was picketing cotton fields and striking against DiGiorgio grape fields. Even as a new member he was already leading so-called "caravans" of strikers. After his wife had given birth Cesar moved to San Jose where he worked as an apricot picker and for the General Box Company. This is where he met; Fred Ross and Donald McDonnell, who were activists within the Mexican-American community. This had a major impact on his future leadership skills as he was lent books including; biographies of John L. Lewis and Eugene V. Debs and maybe most importantly, Mahatma Gandhi. This is where Cesar first was introduced to the idea of non-violent protest.

In 1962 Cesar moved with his family to Delano, California under the pretense of conducting a census of farm workers, in reality he was in the midst of forming the Nation Farm Workers Association (NFWA). This rapidly expanded and by 1964 they had already secured enough funds to start a credit union and establish an insurance policy for NFWA workers. In 1965 they were already planning their first strike against two companies, Mount Arbor and Conklin, the strike only lasted four days before the growers raised wages and the strikers returned to work. After that success his reputation began to spread rapidly.

Perhaps he is best known for his hunger strikes, some of his biggest fights were against grape growers in California, so in 1968 he began a 25-day hunger strike to prove his devotion to the cause. This is where his earlier exposure to Gandhi really shows, he was able to protest and bring attention to the strike through purely peaceful and non-violent means. This wouldn't be the last time he would do so, either.

I don't have nearly enough space to completely cover the life of Cesar Chavez so I would really encourage you to read up on his life which is filled with success and failures. If you raise a beer (or two) on May 5th, maybe have a sip for Cesar and toast Viva la Causa to a fellow union member.

We believe that unions have always been about much more than the industries in which they operate. The fight is never about grapes or lettuce, ...It is always about people.

Cesar Chavez



History of Memorial Day

Submitted by the Veterans Committee Source PBS Online

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

This national event galvanized efforts to honor and remember fallen soldiers that began with local observances at burial grounds in several towns throughout the United States following the end of the Civil War, such as the May 1, 1865 gathering in Charleston, South Carolina organized by freed slaves to pay tribute and give proper burial to Union troops.

In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday.

After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May. Several southern states, however, officially commemorate an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead, sometimes referred to as a Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 in Texas; third Monday in Jan. in Arkansas; fourth Monday in Apr. in Alabama and Mississippi; April 26 in Florida and Georgia; May 10 in North and South Carolina; last Monday in May in Virginia; and June 3 in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.



GETTING MILES ATHLETIC CLUB

By Ryan Bultemeier

The Getting Miles Athletic Club celebrated the 2022 St.Patrick's Day weekend in fine fashion. Several of the members ignored the freezing temperatures and falling snow by running/walking in the annual 5Kilt Fun Run hosted by the Fort Wayne Firefighter's Local 124 Health and Wellness Committee. Five of our runners placed in the top of their age groups while having a great time!

Getting Miles followed the Saturday performance with our second annual St Practice Day 5k Fun Run on Sunday. The weather was 15 degrees warmer than the 5Kilt, which means it was almost above freezing! 30 runners and walkers braved the elements to hit the Fort Wayne Trails for a 3.1 mile run/walk.



Participants begin to gather at the starting line.



Pre-run team club meeting in the parking lot in 15 degree weather!



Post-run meeting in the event tent! So much warmer!



The Nagel family representing!

TOP 10 BENEFITS OF RUNNING



OVERALL MENTAL HEALTH



PHYSICAL STRENGTH



STRENGTHENS LUNGS



INCREASES BONE DENSITY



PREVENTS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE



JOINT STRENGTH AND STABILITY



STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM



INCREASED CONFIDENCE



WEIGHT LOSS



REDUCE EFFECTS OF DIABETES

UPCOMING EVENTS



GETTING MILES FREE FUN RUN

COMPLETE THREE OF THE EVENTS TO WIN A SERIES FUN FINISHER MEDAL!

You can join Getting Miles for two more fun events this year. Check the QR code for more info!

Have You Checked Your VIN Lately

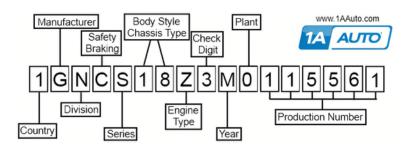
By Danny Phillips Sr

Just recently my friend called me ecstatic about how he just bought himself a brand new (to him) 2019 GMC Sierra! "You're going to love it" he told me. "Built right here in Fort Wayne they told me". So of course my first question was, "Did you check the VIN"? He brought the truck over and he was right, it was a very pretty white Sierra truck! Looked right there at the bottom of the windshield and there it was. A number 3. Made in Mexico. For our trucks a VIN number starting with a 1 is made in the US, a 2 is Canada, and 3 is Mexico. "I love my truck, but damn I wish I would have known that".

In today's globalized economy it is no longer so simple as buy American made buy a Chevy or Ford. (don't buy a Ford) More and more companies are sending production to Mexico, Jeeps are being built in Brazil and Italy, Buicks being built in China, and of course we see more and more of our trucks going to Canada even as you read this article. Which is why it's as important as ever to be as educated as possible when making purchases and just as important to educate our friends and family. They may think that they are supporting you and your job by simply buying a GM vehicle, unknowingly buying a vehicle made out of the country and ultimately telling General Motors that it doesn't matter where the vehicle is made. Which is indeed DISASTROUS for your job security.

Buying American made and supporting all union labor has been a core value of the UAW from the very beginning. From avoiding that Made in China tag on your clothes, checking for the number 1 on your VIN number, looking for the Fort Wayne Assembly sticker on your door, to choosing Clorox bleach over the generic because Clorox is a UNION MADE product. This is the biggest weapon we have against companies sending more and more jobs out of the U.S., our hard-earned dollars. If suddenly dealerships were over stocked with trucks on their lots that were all made in Mexico and Canada and at the same time customers came in requesting a truck but only one made here in the U.S. alarm bells would be going off in Mary's office. The only way that can happen is by sharing your knowledge and sharing your passion to Be American Buy American.

And always remember, on a quiet summer's evening, if you listen closely. You can hear a Ford rusting!







Have you ever wondered what the standing committees do? Our UAW Local 2209 standing committees can be found throughout our communities lending a helping hand wherever one is needed. The following photos show our members volunteering their time with just a few of the many organizations we partner with.

The Community Services Committee participated in The Great American Clean Up and refused to let the rain keep them from picking up trash along the roadsides.

They also assisted the Community Harvest Food Bank with Project Canstruction- a competition for 10 high schools. The top prize was \$1000, which will be donated to the winning school! The canned goods will then be donated. The 3 dimensional structures were showcased in Glenbrook mall where you could vote for your favorite structure.

Earth Day also brought the committee together where they cleaned the prayer garden for the Associated Churches. Walter Reuther supported the first Earth Day on April 22,1970.

If you are interested in joining a committee stop by the hall and fill out an application for the committee that shares your interest.



Community Service Committee Chair

Paula Friedrich





Denis Hayes, Earth Day's national coordinator, famously said "Without the UAW, the first Earth Day would likely have flopped."























Taste of 2209

By Beverly Henry - Women's Committee Chair





1st place winner Marinique Sawyers

This event was hosted by the Women's Committee.

All members were invited to put their best dish forward.

Whatever he or she feels they make and it can't be touched, in terms of taste, was invited to enter. A friendly contest where culinary skills would be judged by the members. Any member could stop by the hall the day of the event from 7am to 4pm to sample all of the entries and then put a ticket in the tin can next to their dish of choice. It was a great event. Everyone raved over the food and it was discovered that we have some of

the BEST cooks and bakers around.

Can't wait til the next time!!!







President Murphy









Wild Game Feed

I would like to thank our sponsors

Kelley Automotive Group, Summit City Chevrolet, City Chevrolet, Lakeside Chevrolet for the continued sponsorship of the Wild Game Feed. Thank You Outback Steakhouse and Bowmens Archery for the donations they provided.

Winners were as follows:

50/50 Raffle -Brad Brown

Early ticket drawing -Ivory Robinson

Griddle -Joel Picklesimer

Cornhole Boards -Susie Glass and T. Sewell

Hunting -Scott Bell

Wine Glasses -Evan Omelian, Caleb Hadaway and Austin Brundigd

Food Donations Drawing -Tammy McCullough

A big Thanks to Kyle Palan and Mike Fairchild.

Thank you to all the Retirees, active members and their wives for their help. Thank You to the Conservation and Recreation Committee.

In Solidarity,

Dave Bartkowiak

JA Job Spark - Inspiring Tomorrows

By Twila Robinson

The month of March gave Tim Bean the opportunity and me participate the **lunior** in Achievement Job Spark Program. We are both Electricians in the T1 Body Shop. On March 3rd and 4th we were panelists that presented to 4,500 9th through 11th graders via Zoom. There were 128 live sessions that the students could choose from. It was a Zoom webinar that allowed students to watch presentation and ask questions about UAW/GM jobs. I was pleasantly surprised by some of the questions they asked. They were not just interested in how much money we made but wanted to talk about the process we use to build our truck.

They asked what soft skills were needed to get a job in the plant. I don't know about you but in the 8th grade I wasn't wondering about job interviews and soft skills. It gave me hope that our future generations are being prepared for the workforce, even without Home Economics and Shop classes being offered in schools.



Tim Bean and Twila Robinson

On March 18th we had a Virtual Job Shadow Day where we focused on trades and our apprenticeship opportunities. Tim talked about the trade shortage in America and noted that while college is great it's not for everyone. I want to thank President Holli for allowing us to engage with the students and share our individual stories. Junior Achievement is a great experience for our children to begin to figure out what the future holds for them. I look forward to continuing the relationship UAW Local 2209 and Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana has begun.

Message from (Your Chaplains



Greetings in Solidarity Union Brothers and Sisters, I pray that all is well with you and your families. It's our daily prayer that you are blessed. If needed please call 260-672-2209. We may also be contacted via Facebook and Messenger. Do not hesitate to ask for any of us. Chaplaincy embraces all faiths. We stand for prayer at the beginning of the union meeting so if you see one of us we can be pulled aside for prayer or to share.

Prayerfully submitted, your Chaplains





IN LOVING MEMORY

GERALD "WORM" MCDONOUGH

Gerald "Worm" McDonough (back row, center) passed away on Sunday, ApriL 10, 2022. Gerald retired from General Motors in 2008, after more than 31 years of service. He was a Taekwondo 5th Degree Black Belt, and for over 25 years, volunteered weekly at the Local 2209 Union Hall teaching Taekwondo to our members and their families. Our hearts go out to his family and friends. Local 2209 and all of his students will miss him at the Hall every week.

2022 Veterans Committee Scholarship

The UAW Local 2209 Scholarship Essay Contest is open to all eligible dependent children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews (adopted & step-children are included) of UAW Local 2209 members in good standing, as well as Retirees, who plan to attend, or are currently attending an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school as a full-time student, commencing with the Fall 2022 term.

Eligible dependent must be directly related to a Veteran (e.g. Parent, Sibling, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle)

ONE scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded

(Check will be made payable to the school you plan to attend)

2022 ESSAY TOPIC

Consider a local, regional or national monument dedicated to military members.

Analyze the significance of the monument and what it means for the group to which it is dedicated.

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- Members must bring their child's essay to the union hall NO LATER than Friday, June 3rd at 3:30PM
- Essays must be Double-spaced, typewritten, 2-4 pages in length
- Cover sheet must include student's name, address, telephone and age AND Member's name and relationship to
 applicant, along with the name and address of the school you plan to attend or currently attend.
- The cover sheet MUST be submitted with the essay for consideration. IMPORTANT: Your name and student
 name can ONLY be on the cover sheet. If it is found in the body of the essay, you will be disqualified.

ATTENTION

We are looking to build a couple pages on our UAW Local 2209 web page. One for anybody transferring to FWA that need to find housing, rentals etc. and the other page is for any UAW member/retiree that offers services outside of work. Both pages would be limited to active and retired members and their spouses. Please provide a business card and a brief description of the service provided to the union hall or stop by the Training Center and see Phil Ratkos or Adam Clark.

Both Scholarship forms can be picked up at the hall.



August 13, 2022

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FOUR scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded

(Checks will be made payable to the school you plan to attend)

2022 ESSAY TOPIC

Life is a journey and along that journey there are people who influence us and at time change our lives. These people keep us on the right path or guide us to an even better one.

With that please answer the following questions.

Who is someone that has impacted your life in a positive way?

Give a description of this person

How did they impact your life and where did it lead to?

How do you wish to possibly give back to others what this person has given to you?

Examples: Parent or parents, first responders, coach, teacher, CEO of a business, politician or President, a volunteer worker at an after school program, someone with a disability.

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GOOD TRUCKIN NEWS



Ryan Bultemeier (left) & Scott
Houston traveled to Potato Creek
State Park in North Liberty
Indiana on a cold Saturday
morning to run in the Get Happy
50k trail run to benefit Camp
Millhouse. Camp Millhouse is as
non profit residential summer
camp for children and adults with
varying disabilities. Scott Houston
got a new PR of 6:41! Great job to
both guys!



UAW Unit 6 Ruan Co-Chairs, Tony Brandt and Dominic Shraeder getting sworn in by President Holli Murphy







Top row- Left to Right
Larry Anderson
Brittney Williams
Joe Sphar
Tommy Tighe
Cheri Holtz Weber

2nd Row- Left to Right Tisha Ooten Beverly Henry Jim Quaranto Kisha Pulverenti Teal George

3rd Row- Left to Right Melissa Tighe Teresa Quaranto Nicole Kidd Cassie Calvert Krauter Dave Poor



5th Row- Left to Right Lisa Edwards

Twila Snow Robinson

If you have Good Truckin'

News you'd

like to share email us at

LocalVoices@uaw2209.org





We are pleased to announce that the Greenways Foundation Board of Directors has selected UAW Local 2209 as the Outstanding Corporation for 2021. This award is to recognize a private corporation in Indiana that has gone the extra mile to support trails and promote their use. Kevin and Crystal Mall accepted the award on behalf of UAW Local 2209 at a luncheon in Indianapolis. Pictured above with President Holli Murphy and again with the President of the Greenways Foundation





TIFFANY ROOSE **DOORLINE** GENERAL MOTORS UNIT 1

MELVIN LIPSCOMB **CHAIRMAN OF UNIT 9** SUPERIOR ESSEX

UNITED we stand

Tiffany Roose has been working in the automotive industry for nearly 20 years. She started her career at the now closed Johnson Control plant in Ossian, building seats for our trucks. Tiffany was on the Election Committee and counted the ballots when her plant voted to join the UAW, with the help of UAW Local 2209. Years later after the plant closed, she hired in at FWA in 2013. She currently works on the Trim door line B side on first shift, but has worked all over GA.

Tiffany has a son who just started an apprenticeship with the IBEW and a daughter who will welcome Tiffany's second grandchild in November. When she's not at work you can find her at home poolside with her pitbull Zeus or with her husband, Doug, riding their Harley.

Melvin and his fellow Superior Essex members became Unit 9 of UAW Local 2209 in February 2022 He has been with Superior Essex for 11 years and is a Tape Slitter. He was born and raised in Fort Wayne. He has a 22 year old son. His hobbies include softball (he is on 3 co-Ed leagues), bowling (with a 188 average) and golf (he doesn't want to talk about his handicap!) but he has a good time! He enjoys being active in the outdoors and meeting new friends. If you see Melvin around be sure to introduce yourself and say hi!

OW MEMBERS



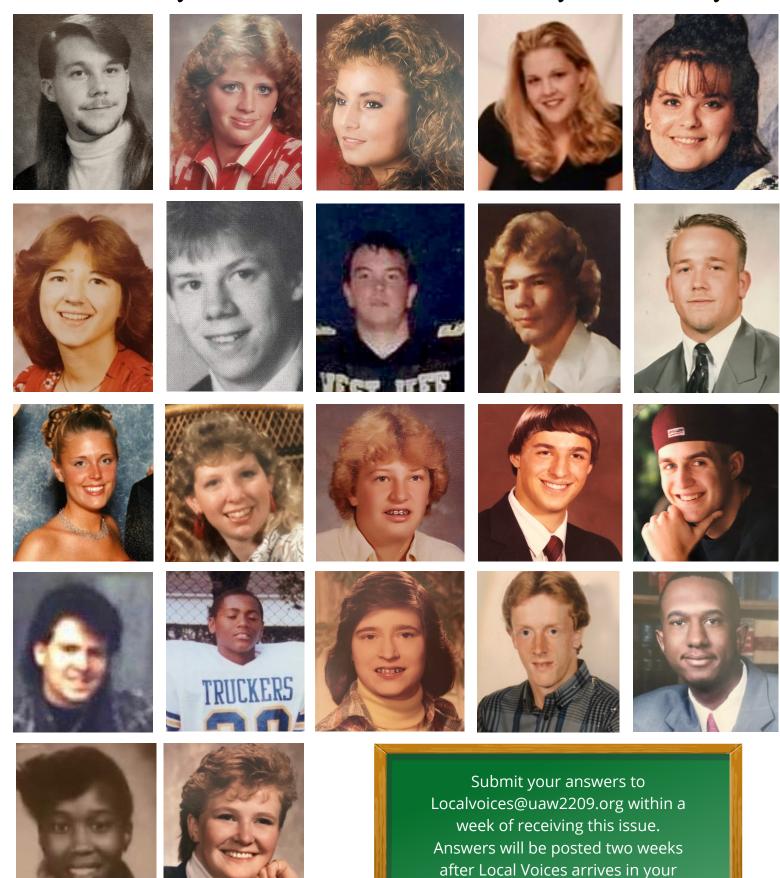


I'm Daniel Blankenship I work at Fort Wayne Assembly and I'm a proud member of Local 2209. I have also been an Elected official for the Town of Eaton for the last 11 years. I've been the President of The American Council of Engineering Companies for the last 5 Years where myself along with the Town Clerk and Commonwealth Engineers applied for a O.C.R.A Grant to help with our water project. We wanted to help save the town residents money so we didn't have to raise their rates. We were awarded the Excellence Award from ACEC Indiana for The Town of Eaton.

> If you would like to share your story or be highlighted on our Friendly Faces page email us at Localvoices@uaw2209.org



How many UAW 2209 members can you identify?

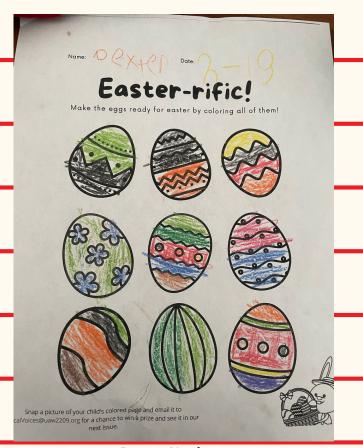


If you would like to submit a highschool photo send photo/name to Localvoices@uaw2209.org.

mailbox.

Future Artists





Briella Shankel daughter of Trevor Shanke

Dexter Neuhaus son of Ben Neuhaus







Could the Parents of
Emmett, Nova, Dexter
and Briella please stop
at the Union Hall and
pick up a prize pack

Emmett age 4 and Nova age 2 Richard Ortega Holvenstot

Peeps & Peta



Cody and Chief



DeAnna, a<mark>nd family,</mark> Duke (RIP) and Louie



Daphne & Shaggy



Liz and Ralph



Amy and Bell



Amanda & Rico



Amy, Scott and Boca



Beth & Deeks



Jodi, Cory and Macy









Stepanie and Gizmo Tonia and Buttercup Cindy and Angel Alissa, Lana & Luna Mike and Lucy





Cory, Jodi, Skip (RJP) and Lit













Please submit your pet pics to Localvoices@uaw2209.org.

Please share your Local Voices with your family.



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Election for Constitutional Convention Delegates

ELECTION REMINDER

Election:

Thursday June 9th, 2022, from 5 a.m. – Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

Polling Place:

GM Fort Wayne Assembly GA & Body/Paint cafeteria areas, and UAW Local 2209 Union Hall