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The 4-3-4 Newsletter

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President's Report

I have had a few members ask questions on "Prior Authorizations" and "GAP Exceptions" on the medical side of our healthcare coverage so I'd like to address those here. A "Prior Authorization" is the approval from UnitedHealthcare of a specific procedure(s). This means the procedure(s) will be covered by UnitedHealthcare as an in-network procedure. A "Prior Authorization" can be granted for an in-network facility or out-of-network facility. It is the members responsibility to make sure the facility and the doctor performing the procedure will also be covered by UnitedHealthcare. A "GAP Exception" would come in to play when a member is seeking to have a procedure or visit with a doctor or facility that is considered out-of-network. The member and their doctor would need to go through the process of applying for a "GAP Exception". UnitedHealthcare would typically check the network of doctors and facilities under our coverage to see if it is something that can be addressed with an in-network doctor or facility first. They will also check to see if the procedure(s) being requested are clinically proven and FDA approved or if they are still in the experimental or trial stage. This is where the doctor requesting the "GAP Exception" would need to give as much detailed information as possible on why the service being requested is medically necessary. As always, it is the members responsibility to make sure any service they are having is covered at the in-network level by contacting UnitedHealthcare at the number on the back of the insurance card. If you have any questions about either of these feel free to contact me at the Union Hall.

Just a reminder to those members currently on IAW's for the Summer Shutdown at Seeding, if you have any questions about filing for unemployment, please contact IDES. You can reach them at 217-558-0401 to schedule an appointment at the Rock Island or Sterling offices. Unfortunately, the Union no longer has a direct contact with IDES, so we are unable to assist with any of the process. Chris Perez, Labor Relations Representative, can be reached at 309-748-1000 to answer questions as it relates to unemployment as well.

I'd like to encourage all members, new or established, to attend the monthly membership meetings. These meetings are the place that the Local conducts our business. Whether it be decisions on sending members to the various conferences that are held or making donations to local community groups, to discussing issues members are having in the shop, this is where those decisions and discussions are done. If you want your voice heard and to have a say in what happens within this Local, please attend the meetings. The more involved and informed each member is the stronger we are as a Local.

In Solidarity,
Brian Moens
President

If you are an active member and have not signed up for our Local 434 group texting app (RCS Connect) please do so now! We will text out any information the Local needs to inform the members of through this texting app (usually 1 to 3 texts a month). It is a great resource to communicate with everyone, but only if you are signed up. Call the Union Hall at (309)755-5046 or the Committee Office (309)765-7077 or email your name, current cell phone number to UAW434fs@gmail.com if you would like to start receiving our informational texts.

Our Editorial Policy

To Our Readers: This publication is the voice of your local and international union, and it is our main vehicle for bringing you the views and actions of the leaders you elected. The publication is also the voice of the membership, and we welcome articles from UAW members. All articles should contribute positively to the welfare of this union and its members. We will accept no attacks on any union leader or member. We reserve the right to edit letters to the editor for length.

June Chairman's Report

To all of the local 434 members I hope you had a great and safe holiday, We will be having step 3's on Thursday the 8th of June, 5 grievances will be presented. Seeding shutdown will be June 19th - June 23rd. Cylinder shutdown will be July 24th -the 28th. Thank you

In Solidarity,
Clyde Septer
Chairman

Holidays 2023

July 3rd and 4th

September 4th

November 10th, 23rd,
and 24th

December 25th and
26th

Safety Report YTD

Seeding

First Aid 51

OSHA 10

Near Miss 124 11 open

Cylinder

First Aid 12

OSHA 5

Near Miss 63 4 open

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This months Union meeting is Sunday,

June 11, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

E-board meeting at 7:45 A.M. and Steward Council at 9:00 A.M.

Next months meeting is July 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

COME TO A MEETING!



ATTENTION 434 RETIREES

Let's
EAT
TOGETHER

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch starts at noon and doors open at 10 if you want to come early and catch up! Call for your reservation by Noon Monday prior to the meeting.

Cost is \$7.00 per person.

Bob Buller at 309-738-3740



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630 19th STREET
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June 6th is the 79th anniversary of D-Day. Lest we forget.

2023 is also the 35th anniversary of UAW Region 4 Veterans Committee being stood up. Our Cylinder committeeman Don Ingalls and I were fortunate enough to attend the veterans conference at the UAW Pat Greathouse Center, Ottawa, IL in May. Some of the original members that stood up the first Veterans committees were there, and we elected new regional representatives for the committee. There is also a lot of activity in the region supporting Veterans. Some wonderful volunteer opportunities are;

The Illinois UAW VET Day 20 hosted by UAW Local 588, is August 19th at the Veterans Home at 1 Veteran's Drive, Manteno, IL 60950. Contact is Dan Bogash, dan36dee49@yahoo.com or Jane McIntyre, gunsandroses444.jm@gmail.com

The Iowa UAW VET Day 22 hosted by the Iowa UAW State Veteran's committee, is June 17th at the Marshalltown Veterans Home at 1301 Summit Street, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158. Contact is Blanche DeVoll, bed1960@gmail.com.

Both locations can use all the volunteers that can make it and will gratefully accept donations to fund these events. The Veterans at the homes are incredibly appreciative of these events.

As always, the committee is eagerly accepting members. One does not need to be a veteran to join, supporters are always welcome.

In Solidarity, Vincent Nylin, Veterans Committee Chair

Important Telephone Numbers

Local 434 Union Office 1-309-755-5046
434 Committee Office 1-309-765-7077

or 1-309-765-7088

MetLife Legal Service 1-800-821-6400
Mental Health or Chemical
Dependency/United Behavioral Services
1-800-867-6758

Fidelity Investment 1-800-354-3427

Deere Direct 1-888-432-3373

United Healthcare 1-888-533-3731

You can create an account

www.myuhc.com

Benefits Center 1-844-689-7833

www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere

www.region4.uaw.org/uaw-local-434

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Retiree's monthly lunch menu

July is Swiss Steak,

August is Pork Chop,

September is Roast Beef,

October is Chicken