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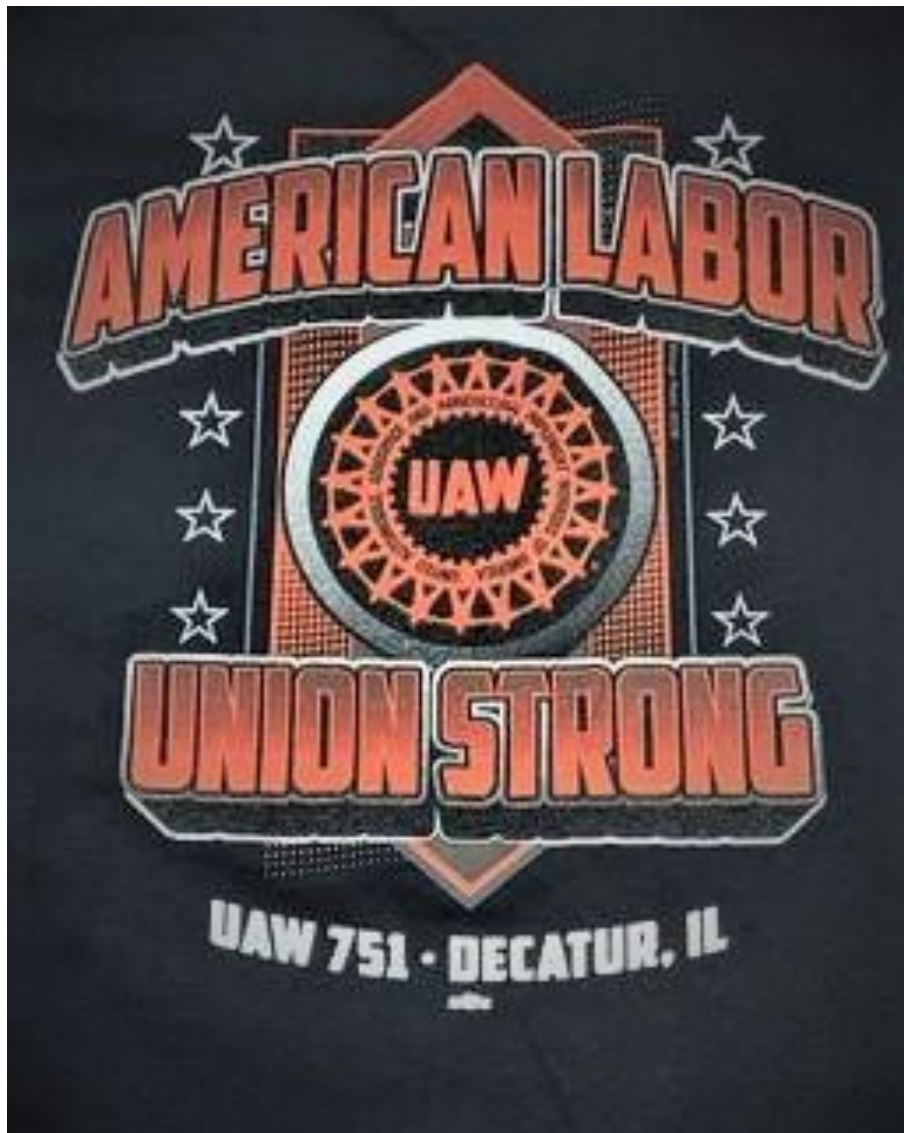


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Dates to Remember



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September

5 - **Retiree Breakfast**

12- **Retiree Meeting** – pulled pork, bring a dish to share. \$1 per person.

10 – **Membership Meeting**

10am – all members welcome

13 - **Steward meetings** – all members welcome to attend

(7:15am, 1:30pm, and 3:15pm)

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19- **Attorney Frank Bertuca** at the hall, please **call** for an appointment.

~REMINDER~

*STEWARDS MEETING ARE HELD EVERY 2ND AND 4TH WEDNSDAY OF THE MONTH. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A STEWARD TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. ALL MEMEBERS ARE WELCOME. THIS IS A GOOD OPPURTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS. RAISE ANY COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAD OR HAVE ON HOW THINGS ARE HANDLED ON THE SHOP FLOOR. *

Retiree Meeting August 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Chairman Karen Verhusen.

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. Moment of silence for the deceased members and those missing in action.

Invocation by Paul Espy.

The regular order of the meeting was set aside for the new officers to be sworn in by Local 751 President Jason Hess.

Karen asked any new members and their guests to go first in line for the meal and set aside the regular order of business to let the group enjoy the meal.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call of officers with all present or excused.

The Recording/Financial Secretary Dave Ashenfelter read the Minutes from the July meeting and they were accepted as read.

The financial report from the month of July was read and it was accepted as read.

Reports of Officers:

Karen reported on what is happening at the Hall; talked about the Labor Day Parade and the food & festivities afterwards will be at Fairview Park this year, not at the Union Hall. Also talked about donating to different charities.

Dave Ashenfelter reported a free screening for prostate cancer with the PSA blood test on September 22 at 302 W. Hay Street, Suite 200.

Richard Springman & Gerry Grandon talked about their service to the retirees and they enjoyed it.

The hat was passed for the food drive collection - \$178 was collected.

Old Business: None

New Business:

September 5 at 8:00 AM will be the next breakfast.

September 12 at 6:00 PM will be the next meeting. We are having a cookout. Please bring a dish to share. Cost is \$1.00 per person, pay at the door. Call Deanna at the Union Hall for reservations (217-428-7706).

The menu for the remainder of the year: October – ham & beans, November – turkey breast, December – fried chicken.

Communications:

There was one birthday, and no anniversaries.

There were five deaths: Alvonzo Hodges (7/12), Ronald Lyon (7/21), Morris Washburn (7/25), Delmar Heidkamp (8/4), & Howard Fair (8/4)

Motion to adjourn by Richard Springman, seconded by Gerry Grandon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Door Prizes:

\$10 Rod Finke

\$5 Dennis Heinz

\$5 Paul Espy

\$5 Dale Hale

David Ashenfelter
Recording Secretary
Local 751 Retiree Chapter
Region 4, UAW

Standing Committees

Local union standing committees are probably the least understood element of our union's structure. Most members understand our union's role in making gains at the bargaining table. Additionally, most understand the role that solidarity plays to achieve those gains. This solidarity is born through our shared experiences, hopes, and values. It is in this context that standing committees shine! Through our standing committees, we discover our shared interests and learn to work together towards common goals. By working in our standing committees, we can view our membership as a whole, not just a body of coworkers. In our standing committees' activities, we demonstrate our values and work together toward building solidarity. We all are voters, taxpayers, community members, and consumers. We care about the quality of our air and water, the safety of the food we eat, how our tax dollars are spent, the fair treatment of all people, and so much more. We bring all these identities, passions, and concerns with us as we engage with our union. Our standing committees bring us together. Standing committees work in conjunction with our local union leadership to implement our union's policies and shared values. They are the engine behind many of the activities in our locals. Committees are where much of the work of our union is planned and put into action. Winter coat drives for kids? That is often our community services committee. Voter registration? You will often see members of the CAP or civil and human rights committee leading the charge. Educating members about local businesses who have ripped off community members? That is an activity for the consumer affairs committee. Starting In September, our local will be having sign-ups for all 11 standing committees. These committees include:

- Constitution & Bylaws
- Union Label
- Education
- Conservation & Recreation
- Community Services
- Civil & Human Rights
- Consumer Affairs
- Veterans
- Citizenship & Legislation (CAP)
- Women's
- Organizing

To sign up all you have to do is fill out a card and drop it in a box. It's that simple. We will have the cards and box available at the Labor Day parade and at the hall starting in September. The initial launch of the committees will be starting in October. Even if you miss the initial launch, you can still sign up! We want you to be active in YOUR local union.

Visit the International Website for more information at <https://uaw.org/standing-committees/>

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Prior to 2023 contract negotiations, the grievance committee held 2 raffles to raise money to create a food pantry at the hall in case of a strike with the understanding that if a strike did not take place that all of the money raised would go to local food pantries. One item raffled was a PitBoss smoker. The other being a Blackstone Griddle which was donated for the raffle by Bobbie Lanes BBQ. \$4,600 was raised from the membership.

The Grievance Committee had the pleasure of delivering checks of the value of \$920.00 to 5 local food banks at the member's request.

Taylorville Ministerial Association Inc. - Taylorville

MMA Food Pantry - Moweaqua

Interchurch Council Food Pantry – Blue Mound

Harristown Food Bank

The Lords Storehouse Food Pantry - Cisco

It was amazing to see the hard work that these food banks put in to making a difference in their own and surrounding communities. They were all very thankful to our membership for the donation. There is certainly a need for volunteers to help keep these food banks operational.

Special thanks to our little photographer Cieralyn Rohr



Moweaqua food bank is a group of ministerial alliances, 8 churches are involved. Ed Broaddus had told me that they have been doing this for 25 YEARS. Only 8 years ago they had gotten a new building and ever since they have exploded and evolved in so many ways! Helping nearly 40 families that's about 100 people affected. 2/3 of the building is food distribution. He says they are always open to volunteers! They are open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am-11am. They also have the porch ministry/giveaway until 6pm on those days if you can't make it in the available time slots. Which I thought was AMAZING! They also have a Facebook that you could follow if you are interested, Moweaqua food pantry. They help 2 schools as well. The schools are Assumption & Moweaqua. Also, during Christmas, they help children get presents under the tree!

Taylorville food pantry is part of a ministerial association. They have been open for 35 years! Taylorville food pantry serves the needs of Christian County, Taylorville/ Pana. Population of 3,500 people! Pam Moses & Amy Hagon have been a part of this for 6 years in November. The address is 1429 E Main Cross in Taylorville Illinois. They are a choice pantry, which means you get to make your own selections. Patrons get to take home what they want. That reduces their funds. They are open 6 days a week, 3 days to distribute. They are always open for donations; they have a box outside 24/7 for cans and boxed good! Amy Hagon had told me they have evolved so much in nutritional foods and fresh products.

I, Mya Waldrop, had the pleasure of speaking to and getting to know 2 of the food banks that we had donated to!



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful white bible and your help!
The Howard Fair family.

Dear friends,
Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$920.00 to the Moweaqua Ministerial Alliance during the fiscal year 2023. This will be used to support the missions of the Moweaqua Ministerial Alliance Community Food Pantry.
May God richly bless you,
Ed Broaddus
Treasure

