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Happy Labor Day!!



Dates to Remember



July

1- **Retiree Breakfast**

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

13 – **Membership Meeting**

10am – all members welcome

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

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

23 - **Steward meetings** – all members welcome to attend (7:15am, 1:30pm, and 3:15pm)

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

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~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

July 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Chairman Jerry Grandon.

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.

Jerry 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 Secretary Dave Ashenfelter read the Minutes from the meeting and they were accepted as read.

The Financial Secretary, Dave Ashenfelter read the financial report from the month of June and it was accepted as read.

Reports of Officers:

Karen made a motion, seconded by Richard Springman, to set aside the regular order of business to hold the election. Carried

Results: Dale Hale was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

All new officers took their seats for the remainder of the meeting. As the new chairperson, Karen Verhusen took over the meeting. Karen talked about Jerry and Richard's long service to the retirees.

Karen talked about the Labor Day parade with free t-shirts & hats for those who walk in the parade. The party after the parade will be at Fairview Park, not at the Union Hall.

Dave Ashenfelter reported on the upcoming food drive and gate collection will be held on Thursday, July 20.

Old Business: None

New Business:

August 1 at 8:00 AM will be the next breakfast.

August 8 at 6:00 PM will be the next meeting. Pulled pork will be furnished. 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:

September – cook out

November – turkey breast

October – ham & beans

December – fried chicken

Communications:

There were two deaths: Oral Kenny Rigney and Delmar Hudson.

There were six birthdays and one anniversary.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Springman, seconded by John Verhusen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Door Prizes:

\$10 John Verhusen

\$5 Pat Espy

\$5 Sue Zerfowski

\$5 Howard Miller

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

WHAT IS V-CAP?

V-CAP is the UAW's political action fund made up of voluntary contributions from UAW members, retirees and their families. The money is used to support pro-worker political candidates who have earned the endorsement of the UAW Community Action Program (CAP).

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO CAP?

From taxes and trade policy to retirement security and health care to education and infrastructure – politics affects our daily lives. That's why it's essential for working families to make our voices heard in local, state and national politics by supporting candidates who support us. One of the most effective ways to do that is by contributing to V-CAP.

WHY DO WE NEED UAW V-CAP? I THOUGHT THE UAW USED DUES MONEY FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS?

That's a common misunderstanding. The fact is federal, and many state election laws prohibit unions from contributing members' dues money to political candidates. The only money that can be used for contributions to candidates is money members voluntarily contribute to UAW V-CAP.

HOW DOES UAW CAP DECIDE WHICH CANDIDATES TO SUPPORT?

Candidates are interviewed by screening committee of CAP activists. The screening committee makes its recommendations based on its evaluation of the candidates' voting records and/or positions on trade, education, Medicare, retirement security, right-to-work laws, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance and other issues that directly affect UAW members and our families.

DOES THE UAW ENDORSE ONLY DEMOCRATS?

No. Endorsements are based on the candidates record and positions on issues, not only on party. Over the years, UAW CAP has endorsed pro-working family Independents and Republicans as well as Democrats.

THE FAT CATS CAN WRITE \$1,000 CHECKS TO THEIR CANDIDATES WHILE I CAN ONLY AFFORD A FEW DOLLARS A MONTH FOR V-CAP, SO WHY SHOULD I BOTHER?

That's exactly why you should contribute to UAW V-CAP. Not many of us are able to write big checks to the candidates we support, but when we pool our monthly contributions, we can make a big difference in elections. In fact, UAW V-CAP is recognized by elected officials and candidates as one of the largest and most effective PACs in American politics.

HOW MUCH CAN UAW V-CAP GIVE TO A CANDIDATE?

The maximum amount any PAC can contribute to a candidate for federal office is \$5,000 for the primary election and \$5,000 for the general election. Amounts to state candidates vary by state laws.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE TO UAW V-CAP?

That's entirely up to you. Many contributors to UAW V-CAP give \$10.00 each month. That works out to less than 33 cents a day. Of course, you can choose to contribute, depending on your circumstances.

Why are union meetings important?

It provides members the opportunity to regularly: meet as a group, learn about the union, exchange ideas, meet the leaders and fellow members, debate and make decisions, air gripes and argue, make proposals and have input, get updated on events, socialize, etc. Yet, the most common refrain that is heard is “no one comes.” The regularly scheduled meeting establishes that the union as an organization exists and has structure. And, as with any democracy, it allows the members to attend and participate or not to attend. We have a voice!! If we don't attend how will our voices ever be heard?

Union meeting: typical agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Secretary Minutes and Report/ Approval of Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Report of Officers/Committees
5. Old or Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Good and Welfare
8. Adjourn



Presidents Report

Reports from our delegates and officers, Sister Bragg and Brother Kreitler went to black lake and gained some knowledge as on and how to populate our much-needed Standing committees. Trustee James Turpin gave a nice report on the training our new officers received in our Pat Great House Education Center. Sister Dannica Bragg gave an enthusiastic report and is proving to be very passionate about helping our local in populating standing committees. Brother Bob Kreitlers report a very detailed report on his assignment on Consumer affairs.

*We have the Labor Day hats and tee-shirts ordered Brother Rob Walters, and Brother Sam Hart made the final decision on the Design and color of the **BLACK** shirts. Brother Marts is the man behind the hats. The E-board discussed the need to unite with Unions in our community for there is strength in numbers and together we will unite the community. With that we will be joining our fellow Unions at the Fairview Park Labor Day festivities immediately following the Parade.*

If our members like Fairview Park Festivities, we will continue to attend the Trades and Labor party if not we can always have our own 751 party as we have in the past.

The new online training from region 4 is now available.

REGISTER HERE! *
UAWREGION4.TALENTLMS.COM



Grievance Committee Report

Hello from the grievance committee. We hope you all had a safe and happy Fourth of July, but nevertheless, we all had to go back to work. With the heat rising in the 90's this will for sure be hard. But we all must remember to stay hydrated. We also must remember with high temperatures this makes it very easy to lose your cool in stressful situations. So please remember to just try to keep your cool so you do not do something that may make a situation a whole lot worse for yourself, and possibly even cost you and someone else their job. The company is still standing firm on the attendance guideline, so please make sure you put in for time off in advance whenever possible. Do not forget when you turn in a time off slip to make sure you keep your copy of the slip for a later time if needed. Finally, please do not try to alter a doctor's note in any way. The company seems to be checking a lot of these notes lately, if not all, notes turned in.

Grievance Committee: Brian Marts, Sam Hart, Rob Walters, Jed Rohr, and Blake Force



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