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**Region 1D**  
Steve Dawes,  
Director



Greetings Brother and Sisters of Region 1D.

As 2021 nears the end, I want to wish each and every one of you a safe and joyous holiday season.

We have been through yet another challenging year with all the COVID, variant, and social issues that have affected each and everyone of us in some way, shape, or form. But, maybe, now is the time, not just because of the holidays, but the time to reflect and attempt to put aside those negative and bad experiences and remember all the good. We can recall the things we are thankful for, the laughter, the smiles, the friendships, and the knowledge that these will bring better times for all.

Just a few weeks ago, we all honored our Veterans on November 11. My thoughts were what a great time of the year to not only honor the brave men and women who have unconditionally protected our coun-

try, but to also give them a special thank you for protecting our freedom.

We may not know them all, but we sure do owe them all.

In our Region, in Eaton Rapids, near Lansing, setting on 472 acres, is the VFW National Children's home. It is a 42 single family home complex with a community center, gym, child care facility, guest lodge, chapel, and administrative buildings. The National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and Veteran families.

The home offers that "hometown" community support with case managers who help residents set and accomplish major life goals as they transition from the military life to civilian life. These services and the housing is at no cost to the families as the homes are solely supported from private donors and organizations.

In 2006, the Steven Yokich Home was built. It was the first duplex and first ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant house built on the complex and was sponsored by the UAW Veterans Affairs Department. Since then, the home's total maintenance and utilities are covered by the members, friends, and participants of the Region 1D Annual Golf Tournament at Black Lake.

So, when the complex needed a new truck to plow and maintain the 2 ½ miles of roads, they turned to the UAW and Region 1D for help. As always, the membership kicked into gear. UAW Local Union 598 leadership and membership took the lead and proudly built a plow truck for purchase by the Home. The local included it in their November dedication and recognition of the "Veteran of the Month," along with honoring all 2021 recipients at the plant. I say, that's quite a send off from our membership to the Children's



above: John Jackson, Vice President Local 598; Scott Henry, Region 1D Servicing Rep.; Ryan Buchalski, President Local 598; Scott Zuckschwerdt, Region 1D Assistant Director; Judy Mosier, Recording Secretary, Local 598; Eric Welter, Local 598 Shop Chairman and Brian Langdon, Sergeant at Arms, Local 598.



The VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids has purchased the truck pictured above. The truck was assembled by Local 598.

National Home.

Thank you to all our Veterans and to Local 598's membership and leadership, and all the other locals that support the building of the best truck in the world.

**UAW Local 4911**

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Service Unit  
Chairperson

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**UAW LOCALS 602, 652,  
1618, 1753**

**Tuesday  
February 22, 2022**

In Bradenton, Florida  
American Legion  
Kirby Steward Post  
2000 75th Street West  
(between Cortez & Manatee Ave)

Register at 11am  
Eat at Noon

Meal and plastic tableware  
will be provided. For information,  
call Jere Auvenshine  
(517) 285-0320



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**LOCAL 652**Ben Frantz,  
President

Seasons greetings brothers and sisters!

As we approach the entire Christmas and holiday season, I hope to put behind us the pressure, negativity, and sadness that past couple of years has presented. This time of year can be a time of renewal and a perfect time to revive some old-fashioned family values. All too frequently during this pandemic period, we have watched people fall away from many of the edicts that we were all raised to live by, such as “if you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all” or “treat others as you would like to be treated.” Witnessing the de-evolution of courtesy and respectful behavior in everyday human interaction coupled with increasing selfishness reaching an alarming high during the past many months has taken its toll on my mental strength. So much so that I have caught myself being taken to dark places and presenting negativity that I can’t allow as a husband, father, or leader. I plan on taking time to reset values, reconnect with loved ones and push off the frustrations of all of the restrictions and deaths that have burdened my life over the past years. The challenges I have faced are not exclusive to me; many of us have shared similar experiences, with many people’s pain and burden being much more than mine. That is why it is so vital for us to take this opportunity to look for the good and positive and allow that to feed our attitudes and actions. We have a prime opportunity to re-instill common courtesy and let different opinions and thoughts on issues be just that. Our unique perspectives are what makes us, as individuals, so great. We start to fail when we allow only our own opinions to be correct. We must avoid becoming entrenched in our tribal thought processes which can short circuit conversations and even end friendships. I am sure we can all look at our own lives and find a few examples where we

have failed to allow someone else to take a position on a topic and acknowledge and respect it even though we disagree. This is something that we used to be able to do but as of late, we have truly lost as a society. The referendum vote we just completed in our UAW is a perfect example of a polarizing issue that caused so much division and angst amongst friends and co-workers. Regardless of the position you took on the issue, now that the resolution has its result, we have the best chance we have had in a long time to come together as one and strive to be stronger and more unified than we have been in recent history. Arguing over a final result accomplishes nothing and only continues the same negative trend into which we have all fallen. As humans and as unionists, our priority should be to be each other’s keepers and come together for a better tomorrow.

Let us use this season of holidays as a reset button for our lives. Let us look to have a brighter outlook as we usher in the new year. None of us can control what the future will throw at us, but we can control how we allow it to affect us. I commit to facing the challenges with renewed energy being an asset to the lives of those I come in contact with and will resist falling into past failures. If we can all review our actions and find some positive room for improvement, maybe we can all be a mechanism of change for the betterment of our world both at home and at work. So regardless of what holidays you are celebrating during this time of year, I wish you all health and prosperity with a renewed energy heading into 2022. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you from the Frantz family; we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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**LOCAL 602**Mike Huerta,  
President

Let me take this opportunity to wish all the membership of UAW Local 602, active and retired, a

happy and safe holiday season.

This is the year-end edition of the Labor News, and I sure am glad to see this year ending. The last couple of years have thrown some rough terrain at us with a global pandemic, microchip shortage and worldwide supply chain issues. January 2022 finally brings some great news for us; we will see 3 weeks of downtime for retooling and the start of bringing the GMC Acadia back home to LDT. This is the realization of an investment announced in 2020 and is starting to become a reality. With all of the doom and gloom of the last couple years it may have been easy to forget that this was on the horizon but as the old saying goes – “when the sky gets dark enough, you can see the stars”. Thanks to the incredible membership of UAW Local 602 we have been chosen to usher in the next generation GMC Acadia.

With all of the ups and downs during the last couple of years one thing has never wavered! The membership of UAW Local 602 is unbelievably generous! Over this holiday season our membership donated nearly \$20,000 in total to Toys for Tots, Old Newsboys and towards breast cancer awareness in cash donations as well as several truckloads of toys, bikes and gifts for kids. 11 weeks of downtime did not stop the membership from also contributing through our Community Service Committee pop bottle collection program; donations went out to the Capital Area Walk for Warmth, Mystic Lake Camp, Ronald McDonald House of Lansing, Woldumar Nature Center, and VFW Post 6132. Our Community Service committee, chaired by Nicki Jones, put together and delivered Thanksgiving meals for Local 602 members in need. The Women’s Committee, chaired by Keri Hall, raised over \$4,000 in donations that went to EVE Domestic Violence Shelter. They also helped construct a playground at EVE and made sure to make the day a bit better than it would have otherwise have been for the families at the shelter during Mother’s Day with a special menu, flowers and presents. Our Veterans were well taken care of by our Veterans Committee, chaired by Bernadine Ross, with

tokens of appreciation at the LDT Veterans Wall. A big thank you to everyone that helped at a gate collection, taking back bottles, serving food at a shelter, delivering presents or food, or helping out in anyway. Our community is better off because of your generosity Local 602! We are reminded of a quote by Walter Reuther: “*There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.*”

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**LOCAL 724**Todd Collins,  
President

Holiday Greetings to all our members. As the Holiday Season is in full effect, I would like to wish all of our members and retirees a Happy Christmas and the very best New Year! As we turn the page on what was a challenging year for all of us, my hope is that the new year brings new hope for turning the page on this pandemic and all that surrounds it. With the announcement of weeks of planned shutdowns from GM some of our Units will be starting the new year with some level of uncertainty. All signs as of now point to 2022 being a rebound year both for our members and the nation as a whole. On a bright note, several of our Units ratified new contracts in 2021 with significant gains for our members. Hats off to all of the bargaining committees for all of your hard work. The Local has made a number of wholesale changes to make sure that we are doing everything to make sure our members priorities come first. The membership meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 5pm. These meetings are for ALL members of the Local. Transparency, Honesty and Openness are the overriding principles at the meetings, and I encourage all members to attend and take a more active roll in our Local. Member’s activism and involvement are the backbone of our Union and the key to our Solidarity. As President of UAW Local 724 my door is always open, and my phone is always on. It is my Honor to represent you all in what-

ever capacity I can. Thank you to all of our members for the hard work that you do every day. May you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and the best New Year possible.

#### In Solidarity

#### LOCAL 1753

Yvonne Vincent,  
President



Hello 1753 Brothers and Sisters, I would like to start this month's column with a thank you to all of those who participated in the national referendum vote. I do not yet have the results of the "One Member One Vote" question, but you should know that you have made your voices heard. As this is the season of giving, I also want to thank all the donors to our Toys for Tots campaign, which raised \$1,708. I have yet another thank you, to all who gave to the Old Newsboys, who provide vouchers for shoes, boots and socks for kids. We collected \$925 this year, which is even more than in 2020. We do only two organized collections like this each year, so it is greatly appreciated by our partner organizations. Both of which serve children in under-resourced communities.

Participation is key to a better union, whether it is raising up your voice for justice, or giving to those in need. Another important aspect of participation is EDUCATION.

An educated workforce builds a stronger union, just an educated citizenry builds a stronger society. As a member of a democracy, you must be informed about the issues and the candidates to ensure your vote and your actions support your values. It is the same with our workplace – being educated about the issues allows you to vote and act according to your own priorities. Using your vote, voice and actions to protect yourself and others is key to a strong Union where all people are valued.

Being your Union President as well as a member of the civil rights committee, I strongly encourage everyone to go to [www.workplacebullying.org](http://www.workplacebullying.org) and

click on the tab, "Help for Bullied People". Go to the button that reads, "If Bullied, Start Here." That will bring you to a video called "Introduction to Workplace Bullying." It is not only educational, but a very interesting overview of this critical issue. The video is about an hour-and-a-half long. If this piques your interest, I would like to invite you to learn even more on this topic with me at the Union Hall. We will take a deep dive into this with the Workplace Bullying Institute from 11a-8p on Jan. 8, 9, 22 and 23, 2022 (via webinar). There will be a one-hour break each day, but we know that is quite a commitment of time, so we will be offering raffle prizes of gift cards and other surprises each day, as well as light refreshments. You are also welcome to bring your own food and drink. The sessions are free, but we ask that you RSVP by Jan. 3, 2022, by emailing me at [UAW1753@gmail.com](mailto:UAW1753@gmail.com) or just letting me know in person.

General membership meetings are key to being an active and informed Union participant. Please come to our next one on Jan. 19 at 2:15p. You may attend via Zoom (check Union info board for details) or in person at the Union Hall, as long as you are masked.

In the meantime, enjoy your holidays. Whether you celebrated Hanukkah or will be celebrating the Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, the calendar New Year, Chinese New Year or even Festivus, remember to STAY SAFE when spending time with loved ones. The last "gift" you want to receive this year is a new variant of a contagious dis-

ease. Be smart about where you go, who you spend time with and how you protect yourself. If you participated in the GM-provided vaccines in the spring, you are now eligible for a booster shot. While it is very difficult to schedule an appointment through local pharmacies or doctors right now, the military is at Ingham County Health Department offering all three vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson) every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, from 9a-4p, with a one-hour break for lunch from 12-1 p.m. Anyone 5 or older is welcome, with no appointment or insurance needed. When I went after work on a recent Friday, there was no line and no wait! My wife had the same experience on a morning visit earlier in the week. The Omicron and other variants are no joke, and Michigan is still rated "Very High Risk" in the midst of our "indoor months", which means viruses can more easily incubate all around us.

When you immunize yourself against the virus, you make it less likely you will wind up sick, in the hospital or worse. Our Union Brothers and Sisters at Sparrow are locked in an extended battle with management over their contract and rights to humane working conditions, such as proper staffing, fair wages, manageable patient loads and working hours. Please consider and support them in their fight.

If you haven't finished your holiday shopping, remember to buy AMERICAN and look for the UNION label. Solidarity means supporting our Brothers and Sisters

across the country – and it also makes it more likely to get your purchases in time, since they won't be stuck on a container coming from overseas. This is also a good time to be supporting and sending encouragement to the organizers at the Amazon plant in Alabama, where the federal government just ruled in favor of a re-vote. Amazon has spent millions of the dollars you send them on union busting tactics so extreme that the Justice Department demanded a total redo of the vote to unionize. Please remember that before you send any of your hard-earned money to Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos, who earns about \$3,715 per SECOND. He uses this wealth to oppress workers' rights, intimidate organizers and brainwash employees with lies about Unions. Amazon employees have zero job protections, no voice in their workplace, mandatory overtime at the will of managers and limited benefits. (Don't believe the hype in their commercials.) Grab your wallet and spend wisely!

Don't forget to look at your Union information boards each week in front of the cafeteria, west gate and rail dock gate.

In solidarity,

#### LOCAL 4911

Muhammad  
Qawwee,  
President



Happy Holidays and greetings from UAW Local 4911. Hopefully, with this being the end of the year and about to move into a new 2022, all of us can reflect and give each other kudos for surviving the last 20+ months of Covid. We all, by now, know of someone either related or unrelated that has had Covid or didn't make it through Covid. Be grateful for today as tomorrow is not promised to any of us. Count your blessings that we have endured working, living and maneuvering through this thing called life and adapting to our new normal. As the new year approaches, so are new challenges and more changing the way we do everyday things in our lives. Accept the change and move

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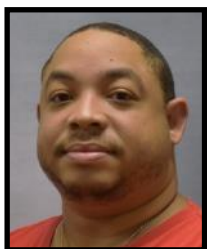
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forward in a positive light - not looking at the dark and negative corners of our lives that are behind us. Spend quality time with family and loved ones, and enjoy the simple parts of life. Smile to brighten someone's day and let your light and attitude shine and be contagious. Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy holiday season. Happy Holidays to all our UAW brothers and sisters in the greater Lansing area and beyond!

**LOCAL 602**  
Isaiah Fuller,  
Vice President



In America as the middle class we trade time for money. You are paid based on your value. Your value is based on what a person or a company/corporation is willing to pay you for the time that you give them to complete a task. If you offer to complete that task for free or to do more for the same rate you are paid to do the original task you are giving them a discount. Therefore the value of your service depreciates. If the collective whole allows for the depreciation of the service that the corporation pays for then they no longer respect the original price and or value that is set from the beginning.

Take pride in the work that you do. Don't offer to do what you are already paid to do for less when you are not obligated to do so. Do nothing more and do nothing less. These past two years has shown so much to those of us in the automotive industry, and to the blue collar worker. Countries across the world with less fortunate situations as our own, have had to shut down and brought billion dollar corporations to their knees due to issues within the supply chain all because we have allowed them to thrive on the willingness of other cultures to give the services that we can render at a cheaper and discounted rate amongst other things. All the while they benefit from this great country that we live in without paying their fair share to our society. And in the meantime they want us to do more for them to be competitive in "the global economy" without being

willing to pay for it.

Greatness doesn't come from corporations having the bigger bank account; but from the lives that are touched when you take care of those who help build that bank account. As a collective the power is in our hands. To quote Walter Reuther, "the ballot box is a direct correlation to the bread box." Meaning everything we do as a collective should be for the greater good of our wellbeing. What we do from our waking hour, to the time we lay our heads down at night. We as a whole in the middle class we dictate our own self worth. As the backbone to society we dictate if our worth depreciates, or if grows in value.

My hat tips off to the fighting force of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union who are standing up to Kellogg and the members of the UAW working for John Deere; stay the course and fight for what you believe in. Stand up for what is right for the collective. You are worth more than they want you to know; but you have to not only believe it but be willing to stand up and fight through the process to show them you are worth more. God bless you and Merry Christmas.

**LOCAL 652**  
Lena Wyeth,  
Vice President



Just as I thought a single year couldn't get crazier than 2020, here comes 2021. It's the chip shortage, then it's a part shortage all while COVID still lingers. All but 4 of General Motors' North American plants were shut down at one point because of shortages. Our members have had unemployment issue after issue, one positive covid test after another, loss of family members, loss of union brothers/coworkers, indefinite layoffs for some, and much more. What in the world did we walk through this year? Would you have ever imagined a year like this? All of this, and we are still standing! We are still standing at our local because of our strong leadership and membership.

Heading up our leadership at Local 652 is our President, Ben Frantz, and our unit Chairpersons. As the great Martin Luther King, Jr said "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy," Let me tell you, brothers Frantz, GM Unit Chair Rollin Green, and Ryder Unit Chair, Mike Luna is standing tall and strong about now. Under their leadership direction and guidance, it appears as though it is just another year and it is business as usual at the union hall. When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

It is the duty of the President of the local union to make sure that all of the local union affairs are in order. It is the duty of the Chairman to make sure their contract agreements are being followed in their unit shop(s). I don't know any 3 people that work harder on their tasks than these 3 union brothers. These 3 put all of their might into their elected positions. Brother Frantz is making sure labor has a voice in the community by being involved in CAP, Labor News, United Way, President's Council, and much more. Brother Green, GM Unit Chairman is on call 24/7 for our 1500 or so members. He can recite anything from either agreement and leads our shop committee and bargainers to success. The same goes for Brother Luna and his organizational skills are like no other. If you know me, you know that I'm not one to give credit where credit isn't due and let me tell you, it's due!

Yes, we have had a pretty rough year, but thanks to our leadership, surrounding cast, and especially the strength of our membership and what they have endured this year, we are still standing. I would like to wish our members at Avancez, Ryder, GM units, and all of our retirees a very happy holiday season. Happy New Year, brothers and sisters! It is my great honor and pleasure to serve as your Vice President at UAW Local 652.

**LOCAL 602**  
Doug Fox,  
Rec. Secretary



Another year is coming to a close and it's time to reflect on some key issues we faced this past year and will continue to affect us.

The Referendum – The referendum for direct election of the IUAW executive board passed. Whichever way you voted, it's time to come together, now more than ever, and do what we can to make the Union stronger than ever before. Hopefully, those who were active and outspoken leading up to the referendum vote will continue to be active in the Union now that the referendum is over. More voices and participation are needed. The more people participate, the stronger our Union will be.

New/returning product – LDT is getting new product and will see upgrades and changes to the facility. Along with that will come down time in 2022. It's been a long time waiting for the new Acadia and we look forward to having it back again.

Labor movement - The pandemic has made workers realize their worth. With companies posting high profits and giving executives exorbitant pay, some of which are hundreds of times more than what their hourly workers make, more people are standing up to the inequity. Look at the number of strikes and the gains that have been made. UAW members walked the picket line and also supported other unions on their picket lines. The labor movement is about building workplace equity for everyone. Walter Reuther said at the 11th convention "We are building a labor movement, not to patch up an old world so you can starve less often and less severely; we are building the kind of labor movement that will remake the world so that the working people will get benefits of their labor. That is the kind of fight we are making."

Despite a lot of down time at our local, our members have continued to be generous to those in need and have donated to a number of local

organizations and causes. The members of ALL UAW locals are extremely generous to those in need. To paraphrase Walter Reuther, you'll get no greater satisfaction than serving your fellow man.

Finally, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy your time with your family and friends.

**LOCAL 652**  
Matt Schneider,  
Fin. Secretary



Another year is coming to a close and more than 5,000 years since the earliest known New Year celebration, we humans will again promise to enter the new year with better conduct. Whether that's eating healthier, exercising more, paying off debt, praying more, drinking less, quitting smoking, reducing screen time, or improving relationships, it appears the New Year's resolution is here to stay. Regardless of your desire to participate, I am calling on all laborers to resolve to better understand our role in our union.

You'll notice that I used the word "our" regarding the union, because as cliché as it may sound, there is no union without U and I. It has become increasingly common to make statements about contracts, actions, and people related to the union that brands the institution as "the union". It's less common to hear or read the phrase "our union" or even "my union". I am of the firm belief that this terminology is subconsciously, or unfortunately even consciously, shifting the responsibilities of unionism from the members to some other entity that doesn't exist. Furthermore, I believe that this shift is exacerbated by the decline of social capital in this country, which is well described by Robert D. Putnam in the book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. It is this shift from membership engagement and ownership, which along with other pressures, undermines the fundamentals of a labor union's existence.

So why choose this year as the year I task myself and my fellow members with the above resolution?

One needs only examine the unofficial results of the referendum process to see the clues of an inattentive membership. While the subjects of increasing voter turnout or member involvement are not unique to the labor movement, when such a significant change to the mechanics of the union only garners an estimated 15% of eligible members, a commitment to engage is obvious. Again, as a labor organization, we face a gamut of internal and external pressures on our ability to be successful. It would be foolish of me to believe that member engagement is our sole obstacle, but it is certainly one of the easiest to fix. A labor union, like our country's democracy, requires eternal vigilance. The UAW's core ideas, "the precepts of democracy require that workers through their union participate meaningfully in making decisions affecting their welfare and that of the communities in which they live" cannot survive from unions beginnings in 1935 through to the next century with little to no nurturing or involvement. So, as I wish all the Lansing Labor News' readers Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, I ask that our new year includes a reading of the UAW Constitutional Preamble and a commitment to reengage.

**LOCAL 724**  
Gabriel Cabrera,  
Fin. Secretary



I hope these stories by our fellow brothers and sisters find you in good health. Both physically and mentally. Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays!

As much as we have endured these past two years, I am pretty sure we should all find ourselves on the "nice" list. One day soon we can look back and see everything we had to go through as a memory on our timeline, story, tweet, or what have you. As for now, we should continue to do what is right and keep everyone around us and the ones we love protected and seek out vaccine clinics.

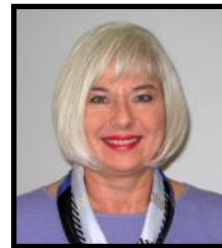
Here at Local 724, we have put up

our Holiday "Tree-of-Warmth" and invite any and all who can to donate hats and gloves that will be turned over to a local venue to be distributed to those in need.

Enjoy the holidays with your loved ones and all of the sights and sounds that comes along with this magical season.

Hope to see everyone happy and healthy in 2022.

**LOCAL 4911**  
Rose Slone,  
Fin. Secretary



Gratitude

Once again, our healthcare heroes are on the frontlines battling the fourth surge of Covid-19. As of this writing, Sparrow Hospital has an abundance of Covid-19 patients – 77% are unvaccinated. Our healthcare heroes are asked to pick up extra shifts to help cover the increase in demand for hospital services. This same scenario is a repeat of the first, second and third waves of Covid-19.

Local 4911 is extremely thankful for our healthcare heroes – without them, who would care for the citizens of our community during these trying times? I'm witnessing that my heartfelt personal "thank you" to our members is greatly appreciated, but somehow, to me, it doesn't feel like enough. I admire the fact that our heroes are resilient. They are under insurmountable amounts of stress at Sparrow and yet they persevere throughout every day and every hour they are at work. I deeply admire their stamina, their courage, their dedicated service to the community and I wish to personally thank each one of you. Your union has never been more proud of you.

With the holiday season upon us, please take a moment in your daily life to be grateful. If you have your health, be grateful. If you have blessings bestowed upon you, be grateful. We all choose to live our lives and conduct ourselves in a certain manner which is a reflection of our inner soul. We are all in a "work-in-progress"

state as we grow to maturity. We have the option to "tweak" ourselves if we wish to become a better person. January begins a new year - 2022. We all have the opportunity to make a New Year's resolution to commit to a change.

There are many people and families who may be having a very difficult Holiday season due to many reasons. Financial hardship, a cancer diagnosis, the loss of a loved one, the loss of a place to live are only a few examples. The person next to you may need encouragement from a friend or family member, a helping hand, a donation, a comforting listening ear. You might ask "how can I help you"? In Michigan, calling 2-1-1 is an excellent resource which is used to confidentially connect people to hundreds of health and human services in their own community. 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Please find it in your heart to become a personal resource for those in need.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a New Year filled with blessings.

**LOCAL 1618**  
Ted Gauss  
Retiree



Hi Everybody,

OK! Roy Spencer didn't make it to 100. The good Lord saw fit to call him up to Heaven. Roy left us last month to be with his Lord. I hope his ride was smooth. Roy was 99.

Once again Jean Caudell made 100 hats and mittens for those less fortunate. Jean does this every year. How wonderful! She's a saint.

My oh my. It looks like we're in another rough ride with Covid. Lord, we can't get rid of it by ourselves. We can only do it with your help. Please help us as soon as you see fit.

Christmas is just around the corner. Lord, please bless us with a merry and blessed holiday. Let us not forget next year. I know we can't help but have a happy New Year if we put our trust in you.

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We wish you all a  
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Ben Frantz, President  
Lena Wyeth, Vice President  
Scott Lounds, Recording Secretary  
Matt Schneider, Financial Secretary



Rollin Green, GM Chair  
Annie Rankin, GM LOC Chair  
Not Pictured  
Mike Luna, Ryder Chair  
Jake Jacobson, Avancez Chair

From the officers and unit chairs of the  
GM, GM LOC, Ryder and Avancez  
units of Local 652

From Gauss page 5

I know that you will be with us through 2022. Please help us through the rough spots and bring us joy the rest of the time.

“Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.”

Merry Christmas everyone, and a great New Year.

**LOCAL 602**  
Marta Bobillo  
Retiree



Greetings Sisters and Brothers;

I hope and pray that you and your family members are in good health, we have had another hard challenging year, we lost many members and family. It has been two years since we have been able to meet due to this horrible pandemic that is not getting any better with new variations. I urge you to vaccinated - that's the only way we can beat this monster.

Unfortunately, at this time I don't know when we can break bread together again. I'm hoping it will be soon, I wish I had good news for you but I

don't.

Enough of negativity and let's be happy and joyful this Christmas and new year that is going to be a blessed one for all.

My dear retirees and your family are always in my heart & prayers. From my family to your Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Love, Peace and Justice  
In Solidarity,

**LOCAL 652**  
Mike Bauer  
Retiree

Due to the latest surge in Covid-19 cases and the introduction of the new variant, we will remain shut down until further notice.

While Covid may never be totally eradicated, it needs to reach a low enough infection level for all people - especially seniors - to be able to function somewhat "normally" before starting up again. It isn't clear yet what the new normal will be. Currently, hospitals throughout the state are overwhelmed with cases.

Everyone please take care - stay safe and healthy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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**LOCAL 1753**

Laura Clark  
Retiree



Merry Christmas Sisters and Brothers

I mean that for all of you, whether you are one of us or you just happen to be reading this! Even if we were best friends at work, or if I never got to speak to you since you were one of 1200 and some people, I hope for the best for all of you.

Your wonderful E-Board is still working to help you and everyone. We are keeping up on our food bank donations and the yearly Old News Boys! We do this, because we know better than most when all boats rise ours rises also. We are the folks that figure out that being in the community of our international Union we did better in our wages, safety and health. We also decided to live in a society where if we get in trouble, we can get help. We enjoy life this way. You know that if you have a fire you can call the Fire Department. If you have a medical problem you call for an ambulance or a big problem, the Police. These and many others are reasons why we pay taxes, why we vote, and why we do things together! These are signs of a healthy group of people. Right now there are some of our friends and relatives who seem to have lost their way or forgotten this lesson. By now we have lost almost as many people as the Civil War. This should be in the rear facing mirror like smallpox! As long as people are not getting vaccinated we can expect more variety in the pandemic. This is the time to have the uncomfortable discussion with your friend and or relative. I don't want to do it either, but it's my (your) friend or relative. Ask them kindly why they have not gotten the shot. Be prepared to listen, really listen you may find something out that you did not know. There are some, very few medical reasons not to. Then if that's not them. Explain to them just like I did to you. If not a union member, remind them of other good decisions that they made in the past. They are your friends and relatives; we do not want them chased out of town to a leper colo-

ny, we don't want to reinstate the tuberculosis sanitariums for Covid patients. We know the Insurance companies are going to figure out that they had a preexisting condition of unvaccinated! Eventually they will not pay unless you are vaccinated. People will get sick and tired of a child's appendix bursting instead of being treated. People dying of a heart attack while trying to get into 50 different hospitals. It will not go unnoticed how many times an elective surgery is postponed. Or not even considered because of Covid. Let us all try to do more! I know all the doctors, nurses and front line workers are doing all that they can.

I am going to try to get the E-board to stamp the calendars for next year, even though we have no date to re-start meetings (You can pick-up a new calendar next year). I will try to keep you in the loop. I am missing all of you, the ones I run into all the time and the ones I haven't seen since you retired Keep your chin up! FYI don't get scammed, your address is fine for UPS!

**Obits**

Wanda Jean Conner, Billy L Jenkins, Kenneth Raymond Fairman, Frederick Charles Kultz, Jill Ann (Meyers) Barner, Delean K McCullough, Doug Fred Lee, Denise Delores Fennell, Jennifer R Tissue, Terry Mangels

**LOCAL 724**

**Obituaries**

Joseph Snow, retiree of our Federal Forge Unit passed away 11-10-21

**LOCAL 602**

**Obituaries**

Paul G. Unterbrink -Father of Barney P. Unterbrink, Active  
Della L. Meister -Retired  
Terry E. McKay-Retired  
Carleton R. Cheetham -Retired  
Michael Ondrias -Retired  
Douglas T. Stanke -Retired  
Kathy Ackels -Retired  
Gregory E. Ellis -Retired  
Ernestine Blake -Retired

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*From Local 602 Retiree Executive Board and Members*

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| Glen A. Babb Sr. -Retired  | Gayl C. Lieb -Retired                                |
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| Stephanie Dunckel -Daughter of Doug Dunckel and Step-daughter of Karen Dunckel | Timothy G. Schade -Retired                           |
| Milton J. Vann -Retired  | Wesley Brookhouse -Retired                           |
| Maggie B. Walker - Retired   | Henry Pizana -Retired                                |
| Frank Vasquez – Retired  | Billy G. Park -Retired                               |
| Gary L. Murrell - Retired  | Cleo S. Burton -Father of Darius Burton, Active      |
| Carmen Banda -Mother of Maria E. Cardenas, Active                              | Samuel P. Sterrett -Father of Misty Cisneros, Active |

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**NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE  
Executive Officer, Service Unit Chairperson**

Nomination for the office of Service Unit Chairperson will be conducted at the date, time and place indicated below:

**Nomination of Local 4911 Service Unit Chairperson**

Date: January 6, 2022

Time: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Place: UAW Local 4911

1010 River St, Lansing MI 48912

All Service Unit members in good standing are automatically nominated. Willing candidates must submit written acceptance of nomination **in person** (no emails, faxes or phone calls accepted) at UAW Local 4911, 1010 River St, Lansing MI 48912, by 4:00pm, on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

*No member shall be eligible for election as an Executive Officer of the Local Union until s/he has been a member in continuous good standing in the Local Union for one (1) year immediately prior to the nomination, except in the case of a newly organized Local Union.*

**Election of UAW Local 4911 Service Chairperson**

**Voting open to Service Unit members ONLY**

Date: January 13, 2022

Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm

Place: Sparrow Medical Arts Building

UAW Offices, Suite #111

1322 E Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48912

**RUN-OFF ELECTION (if necessary)**

**Voting open to Service Unit members ONLY**

Date: January 20, 2022

Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm

Place: Sparrow Medical Arts Building

UAW Offices, Suite #111

1322 E Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48912

LaYvonn Beatty, Local 4911 Election Committee Chairperson

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Merry Christmas And Happy New Year



From Local 1753

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David Wright -Step Father of Randy Borders, Active

Mary Lou Wyrembelski - Retired

Julie A. Parish -Spouse of John Parish -Retired

Leon “Pete” Gilbert Stuart -Father of Pamela Emmendorfer, Active

Almicor Argumedo -Retired

Jerald Hollandsworth -Retired

Lloyd O. Reed -Retired

Jean Meyer -Mother of Beth Rhoden, Active

Patrick R. Hoppes -Retired

Fredrick A. Hills -Retired

Harold Ferrell -Retired

Richard A. Reynolds -Retired

Raymond E. West Jr. -Retired

Elidia Carolyn (Castillo) Van Horn -Mother of Carlton “Carl” Van Horn, Active

Gary McCune - Retired

**LOCAL 652  
Obituaries**

Douglas L. Arnold Sr. – Father of Debby Holbrook

Daniel “Danny” Berry – Son of James “Jim” Berry

Harold Chipps – Retiree

Juanita Daniel – Retiree

Carl W. Davis – Retiree

Paul H. Dean Jr. – Retiree

Hubert “Huey” Dennis – Retiree, Father of William “Bill” Dennis

Jacqueline Gates – Retiree

Joseph “Eggman” Geller – Retiree

Victor Grant – Retiree

Elve Harris – Father of Denise Rodgers

Steven C. Hicks – Retiree

Javier Hidalgo – Ryder Member

John Jacko – Retiree

Ron Kniffen – Retiree

Paul Lamb – Retiree

Richard “Dick” Limon – Retiree

Michael “Mike” Manko – Retiree, Brother of Lisa Manko, Son of Ted Manko

Chad Nelson – Son of Karen Nelson

Keith “Jitters” Norman – Retiree

Mike Paquet – Retiree

Gerald “Andy” Price – Brother of Danny Price

David Reynolds – Son of Barry L. Reynolds

Johnnie Mae Robinson – Retiree, Mother of Ricky Robinson

Randall “Randy” Salisbury – Retiree

Kenneth Smith – Retiree

Tharsilla Stanton – Spouse of Gary Stanton

Larry VanDeWall – Father in law of Bruce Campbell

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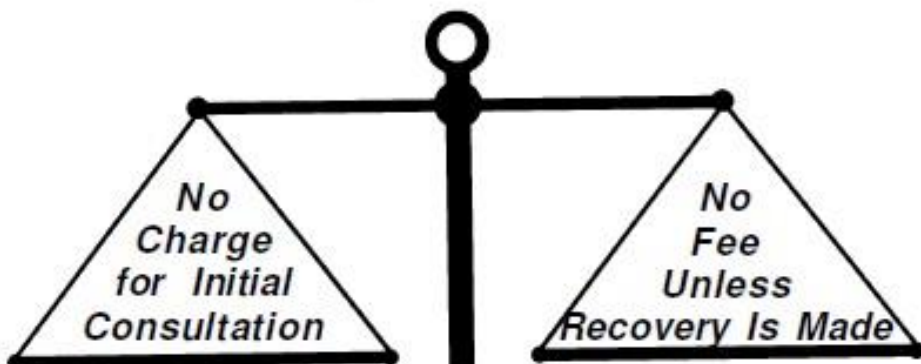




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Always try to buy American made, union made products. This holiday season, check out the following list of union made snacks from our Brothers and Sister at BCTGM.

#### **Annabelle Candy**

Holiday seasonal specialties and bag candy including union-made candies like Rocky Road, Abba Zaba, Look, Big Hunk and U-No. **BCTGM Local 125 (San Leandro, Calif.)**

#### **Brown & Haley**

Holiday gift boxes, baskets, tins and packages filled with the company's renowned Almond Roca, Cashew Roca, Mocha Roca, Sugar Free Almond Roca and Candy Cane Roca. **BCTGM Local 9 (Seattle)**

#### **Tootsie Roll**

Tootsie Roll brand candies. **BCTGM Local 1 (Chicago)**

#### **Nestlé Chocolate**

Holiday hard candy, molded solid chocolate, tins and festive packages filled with Nestlé Treasurers, Laffy Taffy, Flips Pretzels, Kathryn Beich specialty candy, Baby Ruth, Butterfinger, BB's and Pearson's Nips. **BCTGM Local 1 (Chicago) and Local 342 (Bloomington, Ill.)**

#### **Frankford Candy & Chocolate**

Holiday candy toys, gift baskets, tins boxes and packs filled with gums, jellies, hard candy, molded filled, hollow and solid chocolate under the Frankford name. **BCTGM Local 6 (Phila.)**

#### **Ghirardelli Chocolate**

Holiday chocolate gift baskets, tins, boxes and festive packages filled with Ghirardelli brand chocolate. **BCTGM Local 125 (San Leandro, Calif.)**

#### **Hershey**

Festive packaging for union-made Hershey's Kisses, Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bars, and Hershey's Milk Chocolate with Almond Bars. **BCTGM Local 464 (Hershey, Pa.)**

#### **Jelly Belly**

Holiday gift boxes, tins, packs; Christmas tree taffy, gums, jellies and other seasonal novelties under the Jelly Belly brand. **BCTGM Local 125 (San Leandro, Calif.)**

#### **Just Born, Inc.**

Holiday Marshmallow Peeps in tree and snowman designs, Mike & Ike Merry Mix. **BCTGM Local 6 (Philadelphia)**

#### **New England Confectionery Company (NECCO)**

Holiday tins and bags filled with BCTGM-made treats including: NECCO Wafers, Clark bar, Sky Bar, Candy Cupboard Chocolates, Masterpiece Chocolates, Wrapped Foil Mints, Mary Jane Bags, Peanut Butter Kisses, Haviland Thin Mints, Chocolate Covered Peanuts, Raisins and

Bridge Mix, Chocolate Peanut Clusters, Chocolate Nonpareils, Mighty Malts Malted Milk Balls, and more. **BCTGM Local 348 (Framingham, Mass.)**

#### **See's Candies**

Holiday tins, baskets, boxes with hard, soft and nut chocolate candies, peppermint twists, fudge and foil chocolate. **BCTGM Local 125 (San Leandro, Calif.)**

#### **Pearson's Candy**

Holiday tins, bagged and chocolate mints including The Nut Goodie Bar, Salted Nut Roll, Pearson's Mint Patties, and Flurries. **BCTGM Local 22 (Twin Cities, Minn.)**

#### **Linette Quality Chocolates**

Seasonal chocolates and festive packaged chocolate candy including Linette brand Creamy Peanut Butter Cups, Mini Creamy Peanut Butter Cups, Creamy Caramel Cups, Mini Creamy Caramel Cups, Dark Chocolate Mint Cups, Carmel Nut Clusters, Chocolate Covered Raisins, Chocolate Covered Cashews. **Local 6 (Philadelphia)**

#### **Sconza Candy**

Red, White & Green Chocolate Jordanetts, Christmas Bell Jellies and Rings, Reindeer Corn, Red, White & Green Boston Baked Beans, Sprinkled Christmas Tree Pretzels. **BCTGM Local 125 (San Leandro, Calif.)**

#### **Dare Foods**

A variety of gums, jellies, hard candy and gift tubs including festive bags with "To/From" gift tags. Products include Icy & Spicy Mints, Snowdrift Mints, a range of festive colored Ju Jubes and Dare's Scotch Mints. **BCTGM Local 264 (Toronto, Ontario)**

#### **Farley & Sathers**

Creston, Iowa plant Trolli brand. **Local 36 (Davenport, Iowa)**

#### **Concord Confections**

Double Bubble bubble gum and gumballs in festive packages. **BCTGM Local 264 (Toronto, Ontario)**

#### **Boyer Candies**

Boyer Mallo Cups, peanut butter cups, triple twist pretzels. **Local 19 (Cleveland)**

*We pulled this list of union made items from our friends at Uniontrack.com*

#### **Chateau Ste. Michelle Wine**

When attending holiday parties, bring along a bottle of Chateau Ste. Michelle wine as a gift for your hosts. Members of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) work in the company's vineyards while members of International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Teamsters) Local 117 work in various departments at its Woodinville, Washington, facility.

#### **Cutco Cutlery**

Kitchen items are a popular holiday gift. Craftspeople in United Steelworkers (USW) Local 5429 at Cutco's Olean, New York, facility proudly manufacture Cutco knives, blades and other kitchen cutlery products that would make the perfect present for anyone on your list who loves to be in the kitchen.

#### **Pendleton Woolen Mills Blanket**

Everyone needs a warm wool blanket to wrap up in on a cold winter's day. Pendleton Woolen Mills blankets are made with care by members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49 in Washougal, Washington. While not all Pendleton products are union-made, the blankets most certainly are, and anyone would be lucky to receive one as a gift.

#### **Louisville Slugger Baseball Bats**

Louisville Slugger baseball bats are the perfect gift for any baseball fan. They are handcrafted by members of USW Local 1693 in Louisville, Kentucky, who pride themselves on making bats for more than 60 percent of Major League Baseball players, including numerous Hall of Fame inductees.

#### **Fiesta Dinnerware**

Fiesta Tableware Company, one of the best-known tableware brands in the world, is crafted by members of USW Local 419M in Newell, West Virginia. Consistent, quality craftsmanship has propelled pieces from this brand into homes around the world. If you have someone on your list who likes to flip the dinnerware over to see who made it, get them a piece from Fiesta Tableware.

#### **Four O'Clock Teas**

A tea brand the belongs to the Canadian company Trans-Herbe, Four O'Clock Teas are available in a selection of organic and Fair Trade varieties. The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW Canada) represents the workers who produce Four O'Clock Teas, so any shoppers north of the border can be sure those purchases will support working Canadian families.

#### **Hasbro Board Games**

Family fun is the name of the game with board games, and you can't go wrong with a game by Hasbro. Workers in the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU) Local 224, an affiliate of the New England Joint Board RWDSU/UFCW, manufacture some of

the most popular board games for the oldest, last and largest remaining game manufacturer in America. When you pick up Battleship, Monopoly, Mouse Trap, Sorry or Connect Four, among so many others, you support these American workers.

#### **Weber Grills**

Every grill master needs a top-quality grill to cook up top-quality barbecue. When choosing a grill as a holiday gift, you should look for Weber brands Summit, Genesis and Weber Q. These products, and related accessories, are manufactured by the International Union of Allied, Novelty and Production Workers (IUANPW).

#### **Red Wing Shoes**

If you are looking to buy a pair of high-quality boots that will go the distance, look no further than Red Wing Shoes. These American-made shoes are proudly manufactured and shipped by union members of the UFCW Local 1189 and Teamsters Local 120. You can count on them outperforming and outlasting other brands of casual and workwear shoes.

#### **Budweiser Beer**

If you are hosting a holiday party, going to a gathering or just looking to gift a favorite someone with something for the fridge, turn to Anheuser-Busch beer products. Budweiser, Bud Light, Michelob and Busch, among other brands, are manufactured and shipped by hard-working members of multiple unions, including the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) and the Teamsters, at various facilities across the U.S. Though Anheuser-Busch is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of multinational brewer AB InBev, all the country's domestic brands are made in America by unionized workers.

#### **Labatt Beer**

If you're buying beer in Canada, the country's most famous beer, Labatt, is also union-made. The International Union of Operating Engineers represents the brewers, engineers, and everyone else whose labor goes into making Labatt beers. As with Budweiser above, Labatt is part of the multinational AB InBev.

#### **Libbey Glassware**

Glassware makes a special holiday gift. It adds a flair of elegance to table settings for any occasion, and any recipient will be excited to receive such a tasteful gift. When shopping for glass goods, such as drinkware and bakeware, consider buying from Libbey, an American glass manufacturer with union shops across the country. Members of the USW Locals 700T, 65T, 59M, 711T, and IAM Local 105 carefully craft each piece of glass tableware.

#### **Joseph Abboud men's clothing**

If the men in your life like to dress to impress, consider gifting them stylish, tailored suits and business attire from menswear fashion designer Joseph Abboud. Members of UNITE HERE Local 377 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, an affiliate of the New England Joint Board, make suits and designer clothing that will make any wearer proud.

Let's start up the GM Local 652 Retires Breakfast Club again. The last Wednesday morning of the month 7:30am - 9am at Flap Jacks on Old 127 12800 Old U.S. 27, Dewitt, MI 48820. Please invite everyone to the Facebook group: Voices Of Olds.



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- Chutes and Ladders
- Clue
- The Game of Life
- Monopoly
- Pictionary
- Risk
- Scrabble
- Sorry

### Beauty Products

- Avon
- Caress skin care
- ChapStick
- Dove
- Old Spice
- Revlon

### Candies

- Allan Candy peppermint candy canes
- Jelly Belly
- Laffy Taffy
- Tootsie Roll Pops
- Hershey's chocolates

### Sports Products

- Bare wetsuits
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