





Application Inside Due by August 27, 2021 • 1 application per student.



Drawing will be September 12, 2021 at the UAW General Council Meeting. Scholarship is for Children or Grandchildren of Active, Retired or Deceased Members of UAW Local 974. The student must be a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

It appears that we are finally heading into getting the virus under some kind of control and I certainly hope that we can get our lives back to some kind of normalcy. It has been a very long year!

Business has picked up and the company is hiring or at least trying to hire. That is good news, but unfortunate that Caterpillar is having so much trouble hiring people. I feel like corporate greed is the cause of their problems. Caterpillar had no problem hiring qualified UAW members back in the 60's and 70's when we had over 25,000 members working in the Peoria area. I truly want Caterpillar to be able to hire good employees now, but I also feel like they only have themselves to blame for this problem.

Caterpillar was the best place to work in the Peoria area for a long time, but in my opinion, they treated their employees much better back in those days. That was back when their employees made the top pay in this area, had 100% insurance coverage at no cost to their employees and way before two tier wages and supplemental employees. These are not the only reasons that Caterpillar is finding it so difficult to get qualified, good employees but it is definitely part of the problem.

In Solidarity, Randy Diehl





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# **INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT**

#### JOHN ARNOLD -

Hello everyone! I hope this year is going better than last year for everyone. This year has gone by quickly seeing that we're six months in already. I have received a lot of calls concerning the postcard that was sent out dealing with the class action lawsuit against Blue Cross Blue Shield. This is a legitimate lawsuit and if you want to submit a claim you can if you want to. If you have any questions about this lawsuit and filing a claim you need to call 1-888-681-1142.

Just a reminder to the retirees that still get the Medicare reimbursement your next reimbursement will be in the July pension check. Also, for the retirees needing new glasses you can still go to the Caterpillar Safety Store and buy them there. It is in Building HH and you should call (309) 675-2261 before going down there because they have limited hours. I get a few calls a month asking if retirees can still go there so I figured I'd put it in this article.

In my last article I mentioned that the International UAW had requested the numbers Caterpillar used to calculate this year's premium and were getting everything verified by the Social Security Department. All the numbers and calculations have been turned over and the Social Security Department has gone through everything. As I was expecting, and I'm sure many of you were too, they verified everything was calculated correctly. The Social Security Department didn't find any wrongdoing when the 2021 premiums were calculated. I wish I had better news to share.

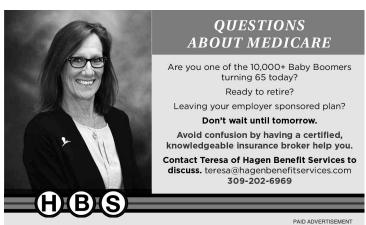
In closing I hope you all have a safe and happy summer.

In Solidarity,

John Arnold Insurance & Benefits Chairman

#### **RETIREES - Medicare Reimbursement**

From time to time, I remind our retirees about the Medicare Part B reimbursement portion of our plan. If you or your spouse are Medicare age, 65, and enrolled in Medicare Part A & B, you are eligible for reimbursement of the Part B Premium. **The Plan will reimburse your Medicare premium up to \$99.50 per month every January and July.** This only pertains to members and spouses that opted out of the management/executive plan and retired prior to March 26, 2017. **You must contact Alight Solutions (Hewitt) at 1-877-228-4010 to enroll for the reimbursement. Once you're signed up, you won't have to sign-up again.** 





Congratulations on your retirement. If you have recently retired from Caterpillar, please don't forget to come by the UAW Hall and pick up your Retiree hat, pin and membership card.





#### UAW LOCAL 974

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JUDY POULSEN\_\_\_\_\_

### **FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2021**

MARCH 2021		APRIL 2021	
Income	170,204.02	2 Income 1	
Expenditures	175,097.28	Expenditures	177,605.42
Excess of Expense over Income	(4,893.26)	Excess of Income over Expense	1,144.76
Regular Dues received on:	2,563	Regular Dues received on:	2,477
Initiation Fees received on:	26	Initiation Fees received on:	52
PER CAPITA TAXES:		PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	89,316.70	International Union UAW	86,521.43
CAP Council	5,883.28	CAP Council	4,634.68
CAT Council	4,373.21	CAT Council	3,440.86
Retirees Dues PCT	181.35	Retirees Dues PCT	134.55
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	109.12	Ag Imp Council	101.12
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	6.54	IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.86
TOTAL:	100,054.20	TOTAL:	95,022.50

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	(former Execu	tive Plan)	(former U	nion \$150 Allowance	Plan - Benefits every	2 years)
SERVICE COST		EXAM/FRAMES:		Members	Retail	
Communities Fire Monthly	- Even	620.00 Co Dev (norveor)	Comprehensive Eye	e Health Exam	\$40.00	\$59.00
Comprehensive Eye Health	I EXam	\$20.00 Co Pay (per year)	Frame		\$34.00	up to \$79.00
Contact Lens Exam		\$60.00 Co. Boy (por year)	Designer Frames		30% OFF RETAIL	FULL RETAIL
Contact Lens Exam \$60.00 Co-Pay (per year)		LENSES:				
Frame Benefit		\$160.00 allowance (per 2 yrs)	Single Vision		\$40.00	\$60.00
			Line Bifocal		\$65.00	\$90.00
Contact Lenses	\$140.00 allow	ance (per year) instead of glasses	Line Trifocal		\$85.00	\$190.00
Lenses	\$20.00 Co-Pa	for standard lenses (once per year)	PROGRESSIVE LEN	SES:		
Additional 25% discount on frames over \$160.00 and lens add-ons!		Basic		\$110.00	\$190.00	
\$20 Co-Pay for "medically necessary" contact lenses (designated by a doctor in cases where a		Premium		\$170.00	\$240.00	
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Kno	oxville	309.713.3664	Canton	309.647.036	6	kids in college.
Gra	and Prairie	309.691.1320	Galesburg	309.343.779	9	



		APPLICATION 2021 - 2022		
Name:				
Address: _		City	State	
Zip	Phone (	)		
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	Date of Birth	Male	Female	1
College Na	me:			
Freshman	Sophomore	Junior Senior	_ Other	
	Class Hours			
UAW Local	974 Family Member:	<u>P</u>		
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2	must be received	Return to:	Dues Office	

## HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2021 – 2022

The General Council, Executive Board and Retirees' Chapter of Local 974 have elected to award fourteen (14) \$500 scholarships from the Heather Henninger Scholarship Fund for the 2021 through 2022 college school year.

There is one (1) additional \$500 scholarship that will be given in the Memory of Thomas Klein for the 2021 through 2022 college school year.

The following guidelines have been established for qualified entrants:

- 1. Entrant must be the **child**, **grandchild**, **stepchild** or **step grandchild** of an **active retired** or **deceased** Local 974 Member in good standing.
- 2. Entrant **must** be **enrolled as a full-time college student** (minimum 12 hours) for the 2021 2022 college school year.
- 3. Entrants **must** submit the Scholarship Fund Application by Friday, August 27, 2021.

A drawing will be held on Sunday, September 12th at the General Council Meeting.

Seven male and seven female students will be awarded a \$500 each in cash scholarships for a total of \$7,000 in scholarship awards. One male or female student will be awarded a \$500 Thomas Klein Scholarship.

Please complete and return the application to the Dues Office. It **must** be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 27, 2021.

#### UAW Local 974



If you are a CAT retiree or current CAT employee with United Healthcare or Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance CALL TODAY for an appointment to find out if you may qualify for hearing aids with no out of pocket expense!!



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JUNE/JULY 2021

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

# **JUNE 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG – CANCELLED GENERAL COUNCIL MTG – CANCELLED** THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH SAFETY MTGS – CANCELLED FATHER'S DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH STEWARD MTGS – CANCELLED



# **JULY 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

THURSDAY, JULY 1ST	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – (AUGUST PAPER)
SUNDAY, JULY 4TH	INDEPENDENCE DAY – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
MONDAY, JULY 5TH	INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVANCE – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
SUNDAY, JULY 11TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG – 12:00 PM
	GENERAL COUNCIL MTG – 1:00 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 15TH	SAFETY MTGS - 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 22ND	STEWARD MTGS - 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 4:00 PM
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#### **Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters**

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Larry R. Vanderwerf

Augustus L. Fortney

William H. Gaboriault

James H. Whitelow III

Daniel L. Cruikshank

Grady L. Barnett

Herbert D. Smith

John R. Childers

Donald L. Mason

John R. Kendall

Ronald L. Schafer

Chester H. Bishop

Neal J. Chambers

William M. Medina

L. Randall Stracker

Christopher L. Coleman

Charles D. Weishaupt

Rex L. Ingold

Paul H. Miles

Lloyd B. Jenkel

Paul E. Sprenkle

Terry D. Mayo

Donald L. Punke

Walter L. Shawgo

Kenneth G. Ward

Richard J. Smith

Mack E. Simpson

William C. Kessler

Alfred L. Kilbey

Louis W. Sisler Sr.

John J. Zimmerman

Alex E. Jones

Artis Hopson

Jason R. Noll

#### March

Dennis D. Williams	R	03/01/21
Dan A. Miller	R	03/01/21
Larry W. Flowers	R	03/03/21
Charles Melko	R	03/03/21
Ira C. Jackson	R	03/05/21
Thelma Lobdell	R	03/05/21
James L. Appel Sr.	R	03/08/21
Frank V. Kasky	R	03/08/21
William C. Warren Sr.	R	03/08/21
Fred T. Williams	R	03/09/21
Larry E. Loeffelmann	R	03/10/21
Robert N. Kelly	R	03/16/21
Charles E. Caho	R	03/17/21
Richard A. Lowe	R	03/17/21
Charles E. Dorris	R	03/19/21
Harold W. Webb	R	03/19/21
Roland E. Gudat	R	03/20/21
Daniel J. Donnelly	R	03/21/21
David L. Kelly	R	03/23/21
Kenneth A. Kemper	R	03/23/21
Thomas C. Camper	R	03/26/21
Floyd D. Dunbar	R	03/29/21
Russell A. Skaggs	R	03/29/21
Ted E. Hunt	R	03/30/21

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Please notify us when one of our active or retired members passes away. We do not receive this information from the company.

On behalf of the Officers, Members and Retirees of Local 974, may we offer our deepest condolences to the families of our brothers and sisters who have recently passed away. May God comfort all of you in your loss.



#### UAW LOCAL 974

#### ALL POTLUCKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We invite and encourage all the new Retirees to join us for dinner and bingo after the meeting. (Please bring your own table service.)

We also encourage the spouses of deceased members of Local 974 to join us. Surviving spouses are Associate Members of our Retiree Chapter and we invite you to participate in our activities.



#### Bus Trips have been CANCELLED until further notice. For questions concerning the trip call Velma Walton at 694-3151.

#### HOW CAN I JOIN THE RETIREE CLUB?

Upon retirement Local 974 members in good standing are encouraged to register at the Dues Office to become Chapter members. Retirees and their spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend the Retiree Chapter Meetings and activities.

We have a Potluck the third Wednesday of every month – meat, coffee and doughnuts are furnished. A variety of other activities are planned at various times throughout the year.

To assist in financing these activities a \$3.00 per month voluntary membership dues can be established at the Dues Office. The largest portion of the dues dollars goes to the International Retired Workers Advisory Council which is concerned with retired-workers programs and policies and other matters that affect the welfare of retired workers.

#### Contact Retirees' Officers at 309/694-3151

Jane R. Evans, President • Velma Walton, First Vice President • James W. Tabor, Second Vice President

Pam Newman, Recording Secretary • Gary E. Hall, Sergeant-At-Arms • Thomas J. Bencher, Financial Secretary

Raymond "Dale" Cassel, Guide • David Blumenstock, Trustee • Steven C. Adams, Trustee • Garry Rendleman, Trustee

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UAW LOCAL 974

JUNE/JULY 2021

# **BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### BOBBY KOLLER

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well and hopefully we are going in the direction of getting back to normal or at least the new normal.

The Chairman's office remains busy with the call volume and grievance procedures as usual; I would like to address a couple of things that have come up several times the last couple of months. AWOL has been an ongoing issue. The company has modified their answering service to have you report to the absentee hotline and to report to medical with documentation (if physically possible) by the third day of absence. The company has not been allowing any leeway on medical verification or contacting your supervisor. So, if you are going to be absent for 3 or more days, please notify your supervisor and the medical department.

We held arbitration in East Peoria for a Mapleton overtime grievance and expect a ruling from that arbitration at the end of June or beginning of July. I will keep you updated.

Tentatively we hope to have meetings here at the hall in July. I look forward to having steward meetings and encourage all union stewards to attend to get caught up on all information that has been missed out on this last year.

Please don't hesitate to call me at the Union hall with any questions or concerns at (309) 694-3151.

In Solidarity,

Bobby Koller Bargaining Chairman



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MON. - FRI. 9:00A.M. - 5:00P.M. & SAT, 9:00A.M. - 12:00 NOON



OFFICE HOURS FOR:	CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM			
UAW	NAME: BADGE #			
AMALGAMATED LOCAL 974 3025 SPRINGFIELD ROAD EAST PEORIA, IL 61611	NEW ADDRESS:			
MONDAY	Phone (Home) Cell:			
THROUGH	Email:			
FRIDAY	Please check: Active Retired Disability – Laid off (date)			
7:30 A.M. TO	Please check: Supplemental Competitive Wage Full Time PLEASE RETURN FORM TO LOCAL 974, UAW, 3025 SPRINGFIELD RD., EAST PEORIA, IL 61611			
4:30 P.M.	Local 974 News – Classified Ads			
(Closed Holidays)	LIMIT 16 WORDS PER AD – ONE (1) AD PER ISSUE – DEADLINE: 1ST OF THE MONTH Ads should be submitted to UAW Local 974, 3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria, IL 61611-4801. No ads will be accepted on the telephone. Ads will be accepted ONLY when they are submitted on this form.			
	NameBadge No			
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4.6	PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF AD:			
HOME OF THE FREE	Automotive         Clothing         Household Goods         Lost and Found         Miscellaneous         Pets           Opportunity         Real Estate         Rentals         Services         Sporting Goods         Wanted           ONE WORD PER SPACE ONLY!!			
HAVE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Est. 7th of July 1776				
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# **NEED A WORK SHIRT?**

THE UNION HALL HAS UAW SHIRTS & VETERAN SHIRTS FOR SALE \$14.00 for UAW Shirts \$17.00 for Veterans' Shirts







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