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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

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	5 person teams consisting of ANY COMBINATION (Male & Female Bowlers)
Ŏ	There will be One (1) squad at 1:00 p.m.
Ö	Teams should check in one-half hour before their squad starts.
Ō	The number of teams that qualify for the Round Robin Tournament based on a 3 game series will be 8 teams.
Ŏ	The teams in the Round Robin will be seeded after the scores are turned in and the Round Robin will start immediately following.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY SMITH, President

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let's all hope 2016 is a better year. As you read this article it will be less than a year before our contract is up. I ask the membership to be prepared for this. There will be plenty of information put out as the year goes on, so plan on attending the meetings.

We will have our Bowling Tournament February 6th at Sunset Lanes to raise money for our kids and grandkids through the Heather Henninger Scholarship. This is the first event of the year as there will be many.

March 19th will be the Annual Easter Egg Hunt so bring the kids & grandkids out to this at the Hall.

It was nice to see that the Echo Company 1 – 106th Aviation Group had a good time at our Hall for their Christmas Party. Make a New Year's resolution to get involved in your Union this year.

REMEMBER WE ARE STRONGER WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER.

Randy



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BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



TERRY FISCHER -

I want to start my article this month by recognizing two individuals that officially retired

effective January 1st, John Shallenberger (Financial Secretary Treasurer) and Jim Arrowood (Insurance and Benefits Chairman). These two union Brothers, through their elected Local 974 positions over the years, have displayed their dedication and devotion to the Local 974 active and retired membership. I had the pleasure of working with Jim and John over the years at the Hall and on the picket line with many, many fond memories. I wish them the best, and will miss their company at the Hall.

Grievance status...

As of January 4, 2016, there are 12 active grievances in Local 974.

The next scheduled arbitration dates....

Just Cause Arbitration dates: January 12th Morton - 12th & 13th E. Peoria

Issue Arbitration dates: March 8th, 9th, & 10th

In December we received an award from Arbitrator *M*. Glazer for a grievance out of the E. Peoria division that was arbitrated on October 14th; the grievant was suspended / discharged in February of this year for misrepresentation of his medical condition. This award was not totally sustained, but was favorable for the grievant.

Announcements

The Company notified the Local 974 representatives in November they were contemplating resourcing and outsourcing decision that could result in the elimination of at least 50 jobs in the bargaining unit of building HH (LPP) and building KK. Management later announced to the membership in building HH (LPP) this decision would impact 157 jobs in HH, and the final decision would be made on

January 18,2016. Local 974 and UAW International representatives attended a meeting on December 21st with the Company representatives going over information the Union had requested on this announcement.

Steward Training

There will be a Steward training session held at the Local 974 Union Hall on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 9 am. There will be lunch following the session, soup / sandwiches. Please RSVP so we have an idea on any handout material to provide for everyone, and how much food to prepare.

2017 Negotiations

I have started communicating to the membership at last month's meetings to start preparing for the expiration of the Caterpillar/UAW contract on March 29, 2017. This year, both sides will be putting together a list of demands before sitting down together and negotiating a new contract. Our Membership's support of the Union is an important tool for bargaining. Show your support by getting involved and be active within your Union. All members are invited to attend the General Council meetings, Steward Council meetings, and Safety Council meetings. Dates and times of these are on the Local website, Newsletter, and on the bulletin boards in the shop.

In Solidarity,

Terry

SOLIDARITY:

Encourage and Show Your Support for Your Union at Work, Home and Out in the Community –

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STEWARD TRAINING

Saturday, January 30th 9:00 am UAW Local 974 Hall

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VETERAN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

GARY HALL, Chairman—————

We the members of the Veteran's Committee and other 974 members ran a gate drive at Caterpillar for Veterans on November 10, 2015.

A portion of the money collected will go to support the Illinois Valley Fuller Center for Housing. They help Veterans and their families who are in need. They help by fixing roofs, building ramps, mowing, cleaning yards, etc. 90% of their income is used to buy materials they need to do their work for Veterans.

The Veterans Committee is also donating money to the Peoria County Veterans Memorial Fund. They will be building a memorial to honor Korean, Vietnam, Grenada and other wars where our brothers & sisters have been sent into harm's way. Never forget "All gave some, some gave all".

Gary Hall, Chairman
UAW Veteran's Committee

Spring

All proceeds go to the Heather Henninger Scholarship Fund

Die Cast & Toy Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016 LOCAL 974 UAW UNION HALL

3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria, Illinois

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • ADMISSION \$1.00 Door Prizes

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The UAW Local 974 Heather Henninger Scholarship Fund Committee For more information: Randy Smith: (309) 694-3151



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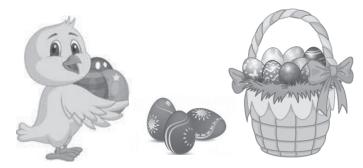
Saturday, March 19, 2016

10:00 a.m. - Rain or Shine,

Local 974 Union Hall 3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria

(Four age groups – ages 1-12)

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Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

November					
Geneva M. Nailing	R	11/01/15			
Charles M. Gannon	R	11/10/15			
Harley F. McCrary	R	11/16/15			
Dwan A. Ledford	R	11/18/15			
Forest O. Murray	R	11/23/15			
Rudolph S. Tompkins	R	11/23/15			
Elias I. Semaan	R	11/24/15			
Lonny G. Rockett	R	11/27/15			
Ralph E. Mankle	R	11/28/15			
Ruth M. Coggins	R	11/29/15			
December					
Willard J. Benson	R	12/02/15			
Harold D. Trew	R	12/04/15			
Adrian R. Gale	R	12/08/15			
Darwin D. Creekmur	R	12/10/15			
John K. Moffitt	R	12/15/15			
John O. Redshaw	R	12/18/15			
Earnest D. Blakey	R	12/19/15			
Margaret R. Ford	R	12/19/15			
John R. Runyon	R	12/21/15			
David J. Friend	R	12/23/15			
David C. Connelly	R	12/23/15			
James M. Thompson	R	12/26/15			
Rodney J. Yurkovich	R	12/27/15			
Maude E. Reeves	R	12/27/15			
Ruth M. Palazzo	R	12/28/15			
Byron K. Baker	A	12/28/15			
William J. Howard	R	12/29/15			
Rose M. Helle	A	12/29/15			
Steven L. Nole	R	12/30/15			

Please notify us when one of our active or retired members passes away.

We do not receive this information from the company.

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12/31/15

Allen L. Beymer



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.



RETIREES CHAPTER UAW LOCAL 974

WEDNESDAY POTLUCKS FEB. 17 & MAR. 16

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

Tuesday, February 23 - Isle of Capri Tuesday, March 22 - Rhythm City For questions concerning the trips 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 Evans, Chairman

Velma Walton, 2nd Co-Chairman

W.D. "Bill" Corum, Financial Secretary

Dave Blumenstock, Trustee

Jack "Honey" Evans, Trustee

James W. Tabor, Co-Chairman

Steve Adams, Recording Secretary

Dale Cassel, Guide

Tom Bencher, Trustee

Ted Hoak, Sergeant-at-Arms



2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JOHN ARNOLD —

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. With this being the first paper of 2016 many of you may not know but as of January 1, 2016 Jim Arrowood and John Shallenberger retired. It is sad to see them go because they both have been a BIG influence on me throughout my years here. I want to say THANK YOU to the both of them and wish them a happy and long retirement. I started in the Benefits Office when it was Jim Arrowood and Dave Durbin working there. I learned a lot from both of them but quite a bit from Jim over these last several years. As I write this I can't help but think, "He's taught me everything I know, but not everything he knows." Ha! Ha!

There will be a learning curve with Jim gone and being by myself in the Benefits Office so I hope you all will bear with me. As Jim has said many, many times in his articles I'll say the same thing and I can't stress this enough now that there will be one person in the Benefits office. PLEASE CALL AHEAD AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

With Jim and John gone from working at the Union Hall we have lost two great leaders within this organization, both strong and knowledgeable Democrats and both very well liked with this areas politicians. As they settle into their retirement life I hope they will eventually start to come back to some of the events around here. So many people that retire nowadays seem to forget or don't know that there is a retiree's club you can join. I hope they will start coming to the retiree's potluck on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

In closing, I want to say THANK YOU again and that I truly will miss the both of you. You have been true Union Brothers to me and I'm very grateful for your friendships.

In Solidarity, John Arnold, 2nd Vice-President

Please call for an appointment if you need help with your benefit issues. Thank you.

IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 694-3151 AND GIVE A SECRETARY THE ADDRESS SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP CURRENT ON EVERYTHING GOING ON.

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 for Medicare Part A & B, you are also eligible for reimbursement of the Part B Premium. The **Plan will reimburse your premium up to \$99.50**. You must contact Hewitt at 1-877-228-4010 to enroll for the reimbursement, both the member and spouse are eligible.

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Well folks, here we are again, following the exploits of our Equity Capitalist Governor's latest bit of strong arm politics. It seems he will only disburse funds to aid the Chicago School System if Mayor Rahm Emanuel starts backing his slash and burn policy initiatives such as stopping collective bargaining for Union employees.

Is this guy a member of the Corleone family or what? "I'll make Mayor Emanuel an offer he can't refuse."

Someone needs to tell him he is dealing with Chicago not Winnetca. This should be interesting to watch, holding an entire school system hostage to a political agenda.

Nice work, Gov!

UAW CALENDAR of events

FEBRUARY 2016

- Sat 6 9-Pin No Tap Team Tournament 1:00pm
- Sun 14 Executive Board Meeting 11:00am
- Sun 14 General Council Meeting 1:00pm
- Wed 17 Retiree's Potluck 11:30am
- Thu 18 Safety Council Mtgs 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00 pm
- Tue 23 Isle of Capri Bus Trip 8:00am
- Thu **25 Stewardship Mtgs** 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00 pm

MARCH 2016

- Tue 1 Newsletter Deadline (April Paper)
- Sun 13 Executive Board Meeting 11:00am
- Sun 13 General Council Meeting 1:00pm
- Wed 16 Retiree's Potluck 11:30am
- Thu 17 Safety Council Mtgs 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00 pm
- Tue 22 Rhythm City Bus Trip 8:00am
- Thu **24 Stewardship Mtgs** 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00 pm
- Fri 25 Good Friday Union Hall Closed
- Mon 28 Red Cross Blood Drive 11:00am 5:00pm



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