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# LOCAL 974 NEWS

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PUBLIC WORKERS & POLICE DEPARTMENT & VILLAGE OF SOUTH PEKIN PUBLIC WORKS



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*Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
touched with wonder and filled with joy.*

*Happy Holidays  
from  
UAW Local 974 Officer's & Staff*

**Bargain. Chair. – Unit 12 South Pekin**  
Charles Ed Burke

# INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT

JOHN ARNOLD \_\_\_\_\_

Well Annual Enrollment is over for the year. It was very busy in this office as it is every year during enrollment. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Next year should be interesting and hopefully everyone that got into the management and executive plan found a good plan(s) to get their insurance. We will all have to wait and see if the company will offer this management and executive plan in the future.

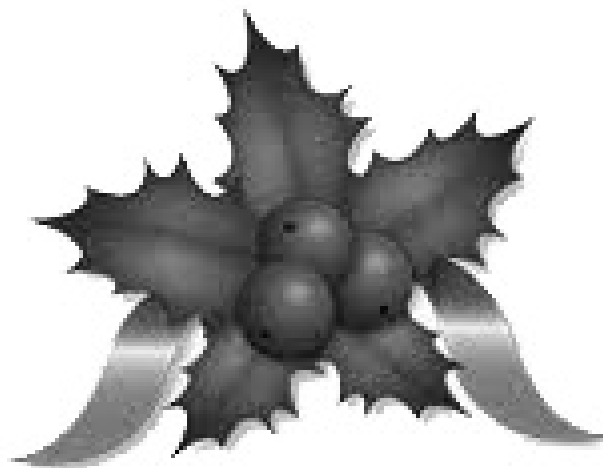
Just before enrollment started I was still getting phone calls from members not realizing they needed to make a decision before October 6th to stay in the insurance plan they retired with. If you retired between January 10, 2005 and March 26, 2017 and you took no action by October 6, 2017 and you made no calls to Hewitt during the Annual Enrollment period in November you need to give me a call. Your insurance has changed and you need to be made aware of what changes are coming your way.

If you retired before January 10, 2005 NOTHING changed for your coverage other than your monthly premium. Also, as of January 1, 2018 NO ONE, retired or active, will have to complete the health risk assessments any longer.

Just a reminder that if you retired before March 27, 2017 and you're still on the union negotiated insurance plan you need to sign up for the Medicare reimbursement once you get on Medicare Part B. Your spouse is entitled to this reimbursement as well. If you went with the management and executive plan you are no longer eligible for this reimbursement after January's payment.

*As always I am here to help in any way possible.  
If I don't have an answer for you I will find someone that will.*

In Solidarity  
John Arnold  
Insurance & Benefits Chairman



# BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MIKE ATKINSON \_\_\_\_\_

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

As of November 3, 2017 we have 12 issue grievances and 8 just cause grievances.

We had a docket meeting with the company on November 1st for East Peoria, we had 12 grievances on the docket, 3 settled, 5 withdrew and 4 held. This docketing was for January 9th and 10th arbitrations.

We will have another docket meeting with the company for East Peoria and Morton just cause dates. We have 8 grievances on the docket.

On November 9th & 10th we had new stewards training for day shift stewards.

Going into the holiday season I would like to wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Solidarity,

Mike Atkinson  
Bargaining Chairman

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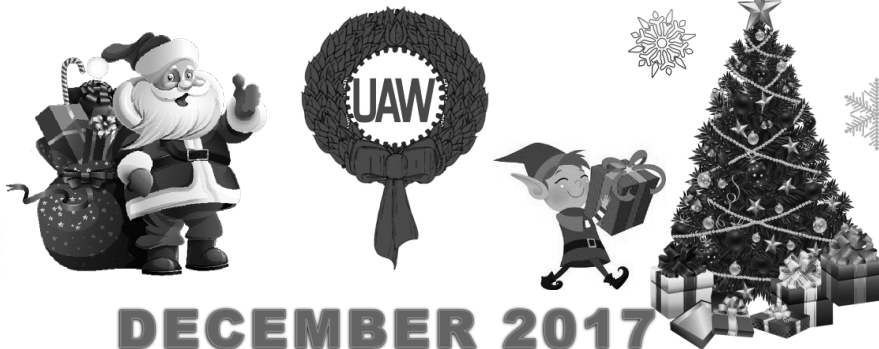
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## DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 11:30 AM
Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	MEMBERSHIP MTNG – 1:00 PM
Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	RETIREES CHAPTER MTNG & DINNER – 11:30 AM
Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	STEWARD MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 4:15 PM
<b>Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE (UNION HALL CLOSED)</b>
<b>Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY (UNION HALL CLOSED)</b>
Tuesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	JUMER'S ROCK ISLAND BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM

**Merry  
Christmas**

Update: 11/20/17  
Downdate: 1/01/18

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## JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	NEW YEAR'S DAY (UNION HALL CLOSED)
Tuesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Newsletter Deadline – (February Paper)
Sunday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 11:30 AM
Sunday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM
Monday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	MARTIN L. KING JR. DAY – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
Wednesday, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	RETIREES CHAPTER MTNG & DINNER – 11:30 AM
Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
Monday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – 12:00 PM TO 5:00PM
Tuesday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	JUMER'S ROCK ISLAND BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM
Thursday, January 25 <sup>th</sup>	STEWART MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 4:15PM



Update: 12/20/17  
Downdate: 2/01/18

## Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

### September

Jimmy R Webb	R	09/01/17
Melvin L. Schroeder	R	09/02/17
Van B. Sales	R	09/03/17
Raymond V. Kossman	R	09/07/17
Harry R. Lane	R	09/09/17
Homer A. Reed	R	09/10/17
Donald R. Hull	R	09/11/17
Nicholas J. Grimes	A	09/12/17
Robert K. Bilyeu	R	09/14/17
Harry R. McEuen	R	09/15/17
Norman E. Linstrom	R	09/16/17
Donald D. Spencer	R	09/19/17
Paul H. Smick	R	09/20/17
Milton W. Bullard	R	09/21/17
Victor L. Morrissey	R	09/24/17
O.W. Harris	R	09/24/17
Joseph E. Connell	R	09/28/17
George L. McBride	R	09/29/17

### October

Wilma C. Huber	R	10/01/17
Charles N. McDaniel	R	10/02/17
Terry R. Paul	D	10/03/17
Henry W. Cvik	R	10/07/17
Jon K. Wyant	R	10/08/17
Michael L. Donovan	R	10/13/17
Thomas S. Scranton	R	10/14/17
Henry E. Ehle	R	10/20/17
Lloyd J. Pennington	R	10/21/17
John F. Jones	R	10/22/17
Frank J. Hobbs	R	10/23/17
Willie Landrum Jr.	R	10/24/17
John W. LeGrande	R	10/27/17

**In Loving  
Memory**

*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.*

## RETIREEES CHAPTER UAW LOCAL 974

### WED. POTLUCKS – DEC. 20 & JAN. 17

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, December 26 – Jumer's Rock Island**

**Tuesday, January 23 – Jumer's Rock Island**

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 R. Evans, President

Velma Walton, First Vice President

James W. Tabor, Second Vice President

Richard "Jack" Evans, Recording Secretary

Gary E. Hall, Sergeant-At-Arms

Thomas J. Bencher, Financial Secretary

Raymond "Dale" Cassel, Guide

David Blumenstock, Trustee

Steven C. Adams, Trustee

John Bainbridge, Trustee





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Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*



# **2018 UAW RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

**12:00 A.M. --- 5:00 P.M.**

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**Monday – January 22, 2018**

**Monday – March 26, 2018**

**Monday, May 21, 2018**

**Monday – July 23, 2018**

**Monday – September 24, 2018**

**Monday – November 19, 2018**

For an appointment, please call Jane at (309) 264-2292 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

The above dates have been selected by Tony Baker, Donor Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross, and is subject to change if the hall is unavailable on any of these dates.

**UAW Local 974 Retirees  
Jane Evans, Blood Drive Coordinator**



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## THE EDITOR'S DESK

RICK CORBIN \_\_\_\_\_

Another Christmas is fast approaching I have been told that all of our laid off members that wanted to return to work are back. That is good news.

Hopefully sometime in the near future, all who wish to have a job at Caterpillar will have one. This is the worst time of the year to be out of work.

All of us at the hall wish everyone the best of the season.

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# FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

DAVE STOENS \_\_\_\_\_ FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2017	
Income	\$ 194,050.48
Expenditures	192,229.15
Excess Of Income over Expense	\$ 1,821.33
Regular Dues received on:	2,781
Bonus Dues received on:	2,606
Initiation Fees received on:	77
<b>PER CAPITA TAXES:</b>	
International Union UAW	\$ 97,739.72
CAP Council	4,580.27
CAT Council	3,807.20
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Retirees Dues PCT	165.75
Ag Imp Council	106.32
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	8.18
TOTAL:	\$ 106,591.44

OCTOBER 2017	
Income	\$ 180,050.03
Expenditures	181,472.69
Excess of Expense over Income	\$ ( 1,422.66)
Regular Dues received on:	2,860
Bonus Dues received on:	14
Initiation Fees received on:	130
<b>PER CAPITA TAXES:</b>	
International Union UAW	\$ 85,979.53
CAP Council	5,232.23
CAT Council	3,471.27
Retirees Dues PCT	243.75
Ag Imp Council	109.40
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	8.18
TOTAL:	\$ 95,228.36

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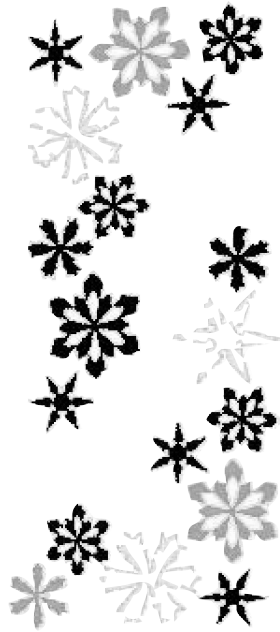
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check: Supplemental \_\_\_\_\_ Competitive Wage \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number with Area Code ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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