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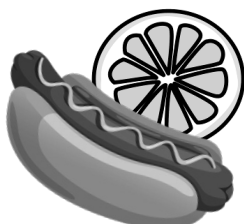
20TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY FAMILY PICNIC



SATURDAY

AUGUST 25, 2018

Local 974 Union Hall
3025 Springfield Road
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Hotdogs & Brats
Lemonade



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Picnic: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Children's entertainment will be provided by Bee Giggles Entertainment and will include balloon twisting, face painting, glitter tattoos, airbrush tattoos and a water bounce house. So bring your families out for a fun filled day.



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(New Members thru Retirees)

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UAW LOCAL 974



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President _____

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

There is an assault on organized labor that in my opinion threatens unions, our way of life and any semblance of a middle class that is left.

This assault went to the next level with a late June ruling from the Supreme Court that dealt public sector unions a fatal blow. Make no mistake, private sector unions will be next if we don't start voting in the labor supportive candidates. With that being said, I am now legal to register voters in the State of Illinois, so please come to the hall if you are not registered to vote and I would be happy to get you registered.

We have several upcoming events that I welcome you to participate in. We have a Bowling Tournament on August 4th, our Labor Day Picnic on August 25th, the Labor Day Parade on September 3rd and our Annual Golf Outing on September 8th. Please call the hall at (309) 694-3151 to sign up or for any questions about these events.

In Solidarity, Randy Diehl

*Please print and fill out and return by August 31, 2018
Mail to: UAW Local 964, 3025 Springfield Rd., East Peoria, IL 61611
or call (309) 694-3151 for reservations.*

UAW LOCAL 974 VETERANS' COMMITTEE

UAW PATRIOT DAY DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018- 5:00 PM

ALL VETERANS AND SPOUSES WELCOME – NO CHARGE

RSVP by AUGUST 31, 2018

Return reservation form to Local 974 or call 694-3151

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE UAW PATRIOT DAY DINNER

Name: _____

Badge: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Spouse: _____ Phone: _____

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INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT

JOHN ARNOLD _____

Summer is finally here and I hope everyone is staying cool in these hot few months. I'm writing this article on July 4th so I hope you all had a safe and fun holiday.

Many of you have called my office about not getting your Medicare reimbursement in your July pension check. For some, this was an error and a call to Alight (1-877-228-4010) will get this corrected. But, for many of you this is the first reimbursement period where you don't qualify for it anymore in your pension check.

If you are now under the Cat management HRA plan, you lost your ability to get your Medicare reimbursement coming in your pension check. You can, however, turn in your Social Security stub showing that you paid your Medicare premium to VIA Benefits (One Exchange) and get reimbursed that way.

At the time of me writing this article, I still have not heard if Cat will once again offer the pre-2017 Retirees the management/HRA plan for the year 2019. Annual enrollment is fast approaching so EVERYONE should be on the lookout for ANY mailings from Cat concerning insurance. If you get something from Cat about insurance and you don't understand it, please feel free to call my office and I will do my best to answer any questions.

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.**

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SERVICE	COST
COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM	\$20.00 Co-Pay (per year)
CONTACT LENS EXAM	\$60.00 Co-Pay (per year)
FRAME BENEFIT	\$160.00 Benefit (every two years)
CONTACT LENSES	\$140.00 Benefit (every year) instead of glasses
LENSES	\$20.00 Co-Pay for Standard Lenses (once per year)
\$20 Co-Pay for "medically necessary" contact lenses (designated by a doctor in cases where a patient's vision cannot be corrected through the use of glasses)	

The following benefits are for members that retired between 1992 and March 1, 2017 and are on the United Health Care Plan. This does not include the members of the management executive plan. This plan will provide members and dependents a \$150 benefit to be used on examinations and materials other than eyeglass frames.

SERVICE	MEMBERS	RETAIL
COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM	\$40.00	\$59.00
FRAME	\$34.00	up to \$79.00
DESIGNER FRAMES (frames with retail price over \$100)	30% OFF RETAIL	FULL PRICE
LENSES:		
SINGLE VISION	\$40.00	\$60.00
LINE BIFOCAL	\$65.00	\$95.00
LINE TRIFOCAL	\$85.00	\$125.00
PROGRESSIVE LENSES:		
BASIC	\$110.00	\$160.00
PREMIUM	\$170.00	\$235.00
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BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MIKE ATKINSON

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Summer sure didn't waste any time getting here. To all members on the shop floor please be careful working in these extremely hot temperatures, not only yourselves but your co-workers. I did check and Building LL is supplying bottled water.

Randy Diehl, Rodney Arms and I went up to the 2018 Ag-Imp Conference at the Pat Greathouse Region 4 Training Center in Ottawa IL. The new hotel is complete and it's a real nice addition to Region 4 and our local as well.

The Ag-Imp Conference is when all the locals in Region 4 that represent manufacturers, like John Deere, Case New Holland and the other local Caterpillar facilities discuss what's going on in their facilities.

Just about all of the manufacturers are seeing an increase in orders, which is requiring them to hire more employees. One of the John Deere facilities is starting up a 2nd shift. The common complaint is that most facilities are not seeing or getting qualified applicants. So they are firing as many applicants as they are hiring.

I do not believe all of that, I feel that the companies are not investing in the level of training of these new employees. Not putting the new employee on the shop floor with a more senior employee, to mentor them. Instead they put them next to a person that has only been there 3 or 4 weeks longer than them.

When we took office there was a little over 2400 employees. We are currently sitting over 3300 employees and still see new employees coming in every day.

I'm sure Randy talked about the upcoming bowling tournament on August 4th. I hope to see you all at the Sunset Bowling Alley.

In Solidarity,

Mike Atkinson - Bargaining Chairman



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AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 4th • 9-Pin No Tap
Bowling Tournament

Sunday, August 12th • Executive Board Mtg – 11:30 am
General Council Mtg – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, August 15th • Retiree Chapter
Mtg & Dinner – 11:30 am

Thursday, August 16th • Safety Mtgs – 8:00 am;
12:00 pm; 4:00 pm

Thursday, August 23rd • Steward Mtgs - 8:00 am;
1:00 pm; 4:15 pm

Saturday, August 25th • Labor Day Picnic – 11:00 am
– 1:00 pm

Tuesday, August 28th • Catfish Bend Casino
Bus Trip – 8:00 am

DANCE

Casual dress square dancing is exercise set to music. Beginning dances start soon. For information call 397-4865 & leave a message.

SEPTEMBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 3rd • Local 974 News Article
Deadline (October Newsletter)

Monday, September 3rd • Labor Day – Union Hall Closed
Labor Day Parade–10:00 am

Saturday, September 8th • 19th Annual Flighted
Four-Player Golf Tournament
(Registration 9:00 a.m., Tee-off 10:00 a.m.)

Sunday, September 9th • Executive Board Mtg – 11:30 am
General Council Mtg – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, September 11th • Patriot Day Dinner
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 19th • Retiree Chapter Mtg &
Dinner – 11:30 am

Thursday, September 20th • Safety Mtgs – 8:00 am;
12:00 pm; 4:00 pm

Monday, September 24th • Red Cross Blood Drive
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 25th • Isle of Capri Casino
Bus Trip – 8:00 am

Thursday, September 27th • Steward Mtgs - 8:00 am;
1:00 pm; 4:15 pm

UAW LOCAL 974 SUMMER 9-PIN NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 4, 2018

SUNSET LANES
3000 Court St.
Pekin, IL 61554



5 person teams consisting of *ANY COMBINATION* (Male & Female Bowlers).

There will be ~~One~~ (1) squad at 1:00 p.m.

Teams should check in one-half hour before their squad starts.

The number of teams that qualify for the Step Ladder Tournament based on a 3 game series will be 1 of 7 entries based on qualifying scores.

The teams in the Step Ladder will be seeded after the scores are turned in and the qualifying Step Ladder will begin immediately following.

Squads will be filled on a *First Paid/First Served Basis*.

Cost: \$100.00 for 5 person team.

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... Maybe we should talk

It's important to know –

Medicare has four parts:

- Part A — Hospital Insurance
- Part B — Medical Insurance
- Part C — Medicare Advantage Plans
- Part D — Prescription Drug coverage

When should you sign up?

Most people sign up at age 65, however each person's situation is different

Do you know how you will pay for health care after you retire?

One solution would be to have Medicare and take out a Medicare Supplement (or Medigap) insurance policy. Another option would be to opt out of Medicare and enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan.

Do you have enough information to make an informed decision about your Medicare options?

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DATES

TIMES

August 28 10:00AM & 4:00PM

September 25 10:00AM & 4:00PM

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Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

May

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Jack S. Swibold	R	05/06/18
Nelson E. Slusher	R	05/08/18
Charles A. Franklin Jr.	R	05/10/18
Thomas M. Bellinger	R	05/13/18
Lee A. Bonds	R	05/13/18
Charles M. Pratt	R	05/14/18
Paul F. Elkins	R	05/14/18
Alan R. Hootman	R	05/14/18
George Carroll	R	05/14/18
Roger A. Rentfro	R	05/15/18
David C. Snedden	R	05/18/18
Richard A. Curless	R	05/22/18
David O. Chartier	R	05/23/18
William L. Blair	R	05/23/18
Melvin J. Johnson	R	05/24/18
Richard A. Severns	R	05/24/18
Richard A. Jones	R	05/26/18
Charles L. Wilkerson	R	05/29/18
Joseph Rotholtz Jr.	R	05/30/18
Charlene Jackson	R	05/30/18

June

John W. Breckenridge	A	06/02/18
Roger K. Braman	R	06/03/18
Harry R. Vawter	R	06/05/18
Vince E. French	R	06/06/18
Rudolph C. Arnold	R	06/12/18
William A. Goulding	R	06/15/18
Harold L. Prather	R	06/16/18
Floyd W. Belcher	R	06/21/18
Terry W. Craig	R	06/23/18
Elnora Rickman	R	06/26/18
Alan R. Ward	A	06/27/18
Gerald O. Myers	R	06/27/18
James R. Newton	R	06/28/18

*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 – AUG. 15 & SEPT. 19

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, August 28th – Catfish Bend
Tuesday, Sept. 25th – 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
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David Blumenstock, Trustee
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19th ANNUAL LOCAL 974

FLIGHTED FOUR-PLAYER SCRAMBLE



Saturday, September 8, 2018

*Sponsored by the Local 974
Heather Henninger Scholarship Committee*

Sunset Hills Golf Course, Pekin, Illinois

Shotgun Start (Registration (9 am Tee-off 10 am)

Dinner will follow Tournament

Entry fee for all golfers is \$60.

Entry fee includes golf, cart, prize money for 3 flights, skins game, dinner after golf, and your donation to the scholarship fund.

All foursomes will qualify for prize monies.

Your local union, business, committee, or group can sponsor a hole on the course for \$100.

To schedule foursomes or for more information
Contact Randy Diehl 309-251-3377 or
Bobby Koller 309-229-1754.



UAW LOCAL 974 19th ANNUAL FLIGHTED FOUR-PLAYER SCRAMBLE

Saturday, September 8, 2018

REGISTRATION FORM

Sunset Hills Golf Course
1620 Summit Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Tee-off 10:00 a.m. Dinner will follow tournament.

Union Sponsors	Price	Amount
Foursome Sponsor: Golf and Banquet Dinner for four (4) people, Name on Banner and Name on Course Sign.	\$340.00	
Hole Sponsor: Name on Banner and Name on Course Sign.	\$100.00	
Individual Golfer: Golf and Banquet dinner for one person.	\$60.00	
Dinner (only):	\$15.00	
ENCLOSED: TOTAL		

Golfer Information

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email/Cell: _____

LETTERING REQUESTED ON HOLE SPONSOR SIGN: _____

Golfer #1 _____ Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____ Golfer #4 _____

Please make check payable to UAW Local 974 and mail this form to: UAW Local 974
3025 Springfield Road
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For more information contact: Randy Diehl (309) 251-3377 or Bobby Koller (309) 229-1754

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

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After our parade there will be a
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DAVE STOENS _____ FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2018

I encourage all my union Brothers & Sisters to purchase V-cap raffle tickets and have a chance to win \$10,000. Active individuals as well as retirees will be selling them and if you wish to sell some feel free to pick up in my office or at window. Ticket sales go to support union friendly candidates. You can also sign up for V-cap checkoff if you are an active member. Your donations will be deducted straight from your check and will go to help support Union friendly candidates. You can stop by the union hall to sign up and maybe even pick up a Local 974 tee shirt or hat. If the hall is not convenient for you just call the hall and we will get a form to you.

Dave Stoens, UAW Local 974, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

MAY 2018	
Income	\$ 215,354.09
Expenditures	218,440.85
Excess Of Expense over Income	(3,086.76)
Regular Dues received on:	3,342
Bonus Dues received on:	3,076
Initiation Fees received on:	83
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	100,968.75
CAP Council	5,393.49
CAT Council	4,000.03
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	126.00
Retirees Dues PCT	399.75
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	8.91
TOTAL:	\$ 111,080.93

JUNE 2018	
Income	\$ 199,680.96
Expenditures	212,042.12
Excess of Expense over Income	(12,361.16)
Regular Dues received on:	3,339
Initiation Fees received on:	89
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	112,590.33
CAP Council	6,019.29
CAT Council	4,431.75
Retirees Dues PCT	274.95
Ag Imp Council	130.40
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	14.94
TOTAL:	\$ 123,645.66

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UAW LOCAL 974 • HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION **2018 - 2019**

Name: _____

Address/City/State: _____

Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____ Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

College Name: _____

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Other _____ Class Hours _____

Email address _____

UAW Local 974 Family Member: _____

Badge _____ Applicant's Relationship to 974 Member _____

Address: _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Only one entry per student. It must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 24, 2018

Return to: Dues Office

Local 974 UAW • 3025 Springfield Road • East Peoria IL 61611





HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2018 – 2019

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 2018 through 2019 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 2018 – 2019 college school year.
3. Entrants must submit the Scholarship Fund Application by Friday, August 24, 2018.

A drawing will be held on Sunday, September 9th 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.

Please complete and return the application to the Publicity & Education Office. It must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 24, 2018.

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