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makes UAW Local 974 STRONG!*



*Our labor unions are not narrow self-seeking groups. They have
raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental
benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures,
they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.*

John F. Kennedy

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President _____

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

If you are reading this, you obviously have survived this horrible pandemic that has so affected all of our lives. Sadly, some of our members and retirees didn't survive it. I hope that whoever wants to be vaccinated either has been or will be able to be very soon.

We are still cancelling all meetings and events until further notice, but the hall has been and will be open to service any of our members or retirees needs.

Caterpillar has been hiring in a few of our business units, so let's hope that business will improve, and we can get some new members and convert all of our supplemental members to fulltime.

In Solidarity,
Randy Diehl

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"UNION MEETINGS"

Apr. 11th & May 9th Mtg. -

Cancelled

Executive Board Meeting

General Council Meeting

Apr. 15th & May 20th

No Safety Meetings

Apr. 22nd & May 27th

No Steward Meetings



INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT

JOHN ARNOLD _____

Hello everyone. I hope 2021 is treating you better than 2020 did. As I write this article we have just come out of a deep freeze and are experiencing sun and warmer temperatures. Hopefully when you are reading this we have completely moved out of winter.

I have received A LOT of calls and walk-ins concerning the increase in premiums. I understand the frustration and knew how much this would impact your finances as retirees on fixed incomes. When I got the figures back in late October, I immediately contacted the International Representative and requested that they investigate this rather large 25% increase. That request was put in and is in the process of being done. As of the date I am writing this article the figures we requested from Caterpillar have been turned over to the International UAW who have given them to the Social Security Department for further verification. Once I receive that report I will let you know what the findings were.

If the report comes back that the premiums were calculated incorrectly, I will be requesting that all the over-charged monies be reimbursed back to those effected. At this time, I don't have a timeframe on when the International UAW will get the results back from the Social Security Department.

Some of you are asking about what your options are. I want to make it clear that as of right now your only option is sticking with what you have for the rest of this year. No changes can take place unless you have a "life changing event" occur to you or your spouse. The next chance you have to make any changes to your insurance will be in November during the Annual Enrollment. I hope to have more information about all of this in my next article.

Until next time please be safe and if you have any questions I'm here to help where I can. You can call me at (309) 694-3151 to ask your questions or setup an appointment.

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.**



FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JUDY POULSEN

FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2021

JANUARY 2021		FEBRUARY 2021	
Income	168,603.77	Income	206,128.39
Expenditures	158,999.57	Expenditures	180,292.34
Excess of Income over Expense	9,604.20	Excess of Income over Expense	25,836.05
Regular Dues received on:	2,639	Regular Dues received on:	2,766
Initiation Fees received on:	25	Bonus Dues received on:	2,703
		Initiation Fees received on:	21
PER CAPITA TAXES:		PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	84,760.68	International Union UAW	108,324.00
CAP Council	4,540.18	CAP Council	4,741.08
CAT Council	3,376.55	CAT Council	4,203.34
Retirees Dues PCT	118.95	Retirees Dues PCT	228.15
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	101.84	Ag Imp Council	104.20
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.00	IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.97
TOTAL:	93,087.20	TOTAL:	117,790.74

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Lenses	\$20.00 Co-Pay for standard lenses (once per year)	Single Vision	\$40.00 \$60.00
Additional 25% discount on frames over \$160.00 and lens add-ons!		Line Bifocal	\$65.00 \$90.00
<small>\$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)</small>		Line Trifocal	\$85.00 \$190.00
		PROGRESSIVE LENSES:	
		Basic	\$110.00 \$190.00
		Premium	\$170.00 \$240.00
		Additional 25% discount on other progressives and lens add-ons!	
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UAW LOCAL 974 VETERANS COMMITTEE SPEC. 5

By Gary E. Hall

To all Veterans in Peoria County if you need any assistance please contact the Peoria County Veterans Assistance Commission at (309) 681-2554.



James M. Stewart
May 20, 1908 – July 2, 1997

Here's a little history for our veterans. Did you know while establishing his acting career, Jimmy Maitland Stewart was called by the Draft Board No. 245 and he was turned down because he only weighed 138 lbs. He was 5lbs. short of their goal. He went home and ate all the fattening food he could and the next day he passed his physical and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. While others tried to avoid the draft, he joined and was the first Hollywood star to do so prior to WW II. The movie *It's a Wonderful Life* was one of the first movies he did after the war and he was suffering from PTSD. He tapped into his emotional distress during filming of the movie. You see he felt guilty for the loss of 130 of his men and the people on the ground as a fighter pilot in WWII. James Maitland Stewart was a Reel Real Hero! He kept serving in the Air Force Reserves and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. If you want to find out more read *Jimmy Stewart Bomber Pilot* by Starr Smith.

According to Military Times tens of thousands of Army veterans with other than honorable dismissals will have an easier path to upgrade their discharge status under a new legal settlement announced in November. Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq who were improperly kicked out because of PTSD and other unseen injuries that were undiagnosed. If you need more information, please call (309) 681-2554.

Gary E. Hall, Veterans Chairman

UAW Local 974 Veterans Committee Spec. 5

APRIL 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY (UNION HALL CLOSED)
SUNDAY, APRIL 4th	EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 11th	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – CANCELLED
SUNDAY, APRIL 11th	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – CANCELLED
THURSDAY, APRIL 15th	SAFETY MTNGS – CANCELLED
THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd	STEWARD MTNGS – CANCELLED



MAY 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 3rd	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – (JUNE PAPER)
SUNDAY, MAY 9th	MOTHER'S DAY - (All Meetings Cancelled)
THURSDAY, MAY 20th	SAFETY MTNGS – CANCELLED
THURSDAY, MAY 27th	STEWARD MTNGS – CANCELLED
MONDAY, MAY 31st	MEMORIAL DAY – (UNION HALL CLOSED)





UAW AMALGAMATED LOCAL 974 ELECTION NOTICE

RETIREE'S CHAPTER OFFICER

BY ACCLAMATION, THE NEW RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE
RETIREE'S CHAPTER OF UAW AMALGAMATED LOCAL 974 IS:

PAMELA R. NEWMAN

RETIREES ELECTION COMMITTEE

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Jackie L. Berry	R	01/04/21
Beulah C. Bradley	R	01/04/21
Mark O. Reeder	R	01/05/21
James C. Tate	R	01/05/21
Richard D. Clift	R	01/06/21
Wesley D. Jockish	R	01/08/21
Thomas A. Pitzar	R	01/08/21
Gail D. Whitley Sr.	R	01/08/21
Robert L. Hinderliter	R	01/09/21
John A. Satzler	D	01/10/21
Dave S. Barnett	R	01/12/21
Edward E. Billings	R	01/13/21
James A. Foster Sr.	R	01/13/21
Edward F. Smith Jr.	R	01/13/21
John R. Shryock	R	01/17/21
John P. Ellis	R	01/19/21
Donald F. Chepan	R	01/22/21
Charles R. Garrett	R	01/22/21
Darrell G. Tadlock	R	01/26/21
Carl R. Ulmer	R	01/26/21
David L. Coyle	R	01/26/21
Leonard O. Lingenfelter	R	01/27/21
Jan R. Ing	R	01/29/21

February

David E. Mabis	R	02/01/21
Vernon I. Rummerfield	R	02/04/21
John C. Robertson	R	02/04/21
John E. Morse	R	02/05/21
Dennis F. Putney	R	02/05/21
Gerald E. Haist	R	02/06/21
Edward Ballard	R	02/06/21
Robert D. Sturm	R	02/09/21
Donald D. Price	R	02/10/21
Byron D. Schilling	R	02/12/21
James B. Brown	R	02/14/21
Donald D. Biddison	R	02/16/21
Gene A. King	R	02/16/21
Darwin D. Anderson	R	02/17/21
Gilbert H. Reynolds	R	02/18/21
Gerald A. Nelson	R	02/18/21
Michael W. Silver	R	02/20/21
Gerald R. McCullar	R	02/20/21
David F. Bedwell	D	02/21/21
Beryl B. Hess	R	02/22/21
Emmett M. Meinhold	R	02/24/21
Donald D. Wertz	R	02/24/21
Steven L. Shaw	R	02/26/21
Willis W. Juers	R	02/28/21

*Forever
Remembered*



*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.*

RETIREES CHAPTER 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

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
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BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOBBY KOLLER _____

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

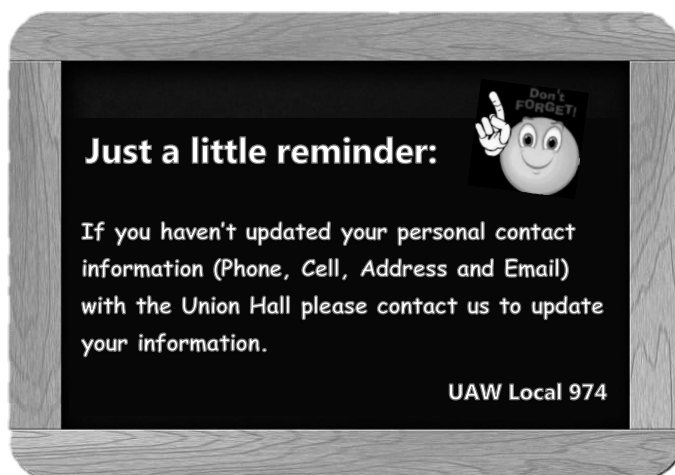
I hope everyone is doing well during these unprecedented times. We are at the one-year anniversary of this pandemic and it appears there may be some light at the end of the tunnel.

A couple of things I want to point out in the report is Y time resets on April 12, 2021. If you are on a leave of absence for medical or other reasons your Y time may be prorated depending on when you punch the clock. As I write this (March 3, 2021) the Senate has not yet passed any additional benefits for COVID-19 relief. This may not be the case when this article is released. If there are benefits that are applicable for our members, the company will communicate those.

Currently there are two (2) letters of understanding in place for COVID-19 benefits. One is for being quarantined and contracting COVID-19. There are 2 banks of 80 hours in this benefit. This benefit began on January 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2021. The latest letter of understanding pertains to getting vaccinated and receiving one (1) hour pay along with being excused to receive getting a vaccine shot. This benefit began on February 8, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2021.

We have a lot going on these days and everyone had different circumstances so please don't hesitate to call me at the Union Hall with any questions you may have at (309) 694-3151.

In Solidarity, Bobby Koller / Bargaining Chairman



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Please check: Supplemental _____ Competitive Wage _____ Full Time _____

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