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



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## FYI:

**Due to the rise in COVID-19 & Omicron cases all Executive, General, Steward and Safety Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.**

**Retiree Dinners and Bus Trips have also been cancelled.**

**Thanks for your cooperation,**



**UAW Local 974**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President \_\_\_\_\_

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

We are up to approximately 3,300 UAW members in Local 974 at the end of the year. We have 770 UAW members in Mapleton, 746 in "Morton, 644 in Prime Products, 620 in KK, 265 in Undercarriage, 148 at the Tech Center and 70 members in our Amalgamated units. This is a 500 to 600-member increase for the year. Caterpillar is still attempting to hire more people in most of our business units.

Our current contract expires on March 1, 2023, so one year from now we will be attempting to negotiate a new labor agreement with Caterpillar. Let's hope that the business upturn stays like it is now so we will be in a better negotiating position and be able to bring back an excellent tentative agreement to our membership to vote on. Please try to save some money in case Caterpillar offers an unacceptable contract and forces us to go on strike.

COVID 19 numbers are going crazy, so I have temporarily canceled all meetings and events until this "wave" passes and allows us to get back to more normal lives. Please be safe.

In Solidarity,  
Randy Diehl



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Andrea Cantrall

# INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT – February 2022

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

Happy New Year everyone! As I write this 2021 is coming to a close and it seems like this pandemic doesn't want to end. My hope for 2022 is at some point this year we are able to move away from the mandates and get back to some normalcy.

Retirees if you didn't notice already your 2022 premiums started coming out of the January pension. This is a change from the last 15 years. The new year's premium would always start from February, but Caterpillar/Alight has changed that policy.

In January, the No Surprises Act went into effect. I myself am still trying to fully understand the intricacies of this. This Act is good for consumers, but you must be careful when going to the hospital or doctor offices. Everybody knows when you go there, they always have you sign a bunch of papers that they say don't mean much. But going forward you need to make sure you are not signing or initialing the waiving of "balance billing protection." If you waive that protection and something or someone is out-of-network, you will be responsible for those charges.

If I learn more or if anything changes, I will let you know. In the meantime, be safe and let's all have a good 2022.

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.*



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JUDY POULSEN \_\_\_\_\_ FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

NOVEMBER 2021		DECEMBER 2021	
Income	206,832.72	Income	197,390.83
Expenditures	186,816.86	Expenditures	179,098.01
Excess of Income over Expense	20,015.86	Excess of Income over Expense	18,292.82
Regular Dues received on:	2,933	Regular Dues received on:	2,932
Bonus Dues received on:	2,826	Initiation Fees received on:	102
Initiation Fees received on:	141		
<b>PER CAPITA TAXES:</b>		<b>PER CAPITA TAXES:</b>	
International Union UAW	99,734.35	International Union UAW	99,944.27
CAP Council	4,893.72	CAP Council	5,792.85
CAT Council	3,931.62	CAT Council	4,017.03
Retirees Dues PCT	212.55	Retirees Dues PCT	142.35
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	109.24	Ag Imp Council	115.80
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.00	IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	6.86
TOTAL:	109,070.48	TOTAL:	110,203.16

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Contact Lens Exam	\$60.00 Co-Pay (per year)	Frame	\$34.00      up to \$79.00
Frame Benefit	\$160.00 allowance (per 2 yrs)	Designer Frames	30% OFF RETAIL      FULL RETAIL
Contact Lenses	\$140.00 allowance (per year) instead of glasses	<b>LENSES:</b>	
Lenses	\$20.00 Co-Pay for standard lenses (once per year)	Single Vision	\$40.00      \$60.00
<b>Additional 25% discount on frames over \$160.00 and lens add-ons!</b> <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 Bifocal	\$65.00      \$90.00
		Line Trifocal	\$85.00      \$190.00
		<b>PROGRESSIVE LENSES:</b>	
		Basic	\$110.00      \$190.00
		Premium	\$170.00      \$240.00
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<b>VSP Insurance covers routine optometric visits only. Medical visits are covered under the member's health insurance and/or Medicare.</b>			
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## FEBRUARY 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>*

***SUPER BOWL***

*Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – CANCELLED**

*Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>*

**GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – CANCELLED**

*Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>*

***VALENTINE'S DAY***

*Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

***ISLE OF CAPRI BUS TRIP – CANCELLED***



Update: 1/29/22  
Downdate: 3/01/22

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## MARCH 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Newsletter Deadline – (April Paper)*

*Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>*

*EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – CANCELLED*

*Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>*

*GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – CANCELLED*

*Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Patrick's Day – (Don't forget your Green)*



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



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Update: 2/14/22  
Downdate: 4/01/22

## Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

### November

Danny L. Ramsey	R	11/01/21
John M. Boland	R	11/01/21
D. Bruce Thomburg	R	11/02/21
Harold M. Derry Jr.	R	11/02/21
Dean M. Trent	R	11/07/21
Ray W. Hibbard	A	11/14/21
James R. Sluga	R	11/16/21
Richard K. Schultz	R	11/18/21
Bobby N. Cagle	R	11/18/21
Eddie Proctor Jr.	R	11/21/21
Charles E. Heil	R	11/24/21
Robert W. Baugh	A	11/25/21
Clyde R. Crumley	R	11/26/21
Steven L. Golden	R	11/27/21
Francis J. Greenway	R	11/28/21
Daniel J. Turner	R	11/30/21

### December

Margie M. Deal	R	12/01/21
Joe A. Purtle	R	12/02/21
Larry L. Bush	R	12/03/21
Sandra L. Lane	R	12/07/21
Robert E. Coltrin	R	12/07/21
Donald L. Hrabak	R	12/09/21
Eugene S. Whitmore	R	12/12/21
William F. Jackson Jr.	R	12/12/21
Joseph D. Crandell	R	12/13/21
Richard E. Mangold	R	12/13/21
Clifford W. Stamm Jr.	R	12/16/21
Roger L. Sullivan	R	12/16/21
David A. Morse Sr.	R	12/16/21
Lawrence D. Klausing	R	12/17/21
Paul D. Bigger	R	12/17/21
Larry G. Miller	R	12/18/21
Malvern Lamon	R	12/18/21
Phillip M. Wood	R	12/20/21
Steve J. Mocilan Sr.	R	12/21/21
Clifford R. Durst	R	12/21/21
Gerald L. Hattan	R	12/22/21
Garry L. Fister Sr.	R	12/23/21
Patricia A. Stump	R	12/24/21
DeAngelo C. Dailey	A	12/25/21
Timothy L. Danner	R	12/27/21
Daniel T. Grillot	R	12/28/21
Russel G. Forbis	R	12/28/21
Olin W. Lundy	R	12/28/21
Justin R. Davis	A	12/31/21
William L. Andrews	R	12/31/21

*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



*February – Isle of Capri (Cancelled)*

*March – Catfish Bend (Cancelled)*

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,

2022 is here. As 2021 flew by, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

Currently we have eight issue grievances on the docket, and one just cause grievance. We have a docket meeting with the company on January 10, 2022, for East Peoria to discuss and attempt to resolve the issue grievances.

Covid 19 seems to be the main talk for the last 2 years. Just when we believe an end is near another strain pops up and now that Omicron is here it has dominated and hopefully this strain and future strains will become weaker and weaker.

On December 23, 2021, Scott Adams reported to work at Caterpillar Mapleton Business Unit. Scott was a member of IBEW Local 34 and was performing contract work at Mapleton facility when he lost his life to a tragic accident. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Scott during these difficult times. We ask all workers to be careful as there can be danger around every corner. The only real goal is to return home from work the same way you left.

We have recently had three deaths from Covid 19 in the Mapleton Business Unit. First one was on December 25, 2021, and two others a couple of days later. One Covid death was reported out of NN also. We are just getting this information as I write this report, so please keep these brother's families and friends in your prayers.

To wrap up this report please be careful and don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions at (309) 694-3151.

In Solidarity,

Bobby Koller  
Bargaining Chairman



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