



UAW Local 774 President's Report



Wednesday February 10, 2021

Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of myself and the other Executive Board members that were out on Covid-19 quarantine I want to say thank you for your prayers, well wishes, thoughts and support. As we continue to collectively experience a change in our daily routines that is impacting so many of us in so many different ways, let us remember to thank all of our nurses, physicians, healthcare workers and support staff who are risking their own health to care for the most vulnerable among us. They truly deserve our thanks and our support. Please continue to properly wear your face masks, PPE and wash your hands frequently. Stay positive stay safe and hang in there, better times are ahead.

GM Profits/Profit Sharing - 2020 - Today, General Motors, along with Terry Dittes, Vice President and Director of the UAW General Motors Department, announced GM's profits for 2020 for North America to be \$9.1 billion for the year. In accordance with the terms of the 2019 UAW-GM National Agreement, each eligible member will receive up to a \$9,000 payout for 2020 Profit Sharing. These contractual payments will be made on Friday, February 26, 2021. During a pandemic filled year, our membership performed beyond all expectations. It is our members' craftsmanship that made this profit possible as they produce the finest vehicles in the world, right here in the U.S.A.

New York State Unemployment Tax Forms - 1099 Forms for calendar year 2020 unemployment are now available on www.labor.ny.gov by logging into your account. If you don't have an online account, you must call 1-888-209-8124. **NYS will not be mailing these out automatically.** Subpay is included in your regular W2 from GM.

Variety Club Kids Telethon Gate Collection - Telethon 2021 will take place on Saturday, February 27th & Sunday, February 28th. The Variety Kids Telethon, now in its 59th year, is the nation's longest-running. There will be a plant gate collection on Friday, February 19th. **Volunteers for Telephone Operators are needed for Sunday February 28th. from 10AM - 1PM. If interested, contact me ASAP at the Union Hall - 716-873-4715 extension 12.**

1st ANNUAL UAW LOCAL 774 GOLF TOURNAMENT - We are having our 1st annual Golf Tournament on June 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m. at Chestnut Hill golf course. You must have 1 active or retiree in your foursome. It is \$85.00 a person, must pay at sign up. Forms are at the union hall. All proceeds go towards our first annual Scholarship Program. Applications are available at the Union Hall. Contact Ted Maldonado at tmaldonado@uaw774.com for more info.

UAW Legal Services - NEW address, effective October 19, 2020, 10535 Main Street, Clarence, New York 14031, PH #: (716) 632-1644. **Remember, you must first Call 1-800-482-7700 to request legal services.**

Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP) - Under the 2019 UAW-GM National Agreement, permanent active employees are eligible for a TAP benefit of up to \$5000 per calendar year to take courses at various colleges across the country. You can read more about it in our contract on pages 235-239 or stop up and see Karen McCoy in the Suggestion office, Plant 1 or call 716-879-5071.

Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Certificate (STARC) - Currently the TAP plan is also covering the UAW-GM Apprenticeship Program (STARC) courses through Penn Foster. These courses are done via online learning. For more about this program, you can reference the 2019 UAW-GM National Agreement Doc. #62 pages 452-454. If you need more information about this program please contact Keith Raffel in the Apprentice Office, Plant 1 or call 716-879-5003.

UAW-GM Seniority Employees STARC Application Path:

- Employees apply for their TAP voucher through EdAssist. Link to EdAssist: <https://UAWGM.EdAssist.com>
- Employees print and sign their TAP voucher. Employees complete an online application at www.pennfoster.edu/partners/GMUAW and attach a copy of the signed TAP voucher.
- Once approved, learner will receive an email confirming enrollment and next steps.
- Day the semester starts (first Monday of each month) learner receives student ID needed for logging into student platform.

United Way Meat Raffle - Thank you so much for your support of the meat raffle benefiting United Way! It was an awesome event. 215 tickets were sold and a total of \$13,480 was raised. All of the dollars stay local in Erie County. The dollars raised by the event are going to our “Join the Fight” campaign. All dollars raised are being matched by Independent Health \$1 for \$1, so know that your ticket purchase has provided double the impact in our community! All winners have been notified via email.



“Black History Month” is celebrated every February in the United States and Canada. The idea for a way to celebrate African-American achievements started in 1915 by historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African-American figures of his day. Beginning as “Black History Week” in 1926, it was slated for the second week of February because of the symbolism in that it was the same week of the birthdays of former President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Both abolitionist were instrumental in the fight to end slavery. Thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement, in the late 1960s it was expanded to encompass the entire month of February. Also known as “African-American History Month”, every year we recognize the significant achievements made by the African-American community in all aspects of society.

In Solidarity,

/s/ Wence Valentin III, President, UAW Local 774

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