



UAW Local 774 President's Report

President Wence Valentin III



Friday December 3, 2021

Upcoming Membership Meeting

The next UAW Local 774 Membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday December 12, 2021 at 10:00am. Membership meetings take place in the upper and/or lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207.

*All dates are subject to change

UAW/GM Legal Services Plan

This Benefit was first bargained for you by your Union in the 2015 FCA, Ford, and GM national negotiations, and improved in 2019 bargaining as to eligibility and coverage.

Eligible active or retired members and their spouses of UAW, GM, Ford, and Stellantis, can use this benefit for the following: wills, trusts, powers of attorney, deeds, uncontested family matters, residential real estate matters, credit reporting problems, consumer contracts, legal advice for traffic matters, Social Security disability matters, Medicare, Medicaid, and other questions.

The benefit also offers low-cost referrals to private attorneys who have a contract with the Legal Services Plan to represent eligible members.

To use your benefit, call Legal Services Plan at 1-800-482-7700 or by email clientcomments@uawlsp.com. A case specialist will verify your eligibility, explain the coverage available for your matter, and refer you to an attorney.

Legal Services Plan new address

10535 Main Street
Suite 200
Clarence, NY 14031

2021 Quality Performance Bonus Payment

In accordance with the 2019 UAW/GM National Agreement, Document No. 11 pp. 331-332, all eligible employees in the General Motors unit will receive a \$500 Quality Bonus payable on December 12, 2021.

Solidarity Magazine

Every issue of Solidarity magazine has been converted to an electronic version that is now posted on uaw.org. It contains the same stories that are in the printed version. What's more, the electronic version is usually available two weeks before the printed version lands in your mailbox. It also has links to videos and additional content.

We understand that some members still like to have an actual hard copy of the magazine to read. To continue to receive one, you can opt-in by filling out a simple form that is available at the UAW Local 774 Union hall, 2939 Niagara Street Buffalo, New York 14207 (716) 873-4715.

Veterans Committee Update

On behalf of the Veterans Committee we would like to say thank you to everyone that donated during our annual Veterans Gate Collection. We raised a total of \$3,102.14 and will use the funds raised to assist local veterans.

We are currently accepting orders for the veterans t-shirts. The cost is \$20.00 for S - 4XL. Please return completed order forms and payment to the local Union Hall or any Veterans committee member by **Friday December 10, 2021.**



Ted Maldonado, Chairperson – UAW Local 774 Veterans Committee

Benefit Update – Know your Coverage

Make sure you are using In Network Providers

- Medical - Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Dental - Delta Dental
- Vision - Davis Vision
- Mental Health - Beacon Health
- Physical Therapy - Blue Cross Blue Shield (Starting January 1, 2022)
- Hearing - Audio Net
- Prescription - CVS/Caremark

If you are 65 years old or older and have time with American Axle or Delphi/PBGC reach out to your Benefit Representative about starting your pension benefits.

Tim McInnis, 716-873-4715 ext. 13
Jose Colon Jr, 716-873-4715 ext. 17

UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2021 UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship. We are especially proud of the New York State winner, Victoria Chilcott, daughter of UAW Local 774 member Eric Chilcott. Additionally, Jake Lombardo is the winner from New Jersey and Nicholas Demjan Jr. is the winner from Pennsylvania.

Safety Shoe Allowance

For eligible members in the General Motors unit, your \$75.00 safety shoe allowance has to be used by the end of the year or you will lose it. The allowance can be used with the Saf-Gard Safety Shoemobile or at the Saf-Gard Safety Shoe store located at 1625 Walden Avenue Cheektowaga, NY 716-895-3646. The store hours are 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday and Saturdays, 9am – 1pm.

2021 UAW Referendum Vote

Under the direction of the Court-appointed Monitor, UAW members voting in the Referendum opted to change to the direct election method of electing all International Executive Board members.

With just under 14% of total active and retired membership participating in the vote, as of December 2, 2021, 2pm ET, the vote count is complete. In Total, 143,044 returned ballot packages were received, and 140,586 valid votes were counted. Out of those 140,586 votes, 50,971 members voted for the delegate voting system (36.3%) and 89,615 members voted for the direct voting system (63.7%).

UAW Local 774 members voted as follows:

- 380 members voted for the delegate voting system.
- 704 members voted for the direct voting system.

While the Court will need to provide final approval for the results of the Referendum, the International Executive Board will begin the process of working in unity with members, local unions and the Monitor in drafting the Constitutional changes, and implementing policies under this new method of direct election of officers and regional directors. Ultimately, all modifications to the UAW Constitution will be adopted by the delegates to the 38th UAW Constitutional Convention to be held July 25-28, 2022.

For more information and/or to view the entire 2021 UAW Referendum Interim Rules and FAQ visit uawmonitor.com

BJ's Wholesale Club (offer valid until 12/31/2021)

Discount membership applications are available at the Union hall during regular business hours (8am-4pm). New basic membership - \$25 plus tax = \$27.00, 12 months, 2 cards. New Rewards membership - \$50 plus tax = \$54.00, 12 months, 2 cards.

Basic renewal - \$55 plus tax = \$59.40, 12 months, 2 cards, receive \$20 rewards at register on next visit at club (\$20 off next purchase). Rewards renewal - \$110 plus tax = \$118.80, 12 months, 2 cards, receive \$30 rewards at register on next visit at club (\$30 off next purchase) Note - Rewards are available 48 hours after date of renewal at checkout. Rewards are only valid for 45 days.

Important Upcoming Dates and Events

- Sunday December 5, 2021 – Kids Christmas Roller Skating Party: Rainbow Roller Rink, 5pm – 7pm
- Tuesday December 7, 2021 – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Saturday December 11, 2021 – Defensive Driving Course, contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896
- Sunday December 12, 2021 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00am
- Monday December 13, 2021 – Saf-Gard Safety Shoemobile: Plant 5, 6:00am – 9:00am
- Tuesday December 14, 2021 – Saf-Gard Safety Shoemobile: Plant 1– R13, 6:00am – 4:00pm
- Sunday December 19, 2021 – Retiree Christmas Party, Grapevine Banquets 333 Dick Rd. Depew, NY 14043
- Friday December 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve
- Saturday December 25, 2021 – Christmas Day
- Sunday December 26, 2021 – Kwanzaa Begins
- Monday December 27, 2021 – Friday December 31, 2021: Christmas Holiday Period
- Friday December 30, 2021 – New Year's Eve
- Saturday January 1, 2022 – New Year's Day
- Thursday January 6, 2022 – Three Kings Day
- Sunday January 9, 2022 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00am
- Monday January 17, 2022 – Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Union Hall Holiday Hours

Please be advised that the UAW Local 774 union hall will be closed from Friday December 24, 2021 – Friday December 31, 2021. We will reopen Monday January 3, 2022 at 8:00am.

Happy Holidays from Your UAW Local 774 Executive Board

On behalf of the Executive Board, we would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We ask you to stay diligent with your PPE to protect you, your family, friends, and colleagues. Stay safe, stay healthy, and above all stay positive.



In Solidarity,

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

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