



# LOCAL 211 NEWS

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November 2021

## TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 17TH







## President's Report

By Keith Boecker

The GM unit had four retire on November 1st; Paul Grant, Cheryl McBey, Norman McClure and Elizabeth Robinson, there were two that retired as of September 1st; Michael Kemper & Robert Young, as of October 1st GM unit had four retire, Johnny Carr, Gregory Gibson, Stacy Hughes and Brian Shafer. I would like to thank you for all your years of service and I hope you have a very happy and healthy retirement.

Terry Dittes, our UAW Vice President, gave information out at the UAW/GM Council meetings held on September 28-30th; there are 28,848 active UAW members at GM and at the date of the council meetings there were 9061 on layoff and 3902 on some type of leave. There are 5962 UAW Journey person with 68% eligible to retire. There are 408 apprentices at GM facilities. Terry Dittes stated over 400 temporary workers have been converted to full time since the 2019 agreement.

Frank Stuglin, our International Financial Secretary, stated in December of 2020 our strike fund balance was 790 million dollars and it projected with no major strikes we would reach 850 million in the second half of 2022 and at that time our dues will revert back to two hours dues. If after that point it falls below 650 million our dues will go back to 2.5 hours dues per month.

It was also relayed as a reminder if people have life changing events such as marriage, divorce or deaths to remember to update your beneficiaries. Each year individuals realize their beneficiaries are not who they intended after these events.

We heard Subcouncil reports from all Locals attending these meetings and speaking with other UAW locations everyone is dealing with the same issues as our location with not enough production and skilled workers and that General Motors is wanting to outsource work. I want to thank our local for allowing the GM Shop Committee and myself to attend these important Subcouncil meetings.

In December we will be taking nominations for the Guide, nominations will take place at the December 1st GM membership meetings, anyone from our units can contact the UAW office or anyone from the Executive Board to nominate a member. This is open to all active and retired members. We will update the membership when the election will be held. Please check the local union's website for any further information regarding this election at

uawlocal211.com.

The Defiance team is still looking for Production workers to join them on a temporary full-time basis. To apply go to the following website: [https://generalmotors.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/Careers\\_GM/job/Defiance-Ohio-United-States-of-America/Production-Worker--Defiance--OH\\_JR-000035029](https://generalmotors.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/Careers_GM/job/Defiance-Ohio-United-States-of-America/Production-Worker--Defiance--OH_JR-000035029)

Lights Before Christmas Zoo tickets are now available; please call or stop out to the UAW Hall during regular business hours to purchase your tickets. This is good from November 20th through December 31st. Cost of tickets are; Adults ages 12-59 \$14.00, Children Ages 2-11 are \$11.00 and seniors ages 60 and over are \$11.00.

The Recreation Committee is hosting a Kids Christmas Party on Sunday December 5, 2021 at the UAW Hall from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. This will be a little different than our past Christmas Party, it will be a cruise through with Santa, candy will be handed out and children are still eligible to receive prizes. Due to Covid the Recreation Committee thought this would be the safest way for our children and grandchildren to still have a chance to see Santa.

Charlie Chatham Scholarships are now available from your unit chairperson or you may get one from the Local 211, UAW Hall. These applications must be received at the UAW Hall no later than Friday January 14, 2022.

CSP unit from Van Wert took nominations for their Second Shift steward, no election was necessary due to the fact only one candidate accepted the nomination. I would like to congratulate Chandler Conley, I look forward to working with you as part of the bargaining committee for CSP.

Midwest Community Federal Credit Union has ratified their local contract. I want to thank the bargaining committee for all their hard work to get this completed so quickly.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate David Spears as the new Chairman for the DFM unit. David has been involved in the union for many years and is a dedicated UAW member. Please congratulate David when you see him on the floor.

I would also like to thank John Hagerty and Walt Cooper for filling in as grounds keepers while our grounds keeper has been absent. Your work has not gone unnoticed and we appreciate all that you have done for the Local.

The UAW Park is now closed for the winter months. As we all know there has been a spike in Covid



cases so please check for future updates or cancellations on our website at [uawlocal211.com](http://uawlocal211.com)

We have recently raised the damage deposit for both of our halls due to damage that has happened in the past and the Trustees have decided that we need to do this so that we can keep our buildings and the property in good order. Please if renting the facilities keep them in good order and follow the house rules.

Now more than ever if you are looking to purchase a new GM vehicle you must look at the VIN number to make sure it starts with a 1, 4 or 5 to know it is produced in the USA by hard working UAW members.

Please check our local union's website, [www.uawlocal211.com](http://www.uawlocal211.com), for voting instructions and information on the 2021 Referendum on how the International Executive Board members are elected. If you have any questions please call the UAW Hall at 419-784-5399.

***Our sympathy for your loss...  
To our bereaved members and their  
families, we offer our sincere  
condolences for the loss of their  
loved ones. We extend our sincere  
sympathy to the families of:***

Edward Pilger – Retired 7/04

Beverly Minck – Retired 3/93

George Casiano – Retired 3/2000

James Potter – Retired 1/18

Victoria Peralez – Retired 3/95

James Gerken – Retired 9/06

Donald Mesker – Retired 8/97

Donna Green – Retired 3/88

Lois Rau – Retired 10/78

Ulice Manley – Retired 1/80

David Randall – Retired 11/94

Rebecca Corwin – Retired 4/92

James A. Smith – Retired 3/93

Robert Baldwin – Retired 1/01

Harry Pfeifer – Retired 1/96



## Retirees Report

By Ivan Burgei, Recording Sec

It's has been a wonderful summer and fall providing all the problems we had with the Covid shutdowns and delays. We had meeting and gathering outside in the park with some of the best food catered by Fat Pig of Hicksville. Hopefully the worst is over.

At our last retiree meeting Joe Eureste, our Benefits Rep., gave us positive information on our health insurance Co-pay coming in January. If you did not make it to the meeting we should have more copies at the hall.

October meeting was a little different. We had an Oktoberfest raffle give away. There were 96 wrapped gifts with the winning tickets holder having their choice to pick any gifts. 19 of the gifts had a gift certificate in them as well with the gift. These certificates ranged from \$10, \$25 to \$50 a total of \$500. These gifts were donated by all the officers and spouse. All the wrapping paper was supplied by Nylice Thomas who also helped us wrap the day before. Lisa Burgei and Denny Harr sold tickets and Sheri Fleming made the signs. Peggy Sponsler and Lydia Fleming helped with the ticket drawing and verified the winner. Without your help this even would not have been possible. Thank you very much. It was fun and we hope to do this again sometime.

We had two new retirees attend this month, Carol Miller and Tom Webb. Please welcome them to our group.

Paul Punches won the 50/50 drawing.

October 17th we had a trunk or treat at the UAW park. Although attendance was weak, all the kids had a great time.

Remember the park will be closing for the winter on October 27th.

We hope to have a Christmas dinner again this year in December if allowed. Keep checking [www.uawlocal211.com](http://www.uawlocal211.com) for further information.

Let's all have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hope to see you next month.





# TRUNK OR TREAT continued...







# FISHING DERBY SEPTEMBER 12TH







## Women's Committee

### By Sheri Baker, Financial Sec

Hello to my fellow UAW brothers and sisters at Local 211! I would like to thank you for sending me to the Region 2B UAW Leadership and Advisory Council Meeting in

Columbus OH.

I attended the Women's Committee Advisory Council meeting on behalf of our local Women's Committee. During the meeting we introduce ourselves and tell some things that our Women's Committee has done. This portion is called the brag and steal. When we hear an idea or event that another committee has, it is encouraged for us to borrow it. There were several ideas that I wrote down and am sharing with our committee.

October was breast cancer awareness month. If you haven't gotten your yearly mammogram, please do!! The earlier the better. Please remind all the women in your life. Women are not the only ones that get breast cancer. About 2,650 men a year are diagnosed with breast cancer.

Our Women's Committee is currently in the planning stages for a Quarter Auction on April 9, 2022. The auction will be held at the hall with tickets available to purchase in the future. We will be looking for items to auction off. If you have something you wish to donate or know someone you think we should ask for a donation, let us know. We also purchase items for the auction, so give us those small business names!

In December we will be visiting the local area nursing homes. If you have any hotel size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. we will gladly take them off your hands. Anytime you stay at a hotel, grab those items and drop them at the hall for us.

Look for future events from your Women's Committee.



## NOTICE

### LOCAL 211, UAW

TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR LOCAL 211 EXECUTIVE POSITION OF GUIDE AND SETTING DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE ELECTION WILL BE DONE ON DECEMBER 1, 2021 AT THE GM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE A MEMBER FROM YOUR UNIT PLEASE CONTACT LISA AT THE UAW HALL AT 419-784-5399

OR ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS BY 3:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2021.

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED LOCAL 211, UAW MEMBERS

#### LIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS AT THE TOLEDO ZOO



#### GOOD FOR THE WEEKS OF NOVEMBER 20th

THROUGH DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

ADULTS AGES 12-59: \$14.00

CHILDREN AGES 2-11: \$11.00

SENIORS AGES 60 AND OVER \$11.00

150 ADULT ADMISSION TICKETS AVAILABLE

100 CHILDREN AND SENIOR TICKETS AVAILABLE.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

CONTACT LISA AT THE UAW HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.



**\*FOR GM EMPLOYEES**

### Attention

## **Pre-Retirement Informational Meeting(s)**

**Location: UAW, Local 211 Hall, 2120 Baltimore St., Defiance.**

Schedule:

Monday, November 22, 2021

Meetings

7:30am

12:45pm

3:45pm

### Need to Pre-Register to attend.

Who can attend? A spouse, friend, or significant other are welcome to attend with you. If a spouse is not able to attend with you, because of work schedule or other; they are welcome to attend any other meeting; but need to Pre-Register.

### What will I learn if I attend?

**\*\*You will receive a pre-estimate pension calculation.**

**\*\*You will receive information on how your health care insurance information will change once you retire.**

**\*\*What are my retirement Trust insurance coverage(s): Major medical insurance-premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, Express scripts, Delta dental, Davis vision and TruHearing**

**\*\*How does insurance coverage change once I turn age 65 and become eligible for:**

Medicare Part A and Part B.

**\*\*What if my spouse is younger or older how does the insurance coverage affect age difference?**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ GMIN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting: \_\_\_7:30am, \_\_\_12:45PM, \_\_\_3:45PM. (Please mark your choice)

What date do you want an estimate for retirement? \_\_\_\_\_

(If no date, pension estimate will be for 1/1/2022 or when eligible to retire.)

Will someone be accompanying you to this meeting? \_\_\_Yes. \_\_\_No.

(Return bottom information to Joe Eureste in the Benefit Office.

Or, call Benefit Office to register 419-784-7750. You can leave a voicemail. If you want a confirmation, please leave a cell phone and I will text you.

**\*RETURN TO JOE EURESTE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**



It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,  
who has given us the right to vote.

## **VETERANS DAY**

We would like to take  
this time to thank our  
veterans for their  
service and sacrifice.  
We salute you!

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**UAW Local 211 Unit Meetings**  
Please confirm exact dates and times.

**General Motors**

Active, Wednesday, December 1 (UAW Hall)

Retiree, Thursday, December 2 (UAW Hall)

**Herbert E. Orr**

Tuesday, November 2 (Paulding Fire House)

**Midwest Community FCU**

Wednesday, December 1 (UAW Hall)

**Sims Metal Management**

No Meetings Scheduled (UAW Hall)

**Johns Manville**

Tuesday, November 2 (UAW Hall)

**Powers & Sons** Wednesday, December 8 (Drop Time Winery & Tap House)

**DFM** Monday, November 8 (UAW Hall)

**CSP** Monday, December 13 (USW Hall, Van Wert)

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