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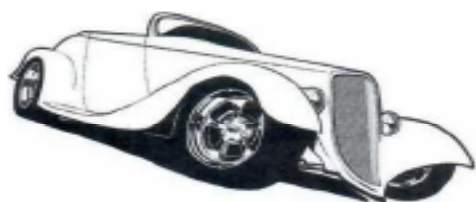


Our success is attributed to the rank and file—the working men and women—of our local union!

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

UAW LOCAL 211

75th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1948 to 2023

DOOR PRIZES

50/50 DRAWING

FOOD

MUSIC

CRUISE IN CAR SHOW

FELLOWSHIP



Come enjoy a day of fellowship with retired and active Local 211 members.

This event is not open to the public.

Bring your classic, muscle, antique or street rods to the cruise in.

Location - 2120 Baltimore Street, Defiance

11:30 am to 4:30 pm

Questions about this special event

**Call the union hall at 419-784-5399 Tuesday thru Friday
or contact Steering Committee members**

Lisa Crossland, Sheri Baker, or Ted Fleming



President's Report

By Larry Cooper

Greetings Retirees and all members of Local 211. GM Unit had three retirements, Joe Blosser, Christopher Pessefall and Steven Strine. Our Credit Union unit had one retire in July, Karen Donaldson with 20 years of service.

Congratulations, I hope you have a happy and healthy retirement.

Please keep a look out on our communications boards in Plant 1 and Plant 2 for any upcoming recreation events. The Recreation Committee is selling T-shirts, hats, and hoodies. Information is posted on these boards; if you have any questions please contact the UAW Hall or see Lisa Crossland for any further information. The sales of these items will go into the Recreation Committee fund for further events to be held.

I attended a virtual meeting with the International President, the Regional Director and other Local Union Presidents. The Region is going to be moving their office. When I get the exact address and date, I will inform the membership. Most of our conferences are held at Black Lake. These are getting extremely pricey for most of the local unions so they are going to try to hold more conferences at the Region to try and make it more budget friendly.

Dave Green informed us that there are at least 60 contracts to be negotiated this year.

The Clarios strike cost 1.5 million dollars. Thank you to everyone who donated to this strike.

On August 16th, myself, Financial Secretary and Chairperson of the Community Service will be attending a Strike Assistance Conference in Detroit.

On August 14th, I will be attending Teijin Automotive membership meetings along with a tour of the plant with their Regional Rep, Jason Barlow and Chairperson Chuck Danylchuk to discuss Health and Safety Issues at their facility.

I would like to thank the membership for your continued support for the Gosser Scholarship Program; this program has benefited a lot of our member's children.

I would like to thank the Executive Board members for their continued support and their willingness to work together for our union.

I would also like to thank the Trustee's for their hard work so far, they have volunteered many hours on their own time and it is greatly appreciated.

David Spears, Chairman of DFM, has volunteered his own time to come out and clean and power-wash the park restrooms and to help our Trustees with patching up the parking lot. We appreciate the hard work. If anyone sees Dave please thank him, he came out here on his vacation days and volunteered his time. Thank you!

We would also like to thank Sheri Baker for coming here and training the newly elected Financial Secretary; your dedication to the union will not be unnoticed.

I would also like to remind our members that the 75th Anniversary Open House is going to be held on Sunday September 10th, please come out and join in the festivities. We have a committee who is working very hard to make this happen, thank you Lisa Crossland, Sheri Baker and Ted Fleming.



Retirees Report

By Ivan Burgei, Recording Sec

There comes a time in a person's life when nothing means more than the happiness of our young ones. This is why we find it so important to have Grandparent/Grandkids Day on a beautiful summer day.

These Grandchildren have told us that they look forward to this event and cannot wait until next year.

Just look at these pictures and the kids faces. This is what makes life so precious and memorable. This is our future generation.

What the kids enjoyed was the pony rides, snow cones, jumping rides, face painting and the bicycles we gave away. By the way, the winners of the bikes were Garret Burns, Grandson of John Yeutter and Reagan Heck, Granddaughter of Charlie Conley.

The carriage ride and the balloon clown was also a success.

Defiance City Fire Department showed us one of their fire trucks; it is always a pleasure to have our public servers here.

We served Ball Park all beef hotdogs, with your choice of chili sauce, onions, pickle relish, mustard and ketchup. You also got potato chips and brownies.

It takes a lot of work to put this event on, so we would like to thank all the helpers who went above and beyond to make this day so wonderful for our grandkids. I'll ask you again to see all the happy faces on these pictures; just plain priceless.



**GRANDPARENT
& GRANDKIDS
DAY 2023**





UAW Core Values

By Sheri Baker



As we move closer towards negotiations, it is important that we take the time to educate ourselves. Each of these bullet points has a meaningful purpose.

Our Core Values are outlined in the UAW Constitution. Article (Objects), Section 1, "To improve working conditions, create a uniform system of shorter hours, higher wages, health care and pensions; to maintain and protect the interests of workers under the jurisdiction of this International Union."

The Constitution also says that ALL are equal. Article 2 (Objects), Section 2: "To unite in one organization, regardless of religion, race, creed, color, sex, political affiliation or nationality, age, disability, marital status or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, all employees under the jurisdiction of this International Union."

We fight for everyone; not just ourselves. The UAW Constitution, Preamble states "All men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men and women, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.' Within the orderly processes of such government lies the hope of the worker in justice." Workers in our communities gain from our contracts.

"To engage in legislative, political, educational, civic, welfare and other activities which further, directly or indirectly, the joint interest of the membership of this organization in the improvement of general economic and social conditions in the United States of America, Canada, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and generally in the nations of the World. "UAW Constitution, Article 2, Section 5. If you have heard the phrase "The bread box is connected to the ballot box." You know where Walter Reuther coined it from.



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

Ishmael Shelton – Retired 1/90

John Peoples – Retired 6/02

J.W. Simpson – Retired 3/99

Miguel Urdiales – Retired 1/97

Juan Torres – Retired 1/81

George Wilhelm – Retired 1/17

Ernest Essex – Retired 8/69

Juan Leyja – Retired 1/04

Lee Gribble – Retired 1/98

Douglas Phillips – Retired 8/09

Jeff Hartman - Active - Teijin

Wilfred Temple - Retired 7/06

*Corrected from June newsletter

TO ALL RETIRED & ACTIVE LOCAL 211 MEMBERS:

If you would like to submit an article or announcement of activities at your plant for the Local 211 newsletter, please send an email to
tonyahuss22@gmail.com
or local211@defnet.com

UAW Region 2B

41st Annual Entertainment Outing

Saturday, September 23

1 pm - 5 pm

at Sylvania Sports and Exhibition Center

@ Tam-O-Shanter



UAW PARK CRAFT SHOW

2120 Baltimore Street, Defiance, OH

August 26, 2023, 9am-5pm

Rain Date: August 27, 2023

Please join us to celebrate the outdoors with our 1st Annual Fall Craft/Vendor Show from 9am to 5 pm. Free to the public. Enjoy the vendors with a walk through the park with vendors of all sorts along the path. Kids can enjoy the playground. Drive through the pillars at the northeast corner of the parking lot to access the park's parking lot.

Food/beverages available

Vendor set up the day of event 7am-9am. Tents can be used but are not mandatory. No vehicles on the grass, all vehicles must be off the path before 9am.

Event Coordinator - Heather Campbell



NOTICE Fishing Derby

AT THE UAW HALL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 STARTING
AT

12:00 NOON UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

HOT DOGS, CHIPS, COOKIES AND
DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

BAIT PROVIDED; PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN FISHING POLE

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BIGGEST
FISH, SMALLEST FISH, MOST
FISH, FIRST FROG AND EVEN THE
FIRST TURTLE

OTHER PRIZES ALSO AVAILABLE.

THIS IS FOR ALL LOCAL 211
MEMBERS CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN AGES 12 YEARS
AND UNDER.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!





Labor Day History

Celebrating the workers
who power America



What is Labor Day, anyway?

Labor Day may be the unofficial end of summer, but since 1894 it's also when we pause to celebrate America's unions and union workers.

Way back when

Before workers organized and formed unions, there were no regulations surrounding employment, and employers often took advantage of this freedom. This meant that employees were very often required to work extraordinarily long hours, and with no job protection from discrimination, or even violence. Worse still, young children were often put to work in factories, mines, railroads, warehouses, and other dangerous work environments.

How it began

Working people began organizing and bargaining collectively to advocate for better working conditions and wages and celebrated the first Labor Day in New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. Following the deaths of 13 workers during the Pullman Strike in June of 1894, President Grover Cleveland made reconciliation with the labor movement a top priority of his administration, making Labor Day a federal holiday in 1894.

During the major economic depression of the early 1890s, the Pullman Palace Car Company cut wages in its factories. Discontented workers joined the American Railway Union (ARU), led by Eugene V. Debs, which supported their strike by launching

a boycott of all Pullman cars on all railroads. ARU members across the nation refused to switch Pullman cars onto trains. When these switchmen were disciplined, the entire ARU struck the railroads on June 26, 1894. Within four days, 125,000 workers on twenty-nine railroads had quit work rather than handle Pullman cars.

How unions impact our lives today

In the years since, labor unions have served as a united voice for workers of all professions by bargaining collectively with employers to advocate for better wages, working conditions and to establish parameters of work life that have become commonplace and law, such as the eight-hour-workday, five-day work week, protection for children in the workplace and the federal minimum

The Most Powerful Quotes Remembering 9/11 on the 22nd Anniversary

By Parade

May these "Never Forget" quotes about 9/11 move you.



On September 2001 almost 3,00 people lost there lives during the attacks at the Twin Towers, Pentagon and aboard United Airlines flight 93. At 8:46 a.m. ET, American Airlines Flight 11 (traveling from Boston to Los Angeles) hit the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City in what we now know as the 9/11 terror attacks. At 9:03 a.m. ET, United Airlines Flight 175 (traveling from Boston to Los Angeles) hit the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. At 9:37 a.m. ET, American Airlines Flight 77 (traveling from Dulles, Virginia, to Los Angeles) hit the Pentagon Building in Washington. And at 10:03 a.m. ET, United Airlines Flight 93 (traveling from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco) crashed in a field



near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Around the country, people pause to remember those who lost their lives on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, vowing to "never forget." Many find solace in 9/11 quotes and 9/11 memorial quotes. This year, on the 22nd anniversary of the September 11 tragedy, remember and reflect with these powerful 9/11 quotes.

- "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11."

—President Obama in a 2011 radio address

- "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

—Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2002

- "My older brother John lived [his life] in Technicolor. ... When he walked in the door, the whole house lit up. And I'm sure heaven lit up when he got there too."

—Anthoula Katsimatides at the World Trade Center site in 2005

- "You can be sure that the American spirit will prevail over this tragedy."

—Former United States Secretary of State Colin Powell

- "The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom."

—Then-New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani

- "It was the worst day we have ever seen, but it brought out the best in all of us."

—Senator John Kerry

- "One of the worst days in America's history saw some of the bravest acts in Americans' history. We'll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice."

—President George W. Bush at the Pentagon in 2008

- "Ten years have passed since a perfect blue sky morning turned into the blackest of nights. Since then we've lived in sunshine and in shadow, and although we can never unsee what happened here, we can also see that children who lost their parents have grown into young adults, grandchildren have been born and good works and public service have taken root to honor those we loved and lost."

—Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg

- "My father, Norberto, was a pastry chef at Windows on the World in Tower One. For 10 years, he made many fancy and famous desserts, but the sweetest dessert he made was the marble cake he made for us at home... Whenever we parted, Poppi would say, 'Te amo. Vaya con Dios.' And this morning, I want to say the same thing to you, Poppi. I love you. Go with God."

—Catherine Hernandez at the World Trade Center site in 2008

- "What separates us from the animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met."

—Author David Levithan

"With almost no time to decide, [your loved ones] gave the entire country an incalculable gift. They saved the Capitol from attack. They saved God knows how many lives. They saved the terrorists from claiming the symbolic victory of smashing the center of American government. ... They allowed us to survive as a country that could fight terror and still maintain liberty and still welcome people from all over the world from every religion and race and culture as long as they shared our values, because ordinary people given no time at all to decide did the right thing."

—President Bill Clinton in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2011

- "We didn't crumble after 9/11. We didn't falter after the Boston Marathon. But we're America. Americans will never, ever stand down. We endure. We overcome. We own the finish line."

—Former Vice President Joe Biden

- "When Americans lend a hand to one another, nothing is impossible. We're not about what happened on 9/11. We're about what happened on 9/12."

—Jeff Parness, founder of New York Says Thank You

- "On this day... 19 years (September 10th) ago, 246 people went to sleep in preparation for their morning flights. 2,606 people went to sleep in preparation for work in the morning. 343 firefighters went to sleep in preparation for their morning shift. 60 police officers went to sleep in preparation for morning patrol. 8 paramedics went to sleep in preparation for the morning shift. None of them saw past 10:00 am Sept 11, 2001. In one single moment life may never be the same. As you live and enjoy the breaths you take today and tonight before you go to sleep in preparation for your life tomorrow, kiss the ones you love, snuggle a little tighter, and never take one second of your life for granted."

—Unknown

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

General Motors

Active, Wednesday, October 4 (UAW Hall)

Retiree, Thursday, September 7 (UAW Hall)

Herbert E. Orr

Tuesday, September 5 (Paulding Fire House)

Midwest Community FCU

Wednesday, October 4 (UAW Hall)

Sims Metal Management

Tuesday, September 5 (UAW Hall)

Johns Manville

Tuesday, September 5 (UAW Hall)

Powers & Sons Wednesday, October 11 (Drop Tine Winery & Tap House)

DFM Monday, September 11 (UAW Hall)

Teijin Automotive Technologies Monday, October 9 (USW Hall, Van Wert)

Defiance Area UAW CAP Council Tuesday, September 12

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