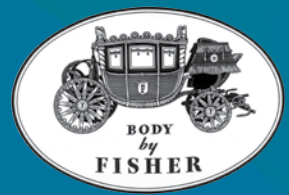




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AND  
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# The Choice We Make On Election Day

*"Our country stands at a crossroads, and the choice we make on Election Day will have profound consequences..."*

**STEPHANIE RILEY**

*from the* **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**A**s we approach the presidential election just two weeks from now, I want to emphasize the critical importance of this moment. Our country stands at a crossroads, and the choice we make on Election Day will have profound consequences for working families, the future of American manufacturing, and the strength of our labor movement.

Throughout our history, the United Auto Workers have fought tirelessly to ensure that workers have a voice in our democracy and a seat at the table when decisions affecting our lives are made. This election is no different.

Our next president will shape policies that directly impact our jobs, our wages, our healthcare, and our right to organize. Now, more than ever, we must come together to elect leaders who will stand with us, not against us.

## The Future of Our Work is on the Ballot

The automotive industry is facing significant challenges, from the transition to electric vehicles and automation to the threats of outsourcing and weakening labor laws. These changes are happening rapidly, and the decisions made in Washington will affect how they unfold. We need leaders who understand the value of good-paying, union jobs and who will fight to protect them.

We cannot afford policies that prioritize corporate profits over workers' livelihoods. We need a president who will:

- **Support the right to organize:** Our ability to fight for fair wages, safe working conditions, and good benefits depends on strong labor laws that protect our right to organize and bargain collectively. We need a leader who will push for pro-union legislation.
- **Invest in American manufacturing:** The transition to electric vehicles and new technologies must not come at the cost of American jobs. We need substantial investments in domestic manufacturing to ensure that the jobs of the future are created here at home, with union workers at the helm.
- **Defend workers' healthcare and retirement security:** We cannot allow politicians to erode the benefits we've fought so hard to secure. We need leaders who will strengthen Social Security, protect pensions, and expand access to affordable healthcare.
- **Take a stand against outsourcing:** Too many good union jobs have been lost to offshoring and unfair trade practices. We need a president who will put American workers first and hold corporations accountable when they prioritize cheap labor overseas.

## Working People Are the Backbone of this Nation

The outcome of this election will determine whether our government will work for the people who build and sustain this country or continue to favor the wealthy and powerful. For too long, corporations and special interests have dominated the political landscape, influencing policies that undermine workers' rights and tilt the playing field against us.

But history has shown that when workers unite, we can bring about real change. We have the power to drive this country forward, just as we have done time and again throughout our union's proud history. Our votes, our voices, and our solidarity can ensure that the interests of working people are front and center.

## Mobilizing Our Union Family

In the final days and weeks, I urge each of you to get involved and make your voices heard. Whether it's talking to coworkers, participating in phone banks, or encouraging family and friends to vote, every effort counts. This election is too important for any of us to sit on the sidelines.

We must not only cast our ballots, but also ensure that everyone we know understands what is at stake. Working people must show up in record numbers to demand a government that respects and supports us. Our collective power is immense, but it is only effective if we use it.

## This Fight is Personal

For me, this election is not just about politics; it's about the lives of our members and their families. I have spoken with countless UAW members who have shared stories of factory closures, struggles with healthcare, and fears about the future of their jobs. These are not just statistics or policy talking points. These are our brothers and sisters who deserve a fair shot at the American Dream.

I am committed to standing with you in this fight, not just as your Local 598 president, but as a fellow worker who believes in the dignity and value of labor. We cannot allow our voices to be drowned out by those who would prefer a workforce that is weaker and more divided. We need leaders who understand that when unions are strong, America is strong.

## Let's Make Our Voices Heard

In less than two short weeks, we have the chance to shape the future of our country in a profound way. Let's make sure that our voices are heard loud and clear. Let's show up for this election, not just for ourselves, but for the generations that will follow. The stakes couldn't be higher, and the need for unity couldn't be more urgent.

*Together, we can elect leaders who will fight for the working families and bring about the change we need. Let's continue the fight for a fair economy, for the future of the American manufacturing, and for the strength of the labor movement.*

*Stephanie Riley*



# Member Protests Helped Drive Change

*"... this is a person who makes gigantic decisions that could affect our fate, so it is always good when she leaves with a positive experience."*

**ERIC WELTER**

## SHOP CHAIRMAN



First, I would like to congratulate D'Andre Jackson for winning the Recording Secretary election. D'Andre will be missed on the Shop Committee, but I believe he will add tremendous value at the Union Hall.

In August, we struggled with a corporate overtime reduction mandate that sent the plant into chaos. We had a majority of TLs on the line and in some cases management doing their work. We wrote a lot of Par. 215 grievances, demanding they cease doing bargaining unit work and comply with the National Agreement. The grievances worked and most days we have normal TL availability.

The membership supported this fight by impacting DRR and throughput. With both of us working together, they didn't stand a chance and are now complying. There may still be some instances, so we need a committee call when they violate our agreement. The company looks at each grievance for a committee call stating we are violating Par. 28 and soliciting grievances, so please follow the process. Protest to your GL and ask for committee if they fail to comply. Our entire organization is based on a member voicing a protest.

GM CEO Mary Barra recently visited the plant. This was a routine plant visit. Our people really put our best foot forward and did a great job. Thank you to the people who participated in the plant stops and the diagonal slice. Whether we agree with her or not, this is a person who makes gigantic decisions that could affect our fate, so it is always good when she leaves with a positive experience.

The company rolled out a pretty heavy Saturday schedule. Hurricane Helene destroyed parts of the southeast and impacted one of our suppliers that makes engine fans. This resulted in a loss of 2,900 units to the flood. The increased schedule is a plan to make up the lost units. Although difficult, this is a good thing. There are many locations that lost production in the past months that were told by marketing that they did not need to make up the vehicles. They made this plan complying with both the National Agreement Plan A language and our Local Agreement language restricting the Saturdays connected to a Friday or Monday holiday. I believe the company could have used an overtime exemption called Emergency Status because the losses were due to a flood, but they chose to stay within normal status.

A few Locals, including Fort Wayne Assembly, have laid off their temporary workers, creating a lot of anxiety within our workforce. Every quarter, VP Mike Booth has to approve the use of temporary workers at each plant. He has committed that he will only approve temporary workers if the chairman of that location approves and signs the requisition.

This layoff is a result of the Chairman not approving the

quarterly temp req. They have their own issues and situations, one being he was told they would never put on FTT or convert temporaries to permanent. Flint Assembly is not in the same position. I already have 42 FTT and am hopeful I can get some more. Therefore, I have no intention of laying off our temporary workers. I support our brothers and sisters in their fight and I hope they get what they need.

The last topic is bathroom cleanliness. Aramark has cut a number of workers and is planning more cuts. This has compromised cleanliness in the plant. The UAW Safety Reps and I have begun pressing Aramark to improve their performance. This is not a worker issue, but rather an Aramark management issue. You can assist by using the QR code and complaining about bathroom conditions.



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### SHOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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### ARAMARK BARGAINING COMMITTEE – DISTRICT COMMITTEE

JaShanti Walker, Sr. and Orlandis McNeal ..... Alternate Edward Menzel

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# These are the “Good Ole Days”

*“I would like to remind everyone to take the time to look around at the many things that we have to be thankful for.”*

**D’ANDRE JACKSON**

**RECORDING SECRETARY**



Sisters and Brothers of Local 598,

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave me at the membership meeting as I was sworn in as our new Recording Secretary. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you and this great Local.

Election time is upon us, and nothing is more American

than being able to let your voice be heard without fear and repercussion by exercising your right to vote. If you haven't voted already, please make sure you do.

Halloween is a fun time of the year for our children, and many will be out in our neighborhoods trick or treating. Keep your eyes and ears open. If you see anything suspicious, say something. We are our brother's keepers.

I also would like to remind everyone to take the time to look around at the many things that we have to be thankful for. A very good friend of mine told me that one day we will look back and say those were the “Good Ole Days.” Well, that means we are living the good ole days right now, as we speak. Cherish these good ole days!

Thank you to the active and retired Sisters and Brothers of Local 598 for all your support in the Special Election.



## SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

### RECORDING SECRETARY

**ELECTION HELD  
OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2024**

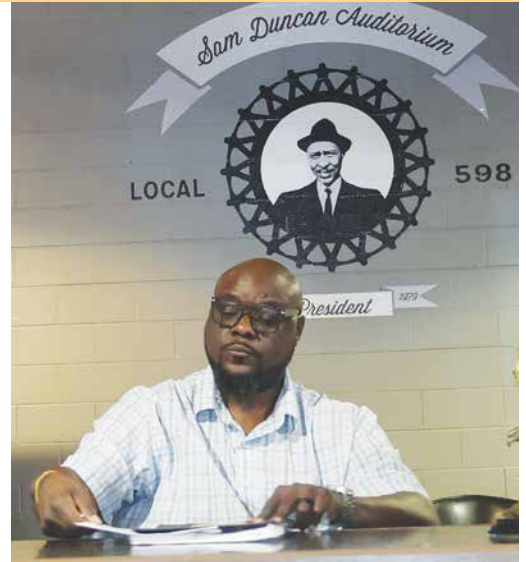
<u>Candidate</u>	<u># Votes</u>
<b>D'Andre Jackson “Dre Day”</b>	<b>1,167</b>
Donna Carpenter	223
Bryan Bell	116
Jeff Pollick	33
Janelle Wyatt	19

Election Committee, Local 598, UAW

*Stuart Billey* *Shannon Maccek*  
*Tiffany Bennett*



D'Andre was sworn into office at the October 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting...



...and then went right to work!

### Per UAW-GM VP Mike Booth: Final Ratification Results for all MPS units:

October 16, 2024


**Attention: Local 598, UAW Members of the MPS UNIT**

### RATIFICATION VOTE RESULTS

#### UAW-MPS NATIONAL TENTATIVE AGREEMENT 2024

YES **79**% NO **21**%

Certified by Local 598, UAW Election Committee Members:

*Tiffany Bennett*  
*Shannon Maccek*  *Stuart Billey*

Date: October 9, 2024 • Tally Location: Local 598 Union Hall

TO: All UAW General Motors MPS Local Union Presidents, Chairpersons, Vice Presidents, Financial Secretaries and Recording Secretaries

**RE: Ratification Vote Results – 2024**

Greetings:

Below are the final results of ratification for MPS:

**SANITATION: YES 193 (96%) NO 8 (4%)**

Thank you for your support!

As always, In solidarity,

*Mike Booth*

Mike Booth  
Vice President and Director  
UAW General Motors Department



# Bargaining Successes

"GM just announced its earnings from the previous quarter and its \$4 billion in profits... for 2024 to \$12.2 billion in profit, and we still have one more quarter to go!"

**CHAD FABRO**



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Fall is finally here, and we are looking forward to everything that comes with it. Halloween parties are in full swing, and the holiday celebrations are just around the corner. I hope you and your family enjoy the beautiful Michigan fall. It's also football season, so whether you're a Sparty or a Wolverine fan, one team I hope we can all cheer on together is the Detroit Lions!


As we enter the 4th quarter of the year, GM has just announced its earnings from the previous quarter and its \$4 billion in profits. Just in case you're wondering, that takes the grand total for 2024 to \$12.2 billion in profit, and we still have one more quarter to go!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2019 National Bargaining Team for removing the profit-sharing cap during those negotiations. Also, thanks to the 2023 team for being able to retain that language for our current agreement.

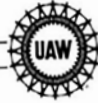
This is an election year, and we all have an obligation to vote and make our voices heard. It's important to check out the work our V-CAP has been putting in. They have vetted many candidates seeking UAW endorsement and have spent a lot of time and research to understand why we should endorse them.

I ask that you have an open mind and do your own research as well. If you have any questions or concerns, you can always ask V-CAP Chairperson Lori Welch, or Regional Chair and 598 Brother Art Reyes. I personally would like to thank them for the hours they put in and the passion they show in looking out for our labor needs as we move forward.





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September 30, 2024

Greetings:

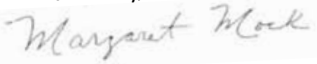
**RE: International Union Strike and Defense Fund Report July**

The following is a summary of Strike Fund Income and Expenditures for the month of July 2024.

<b>NET WORTH JUNE 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$755,372,414.19</b>
<b>INCOME FOR JULY 2024</b>	
Dues Per Capita Taxes	6,180,616.40
<b>DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2024</b>	<u>3,126,975.49</u>
<b>NET WORTH, JULY 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$758,426,055.10</b>

During the month of July, there was one strike.

Fraternally,

  
Margaret Mock  
Secretary-Treasurer, International Union, UAW

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# GOTV Rallies

UAW President Shawn Fain addresses the HARRIS-WALZ RALLY

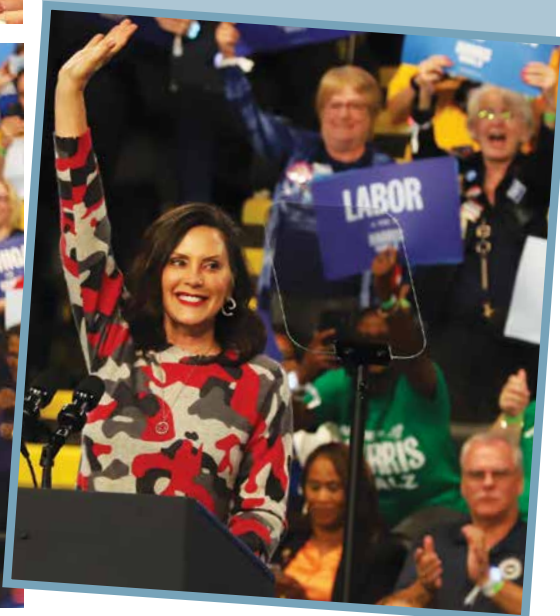


The **KAMALA HARRIS FOR PRESIDENT RALLY** was held October 4th at the Dort Financial Center in Flint.

The **ELISSA SLOTKIN FOR SENATE RALLY** was held September 28th at the Local 659 Union Hall.



Vice President Kamala Harris overwhelmed by the crowd.



MI Governor Gretchen Whitmer





Michigan Senator  
Debbie Stabenow



Local 651  
President  
Eric Price



MI Senator Gary Peters



NBA legend Magic Johnson at the rally.



UAW President Shawn Fain and MI Rep.  
Elissa Slotkin greet Local 659 members  
at the Union Hall.



Rally photos courtesy of Debi Kirchner (Local 598)  
and Chuck Inman (Local 659).

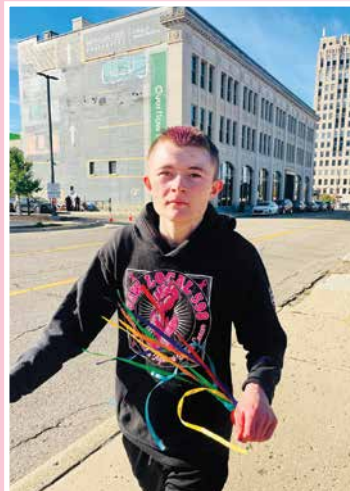




# MAKING STRIDES WALK

**THANK YOU** if you bought a treat at the bake sale or bought a shirt.  
**THANK YOU** for Bowling and donating to the team.  
**THANK YOU** to all of you and your families who walked with us.

**Thanks to all of you, WE RAISED OVER \$7,537.77 this year!**







# THANK YOU

to everyone who came out to the  
October 12, 2024 Breast Cancer Walk.







# Raising Knowledge, Awareness, and Donations

by Melissa Bowen, Chair  
Women's Committee

It's been a whirlwind month for our UAW Local 598 Women's Committee. On September 28th, we had the privilege of seeing Elissa Slotkin speak at UAW Local 659. The UAW Women's Department held this day of action that included hearing from Jasper Martus, Kristen McDonald Rivet, Sheriff Chris Swanson, and UAW President Shawn Fain. Afterwards, attendees broke up into groups for phone banking, door knocking, and postcard writing, to encourage people to get out and vote!

On Sunday, September 29th, the Women's Committee hosted a postcard writing party at Burger Bar and Tap. In total, we completed 200 postcards that were mailed to swing state voters to encourage voter participation.

When Vice President Kamala Harris visited Flint on October 4th at Dort Financial Center, many of our members had the chance to attend her rally because of our temporary part constraints. It was an exciting day filled with great speeches, dancing in the crowds, and an appearance by basketball legend Magic Johnson.

The beginning of October has had us spending a lot of time focused on *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*. Our committee hosted our Bowling for Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser on Saturday, October 5th, at B's Bowling Center. We had raffles, door prizes, and trophies for the team with the highest score. Thank



Having fun at the Women's Committee Bowling event while helping the fight for a cure.

you to everyone who joined in on the fun! That night, we raised \$1,345 for *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*.

The walk for *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* was held on October 12th in Downtown Flint. We had a beautiful, sunny morning, and a fantastic turn out.

Our UAW Local 598/Flint Assembly team is currently in first place, raising \$7,537.77. We're still waiting on the totals for our shirt sales, so even more will still be donated! Thank you to everyone who has purchased a shirt, donated, took part in the walk, or attended the fundraising events.



I'm very proud that our Local can accomplish so much, give back to our community, and help so many.





## 598 Veterans Committee

T-Shirt/Hoodie/Hat Orders  
expected to be picked up on  
or around the 6<sup>th</sup> of November  
(possible order extension,  
details to come)

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

November 8<sup>th</sup> • 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
12:00 Lunch time



Veterans Committee member Cavanaugh Jones introduced Veteran of the (4th) Quarter CASMIER BOROWICZ at the October Membership meeting to enthusiastic applause.

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# Make Sure To Vote

"This is a very important election, probably the most important in our lifetime."

JANET WOODSON

## RETIREES CHAIR



On November 5, 2024, we have our Presidential Election. Pray for me. I'll be going door to door campaigning. This is a very important election, probably the most important in our lifetime. **PLEASE VOTE!**

Our election for Recording Secretary was being held as I write this article, and I'm told quite a few retirees came in to cast their votes. That's great to hear!

Financial Secretary Chad Fabbro swore-in your Officers at October's meeting. Your Retiree Board looks forward to serving you in the following years. Thanks for your continued support.



**Local 598 Financial Secretary Chad Fabbro was honored to swear in the newly elected Retired Workers Chapter E- Board.**

We lost Vice Chair Carl Newcomer, Jr. this past September. Our prayers go out to Carl's family. Carl and his late wife, Arlene, were always there to help do whatever was needed. They will be missed.

We had our Fall Casino Trip going to St. Ignace, Ste. Sault Marie, and Hessel, Michigan. What a perfect time of year, with the changing of the leaves in full swing. I was looking forward to spending time with all of you, and I had hoped we could all bring home some money!

Save the dates of November 14th & December 12th to join us at our holiday dinners. Tickets are available for \$5.00 at the Union Hall. And it comes with great pleasure to once again host our dinners at Local 598. Please try to buy your tickets by November 1st, to give me a better idea of how much food to purchase. Don't forget to hold on to your dinner tickets, so you can use them to enter our gift raffles.



## Retired Workers Chapter

Chapter Meetings held at 12:00 p.m. in the **LOCAL 598 UNION HALL**

**THURSDAY**  
**November 14**

### RETIREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

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**THURSDAY**  
**December 12**

### RETIREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

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The Retiree Chapter donated \$500.00 to the Local 598 *Women's Making Strides* Committee  
**BREAST CANCER WALK TEAM.**



Team members Jan, Mary and Curtis showed up to represent us at the walk.



*to all of our recent retirees.*

We hope to see you at our  
**RETIRED WORKERS CHAPTER MEETING** held on  
the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m.



**Charles Humphrey** (7-1-24)  
and spouse **Joyce**



**Duane Clementz**  
(10-1-24)



**Vicki Alaniz**  
(8-1-24)



**Michael Moulton**  
(11-1-24)



**Todd Wilcox**  
(10-1-24)



**Timothy Goodwin**  
(8-1-24)



**Shannon Walters**  
(10-1-24)

- ▶ Keith Allen
- ▶ Kristi Benjamin
- ▶ Scott Crawford
- ▶ Bryan Eastman
- ▶ Dean Fowler
- ▶ Dale Robertson



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# FIGHT NOW or FIGHT LATER

by Debi Kirchner, Editor and Local 598 Retiree

Few of us will study the 900+ page manifesto to remake how our government operates that is *Project 2025*. Some people believe, even if they are elected, they really won't be able to get all these things implemented.

The following are elements of plans they hope to make happen that concern all working families. Are you willing to risk that even one of these can be implemented? We can use our votes to fight for the right candidates now, or fight for our survival later. What do you choose?

## Project 2025's effect on working families...

- ◆ **Undermine government** by cutting federal, public-sector jobs and retirement benefits, while allowing the president to replace civil servants with political appointees loyal to the president.
- ◆ **Gut union rights** by banning public-sector unions and decimating collective bargaining rights for private-sector workers.
- ◆ **Cut wages, overtime, and benefits** by taking away overtime pay protections for millions of workers and weakening the protections for millions more; allowing states and cities to waive federal labor laws like the minimum wage; making it more difficult for unemployed workers to access unemployment insurance benefits; repealing the Davis-Bacon Act and ending mandatory Project Labor Agreement (PLA) requirements in federal contracts, which would undermine wages and benefits for workers on federal projects.

### ◆ **Endanger children**

by rolling back decades of child labor laws and eliminating Head Start.

### ◆ **Eviscerate civil rights protections**

by making it easier for employers to discriminate, banning the collection of data showing the prevalence of discrimination, and eliminating practices

meant to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the federal government and higher education.

### ◆ **Take away the economic and reproductive freedoms of women**

by further reducing access to reproductive care, imposing a national ban on abortion pills, and dismantling federal initiatives aimed at creating gender equity and workplace protections for women.

### ◆ **Make health care coverage harder for workers and their families to access**

by repealing key provisions of the Affordable Care Act and taxing the employer-provided health care benefits of millions of workers.

### ◆ **Deport millions of immigrants and end many types of legal immigration.**

Source: Information on Project 2025 from the Economic Policy Institute (EPI)



The UAW Local 598 Women's Committee Presents:

# ELECTION DAY

## ANGER MANAGEMENT RAGE ROOM

TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
4:00PM

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We know, this year has been a lot! Rage Rooms are a safe way to release stress. **For \$20 per person**, we'll receive boxes of breakable items, tools of destruction and protective gear.

Please pre-register with Melissa by texting the names of participants at (810-705-1366) or e-mail us at [UAWlocal598WC@gmail.com](mailto:UAWlocal598WC@gmail.com). Pre-payment is appreciated. Cash app \$UAWLocal598WC

**VOTE on November 5th to change the things you can and Rage with us for the things you can't change.**



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