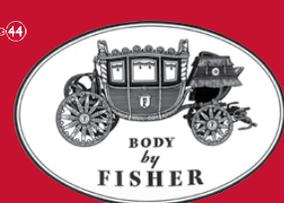


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Ordinary People CHANGING THE WORLD

by Debi Kirchner, Editor and Education/Communications Committee

This year, there will be a Labor Day parade beginning at the Church of Christ on Bristol Rd. and ending at the Region 1D headquarters on Atherton Rd. Each year since Sitdowners Park became a reality in 2003, the UAW has hosted a ceremony to honor workers, especially the brave men and women who helped to create the middle class in America by taking on corporate giant GM and winning representation for its workers.

The idea of a workers' tribute on that site was first conceived by Regional Director Bob Roth and Region Administrative Assistant Bettye Cunningham. This continued the dream of past directors Stan Marshall and Ruben Burks, who had began a Labor Museum in Flint a few years earlier. A bronze statue representing a scene from the strike was erected and bricks memorializing the workers who fought for our Union were placed around the statue.

The park grew each year. The Park grew each year with added arches, sculptures depicting the actions of the Women's Brigade were erected in front of an original window from Fisher Body #1. In addition, the granite fountain and markers recognizing significant social contributions made by women were installed. It will all be on view at the end of the parade route.

A short ceremony will be held honoring the ordinary men and women of labor who are still changing the world.

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The Sitdown monument (at right) was the first to be added to the park in 2003. In 2008, the women's tribute (above) was completed.



Announcing New Standing Committee Additions



I am so excited to announce these two new additions to our standing committees at UAW Local 598.

STEPHANIE RILEY

598 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings Local 598 Family,

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

First, we have established our Local 598 Chaplaincy program. Article 41, Section 2 of the UAW Constitution states...

"It shall be the duty of each member to render aid and assistance to sibling members in cases of illness, death or distress, and in every way acquit themselves as a loyal and devoted member of the International Union."

The Chaplaincy program was established to provide a method of comfort, encouragement and assistance as best we can to our fellow workers and their immediate family members at no

cost. The chaplain serves persons of all faiths and respects their views, as well as those who may express no particular faith at all.

Historically, people do not leave their personal problems at home. They bring their concerns and needs into the workplace. Marital problems, serious illness, death, employment problems, and financial crisis are all part of our lives. Today, these and many other problems directly affect the worker, their co-workers, and their ability to do an effective job.

Everyone benefits from this help. Workers' problems get resolved, co-workers are able to restore their departments to the highest level of functioning, and the company achieves improved levels of productivity. Chaplaincy is one more way we can serve our members in times of need. Our Chaplains will be partners with E.A.P. and our Community Service Committee.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Secondly, we have added a sub-committee to the Education Committee – *Communications*. Together, we are implementing a plan to better educate our members by enhancing the flow of information and increasing member engagement. We will be utilizing social media platforms, including: Facebook, Instagram, Tik-Tok, X and Snap-Chat. Also, with membership approval, we will be starting a Local 598 Pod Cast., and we are working on enhancing our Local's website.

AND... You may have noticed that our "EYE OPENER" looks a bit different this month. We are using this new format so that the membership could take a look. At the next membership meeting, we will be voting on whether we will use this format permanently. This is all in an effort to make positive changes, to get our members' attention and spark a growing interest in UAW news, information and happenings. Fostering a stronger membership with less apathy will enhance *Solidarity!*

Stephanie Riley

UAW Local 598



Chaplaincy Committee



Regina Hill



Tim Clements



Kevin Novess



Larry Hamilton



Jeff Hunter



Sam Blanks



Education/Communications Committee (L-R): Skip Thompson, Becky Haughey, Chris Ridley, Michelle Giorgis, Debi Kirchner, Tree Riddle, and Britta Rusaw.

Education/Communications Committee

The duties of this Education/Communications Committee shall be to promote all branches of education affecting the welfare of the individual members, the Local Union, the International Union, and the labor movement. It shall be the duty of the Regional Director to see that this provision of the Constitution is carried out.

GROUP LEADERS Should Not Be Doing TEAM LEADER WORK

"If leaders are on the line and group leaders are doing team leader work, please protest to the group leader and ask for a committee call."

by Eric Welter



SHOP CHAIRMAN REPORT

We are in the last month of the summer, football is starting, and the kids will be returning to school soon. As we head into the fall, there is a lot of pressure from the company and a lot of arguing from the Shop Committee. For the past 5-6 weeks we have been protesting the lack of team leader availability.

Management refuses to ask for overtime to cover absenteeism, resulting in a large number of team leaders on the line. I have been working on getting this problem figured out but their numbers make absolutely no sense. We have been working through the difficult task of standardizing the end of shift reports and correcting the business managers understanding of "required to run."

Last week, GM headquarters had a meeting with them, reducing nonscheduled overtime even further, which will magnify the problem. There are two ways they code overtime – scheduled and nonscheduled. They can continue to run scheduled, which is body/paint system fills, 9-hour shifts, and Saturday production. Nonscheduled overtime is the daily overtime to cover absenteeism, trades overtime except Saturday production, repair and the support departments that are needed to ship trucks on non-production weekends.

During Local negotiations, they wanted to increase the team leader ratio. During National negotiations, they wanted a corporate standard higher than 6 to 1, which would reduce the number of TLs. For example, Chassis had 288 operations with 48 team leaders. That's a 6:1 ratio. If they run it at 36 TLs available, they are operating at 8:1, which is what they wanted. If they run with 36 TLs or less and they get 92 DRR and good throughput,

then they are proving their case that they have too many leaders.

When I discuss the problem, they say we made our build for the month and made our quality metrics, so we don't have a problem. When we have leaders who are covering multiple teams, the bathroom and medical break should be a priority and occupy most of their time. If leaders are on the line and group leaders are doing team leader work, please protest to the group leader and ask for a committee call. We have been writing a large number of paragraph 215 grievances.

We will continue our battle upfront' however, historically these problems are floor fixes, not the Shop Committee. We must place a priority on supporting our brothers and sisters. We must pull together to protect and support one another in this fight. The company is certainly clear on the way they are treating the UAW after striking them in the last two sets of contract negotiations.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A young girl was walking along a beach covered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore. She began picking them up one by one and throwing them back into the ocean. An old man approached her and said, "Why are you doing this? You can't possibly save all these starfish. You can't make a difference!" The girl picked up another starfish, threw it into the ocean, and replied, "I made a difference for that one."

This story, originally written by Loren Eiseley, reminds us even small actions can have a significant impact on individual lives.

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UAW Workers Are Leading The Charge!

"I think it's pretty cool that the labor movement is being recognized as a voice for the middle class."

by Chad Fabro



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

I hope everyone is enjoying summer. It's coming to an end quickly! That being said, fall is approaching fast and we have a lot of work to do getting ready for the November election.

We went to the Kamala Harris rally in Detroit with a lot of other Locals and our Regional leaders. It was awesome to see UAW President Shawn Fain speak to the 15,000 people in attendance. I think it's pretty cool that the labor movement is being recognized as a voice for the middle class, but we will be looking for more activism from our members! We will be leading the charge for Harris here at the Union Hall, and keeping you posted as more opportunities arise.

Financially, we are still thriving and blessed to have a good product. I have had a few calls about VCAP. Lori Welch is our



Union members from around the Region travel to the recent rally in Detroit to show their solidarity in support of the Harris/Walz campaign.

lead for VCAP. If you need to be in contact with her, you can reach out to one of us and we will get her out to see you.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our September 14th Union Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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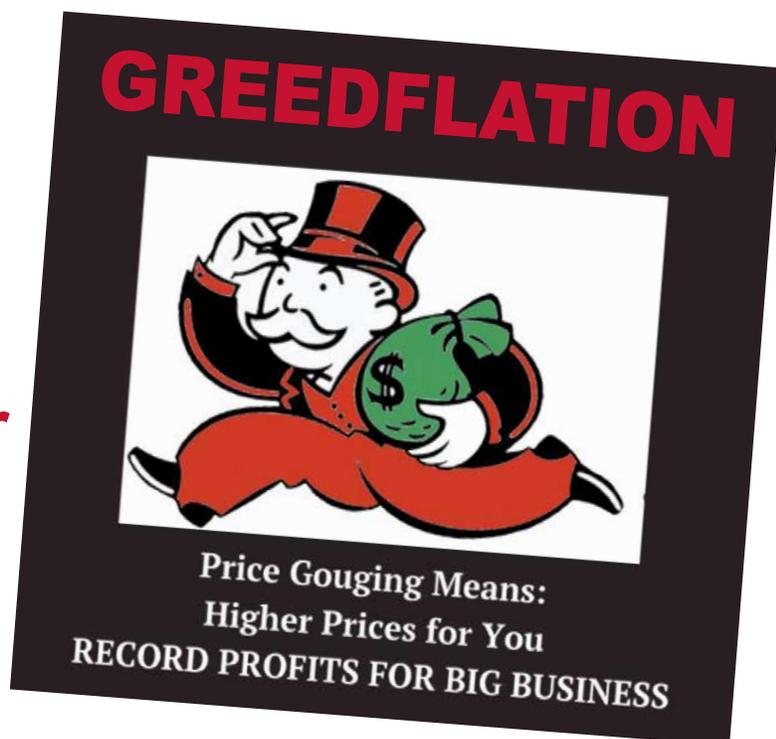
Charter Communications CEO **Christopher Winfrey**'s total compensation increased from \$15.6 million in 2022 to \$89.1 million in 2023, a **470% annual increase**. In November 2022, Charter Communications increased its Spectrum home internet service prices by \$5 per month, affecting an estimated 9.5 million customers. Charter Communications increased prices again in 2024, including a \$6-per-month increase in its low-income internet plan.

DELTA AIR LINES

Delta Air Lines CEO **Ed Bastian**'s total compensation increased from \$9.6 million in 2022 to \$32.2 million in 2023, a **256% annual increase**. In 2022, he announced that summer air travel pricing would increase between 25% to 30% on average, noting that "we've never seen anything of that scale." Delta also increased its checked baggage fees by \$5 in 2024, increasing the cost of checking a bag by 17%.

EXXON MOBIL

Exxon Mobil CEO **Darren Woods**' total compensation increased from \$23.6 million in 2021 to \$35.9 million in 2022 and \$36.9 million in 2023, a **57% increase over two years**. Exxon Mobil posted record earnings of \$55.7 billion in 2022 after global energy prices increased due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and U.S. gasoline prices peaked at more than \$5 per gallon.



JOHNSON & JOHNSON

Johnson & Johnson CEO **Joaquin Duato**'s total compensation increased from \$13.1 million in 2022 to \$28.4 million in 2023, a **117% annual increase**. Johnson & Johnson has sued to block implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act's Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program that will reduce drug prices. The company's pharmaceutical subsidiary Janssen claims that while list drug prices are going up, its net drug prices have fallen due to increased insurance company-negotiated discounts, but that patients do not always benefit from these lower prices.

STARBUCKS

Starbucks CEO **Laxman Narasimhan**'s total compensation increased from \$8.8 million in 2022 to \$14.6 million in 2023, a **66% annual increase**. Starbucks has increased its prices several times in recent years, with the cost of a Venti-size cup of coffee reportedly increasing 20% in some locations between 2021 and 2022. In 2023, Starbucks also doubled the amount of purchases required to earn rewards under its loyalty program.

— Information from [aflcio.org/paywatch](https://www.aflcio.org/paywatch)





COMMUNITY give back

A great success thanks to all the volunteers. You made a big difference...

THANK YOU!

by George Kinney,
Community Service Committee



What an exciting and exhausting summer it has been for the Community Service volunteers. At the end of April, we did the spring Adopt-A-Highway clean-up. In May, we were able to send 8 people to the AFL/CIO United Way Community Service school at Black Lake (more on this in a moment). In June, we sent a handful of members to the UAW Community Service Committee and EAP Conference in Black Lake. After they returned to work, we held a bake sale that raised over \$2,000 to fund the Community Giveback. In July (whew what an exhausting month), we first held the summer Adopt-A-Highway clean-up, and the following weekend, helped out the M.O.S.T. group at Soberfest.

Less than two weeks later, on July 31st, we combined forces with Local 659's Community Service Committee in an event that came from an idea put forth at the May Black Lake conference. During the conference, one of the things discussed was "brag and steal." Basically, when you do something, brag about it so people can get ideas of things they can do, and more people may want to be involved with what you are doing. And, if you hear of something that

went well for someone, try it yourselves.

Also, while there, we had to do a week-long project that met the long-term needs of the community. It just so happened that most of our group was made up of Local 598 and Local 659 members. We had such a great time, that when we heard about Saginaw Unions holding a food distribution event and how it went well and was fun, we *had* to steal the idea. We decided to try to get all three Flint GM-UAW Local Community Service Committees together and do it ourselves.

Unfortunately, 651's Committee was tied up with other things, but quite a few of the membership from that Local did show up to help with the event. Since we had such a large group to help with planning and coordinating, we also decided to do a backpack (filled with school supplies) giveaway as well.

Peggy Hargraves and Teri Roy did such a good job with planning and running the bake sale, we contacted Teresa McGinnis, AFL/CIO State Director of Community Services/State Director of Labor, Michigan Association of United Way (phew, what a title), who was able to facilitate the delivery of food from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. She informed us, due to a grant through United Way, we would not need the money we raised because it would be free. *Thank You, Teresa!*

Terrica Willis did most of the coordinating of the backpacks and supplies, working with the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Region 1D Women's Council, both groups showing up to help

during the event as well. Courtney Jarrad-Paterson, 659 Community Service Committee chair helped every step of the way, and facilitated talks with 659 volunteers as well as keeping in contact with 651 representatives. HAP supplied us with most of the bags we used to package the food. It was *exhausting* and *exhilarating* at the same time.

Due to the small timeframe we had to plan and execute this event before the start of school, we had to hold the event during the middle of the week and the community showed up to take all that we had to give out. We had such amazing support from all groups involved as well as from the Flint Development Center, where the event was held, that we are already in talks to make this an annual event. Stay tuned for future announcements on when we will be holding next year's.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and made this so successful, and to the membership that allows us the opportunities to pursue these endeavors.





We will hold the FALL ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Please be at the hall at 11:45 a.m. for this event. No sign-up needed, just show up and we will head out around noon.





by *Melissa Bowen,*
Women's Committee Chair

Princesses, Tattoos &

Detroit Princess Boat Trip

The UAW Local 598 Women's Committee had an unofficial event where we set sail on the *Detroit Princess* on Saturday, July 20th. We decided that it would be fun and put the invite out on Facebook because we think... the more, the merrier. Unfortunately, it was too short notice to make it an official event. We're hoping to make it official next year, because everyone who participated had a great time. We enjoyed the sights, lunch buffet, and danced to the music of the *Prolifics*, a Motown music tribute band.

Making Strides Tattoo Contest

On Friday, August 2nd, the polls closed on our Tattoo Contest to benefit *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*. We had 20 tattoos that were entered, which raised \$200

for *Making Strides*, and 92 votes were cast. The **first-place winner was Chad Fabbro**, with his "Warrior Woman" tattoo. He received 19 votes. The prize was a pair of weekend passes to the Tattoo City Tattoo Convention. Unfortunately, Chad was unable to attend the convention.



1st Place: Chad Fabbro

Our **second-place winner was Carrie Miller** and her "Memorial Patch" tattoo, with 14 votes. With our busy schedules, we continued down the line with the winners to Dana Waider and her "Female Portrait with an Owl," and Melissa Reynolds, with her "See No, Speak No, Hear No Evil" tattoo. Both **Dana and Melissa received 13 votes to tie for third place**, but ultimately the weekend passes went to Melissa Reynolds.



2nd Place: Carrie Miller

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all of our participants!

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Follow the UAW Local 598 Women's Committee on our socials!

SCAN ME

Making Strides Events

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

With fall on the horizon, we have started getting to work for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The shirts are now available for purchase at <http://ci-stores.com/uaw598-wc/>, or you can scan the QR code on the flyer (below).

There is a link on the website to register for the walk on Saturday, October 12th, in downtown Flint at the flat lot. The walk begins at 9:00 a.m. (rain or shine). All of the profits from our shirt sales will go to *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* and we're hoping to exceed last year's donation!

After a brief hiatus, because of the uncertainty of the Stand-Up Strikes, we are excited to announce the return of Bowling for Breast Cancer Awareness! This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at B's Bowling Center, located at 750 S. Center Road. We've reserved an evening time slot of 8:00 p.m., and we will have raffles and door prizes. It's \$25 per person, with five to six bowlers per team. Each ticket covers two games, shoe rentals, with a pizza and pitcher of pop for your lane. Keep an eye out in the *Truck News* for more details or follow the UAW Local 598 Women's Committee on our socials. We are now on Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok. We will also have more information and tickets at our regular membership meeting on Sunday, September 15th at 2:00 p.m. *As always, thank you for your continued support!*



Dana Waider & Melissa Reynolds
(tied for 3rd Place)

UAW LOCAL 598 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

MAKING STRIDES
Against Breast Cancer Walk this year!
October 12th, 2024
In Downtown Flint
(on the flat lot)
9:00am

OCTOBER is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SHIRT SALE

SUBMIT ORDERS BY: SEPTEMBER 27, 2024



PROCEEDS WILL GO TO MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

SCAN ME

One Person Can Make a Difference:

The LOIS CRAIG Story

by **Becky Haughey, Education Committee**

Who was Lois Craig? She was many things to many different groups of people, but she was a champion for all! Flint and Genesee County was fortunate to have her support and efforts. She was pivotal in so many things for Flint that still are in place today.

Lois wore many hats – sister, wife to Bob Craig, mom to 3 children, civil rights activist, founder of the Crim Foundation Road Race, founder of the Genesee County Democratic Women’s Auxiliary, and 1991 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, receiving the “Special Service to Sports Award” along with Bobby Crim to name a few.

Lois was born during the Great Depression on Feb. 4, 1929, which shaped her due to going through hunger and hardship while growing up gave her the desire to make a difference and a strong sense of social justice.

She was a tomboy and loved driving fast cars. With the help of her brothers, she built a 1950 Ford flathead into a racecar, racing for money on country roads at 2:00 a.m. with her brother Jack challenging racers, “I bet even my little sister can beat you.” Later, she raced ovals and dragstrips in the Midwest, registering as L. Perry, so they wouldn’t realize she was a woman until she showed up, breaking yet another barrier!

At age 20, Lois married Robert Craig. They remained together for 26 years, had 3 children, and formed a strong team in the labor and civil rights movements, as well as politics. Bob served as President of the small UAW Local for a GM-owned Buick dealership. Lois helped win two long

strikes when GM tried to break the Union. She organized support from the big UAW Locals and brought pressure on the company. Lois and her kids walked the picket line daily. She was quite the Organizer!

In 1964, Lois and Bob helped to found *HOME Incorporated*. This Flint-based, civil rights organization challenged housing discrimination by realtors, banks, and insurance companies. One tactic they used was to have a white family buy a house and then immediately sell it to a black family who wanted to live in the neighborhood. Lois showed her courage when she walked with her three children through a white mob that had surrounded a house near Freeman Elementary in Flint after they had broken out the windows and painted racial slurs on the garage. She paid that visit to the Childress family to welcome them into the neighborhood.

Later, she worked to get the nation’s first Anti-discrimination law passed in Flint. She was a fierce civil rights activist who didn’t tolerate racial inequality! Despite politics in the ’50s and ’60s being a man’s world, a defiant Lois ignored the norms. In 1964, she successfully served as campaign manager to elect Bobby Crim to the State House. She pioneered voter identification and voter registration tactics now commonly used in elections.

In the late ’60s, she organized the Genesee County Democratic Women’s Auxiliary when party leadership positions were denied to women. This group quickly ballooned to over 1,000 women, outpacing the male county organization’s growth and fundraising for candidates. She showed them what a determined woman could do!

Again, she was an awesome organizer! While working as the administrative assistant to Bobby Crim when he was Speaker of the House of Representatives, he asked her to start a charity race to support Special Olympics. She organized the first Crim road race with Bobby Crim



Local 598 members have volunteered in this Special Olympics event since 2010.

in 1977. Under her leadership, “the Crim” became one of the top running events in the world, raising millions of dollars for the Area 13 Special Olympics chapter to this day. She retired from the position of Crim Race Director in 1994 and began working the Area 13 Special Olympics for another 17 years. She officially retired at the age of 85.

A special race named *The Lois Craig Invitational* was formed giving Area 13 Special Olympians their very own race to run on the bricks of downtown Flint on Friday night as the kickoff to the *Crim Festival of Races*. Local 598 has been actively supporting this race with registration of those runners, line leaders for the waves of racers to get them to their start line, and also as crowd support cheering all the participants on to make their race the best experience possible. This has been one of the most rewarding things that I have volunteered to do.

We all need to strive to be like Lois. In the words of her son Steve, “I hope that she serves as an example for women and for all of us that we need to leave this Earth having done something to make the world a better place.” She truly was the change she wanted to see. Her life accomplishments show what one feisty, determined person can do to improve the lives of many. Let’s all strive to be like Lois!

– Excerpts from: *Detroit Cremation Society and MLive article <https://www.mlive.com/news/flint/2024/04/lois-craig-founder-of-the-crim-race-dies-at-95.html>*

NOTICE
OUR NEXT
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will be held at 2:00 p.m.
September 15th
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Thank You So Much

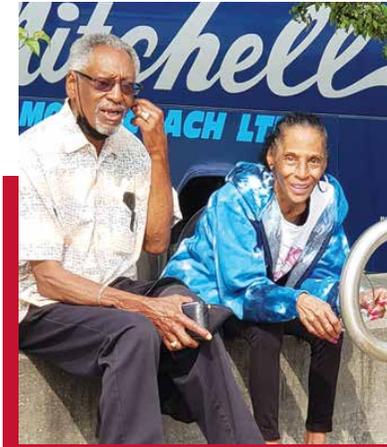
"It was heartwarming to see our retirees enjoying themselves... spending the day and dancing to Motown music!" by Janet Woodson



RETIRED WORKERS CHAIR

Detroit Princess Boat Trip and Success

On August 15th, we had our Detroit Princess boat trip and everyone enjoyed themselves. The weather was great and it was heartwarming to see our retirees enjoying themselves. Thank you all for spending the day with us dancing to Motown music!



Excitedly Waiting To Board The Boat



RETIREMENTS

The Officers, Staff and Members of Local 598 extend our sincerest thank you and congratulations for the many years of dedicated service by our recent retirees.

We encourage all newly retired members to join our Retiree Chapter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Retired Workers Chapter

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

- September 12 **Retiree Chapter Meeting**, Noon, 598 Union Hall
- September 12-15 **Trip to Mountaineer Resorts**, Cumberland, WV
Single, \$695 • Double, \$550 • If interested, contact Local 651 Retiree Chair Deborah Thomas (810.813.0838) ASAP to check availability
- October 10 **Retiree Chapter Meeting**, Noon, 598 Union Hall
The Trust will have representatives there to give us updates on our 2025 benefits.
- October 16-17 **Fall Casino trip** – one night, details and price tbd

Congratulations!

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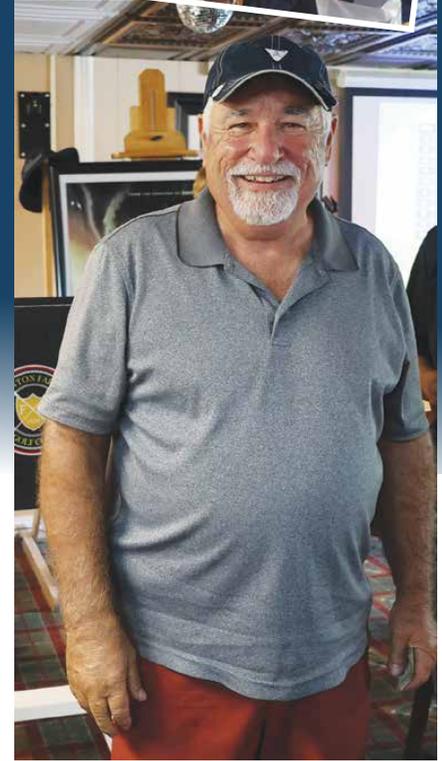
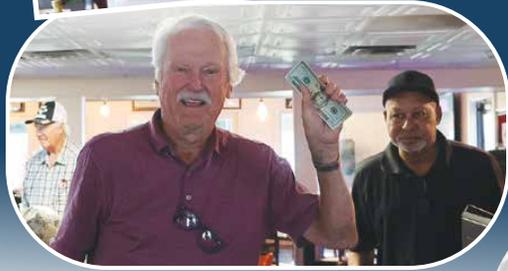
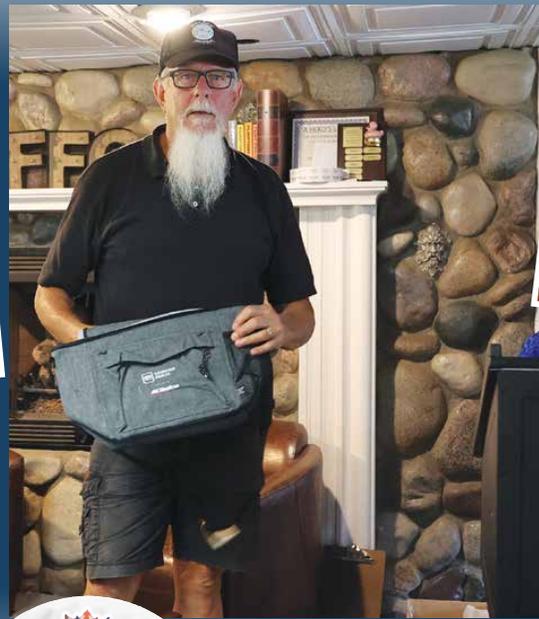
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Our annual Retirees Golf Outing was held on August 16th at Fenton Farms Golf Club. Although we had a little rain, the event was a lot of fun. We had some new faces on the course this year, and one face not seen in a very long time.

THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



FIRST PLACE



2ND PLACE



CONGRATS

TO ALL OF OUR OTHER WINNERS AS WELL

1ST PLACE:

Jerry Allen, Jim Weston, Dennis Pillow and Dave Ramariz

2ND PLACE:

Jerry Cole, Fred Wright, Tony Chiano and Don Cooper

3RD PLACE:

Don McKim, Kenny Franks, Earl Newby and John Fil

4TH PLACE:

Jim Dawson, Rich Ferriby, Bob Pariseau and Wayne Barry

We had lots of prizes donated by Brown & Sons Auto, located at 1720 Davison Road, Flint, MI. I work for them 2 days a week delivering AC Delco parts to dealerships and automotive centers.

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3RD PLACE



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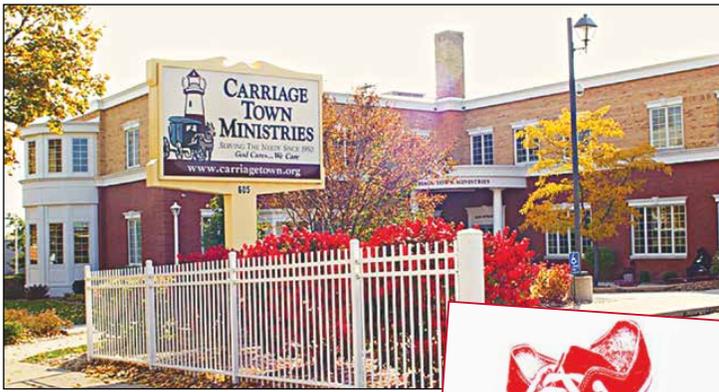


WOMEN'S LONGEST DRIVE and CLOSEST TO THE PIN



4TH PLACE





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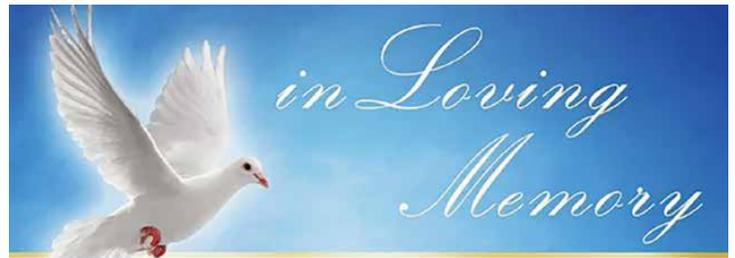
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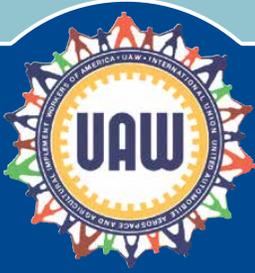
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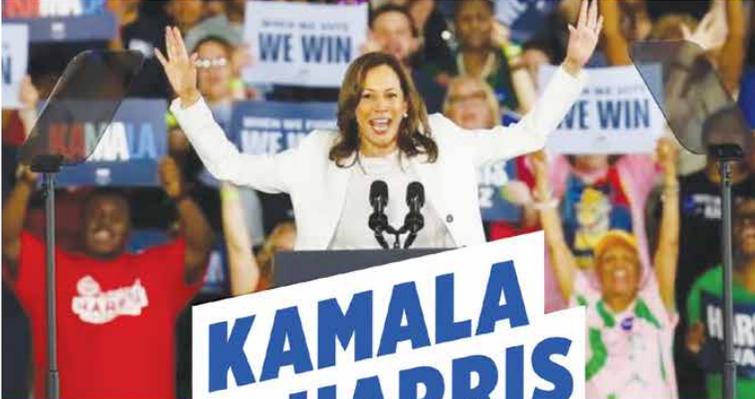
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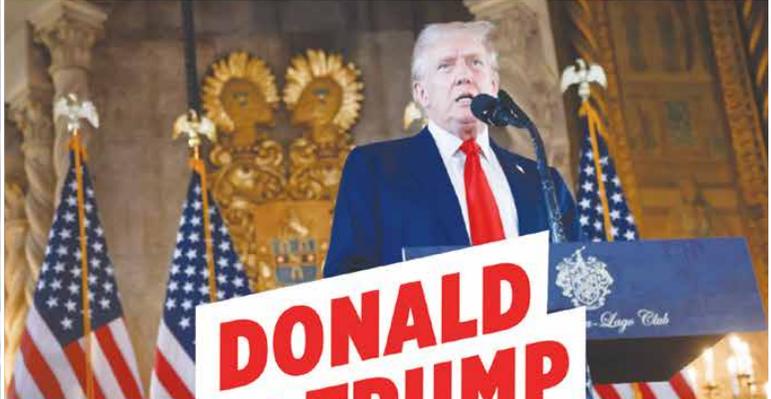
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