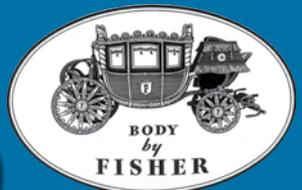


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MARCH 2026

# EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO **VOTE** ON **APRIL 29-30**

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# Elections Abound from Spring until Fall



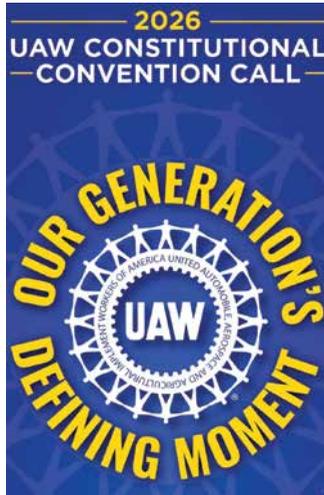
*"For members of UAW Local 598, the process begins here at home with the election of our [UAW Convention] delegates..."*

**STEPHANIE RILEY**

from the **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

## Brothers and Sisters of UAW Local 598,

Delegates from across the country will gather for the UAW Constitutional Convention beginning June 15, 2026, where important decisions will be made that shape the future structure, priorities, and direction of our union. The Constitutional Convention is the highest governing body of the UAW, and through elected delegates, members have the opportunity to debate and vote on proposed changes to the UAW Constitution. For members of UAW Local 598, the process begins here at home with the election of our delegates and the submission of member resolutions that may be considered at the Convention.



### Delegate Election Sign-Up: April 7-9, 2026

Members interested in representing Local 598 at the Constitutional Convention can sign up to run for delegate during the nomination period on April 7, 8, and 9, 2026. Serving as a delegate is an important responsibility. Delegates represent the voices of Local 598 members and take part in debating and voting on constitutional amendments and union policy. Members who care about the future direction of our union are encouraged to step forward and participate in the process.

### Delegate Election: April 29-30, 2026

Once nominations are complete, the delegate election will take place on April 29 and 30, 2026. Every member has the opportunity to participate in this democratic process by voting for the individuals who will represent Local 598 at the Convention. Strong member participation helps ensure that our delegates truly reflect the priorities of the membership.

### Resolution Deadline: April 14, 2026

Another key part of the Convention process is the submission of member resolutions. These resolutions can propose amendments or changes to the UAW Constitution and help guide discussions at the Convention.

Members wishing to submit resolutions must do so no later than Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Resolutions can be dropped off at the Union Hall during regular business hours in the drop box located in the main lobby.

Submitting a resolution is one of the most direct ways members can help shape the future structure and governance of our union.

### Issues Members Are Talking About

As the Convention approaches, many members have already begun discussing possible constitutional issues that could be brought forward. Some of the topics being talked about include:

- Possibly raising strike pay for members during authorized strikes
- Raising the ceiling on the UAW Strike Fund
- Increasing funding dedicated to organizing new members and growing the union
- Securing clear constitutional language regarding the process for One Member, One Vote elections
- Clarifying the definition of retirees within the Constitution

The discussion around defining retirees is particularly important as more members approach retirement without having secured traditional retiree benefits. Some members believe the Constitution should clearly define retirees in a way that ensures those transitioning out of the workforce can remain part of the UAW and maintain their right to participate and vote within the union.

These conversations highlight the importance of the Constitutional Convention and the role members play in shaping the union's rules and priorities.

### Get Involved

The strength of the UAW has always come from an active and engaged membership. Whether by running for delegate, voting in the election, or submitting a resolution, every member has an opportunity to take part in the democratic process of our union. Important dates to remember:

- **Delegate Sign-Up: APRIL 7-9, 2026**
- **Resolution Deadline: TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**
- **Delegate Election: APRIL 29-30, 2026**
- **UAW Constitutional Convention: JUNE 15, 2026**

Make your voice heard and help ensure that UAW Local 598 is strongly represented at the 2026 UAW Constitutional Convention.

*Stephanie Riley*

## Promoting Autism Awareness

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# The Return of the Every Saturday Agreement

"...we get hundreds of more temporary employees to provide the greatest amount of time off and flexibility..."



**ERIC WELTER**

**SHOP CHAIRMAN**

We recently attended the UAW/GM Sub-Council meeting. The International Union informed us that within 30 days they will be rolling out the final Special Attrition Program (SAP) retirement incentive required under the 2023 National Agreement. The Company will be determining the exit dates, but eligible employees will be retiring this year, and those who become eligible next year will sign up and be given exit dates based on when they meet the eligibility requirements.

We don't have any details yet to understand clearly how all this will work, but I wanted you to anticipate the rollout.

Preparing for retirement is critically important, but not everyone is educated in finance and investments. You don't have to be, you just have to connect with people who are. Investment planners, *Mainstay Capital* will be in the plant on March 25th. Look to the *Truck News* for details.

The GM department also shared some Skilled Trades head count and apprentice info that I would like to communicate. There are 6,683 total journey persons within GM. There are 619 apprentices, plus the 90 offers that were just made, for a total apprentice population of 709.

The 2023 National Agreement required the company to place 650 apprentices over the course of this agreement. Currently, the company had fulfilled 342 of the 650, with 308 remaining. There are currently 391 internal candidates and 270 external candidates on the list.

In comparison of other Locals, Flint Assembly is a very in-demand plant, with 84 internal and 87 external candidates. For those with friends of family on the external list, to get to an external candidate, they have to exhaust the list by trade and location. Due to our popularity, it might be worth exploring other locations that have smaller lists.

On March 16th, Flint Assembly will produce its 16 millionth vehicle. We have built much more than pickup trucks over the years, including Chevilles, Monte Carlos, G-Vans, Suburbans, Blazers, GMT-560 Medium Duties, GMT 480 buses, Impalas, Bel Airs and of course the first Corvette. This event is coupled with the 3.5 millionth Duramax Diesel engine. There will be a drive-off event and some employee recognition in the plant.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our Retirees who have been a part of building many of the 16 million.

We had a group of people recently convert to permanent seniority. The Union and the employees expected the 39 would convert on February 9th, but the company executed it on February 16th. I am pleased to announce that I am close to resolving that. The company has agreed to change their seniority date to reflect the Union's position, with a seniority date of 11/10/2025. They have made me a grievance settlement offer for the difference in pay for that week. I refused the first one, but expect to have it settled this week.

I am proud to announce the return of the *Every Saturday Agreement*. This agreement sounds like the opposite of what it produces. This agreement allows the company to exceed the Plan A (2 on 1 off) mandatory Saturday schedule. This year, the company will get 8 more Saturdays over Plan A, and we get hundreds of more temporary employees to provide the greatest amount of time off and flexibility compared to any other facility.

The process for Saturday off is different from the Plan A schedule that is vacation by seniority. We have a separate manpower scheduler in HCC, where you apply for Saturdays. This tool locks out 3 weeks prior and the person with the least number of Saturdays off receives the approval. Unlike a set percentage of people off, the company is required to approve someone for every PTT and ask all employees in that department to work over/early coverage to approve more people prior to denying anyone.

Historically, this has doubled and tripled the number of people you have become used to having off. Friday still gets you Saturday, but there are far more resources, so we have a lot of people who will get just Saturday without taking Friday.

Since they have to bring in more temporary employees, those resources will also result in an unbelievable amount of vacation and FS time – Monday through Friday. They abandon the rigid percentages and give people the time off based on available resources. Since we will no longer have set vacation percentages and people will get just about everything they want, we will revert back to the previous FS policy.

This agreement has also produced higher incomes for those who want it. Obviously, employees can work every Saturday, but 3rd shift was able to get 12 hours of double time a week, working 12 on their Saturday (4-2x) and 9 on Second shift (8-2x).

The support special app groups (like repair, quality, DVT, paint tech) work seven days a week to clear float and prep for next weeks run. Typically, there are weekly system fills in paint and body. Skilled Trades are working all they can to either support Saturdays' production or doing PMs and repairs on Sunday.

I know there are people who have not worked under this agreement and may be nervous about the new schedule, but this is the agreement that produces the greatest flexibility for the workforce. We are truly blessed. This comes to us at a time when five plants have people laid off. It is our victory lap in the battle for dominance over Oshawa.

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# We Are Truly Blessed

"Across this country, there are many UAW members who would love to have the problem we're dealing with right now."

**D'ANDRE JACKSON**

**RECORDING SECRETARY**



Recently, Flint Assembly leadership announced that beginning in June our plant will be moving to a six-day, three-shift production schedule. For a lot of people, the first reaction when hearing that kind of schedule is frustration. Working six days a week is not easy. It takes time away from our families, it's physically demanding, and the grind can wear on you. Take a step back and look at the big picture.

Across this country, there are many UAW members who

would love to have the problem we're dealing with right now. Many of our brothers and sisters are facing layoffs, reduced schedules, or uncertainty about when they'll get called back to work.

Here at Local 598, we have a different problem. We are busy. The product we build is in demand. The trucks that roll off the lines at Flint Assembly are the best in the world, and that reputation didn't just happen by accident. It was earned by generations of Local 598 members showing up every day, putting in the work, and taking pride in what they build. And now it is our turn again to keep that legacy going and to not let the work of those before us go in vain. We often like to say that the workforce here is the backbone of the company and the guardians of the profit sharing that we enjoy. So we have to walk it, like we talk it! That designation is not just handed to us. It's something that gets earned through hard work, reliability, and a reputation for getting the job done.

For some of our younger members, this kind of schedule is all they've ever known. Many haven't experienced layoffs, plant slowdowns, or the uncertainty that can come when the work just isn't there. I challenge you to take the time to talk to some of our more senior members and retirees about the hard times to gain a perspective on what the alternative looks like.

We are very fortunate to also have a Chairman and Shop Committee who approach negotiations with one clear priority – keeping Local 598 members working and protecting the ability for our families to earn a living. That commitment matters, and it plays a role in keeping this plant strong and open as an employment option for our families and the community.

This overtime schedule is also an opportunity to strengthen our households financially in preparation for next year's contract negotiations. As anyone who has been around the labor movement knows that contract negotiations can bring uncertainty. There's an old saying from a UAW leader that has stuck with me over the years:

***"You start financially preparing for a strike the day after ratification."***

Please keep our Brothers and Sisters at Teamsters Local 332, who have been on strike for an extended period, in your thoughts and prayers. Standing up for what you believe in takes courage, but it also takes preparation.

So yes, the schedule can be tough. Nobody is pretending that it isn't. But it's also a reminder that the work we do matters — not just to the company, but to our families, our community, and the strength of *Our Union*.

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# Focusing on Local 598

"There is hope that, after the elections, attention will return to supporting the Local's needs more effectively."



**CHAD FABBRO**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

## Completion of Local Taxes for 2025

All the local taxes have been completed, officially closing the books for 2025. We ensured that every detail was verified during the recent financial conference.

## Observations from the Financial Conference

The conference itself was quite disorganized, largely due to it being an election year. Many attendees seemed distracted by the political climate, which led to a mix of political rivalry and personal pride overshadowing the event's original purpose.

## Looking Forward

There is hope that, after the elections, attention will return to supporting the Local's needs more effectively.



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**RE: Int'l Union Strike & Defense Fund Report – November 2025**

The following is a summary of Strike Fund Income and Expenditures for the month of November 2025.

NET WORTH OCTOBER 31, 2025	\$823,702,053.78
<b>INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2025</b>	
Dues Per Capita Taxes	6,376,967.04
<b>DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<u>1,447,062.09</u>
<b>NET WORTH, NOVEMBER 30, 2025</b>	<u>\$828,631,958.73</u>

There were four (4) strikes during the month of November.

Fraternally,  
  
 Margaret Mock  
 Secretary-Treasurer, International Union, UAW

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# Building Strength Through Unity...

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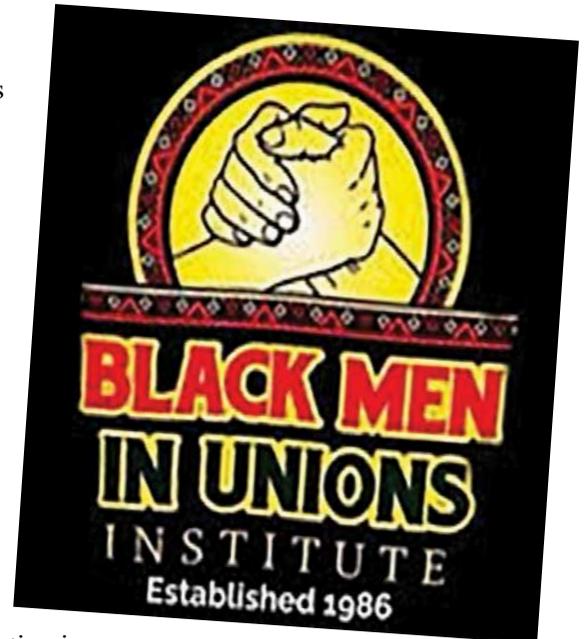
by Kareem Snell

I recently had the opportunity to attend the 38th Black Men in Unions. I chose to attend the Strengthening Representation & Workplace Fairness workshop, and it was both inspiring and impactful. The gathering created an important space for dialogue, learning, and connection among union members and community leaders committed to advancing equity in the workplace.

Throughout the event, speakers such as Eric Flemming, President of UAW Local 7, Alex Goodwin, Bargaining Rep., UAW Local 898. Keynote Speaker: House Rep. Amos O'Neal, 94th District in the State of Michigan, Michigan's Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, emphasized the vital role unions play in advocating for fair treatment, equal opportunities, and stronger representation for union workers. Conversations highlighted the importance of leadership development, mentorship, and collective action in addressing challenges and building inclusive environments where everyone can thrive.

What stood out most was the sense of unity and shared purpose. Participants exchanged experiences, strategies, and ideas that reinforced how solidarity can drive meaningful change — not only within unions but across entire industries and communities.

Events like this remind us that progress happens when voices are heard, representation is strengthened, and workers stand together to promote fairness and respect. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of such an empowering experience and look forward to continuing to support efforts that advance equity and inclusion in our workplaces.



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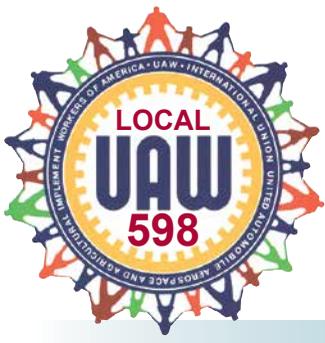
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## **NOMINATIONS will be accepted:**

**DATES:** **Tuesday, April 7, Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**TIME:** **5:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION:** **LOCAL 598 UNION HALL, G-3293 Van Slyke Rd., Flint, MI 48507**

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## **ELECTIONS HELD for OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE BOARD Members:**

**DATES:** **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – Thursday, April 30, 2026**

**TIMES:** **Polls Open at 6:00 A.M. 4/29/26 and Close at 6:00 A.M. 4/30/26**

**LOCATIONS:** **North Unit Gym Area in the Main Plant, Trim Shop, Paint Shop Cafeteria, Body Shop Cafeteria, and Local 598 Union Hall**

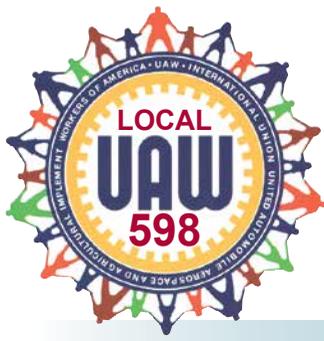
Any **RUN-OFF ELECTIONS** will be held **Wednesday, May 6, polls open at 6:00 a.m.**, and close at **6:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, May 7, 2026**. Election locations: North Unit Gym Area in the Main Plant, Trim Shop, Paint & Body Shop Cafeterias, and at Local 598 Union Hall.

**Election Committee  
Local 598, UAW**



**Stephanie Riley, President  
Local 598, UAW**

**NOTE: Only Members in Good Standing will be eligible to vote. Voting will be by secret ballot. You must have picture I.D. and provide your GMIN/Employee No. Retirees and Members on Leaves of Absence may vote at the Local 598 Union Hall.**



# GM Bargaining Unit NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS NOTICE

## Shop Committee Chairperson District Shop Committee-at-Large (2)

**DISTRICT 1A, 1B, 1C**  
Committeeperson and Alternate  
Motor line, Pre-Final, Box line, Paint

**DISTRICT 3A, 3B, 3C**  
Committeeperson and Alternate  
Material, Salvage & Skilled Trades

**DISTRICT 5A, 5B, 5C**  
Committeeperson and Alternate  
Body, Trim - (IP, Door Line, Kit Cell)

**DISTRICT 2A, 2B, 2C**  
Committeeperson and Alternate  
Chassis 1,2,3,4,5, Final Line, Repair,  
DVT, Store

**DISTRICT 4A, 4B, 4C**  
Committeeperson and Alternate  
Trim (1,2,3,4) Pre-Trim, Quality

( A = 1st Shift  
B = 2nd Shift  
C = 3rd Shift )

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### ELECTIONS HELD for positions listed above:

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Election Committee, Local 598, UAW

Stephanie Riley, President, Local 598, UAW

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# ARAMARK • BEACON O&M • MPS GROUP NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS NOTICE

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## NOMINATIONS will be accepted:

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 7, Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 9, 2026

**TIME:** 5:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** LOCAL 598 UNION HALL, G-3293 Van Slyke Road, Flint, MI 48507

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### RULES:

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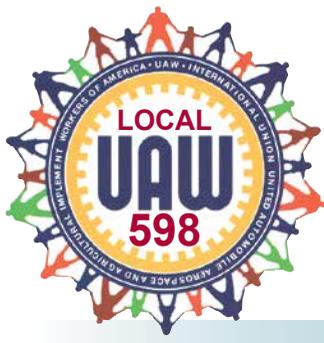
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# CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINATIONS & ELECTION NOTICE

## DELEGATE TO THE: 39<sup>TH</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

of the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, & Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW

▶ **GM BARGAINING UNIT**

**DELEGATES – 6**

**ALTERNATE DELEGATES – 3**

▶ **IPS/AMALGAMATED UNITS**

(Aramark, MPS, Beacon O&M)

**DELEGATE – 1**

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – 1**

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# Election Committee Training for Upcoming Local Elections



The newly elected Election Committee participated in a comprehensive training alongside members from other Locals in preparation for the upcoming Local election. The training provided essential guidance on election procedures and outlined the responsibilities required to ensure every member's voice is represented. It also emphasized the committee's duty to uphold fairness, integrity and democratic principles through the election process.

## Resolutions Are How Members Lead

Submitting a resolution does not require being an expert or holding a title. It requires caring enough about your union to speak up.

If an issue matters to you, it likely matters to others. Putting it into a resolution ensures it becomes part of the official conversation at the Constitutional Convention.

I encourage every member of Local 598 to:

- ▶ **Talk with your coworkers and stewards.**
- ▶ **Identify issues that deserve union-wide discussion.**
- ▶ **Put your ideas into resolution form.**
- ▶ **Submit them within the required timelines.**
- ▶ **Use the sample in the *EYE OPENER* to submit your resolutions to the Union Hall.**

The strength of our union has always come from engaged, informed, and active members. The 39th UAW Constitutional Convention begins not on the convention floor, but right here – with you.

**Resolution Deadline is April 14th.**

## HOW TO: UAW 2026 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS FOR OUR 39<sup>th</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN JUNE. DO NOT MISTAKE THIS FOR OUR NATIONAL BARGAINING AGREEMENT.**

Our International UAW is calling the Sisters and Brothers of Local 598 for Resolutions to our UAW Constitution. If you have a Resolution you would like to contribute and be voted on at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting, please complete this form and submit to our Local Union Hall – **NO LATER THAN: Tuesday, April 14, 2026.**

Reference current language if applicable: *You can search by topic at [uaw.org/uaw-constitution](http://uaw.org/uaw-constitution)*

Article No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section No. \_\_\_\_\_ Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Page No. \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas:

*This is where you say what is currently in the constitution concerning your topic*

Be It Resolved:

*This is where you state how you want it to change. Be as clear as you can so your intent is understood.*

*Only 1 topic per form. Resolutions are sorted by topic, if you have more than 1 on a page, the others might not be seen.*

\*Respectfully submitted by, \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Forms are available at the Local 598 Union Hall.**

GMIN/Employee No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_



Members celebrated **INTERNATIONAL**  
**Women's Day**  
 by **wearing purple**



The UAW Local 598 Women's Committee loved seeing everyone in their purple shirts for International Women's Day! **Thank you to everyone who participated.**



(L-R) D'Andre, Melissa, Johnny, and Chad attended the American Cancer Society Mid-Michigan Appreciation Night. Our UAW Local 598/GM Flint Assembly Team was recognized for being in 2nd place for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer-Flint 2025.



Photos courtesy of Melissa Bowen, Women's Committee Chair



# Retired Workers Chapter

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

# OUTING & ELECTIONS

"New retirees and your spouses, all surviving spouses, we invite you to our Chapter meetings."



**JANET WOODSON**

## RETIRED WORKERS CHAIR

I want to apologize for the misprint in the February issue regarding the dates and times of the Gun Lake Casino trip. We ended up having twenty members that joined the outing, so I hope everyone got the corrected information in time.

### Detroit Tigers Ballgame

The next trip we'll be looking at will be a Detroit Tigers baseball game for August 29th. We hope to have enough for a small bus for that game. More details will follow and will be delivered to you by our April 9th meeting.



### Upcoming Elections

We have the upcoming elections for our Executive Board, Committee bodies, and the 39th UAW Constitutional Convention delegate elections. The sign-up for the General Election will be April 7-9, so on our meeting day, April 9th, we will have the Election Committee in house with us. Our meeting will go on as planned.

New retirees and your spouses, we invite you to our Chapter meetings. All surviving spouses are welcome as well.

**THURSDAY** **Retiree Chapter Meeting**  
April 9th Local 598 Union Hall, 12:00 noon

**THURSDAY** **Retiree Chapter Meeting**  
May 14th Local 598 Union Hall, 12:00 noon

**THURSDAY** **Retiree Chapter Meeting**  
June 11th Local 598 Union Hall, 12:00 noon

**FRIDAY** **Annual Retiree Golf Outing**  
August 14th Fenton Farms Golf Club, Fenton, MI

**SATURDAY** **Tiger Baseball Game**  
August 29th Details TBD

## ATTORNEYS at the HALL

LEGAL SERVICES FOR LOCAL 598 MEMBERS



- ▶ **MONDAY** **Richard Wagner** ..... **810.820.9111**  
*Doud, Smith & Wagner* 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- ▶ **TUESDAY** **Robert MacDonald** ..... **810.234.2204**  
*MacDonald & MacDonald, PLLC* 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- ▶ **FRIDAY** **Neal Wilensky** ..... **810.606.0410**  
*Kaechele & Wilensky, P.C.* 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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Classified ads are limited to Local 598 members' name only and must be submitted monthly.

Classified ads run on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Billie Rogers      Russell King  
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Our UAW Local 598 family extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friend of these deceased members.

If you know of a Local 598 member who has recently passed, please submit their name at the Union Hall, so they may be listed here in the Eye Opener.



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