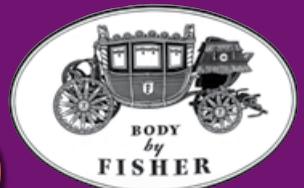




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"We don't just talk about compassion and solidarity – we live it... When we lift each other up, we strengthen our collective voice."

STEPHANIE RILEY

from the **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Brothers and Sisters of UAW Local 598,

As we close out the month of February, I want to reflect on the meaningful work our Local has accomplished together and the important activities that lie ahead.

Black History Month, White Shirt Day, and Diversity Training

February gives us the opportunity to celebrate Black History Month – a time to honor the achievements, resilience, and leadership of Black Americans who have shaped our labor movement and our country.

The labor movement has long been strengthened by the courage and activism of Black trade unionists who fought not only for workplace justice, but also for civil rights and equality.

Earlier this month, we also recognized White Shirt Day, commemorating the historic Flint Sit-Down Strike. Wearing white shirts symbolizes solidarity and honors the brave men and women who occupied the plants in 1936-37 to secure Union recognition. Their sacrifice built the foundation for the wages, benefits, and rights we continue to defend today. When we wear white, we remember that our strength comes from unity.

In that same spirit of unity and education, members of our Diversity and Civil Rights Committee participated in diversity training under the leadership of UAW Region 1D, in partnership with our International Civil Rights Department. This training reinforces our commitment to building a Union that reflects fairness, inclusion, and respect for all members.



We are hopeful to invite our International staff to conduct a larger training session in the near future and extend that opportunity to the entire membership. Education strengthens solidarity, and when we grow in understanding, we grow stronger together.

Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is not limited to one month — it is part of who we are as Union members. When we lift each other up, we strengthen our collective voice.

Arbitration Training – Building Strong Representation

Education is one of the most powerful tools we have as a Union. This month, members of our committee from GM, Aramark, and MPS attended arbitration training to further strengthen their ability to represent our membership.

Arbitration is often the final step in enforcing our collective bargaining agreements. Having trained, knowledgeable representatives ensures that our members' rights are defended with skill, preparation, and confidence. I want to thank those committee members for stepping up to expand their expertise and continue building strong representation across all units of our Local.

2026 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

This month, members of UAW Local 598 proudly participated in the Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics – and once again, you showed what solidarity looks like beyond the workplace.

Together, we raised over \$20,000 to support athletes with intellectual disabilities.

That is something every member should be proud of. Whether you plunged into the freezing water, donated, or helped spread the word, you made a difference in the lives of countless athletes and their families.



This event demonstrates that our union's strength extends into our community. We don't just talk about compassion and solidarity – we live it.

National CAP Conference – Fighting for Labor Rights

This month, we also had the honor of representing Local 598 at the UAW National Community Action Program (CAP) Conference.

CAP is where Union members take our fight directly to the halls of government. We met with lawmakers to advocate for policies that protect workers' rights, strengthen collective



Members of our Diversity and Civil Rights Committee participated in Reg. 1D diversity training.

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Retirees stand shoulder-to-shoulder with active members at the UAW National CAP Conference in Washington, DC, proving solidarity has no expiration date.

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bargaining, defend retirement security, and rebuild the middle class. Our message was clear:

- **Protect labor rights.**
- **Strengthen union jobs.**
- **Support working families.**
- **Invest in American manufacturing and communities.**
- **Political engagement is not about partisanship.**

WE ARE TRADE UNIONISTS – it is about protecting our livelihoods and ensuring working-class voices are heard. When we show up united, lawmakers listen.

Solidarity with Teamsters Local 332

Our Teamster family at Teamsters Local 332 remains on the strike line at Henry Ford. They are standing up for fair treatment, respect on the job, and the dignity every worker and patient deserves.

As trade unionists, we know that when one union is under attack, we are all affected. I encourage our membership to show support in any way possible – whether that means walking the picket line, offering words of encouragement, or supporting them publicly in the community.



Solidarity is not just a word – it is action. Let's stand with our brothers and sisters as they fight for justice.

Election Committee Elections

Democracy is the backbone of our Union. This month, we will conduct elections for our Election Committee. I want to thank every member who participated and every candidate who is stepping forward to serve.

Free, fair, and transparent elections ensure that our Local remains accountable to the membership. Thank you for your commitment to upholding the integrity of our Union's democratic processes.

UAW Constitutional Convention – Resolutions

As we prepare for the upcoming UAW Constitutional Convention, we are now accepting resolutions from the membership.

The Constitutional Convention is where we shape the future of our International Union. It is where policies are debated, articles are amended, and the direction of our union is set for years to come. I encourage every member to:

- **Review our current constitutional language.**
- **Consider areas where improvements can be made.**
- **Submit thoughtful resolutions that reflect the needs of our membership.**

YOUR VOICE MATTERS. THIS IS YOUR UNION.

Moving Forward Together

February is a month of service, education, celebration, advocacy, and solidarity. From honoring Black History Month and White Shirt Day, to investing in diversity training, to raising over \$20,000 for Special Olympics, to fighting for working families in Washington, to standing with our Teamster brothers and sisters – Local 598 continues to lead by example.

I am proud to serve as your President, and I am even more proud of the solidarity and commitment shown by our membership every day.

Stephanie Riley

Addressing Flexible Schedule Concerns

"I am not aware of another membership that gets this benefit the way we do..."

ERIC WELTER

SHOP CHAIRMAN



Recently, we released the new vacation application process and FS rule changes. We will have the normal vacation app period February 9-20, answers by March 2. We added an additional app period for the sake of people who were denied vacation applications in the first round, to have a chance for approval in the second period. In the past, we followed up with the vacation applications with FS, so those denied had no opportunity for preferred days off.

Excused days, called flexible schedule (FS), is a great benefit to our members and was invented right here at Flint Assembly. I am not aware of another membership that gets this benefit the way we do, but it created a couple problems in 2025. Under a Plan A schedule, we negotiate a percentage of RTR to be approved off. This is different than the previous Every Saturday Agreement that had lots of resources to grant an unbelievable

amount of vacation and FS approvals. We base the percentage off on the number of contractual vacation hours with some excess for flexibility.

We had twice as many FS applications as there are vacation hours, so that flooded the system and did not allow reasonable use of vacation hours. We had employees creating two different abuses. One was, to get Saturday off, they put in for every Friday FS, planning to come to work anyway, but still take Saturday off. Management owns some of this abuse and we are dealing with that.

The second was people putting in 200-300 hours of FS, getting a lot of them approved then just decided week by week if they were going to come to work or not. This ate up all of the available vacation approval. To combat this, FS will only be approved for one month at a time at the half way point of the previous month.

The company is assigning more volume to Flint Assembly, resulting in the company changing the projected Saturday schedule. We will no longer work only 2 shifts on a Saturday, rotating the combinations. Starting in April, we will work 3 shifts on Saturday, with a true plan A schedule.

Per the National Agreement, the company can work employees 2 Saturdays in a row, then they have to have one off, then can work two more.

In April, all three shifts will work April 11th and 18th. My Local agreement stating they can't work Saturdays tied to a Friday/Monday holiday will pay off, and is the only one at an assembly plant. Although April is mild, it gets pretty heavy other months.

We were fortunate to have 39 FTT convert to permanent seniority on February 9th. We get lots of questions about more FTT offers, but there is no immediate plan to do that. A couple things need to change. First, the plant is pretty full right now. There is not enough need for full-time employees to get approval to add people. The second that has to change is the permanent layoff at DHAM. We are not going to be able to add FTT while seniority employees are laid off.

Potential events that improve both of these issues are on the horizon. First, due to the temporary layoff, we had a large miracle of Christmas return to work. There is a historical shift back after profit sharing. A potential SAP would also create a manpower need. Getting the laid-off workers back to work is a priority that I believe will be resolved when Orion starts staffing. There is no clear indicator of when that will occur.

To create opportunity to convert new workers, the company has to have a need for more employees. Our temporary workers have been able to keep working, but there were limited conversion opportunities due to the company compressing the size of its workforce while shifting to EV. This was made worse by companywide productivity after the 2023 agreement. The company was just about to expand when the rug got pulled out on EV. They are now pivoting back, creating another compression.

For us specifically, I believe Orion will have a large population and be a successful plant. So, at some point, it will allow a lot of "make up" conversions.

UAW Local 598

We are excited to have one of our own be honored for his service to the youth in preparing them to make ethical and moral choices and for his devotion to developing young leaders with good character.



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Congratulations to Bo Browning

on behalf of the UAW Local 598 Committeebody, Executive Board, and our entire membership.

Celebrating **BLACK HISTORY** Month

"...seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor..."



D'ANDRE JACKSON

RECORDING SECRETARY

February is Black History Month and has been designated as such since 1976. Black History Month evolved from what was once known as "Negro History Week," started in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black history. Fifty years later, during the country's Bicentennial, President Gerald Ford made Black History Month official. President Ford called upon Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

February was chosen primarily because the second week of the month coincides with the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Lincoln was influential in the emancipation of enslaved people, and Douglass, a formerly enslaved man, was a prominent leader in the abolitionist movement that fought to end slavery.

Today, under the current administration, we are witnessing parts of our American history being altered, sugar-coated, and rewritten and sometimes even erased. Now more than ever, it's important for us to know that there is no American history without the Black experience included in it. Black history has been embedded in American history since the birth of this country and still is to this present day. Black history in this country is so much more than just slavery. It is a reflection of overcoming systemic oppression, honoring resilience, and correcting historical omissions to foster a more inclusive and equitable future.

America was never founded from a single heritage. America was founded on an idea – that idea is that all deserve liberty,

democracy, equality, individual rights, and the pursuit of happiness. These ideals are owed to all human beings. Therefore, America belongs to all Americans, no matter their ethnic background.

Celebrating the history of our many different ethnic backgrounds in America is not meant to divide Americans, as they want to make us believe, but it is to highlight what makes us strong as a nation. A nation made up of different heritages standing together as one and fighting for the perfection of what the American idea is supposed to be is what makes us strong. Weakness slips in when many start to give up on that idea. That weakness will not only harm us as a country, but will harm us as a labor union as well, because our union was founded on those same principles and ideas that America was founded on.

The American idea can still work. I like to believe that there are more good people in America than there are bad. So don't believe the hype. *Stay strong!*

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The Road Ahead...Why Flint Assembly Must Be Proactive

"...it protects the high-profit V8 Chevrolet Silverado HDs we build today...it creates a massive financial risk for our future."



CHAD FABBRO

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

To My Fellow Union Brothers and Sisters,

We are living through a period of "regulatory whiplash." In just the last few weeks, we've seen the EPA officially repeal vehicle emission standards and reverse the 2009 Endangerment Finding. While some may tell you this is a "win" for gas-powered trucks, we need to look at the full picture.

The Fight We Face

The reality is that these rollbacks create a double-edged sword for Flint Assembly. On one hand, it protects the high-profit V8 Chevrolet Silverado HDs we build today. On the other hand, it creates a massive financial risk for our future.

We've already seen the impact – GM recently took a \$1.6 billion loss to scale back EV production because the "rules of the road" keep changing. When the government and corporations play politics with regulations, it's our plants that face "strategic realignments" and our long-term job security that gets put on the chopping block.

The Financial Pressure on Our Union

It isn't just about the trucks;. It's about our ability to fight.

Right now, the NLRB – the agency that protects our right to organize – is facing a \$14 million budget cut. This is a direct attempt to move more slowly on our grievances and make it harder for us to hold the company accountable.

Furthermore, we are seeing retirees in our own community struggling with the rising costs of living while corporations rake in billions from these "deregulatory" savings.

Why We Must Be Proactive

We cannot afford to sit back and wait for the next election or the next contract to see what happens to us. Being proactive means:

1. **Political Education:** We must understand that "deregulation" often means stripping away the protections that keep our jobs in Flint and our air clean.
2. **Organizing on Every Front:** Whether it's supporting the 40,000 academic workers currently on strike or standing ready for our own deadlines, our strength is in our numbers.
3. **Demanding Investment:** We must demand that GM doesn't just use these "rollbacks" to pad executive bonuses, but instead invests those savings back into Flint Assembly to ensure we are the hub for all future technology – gas, electric, or hybrid.

The UAW was built on the idea that we don't just take what is given to us; we demand what we deserve. The "chaos" in Washington is designed to distract us. Our job is to stay focused, stay united, and stay loud.

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New USPS Procedures

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) implemented new procedures for dating mail on December 24, 2025, postmarking letters and packages with the date they are processed at a postal facility rather than when they are dropped off in a mailbox – a shift that could affect whether time-sensitive mail is considered on time.

The USPS says the change is aimed at meeting strategic goals to cut costs and streamline mail processing by concentrating it in a smaller number of facilities. But it could create real challenges for consumers dealing with deadline-driven mail matters this tax season and beyond, from IRS filings and Medicare documents to mail-in ballots and government benefit notices.

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Date differences between when a piece of mail is dropped off by the sender and when it is processed and postmarked are likely to “become more common” as the changes roll out, according to USPS.

That means a tax return dropped in a big blue mailbox on April 15 or a vote-by-mail ballot sent on Election Day could still be marked late – risking IRS penalties or a rejected vote – because USPS now postmarks when mail is processed rather than when it is sent.

How to ensure mail is dated correctly

If you typically wait until the day before your tax deadline to mail your return, you might want to rethink simply slipping it into a mailbox or post office receptacle. Instead, consider taking it inside the post office and choosing one of these in-person options to document that it was in USPS' hands ahead of a deadline:

- **Request a manual postmark** (also called a local postmark) to ensure the date matches when your item was accepted.
- **Send by registered or certified mail**, methods that provide mailing receipts and tracking.
- **Get a certificate of mailing.** This works like a receipt, providing official proof of when an item was sent. Keep your copy; the USPS does not retain one. When it comes to meeting mailing deadlines, bear in mind that certificates of mailing do not provide tracking and, for some government institutions, do not override the postmark on the envelope.

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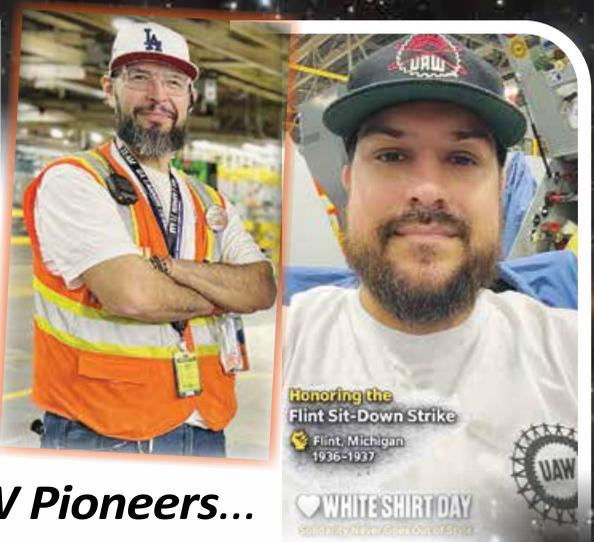
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February 11th – A day we honor our UAW Pioneers...

WHITE SHIRT DAY

From the workers in the plant to those who attended the UAW Region 1D celebration at Local 651, all the way to Washington, DC, Local 598 was proudly represented.



Photos courtesy of Britta Rusaw







Timeline for Women's Rights Gained or Lost Since 1920

Some of these were really surprising! Some still need work.

*Timeline submitted by
Becky Haughey,
Local 598 Education
Committee, Retiree*

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

by Melissa Bowen, Local 598 Trustee & Women's Committee Chair

I'm not sure when it happened, but lately whenever I look up from my job to see a skilled trades cart drive by, I've noticed more female apprentices. It makes me smile every time. I love seeing that our sisters (and brothers) are seizing these opportunities afforded to us. I know learning new skills can be intimidating and difficult but I'm glad to see so many are taking on the challenge. At a time when diversity is being shunned, I just wanted to say, I think it's so cool and I'm proud of all of you.

With spring rapidly approaching, the Women's Committee is looking forward to our March events. International Women's Day is March 8th and we had shirts available for purchase online. We are also working with Flint Assembly management to host the women's month celebration in the plant. More details to come in the *Truck News* and in-plant communications.

March 21st is *Rosie the Riveter Day*, and we love seeing the pictures of everyone with their bandannas and Rosie shirts on!

The Women's Committee is also excited to host a table of gift basket raffles at the Mid-Michigan Pet Expo. All of our proceeds will be going to *A ReJoyceful Animal Rescue*. The Pet Expo will be Friday, March 27th (2-7pm), Saturday, March 28th (9am-6pm) and Sunday, March 29th (9am-4pm) at Dort Financial Events Center. This will be our fourth year participating and we hope to see you there!

- 1920** – **19th Amendment** to the United States Constitution guarantees women the right to vote.
- 1922** – The **Cable Act** allows many women to retain U.S. citizenship after marrying foreign nationals.
- 1963** – **Equal Pay Act** of 1963 requires equal pay for equal work regardless of sex.
- 1964** – The **Civil Rights Act** of 1964 (Title VII) prohibits employment discrimination based on sex.
- 1965** – **Griswold v. Connecticut** establishes married couples' right to access contraception.
- 1972** – **Equal Access in Education (Title IX)** prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education program (major impact on athletics and admissions).
- 1973** – **Abortion Rights Recognized** (later overturned) *Roe v. Wade* recognizes a constitutional right to abortion (this was overturned in 2022).
- 1974** – The **Equal Credit Opportunity Act** prohibits lenders from discriminating based on sex or marital status. Women could now obtain credit cards and loans in their own name.
- 1976** – Women allowed into all service academies.
- 1978** – The **Pregnancy Discrimination Act** prohibits discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.
- 1993** – **Family & Medical Leave Act** of 1993 grants eligible employees unpaid, job-protected leave for childbirth and family medical needs.
- 1994** – **Violence Against Women Act** strengthens federal responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 2013** – **Women in Combat:** The United States Department of Defense lifts the ban on women serving in combat roles (fully implemented by 2016).
- 2009** – **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act** of 2009 makes it easier to challenge pay discrimination.
- 2015** – **Marriage Equality** *Obergefell v. Hodges* legalizes same-sex marriage nationwide.
- 2022** – **Abortion Rights Overturned** *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturns *Roe*, returning abortion regulation to the states (this reduced federally protected abortion rights).
- 2022** – **Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act** allows survivors to pursue sexual harassment/assault claims in court instead of mandatory arbitration.
- 2023** – **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnancy and childbirth.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Celebrating Women's Progress and Examining the Impact of Project 2025

by **Becky Haughey, Education Committee Chair, Retiree**

In this article, I want to reflect on gains in Women's Rights while looking at current policy proposals like Project 2025 to see how those rights may be impacted. Each March, Women's History Month offers an opportunity to honor the achievements, struggles, and contributions of women throughout history. As we celebrate the progress made in the fight for gender equality, it is equally important to reflect on how ongoing political and policy developments, such as Project 2025, may affect the rights and opportunities of women in the United States.

We have had historic gains over the past century, including women in the U.S. achieving significant milestones in their quest for equality. From securing the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, to advances in workplace rights, reproductive autonomy, and representation in government, the story of women's history is one of perseverance and progress.

- **Voting Rights:** The 19th Amendment enfranchised women, marking a turning point in American democracy.
- **Workplace Equality:** Legislation such as the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 helped pave the way for fair employment practices.
- **Reproductive Rights:** Landmark Supreme Court cases, including *Roe v. Wade* (1973), expanded women's autonomy over their bodies, although this remains a contentious and evolving issue and is currently governed by the States instead of the Federal government.
- **Leadership and Representation:** Women now serve in key leadership roles across government, business, and civil society, breaking barriers and inspiring future generations.

Despite these gains, women's rights remain subject to ongoing debate and legislative shifts. Recent years have seen renewed activism, as well as challenges to reproductive rights, workplace protections, and access to healthcare.

The intersection of policy proposals with women's rights is especially relevant in today's political climate.

So what is Project 2025 and what are some of the policy implications for women's rights? Project 2025 is a policy blueprint developed by various conservative organizations aimed at reshaping the federal government's approach to social, economic, and administrative issues. Its proposals cover a wide range of topics, some of which directly affect women's rights and status in society.

- **Reproductive Health:** Project 2025 includes measures that could further restrict access to reproductive health services, including abortion, contraception, and healthcare coverage. Such changes may significantly impact women's autonomy and health outcomes.
- **Workplace Protections:** The project's focus on deregulation and restructuring federal agencies could

affect enforcement of workplace equality laws, potentially undermining protections against discrimination and harassment.

- **Education and Family Policy:** Proposed reforms to education, parental leave, and childcare may reshape resources available to working women and families, with consequences for economic Women's History Month it is not just a time to look back; it is also a moment to look forward. The gains made by women have been hard-fought and must be protected and advanced. As policy debates continue, including those around Project 2025, it is crucial for individuals and organizations to engage in advocacy, education, and civic participation to ensure that progress is not undone.

Celebrating Women's History Month means acknowledging the remarkable strides women have made, while recognizing that the journey toward equality is ongoing. By examining current policy proposals such as Project 2025, we are reminded of the importance of vigilance and activism in safeguarding the rights of women for generations to come.



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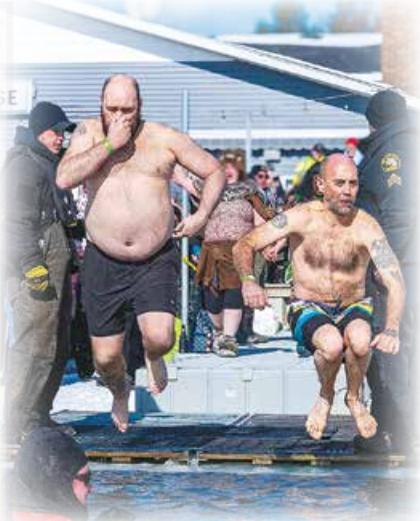


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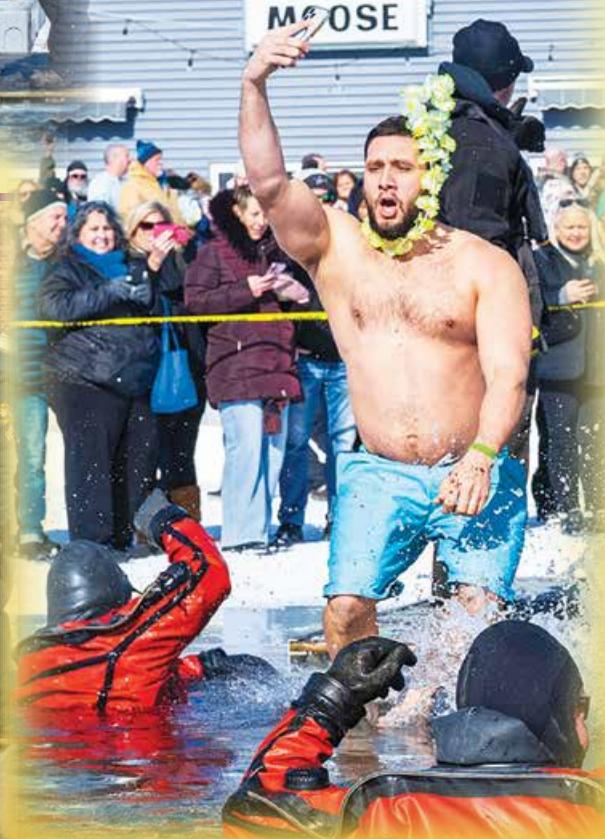
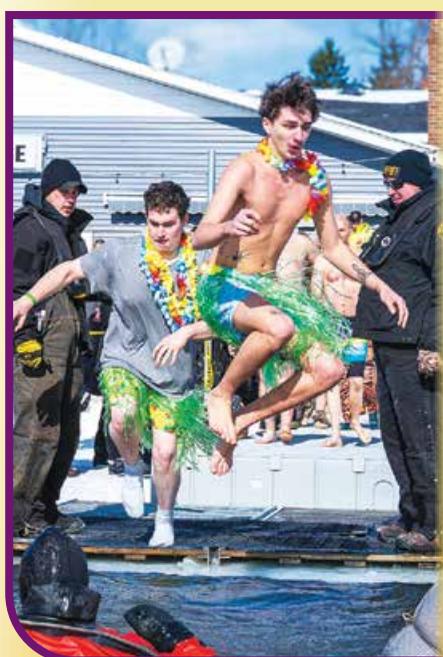
On the first Saturday in February, you can always find Local 598 members in Fenton Twp. jumping into the icy water for Special Olympics. This year, we held on to our title of the group raising the most money.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE "JUMPERS" WHO SHOWED UP TO KEEP THE TRADITION GOING.





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Congratulations!

to Local 598's recent retiree...

CLAUDE JONES
effective date:
MAY of 2026

Congrats, Claude!



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

CAP Conference in DC

"We went to the Capital to lobby our representatives and received a nice welcome from our Flint area legislators."

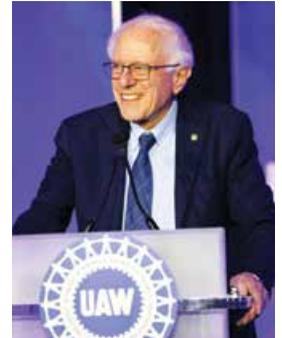
JANET WOODSON

RETIRED WORKERS CHAIR



We missed seeing each other this month because the membership voted and cancelled our normal meeting, as it conflicted with the CAP Conference in Washington, DC. While we hate to miss a meeting, your Executive Board, who attended the conference, had the chance to take classes on Social Security laws and other issues that are important to our retired members.

We went to the Capital to lobby our representatives and received a nice welcome from our Flint area legislators. We met with and heard from many great speakers, but a great speech by Representative Bernie Sanders stood out. He sure knows how to wind up a crowd!



We will be having our Spring Trip on March 19, 2026, and Local 699 will be joining us. This will be a day trip to Gun Lake Casino in Wayland, MI. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. There will be more information on the time we are leaving and returning at our meeting on March 12th. If you are planning on going on this trip, leave me a message at the Union Hall. We will need the money no later than the meeting.

I can't wait to see everyone at our March meeting.



We would like to thank the membership for allowing us to attend the CAP Conference in Washington, DC in February. We learned a lot .

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THURSDAY
March 12th

Day Trip to GUN LAKE CASINO
Local 651 Union Hall, 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY
March 19th

Retiree Chapter Meeting
Local 598 Union Hall, 12:00 noon

THURSDAY
April 9th

Retiree Chapter Meeting
Local 598 Union Hall, 12:00 noon



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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.



Spotlighting Member Businesses who participated in our

2025 Small Business Expo

These Local 598 businesses are owned and operated by members of our Local 598 family who participated in our November Small Business expo. If you participated and would like us to print your business card next month, drop it off at the Union Hall by February 12, 2026.



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*The election was held on
 February 15th as part of
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- Jessica Brezney
- Tiffany Bennet
- Hanna Boone
- Justin Breedlove
- Kristy Charchan
- Dana Cloyd
- Sarah Davis
- Dorchelle Dulaney
- Terri Eads
- Faith Fox
- Brandy Fullbright
- Diona Holiday
- Laura King
- Joe Kolinski
- Jesse Kozora
- Martha Matthews
- Jasmine Miller
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- Dia Patterson
- Gina Poe
- Phill Pruitt
- Stephanie Roberts
- Britta Rusaw
- Amanda Stafford
- Liz Smiley
- Jared Smith
- Kareem Snell
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Congratulations

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