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Local 598's next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING is

2:00 PM • SUNDAY OCTOBER 16th at the Union Hall

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KICKING ASS for the WORKING CLASS

by Debi Kirchner, Education Committee

Maybe you saw the video on the nightly news, or it showed up on your newsfeed from one site or another. However, if you missed it, Local 598 received a huge honor on Wednesday, September 14, when U.S. President Joe Biden came to Detroit to visit the Auto Show. Local 598 President Ryan Buchalski and Local 598 Chairman Eric Welter were asked to take part in the visit in very special ways.

There was a VIP tour of the vehicles on display and of course our Flint-built truck had a prominent place. President Biden specifically asked for UAW members, who knew the products, to talk to. Eric was able to talk knowledgably about the truck business as a whole, supply chain challenges, and most importantly how hard Local 598 members work to make sure we build world-class trucks.

Ryan was asked by Region 1D Director Steve Dawes to introduce President Biden, an honor that is a historical first for Local 598 Leadership. "It was an honor," said Ryan, "But I wanted to make sure that I represented this membership well, so I was pretty nervous."

He didn't have to worry. From his first words proudly announcing he was from the home of the Fisher 2 Sit-Downers to his shout out to organized labor, the crowd was enthusiastically following his words. He went on to explain that he has been able to raise his family because he belonged to a union and had a collective bargaining agreement. He spoke about how President Biden was the most labor-friendly president in the history of the United States and thanked him for the steps he has taken so far to support workers.

"It was one of the proudest moments of my life. To be asked to introduce the President of the United States. To stand next to him for a few moments and to let him know how much we appreciate his support of the women and men of labor. Well, it means a lot," he said later that day.

Ryan's last words brought the house down and later that night were trending on Twitter as he declared President Joe Biden was "kicking ass for the working class!" Local 598 is very lucky to have had two such respected leaders who represented us at such an important event.

Local 598 Chairman Eric Welter stands between U.S. President Joe Biden and UAW President Ray Curry in front of the new Silverado EV at Detroit's Auto Show on Wednesday, September 14.



President Ryan Buchalski representing Local 598 and the UAW with a powerful and hard-hitting introduction for the President of the United States of America at the Detroit Auto Show.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ryan Buchalski

Pro-Union/Pro-Labor

have our own members who contribute to the Company through their hard work? We are currently awaiting an explanation as to what the point is. It's mind-boggling. I'll keep you

posted on that.

The Recreation Committee held our first "Membership Appreciation Picnic" in 6 years. If you were there, I'm sure you enjoyed seeing your sisters and brothers outside of the plant. An afternoon of kickball, entertainment, and good food was enjoyed, just to name a few of the activities provided.

We are grateful to all of our volunteers because, without your help, we couldn't have made any of it possible. It takes hard-working volunteers to ensure a successful event. We are proud of our Recreation Committee and appreciate their attention to detail and pride. You could see it throughout the day. *Great job to all on a great event!*

The Education Committee has now held over ten "Local 598 and You" classes, bringing our total number of attendees to nearly 300 members. Courses are intended to provide knowledge and to engage our members, so that our unity and strength can build power and solidarity.

The classes, held here at the

Union Hall, over three days and are provided contractually through paragraph 109 of the National Agreement for our GM unit members. The class is open to all five units of our amalgamated Union, and applications are available at the Union Hall. We have 25 to 30 participants at a time, with the ultimate goal of reaching all of our members. *Sign up today!*

As summer turns to fall, it can sometimes be hard to think about what comes after... *winter*. I know fall is my favorite season, and the older I get, the more I dread cold temperatures and snow. Sometimes, we need a little help from our friends when we could use a boost of positive energy.

So, speaking of positive energy, my good friend and our Region 1D Director, Steve Dawes, along with UAW International President Ray Curry, asked me to do something that most people will never have the opportunity to do in their lifetime. Introducing the President of the United States of America was something I could only dream of doing, but when it became a reality, I have never been more proud to represent this Local Union.

President Biden holds a special place in the *Local Union with a Heart's* heart. President Biden was serving as our Vice President when we needed help in one of our most concerning moments. We

had just lost the GMT 560 product line, the Company was considering bankruptcy, and our heavy-duty crew cab line was also in trouble. If it were not for a special attrition program that nearly one thousand members accepted, we would have otherwise seen one thousand members on an indefinite layoff.

Not long after that storm, Biden helped form TARP (Troubled Asset Recovery Program). This program helped struggling automakers and, in turn, struggling UAW members.

Part of that program told the Company that if open plants are operating outside the United States and are fully utilized, meaning three shifts, that you could not have a plant in the USA being under-utilized and only running on two shifts.

That language saw nearly one thousand workers come to Flint/598 that were otherwise on layoff. We were able to add a third shift because the Company had to bring the light-duty Chevy Silverado from Mexico. Without that language, we may not have survived our darkest hours.

We should never forget that President Biden is the most pro-labor/pro-union President in American history. His recent work has seen the CHIPS Act signed into law, which ensures that the U.S. doesn't run into the issues we saw during the pandemic, which left thousands of UAW-built vehicles sitting in lots, unable to be sold due to the semi-conductor shortages.

The administration has also been working to gain more investments to aid with the transition to EV and to support the infrastructure necessary to support a strong EV industry here in the US. Electric vehicles will be made, so let's make them here rather than importing them! Being pro-union/pro-labor, President Biden has been working to ensure these jobs will be good union jobs and jobs with union wages and benefits.

At the end of the day, the lasting solution is to elect policymakers who will protect the worker's rights and fight back against efforts to take away people's ability to collectively bargain, and that's what we have with President Biden! *"Kickin' Ass for the Working Class!"*

In solidarity...

There's something happening here, and what it is...

Greetings, UAW Local 598,

I hope all is well. The Company is up to something and what it is ain't exactly clear. You may remember a few years back that billboards were placed throughout town with Flint-built pick-ups on them, accompanied with the slogan, "This is what pride looks like."

There was no indication of wanting to recognize the folks who built these fine, world-class trucks. So, we responded by finding a double-decker billboard with a vacant spot below, where we had a photo of our members proclaiming "and, built by UAW Local 598."

You may have noticed that the Company has now put up a new ad, or some type of campaign. At first glance, it seems the Company is recognizing a paint shop team leader, which is excellent until you see the person is from Wentzville Assembly.

I agree with recognizing our members, but why do we recognize members who work in another state, over 500 miles away, when we

MAKING STRIDES

Against Breast Cancer Walk
is back this year!

October 22nd, 2022

In Downtown Flint (on the flat lot)

You can join our team, UAW
Local 598/Flint Assembly at:

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/FlintAssembly>

make a donation and walk with our
team on October 22nd.

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Against Breast Cancer

SHOP CHAIRMAN REPORT

by Eric Welter



the first time, the membership will directly elect the International Officers. The Independent Monitor has set up candidate forums on Zoom. Candidates can address the membership, answer

submitted questions, and debate with the other candidates. These candidate forums are your best opportunity to determine which candidate you will vote for.

By this article's publication, the panels will be over, but they are being posted to YouTube. I suggest watching them at your convenience.

In October, the ballots will be sent to the address you have on record with the UAW. Please participate in this historical moment, fill out your ballot, and vote. These critical decisions need to be made by the majority of the membership.

I have decided that I will add a member education piece to my article every month. This decision has evolved from my participation in the Union Education Classes that our Local Union is putting on. I will call them "Member Memos." Please look for them in the future.

The September memo revolves around disciplinary interviews. We have a tradition here that anytime a member is put on notice; there is a committee call placed. Unfortunately, we have had over 100 new managers in the last year, which challenges the consistent application of this practice. Although we have this past practice, the National Agreement requires the member to request representation.

If you are called away from your job to have a discussion with a member of management, please refuse to participate by asking for a Committee Rep to be present.

Under Paragraph 29 of the National Agreement, "The supervisor will send for the Committeeperson without undue delay and without further

discussion." Paragraph 29 can stop a supervisor's line of questioning even if you are not pulled off your job. If it feels like they are fishing, they are! Put an end to it by exercising your rights.

As you know, our Local Union President Ryan Buchalski was chosen to introduce the President of the United States, Joe Biden, at the Detroit Auto Show. It was a great honor, and Ryan did a fantastic job of putting our Local in the national spotlight. I want to share one of my observations from that day. An essential responsibility of a Local Union President is gaining the Local Union's political strength through building relationships with political leaders. This has been crucial to unions for decades. This relationship allows the Local to assist its members with personal issues and resolve more significant problems for the

membership as a whole.

As a result of Ryan's efforts, during the strike, the Flint police did not forcibly allow open access to the factory, like they did in places like Springhill and Lansing. Also, when our members were having unemployment issues, State Rep. Tim Sneller brought his staff to the Local Union Hall to assist. The U.S. Trade Ambassador to the White House met with us after touring the factory, without the company, because of Ryan's relationship with Congressman Kildee.

The Auto Show event had every prominent leader from Michigan; senators, the governor, and members of congress. They all knew Ryan by name and were excited to see him. His ability to build, maintain and broaden these relationships gives this Local Union great power, and we are fortunate to have him.

- Ryan Buchalski** PRESIDENT
- John Jackson III** VICE PRESIDENT
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- Chad Fabbro** FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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- Leonia Lowe-Valley** GUIDE
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- Stephanie Riley** TRUSTEE
- Mike Welch** TRUSTEE
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- CHAIRMAN, SHOP COMMITTEE**
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- DISTRICT COMMITTEEPERSON / ALTERNATES**
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Sean Meachem / Chad Boyce
Shane Herriman / Bo Browning
D'Andre Jackson / Stan Cherwinski
Brian Shick / Jo Anna Batson-McCarthy
Gerald Scott / Jeffrey Smiley
Jeremiah Alsup / Jeremy Switzer
Bryan Ventrone / Stan Dulaney
Jon Galant / Wendy Ignash
Winston Ruffin / Dewayne Tippit
Randy Frost / Aaron McAlister
Nick Dekalita / Dana Waider
Joe Dontje / Kevin Smiley
Bob Scott / Maurice Purches
Justin MacNeill / Chad Bellant
Mike Kocsis / Chris Velez

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All advertisements, notices, photos and articles must be submitted by **Wednesday, OCTOBER 12th** for consideration.

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TO OUR READERS: This paper is the voice of our Local and International Union. This is our only vehicle for bringing to you, on a regular basis, the views and actions of the leaders you elected, so you can evaluate them. Through the paper we explain Union policies and show how your dues are spent.
The paper is also the voice of the members. We welcome articles from UAW members and stories about members. While we welcome your contributions, we ask that they be constructive. At no time will the editorial staff tolerate any defamatory remarks regarding any person or persons. We reserve the right to reply to those that seem to reflect a misunderstanding of the Union and its policies and to edit any article for clarity and length. Opinions reflected in signed articles in the EYE OPENER do not necessarily represent the position or opinions of Local 598. Published monthly by UAW Local 598, G-3293 Van Slyke Road, Flint, MI 48507. Phone: 238-4605.
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FINANCIAL SEC'Y-TREAS REPORT

by Chad Fabbro



was one of my proudest days to be a member of this Local. By working together, people are seeing our efforts to build up this great Union!

We have been on task with getting members through the Union classes here at the Hall. We

have had close to 300 participants. I would like to continue investing in our membership's education and involvement, because it's an investment in our future. We appreciate the Education Committee and all the effort they put into these classes and in keeping the information current.

I have had my eye on the Strike and Defense Fund, and I see it's currently north of \$837 million. Once it hits the \$850-million-mark, the dues rate will drop back to 2 hours of hourly wage per month (currently it's at 2.5 hrs). I will keep you posted as things develop with this process.

This month, I had the chance to attend the LMRDA Seminar in Dearborn. This is the U.S Department of Labor classes where they explain in great detail the dos and don'ts of financial recordkeeping requirements for labor organizations. I am pleased to say that we have kept our books in line with the DOL, as well as our UAW International standard policies.

The workshop also went over the federal requirements for Union Officer elections. We were fortunate to have our Election Committee Chair attend the class and we were able to ask questions and receive vital information concerning our elections. *We strive to continue to get better at what we do as a Local!*

- Lawrence J. Brown
- Daniel R. Canale
- David B. Clermont
- Robert L. Gruener
- Barbara A. Harmon
- Carol A. Harris
- Danny E. Moore
- Jerome V. Nelson
- Stojan Prusac
- Noreen H. Tabit
- Michael G. Zerka

Hard Work Pays Off

First off, I would like to give a big shout out to our standing committees! You are the true heart of this Local. We would not be nearly as successful without all your hard work and dedication.

It was nice to see all your productivity showcased at the Membership Appreciation Day Picnic. We had close to 700 members show up for the kickball tournament and other fun activities. Thank you to the Committeebody who put teams together and took part in this day. *I truly appreciate all you do!*

That being said, I'm pretty proud of two guys from our Local who were asked to represent, not only our Local, but the UAW as an organization. Our Chairman and President were asked to represent the UAW at the Detroit Auto Show in its opening week.

Not only did they go down there, but Eric had the opportunity to talk to President Biden about our product and troubles we have had in our industry. After they walked around the show, they had keynote speakers come out and address the auto industry representatives.

A lot of good speakers hit the stage, but I was most proud when I saw who had the mic after Governor Gretchen Whitmer...our very own Local 598 President Ryan Buchalski! He had the opportunity to announce President Joe Biden to the stage. This

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



report by Melissa Bowen, Chairperson

Women & Mothers' Rights

I've heard about group leaders giving breastfeeding mothers a hard time for having to pump. It's upsetting that some members of management can't be more sympathetic to mothers who are trying to feed their babies. Luckily for us, we have a collective bargaining agreement. When it's time to fill out contract resolutions, it's easy to get caught up in COLA, pensions, wages, and benefits, but that is also the forum we need to be using to bring about change for women and mother's rights.

If you think new parents should have longer amounts of paid time off to bond with their newborns, submit that resolution. If you want paid relief time to pump breast milk, submit that resolution. If we want to see change for future mothers and parents, we need to push for that change.

Next year is a contract year, so start thinking about any slights, injustice, and things that upset you; ask for those things to be changed.

I'm bringing this issue up because not only has research shown that breastfeeding has so many benefits

for the baby, it is also beneficial in reducing a woman's chance for developing future cancer.

As we all know, October is Breast

Cancer Awareness Month. The UAW Local 598 Women's Committee is dedicated to help raise more money for *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*. We will be hosting a bowling "fun-raiser" on October 9th, 2:00 p.m. at B's Bowling Center. It's \$25 per person, 5-6 people per team (a total of \$125 to \$150 per lane) and that includes 2 games, shoe rental, and a pitcher of pop and pizza for your lane. Contact me at 810-705-1366 to purchase tickets.

We will also be selling tickets for the gift basket raffles, to be drawn on October 9th. All proceeds, including gift basket raffle funds will go to *Making Strides*, in hopes of making this our best year yet! Bring your friends, family, or bowling team for an afternoon of fun for a great cause. We look forward to seeing you there!

The *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 2022 Walk* will be on October 22nd in downtown Flint, and we will meet at the flat lot. The activities start at 8:00 a.m., along with check-in and the walk will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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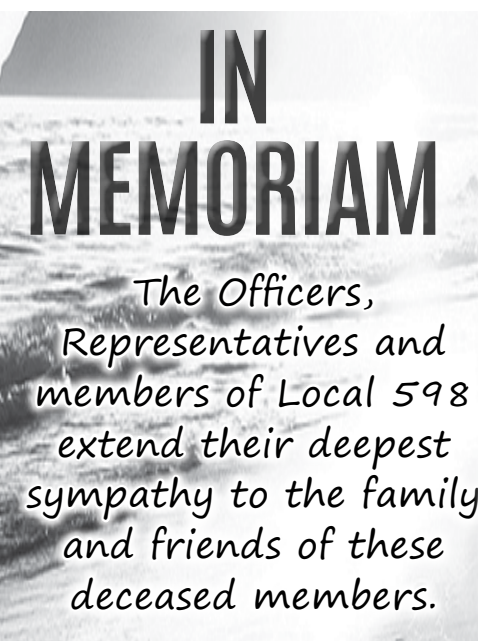
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EVENTS

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October 13-16, 2022
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Daytona Beach, FL 32118
Come say "hi" to your Union sister!



598 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC

On Sunday, September 11th, the Membership Picnic was held at Union City Fields. The Recreation Committee spearheaded the event, along with many standing committees and other volunteers.

We want to thank our Committee persons who formed the kickball teams for the tournaments. Other activities included a bounce house, obstacle course, and games under the pavilion, along with informational tables in the main building. The Local Union Officers and the Recreation Committee put on a great event in appreciation of the membership. Great job, everybody! The year-long planning of the Picnic turned into a 598 event to remember.

We also want to thank everyone who came out to join us. It takes all of us to make something great, and the Picnic was another great day of family, food, and fun!



598 PICNIC COMMITTEE (L-R): Rachel Claridy-Welsh, Kevin Smiley, Susan Hare, Robin Stayton-Diehl, Kathy Elsner and Jennifer Faulkner



See more Appreciation Picnic photos on back page.

LOCAL 598 WINS 4 LUCA AWARDS

Article excerpt from the UAW Local Union Communications Association Website

In today's age of technology, information and communication play a vital role in the lives of working men and women. Members turn to trusted sources of information to keep them informed of key events at their local, labor issues as well as political issues that may impact them directly and the political candidates that are fighting for them. Local Union Communications Association members work tirelessly, often donating hours of their own time to cover union events or writing articles using various platforms of social media, photography, video, publications, websites, email, texting and more. LUCA members also spend countless hours training and upskilling, keeping up to date on trends and tech to help better serve their members.

UAW-LUCA understands the hard work and dedication it takes to be a labor communicator. Today, we spotlight and honor those who exemplify their craft as labor communicators.

The 2020 awards recognize the best communications created between January 1 and December 31, 2020. Awards mistakenly state 2021 but they are actually for 2020.



► **Best Column or Officer/ Committee Report 1st Place:**

President Ryan Buchalski
April 2020 Issue, Article Title: *Be Safe!*

► **Best Front Page Designed by a Vendor 1st Place:** Rockman Publishing/UAW Local 598

December 2020 Issue, Picture of Toys for Tots Union Meeting and Judge Duncan Beagle's Poem

► **Best Political Report 1st Place:** Randy Hamilton, Education Committee

September 2020 Issue, Article Title: *Stop Rewarding Bad Behavior!*

► **Best Local or Regional News Story 3rd Place:** Randy Hamilton, Education Committee

April 2020 Issue, Article Title: *Workers Memorial Day Rededication*



UAW Region 1D 2022

ENDORSED CANDIDATES



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MI Secretary of State



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MI Attorney General

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- State Supreme Court **Kyra Harris Bolden**
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- 8th Congressional District **Dan Kildee**

GENESEE COUNTY

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- 8th Congressional **Dan Kildee**
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- County Commissioner Dist. 5 **James Avery**
- County Commissioner Dist. 6 **Kurt Chapelle**
- County Commissioner Dist. 8 **Dale Weighill**

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- County Commissioner District 7 **Jayme Johnson**

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- MI Senate 35 **Kristen McDonald Rivet**

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY

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- MI Senate 28 **Sam Singh**
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- MI House 75 **Penelope Tsernoglou**

PROPOSAL 1 VOTE YES



Voters for Transparency and Term Limits:

This proposal would apply a flat 12-year cap on state lawmakers tenure and establish stricter rules on financial disclosures.

PROPOSAL 2 VOTE YES



Right to Voting Policies Amendment:

This proposal would add additional election requirements to the state Constitution, including nine days of early voting. (Promote the Vote)

PROPOSAL 3 VOTE YES



Reproductive Freedom for All:

This proposal would write broad new reproductive freedom rights into the Constitution.

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Enter your address in the box and it will tell you your endorsed candidates on your ballot!





28th LOIS CRAIG INVITATIONAL



The 28th annual Lois Craig Invitational of the Special Olympics kicked off the Crim Festival of races at 6 p.m. on Saginaw Street. The race had approximately 100 participants within 24 heats racing down Saginaw Street as hundreds of people cheered them on to the finish line. Local 598 is always there from beginning to end, to register the athletes, run with them and help with their awards ceremony. This is definitely a highlight of the year for both the athletes and the volunteers of Local 598. This is the Olympians time to shine, and the joy and excitement they display makes for a heart-warming moment for all who are involved.



Congratulations!

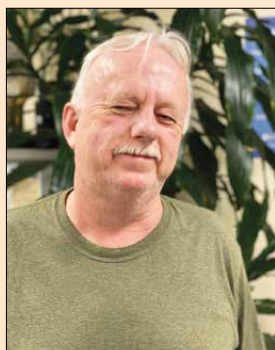
The Officers, Staff and Members of Local 598 extend our sincerest thank you and congratulations for the many years of dedicated service by our recent retirees. We encourage all newly retired members to join our Retiree Chapter.



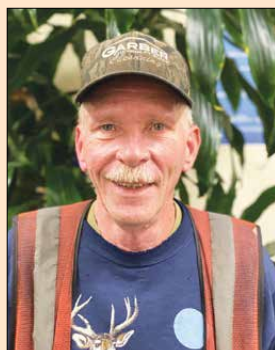
Richard Stork II with wife Sandy



Steve Seybold



Miroslaw Lisowski



James Galarno



Kathy Anderson and Ryan Buchalski



Stephen Sparklin with wife Susan



RETIREE REPORT

by Janet Woodson, Retiree Chair

Golf Outing Winners

I hope that everyone's summer was filled with family, fun, and good health. Our September 8th meeting was very informational. The Trust Representatives were on hand as well to go over the recent changes in our benefits.

Now that summer has come to a close, I hope that you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends, and were able to remain healthy. We couldn't have asked for a better day for our golf outing, a beautiful sunny day; unlike last year, when it stormed on us.

Our teams were as followed:

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| 1st Place: | 2nd Place: | 3rd Place: | 4th Place: |
| Jerry Cole | Jim Lovesick | Jim Dawson | Terry Scrivener |
| Jim Beardsley | Norman Davis | Rich Ferriby | Bruce Alger |
| Fred Wright | Dale Murray | Bob Pariseau | Greg Jones |
| Tony Chiano | Kevin Fish | Wayne Barry | Darrel Chilcote |

Congratulations to you all! Thanks again for taking the time to join in on the fun. With so many members retiring, we are hoping to have more golfers join in on the fun next year. We hope that our numbers will pick up now that we're having our Chapter meetings again.

We will have Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner tickets for sale at the October 13th meeting. You can purchase them for \$5 each. Due to the low numbers in ticket sales, the Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners will be at our Local 598 Union Hall.

Participation for the North American International Auto Show and Casino trip was low, therefore, they were cancelled. I think it's best to put off any trips this year. Hopefully, next year more of you will feel up to going on a casino trip.

UPCOMING RETIREE EVENTS...

Thursday, October 13..... Retiree Chapter Meeting
12:00 p.m. at Local 598

Thursday, November 10..... Retiree Chapter Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner
12:00 p.m. at Local 598

Thursday, December 8..... Retiree Chapter Meeting and Christmas Dinner
12:00 p.m. at Local 598

What's in it for me?

The ads in the EYE OPENER help pay for the printing and mailing of the newspaper you are reading.

The businesses running the ads are union supporters. The offers they make are often only available to members of our union. It is in our own interest to spend our valuable union dollars with union-friendly businesses.

Support those who support us. IT'S THE UNION WAY!

UAW Local 598 Women's Committee Presents



FUN-RAISING!

Proceeds Benefit:



Sunday, October 9th
B's Bowling Center

750 S. Center Rd. Flint, MI

\$25 PER PERSON

2:00 pm Check In
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm bowling

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- 2 Games
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- 1 Pizza & 1 Pitcher of Pop Per Lane

Contact to purchase Tickets:
Melissa Bowen 2nd shift trim (IP line)
810-705-1366





SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15TH, 2022
4:00PM - 6:00PM

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

UNION CITY BALL FIELDS
4151 TORREY ROAD • FLINT, MI

OPEN TO LOCAL 598 ACTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

CONTACT THE UNION HALL
810-238-4605 FOR MORE INFO



Local 598 UAW GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 Person Golf Scramble
SUNDAY, October 23rd, 2022

Metamora Golf & COUNTRY CLUB • 1600 Club Dr, Metamora, MI 48455
 OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES OF LOCAL 598

Sign up and pay at the Local 598 Union Hall • 3293 Van Slyke Rd, Flint, MI 48507

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES is Sunday, October 16th, 2022
 (Registration: 9:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start @ 10:00)

Don't delay- limited openings.

ENTRY FEE is Sixty-Five (\$65.00) DOLLARS PER LOCAL 598 MEMBER OR \$260.00 PER TEAM! THIS WILL INCLUDE 18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART, PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS, LUNCH AT TURN, AND MEAL FOLLOWING.

by the UAW Recreation Committee





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