



Southwest Florida

Retiree Newsletter

Greetings;

This quarterly Newsletter will outline our upcoming **Fall** Meeting Schedule and Speakers for our Membership Meetings scheduled through December 2019.

All Membership Meetings are held as follows:

PLACE: **The Araba Shrine Temple**
 2010 Hanson St., Ft. Myers, FL
TIME: **All Meetings Begin at: 11:00 AM**

The **Ft. Myers Drop-In Center** is **CLOSED** on the day of the Membership Meetings.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield and AETNA Reps are on location at our meetings. **PLEASE** bring all paperwork regarding your case. They cannot help you without that important information. If you are in doubt about a medical bill, **don't pay it until** you talk to one of the counselors or bring it to our Membership Meeting to speak with an Insurance Rep.

Drop-In Centers Information

Fort Myers

12811 Kenwood Lane, Suite 104
Fort Myers, FL 33907
Phone: (239) 936-6715
Email: swfluaw@embarqmail.com

Ft. Myers Counselors:

Myron Paris, Jim Getts & Mike Yarosh

Sarasota

1549 Ringling Blvd., Suite 601
Sarasota, FL 34236
Phone: (941) 922-4533
Email: srquaw@verizon.net

Sarasota Counselors:

Jim Maxwell and Walter Kerr

Both locations are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

(Exception: The **Ft. Myers Drop-In Center** is not open on **Membership Meeting dates.**)

There is an answering service available at each location. Please leave your name, phone no. and message and your call will be returned on a regular scheduled Open day.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 11:00 AM

Speaker: Bill Sauers, President Florida Alliance for Retired Americans

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Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - 11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: UAW Medical Benefits Trust

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Tuesday, November 12, 2019 - 11:00 AM

Guest Speaker: To Be Determined

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Tuesday, December 10th, 2019

Annual UAW Christmas Party

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Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Aetna will be at all meetings. Please remember to bring all paper work with you.

Harry Chapin Food Bank

Your continued support of the Harry Chapin Food Bank is **greatly** appreciated. We ask you to bring non-perishable foods or real money to each of our meetings. Again, **for each \$1 donated, they can purchase \$8 worth of food.**

All is delivered to the Food Bank immediately after the meeting. Each month we get a nice Thank You letter and a report from them regarding "how many pounds of food" and the dollar amount we gave them. **Keep up the great work gang!**

They need us !

You may contact Retiree Health Care Connect as follows:

Ford: 1-866-637-7555 or go online at: www.benefitsweb.com/rhcc.html

GM: 1-866-637-7555 or go online at: www.resources.hewitt.com/rhcc

Chrysler: 1-866-637-7555 or go online at www.resources.hewitt.com/rhcc

UAW LEGAL SERVICE:

To contact **Legal Service** you **MUST** call **1-800-482-7700**. Do NOT call the Drop-In Centers as we can NOT make an appointment for you. Thank You.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this newsletter in July, so you hopefully get it before our meetings resume in September. A fire broke out at UAW Solidarity House in Detroit in July causing damage to the building. Temporary offices have been set up in another building and may cause some delays in services. Starting in September we have Bill Sauers, president of the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans joining us to speak on the function of "FLARA" as it is called and also speaking on the topic of Social Security.

Coming to the October 8, 2019 meeting will be the UAW Medical Benefits Trust. This will be a very important meeting to attend as the Trust will be speaking about changes coming to our medical benefits in 2020. **PLEASE BE HERE!**

I am presently in Ohio as I write this letter. It's somewhat bittersweet as I visit my friends and relatives here because not too far away is the shuttered Lordstown plant. A tear came to my eye when we passed the plant on the turnpike. Knowing I spent 36 years of my life along with my Brothers and Sisters, it reminded me of how we became family working together for all those years. Now, the Blazer is being built in Mexico when it could have been built in Lordstown, Ohio. The huge tax break GM received this year and making even more money off the backs of the Mexican workers who are paid \$2.75 an hour adds to the greed of this company.

Negotiations have begun and I know that the UAW International bargaining committee will do all in its power to not only bring another product to Lordstown but will negotiate a contract for the best interests of ALL workers and retirees.

If you haven't done so already, please remember to bring your monthly dues up to date which are currently \$3.00 per month.

The year 2020 is approaching quickly and we have a lot of work to do to get rid of the anti-union republicans in the House, Senate, and White House. We need to defeat these people. They are not only anti-union, but they will be coming after our Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and any other "ENTITLEMENT" that we worked so hard for.

Please get involved in the C.A.P. program to let these greedy politicians know that we mean business and it will be our goal to replace them with politicians who care about our pocketbooks. You can sign up for C.A.P. deductions at the meetings and drop in center. More will be discussed at the meetings.

Let me close for now hoping everyone is having a safe and wonderful summer. See you in September

In Solidarity,

Mike Yarosh, President
SWFL UAW Retiree Council

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