



Awesome Blossoms



UAW Region 8 Women's Committee Newsletter

Local 3064 make masks in time of need

Submitted by: Bev Fryman, Local 3064 Dryridge, KY

I am happy to report that our Women's Committee has made face mask as a fundraiser. I had been making masks and had already made well over 200.

One morning I was on conference call with my President Kyle Chamblin and H.R. Manager Dave Shrontz we were discussing starting back to work and Dave's concerns about not having enough face masks.

So, I told them we would make masks as a fundraiser for the Women's Committee, so Dana gave a \$400.00 donation and employees from Dana and from other states including VA, TN, and KY ordered masks. We told them Dana is providing 1 mask and others can be ordered with a donation. Our Union Brothers and Sisters and our office personnel from Dana ordered masks not only for their self but for their family



Jenny Gripshover picking up the mask she ordered

members too. Our Women's Committee as of today's date has raised \$1062.00.

Missy Kretzer and Bev Fryman made the mask.

I started having people order on Facebook and pickup at my mailbox and leave donation in box.

I had so many masks in my mailbox that I couldn't get

mail.

So, I put a tote on porch and placed each mask in Ziplock bags with names on them. People pick up and leave donations in tote.

With the Money raised we are going to buy a large tree, and have it planted at the Grant County Courthouse in Memory of people who have died from Covid19.

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Special points of interest:

- Masks
- Townhalls
- Fundraiser
- Articles

UAW Women wear many hats

I (Melissa Bennett) was representing CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women) as I told my story of working through the Covid 19 Pandemic not only as a woman but also in what is considered an essential volunteer role as a Volunteer Fire Fighter and Emergency

Medical Technician both at work and in my community.

Not everyone that joined this forum was as lucky as us here at Local 862. Many of these people that spoke did not have jobs to return to after losing them in the cut backs of the Covid 19 shutdown. Some

were returning to jobs but under not so safe conditions. Yes, things are different, at times scary even, but I for one am proud to say I am a Union Dues Paying member of United Auto Workers Local 862.



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Women are remarkable and have an ability to take care of their family, work, go to school, volunteer, & the list can go on and on. As Union Women that family includes our Union Sisters & Brothers as well as all working people and our communities, so I know you all have been taking care of each other and have remarkable stories of what you have done. We would love to hear the stories of what your local committees are doing and want to showcase them in this quarterly newsletter on the Region 8 website. If you have an article you would like to submit please send them to agoins@uaw.net. Include the following information with the article: **Local #, worksite, city, state, name of person submitting article, and name of who submitted any photos.** I look forward to hearing these great stories from the many

“Awesome Blossoms” in the Region!



Local 862 Women participate in virtual fundraiser event

Article submitted by: Melissa Bennett & Photo submitted by: Kim Ashby, Local 862, Louisville, KY



Local 862 Women Social distancing and fundraising at the same time.

The Women's committee of local 862 work and volunteer throughout

the year raising money to support American Cancer Society-Making Strides against Breast Cancer. It is an organiza-

tion near and dear to our hearts since we have many members that are survivors or are currently fighting the fight to beat cancer.

One of the events we have participated in for the last 4 years is Purses, Pouts and Pearls, at this event you dress in your best cocktail attire enjoy a banquet and play bingo for designer purses.

This seasons event was postponed and eventually went virtual due to the Covid 19 pandemic and local social distancing rules. Despite some roadblocks 20 of our members were able to link up and participate in this event, some from work or home and 13 of us met and had a pizza party, participating together watching

the event on ZOOM in a large hall maintaining social distancing protocol. 3 of us were lucky enough to win prizes.

Our Committee members got a few hours to relax and we helped raise several thousand dollars for the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

