



Southwest Florida

Retiree Newsletter

Greetings,

This quarterly Newsletter will outline our upcoming Spring 2021.

UAW meetings are cancelled thru April 2021 at this time to observe Covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

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, do not 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

** ALL DROP IN CENTERS ARE CLOSED AT THIS TIME **

Please email or call for 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, Joe Bigelow, 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

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

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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:

By Phone: 1-866-637-7555

Online: <http://digital.alight.com/rhcc>

By mail: UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust P.O. Box 14309, Detroit, MI 48214

By email: UAWTrust@rhac.com

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:

To all UAW Brothers and Sisters,

Just thinking over the past year, it has been a dismal year. Almost one year ago, in February of 2020, I announced at our monthly membership meeting that due to the new virus, both March 2020 and April 2020 meetings were cancelled. That was very early in this pandemic, and I along with many others felt that perhaps, after a month or two the situation would be under control. Wow, what a misconception. Our lives have been changed forever in many ways.

Hopefully in the next few months, this will all be past us. I think all of us have lost friends or family due to this virus. I sincerely hope that you and your family are well.

As far as our U.A.W. Retiree chapter, there no change for now, but we do have hope. As you have been notified all meetings have been canceled up to now. I recently received an email from our UAW president that we cannot open our drop-in center or schedule a meeting until April 15th 2021 at the earliest. As a result there will not be a membership meeting before May at best, and as of right now May looks very questionable. As you are probably aware due to having so many snowbirds, there are no meetings held in the months of June, July, and August. My opinion is that we probably will not have a membership meeting until September.

Jim Getts, our Financial Secretary continues to go into our drop-in center once a week to receive calls that have been left on the answering machine. if you are having trouble with your insurance and leave a message (239-936-6715), Jim will return a call to offer help.

Please remember, although we can't meet with you personally, we are still there for you when problems arise.

As soon as we get an okay from the UAW International Union we will notify you and resume our operations. We look forward to that day.

If you do not receive an email, it is because we do not have an email address. You can keep us up to date with your email address; in writing to Myron Paris 12811 Kenwood Lane, suite 104 Fort Myers 33907, by phone at 239-936-6715 or you can reach us by email at swfluaw@gmail.com.

On another topic it seems as though the older we get the more people attempt to take advantage of us. Just a note of caution when you connect with someone to work on your home, car, or ect. always require them to give you a written estimate. This will stop the overbilling. Always request an estimate prior to work's being done.

You should have been notified by mail that there is a change in insurance provider for Ford employees to MetLife. Contact UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust or our office with any questions.

As I sign off, I pray that you and yours stay healthy. I am hoping that we can meet together in the near future and this pandemic will be a thing of the past.

In Solidarity,
Myron Paris, President
SW Florida IAC

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EMAIL TO swfluaw@gmail.com

Check out our new website
www.swfluawretirees.com

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