



Sun Valley Council Retired Workers - UAW

Region 8

Spring Newsletter 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to begin my newsletter by extending my hopes that everyone is safe and healthy during these trying times and planning to get the vaccine when it becomes available for you.

Due to coronavirus concerns UAW President, Rory L. Gamble, and the International Executive Board made the decision to cancel all RWIAC monthly meetings and special events until April 15th, 2021. Additionally, the Drop-in-Centers will remain closed until then also. This date is open to adjustments or modifications with status of the pandemic. My opinion is that we may not have a membership meeting until September.

The Trust and carriers are not traveling at this time and are hoping for a fall start up.

If you would like to be included in our "MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER" emails, please email me along, with your name to, SVUAW@AOL.com.

I will include you on the email list for these reminders, which are sent in "blind copy". I respect your privacy and I only mail monthly meeting reminders, updates or official UAW announcements.

The Drop-in Center is closed, but we are able to respond to messages left on our answering machine. The number is 480-899-7394. Please leave your name, phone number and message. Your call will be answered. Sun Valley Council UAW - 1256 W. Chandler Blvd. Suite 33E Chandler, Arizona 85224

Authorization cards for retiree dues, associate membership dues and monthly dues increase to \$3 are available. If you would like to fill out a card, one can be sent to you. Send a request by email to svuaw@aol.com or call the Drop-in Center (480-899-7394) and leave a message with your address information.

UAW retired members finance their own structure through voluntary retiree dues. *We will even pay the postage for you if you contact us for a card, it is necessary to fill out a new card to increase your dues from \$2 to \$3.*

If you are not on payroll deduction, and pay your dues by check (\$36 per yr.), you should mail them to the - UAW Retired Workers Department, 8000 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214

Make the check payable to: UAW Retired Workers Dues Fund

We have had a good response with members signing up to pay dues, and from those who have been paying and increasing to \$3.00. **Thank you!**

UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust

Information

Get the latest news and updates from the Trust website:

WWW.UAWTRUST.ORG

Click on *Trust documents* for information on:
**2020-21 Schedule of Health Care Benefits
GM, Ford and Chrysler**

2021

- No changes in benefits
- No change in copays, deductibles, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximum
- No increase to your monthly contribution
- No change in prescription drug copays or dental, vision and hearing aid benefits

For up to date benefit information, videos, links to carrier partners and Retiree Health Care Connect (RHCC) visit the Trust website, www.uawtrust.org

Do you have specific issues or questions? Send an email or call

UAWTRUST @RHAC.COM

1-866-637-7555

Always look for the logo, this is from the Trust.



<http://uawregion8.net> – visit Region 8 website for information on the Region, States that are covered by Region 8 and each State local unions and links to other information sites.

<https://region4.uaw.org> – visit Region 4 website for information on Events, call letters, Councils, Member resources, take action and 2020 Election.

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There's a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls.

–Walter Reuther, UAW Constitutional Convention 1970

The UAW International Executive Board (IEB) voted on December 5 2019, to merge the states represented by UAW Region 5 between UAW Regions 4 and 8. This merger became effective, February 28, 2020.

States have been apportioned between Region 4 and 8 in the following way:

UAW REGION 8

Region 8: Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and four Pennsylvania counties: Franklin, Cumberland, Adams and York.

Added to Region 8: Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, **Arizona**, Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah, and California.

UAW REGION 4

Region 4: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana

Added Into Region 4: Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, **Nevada**, Alaska and Hawaii

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Ford retirees, MetLife will administer the Life insurance for Ford retirees. Unicare is no longer the life insurance carrier for Ford retirees. **Ford Motor Company and the UAW have chosen MetLife as the new provider of your life insurance programs effective January 1, 2021.**

Take this opportunity to review your coverage and designate a beneficiary today.

Log on to **MyBenefits.MetLife.com** today or call **833-552-FORD (3673)** with questions.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS and WEBSITES

RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONNECT- (RHCC) 866-637-7555

UAW Trust 866-637-7555 WWW.UAWTRUST.ORG

(Ford- Chrysler- GM)

AETNA 855-406-4062 www.aetnamedicare.com/uawtrust/en/index.html

www.silversneakers.com

BC/BS 877-832-2829 www.bcbsm.com

Express Scripts 866-662-0274 www.express-scripts.com

Delta Dental 800-524-0149 www.deltadental.com

Davis Vision 888-234-5164 www.davisvision.com

Truhearing 1-844-394-5420 www.truhearing.com/UAWTrust

LEGAL SERVICE PLAN 800-482-7700 www.uawlegalservices.com

Sun Valley Council – SVUAW@AOL.COM

United Auto Workers- www.UAW.ORG

LIFE INSURANCE CONTACT NUMBERS

***New *** FORD MetLife at 833-552-FORD (3673)

CHRYSLER 888-409-3300

GM METLIFE 888-543-3461

Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213 www.SSA.gov

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) www.medicare.gov

EMAIL

Updated information is sent to members if I have your email address. If you would like to receive these reminders send an email so you can be added to our list. Your email address is for Retiree information only.

The official Sun Valley Council email address is: SVUAW@AOL.COM

In solidarity,

Vivian Decker, Chairwoman

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