



Sun Valley Council Retired Workers- UAW Region 8 Summer Newsletter 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With a focus on building, growing, and strengthening membership, the UAW International Executive Board (IEB), on Monday June 28, unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer Ray Curry to serve as UAW President upon the retirement of Rory L. Gamble for the remainder of the current term, which ends in June 2022 at the 38th Constitutional Convention. Ray Curry, 55, officially assumed the office of President on July 1, 2021.

The board consists of five officers —President Ray Curry, Secretary-treasurer Frank Stuglin and three vice presidents, Cindy Estrada, Terry Dittes and Chuck Browning.

Leigh Kegerreis is serving as Administrative Assistant to the President and Retired Workers Director upon the retirement of Melvin Coleman Director of CAP and Retired Workers department.

Effective August 1, 2021, all International Area Councils may reopen their Drop-in Centers.

Additionally, *effective September 1, 2021*, monthly retiree meetings may reconvene.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to practice social distancing and uphold the mask requirement until we are all fully vaccinated. Please continue to closely monitor the number of new Covid cases and the number of hospitalizations in your respective communities, especially given certain areas that have been impacted by Covid more than others.

You will be notified about any adjustments or modifications to this policy should any changes occur with the status of this pandemic.

We are looking to start our meetings September 15th, 2021. Mask will be required at this time. I am encouraging our members who are planning on attending this meeting to place a call to our Drop-in Center (480-899-7394) the week of September 6th. I will be placing a message on the answering machine if the meeting is going to be canceled due to the increasing covid cases. To the members I have email addresses for; this information will be emailed the Sunday before the meeting.

Church of the Beatitudes 555 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix 85021

During this past year I have stayed in contact with the Church of the Beatitudes in regards to our monthly meetings. We do have a signed lease for September 15th through May of 2022.

Currently the Church has restrictions in place regarding food and drink. You can bring in bottled water for yourself and no food or liquid is to be served.

The September meeting will not have a potluck lunch; we may need to forgo our potluck lunches until after the first of the year.

I have requested B/C B/S and AETNA to be at our Sept 15th meeting and our October 20th meeting.

The Trust will join us for our November 17th meeting for their 2022 presentation. A request has been put in that all of our carriers join us at this meeting. BC/BS, AETNA, DELTA DENTAL, DAVIS VISION, EXPRESS SCRIPTS AND TRUHEARING.

Our Drop-in Center, located at 1256 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler 85224 - needs Counselors. If you are interested leave a message on the answering machine at the center, 480-899-7394. Normal Drop-in Center hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. The Drop-in Center is not open at this time, but we are able to take your phone calls on our answering machine. Please leave your name, phone number and message.

If you would like to be included in our “MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER” and important emails, please send an email 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.

Referendum election this coming Fall 2021 read about at UAW.ORG

The Referendum vote will determine whether the UAW will keep the current method for electing members to the IEB through the delegate system at Constitutional Conventions, or whether the method will be changed to a direct election whereby each UAW member will vote directly to elect the IEB members. The Monitor and the IEB are working together to ensure that all eligible members and retired members are able to vote, and therefore it is crucial that the UAW’s membership lists, including mailing addresses and e-mail addresses, are up to date so that everyone may have a voice in the Referendum. If you have received this newsletter your mailing address is up to date.

Accordingly, please immediately update your mailing addresses and e-mail addresses **with your local union** Should you have any questions, please contact the LUIS helpdesk (313-926-4485; ITDirector@uaw.net) or the Monitor (UAWMonitor-Election@jenner.com or 212-303-2529).

Recently, the UAW Medical Benefits Trust, the group that administers the healthcare benefits for UAW-GM, Ford, and Chrysler retirees and their dependents, conducted an audit of people who joined the Trust between 2010 and 2014. If you are still receiving mail or phone calls you need to contact the Trust. Call the Trust to update your address; they contact carriers to update all. Always look for the logo on mailings



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

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

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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*

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS and WEBSITES

RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONNECT- (RHCC) 866-637-7555 www.benefitsweb.com/rhcc.html

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

Ford – STELLANTIS (formerly FCA/ Chrysler) – General Motors

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

Silver Sneakers - www.silversneakers.com

Blue Cross/Blue Shield - 877-832-2829 www.bcbsm.com

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

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

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

Legal Service Plan - 800-482-7700 www.uawlegalservices.com

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

United Auto Workers- www.UAW.ORG

LIFE INSURANCE CONTACT NUMBERS

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

***New Name* STELLANTIS (formerly FCA/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

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

ARIZONA DESERVES BETTER! REPEAL VOTER SUPPRESSION LAWS WE CAN STOP THEM

Today's Arizona legislature wants to limit your voting rights.

The Arizona legislature of a century ago gave us the tools to fight back.

Unlike other states whose legislatures are also passing bills to curtail voting rights, Arizona has a constitution that allows the voters themselves either to veto or uphold bills passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Arizona Deserves Better is organizing a referendum effort to repeal these laws.

With your help, we can gather 120,000 signatures in 90 days.

Arizonans have stopped unpopular laws before and we can do it again, but we can't do it without you.

Any person who is registered to vote in Arizona can sign a petition regardless of political party.

The Arizona Constitution allows citizens to undo laws passed by the legislature and signed by the governor through the Referendum process. Signatures from 5% of the voters stop laws from going into effect and put them on the 2022 ballot. The signatures must be submitted to the Secretary of State within 90 days of June 30, when the Legislature adjourned.

Arizona Deserves Better is seeking signatures to stop a slew of bills that were solely created to put impediments in the voting process. For the November 2022 ballot, ADB is working to stop three bills from the recently ended legislative session.

SB1485: The PEVL Purge: This bill undercuts the Permanent Early Voting List and even changes its name. Since enactment in 2007, Arizonans have built mail balloting to the point that around 80% of ballots are cast by mail. The bill removes people from the mail list depending on whether they have recently voted early (including by mail); voting an in-person ballot on election day does not help people stay on the list. Could greatly impact "Independent" voters who do not typically vote in all Primary elections.

HB2569 prohibits State or County Elections departments from using any private grant money to help pay for elections, including voter registration. In 2020 grants were needed to purchase ballot drop machines since the legislature refuses to appropriate adequate election funding.

SB1819 requires certain inks and papers, being promoted by conspiracy groups, to be used for elections. The change increases ballot printing exponentially and did not come with extra elections funding. Also requires a traceable QR code on ballots endangering the secrecy of your vote.

www.arizonadeservesbetter.com

Petitions will be available at the Sept. 15th Sun Valley Council meeting.

Please leave a message at 480) 899-7394 or email syuaw@aol.com if you need help in finding a location to sign these petitions or have questions

In solidarity,

Vivian Decker, Chairwoman

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