



Sun Valley Council Retired  
Workers- UAW  
Region 8  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter 2022



Due to the rapidly rising infection rate of the Omicron Variant there is NO FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

These are still very uncertain times and the decision not to hold a meeting in February is not an easy one. Our board discussed the safety of starting up our meetings. Our decision is to continue with the suspension of monthly meetings with the agreement that we cannot risk the health and safety of our members. There will be an evaluation of the possibility of starting the meetings on March 16th; this will be done at the end of February.

**There will be a message on the service center phone with meeting updates 480-899-7394.**

If you have any questions please call and leave a message.

I will continue to keep everyone informed as possible, please pass this information on to members you may know.

*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](mailto: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.*

**LEARN ABOUT YOUR 2022 UAW TRUST BENEFITS**



The Medical Benefits Trust is continuing their **live phone or webinar education sessions**. New sessions will be held throughout February, you are able to ask questions after the session.

**CALL 844-480-4826 to register for a date and time**

**CAN'T MAKE A LIVE MEETING?**

**Go to this site**

<https://uawtrustevents.com/>

Click on one or both of the view options

**To view the Fall 2021 meeting (27 minutes) - To view the Winter 2022 meeting (25 minutes)**

As of today - there are no plans by the Trust to start traveling to our meetings; this is constantly being evaluated by the Trust.

I have reached out to our carriers (AETNA, BC/BS, Davis Vision, Truhearing and Delta Dental), and requested updated informational booklets and flyers be sent out and will be available once our meetings are able to start up safely.

**We are hopeful we can resume meetings on March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Our council officer elections need to be scheduled, and nominations will be opened on our first meeting back.

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through May of 2022.

Please be aware that at this time, the church of Beatitudes where we hold our monthly meetings has Covid-19 renter guidelines:

1. **A 50% capacity for each room must be maintained (see Room Rate sheet for occupancy guidelines)**
2. **Masks must be worn for the entirety of group functions**
3. **Food/drink must not be served or consumed indoors (except beverages in resealable containers, like a water bottle)**

This will keep us from having our potluck luncheon.

**We are looking to start our meetings March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mask will be required at this time. I am encouraging our members who are planning on attending this meeting to place a call to the Service Center (480-899-7394) the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. I will be placing a message on the answering machine if the meeting is going to be canceled. 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**

**Our Meetings are normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm**

**Except for the months of June, July, and August**

The Church is located on the South - East corner of 7th Ave and Glendale rd.

**Entrance to the parking lot is off of 7th Ave.** Get into the meeting room by way of the courtyard- there will be signs to direct you in.

If you haven't been to a Sun Valley Council Retired- UAW meeting, please join us. Meet new friends and maybe catch up with old friends. We have UAW retirees come to our meetings from all over the U.S.

All spouses and surviving spouses of UAW retired members are invited to attend the monthly Council meetings to socialize and keep informed on benefits. Also to our members who know of other UAW retirees that may not received a newsletter please bring them to a meeting

***Below I have included a copy of a written correspondence from President Ray Curry:***

My Sisters and Brothers,

I want to begin this first message of 2022 with a deep sentiment of gratitude for our union and for all the hard work, dedication, and fortitude our UAW family showed this past year. We had many challenges to face together, and I watched this membership rise to each one of them and support one another, as we always do.

We started the year hopeful about a vaccine for Covid-19 becoming available and ended with the realization that we can only manage this deadly pandemic, and the knowledge again that we must all work together to be vigilant and take the necessary precautions and steps as new variants of this terrible virus continue to emerge. I would like to say that I am so proud of my brothers and sisters for their work to keep one another safe and extend my sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

As I look ahead to 2022, I see a year of growth, of opportunity and of a strong future for our union and the working men and women of this nation. We will build on and expand many of the initiatives and wins of 2021. For UAW members and labor, we face the challenge of a vast transition in auto and mobility which will transform our economy. We approach this as an opportunity to grow the middle class, protect and grow our jobs and protect the environment. It can be done. Working closely with the Biden Administration from the new President's first days in office, the UAW has pushed hard for the protections in the President's infrastructure agenda, Build Back Better proposals and Buy American initiative. We are fighting for the Stabenow-Kildee Amendment which seeks to ensure that key consumer rebates for EVs are tied to good paying union auto jobs domestically.

We know how important it is to have a strong voice in government and we will be working hard through our CAP Department and CAP members leading up to the midterm elections this fall to elect labor friendly representatives. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our National CAP conference this May in our nation's Capitol.

We have several exciting events coming up this year including the Financial Officers Conference in March in New Orleans and our Constitutional Convention right here in Detroit in July. We have much to discuss at these important events, and I am so pleased that we have the opportunity to come together for this good work.

I want to touch on some of the great accomplishments of 2021 as we plan for the opportunities that this new year will bring. UAW members pushed for gains at the bargaining table in many sectors to eliminate pay disparities, protect and grow pensions, hold the line on health care and be an integral part of future growth in our workplaces. We saw our brothers and sisters take to the picket line this past year to fight for what is right – and win. As we always know, when we stick together in Solidarity, we can achieve our goals. For example, a new Stellantis plant in the City of Detroit is online; a rebirth at GM's Factory Zero is adding jobs; a new F-150 Lightning plant has added jobs and doubled production before it even launched, and we expect to see more good news in the coming months from the Auto, Heavy Truck, Defense and Supplier Sectors.

More than 17,000 graduate researchers won recognition in December, the largest union win of 2021, along with so many other higher education and museum gains. In our Heavy Truck and Agricultural Implement sectors, tough bargaining has led to breakthrough contract gains in industries experiencing high profits. In gaming and our growing office worker sector, the pandemic has demonstrated the need for a voice in bargaining and led to growth opportunities.

These are but a few of the developments we must celebrate, and we will see many more achievements like these in 2022.

More than ever, the UAW succeeds because of our UAW members' involvement in all aspects of our union, and more than ever, we believe that 2022 will be a year of opportunity, growth, and success.

In solidarity,

Ray Curry  
President

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<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](mailto: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](http://www.benefitsweb.com/rhcc.html)

UAW Trust 866-637-7555 [WWW.UAWTRUST.ORG](http://WWW.UAWTRUST.ORG)

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

AETNA 855-406-4062 [www.aetnamedicare.com/uawtrust/en/index.html](http://www.aetnamedicare.com/uawtrust/en/index.html)

Silver Sneakers - [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com)

Blue Cross/Blue Shield - 877-832-2829 [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com)

Davis Vision- 888-234-5164 [www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com)

Delta Dental- 800-524-0149 [www.deltadental.com](http://www.deltadental.com)

Express Scripts - 866-662-0274 [www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com)

Legal Service Plan - 800-482-7700 [www.uawlegalservices.com](http://www.uawlegalservices.com)

Truhearing -844-394-5420 [www.truhearing.com/UAWTrust](http://www.truhearing.com/UAWTrust)

United Auto Workers- [www.UAW.ORG](http://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](http://www.SSA.gov)

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

MyVA411- 800-698-2411 [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

***Make a call to be sure that all of your personal information is up to date, life and health insurance***

***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](mailto:svuaw@aol.com) or call the Service 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***

In Solidarity,

Vivian Decker, Chairwoman

Sun Valley Council Retired Workers - UAW