



THE ASSEMBLER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All, this year is flying by and a lot is going on with our Local UAW. This month starts with the historic elections of the International E-Board Members. "One Member, One Vote". I can not encourage everyone enough to please use the process and cast your VOTE!!! The mailing will begin next week, October 17, 2022. The ballot must be filled out and mailed back no later than November 18, 2022 to best ensure receipt by the November 28, 2022 deadline.

Local 2164 has a lot going on here in Bowling Green...October is the start of the food drive to restock our pantry. Our pantry is so important for all of our Members (GM, Caravan and MPS) and folks, if there is ever a need to use this service, please do not feel embarrassed because we all go through difficult times. We need to fill up those baskets at the plant. The baskets are located at each entrance and are clearly marked. Donations can also be dropped off directly at the Union Hall Monday – Friday 8am-4pm. Thank You to all who donate.

November 8th is Election Day and our Union Meeting. November's Union Meeting will only be one meeting at NOON. Let's do our best that day and go to your local polling place here in Kentucky and Tennessee to cast your votes for Local and State Candidates that you feel will help protect our best interests. After you vote, come to the Union Meeting 100%.

Thank You and God Bless

Brian Ferrett, UAW 2164 President

VCAP

With Election Day, November 8th, fast approaching, it's time to decide who you are behind and who is behind you when you cast your ballot. Many candidates have reached out and have voiced their backing of working families and policies that support the working middle class. As Walter Ruether stated "There's a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the Union fights for can be taken away in the legislative halls." Leadership matters, who you elect into office matters, the issues you focus on matter, your rights and your opportunities matter. We must support those who respect and support the work that we do as UAW Members. The middle class built America, and UNIONS built the middle class. While we are all leaders in our Local Union, we need leaders in office, whether it be city, state or federal, who want to strengthen unions, fight for good Union jobs, and fight for the right to organize. Working people always win because we know what it means to stand together.

These are the candidates that engaged with our Membership-

Charles Booker – U.S. Senate (UAW endorsed)

Hank Linderman – U.S. Rep in Congress 2nd District

Patti Minter - State Rep for the 20th District (UAW endorsed)

Carlos Bailey – Bowling Green City Commissioner (UAW endorsed)

Dana Beasley Brown – Bowling Green City Commissioner

Johnalma Barnett – Bowling Green City Commissioner

Justin Chaffin – Bowling Green City Commissioner

J. Blake Beliles – District Judge

Kim Geoghegan – District Judge

Johnnie Blissett III – Warren County Clerk (UAW endorsed)

Susan Oliver Lewis – PVA (property valuation administrator)

Mark Young – Magistrate 5th District

ALSO NOTE: You should have received a copy of Solidarity Magazine in the mail. This should have had info on all the candidates running for IUAW positions. If you did not receive this magazine, please contact the Hall ASAP being that ballots are mailed out on October 17th. If you do not receive a ballot, you will not be eligible to vote. This is a pivotal point in the UAW. "There is no such thing as a vote that doesn't count" - Barack Obama. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to take the time to watch the UAW Candidate Forum for President and Vice Presidents. They are available for viewing online at uaw.org.

Respectfully,

Brandon Casper, VCAP Chair

Chris Hebert, VCAP CoChair

Don't forget to vote!



Every vote counts!





CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

The Local 2164 Civil and Human Rights committee (pictured Anthony Walker, William Tankson, Jeremy O'Laughlin, Vincent Callazo and Donna Lockhart would like to say thank you for allowing us to attend the 36th Annual Civil and Human Rights Conference Aug. 28-Sept 2, 2022 at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center Black Lake, Michigan. Also, the committee would like to remind the membership that LGBTQ+ Pride is coming to Circus Square Park, downtown Bowling Green, Ky. Save the date for Pride on October 22, 2022 starting at noon.

Donna Lockhart, Civil & Human Rights Committee Chair

VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee will once again be participating the Bowling Green Veterans Parade on November 5, 2022. The parade is set to start at Circus Square Park at 10 am. We hope all of our Members will join us and participate in honoring our veterans. More information on our meet-up time and location will be conveyed once we know our position in the parade.

The Veterans Committee will also be having a joint celebration in the plant on Thursday, November 10th for all veterans. We would like to honor each of our veterans by displaying photos on the in-plant monitors. We ask that all of our veterans please submit a photo (preferably in uniform) along with name, rank and branch of service. Please email information to natalie.walker@gm.com or text to 2707921597.

The committee is once again holding a Gun Raffle for the chance to win a Glock 9mm luger. You can purchase raffle tickets from any committee member. The committee is also selling buttons at every Union Meeting. The Veterans Committee meets the Saturday before the Union Meeting at the UAW 2164 Union Hall at 11 am. We hope you will join us.

Natalie Walker, Veterans Committee Chair



WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee would like to thank everyone who ordered a Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirt. Orders will be in very soon. Also, the committee would like to thank everyone that supported our Breast Cancer Luncheon. It was a great success. We will

host an Adult Halloween Costume party October 22nd. Look for sign up sheets for the contests that's posted on fliers. To end Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will have a spirit week the last week of the month. We encourage everyone to participate.

Zandra Lightsey, Women's Committee Chair



MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING: KYLE MIZE



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UAW OFFICERS- Executive Board

President - Brian Ferrett

Vice President - Joseph "Joey" Allen III

Recording Secretary - Nancy Childress

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Trustee - Chris Hebert

Trustee - Brandon Casper

Trustee - Kevin Thompson

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BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Chairman - Jason Watson

District 1 - Dan Morgan

Alternate - Larry Blevins Jr

District 2 - Wil Suarez

Alternate - Todd Sisson

District 3 - Shane Watkins

Alternate - Kyle Goins

District 4 - Joe Battisti

Alternate - Gary Wyant

District 5 - Josh Wilson

Alternate - Leon T. Orange

District 6 - Claude Preston

Alternate - Shawn Taubert

Skilled Trades - Gordon Hunt

CARAVAN BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Chairman - PJ Hancock

1st Shift Alternate - Malissa Lack

2nd Shift -

MPS BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Brian Ferrett and Joseph "Joey" Allen III

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CHAPLAINCY REPORT

Navigating life's unexpected turns can be tricky and difficult that's for sure. Anything from an illness that lands you in the hospital, the sickness or death of a loved one or even just a few days off due to an injury. Sometimes these things can really leave us in a stormy season or a valley and it sometimes seems difficult to get out of. We've had some of those situations here lately at 2164. The truth is that we don't have all the answers, but you don't have to go through it alone.

Our Chaplaincy program is here to help you navigate through these storms of life.

Our Chaplains do not replace a church pastor, but rather provide a confidential, compassionate ear and a sensible approach to handling delicate and difficult situations. In fact, our Chaplaincy mission statement is simply, "Caring in the Workplace".

We are here to help you. We make hospital visits, but we can't visit if we don't know. We can facilitate getting you a bible, you just have to let us know. Someone in our committee will respond. Our goal is to provide these services for our membership.

Don't forget our Chapel service each Tuesday during lunch in the Corvette Cafe and in the paint shop. These services provide a break from the normal and allow us a time to have prayer and fellowship. Bring your lunch and join us for chapel.

Our committee is extremely grateful for our memberships' support on our recent Day of Prayer back in September and the winter hat beanie sale pre-orders. Our hats are expected to be here in time for Thanksgiving.

Your support of our hat and shirt sales helps us to fund programs for our members, our families and our community. Here are some of the things your support allows us to do:

- Provide financial support for members and member families in times of need
- Provide food and fellowship for our homeless community
- Provide bibles and literature for our members (Daily Bread, Upper Room)
- Help fund programs in the plant such as Day of Prayer and Chapel resources

In closing, I'd like to simply say thank you for supporting Chaplaincy and allowing us to serve you.

God Bless,
Patrick Klein, Chaplain

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24



NEXT UNION MEETING NOVEMBER 8TH AT NOON ONLY



Union Label T-Shirt Sale

Sales will support midyear
School supplies
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!
Deadline October 28, 2022



Scan Code or Use website to order & have sent to the Union Hall or your Home @ Checkout

officialtshirtplus.com/uawlocal2164



PRE/POST RETIREMENT TRAINING

This is the Financial Planning Workshop I've been talking about for our newest full time permanent employees. This workshop will help to answer those questions about how the GM 401k program works, what contributions can be made, etc.

The workshop is intended for all of our UAW members. During recent in-progression orientation, I talk about this training workshop and it usually starts with a short Q&A. I can't answer all of the questions, so we have this workshop for you.

Please make plans to attend on Oct. 25th. RSVP to the information on the flyer.

We have workshops that can be attended by all shifts, at 12pm and 3pm. (If production runs up to 3pm, it will start a little later) Hope to see you all there!

Patrick Klein, UAW Joint Training/HRD



401(k) Insights

UAW Local 2164
712 Plum Springs Loop
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
12pm CST / 3pm CST

Seats are limited. RSVP to attend.
Online Registration: www.networth.net/nashville
24-Hour Rescinding: 800-859-2212



Hosted By: Networth Financial Group
Jason McKernan, Financial Advisor



Financial/Retirement Planning

- ✓ UAW Benefit
- ✓ FREE seminar
- ✓ No obligation
- ✓ Coordinated by UAW Training Rep.
- ✓ Workshop @ UAW Union Hall
- ✓ 12pm and 3:00pm Times

If you're thinking about retirement, or already have, don't miss getting the information you need to properly plan your future.

There is NO OBLIGATION, no fees and refreshments will be served.

PLEASE RSVP, and spouses are always welcome to attend!

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE UNION HALL, STAYS AT THE UNION HALL



Shout out to Maggie Childres and the Recreation Committee for a great Casino Night. UAW 2164 Members enjoyed a Vegas inspired night full of fun and prizes. Great job!



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UAW Retiree Quilt Raffle

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW



\$5 Tickets
AVAILABLE AT UNION HALL