



Sun Valley Council Retired  
Workers- UAW  
Region 8  
2nd Quarter Newsletter 2022



**Council Officers**

Chair: Vivian Decker

Vice Chair: Tony Ortiz

Recording Secretary: Judy Mycek

Financial Secretary: Harry Decker

Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Grable

Trustee: Gus George

Trustee: Fred Schweer

**(No meetings June, July, and August)**

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

**OUR MEETING PLACE**

**Church of the Beatitudes - 555 West Glendale Avenue**

**Phoenix, AZ 85021-8763**

Our Council officer nominations were held on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at our first meeting in two years. Officer elections were held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

I thank you for your confidence in me for another term as your Chairwoman. I would like to also congratulate and thank our members Tony Ortiz, Judy Mycek, Harry Decker, Tom Grable, Gus George and Fred Schweer on serving on the Sun Valley Council Board

These are still very uncertain times and the decision to hold meetings may still be done on a month to month basis. **May 18<sup>th</sup> is our next and final meeting before the summer break. We will not be having our potluck luncheon at this meeting.** As our September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting approaches a determination if it will be possible to start up with the potluck this fall will be made. Our Drop in Center is closed; the phone number is still in operation with updates. The message on the answering machine will be updated monthly or as needed to keep members up to date on meeting information, (480) 899-7394. If you have any questions please leave a message, your name and phone number and you will be contacted.

The Trust is scheduling travel again this fall and will be attending our October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with updates on our 2023 benefits. I have put in a request for BC/BS & AETNA representatives to attend our Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

*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.*

In compliance with the by-laws of the Regional Retired Workers Council the UAW Region 8 Retired Workers Conference was held on May 2-6, 2022 at the Sirata Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach FL. I attended the conference, meeting up with friends and meeting new ones.

On opening day Tim Smith – UAW Region 8 Assistant Director, led us through a moment of silence, National Anthem, Pledge, and called for all Veterans up front for a Recognition of Veterans. From the floor a motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the endorsement of Tim Smith as Director of Region 8 by the attending Region 8 Retirees. Vote taken and it was passed unanimously.

Frank Stuglin, Secretary/Treasurer Int'l UAW was our keynote speaker. Leigh Kegerreis, Retired Workers Department Director spoke with us by zoom.

Reports were given by attending International Area Councils and Local Union Retired Workers Chapters. On day 2 of the conference speakers from Bene-Sys-Mack Truck/Daimler Truck, Kaiser Permanente, Delta Dental, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Davis Vision, TruHearing, Humana ending with the UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust. Day 3 Mitchell Smith, UAW Region 8 Director was our Keynote Speaker. Reports were given by UAW Stellantis National Benefits, UAW Social Security Department, and UAW GM National Benefits.

### **CHECK THAT YOUR BENEFICIARIES ARE UP TO DATE**

The Direct Voting System was passed with just 14% of our members voting last fall. Under this system, each UAW member will cast a direct vote to elect the person or persons they desire to see elected to the IEB. The IEB members will no longer be elected by Local Union delegates at the UAW Constitutional Conventions but will instead be elected directly by the Union members. **Did you receive your ballot last fall? Do you know a Retiree who didn't?** There were thousands of returned ballots that were un-deliverable for this election; you need to update your mailing address with your local Union. Your address cannot be shared with the Retiree Dept. by the Trust or the company you retired from. Only your open Local can report your address change to the Retiree department, if your Local is closed or you are not sure, send us an email: [SVUAW@AOL.COM](mailto:SVUAW@AOL.COM). Your name, date of birth, and the last 4 of your Social Security Number will be needed. If your Local is open a phone number will be supplied to you, if it's closed your address information will be passed on to the Retiree Department.

### UAW Legal Services Plan

The Federal Trade Commission reports that in 2021, over 1 in 4 people were scammed of their \$\$\$ through an ad, post or message they saw on Facebook or Instagram. The top scam involved sending \$\$\$ to make an investment, including in cryptocurrency, that turned out to be fake. The second top scam involved romance ploys that ended up with the scammer asking for and getting \$\$\$ from their supposed beloved and disappearing. The third top scam involved ordering a product and never getting it. Scammers love to spread their scams on social media because it makes them easy money. Go to an authorized website to make purchases and if you see a deal or prospective significant other too good to be true, it's likely a scam. If you feel you've been scammed or wonder whether something is a scam, call the Plan immediately at (800) 482-7700 so you can get the advice and assistance you need.

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If you have about 10 minutes, we have short webinars for you on Traffic Ticket Tips, Ladybird Deeds, and Credit Report Repair. You can find these on the Webinars page at [www.uawlegalservices.com](http://www.uawlegalservices.com) or on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/c/uawlegalservicesplan](https://www.youtube.com/c/uawlegalservicesplan). [#ItsYourPlan](https://www.youtube.com/c/uawlegalservicesplan)

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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.*

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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*

**UAW Region 8**

*Mitchell Smith Director*

*Tim Smith Assistant Director*

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**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 and Pension 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](http://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