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# 2022 Meetings

## May 11, 2022- Bill Sauers, President, Florida Alliance for Retired Americans

"We will be providing sub sandwiches at the May meeting"

No Meetings June, July, August due to summer break. Fall meetings resume on September 8, 2022.

\*Monthly Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:30am at: St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church 3600 76<sup>th</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg, Fl.

# **Drop-In Center**

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9430 Seminole Blvd. Seminole, Fl. 33772 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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\*Drop in Center will be open during summer months\*

## **Chairman's Report**

#### **Greetings Brothers and Sisters:**

It's been two rough years for all of us! I hope and pray that all of you managed to stay safe through this pandemic, and although it may not be quite over yet, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our condolences go to those who may have lost someone close during this time.

It has also been a rough period for our retiree council. We have been shut down for months at a time, had our drop in center closed, reopened, and then have had to cancel meetings at the last minute because of worsening conditions in our local area. Our meeting attendance has suffered, and our drop in center business has slowed considerably.

I'm sure there are many reasons for this. People have been reluctant to attend meetings because of fear of catching the virus, being upset by having to wear a mask, high gas prices, not having benefit reps at our meetings (due to the UAW Trust travel ban), and simply, just getting out of the habit of attending meetings.

The good news is, we survived! Our meetings are back on a regular basis. By the time you read this, the April meeting will be in the history books, and we have a great meeting planned for May 11th. The UAW Trust will soon be rolling out a new insurance plan, with great new benefits. It will be available in January, 2023. The Trust has also told us that BC/BS, and Aetna reps will be back in our meetings in September.

The drop in center will be open all summer during the summer break. We can help you with medical billings, and other issues that come up. Now all we need is you! Let's support our union, and our council!

In solidarity,

Ray Davis, Chairman

## **Important Numbers**

RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONNECT- (RHCC) 866-637-7555 (Ford- Chrysler- GM)

AETNA – 800-663-0885

BC/BS Traditional - 877-832-2829 – MA PPO – 888-322-5616 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 - 844-394-5420 - www.truhearing.com/UAWTrust LEGAL SERVICE PLAN 800-482-7700 - www.uawlegalservices.com Pensions: Fidelity: GM 800-489-4646 ACS: Ford 800-248-4444 Chrysler Benefits Connect 888-409-3300

### \*\*\* Notice\*\*\*

If you would like to be included in our "monthly meeting reminder" email, please email me at <u>davisrc11@aol.com</u>, and I will include you in our Florida Sun Coast list. This monthly email is sent in a "blind copy" mode. I respect your privacy, and I only mail monthly meeting reminders, updates, or official UAW announcements.

### **Attention Please**

**Retiree Dues:** It is more important than ever for retirees to sign up for the **\$3.00 per month retiree dues**. Many of our members have been paying dues for years, at the \$2.00 level, and are not aware that it changed to \$3.00 several years ago. We are very thankful for your support, but please consider raising it to the current level.

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Contact us at the drop in center, and we will be glad to assist you with this.

Our Councils, and Drop-in Centers are funded solely out of these funds, and when decisions have to be made which to close, and which to keep open. Meeting attendance, drop-in Center usage, and member's dues participation, are all considerations. Let's keep our Council strong!

Thank you, Ray



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