



# THE ASSEMBLER

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United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America

U.A.W. Local 2164

712 Plum Springs Loop

Bowling Green, KY 42101

## ELECTION NOTICE

### NOMINATIONS (SIGN-UPS)

Accepted at the Union Hall from:

April 3, 2023 until April 13, 2023

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### NOMINATIONS/ELIGIBILITY:

All members in continuous good standing under the guidelines of the UAW Constitution

Article 17, Section 4.

***You cannot hold an elected office in the UAW if you have been convicted of a felony.***

***\*This is a Federal law.***

## GENERAL MOTORS

### Committeepersons

1<sup>st</sup> Shift - District 1, District 2, District 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift – District 4, District 5, District 6

### Alternate Committeepersons

1<sup>st</sup> Shift – District 1, District 2, District 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift – District 4, District 5, District 6

### Skilled Trades Friction Committee

(You must sign up for the trade you represent)

**\*1 (one) member per trade will be elected**

Electrician, Millwright, Pipefitter, Toolmaker, Stationary Engineer

## MPS

### Bargaining Chairperson

1<sup>st</sup> Shift Committeeperson and Alternate Committeeperson

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Committeeperson and Alternate Committeeperson

3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Committeeperson and Alternate Committeeperson

## CARAVAN

1<sup>st</sup> Shift Committeeperson and Alternate Committeeperson

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Committeeperson and Alternate Committeeperson

3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Committeeperson and Alternate Committeeperson

### ELECTION DATE:

Date: May 9, 2023

Time: 5:00 AM – until 1 hour after 2<sup>nd</sup> shift

### RUNOFF DATE:

Date: May 16, 2023

Time: 5:00 AM – until 1 hour after 2<sup>nd</sup> shift

**Voting will be held at Corvette Assembly and Our Local Union Hall**

Brian E. Ferrett,  
President, UAW Local 2164

William Tankson,  
Election Committee Chairperson



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring is finally in the air and it's nice to feel some warmer weather gracing us with its presence. With that comes more kids out playing and more of our members breaking out their motorcycles. Let's all try to keep an eye out and be more aware of our surroundings to keep everyone safe.

I'm happy to see some of the great turnout we have had at some of our events recently. Hope to see you all bring your families to the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11-2. No April Fools folks, I hear the Easter

Bunny is going to bring some treats for the kids!

Our Election Notice has been posted and nominations will soon be accepted at the Union Hall. The Election will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at the plant and the Union Hall. I hope all of our Members take a moment to cast their vote for their candidate of choice. Our next Union Meeting will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon and 3.

Brian Ferrett, UAW Local 2164 President

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

I would like to personally give a shout out to Ellen Ming Lee for coming up with the Fish Fry! It was an awesome idea. Next, I would like to say I APPRECIATE EVERYONE that volunteered to make this event an outstanding one! It felt good serving the membership! Thanks for the abundance of donations! You guys rock!

Zandra Lightsey, Women's Committee



## Bring the kids - Have Lunch

**April 1st  
11:00 till 2:00**

**UAW Local  
2164  
Annual  
Easter Egg  
Hunt**

**PIZZA  
CUPCAKES  
COOKIES  
BALLOON ANIMAL  
CRAFTS**

**Special Guest: Easter Bunny**

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

These classes are a great resource to learn more about the Union, its values, history, and much more. There are 16 classes to take that all need to be completed within 28 days once started. Each course is made up of videos followed by four short questions and takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete. There are workbooks that you can print out to follow along and take notes in.

Tiffany Morris, Education Committee



**Tim Smith  
Director**

### Online Classes:

Training is web based, members can participate on their own time and at their own pace



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- Globalization 101
- It Starts With Me
- Lessons from Labor History
- Member-to-Member in a Digital Age
- Money Matters: Budget Planning for Life
- Money Matters: Consumer Tips
- Talkin' Union
- The Ethical Consumer
- UAW 101
- UAW Basics
- UAW Core Values
- Understanding Grievances
- Union Meetings & Me
- Understanding Strikes
- Understanding Bargaining





## UAW OFFICES

UAW Work Center - 270-745-8496  
Benefits - 270-745-8148  
Byron Crotts/ Tammy Adee  
JAR/Suggestions/Quality Network  
Tracy Cook - 270-745-8146  
JTR/Communications/VPAC  
Patrick Klein - 270-745-8252  
Safety - Kevin Blevins - 270-745-8365  
EAP/ADAPT -  
Angelo Bailey - 270-745-8187  
Safety Trainer -  
George Esters - 270-745-8143  
Ergonomics/Hygienist  
Jeff Bogue - 270-745-8488

## UAW OFFICERS – Executive Board

President – Brian Ferrett  
Vice President – Joseph “Joey” Allen III  
Recording Secretary – Nancy Childress  
Financial Secretary / Treasurer – Mark “Buckethead” Harris  
Trustee – Chris Hebert  
Trustee – Brandon Casper  
Trustee – Kevin Thompson  
Sergeant at Arms – Kevin Bradley  
Guide – Charlie Highlander  
Retiree Chairman – John O’Laughlin

## 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 Wyatt  
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  
1<sup>st</sup> Shift Alternate– Malissa Lack  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shift –

## MPS BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Brian Ferrett and Joseph “Joey” Allen III  
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## CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

February-In honor of black history month, we made a \$200 donation to sponsor the Jonesville Academy which is presented by 2 youth serving nonprofits, Boys to Men Leadership group Ky. and For a Real Change, Inc. The program and curriculum are designed for black/ African American, Hispanic/ Latino, and multi-racial young men grades 3 -8 in Bowling Green and Warren County. The mission of the academy is to equip the next generation of youth to build self-confidence and become leaders in their schools and our community. The young men would like to accept the opportunity to extend their learning beyond their elementary, middle, and junior high schools to work toward a pathway to success that includes interactive learning from teachers of color, mentorship, networking, and community engagement with peers.



-In celebration of Black History Month and National Science Day, we took the opportunity to read *CeCe Loves Science & Adventure* to the students at Bristow Elementary School. The book focuses on the value of learning STEM skills to complete important daily tasks. After hearing the story, the students responded with applause, high fives and even hugs to show their appreciation.

March- We participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Mardi Gras parade in Bowling Green, Ky.

-Held the Local Equal Application Committee meeting to be compliant with Doc. 31 of the national agreement. The committee consists of chairman Jason Watson, Donna Lockhart, Kai Spande, Brian Ferrett and Lynn Herron. We will meet quarterly.

**-RESPECT AND DIGNITY ON THE JOB IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE UNION PLATFORM**

**-LABOR RIGHTS ARE CIVIL RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

Donna Lockhart, Civil & Human Rights Committee

## VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee will be holding a raffle for a \$500 Sportsman Gift Certificate. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10. We are also selling Memorial Day buttons, \$2 each or three for \$5. Sales will begin April 3<sup>rd</sup>, see a Veterans Committee member to purchase. We will have a Memorial Day ceremony on May 29th beginning at 10 AM at the Union Hall Veterans Memorial. Meetings are held at 11 AM the Saturday before the Union Meeting. Due to the holiday weekend, the regular meeting will be postponed.

Natalie Walker, Veterans Committee

The next Community Service Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Union Hall.



## VCAP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Mike Burke, and I am very happy to be one of the newest members of your local CAP Committee. CAP, or Community Action Program, serves a vital role in educating our membership with important information regarding elections, the voting process, how to register to vote, how and where to vote, as well as information about the candidates. I've been a CAP donor for decades because I've seen first-hand how the political process works.

It seems that each day there's some kind of "bombshell report" coming from the extreme factions of political parties. The daily deluge of information is sometimes hard to digest. Our Local CAP Committee seeks to sift through the noise and take an honest look at our candidates for office. In the past we have come together to support both republicans and democrats, if an independent best shares our values and beliefs, then we will show our support. There is no strength in division.

If you tune your TVs to the 24-hour cable propaganda channels, you'll find plenty of evidence of extremism. That's what moves the needle and sells ads. Media Outlets are in the business of selling advertising. A dog biting a man is not news. A man biting a dog will sell some newspapers. What we need to focus on is that there is a much larger constituency than the extremists. The largest group of voters live in the middle. We want to go to work each day and use the fruits of our labor to support our families. We always vote because it is our civic duty. Despite the constant bombardment of divisive rhetoric, we still believe that we are one nation, under God, and indivisible.

This year will be an important one. In September, the UAW contract with General Motors will expire. In November the race for Governor will be held. Please join your CAP Committee and we will look at politics through our collective lens. We need to make our membership aware of legislation that impacts us. We have seen what inaction can do.

Yours in Solidarity,

Mike Burke, CAP Committee Member

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## Financial/Retirement Planning Workshop

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!



### Timing Social Security Benefits

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April 6, 2023 - 3pm

Seats are limited. RSVP to attend.  
Online Registration: [www.networth.net/nashville](http://www.networth.net/nashville)  
24 Hour Recording: 800-859-2212



Hosted By: NetWorth Financial Group  
Jason McKernan, Financial Advisor

## LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Shout out to all of our Members who showed up to represent UAW 2164 at the recent Mardi Gras Parade in Bowling Green. The float was packed and some Members walked alongside while handing out beads and candy to parade goers, while others drove Corvettes and handed out UAW cups. Our organization had a large presence to help light up the town.



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