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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

ELECTION DATE:

Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 4:00 AM – until 1 hour after 2nd shift

RUNOFF DATE:

Date: May 21, 2024

Time: 4:00 AM – until 1 hour after 2nd shift

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

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.***

UAW Local 2164 Candidates

Executive Board

President

Brian E. Ferrett
Vincent Collazo

Vice-President

Chris Hebert
Joseph (Joey) H. Allen III
Leon T. Orange

Brandon Casper
Charles Laster

Recording Secretary

Nancy Childress
Zandra "Zee" Brown

Financial Secretary

Mark Buckethead Harris-unopposed

Trustee (Elect 3)

Connie Warren
Natalie Walker
William (Tank) Tankson

Lorena Hebert
Rich Bindas

Stella Laster

Sergeant at Arms

Darrick Proffitt
OV Cabello
Larry Blevins
Bryant (BB) Beckwith

Guide

Tiffany Morris
Michael Anderson Sr
Jeremy O'Laughlin

Bargaining

Shop Chairman

Jason Watson-unopposed

Skilled Trades Friction Committee

1st Shift Appendix I Skilled Trades Representative

2nd Shift Appendix I Skilled Trades Representative

Local 2164 Unit 1 Caravan

Chairperson -Kevin Thompson-unopposed

1st Shift Committeeperson-Scott Chaffin-unopposed

1st Shift Alternate Committeeperson

2nd Shift Committeeperson

2nd Shift Alternate Committeeperson

3rd Shift Committeeperson

3rd Shift Alternate Committeeperson

Local 2164 Unit 1 MPS

Chairperson-Fred Ennis-unopposed

1st Shift Committeeperson

1st Shift Alternate Committeeperson

2nd Shift Committeeperson

2nd Shift Alternate Committeeperson

3rd Shift Committeeperson

3rd Shift Alternate Committeeperson

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Brian E. Ferrett,
President, UAW Local 2164

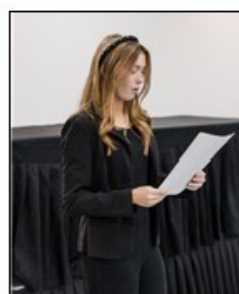
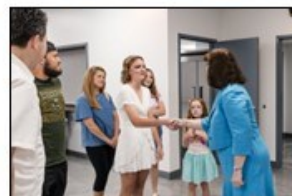
Beth Earwood,
Election Committee Chairperson

UNION LABEL COMMITTEE

During a special ceremony on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, The Union Label Committee presented two \$1,000 scholarships to dependents of 2 UAW 2164 members. Recipients of the scholarships, Greenlee Goins and Abbey McCabe, read their heartfelt essay submissions about "How the UAW has had a positive influence on my life."

Greenlee Goins, daughter of Kyle Goins (1st shift Electrician/Alternate UAW Safety Rep) is graduating from Edmonson County High School and will be attending WKU for Media Broadcasting. Abbey McCabe, daughter of Ryan McCabe (1st shift General Assembly Team Leader) attends WKU pursuing a double degree in both Chemistry and Spanish with a minor in Biology. Patti Minter, mayoral candidate for Bowling Green, joined the ceremony to congratulate the winners. Congratulations and best wishes for your continued education.

Darrick Proffitt and Hobart Morgan, Union Label Committee



Patti Minter, UAW endorsed candidate for Mayor of Bowling Green, was the guest speaker during the scholarship ceremony where she helped to present the awards.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Workers At Volkswagen Vote For Union Representation

April 19, 2024 was an historic day for Region 8, as workers at Volkswagen's Chattanooga, Tennessee Assembly Plant vote overwhelmingly to make the UAW their bargaining agent. Today's victory is the culmination of an effort that goes back for ten years. Our last election narrowly missed, after interference from Tennessee politicians spreading misinformation. Today those workers who have worked so diligently for so long are vindicated.

Today's victory proves what happens when workers stand together in solidarity. It has been solidarity that has won every victory for Working Class Americans. From the early trade guilds in New York City, to the coal mines of Appalachia, to the railroads across the plains and finally to the auto companies of the Midwest, workers have stood shoulder to shoulder and said we are one. When we all stand together, no force on Earth is greater.

While this is a great victory, the next battle begins through organizing a local and winning their first contract. UAW Region 8 will be there with them every step of the way, lending support and guidance. Tonight we celebrate this victory for our newest members of the UAW and tomorrow we hit the ground running, building another great local within our movement!

Tim Smith

UAW Region 8 Director

"Who Are We? UAW!"

MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING: JACK GRECO



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UAW OFFICERS – Executive Board

President – Brian Ferrett
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 Trustee – Brandon Casper
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BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Jason Watson
 District 1 – Dan Morgan
 Alternate– Scott Farrar
 District 2 – Brian Raines
 Alternate – Todd Sisson
 District 3 – Shane Watkins
 Alternate – Mark Pratt
 District 4 – Gary Wyatt
 Alternate – Tim Johnson

District 5– Josh Wilson
 Alternate– John Brousseau
 District 6– Cody Phelps
 Alternate– Claude Preston
 Skilled Trades– Gordon Hunt

CARAVAN BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Chairman – Dwayne Thompson
 1st Shift -Kevin Thompson
 2nd Shift – Robert Ford

MPS BARGAINING COMMITTEE

Chairman– Fred Ennis

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The Community Service Committee would like to thank everyone that was able to come out to help with the Membership Garden behind the Union Hall. Soon there will be a wide variety of vegetables growing and we hope that our membership will utilize the garden to provide healthy, nutritious food for family dinners.

The dog walk at the Bowling Green Humane Society was also a huge success. Members took time to show some love and compassion to some of the dogs at the humane society with some fun play and exercise time, some members even ended up adopting a new pet after the heartfelt time with their new companion. Thank you to all who participated.

The Committee is now holding The Great Escape Raffle with ticket sales continuing until June 14, 2024. The winner will receive an \$800 Southwest Airlines gift card, as well as a basket of vacation items. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. To buy tickets, see Monica Williams 1st Paint, Renata Carmona 1st GA, Grace Buhro 1st Body Shop, Eddie or Bev Zoeller 2nd Paint, or Janet Dulworth 2nd GA.

The next Community Service meeting is at 1 pm on May 19th at the Union Hall.

Renata Carmona, Community Service Committee



Local 2164 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony



What is Memorial Day?
 Memorial Day is a Federal Holiday set aside to remember and honor our brave men and women who died while serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces.

It is our hope that you will join us on this yearly and sobering

occasion to pay respect, gratitude, and love for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms that we have today.

Please join us on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Union Hall located at 712 Plum Spring Loop, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Bring your family and friends! Refreshments will be served.



NEXT UNION MEETING- JUNE 11, 2024 AT NOON AND 3:00 PM

The Latest from UAW-GM on the Dependent Scholarship Program (DSP)

This is the latest from the Joint Parties...

We wanted to provide you with a quick update on the progress of the newly negotiated UAW-GM Dependent Scholarship Program for Dependent Children.

We have been actively working with our vendor daily and are making significant strides in developing the electronic application process. Our goal is to have everything ready with our vendor no later than the end of the 2nd quarter or sooner of this year; and we are committed to doing everything in our power to meet that timeline.

As a friendly reminder; if you had an eligible dependent enroll in a class on or after November 20, 2023, please retain all relevant documents such as proof of enrollment, grades, school invoices, and proof of payment. Once the reimbursement process is finalized and launched, we will provide instructions on where to send these documents and outline the next steps.

To ensure a smooth operation of the electronic application process, we kindly request that you connect with your members and encourage them to list their eligible dependents in Fidelity, if they haven't already done so. This will enable employees to easily select their dependents from a drop-down list when accessing the vendor's electronic application system. If a dependent is not uploaded into Fidelity, the employee will be prompted to log out of the vendor's system, upload their dependent in Fidelity, wait for a week, and then log back in to create an application on their dependent's behalf.

Lastly, we would like to provide you with an overview of the program process and guidelines:

Eligibility for the Program:

- *Dependent children of active UAW represented employees pursuing post-secondary education or training at an institution accredited by a governmental or nationally recognized agency are eligible to apply for continuing education support.*
- *The child must be the employee's child or the child of the employee's spouse through birth, legal adoption, or legal guardianship.*
- *Dependent children must be unmarried and under the age of 26 at the time of course enrollment.*
- *Spouses are not included.*

Required documents for reimbursement:

- *Verification of satisfactory completion of semester coursework.*
- *Verification of dependency. (Birth Certificate)*
- *Verification of payment.*

In closing we would like to share our gratitude on the ongoing support and cooperation as we work towards finalizing this program.

When more information is available, we will share it as quickly as we can. In the meantime, hold onto your documentation and reach out to our local TAP Administrator, Patrick Klein with any questions.



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Retirement Planning

You are invited to attend:

Maximizing Social Security:

Transforming Social Security into a Winning Strategy!



In this workshop on Social Security Benefits, we will discuss:

- ✓ What role does Social Security play in your retirement?
- ✓ When should you begin taking Social Security?
- ✓ How do spousal benefits work?
- ✓ How does working during retirement affect your benefits?
- ✓ How can I maximize my benefits?

Where: UAW Local 2164 Union Hall (Refreshments will be served)

When: Monday, May 20th, 2024

Times: 1:00PM or 3:00PM

RSVP: Ted Macri @ (615) 786-9618 or ted.macri@ampf.com

Please remember to RSVP for this event. Spouse's are welcomed to attend!

Retiring soon?



All members who retire are eligible to receive a plaque from the UAW

You must contact the hall

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