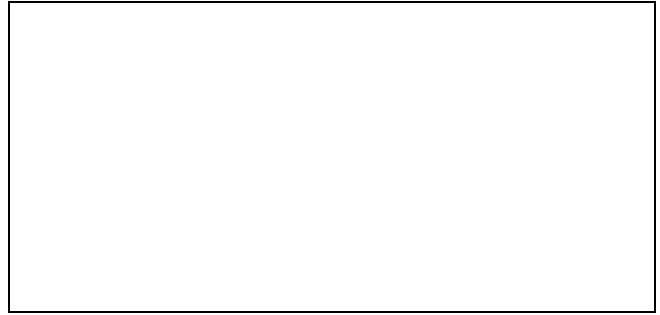


## Return Service Requested

*"What can Labor do for itself? The answer is not difficult. Labor can organize, it can unify; it can consolidate its forces. This done, it can demand and command"*

*Eugene V. Debs*



## From Your Local President

UAW Local 74 stands in solidarity with the civil rights movement and with the victims in the recent attacks on peaceful demonstrators at the white supremacy rallies in Virginia. The UAW, led by President Walter Reuther, left a great legacy of championing civil rights and we, the current torch bearers, will continue that path forward into the future.

In 1963, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. organized a "Walk to Freedom" in Michigan. The UAW gave King an office, staff, and financial support. Reuther walked alongside King at the march. Reuther also stood with King as he delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

We can proudly look to our late president as a model of what leadership should look like. We owe it to the fate of humanity to set aside our differences and come together in mutual respect. Civil rights are human rights and symbolizes the ideals we claim as the identity of our nation, the labor movement and the UAW. We must pay it forward. For the common good of all, we must face that we are all in this together - one people, one planet with one destiny.

In solidarity,  
Chris Laursen  
President, UAW Local 74

## Pat Greathouse Center

At our August membership meeting, members voted to donate to the UAW Region 4 Pat Greathouse Center in Ottawa, Illinois to rebuild the delegate hotel that was destroyed in February of this year by a tornado. This voluntary donation request from Region 4 was made to establish a new 50 room hotel at the site of the old 30 room hotel. Our donation was based on suggested request from Region 4 of \$20 per active member. UAW Local 74 has 554 active members currently and donated \$11,080.

The Pat Greathouse Center is unique in the fact that it is the only training center in the UAW that is sovereign from corporate or international jurisdiction. It's ours and ours alone. This year, there were 22 conferences and meetings scheduled, bringing in members of committees, councils and functions including two weeks of summer school. Staying at the Pat Greathouse Center is roughly half the cost of a hotel which in turn will save our local money in the future. Also, staying at PGC helps build a network and a sense of solidarity between Region 4's locals. We look forward to sending our members to PGC in the future and furthering our commitment to the advancement of our local.

# UNION REPORTER

## The Executive Board

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## Dates and Times

### Plan to attend!

**Steward Council**  
1st Thursday of each month - 1:00 & 3:45 p.m.  
**Retiree Executive Board**  
2nd Monday of each month - 11:00 a.m.  
**Retiree Co-op Dinner**  
2nd Monday of each month - 11:45 a.m.  
**Local 74 Pension Board**  
2nd Friday of each month - 3:30 p.m.  
**Executive Board**  
1 day prior to the Membership Meeting - 3:45 p.m.  
**Membership Meeting**  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
7:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:45 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.

## UAW Local 74



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## Up And Coming

**Flu Shots will be available in the JDOW cafeteria October 25th 6:30-10:30**

UAW Local 74 has been informed by Deere and Co. that they tentatively plan a return to work starting in the beginning of October. In other good news, company officials have stated that the remaining 12 indefinitely laid off members will be returned to work and that they are potentially looking to hire new employees.

## **LABOR DAY PARADE Monday, Sept. 4th 11am**

Labor must stand together. Now. More than ever. Come join UAW Local 74 as we march in solidarity with brothers and sisters from across the state.

Parade will line up at the Iowa State Capitol starting at 8am and will march from the Iowa State Capitol to the State Fairgrounds east on Grand Avenue starting at 11am. First come, first in line. Park at the fairgrounds and buses will be available prior to the Parade to bring you to the capitol.

A picnic for members, their families and special guests immediately following the parade.

The picnic will be at the Union Labor Park, 4640 Morningstar Drive from 12 to 5. Grills, Charcoal, and Water provided.

South Central Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

## **JDOW Blood Screening October 25-27**

John Deere Ottumwa Works will be offering a 23 panel blood screening for wage and salary retiree's and spouses for \$10 per person.

CA-125 testing will be available for females for an additional cost of \$25

If you know a salary retiree, please pass this on so they can also take advantage.

Dates, times and additional information will be included in Octobers news letter.

Union Hall 641-682-0897  
Deere Direct 1-888-432-3373  
Deere Direct Retired 1-800-213-3373  
United Healthcare 1-888-533-3731  
United Healthcare Vision 1-8006383120  
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Mental Health/Substance Abuse 1-888-533-7311  
Fidelity Investments 401k 1-800-354-3427  
Hyatt Legal Services 1-800-821-6400  
John Deere Pension Benefits 1-844-689-7833

If you or your group would like to have something added to the news letter or the website, uawlocal74.com, please email how you would like it to look to Pdurbin@uawlocal74.com

Thank You,  
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