

Return Service Requested

"The benefits of joining a union are clear: higher wages, better benefits and a more secure retirement. If we are serious about reducing income and wealth inequality and rebuilding the middle class, we have got to substantially increase the number of union jobs in this country."

Bernie Sanders

Dear brothers and sisters,

The North American Free Trade Agreement talks are heating up again, and now more than ever we need to demand that congress put working people above corporate greed.

Twenty four years of NAFTA has exported more than 900,000 American jobs and awarded almost 400 million in taxpayer money to corporate welfare. NAFTA also displaced more than 700,000 Mexican farm families who could not compete with subsidized U.S. corn, thereby sending nearly 3 million Mexicans headed north in search of low paying jobs.

Corporate lobbyists are busy spending millions of dollars to buy legislators and shove their TPP-style NAFTA sequel down the throats of working people, here and abroad. We need fair trade not free trade! I don't know about you but I'm tired of being trickled on by 'trickle down' economics. It's time for us to stand together and demand that congress stop being lap dogs to Wall Street and represent the best interests of working families.

Let them know how you feel!

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst 202-224-3254

U.S. Senator Charles Grassley 202-224-3744

U.S. Congressman Dave Loebsack 202-225-6576

In Solidarity,

Chris Laursen,

President UAW Local 74

A Message From The Veterans Committee

The Veterans Committee recently had the opportunity to buy 125 pairs of gloves and 60 stocking hats to be distributed throughout the community to those in need . The total cost for the purchase was \$ 98.98. Our fellow union brothers, Alan Frederick who paid half and Joe Puffinbarger who donated his \$25 winning from the monthly membership drawing at the 5:45 meeting, leaving a cost of \$23.98 to the Veterans Committee .

We also have new Veterans Committee T-shirts for sale. Prices are small – xl \$14, 2xl \$15, 3xl \$16 and 4xl \$17. The Veterans Committee would like to thank you for your continued support. “ STAND FOR THE FLAG AND KNEEL FOR THE FALLEN” God Bless America!

Christmas Shutdown Correction!!!

Christmas shutdown will be observed starting Monday December 25th. NOT Friday December 22nd as our Union calendars perceive. Friday December 22nd will be a qualifying day for holiday pay. It was an error. The four paid holidays will be as follows: Monday Dec. 25th, Tuesday Dec 26th, Monday Jan. 1st & Tuesday Jan. 2nd returning to work on Wednesday January 3rd. Shutdown days are: December 27th, 28th and 29th. Have a very Merry Christmas.

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Tim Pickrell
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Guide Mike Shaw
Retiree Chairman Stephen Tews

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.
Women's Committee
3rd Monday of each month - 3:45 pm
Labor Action Committee
3rd Monday of each month - 6:00 pm

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Up And Coming

UAW Local 74 Scholarships for Class of 2018

Local 74 will be accepting essays for the upcoming 2018 scholarship awards. The theme for this year's essay scholarship will be - What has our union provided for your family and why are unions important to the survival of the middle class? Essays must be 500 words or less and turned into the hall by Feb 1st, 2018.

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
United Healthcare Dental 1-800-996-7518
Optum Rx Prescription Drugs 1-800-797-9794
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

Sieda Coat Drive

November 8th – December 22nd

Please Drop off your gently used coats in the orange barrel located in the John Deere Cafeteria

The Women's Committee and The Community Service Committee will be coming together to work the Holiday Nights-N-Lights in Greater Ottumwa Park on Dec 26th 6-8:30 and Dec 29th 6-9:30. Please bring your families through and enjoy the Displays. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Flags For Silent Auction

The Community Service Committee is taking donation bids for flags to raise funds for upcoming community service projects. Bid sheets are at the Union Hall. Union and Company, Active and Retired are welcome to bid. Winners will be notified directly after the Dec 20th 3:45 meeting. All Flags are used and do have damage and/or are in need of a cleaning. American Flags can be cleaned for free at the Terrace Hill Plaza Cleaners. Repairs can be made at Denise's Alterations. Flags for bid are: **20x30 US American flag, 12x18 JD Flag and 5x9 American Flag**

Flag Pole Bricks Registration Flyers

The Veterans Committee has flyers at the union hall for the brick donations to help with the completion of the flag pole project. The flyer has a grid, 18 boxes for 18 characters with three lines, for the text that you would want on your brick. Anyone wanting to order that does not want to have to go on-line to do so, can fill out the flyer and submit it to committeeman Matt Pickrell and he will enter your information on the web site and print you a preview of what your brick will look like.

Remember this is a \$50.00 donation to the veterans fund and your check should be written to: UAW Local 74 Veterans fund. The fund raiser will be going on until April but you can submit your order at any time.

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,
Paul Durbin
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