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“The class which has the power to rob upon a large scale has also the power to control the government and legalize their robbery.”

Eugene Debs

2018 TOOTING OUR OWN HORN!!!

Chaplaincy Committee:

The UAW Local 74 Chaplaincy Committee has been recently formed. Their purpose is to provide support to brothers and sisters of the membership for a variety of circumstances, including, (but not limited to) spiritual guidance, addiction cessation, emotional support, prayer, etc. Your current Chaplaincy Committee consists of the following members: Eric Reyman (President), David Arduser (Vice-President), Steve Helm (Recording Secretary), Brian Sissel, and Carl Culp. Feel free to reach out to any of them for anything at any time. Thank you for your support! You may contact the Chaplaincy Committee through the **UAW Local 74 Chaplaincy Committee** Facebook Page or email to **local74prayers@yahoo.com**

Veterans Committee:

The veterans committee has had a good year, the flag poles have been salvaged, installed and lighted. The bricks will be installed this next spring. We supported the Run for the Fallen, a run honoring all the fallen veterans from the beginning of the War on Terror to current day. The run Started in California at Fort Irwin and ended in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, we also supported and help fund the Traveling Memorial Wall that was at the Quincy place mall this summer. As the Christmas season approaches we need to think about our annual donation of snack cakes to the veterans Homes in Des Moines and Marshalltown. While spending time with your family this Christmas season take a moment remember all the people serving our Country deployed to foreign soil and all of the service members who have never returned from combat missions across the globe. And always “stand for the Flag and kneel for the Fallen”,, God Bless America!

Women’s Committee:

Just starting their Committee in 2017 we can be very proud to say that they represent UAW Local 74. Here are some of the things that the Local 74 Women’s Committee have been involved in: 2 years volunteered for Trunk or treat with the company - providing a safe alternative to trick or treating, Oktoberfest parade - letting the community know we are here and involved, Saturday with Santa - providing a fun day for our union children, 2 years helping raise money at the Women’s Conference for breast cancer, Filled backpacks with school supplies and donated to local schools, Donated to Puppy Jake Foundation, Had a guest speaker for Breast Cancer awareness, Joint effort with the company on the United Way basket auction which by the way raised the most money on the basket thus far, hosted a self defense class for Union members and dependants, started a food pantry to help our Brothers and Sisters if needed, Fall Craft fundraiser and started a Facebook page - **Solidarity Rocks** (to help promote the Union by placing inspirational painted rocks throughout the communities.)

Upcoming Events are: 2nd Annual Saturday with Santa– Dec. 15th 1pm-4pm, Winter Craft fundraiser - January 5th, Making a Tree for the Festival of Trees for a community service project. Also we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless. So keep this in mind if you have any from hotel stays etc.

Local 74 Membership:

In 2018 our local membership has donated an estimated \$3000 to several different causes. Some including Baseball Teams in Ottumwa and the surrounding communities, Friends of Christmas, Moulton-Udell After Prom, Puppy Jake Foundation, Davis County Shooting, Archery Teams, Pony Express Riders, The American Legion, Hogs 4 Dogs and more.

We have voted in to provide the use of our Union Hall, we helped rebuild the Pat Greathouse Education Center, the Recreation Committee has provided family fun at the Union Easter Egg Hunt and the Local 74 Annual Picnic, The Community Service Committee, Leadership and Local Members have volunteered time to host the Holiday Nights-N-Lights. Members have also taken donations to help our fellow Union brothers and sisters in need.

It is also important for our Local Members, active and retired, to participate in our membership meetings to be involved in the process of conducting business of our Union Hall, Our Membership and Our Community.

Sisters & Brothers, 2018 has proven time and time again that Local 74 leadership is fully committed to serving this organization and its membership with the vibe and vigor that it deserves. With that said in 2019 there is much optimism that the membership will step up and show their support for the leadership by joining one of the committees, showing solidarity on the line, attending their monthly membership meeting, or just simply finding a way to get involved and make a difference. I would be proud to share with other leadership at screening that our attendance at Local 74 outshines them all combined. This is an opportunity I see for Local 74 to be the example of what a Union should be. So in 2019 let’s be the change we want. In closing, thank you for the opportunity to be a leader of this membership. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and In Solidarity

Toby Munley
Shop Chair

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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.
Women's Committee
2nd Monday of each month - 5:45 pm
Labor Action Committee
3rd Monday of each month - 6:00 pm

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



From UAW Local 74

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Holiday Pay For JDOW Employees

JDOW Employees will be paid for the following Holidays: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day. All Employees, except those within their probationary period, will also be paid for December 26th, 27th and 28th.

Union Hall 641-682-0897
Deere Direct 1-888-432-3373
Deere Direct Retired 1-800-213-3373
United Healthcare 1-888-533-3731
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Last April, deputies from the Monroe Co. Sheriff's Office, Bruce Scheitlin (IUAW servicing rep) and myself addressed the Monroe Co. Board of Supervisors' meeting over concerns of the lack of proper deputy staffing in the sheriff's office. We demonstrated that Monroe Co. ranks at the very bottom of deputy staffing in Iowa counties with similar populations. We were told they would take our request under consideration. Sheriff deputies are first responders and adequate staffing of their department should be a top priority in the county's budget. Their most basic function as an organization is to serve and protect the public. The citizens of Monroe Co. anticipate qualified professionals to provide the law enforcement services they expect and pay taxes to receive. However, with an understaffed sheriff's office, not only has it become increasingly difficult to provide the quality of service they are entitled to receive; officer and citizen safety are of critical concern.

As Monroe Co. approaches approving their budget for the upcoming year, I have made a written request asking again for an additional deputy to be hired. If you're a resident of Monroe Co. show some solidarity and contact your county supervisors and ask them to support our request.

Bruce and I have also started contract negotiations for the Albia Police and the Street and Sanitation Department. The Republican's gutting of Iowa Code Chapter 20 governing collective bargaining for public sector workers in our state has made it extremely difficult to negotiate a fair contract but we feel confident that we will make some gains with cooperation of city officials.

Chris Laursen
President

Ho, Ho, Ho It's The Local 74/Masonic Christmas Dinner

Since 1982, Masonic Lodges 16 and 269 have provided a free Christmas dinner to the residents of Ottumwa and the surrounding area to those who might not otherwise receive a holiday meal. Last year, around 75 volunteers fed about 900 people with about 600 of those meals being delivered.

I would like to give a big shout out to Chuck Osing and Charlie Wilt for their inspiring dedication to organizing this event since it's inception.

It's our time to step up now! UAW Local 74 will be organizing this event moving forward. This year we will be partnering with the Masons and learning how they pull off organizing and providing Christmas dinners for hundreds of people. In 2019 we will be organizing the free Christmas dinner with the help of charitable contributions from businesses and people. This is an exciting opportunity for our local and another great way to be a service to our community. If you're interested in volunteering or donating please contact the hall. Happy Holidays!

Chris Laursen, President

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The Veterans Committee and Local 74 would like to thank all of those who volunteered with the Flag Pole Project. They look great!!!

The Volunteers Are:

Members: Tim Walker, Derek Eakins with Truck and 40 ft Trailer and Lyle Van Antwerp with Boom Truck. Veterans Committee Members: Abe Elam, Scott Hobbs, Steve Helm, Matt Pickrell and Chris Laursen-Local President. Retiree's: Mike Gowdy and Steve Shaw with Back Hoe

A special Thanks to Scott Hobbs for the Lights and getting them hooked up.

