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"A history to be proud of,
a tradition to carry on."
- Bernie Ricke

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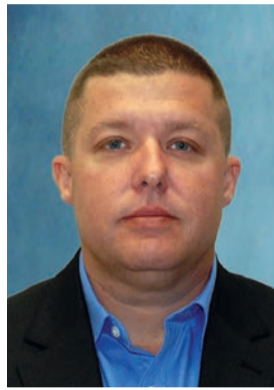
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MARTY UHLIK

LUEKEMIA & LYMPHOMA MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Hi, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Martin (Marty) Glenn Uhlik. I will be 63 in May of this year; this is important to know because I was diagnosed with an advanced Testicular cancer in January of 1997 that had metastasized to both lungs. If I had not heeded my wife's wishes and gone to see my doctor, I was told I likely would not have seen my 40th birthday in May of 1997. I am a cancer survivor!

I don't share this next issue with everyone so keep it between you and me I have been fighting Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) for about the last 14 years. I have been in Stage 4 for about the past six or seven years and am now just a few percentage points from going on dialysis and beginning the search for a kidney transplant donor.



I am not telling you all of this to have you feel sorry for me, in fact,

please don't let that cross your mind. I only gave you facts of my past and present medical history to try and underscore the importance of what follows. It is more important than any individual person, yet it is going to take many individuals to beat blood cancers.

My first grandchild, a beautiful baby girl, was born July 31st, 2015. In the months that followed, her mother, my daughter Breeana, began to lose her appetite, gain weight; she was lethargic. She was having extreme difficulty caring for her newborn child. In early November of 2015 after an exploratory surgery she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Burkitt's Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She was 23.

I have been given the opportunity of a lifetime to help others. Each year, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) launches its Man & Woman of the Year fundraising campaign, and I was honored to join this year's efforts as a team member for Team Just keep Swimming. I am writing today to ask for your support of LLS's mission in its efforts to find cures

for blood cancers and to assist patients and families as they battle this disease. From March 5th to May 16th, our team goal is to raise \$30K which will go directly to LLS in support of its longstanding goal: a world without blood cancers. If we raise \$60K by June 30th, we can link our team name to an LLS-funded research portfolio to honor our efforts to help people with blood cancers.

Like many of you, I have witnessed first-hand the debilitating effects that leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma can have on those who suffer from these blood cancers, and on the friends and family who care for and nurture their loved ones. However, LLS has proven that their impact is even bigger than blood cancer now, with their treatments effectively working in breast cancer, colon cancer, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, brain cancer, skin cancer, etc. Their treatments are also helping those battling with lupus, diabetes, MS, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune diseases, and more. There are many reasons to be proud to support LLS's efforts. For instance, of the 52 FDA approved treatments for cancer today, LLS funded research has discovered 46. This is an organization that is making an impact with the dollars it raises, and I'm proud to be associated with LLS.

Please use this link <https://pages.lls.org/mwoy/mi/detroit20/muhlik> to make a tax deductible contribution to LLS. You will receive a confirmation of your donation by email as well as a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you in advance for supporting this incredible need. I will be posting updates of the status of my campaign as often as possible. For now, I am grateful for your friendship and support. By the way, Breeana is now 28 years old and recently gave birth to our first grandson!

P.S. Does your company have a matching gifts program that might be willing to match your donation? LLS would love to support you in accessing your matching gift funds. Please contact the LLS operations team at 248.581.3886.



TONY GAZZARATO
Guide



TOM BUCHANAN
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Trustee



TONY BUCCELLATO
Trustee



DERECK WHITFIELD
Trustee



LOCAL 600 RETIREE CHAPTER

Peaches Anderson, President

Sisters and Brothers, I'm very sorry to have had to cancel our March Membership Meeting, unfortunately some things have happened that are beyond our control. Veba Trust has cancelled all meetings until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As you all know, our meetings are typically over 100 people with most of us over 60 years old and many with health problems, which is why we believed it to be the right move. If we don't take care of ourselves, who will do it? Please heed the advice of the media and take the proper precautions to limit your chance of exposure. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Very happy our UAW family and friends came out to vote. Remember that we as Seniors are fighting for our lives. We don't need Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and Insurance cut. I hope all of us take time to fill out our census, that really helps our way of living. We as Union people know unity is strength and our vote is

our voice. The Local 600 General Election is coming up as well, please come out and support.

There have been some changes to our calendar, those can be seen below. I will reschedule Veba Trust when I'm notified. Please note that there may be more changes to come.

CONDOLENCES

For those who have lost loved ones, I know your heart is empty, but filling it with happy memories can help, I know. Please keep this in your mind and heart.

Here's a lesson when your pressing, stressing and caressing your fears; One thing I do know is that when you do let go, he's there with a blessing so always keep him in your heart.

Unity Is Strength.

LOCAL 600 RETIREES CHAPTER 2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

EVENTS	DATES	LOCATIONS
Membership Meeting	April 26th	Local 600
Membership Meeting	May 17th	Local 600
Black Lake	June 14th-17th	Region 1A Leave at 10:00 a.m.
Membership Meeting	June 28th	Local 600
Retirees Annual Picnic	July 8th	Warrendale Park (no children)
Local 600 Annual Picnic	July 12th	Lower Huron Metro Park
Membership Meeting	July 26th	Local 600
Retirees Regional Picnic	TBD	Fireman's Park, Newport (no children)
Membership Meeting	August 23rd	Local 600
Labor Day Parade	September 7th	Leave Local 600 at 7:00 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast	September 27th	Local 600 at 8:00 a.m. (all you can eat)
Membership Meeting	October 25th	Local 600
Retirees Annual Christmas Party	November 15th	Local 600 (no children)

All membership meetings have coffee and doughnuts from 9-10 a.m. All meetings are on Sundays at 10 a.m., unless otherwise noted. The November "Christmas Party" meeting is the last meeting of the year. Due to possible inclement winter weather we will not have meetings in December, January, and February. At our Christmas party we have a sit-down Thanksgiving type dinner with all the trimmings and raffle-off many prizes and gifts. At the end of the party we always have a great door prize. Tickets sold on first come basis. Please call our office for further information.



PARTS DEPOTS UNIT

Bob Stover, President

NEWLY RETIRED: Congratulations to each one of you on your retirement! I want to wish you the best of luck on your future endeavors and know that you will be missed.

DETROIT HVC: Bonnie Manis

NATIONAL PARTS: Denise Bereta, James Berry, Paul Brown, Victoria Chourinard, Gilbert Geoffrion, Kenneth Harder, Barbara Kennedy, Raymond Nadell, Mary Ramirez, Clayton Roberts, Dan Sargent, Kevin BeahonScott Williams and Charlotte Wingo

BROWNSTOWN & LIVONIA PDC: Cassandra Avery, John Badilla, Michael Beach, Lynn Belair, Sean Bindus, Michael Blevins, Robert Bolak, John Branski, Greg Broughton, Scott Carmona, Robert Champagne, Jr., Janice Charlebois, Darlene Cookingham, Michael Dietrich, Vincent Dominick, Bradley Drummonds, Darren Dunlap, Gerald Dzagulones, Shelley Duzan, Alan Evans, Lisa Fichtner, Clyde Fields Jr., Stephen Gazarek, Vickki Gibson, Francisco Gonzalez, Steven Grissom, Suzanne Harmon, James Hall, Lisa Haney, Danny Hanke, Yolanda Harrington, Arthur Henderson, Linda Hill, Walter Hill, David Hughes, Stephen Huang, Lynda Johnson, Randall Jones (Warranty Parts), John Teresa Michael Kane, Karol, Kubik, Kim-

berly Lane, Kenneth LaFevre, George Lewis, Leroy Mahan, Morris Martin, Roy McComb, Michael McCormack, Allen McGee, Viktoras Mikulevicius, Rebecca Morris, Darryl Mosley, Peggy Mullendore, Michael Murphy, Carol Owens, Roman Osinski, Sherri Pennington, James Petrovish, Jerome Powell, Timothy Rees, Gregory Ritter, Pamela Romero, Stephanie Rudzinski, Thomas Schryer, Ronald Servey, Bryan Slappey, Michael Spears, John Spooner, Ronald St. Louis, Sharon Stanley, Rodney Stokoszynski, Wilburt Tolley, Kevin Vanderburg, Rodney Walczak, Evette Washington, James Weidman, George Wilkinson, Michael Wilkinson, Ronald Wilson, Thomas Wylie and Nick Zgurich

CONDOLENCES: It is a difficult time for members who have lost loved ones, on behalf of myself and the U.A.W. Staff, we would like to extend our prayers and thoughts to every one of you. Stay Strong and think about all the great memories. As always, we would like to wish a speedy recovery to those on medical or any retirees that may have fallen ill.

Our UAW members lost a good man with the passing of former Parts Unit Chairman Carl Payton. Carl will truly be missed by fellow union brothers and sisters and all that knew him.



DEARBORN ENGINE PLANT

Frank Engel, President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters. We have had some of the most trying times at the Dearborn Engine and Fuel Tank Plant over the past 12 years. With the loss of the fuel tank departments and the focus engine being shipped to China, we have survived many ups and downs. We are a true family at DEP and it's nice to see the morale at an all-time high considering the new work that's coming to DEP. Congratulations to all of you as you helped make this possible by building the best engines for UAW/Ford.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

UAW Local 600 general elections are April 30 and May 1 from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. I'm excited to announce that **Bargaining Rep Robbie Burke, dayshift District Rep David DeSloover** and I won our positions by acclamation. I'm truly thankful and honored to be your Chairman again for the next 3 years. I appreciate the continued support from everyone that we represent at DEP, DTP Mod/ MSC, DSPW 1st floor and our retirees. There will be an election for Vice President and the afternoon District Committeeperson for DEP. I humbly ask that you continue your trust with decisions that I have made the past 12 years as your elected representative. Please come out April 30 and May 1 and exercise your right to vote.

COVID-19

I want to thank President Gamble and the IEB for standing up against the companies regarding Covid-19. I truly believe that the only reason the big 3 agreed to TLO members Starting Friday, March 20 and to continue through the week of March 30 is due to President Gamble standing up against corporate greed and ensuring the UAW members health and safety was the number 1 priority. I also want to thank everyone that we represent for you patients while we continue to work through concerns regarding the Covid-19. We will continue to fight and keep everyone in this building safe.

CONDOLENCES

The entire committee would like to extend our deepest condolences to those who have lost a loved one. We continue to pray for you and your family. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you.

MIDWESTERN VISION

WE ARE PROUD MEMBERS OF UAW LOCAL 600!!!

GREAT NEWS FOR UAW RETIREES!

Please note, for the UAW Big Three Veba Participants, the Midwestern Vision Center in Dearborn will accept Davis Insurance. Midwestern Vision Center of Dearborn is a UAW facility and have serviced members since 1980.

We Have Moved To Our New Location!
4337 Maple Dearborn, MI. 48126
313-582-8080

We are very comfortable in our new office. We invite you to come tour if you haven't done so already. Did you know Midwestern Vision Center is part of the Michigan Eyecare Institute? We are one of three locations to serve you and your family for all your eyecare needs.

OUR NEW LOCATION OFFERS

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WE ARE PROUD MEMBERS OF LOCAL 600

TOP SPOTLIGHT—HAP

HFHS-SMTC

Greetings All! I am the Chair for the Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) Service, Maintenance, Technical and Clerical (SMTC) unit. I have served as Chair since August 2018, under my leadership I have four sites for which I represent. Those sites include:

HFHS-Detroit Northwest 313 543 6200
 HFHS-Southfield 248 386 5200
 HFHS-Novı 248 380 6200
 HFHS-Livonia 734 523 1050

Our centers include some of the following services:

Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Cardiology, Cardiac Testing, Ophthalmology, Podiatry & Physical Therapy, just to name a few. We also house pharmacy within our Detroit Northwest, Southfield, and Livonia sites.

Prior to the position for which I now serve, I served as Co-Chair under Fred Garland until his retirement in 2018. I also have the knowledge and expertise of a union steward, for which I served over 10 years within the Livonia medical Center.

Under my leadership there are currently 140-150 members. Out of those members, we have about 15 non-dues paying individuals.

Coritta Jefferson, Chairperson, SMTC, UAW Local 600

HFHS RN's

I am the chairperson for the nursing unit for the Henry Ford Medical Group. I represent 23 nurses from the Henry Ford Livonia, Novi, Southfield and Detroit Northwest sites. I have worked for Henry Ford for 20 years, first as a medical assistant and then as a nurse. I was a steward for a year or so and have been a chairperson now for the last several years. We provide services for Pediatrics, Adult Medicine, Women's Services, Podiatry, Eye Care, Nephrology and lab and x-ray services.

The union has represented our members well. We keep our pay competitive and have good benefits. We also have a very low turnover rate. While I would love to say that I have one hundred percent union participation, I do not. I do try however to recruit everyone into the union by explaining the benefits of joining a union and the camaraderie that we have. I would recommend to anyone that Henry Ford Health System is a great place for medical care and would love to see each and every one of you.

Michelle Stairs, Chairperson, HFHS RN's, UAW Local 600



DEARBORN STAMPING

Jeff Hodges, President

Hello everyone. We all understand that people are scared and upset about what has taken place concerning this virus outbreak. Rightfully so, our Government failed us, and we can't get that back nor dwell on it to submission.

We have to all do our part in this. Travel less, avoid contact, stay hygienic, stay hydrated, carry sanitizer, and keep mindful that we are all people. Who has the right to say what walk of life is more important? This virus has no discrimination. We all, yes all, cannot stay at home. Not if we want to sustain life as we know it, bottom line.

Police, Fire Fighters, Doctors, Nurses, Truck Drivers, Grocery Workers, Gas Attendants, DTE workers, Water Works, Cleaning Workers, Auto Workers, Auto Repair etc etc, all are doing their part and remaining at work. This is to keep our sustainable life and our Country from collapsing economically. Can you

imagine if all of us, everyone, took the stance that we are not leaving our homes?

Who takes care of our loved ones admitted into the hospital? Who do we call for a fire? Who protects us from crime? Who turns on the gas pumps? Who brings us more life supplies? Where do we get food and supplies? Who is more important than who? We are all people.

We have to take measures to slow the speed of this virus spreading. It will spread, fact, but how fast it spreads matters immensely. We need time to setup the infrastructure to test and treat. That's all that we can and are doing in hope's for.

Be good to each other, help when you can, and know that we will get through this.

God Bless each and every one of us.



BOOKS AND HUGS

This is Deonte Bruce-Ruffin chairman of the Community Service Committee at Dearborn Stamping Plant, Local 600. On February 29th 2020 my team and I hosted an event we called Books and Hugs. This event was designed to spread knowledge and love at the same time. We felt that these two components are very important to have in life. For this event we reached out to the members of DSP and asked for book donations. To our surprise our fellow members delivered way more books than we expected. All together we collected over 300 books to be donated in our community. We teamed up with marketing director Nichole Ninowski of Fairlane mall to distribute all of the donations. We were also able to donate a portion of the books to Fairlane's new community room coming in May of 2020 and will be apart of their launch in May.

TEAM

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A PEEK BACK TO THE LOCAL 600

The 15th Annual
All American
CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW



Presented by the Local 600 Women's Committee with Men



BEST IN SHOW & BEST IN CLASS AND THE WARM DETAILS OF THE 1968 MUSTANG GT

By Scott Fullerton

My Father William Fullerton bought this Mustang GT from one of his Union brothers at local 182, Livonia Transmission in 1997. He bought this car with the intention of restoring it with me. But as a young adult I had no interest in working on the car. I was all about partying with my friends and working.

The car is a 1968 Mustang GT all original from San Jose, California. It was the first year of the GT for the Mustang. The car came with a 390 cubic inch motor and a 4-speed manual transmission. In 2008, I finally settled down and started this process of restoration with my Dad. We took the body off the Mustang and had the absolutely rust-free car painted with a fresh coat of Gun Metal Gray. This took us about 18 months. We reassembled the car and together we enjoyed this car up until my dad started getting sick in 2011.

As my father, a Vietnam Veteran, started becoming more and more sick the car was put on the side. On August 13, 2013 my father passed away. I inherited

the car and I put it in my garage to not be touched for a little over a year. I went out one day and decided that now was the time I was going to restore this car in my father's Honor. So, I pulled the body once again and repainted it the same color with a little added flair. I pulled the motor and I rebuilt the motor and put in a 5 speed transmission. I had a mural of a fallen soldier airbrushed on the underside of the hood to honor my dad.

In 2015, after I had the car completed, I entered the car in the Detroit Autorama which was my dad's final dream for this car. I had a great weekend telling this story and reliving his memory. Since then we have

been to many car shows together and have won many trophies and awards.

One of those awards was the Best of Show 2019 here at the Local 600 UAW Car Show. I miss my father and would give anything to have one last ride with him. But I will always have this car to remember him by and I will one day pass it down to one of my boys.

Facts about the car:

- 1968 Ford Mustang GT
- 390 Cubic inch motor
- 26,000 original miles
- 4-barrel Holley Carburetor
- 5 speed transmission
- 3.89 E-Stranger rear end
- 3.50-inch Stainless Steel exhaust



THANK YOU!

A special Thank You from UAW Local 163, to the members of the Local 600 Units who stood with, and donated needed items to the striking workers at General Motors.



LIZ JACKSON (Continued)

Her community activism included a period as vice president of the Michigan Black Caucus, a member of the Michigan Democratic Party and the Detroit Branch of the NAACP. Also, she served on the Detroit Fire Commission.

SHE DIDN'T LET RETIREMENT STOP HER

After retiring in 1983, she remained active mentoring future leaders and engaging in politics on all levels. She was active in UAW Region 1A events and doted on her beloved Local 600 active and retired friends.

In 2012, Jackson attended the Democratic National Convention as part of the Michigan delegation where she cast her vote to nominate President Barack Obama to a second term. Jackson was said to describe that event as a moment in her life that she would always remember.

On March 7, 2013, Rep. Gary Peters recognized Jackson in the Michigan House of Representatives for her lifelong achievements and contributions to the labor movement.

"Her dedication to the greater Detroit region and her brothers and sisters in organized labor have undoubtedly been an inspiration for many that have sought to serve their communities," Rep. Peters read in the resolution he presented as a representative from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. "Liz has made such a profound impact on the community she calls home and I wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors," Peters, now a U.S. senator, said at the time.

His remarks were a moving tribute to Jackson shortly after her 95th birthday. "Everyone knew who she was and what she had accomplished," said UAW Region 1A Director Chuck Browning. "Even members who did not know her personally called her Mama Liz, because they knew about her accomplishments and saw her come around, still involved and still loving her union sisters and brothers."

"She left us a great gift," President Gamble said. "Elizabeth Liz Jackson will never be forgotten. Her monumental legacy will forever be a part of what makes the UAW great."

UAW Local 600 Organizing Department DARIEUS FINKLEA, ORGANIZER

UAW Local 600 has a rich history of fighting for social and economic justice since 1938 and was one of the most active and progressive UAW Locals during the civil rights movement. Local 600 represents over 45 different bargaining units, ranging from autoworkers, steelworkers, skill tradesmen, truck drivers, laborers, health care workers and technical office professionals, just to mention a few. Local 600 is the largest private sector UAW local in the United States. If you, a family member, friend or neighbor need assistance in creating a democracy in the workplace by forming a Union, please call Darius Finklea at 313-842-5647 and we will be more than happy to assist your facility organizing needs.



D.D.M.P.

Jay Makled, President

VETERAN WALL

The committee and I are proud to announce the new veterans wall at DDMP. This monument will showcase all those who served in the armed forces. In addition, all active and retired DDMP employees will have their names listed on the wall to honor their service to our country. Their names will be engraved on dog tags and in a glass case, located off the green mile.

To complete this project, I am asking that DDMP employees email me their name, branch and dates of service. You can email me at Jmakled@ford.com or call me at 313-317-4859.

The company and union have agreed to build a monument that we all are proud of and honor our veterans.

RETIREMENTS

The committee and I would like to congratulate all those who recently retired from DDMP. Thank you for your years of service and being a part of the UAW! We wish you well on your next chapter and ask that you stay in touch.

Roger Barbee
Bob Busby
James Narramore
Kathy Crnogorac
Tom Lane
James Wenzel
Martin Crutchfield
Mark Kingsley
Ken Polin
Willie Joplin
Curtis Taylor
Grances Bonham

The committee and I would like to give a special thanks to **Ken Demeter**. We wish you well on your retirement brother and good luck in your new adventure. Your years of service to our membership and unionism was second to none.

You are truly missed and know you will keep in touch. Thanks again brother for keeping the committee room in order!

INFLATION PROTECTION BONUS

Lump sum payment to each eligible employee will receive the inflation bonus of \$1,500 on June 14, 2020. The following eligibility rules will apply.

Eligibility Date: May 15, 2020
 Amount: \$1,500
 Payable During Week Ending: June 14, 2020

Eligible employees are defined as those whose status with the company as of the eligibility date is one of the following:

- Active with seniority
- On temporary layoff status
- On leave pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act
- On leave of absence beginning not earlier than ninety (90) days prior to the eligibility date

BASE WAGE INCREASE

Employees whose straight time base hourly wage rate was \$29.52 or more as of the effective date of this agreement shall receive a three percent increase added to their base rate on September 14, 2020.



M,C & T UNIT

Tom Schultz, President

Let's hope we've seen the last of the snow. As the weather warms up motorcycles will be back on the road. Please take a second to look twice before changing lanes or pulling out into traffic. It could be a lifesaving moment.

BUYOUT WINDOW CLOSED

The buyout window closed on February 28th. I know many people signed up to get the buyout. To those awarded we are happy for you. There were many issues with Alight (NESC administrator) and the way they handled the packages. There were many delays and long phone waits. People came to us nervous about the April 1 date nearing and nervous to retire in general. If you were one of the lucky ones, it is all in the past and you are starting a new chapter.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Which brings to mind the information regarding the retirement party. The party will be:

May 20th
 Starts at 4:30pm
 Dinner is served at 6:00pm.

If you have never been to one of the retirement parties you should try to make it this year. Many of your journeyman and coworkers are there. They use that time to reconnect and talk about their lives and share memories. Perhaps that's the only time all year they will see one another. There are some who snowbird back just to attend the party and have a great night. I would encourage you to come and see for yourself how awesome it is! Last year we added graduating apprentices to those

honored at the party. Those apprentices graduating during 2019 will be honored at this year's party.

ROUGE PROJECTS

I had the chance to drive around the Rouge today and see all of the projects that are going on. The transformation here is going to be huge. They have broken ground on the BEV building and the demolition of the ROB is set to start very soon. The expectation is that once all of the utilities are out of the tunnels, they will flow-fill them with concrete and pave over them. So ends another era in the history of the Rouge. That final date is flexible as timelines and funding ebb and flow.

IT'S YOUR RIGHT

You may be someone who votes in every primary and every general election; you may be one of the 44.3% who didn't vote in 2016. Either way, you should watch the YouTube video titled "The Power of Your Vote" by The Penny Guy. It is sobering to see, no matter how you feel about politics one way or the other! It's your right and it's your voice.

Thought for the day:
"It's not what they call you,
it's what you answer to."

In Solidarity, Greg Tyler



TOOL & DIE UNIT

Bob Brezovsky, President

The Tool and Die Plant has been busy the past few months. The are working on the Dies for the all new F-150, the Bronco, the Transit Connect, the Ranger and the Expedition/Navigator. Some of these will launch later this year. The plant also received a 10 million dollar investment in the 2019 contract. Replacing the old machines with new 5-Axis machines will be the main focus.

WE are excited to see the New Investment in the Rouge Complex. The Dearborn Truck Plant will be constructing a 500,000 square foot building to build the all new Electric F-150. The Dearborn Engine will be running the last 4-cylinder engines by years end and be getting ready for two new turbo charged engines that will be going in 8 different vehicles. The plant will be down for a few months for the retooling of the plant. There is no exact date right now.

The Tool and Die Unit ratified their new 2019 contract.

Elections for the entire Tool and Die Unit Executive Board will be April 30th and May 1st at Local 600 from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days. Please come out to vote.

Retirements from the Tool and Die Unit for March and April this year.

Tool and Die Leaders: Thurman "Rod" Taylor, DTD, Gerald Browder, DSP and Scott Koehlinger, DTP

Tool and Die Makers: Carlos Murillo, DTP, Jim Weeg, DTD, Frank Asadoorian, DTD, William "Bill" Siegel, DTD and Terry Holland, DSP

Lay-Out Inspector: Joe Elden, DSP

Machine Repair: Chrissie Land, DDMP

Machinist: John Marcinkowski, DDMP, Tony Sheppard, DEP and Dennis Abraham, DSP

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our Tool and Die Unit brothers and sisters, and may they enjoy and long and happy retirement.

GOLF OUTING

The Tool and Die Unit Golf Outing this year is June 27th at Inkster Valley Golf Course. This is a 4-Person scramble/Best Ball outing. The cost is \$85.00 per person or \$340.00 a Foursome. Lunch will be served at the turn and dinner after along with prizes and the raffle. You can contact your committeeman or call the committee room for registration form or any questions you need answered. 313-337-6439.

PICNIC ON HOLD

The Tool and Die Unit Picnic is on HOLD right now. We are waiting on the powers that be to see if the funds will be available to use for this event. I should know by the end of April if the picnic will be cancelled or if it will go on as planned. The pavilion at Warrendale in Hines Drive is reserved for June 6th.

CONDOLENCES

For those that are sick, we hope for a speedy recovery or have lost a loved one, the committee would like to express our deepest condolences. Passed away: Ken Stammersky, Milt Sample and Chuck Beavers. May they rest in Peace.





DEARBORN TRUCK PLANT

*Burkie R. Morris III,
President*

Greetings Brothers & Sisters, Where to begin this report to our members, retirees, families and friends. The past several weeks has presented all of us with concerns never seen before. In this environment, staying connected with information is more important than ever. The Covid-19 Virus Pandemic in our country has changed the way everyone goes about their daily lives. Please pay attention to the warning signs and symptoms of the virus for yourself and all family members, the elderly and those family members with pre-existing medical conditions. As of the time this article was written, we are on a shutdown with announcements from government requesting additional shut downs. These shut down requests are coming from many states the across country including Michigan. Myself, along with other chairpersons from across the FORD System will continue to fight alongside our Locals, Regions, and the International to get the best possible results for our members!

Some Directions for our Members:

- Due to Covid-19 production schedules may be subject to change.
- Specialized cleaning will take place in the plant. As well as between shifts.
- Members maybe asked to quarantine themselves if they are diagnosed or exposed to the Virus.
- Because there may be issues in our Plant or in Our supply Chain, make sure your phone number and Address are correct. (Ro-Bo calls)
- The Company is filing everyone's Unemployment Claims beginning week of March 23, 2020
- If you have questions, contact Labor Relations or your Union Rep!
- Please be Safe!

A special Congratulations to over 80 Members and their Referrals that were RANDOMLY chosen to join us as new TFT Employees. Over fifty New Hires are expected to start orientation as soon as we can return to work. The Hiring process will continue throughout the year until all our new TFT needs have been addressed. Please be patient, your Referral could be picked next!

Just keeping the system honest! Many of you know that our Nickel Fund Balance has been challenging, but I finally got the fund healthy enough to purchase some gifts for the membership and the International comes under investigation and all Nickel Funding is suspended. I am pleased to announce that Nickel Funding requests from last year are being honored. DTP Members will receive a couple of gifts soon. After these long overdue gifts, Nickel Funding will be administered by a trust so that missteps around use of funds doesn't happen. In addition, during local negotiations your bargaining team was able to win all our members a "Clothing Allowance Voucher System", worth over a million dollars for all DTP Members. Most members will get up to \$300 to spend on work gear at no cost to you! Stay tuned, we expect the website will be available shortly!

To all that signed up to run for office in our general elections, good luck! Please vote for those folks who are qualified for the jobs that they seek. Thank you!



LOCAL 600 VETERANS GROUP

Ernie Bailey, President

There are new procedures for visiting your local VA Medical Center and caution should be taken as to not infect the thousands of Veterans that rely on the VA for their health care. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure the safety of yourself and those around you.

What you should know

VA is working closely with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners, monitoring an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus which was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. If you have flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath, call before you visit your local medical center or clinic. In addition to calling first, consider using virtual care options such as telehealth or My HealtheVet Secure Messaging. Visitors, if you do not feel well, please postpone your visit to VA facilities.

VA has activated its emergency management coordination cell (EMCC) and is implementing an aggressive and collaborative public health response to protect and care for Veterans. United States is actively screening everyone who has traveled in China for this new disease. Americans who come back from the part of China where the number of infections is very high are required to limit close contact with other people and report changes in their health. VA has been planning for this type of event and is prepared to protect and care for Veterans who receive their health care from VA.

What precautions to take

Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent the COVID-19 infection and no medication to treat it. CDC believes symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Avoid exposure and avoid exposing others to an infection with these simple acts.

- Learn to use VA Video Connect through the VA mobile app store or by contacting your VA care team, before any urgent problems arise.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An easy way to mark the time is to hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice while scrubbing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick or becoming sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue (not your hands) and throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Getting a flu shot is recommended.

What to do if you have symptoms. If you have both...

- symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath and
- have either recently returned from China or have direct exposure to others diagnosed with 2019-nCoV.

Call before visiting your local VA medical center to seek care or sign in to MyHealtheVet and send a Secure Message. VA telehealth options may be able to offer a prompt diagnosis and comprehensive care.

UPDATED DOD LIST IDENTIFYING AGENT ORANGE SITES OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM

The VA recently released an updated list of locations outside of Vietnam where tactical herbicides were used, tested or stored by the US military. "This update was necessary to improve accuracy and communication of information," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VA depends on DOD to provide information regarding in-service environmental exposure for disability claims based on exposure to herbicides outside of Vietnam." "DOD will continue to be responsive to the needs of our interagency partners in all matters related to taking care of both current and former service members," said Defense Secretary Mark T. Esper. "The updated list includes Agents Orange, Pink, Green, Purple, Blue and White and other chemicals and will be updated as verifiable information becomes available."

Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during service may be eligible for a variety of VA benefits, including an Agent Orange Registry health exam, health care and disability compensation for diseases associated with exposure. Their dependents and survivors may be eligible for benefits. So if you or a family member is a Vietnam Era Veteran, please go to the link: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/tests-storage/index.asp> to see if you served on one of the military bases identified as storage facility.

The VA will help determine exposure after you file a claim for compensation benefits. Veterans may be eligible for a free Agent Orange Registry health exam. You don't have to file a disability compensation claim to receive the exam. Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator about getting an Agent Orange Registry health exam.



LOCAL 600 STEEL UNIT

Steve LaBodie, President

RETIREMENTS

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for our four most recent retirees:

- **Stephen Bernard**, Department 1736 MTE Electrician
- **Don Eland**, Department 1742 MTM Millwright
- **James Panchenko**, Department 3800 Roll Turner Grinder
- **Paul Wheeler**, Department 1734 MTE Electrician

May each of you enjoy the long, healthy and happy retirement you have worked so hard to earn and richly deserve.

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the entire Steel Unit Committee, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to all of our member who have recently lost family members.

Sadly we recently lost one of our long-time active members. Brother John Edwards passed away very suddenly. John who

worked for many years on the Pickle Lines in the Classic Cold Mill before moving to the Hot Strip Mill. John was a big man who always had a kind word and a big smile. He will truly be missed by his coworkers and friends around the mill. Our deepest condolences to John's family.

We were also saddened to learn of the recent passing of two of our retirees:

- **Ms. Clarissa McClure** who had retired from her job in the ROW Stores/Warehouse in February of 2018 passed away very unexpectedly at the age of 62.
- **Mr. Raymond (Woody) Woodberry**, who worked for many years on the Pickle Lines passed away recently. Thankfully, Woody had thoroughly enjoyed every day of his retirement.

May they and all of those who have gone before them rest in peace.

RETIREE PARTY

With much regret we have had to postpone our retiree party until some future date, possible the fall. I apologize, however I am sure you will all agree in light of our current events it would be unwise to have a mass gathering of retirees in one spot. Hopefully everyone will stay hunkered down and we will see you all on the other side of this pandemic.

COVID-19

This pandemic is really demanding everyone's attention at the moment. Rightfully so, it is a very serious problem and needs to be handled as such. Our company is still running because we have been listed as critical manufacturing by the federal government. We are investigating that and are looking for ways to challenge that designation. In the mean time, I have challenged the company to shut down any non essential production and reduced crew sizes to a bare minimum. We continue to fight. Stay safe.

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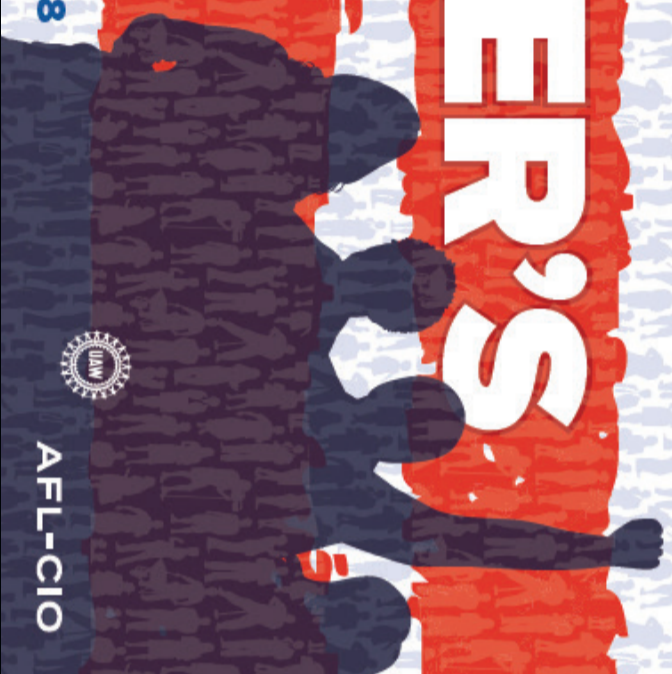
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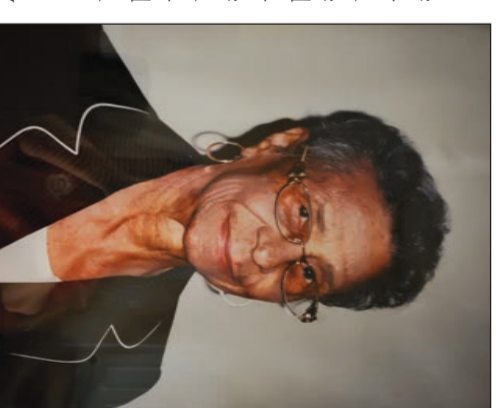
On April 28, the unions of the AFL-CIO observe Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job and to renew the fight for safe jobs. This year we will come together to stand united against the attacks on workers' rights and protections. We will demand the elected officials put workers well-being above corporate interests, and demand jobs that are safe and healthy, and pay fair wages. We will defend the right of every worker to a safe job and fight until that promise is fulfilled.

A WOMAN OF FIRSTS, LEAVES POWERFUL LEGACY

UAW LEADER LIZ JACKSON

Elizabeth "Liz" Jackson was born Jan 18, 1918, long before the UAW's founding in 1935. Yet once she joined the union, it seemed to be a role crafted especially for her:

She was a devoted trade unionist and member of Local 600. She was an African American woman with a voice that captivated audiences and analytical skills that made negotiators pay attention. She was the first African American woman appointed to an International staff position and the first to be appointed an administrative assistant.



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She earned a berth in history books as a leader for the labor movement, African Americans and for women. She was also a woman, who up to the last seven years, marched in high heels during Detroit Labor Day parades, leaving spectators in awe and cheering her on.

Detroit's Liz Jackson passed away on March 2, 2020 at age 102.

A MENTOR AND A FRIEND

"I am one of the many who called her Mama Liz," said UAW President Rory L. Gamble. "She was a true leader and someone who readily shared her knowledge with everyone around her. She believed in empowerment and she had a huge vision that encompassed the entire community. Not just what labor needed. Not just what Detroit needed, but what would bring all of us together everywhere."

"She inspired a lot of women to go further in lead-

ership at the UAW," said Peaches Anderson, one of Jackson's 'UAW daughters,' a close friend and president of the Local 600 Retiree Chapter. "She was humble and a powerhouse at the same time. She never stopped being committed to the union or Detroit. She never stopped showing her concern about the labor movement or what was happening on all levels of American politics. She definitely kept us all on our toes."

Jackson was hired at the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge Aluminum Foundry March 11, 1943. She joined Local 600 and quickly found others looking to her for leadership. Over the next 20 years, she served in numerous elected local union positions.

By 1957, Liz Jackson joined other leaders in forming the Trade Union Leaders Council (TULC). The TULC became a nationally recognized organization credited with advancing black political development within the UAW, the labor movement and the African American community.

COMMITMENT TO UNION AND COMMUNITY

In August 1966, UAW President Walter P. Reuther appointed Jackson to serve as an International representative assigned to the union's National Ford Department. She was instrumental in negotiating national Ford contracts.

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