



UAW Local 774

President's Report

Retirees Edition

President Wence Valentin III



Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Upcoming UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter Meetings

The next couple UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter meetings are Tuesday May 10th, 2022, and June 14th, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Retiree Chapter meetings take place in the upper and/ or lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 located at 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207. Immediately following the meeting refreshments will be served in the lower Union hall. *All dates are subject to change

UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship Fund

Applications for the UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship Fund are available at the Union Hall and on our Website - uaw774.com or at the UAW Region 9 Website - region9.uaw.org

The 2022 Scholarship consists of \$6,000.00 payable at \$1,500/year for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A high school graduate.
- Current College/University student – **undergraduate degree only**
- Be a member of or have a spouse, parent, guardian, or grandparent, who is a member of a UAW Local Union in Region 9 (Central and Western New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania)
- Be accepted at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Maintain the equivalent of a "C" average for continuation of the scholarship.

Deadline for applications is June 30, 2022

Local 774 Retiree Chapter Annual Summer Picnic

Save the Date for the Local 774 Retiree Chapter Annual Summer Picnic: The Retiree Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Joseph's Country Manor and Grove, 275 Columbia Avenue, Depew New York. Tickets will be available at retiree meetings and at the UAW Local 774, Union Hall between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The last date to purchase Summer Picnic tickets is Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

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UAW Local 774

Annual Retiree Summer Picnic

Joseph's Country Manor & Grove
275 Columbia Avenue
Depew, NY

Wednesday, July 20th, 2022
Gates open at 11:00 AM
12:00 pm Lunch
5:00 pm Dinner

No Take-outs...all food to be consumed on premises

Donation \$20

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UAW Local 774 Official Website and Facebook page

Check out our official website at <https://uaw774.com> and Facebook page at [UAW Local 774](#) to stay up to date on the latest Labor News & Reports issues, President's Reports, Regional/International news, and more.

Amy Kloc, Communications Director
UAW Local 774

2nd Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament

We are having our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Chestnut Hill Golf course in Darien Center, NY. You must have (1) active or retired member in your foursome. The cost is \$100.00/person, due at sign up. Forms are available at the UAW Local 774 Union Hall. The tournament is limited to (36) foursomes. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the event. Volunteers will be provided lunch and dinner at no cost. All proceeds of this event will benefit the Variety Kid's Telethon. Please contact 1st Vice President Ted Maldonado at tmaldonado@uaw774.com for more info and/or to sign up. *Limited spots are available.

Workers Memorial Day

On April 28th, members of the UAW will observe **Workers Memorial Day** to pay our respects to those who lost their lives on the job and recognize the impact these tragic losses have on families, co-workers, and communities. The sad fact is that nearly 4,600 Americans die every year from job-related injuries. An additional 50,000 succumb to work-related illnesses. Another 4 million will be injured on the job. We come together this year to call for action on hazards that cause unnecessary injury, illness, and death. We will stand united to strengthen workers' rights and protections, and demand resources and actions needed for job safety enforcement. We will commit ourselves to fight to make sure that others do not suffer the same terrible fate.

I would be remiss not to mention our lost UAW and Unifor brothers this past year. UAW Local 79 in Moline, IL lost a member who was struck in a traffic accident and fatally injured while walking to the picket line. In addition, UAW Local 1219 in Lima, OH, Ford Engine Plant lost a machine repairman due to an accident in the workplace. Additionally, there was a fatality at our sister plant at GM St. Catherine's, Unifor Local 199. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families, friends, and coworkers, may they rest in peace

WNY Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO Roundtable With Chuck Schumer

On Monday April 11, 2022, UAW Local 774 hosted a WNY Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO Council roundtable with U.S. Senator (NY) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. Many topics were discussed that concern labor. Relative to the members of 774, the need for new work from General Motors at Tonawanda Engine Plant. It was an honor to welcome the many labor leaders from our community. We will continue to advocate for the needs of our membership with every opportunity that we have.

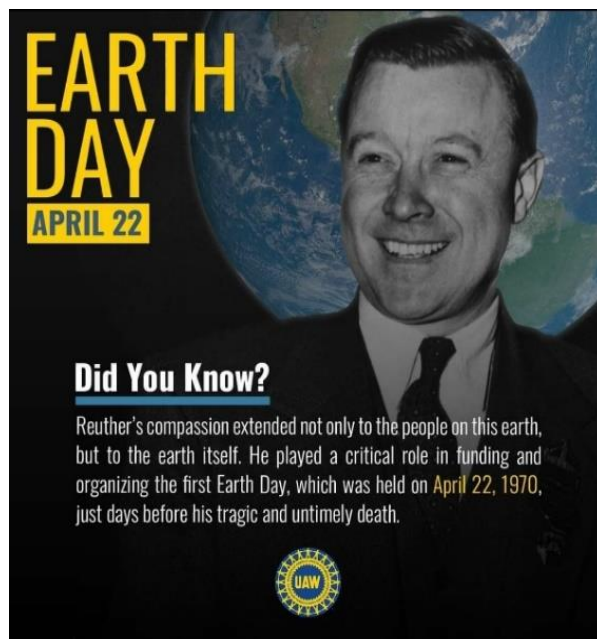
Beneficiary Update

- When is the last time you reviewed your beneficiary of record?
- Have you been recently been married, divorced, remarried, had a death in the family, or birth of a new child?
- If you have had any of the above-listed life events or can't remember who you elected as your beneficiary when you hired in, its time to update them
- The best way to make these changes is to:
- Visit WWW.gmbenefits.com
- Contact GM Benefits & Service Center 1-800-489-4646
- If you have any questions, contact your Benefit Representative at your respective location (UBR's cannot make these changes but can guide you through the process.)
- As a result of 2019 bargaining, a beneficiary solicitation was sent to all retirees given them an opportunity and reminder to update their beneficiaries.

Benefit Representatives: Tim Mc Innis 716-873-4715 ext. 13, Jose Colon Jr. 716-873-4715 ext. 17

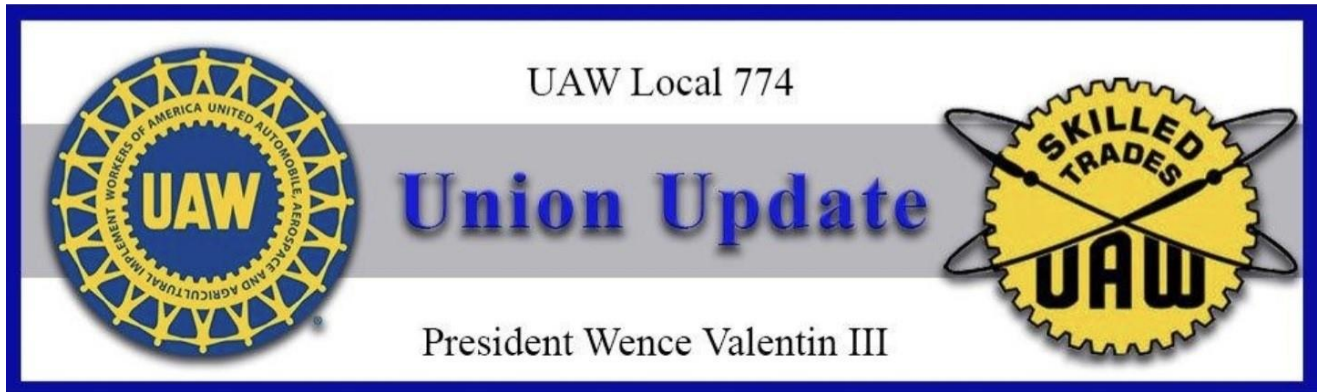
Important Upcoming Dates and Events

- Friday, April 15, 2022 – Good Friday
- Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Easter
- Monday, April 18, 2022 – Easter Monday
- Monday, April 18, 2022 – Tax day
- Friday, April 22, 2022 – Earth Day
- Sunday, April 24, 2022 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00 am
- Thursday, April 28, 2022 – Workers Memorial Day 🧣
- Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – Retiree Chapter Meeting 1:00 pm



In Solidarity,

/s/ Wence Valentin III, President - UAW Local 774



Doc. No. 128 Retirees – Fitness, 2019 UAW/GM National Agreement, pp. 586-587

Ever since COVID-19 restrictions were placed on GM Tonawanda, UAW Local 774 Retirees have been prevented from entering the in-plant fitness centers which should be allowed in accordance with the 2019 UAW/GM National Agreement. I have been communicating with management to allow our retirees to regain access to these fitness centers.

I am pleased to announce that UAW Local 774 Retirees have once again been granted access to the use of the fitness centers in compliance with Doc. No. 128. However, due to some COVID restrictions still being in place, management is asking that retirees kindly refrain from entering the production floor and other areas of the plant. The expectation is that retirees will limit their presence to the fitness centers only. Understanding and cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

I have been working on this issue for some time and it is a pleasure to report that the UAW Local 774 Retirees can resume the use of this benefit. On behalf of the UAW Local 774 Executive Board and Shop Committee, welcome back!

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/s/ Wence Valentin III, President - UAW Local 774