



Monday March 15, 2021

UAW Local 774 Administrative Assistant

UAW Local 774 employs an Administrative Assistant who is represented by Office & Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), Local 153. With the position recently being vacated, we are revisiting aspects of our agreement and making revisions that reflect an entry level position. When there is a conclusion, we will update the membership with job information and search to hire a qualified individual to fill the vacancy.

In the meantime, our Financial Secretary/Treasurer Cleveland Jones Jr. has fully assumed his UAW Constitutional role and duties while additionally fulfilling the Administrative Assistant's responsibilities.

Hall Improvements/Updates

Over the past seven (7) months, we have made the following improvements to the UAW Local 774 Union Hall:

- Audio/Visual Upgrades – Meeting Hall and Ground Floor replacement of all equipment allowing synchronization between the floors. Members will now be able to interact during meetings via cameras and microphones. This is especially important for our active and retired members who wish to participate but have trouble using the stairs. It also provides additional safety to limit gathering in a given space if necessary.
- Touchless Dispensing Mechanisms – installed automatic hand sanitizer, paper towel and soap dispensers in all restrooms for increased safety and protection.
- New Faucets and Water Efficient/Environmentally Friendly Toilets – replaced two (2) faucets and seven (7) toilets/urinals that were either outdated, broken or leaking. Will generate cost savings through reduced water usage.
- Rug/Mat Program – provided by Cintas to clean, repair and maintain rugs and mats. Will also provide janitorial supplies, generating cost savings through ordering, inventory, storage and billing.
- New Conference Room – renovated the underutilized front office space into a conference room with a large meeting table and chairs relocated from the upper hall for smaller meetings. In honor of Gary Shonitsky who served the membership for forty-seven (47) years, his father Leo Sr. who was a member of Local 774 for thirty-eight (38) years and his mother Marge Shonitsky who served the membership for twenty (20) years; we proclaimed this new meeting space be named the “Shonitsky Conference Room”.

More improvements/updates are to come

1st Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament

We are having our 1st Annual Golf Tournament on June 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m. at Chestnut Hill Golf Course. You must have one (1) active or retired member in your foursome. Cost is \$85.00/person, must pay at sign up. Forms are available at the union hall. All proceeds will go towards our 1st Annual Scholarship Program. Contact 1st Vice President Ted Maldonado at tmaldoando@uaw774.com for more info. *Limited spots available.

Recording Secretary Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just a quick update on the communications since my last submission for the President's Report. We've donated to Danceability Inc., James V. Ryan Paramedic Foundation, TALL (Tonawanda American Little League), Buffalo AFL-CIO Central Labor Council (virtual meat raffle), Cradle Beach and Sheridan Park Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

We had four (4) Executive Board letters also. Donated to a member's Step Daughter who had a house fire, funds to finish wiring and get rid of trip hazards (link upper/lower hall for meetings), established a new cash asset and the Telethon committee purchased a virtual operator slot for the Variety Kid's Telethon.

March is Women's History month. We have made some progress over the last year, but still a lot to do. We need to continue to empower the women who want to get involved in decision making at all levels. I was asked to do a Zoom interview by the International UAW, for Women's History month. That should be completed next week.

Be safe, looks like we may be coming out of this pandemic. We still need to follow the guidelines.

In Solidarity,

Stacie J McKernan
774 Recording Secretary
Chairperson, UAW National Women's Advisory Council (NWAC)

Office of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Brothers and Sisters,

If you were eligible for the profit sharing payout on Friday February 26, 2021, pursuant to Exhibit F of the 2019 UAW/GM Supplemental Agreement and you received less than the maximum amount payable (\$9,000), then you may be eligible for compensation pursuant to Article 7 Section 3 of our Local Union Bylaws. This only applies to members who received lost time from the Local Union during the plan year. Members will be required to furnish their final paystub from 2020 and the paystub in which the profit sharing payment was made. If you are unsure of your eligibility or if you have yet to receive compensation, please stop by the local union hall or contact me for verification. A lost time voucher must be completed for compensation.

As always, I am available to provide assistance or answer any questions you may have and can be reached through Facebook messenger, (716) 873-4715 ext. 20 or cjonesjr@uaw774.com.

Stay safe. Stay strong. Stay healthy.

Solidarity forever,

Cleveland Jones Jr.
Financial Secretary/Treasurer
UAW Local 774

Trustee Audit Report

On February 18, 2021, the UAW Local 774 Trustees completed their Semi-Annual Audit and submitted the results to the International Union. The following were completed: verified the total amount of income from all sources, traced all income to the banks and credit unions, verified all accounts at M&T Bank, Financial Trust Credit Union, Northwest Bank and Riverside Credit Union, verified contents of the Safe Deposit Box at Riverside Credit Union, reconciled monthly bank statements, verified all checks contain the actual signatures of authorized officers and recipients, verified adequate insurance coverage, verified Per Capita Tax have been paid, verified that all expenditures are proper and authorized, inventoried all new properties purchased since last audit, verified, updated and uploaded inventory list for all furniture and equipment.

In Solidarity,

John Orsini, Trustee Chairman

Jeanne LoHouse, Trustee

Raymond Jensen Jr, Trustee

Chaplaincy Committee

On Friday February 26th, 2021 Region 9 Chaplains hosted a virtual presentation for the International Chaplaincy Program Ministry. Chaplains Peter (UAW Local 2367 Revere Copper) and Kelly Thurber host a live internet radio program on Facebook called "HITCHED" Love Cast on Thursday nights 8pm -9pm. The format of this program is to offer suggestions to married couples on developing healthy communication tools.

Region 9 presented a skit on "Hitched." The content was so real to the degree that people called in to the presentation not knowing that Region 9 Chaplains were role playing parts! It was by far the most hilarious event I have experienced.

Needless to say, Region 9 won the trophy-----"The Bald Eagle".

Renita Chatman

UAW Local 774 Chaplaincy Committee Chair

UAW Region 9 Chaplaincy Coordinator

I would like to give a special thanks to the Local 774 Chaplains that participated; Renita, Jeanne LoHouse, Leonard Lamar and James Clark.

UAW Region 9 Tom Fricano Scholarship

The 2021 scholarship consists of \$6,000 payable at \$1,500/year for a maximum of 4 consecutive years. Applications are available at the Union Hall or the UAW Region 9 website, region9.uaw.org. This year's topic is "What can organized labor do to increase membership numbers?" Deadline for applications is June 30, 2021.

59th Annual Variety Kids Telethon

The 2021 Telethon was held on February 27th & 28th at the Variety Children's Charity of Buffalo & WNY headquarters in Lancaster, NY. On the 1st day, UAW Local 774 members; Wence Valentin III, John Orsini, Shelby Misiak, Kim Wittcop Jr., Geoff Gambino volunteered as phone operators. On the 2nd day, Wence and Cleveland Jones Jr. presented UAW Local 774's donation of \$10,412.87. The WNY labor community donated a total of \$33,376.07. The overall amount raised for this year's Telethon was \$787,264. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered.

Saf-Gard Safety Shoe Company: 2021 Shoemobile Schedule

Members can also go in-store at 1625 Walden Ave. Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Allowance is \$75.00 and GM identification must be shown.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Plant/Gate</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>
4/15/2021	5	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
4/16/2021	1-R13	6:00 AM	11:00 AM
5/10/2021	5	6:00 AM	11:00 AM
5/11/2021	1-R13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM
6/7/2021	1-R13	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
6/8/2021	5	11:00 AM	3:00 PM

Upcoming Important Dates and Events

- April 2, 2021 – Good Friday Holiday
- April 5, 2021 – Easter Monday Holiday
- May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day Holiday
- June 27, 2021 – 1st Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament
- June 30, 2021 – Tom Fricano Scholarship application deadline

March is Women’s History Month. From the sit-down strikes of 1936-37 through the war years of “Rosie the Riveter”, from the postwar fight for jobs to today’s campaigns for pay equity and safe workplaces, women have played a key role in UAW history. Side by side, women and men are building a stronger union every day. We salute UAW women everywhere.



In Solidarity,

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