



UAW Local 774 President's Report

President Wence Valentin III



Friday May 14, 2021

UAW-Caravan Tentative Bargaining Agreement

After 1,140 days the local employees of Caravan Facilities Management approved the ratification of a new collective bargaining agreement by 87.5%. These are the contract results here at local 774, but it has not yet been ratified nationwide. Once all the votes are counted I will be sure to communicate the results. The past three (3) years without a new contract have been full of mixed emotions as we watched our numbers reduced while work increased and a complete change in management both locally and on the corporate level several times. Thank you to those who have supported us here at UAW Local 774 and Tonawanda during this trying time. The new or strengthened relationships developed these past years have meant more than you could ever know. While we are grateful for a tentative agreement and look forward to the change that comes with it, its ratification is only the first step to achieve a more livable wage, increased staffing, respectability and lifting some stresses from us all.

In Solidarity,

Steven Cooper, TOP Negotiator
Caravan Unit Chairperson
UAW Local 774

New Administrative Assistant, OPEIU Local 153

Our newly hired Administrative Assistant will begin training on Monday June 7, 2021 and commence a ninety (90) day trial period. She has seventeen (17) years of experience with the United Union of Roofers, Water Proofers and Allied Workers Local 74/Local 203. Currently a Fund Administrator represented by OPEIU Local 153, she comes with the skills and knowledge necessary for UAW Local 774.

UAW Training Classes

The following classes are available to any interested member to attend. Register by email, wvalentiniiii@uaw774.com or phone, (716) 873-4715 ext. 12. Class size is limited and advanced registration is required. Classes will run from 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Local Union Hall and lost time of (8) eight hours straight time will be paid for attendees.

UAW Standing Committees – Wednesday June 16, 2021

UAW 101 – Thursday June 17, 2021

Office of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Brothers and Sisters,

In January of this year, I reported to the Finance Committee and Executive Board after I conducted an internal audit and uncovered that hourly members in the GM unit who were on layoff during the week ending December 6, 2020 saw a SUB union dues deduction equal to one-hour of pay, in their December 11th paycheck. In accordance, with Article 16 Section 26 of the UAW Constitution, this was done incorrectly. The payroll company asked that the Local refund these members but I demanded that a credit be issued on the payroll side because we are not going to issue over one hundred separate checks. After months of dispute, those refunds were finally issued to our affected members in their May 14th paychecks, coded as a credit under RCVR-UD.

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

Chaplaincy Committee

The UAW Region 9 and Local 774 Chaplaincy Committee's would like to thank everyone who donated personal hygiene products for "Rooted in Love, Inc." to be distributed to those that are less fortunate or have fallen on hard times. Additionally, \$73.00 in cash was collected at the gates for the organization.

Thank you for your generosity,

Renita Chatman
UAW Region 9 Chaplaincy Coordinator
UAW Local 774 Chaplaincy Committee Chairperson
Prayer Line Requests (716) 873-4715 ext. 30



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. Contact 1st Vice President Ted Maldonado at tmaldonado@uaw774.com for more info. *Limited spots remain available.

2021 Defensive Driving Course(s)

Tuition: \$30.00 for UAW Active/Retired members and \$35 for non-UAW members. Advanced registration is required, contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896.

Time/Place: 10am - 4pm, Local 774 Union Hall – 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207

Saturday: May 22, 2021	August 21, 2021	November 20, 2021
June 26, 2021	September 18, 2021	December 11, 2021
July 10, 2021	October 16, 2021	

*All dates are subject to change

“Adopt-A-Highway” Cleanup, Conservation and Environment Committee

We are in need of volunteers to help with our annual “Adopt-A-Highway” cleanup on Saturday June 5, 2021 at 10:30 am. We have adopted a 1+ mile section of River Road from the foot of Sheridan Dr. South to Vulcan St. Please bring a pair of gloves as we only have a limited amount, wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. We will meet in front of the Union Hall.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at (716) 628-6201 and provide your name and phone number for me to contact you. *Rain Date – Saturday June 12, 2021

Douglas Seefeldt
Co-Chairman, Conservation Committee

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>
6/7/2021	1-R13	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
6/8/2021	5	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
7/13/2021	1-R13	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
7/14/2021	5	6:00 AM	10:00 AM
8/2/2021	5	1:00PM	5:00 PM
8/3/2021	1-R13	6:00 AM	11:00 AM

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.

Upcoming Important Dates and Events

- Sunday May 16, 2021 – Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- Monday May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day Holiday
- Saturday June 5, 2021 – “Adopt-A-Highway” Cleanup, Conservation Committee
- Sunday June 13, 2021 – Membership Meeting, 10:00am
- Sunday June 27, 2021 – 1st Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament
- Wednesday June 30, 2021 – Tom Fricano Scholarship application deadline
- Sunday July 4, 2021 – Independence Day
- Monday July 5, 2021 – Fourth (4th) of July Observance
- Thursday July 22 – Sunday July 25, 2021: “The Wall That Heals” traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Monday September 6, 2021 – Labor Day Holiday



In Solidarity,

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