



# UAW Local 774

## President's Report

### *Retirees Edition*

President Wence Valentin III



April 11, 2023

### **UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter Meetings**

The next few UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter meetings are, Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 pm, in the upper and lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207.

\*All dates are subject to change

### **UAW Region 9 2023 Bowling Tournament**

This year's bowling tournament will take place April 15 - 16, 2023 at Greengarden Lanes in Erie Pennsylvania. The team event will consist of (5) member teams, there will also be a doubles and singles event. Winners of the Team and Singles events will qualify for the International UAW Finals Bowling Championship Tournament.

Entries forms are available at the Union Hall, they can also be obtained on the UAW Region 9 and Local 774 websites. Deadline to submit entries is Thursday, April 6, 2023. To submit an entry please send them to UAW Region 9 Bowling Tournament, 35 George Karl Blvd, Amherst, NY 14221.

### **3rd Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament**

We are having our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 12:45 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 (34) foursomes. We are also looking for volunteers to help out 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 Wence Valentin III at [wvalentiii@uaw774.com](mailto:wvalentiii@uaw774.com) and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ted Maldonado at [tmaldonado@uaw774.com](mailto:tmaldonado@uaw774.com) for more info and/or to sign up. \*Limited spots are available.

### **Back-up Benefit Representative**

I would like to announce Regina Moultrie Brown as the new alternate benefit representative Regina has experience in Medical Billing and is a member of the Community Services Committee. She will be an asset to UAW members. Bobby Ellis will also be available to fill in when needed.

### **Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP Compensation Representative**

The Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria Representative hours at the UAW Local 774 hall are:  
Every second Tuesday of the month from 8:00 am– 4:00 pm. \*All dates are subject to change

## **International Executive Board (IEB) Run-off Election update**

I would congratulate newly elected International President Shawn Fain, Region 9 Director Daniel Vicente, and re-elected International Vice President Chuck Browning. Local 774 did well at getting the vote out, we had the highest voter turnout in Region 9 with 1045 ballots counted. Now that the IEB elections are over with it is time to unite as one UAW we must be prepared to face the Corporations in **Solidarity**. To Quote UAW President Shawn Fain: “We are united to serve you. Now, we’re here to come together...for the war against our one & only true enemy: multibillion-dollar corporations & employers that refuse to give our members their fair share.”

## **Local 774 Triennial Election**

UAW Local 774 will be holding the Triennial Election on May 9, 2023, from 6 am to 12 midnight, at the Union Hall 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo NY. 14207. In the event of a run-off, the election will take place one week later on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. On April 18, 2023, the Official notice will be posted.

Acceptances & Nominations – will be from Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 11:00 am until May 2, 2023, at 11:00 am. At that time, the ballot positions will be selected. One candidate or one challenger may be present at that time. Those acceptances must be submitted in writing at Union Hall. Campaigning may begin after May 2, 2023

## **2023 Special Bargaining Convention**

For 60-plus years, Delegates to the Constitutional Conventions return to attend what has come to be known as the Special Bargaining Convention. This Convention sets the beginning agenda for the entire UAW Union. Delegates debate proposals and create a record of our Unions values and interest. The 600+ Delegates approved bargaining language that will guide our upcoming negotiations to move this union into the future. Along with myself (President and Delegate Wence Valentin III), Shop Chairmen, and special Delegate Mike Grimmer, your Delegates were John Orsini, Roberta Gainer, and Alternate Delectates Jeanne LoHouse, Ray Jensen Jr. Also attending was Amy Kloc Communication Director of UAW Local 774. If you are interested in reading the 50+ page document, you can stop into the work center or at the Union Hall to read the copy we were able to take with us.



## **Women's Committee Easter Egg Hunt**

On April 1, 2023 the Women's Committee held its 1<sup>st</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt. I would like to thank the entire UAW Local 774 Women's Committee led by Chairwoman Heather Grimmer for all their hard work putting together a great event for the children. A special thank you to our Communications Director Amy Kloc for taking all the photos and to Jose Colon for playing the part of the Easter Bunny. It was so nice to see all the smiling faces filling the Union Hall.



## **BJ'S Wholesale Changes**

Great News! No more paper applications! In order to better serve you, all BJ's membership enrollments and renewals are now processed through BJ's Partnership Support Center. It's simple and fast. Below is everything you need to enroll or renew: Phone #: 800-313-8887, Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. When you call, please have the following information handy:

- UAW 774 members- employees **"Group Promo Code", which is 300162.**
- Debit or credit card information
- If you are a current BJ's member, please have your membership ID, which can be found on your membership card or from within the BJ's app.

New Basic membership - \$25, 12 months, 2 cards, Receive \$10 rewards (\$10 off next purchase) or New Rewards membership - \$75, 12 months, 2 cards, Receive \$20 rewards (\$20 off next purchase)

Renewal Basic - \$55, 12 months, 2 cards, Receive \$10 rewards (\$10 off your next purchase) or Rewards Renewal - \$110, 12 months, 2 cards, Receive \$20 rewards (\$20 off your next purchase)

\*Note- Rewards\$\$ are loaded onto your BJs card and are available 24 hours after membership is processed. You can use your Rewards AT THE CHECKOUT. Rewards\$\$ are available for 30 days. NY and NJ sales tax applicable

## **Important Upcoming Dates and Events**

- Sunday, April 16, 2023 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00 am (In the upper and lower Meeting Halls)
- Saturday, April 22, 2023 – Earth Day
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023- Triennial Election (6 am – 12 Midnight) In the UAW Local 774 Union Hall 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207.
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - Retiree Chapter Meeting 1:00 pm (In the upper and lower Meeting Halls)
- Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day
- Saturday, May 20, 2023 – Armed Forces Day
- Sunday, May 21, 2023 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00 am (In the upper and lower Meeting Halls)
- Monday, May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day

**In Solidarity,  
/s/ Wence Valentin III, President - UAW Local 774**