



UAW Local 774 President's Report

Retirees Edition

President Wence Valentin III



January 10, 2023

UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter Meetings

The next few UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter meetings are Tuesday February 14th, 2023, Tuesday March 14th, 2023, Tuesday April 11th, 2023, and May 9th, 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

Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP Compensation Representative

The Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria Representative hours at the UAW Local 774 hall will resume as follows: Every second Tuesday of the month from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. All dates are subject to change

BJ's Wholesale Club (offer valid now through 5/31/23)

Discount membership applications are available at the Union Hall during regular business hours (8am-4pm) or call Jill if you would like an application E-mailed/mailed to you. at (716) 873-4715 Ext. 23

New basic membership - \$25 plus tax = \$27.00, 12 months, 2 cards. Receive \$10 rewards (\$10 off next purchase) New Rewards membership - \$75 plus tax = \$81.00, 12 months, 2 cards, Receive \$20 rewards (\$20 off next purchase)

Basic renewal - \$55 plus tax = \$59.40, 12 months, 2 cards, Receive \$10 rewards (\$10 off your next purchase)
Rewards renewal - \$110 plus tax = \$118.80, 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.

To Sign Up – you can email the completed application to pmajchrzak@bjs.com Or Mail – BJs Wholesale Club, 8330 Lewiston Rd, Batavia, NY 14020 – Attn: Polly. Payable by – Charge OR Check – Payable To “BJS WHOLESALE CLUB”

2022 International Executive Board (IEB) Election update

The incoming UAW International Executive Board will be sworn in on December 12th. There will be a run-off election for the office of International President (candidates Ray Curry and Shawn Fain), International Vice-President (candidates Chuck Browning and Tim Bressler), and the Regional Director of Region 9 (candidates Daniel Vicente and Lauren Farrell). Rules and details around the run-off election will be forthcoming, but it is anticipated that ballots will be mailed to members starting on January 12, 2023, and the deadline for the return of those ballots will be February 28, 2023, with the vote count commencing on March 1, 2023. Additional information will follow. Congratulations to our new UAW IEB members

- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Margaret Mock
- **Vice President:** Mike Booth
- **Vice President:** Rich Boyer
- **Region 1 Director:** LaShawn English
- **Region 1A Director:** Laura Dickerson
- **Region 1D Director:** Steve Dawes
- **Region 2B Director:** David Green
- **Region 4 Director:** Brandon Campbell
- **Region 6 Director:** Mike Miller
- **Region 8 Director:** Tim Smith
- **Region 9A Director:** Brandon Mancilla

Our union continues to influence our workplace and society for the better wholeheartedly. With this election, you can be a part of something amazing. So many workers in our country have never had the opportunity to make a difference within their workplace. It is heartbreaking that many in the middle class have never experienced a labor-driven electoral process. Yet, to choose those to represent and fight for our struggles is an absolute right all workers should have. The assaults on organized labor are rising. Because of these attacks on the labor movement, we must strengthen our bargaining power by addressing urgent issues strategically and with solidarity. Strong leadership is essential to fighting these external adversaries. We must continue our dedication to facilitate better contracts and strengthen our union. Voting is an investment in your future. To foster a strong, participatory member-driven union, we must make the best-educated decisions about our rights as workers and the leaders we choose to execute our interests. Education is vital to our labor movement; a member's knowledge increases awareness and cultivates strength to grow. Research the candidates so we can make changes within our workplace and our union. We need leaders that strictly follow the protocols outlined in the UAW constitution and be transparent to our active and retired members. We, as members, ARE the union. A union is never one-person, executive board, shop committee, or international union. It's all of us, collectively; that's where we draw our strength. Please vote in the upcoming run-off election and inspire co-workers to vote to build our power. We have an obligation to continue to be the voice and protector of the past, present, and future members. Around 10% of the membership participated in this election Union wide, UAW Local 774 had the highest voter turnout within our Region by percentage with around 20% 807 members voted from our Local 280 active members and 527 retired members.

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOUR LOCAL UNION HAS YOUR CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ADVISE YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME. IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER WHO HAS RECENTLY JOINED THE UAW, YOU MUST MAKE SURE YOUR LOCAL UNION HAS YOUR INFORMATION.

IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE UNION AND WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO IMMEDIATELY REMEDY THAT SITUATION, INCLUDING CURING ANY DUES DELINQUENCIES, TO HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

Second Shift Backup Benefit Representative

I would like to thank and congratulate Renita Chapman on her well-deserved retirement and her dedication and service to our membership. Through the years, Renita has worked tirelessly for our membership. Her prayers, smiles, and kind words were always welcomed and she will be missed.

Currently, there will be an opening for the second shift backup Benefits Representative position. I will be accepting resumes until January 31, 2023. Once they are in, Shop Chairman Mike Grimmer and I will review them all. Please note that this backup position does require out of town training.

Caravan Facilities Management is Hiring

Caravan Facilities Management is hiring industrial cleaners for one of its sites In Tonawanda. As a service provider for GM, Ford, and Stellantis CFM offers its employees full-time hours and varying rates of pay depending on classification and shift. Fully paid medical, dental, and vision insurance package after 90 days as well as a raise. 40 hours of vacation after 90 days and a generous amount of overtime based on shift. Other benefits include supplier discounts on new vehicles, 401k matching, short and long-term disability, company-provided and life insurance with the option to get additional coverage(at minimal expense of employee), and 13-14 paid holidays a year

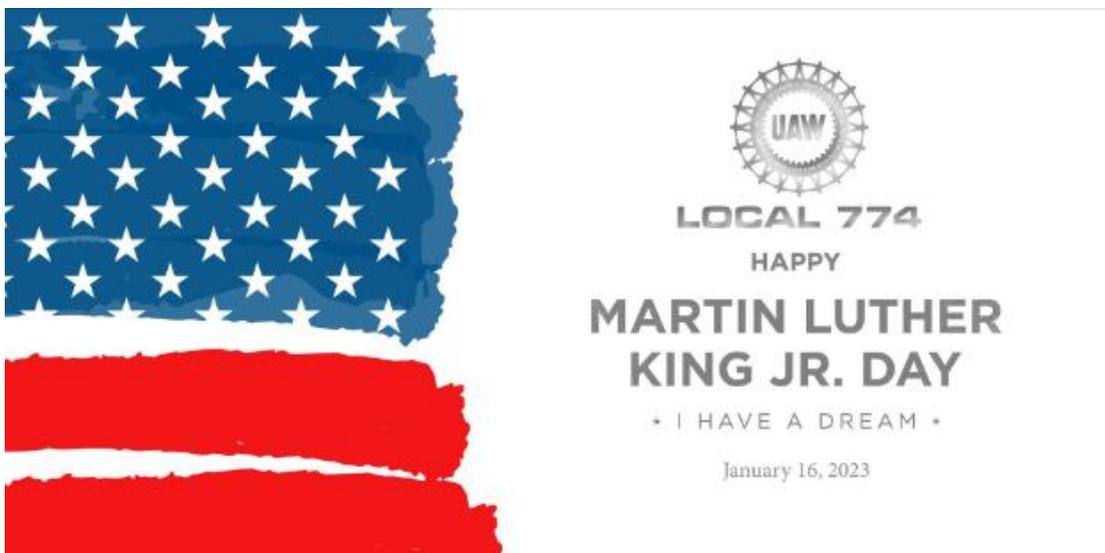
Immediate openings for 2nd and 3rd shifts

If this offer sounds like something you might be interested in log on to <https://caravan-facilities-management.epayhire.com> and search Tonawanda or Buffalo to fill out an application.

Steven Cooper
Chairperson, Caravan Unit
UAW Local 774

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Day

On Monday January 16, 2023, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, an icon of the Civil Rights Movement and champion for the rights of workers.



Welcome back to work

I would like to welcome everyone back to work from the Holiday break, even though the break was not the norm; Having our Membership back safe and healthy is what matters. This year we turned every challenge into an opportunity. Perhaps the impossible will become possible in the New Year. Happy New Year to you and your families.



Important Upcoming Dates and Events

- Monday January 16, 2023 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Saturday January 21, 2023 – Defensive Driving Course, Contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896
- Sunday January 22, 2023 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00am (In the upper and lower Meeting Halls)
- Wednesday February 1, 2023 – Black History Month Begins
- Thursday February 2, 2023 – Groundhog Day
- Saturday February 4, 2023 – UAW Local 774's 82nd Birthday
- Saturday February 11, 2023 – Defensive Driving Course, Contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896
- Tuesday February 14, 2023 – Retiree Chapter Meeting 1:00pm (In the upper and lower Meeting Halls)
- Tuesday February 14, 2023 – Valentine's Day
- Sunday February 19, 2023 – Regular Membership Meeting 10:00am (In the upper and lower Meeting Halls)
- Monday February 20, 2023 – President's Day

In Solidarity,

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