

# LUCA LOCAL 685 NEV





"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Martin Luther King Jr.



#### **Co-Editor Note**

#### Jerry Scott Jr.

What a year! There has been plenty of bad news. Many weeks that is all there was yet, here we are at the end of it and the beginning of the New Year. COVID-19 has literally touched every part of our lives. Nothing is normal everything is abnormal. Even people like myself who don't mind change could admit this change has been horrible. There are areas of our lives that will probably never return to pre-COVID-19 "normal".

As I write this the first person has taken the vaccine just days ago in the United Kingdom. Set to follow close behind is the United States. The only people with any experience in an event like this are over 100 years old and were still in cloth diapers when it happened the last time.

Fortunately, the economy seems to be improving and we are working, in some cases as much or more than we were before our time off in the spring. One big downside of the pandemic seems to be the growing divide between the very rich and all the rest of us. The divide started to increase with the tax reform bill of 2017. Working-class America was promised a tax cut and the real beneficiaries turned out to the big business. The cut lowered the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, seems like a pretty good deal if you're a corporation a lot of which, do not pay taxes in the U.S. anyway. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the U.S. deficit will be over one trillion dollars by 2022 due in part to the tax bill. The stock market has gained back the losses of early COVID-19 crisis days and once again the very rich get richer. There are roughly 2,100 billionaires in the world today and they hold wealth equal to approximately 60 percent of the world's population. COVID-19 has contributed to the consolidation of wealth.

We have very good union-represented jobs and that is why they are good because of collective bargaining. Writers of and voters for the 2017 tax bill do not like union jobs or collective bargaining. They like our vote if they can get it. They like corporations. They like billionaires. A lot of them are millionaires. Maybe you are a millionaire I am not. I do understand that being a millionaire is not a Democrat or Republican condition exclusively nor does it mean certain guilt but, the wealth difference between us makes me suspicious of their motives, always. A little research using nonpartisan sources will help make more informed decisions. The wealth gap increased by the corporate-friendly tax cut of 2017 has been exasperated by COVID-19.

COVID-19 may have the opposite effect on the need and expectation for quality low-cost health care in this country. It seems that the genie of affordable health care for all cannot be easily placed back in the bottle. Now when you hear a congressman or senator on TV or in the newspaper say that the American people do not want Affordable Health Care they are not being truthful. Seems that the American people got a taste of affordable health care, without exemptions for preexisting conditions and they did not want it taken from them. Among industrialized nations, we have a unique health coverage system in this country. Your health care is tied to the quality of your job or was. I agree that the term affordable health care at this point in history is a misnomer. The law will hopefully be improved one day, and it will be affordable for all. At this point, it has been bastardized by the same folks that told Americans they would hate it in the hopes they can make you dislike pre-existing condition coverage and coverage for your kids till they are 26. COVID-19 further shows us the need for good and affordable health care for all. The worry of not getting treatment for any illness because you don't have insurance has got to end. Everyone deserves a fighting chance no matter what and without the fear of making payments to the medical companies forever.

I hope you enjoy your time off over the holidays and had a Merry Christmas and an excellent start to a Happy New Year.

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#### The President's Report

**Matt Jarvis** 

I hope everyone had a great and relaxing holiday season and enjoyed your negotiated time off to spend with your families. Hopefully, everyone is staying healthy with the increase in COVID-19 cases rising at an unheardof level across our nation. I encourage everyone to continue to wear your Personal Protective Equipment when vou're at work and also wear a mask during social gatherings outside the plants. I hate these masks just as much as everyone else does, but it is a PPE requirement if you want to work. We all hope this pandemic will end soon and the return to "normal" or whatever that "new normal" will be without masks.

In regards to the increase of COVID-19 cases rising within our plants and the communities, our UAW International President Rory Gamble has requested that Local Union Meetings and any union gatherings be canceled until April 15th, 2021. Chris and I will continue to communicate through podcasts that are posted on local685.org and the official 685 FB group. The UAW Local 685 Union Hall will remain **OPEN** during this time.

In December, the company should

have added 14 apprentices within our labor market and the tentative breakdown was 10 electricians and 4 toolmakers. This is very exciting for all of us as a union because we have needed to add skilled trades to our membership for a long time so we can continue to create jobs and a workforce for the future of our community.

In January, the Kokomo Casting Plant should hire 54 full-time employees which will give our supplemental employees a chance to gain full-time employment that is much overdue.

The 8-speed volume is still very strong going into 2021 with several overtime days already built into the schedule. The 6-speed will continue with one shift into mid-2021 or possibly longer if the demand is there. The 9-speed volume is still proven to be volatile, but the company says there will be a volume increase in 2021. SIEVT volume should stay at what there were in 2020. If the economy stays strong, we will have a great 2021.

Kokomo Engine Plant is making really good progress. As I am writing this, the majority of the demo has been

completed inside the plant and the preparation for the new equipment has begun. The target date is still



October 2021 to have the first shift up and running and the other shifts to follow shortly after. We have also made good progress with the launch agreement and local agreement so hopefully, those will be done before 2021 begins.

In remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, I would like to share a few quotes from him. "The Labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress" and "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Please remember these quotes because they can be applied in everything we do in our daily lives.

In Solidarity!

# UAW Local 685 Information and Referral Assistance Program

We can help you access many social service programs through local agencies and private resources.

**Contact Kim Story – Community Services** 

UAW Local 685 929 E. Hoffer St, Kokomo, IN 46902 Phone 765-459-3133



### **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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| Absentee Call-in                                                                        | 1-800-810-2271                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Aetna Medicare Advantage                                                                | 1-855-406-4062                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| AudioNet                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| American/Union made product info                                                        | <u>www.unionlabel.org</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Attendance Counselor KTP, Mike Woodson                                                  | 1-765-454-1040                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Attendance Counselor ITP, Tina Durham                                                   | 1-765-854-4182                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Attendance Counselor ITPII, TBD                                                         | 1-765-236-4751                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Attendance Counselor TTP, Crystal Farnham                                               | 1-765-210-2905                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| BC/BS of Michigan                                                                       | 1-800-521-0488                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| BENEFIT CONNECT FOR ALL HEALTH CA                                                       | ARE, LIFE INSURANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| AND PENSION CHANGES                                                                     | 1-888-409-3300                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Benefits Office (KTP)                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Vicki Smock                                                                             | 1-765-454-1141                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Robin Boone                                                                             | 1-765-454-1276                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Benefits Office (ITP) Andy Bramel                                                       | 1-765-854-4175                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Benefits Office (TTP) Terri Mutran                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Bone Marrow Website                                                                     | <u>www.marrow.org</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CAREMARK (formerly Pharmacare)                                                          | 1-866-329-4448                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Website                                                                                 | <u>www.caremark.com</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Chrysler Financial                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Chrysler Owner Relations Hotline                                                        | 1-800-992-1997                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Chrysler Parts Discount Program                                                         | 1-855-476-6727                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Davis Vision                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| (Hot Line)                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| website:                                                                                | <u>www.davisvision.com</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Delta Dental                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Matt Grau                                       | 1-765-854-4459           |
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| Andy Butcher                                    | 1-765-854-4460           |
| Ryan Retz                                       | 1-765-854-4113           |
| Micah Hiles                                     | 1-765-236-4752           |
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| Leo Leger                                       | 1-765-236-2749           |
| Tipton Transmission Plant                       |                          |
| Brandon Weaver                                  | 1-765-557-6095           |
| Scott Hanner                                    | 1-765-557-6096           |
| John Hancock – Long Term Care (LTC)             | 1-800-555-1158           |
| Legal Services                                  |                          |
| Medicare of Indiana                             |                          |
| website: www.medicare.gov                       |                          |
| Merrill Lynch (401K)                            | 1-800-483-7283           |
| Specific questions regarding investment optic   |                          |
| (Chris Padgett)                                 |                          |
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| Met Life                                        |                          |
| Retiree Servicing (BC/BS of Michigan)           |                          |
| Retiree's Websitehtt                            |                          |
| Security (for emergencies)                      | .p.//cm/ysienethees.com/ |
| KTP                                             | 1 765 454 1222           |
| ITP and ITPII                                   |                          |
| TTP                                             |                          |
| Sedgwick (S&A, EDB. and FMLA)                   |                          |
| Skilled Trades Office (KTP)                     |                          |
| Social Security Administration                  |                          |
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| Solidarity Community Federal Credit Union       |                          |
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| Standard Care Network (SCN)                     |                          |
| Website: 1) www.anthem.com click on Blue        |                          |
| 2) www.bcbs.com/healthtravel/find               |                          |
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| TAP Representative KTP, Nick Wunderlich         |                          |
| TAP Representative ITP, Katrina Beavers         |                          |
| TAP Representative, TTP, Leon Boggs             |                          |
| UAW Local 685                                   |                          |
| (Fax)                                           |                          |
| Website:                                        | ū                        |
| US Med – diabetic supplies (active and retiree) | 1-800-787-6331           |
| Workers Compensation                            |                          |
| Ombudsman Office                                |                          |
| website:                                        |                          |
| Workforce Development Helpline                  |                          |
| File a claim on line at                         | www.in.gov/dwd/          |





#### **UAW Local 685 Chaplains Committee**

William Price, Chair

May each of you know this good word that, "For God loved us so much that he gave his only begotten son that who so ever would believe on him, would not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).



Brothers and sisters the good word in the year 2021, is to love thy neighbor as thyself. There is a need to call those whom you haven't talk to or heard from in such a long time. They need to be authentic and transparent for many people are waiting to hear your voice. In spite of death and distress, there is peace and hope. Pray often, care much, and know that God sent us Jesus Christ. Andy Keogh Local 685 editor told me two things, always give the good word and never give up!



#### The UAW Constitution Article 41, Section 2

**Duties of Local Union Members** 

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each member to render aid and assistance to brother or sister members in cases of illness, death or distress, and in every way acquit her/himself as a loyal and devoted member of the International Union.

#### **CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE**

If you need help with any spiritual needs, feel free to call a chaplain through your steward or call the Union Hall (459-3133). All the members of the committee have received a call to be of service to our members. You may request a certain chaplain, or you may simply request that one of the chaplains be available to help in your time of need. They stand ready to help meet our spiritual needs.

| Local 685 Chaplains Committee: | Dept.      | Shift |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Will Price, Chair              | Retired 3  | ALL   |
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| Roland Tyler                   | Retired    | ALL   |
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| Henry Carter                   | Dept. 4190 | 1     |
| Mike Woodson                   | Dept. 4190 | 1     |
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#### **UAW Local 685 Civil Rights Committee**

Aaron St. Clair, Chair

UAW 685 Civil and Human Rights Committee celebrate
The contributions and accomplishments of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Social Activist / Civil Rights leader



The Move to Unity, Labor's Role in the March on Washington By William P. Jones

Nearly every American and millions of people around the world are familiar with Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, yet most know little about the March on Washington at which it was delivered. The tremendous eloquence and elegant simplicity of the speech meant that many, then and now, came to associate the broader goals of the demonstration with King's compelling vision of interracial harmony—a dream of a nation that would finally live up to its founders' proclamations about the "self-evident" equality of all people, in which children would be judged "by the content of their character" rather than the color of their skin, and in which citizens would "be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

Few know that King's was the last of 10 speeches, capping more than six hours of performances by well-known musicians, appearances by politicians and movie stars, and statements of solidarity from groups across the nation and around the world—as well as an actual march. Even fewer know that it was officially called the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom," and that it aimed not just to end racial segregation and discrimination in the Jim Crow South but also to ensure that Americans of all races had access to quality education, affordable housing, and jobs that paid a living wage. We forget that King's task was to uplift the spirits of marchers after a long day in the sun and, for most, a night traveling by bus or train from as far away as New York, Chicago, Atlanta, and even Los Angeles.



Leaders of March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom marching with signs. Left to right: Matthew Ahmann, Floyd McKissick Jr., Martin Luther King Jr., Eugene Carson Blake and Cleveland Robinson. (Photo by Robert W. Kelley/The LIFE Picture Collection/Getty Images) This post first appeared at HuffPost.



#### **UAW Local 685 Education Committee**

Anna Strugell, Chair

I regret to inform the membership that the trivia game scheduled for January 17th has been postponed due to the current COVID-19 crisis. The game will be scheduled as soon as it is safe to do so. Please remain safe and well brothers and sisters. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.



### ARTICLE 44 Local Union Committees

The Local Union shall have the following standing committees: Constitution and Bylaws, Union Label, Education, Conservation and Recreation, Community Services, Civil and Human Rights, Citizenship and Legislative, Consumer Affairs, Veterans, Women's Committee where such membership exists, and such other committees as they deem necessary. All committees should be appointed or elected, subject to the discretion of the Local Union or Unit Workplace Organization in the case of an Amalgamated Local Union.



#### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

Civil rights are everybody's rights. If you need assistance from the Civil Rights Committee of UAW Local 685, contact your union steward.



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|-----------------------------------|---------|
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| Shawana Morland                   | KTP     |
| Kim Story                         | KTP     |
| Kerry Ellison                     | KTP     |
| Rosellen (Rodie) Love             | ITPI    |
| Misty Oliver                      | TTP     |
|                                   |         |



### Skilled Trades -NOTICE-

Do you have ideas or complaints?

Then attend your next Skilled Trades meeting! To be held at UAW Local 685 Union Hall.

#### **ALL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL 2021**

Any Skilled Trades Journeyman wishing to apply for a UAW Journeyman Card and who can either prove eight years experience in that trade or is a graduate apprentice of that trade should contact their committeeman.

Chet Cowan, KTP, 454-1457 - Dennis Wright, ITPI & II at 854-4149 Scott Hanner, TTP, 557-6096.



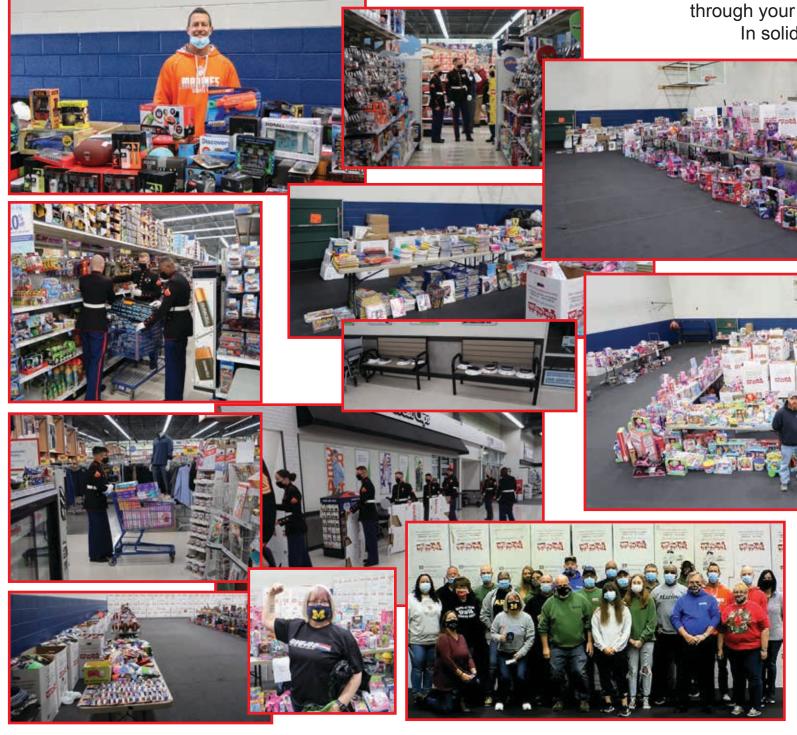




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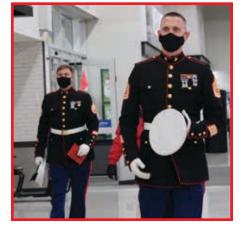
## Tots 2020

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#### **UAW Local 685 Veterans Committee**

Millie Fletcher, Chair

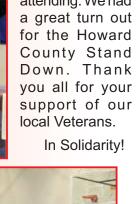
I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I am the new Veteran's chair of Local 685. I, myself, am an Army Veteran and have been with Chrysler for almost 25 years. I enjoy helping others in need, especially our local veterans. I would encourage

anyone who is interested to come and join our committee. You do not need to be a Veteran to be on this great committee.

We are looking forward to working with Local 1166 and 1302 in the future so we can make the events the best they can be. We have some

> new events coming up in the spring and summer of 2021 and of course, our annual golf

outing, which is always an event everyone enjoys attending. We had for the Howard County Stand Down. Thank you all for your support of our local Veterans.





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#### **UAW Local 685 Howard County CAP Committee**

Tina Durham, Chair

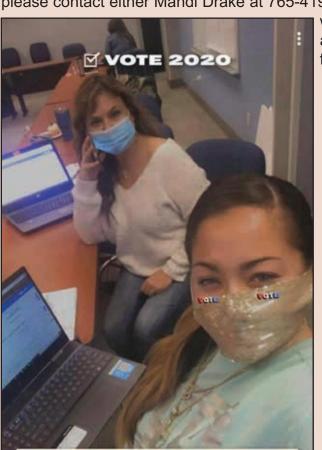
#### Thankful for UAW Members in 2020!

Hello 2021 and my UAW Brothers and Sisters. We are hoping everyone enjoyed the time off with your family and friends! As your Howard County CAP Chair, I cannot express the amount of gratitude that is owed to all of the UAW Local Membership

for the hard work and efforts to help one of our very own UAW brothers, Warren Sims out of Local 1166.

Thank you to all the members of Local 685, 1166, 1302, and 292. Together we made **over** 4,000 calls a week, which is approximately over 32,000 calls made from UAW members across our eight counties. The counties that work together to ensure labor-friendly politicians represent our communities are Howard, Tipton, Clinton, Cass, White, Miami, Carroll, and Pulaski. Not only were calls made by the membership, but thousands of absentee ballots were also mailed to our active and retired UAW members. By doing this, we helped to ensure that each and every member had the opportunity to have their voice heard through their power to **VOTE**!

The UAW 2020 Get Out the Vote (GOTV) program shares its successes with you into 2021. Thank you for an amazing year! If you are interested in participating in your Howard County CAP Council, please contact either Mandi Drake at 765-419-0334 or Tina Durham at 765-453-0074. Also, for those



who have participated in the VCAP your 2019 VCAP prizes are in and we are working quickly to distribute them while following the COVID-19 protocols.

















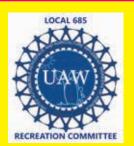




### UAW Local 685 Recreation and Conservation Committee

Kym Dieselberg, Chair

Happy New Year and here is hoping everyone had a very happy holiday vacation with their families! First off, I would like to introduce myself for those of you who don't know me. My name is Kym Dieselberg, I have been a UAW member for over 25 years and I am currently at the Tipton Plant. I have been a member of the Recreation and Conservation Committee



for just over a year. I have worked at all the plants our local 685 union represents and have seen a lot of changes in my time here.

Last year, for example, was the biggest of them all! The pandemic really put a squash on a lot of things, professionally and personally. Here is to hoping that 2021 will bring us much more of what we have become accustomed to and get back to a "normal" if that is even possible anymore. We had so many great activities planned, but they were cancelled due to all the regulations that were placed on us. Scrambling to do something for the holidays proved to be a real task with the traditional Halloween and Christmas parties being cancelled. So, we came up with this great idea for something outside which was the Frozen Lot skating at the Kokomo Municipal Stadium. We know that this was not the ideal situation for everyone to attend, but considering the conditions, there were very few opportunities. Sadly, with further increase in COVID-19 cases and at the direction of our UAW International, all gatherings were cancelled for the holidays.

I just took over this position at the end of the year and we are planning to have the meetings for the committee after the membership meetings. Hopefully our brother and sisters have ideas and energy they would like to invest in the committee. I really can't tell you what we will be doing just yet with the governor placing the stricter ban on Indiana, but we will do our best to try to include EVERYONE. Please come and be part of the team, the more the merrier. Here's to a successful and prosperous new year. Thanks everyone. SOLIDARITY!



#### **UAW Local 685 Community Service Committee**

Kimberly Story, Chair

The Community Service Committee hopes that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year. Over the Christmas holiday, we were able to bless several families in our community including The Gilead House and Open Arms Women's Shelter with gift boxes. They all were so appreciative of the gifts received.

I would like to personally thank all the committee members and UAW Local 685 Executive Board for all the help and support given to make all of our projects successful.

#### **Members of Community Service Committee**

Kim Story, Chair
Aaron St. Clair, Co-Chair
Charline Alexander
Belinda Gardner
Shawn Jarrett

Donita Humphries Norris O'Bannon Scotty Barbary Seanta' Conyers Tonita Bailey

Tonita Price Shawn Thomas Rashel Gray Heidi Otiker Dana Wilson

#### **Retirees Regular Meeting Pot Luck**

### WE ARE SAD TO REPORT THAT THE RETIREES REGULAR POT LUCK MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL OF 2021.

STAY SAFE AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2021

UAW Local 685 Retirees Chapter Carl Marks, Sgt at Arms

Ron Bendixon, Chairman and Region 2-B Retired Workers Executive Board Member • Mike Rankert, Vice Chairman Mark Hornstein, Recording Secretary • Dana Wilson, Treasurer





### UAW LOCAL 685



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#### **JANUARY**

1 NEW YEARS DAY
18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
APRIL

#### 2 GOOD FRIDAY

2 GOOD FRIDAY 5 DAY AFTER EASTER

#### MAY

31 MEMORIAL DAY

#### JULY

5 INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### **SEPTEMBER**

6 LABOR DAY

#### **NOVEMBER**

11 VETERANS DAY 25 THANKSGIVING 26 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

#### **DECEMBER**

24 - 31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



#### **Contractual Holidays**

#### **Union Meetings**



Created By MIKE SMITH

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#### **IN MEMORY**

Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called to His eternal reward the following members of UAW Local 685:

Roger Thompson Retired – Dept. 4410

Robert Rostron Jr. Retired – Dept. 8800

Allen Dennis Henry Retired – Dept. 8200

Jerry Lee Decker Retired – Dept. 9600

Randy Nead Retired – Dept. 4300

Timothy Lovegrove Retired – Dept. 9000

# CHECK OUT THE UAW LOCAL 685 WEBSITE http://Local685.org



### Thank You Cards

#### From the families of:

Willie Dyer, Wyatt Dean Kinsey, Kathleen M. Lucke, Rita B. Hall, Kathleen R. Cleaver, James Russell, Dwayne K. Coolbaugh, Jerriell Freeman, Allen Dennis Henry and Curtis Jarvis.

#### **Monthly Meeting Notices!**

# ALL MEETINGS FOR UAW LOCAL 685 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH APRIL OF 2021, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

#### **Executive Board**

5:00 PM

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 Wednesday, February 17, 2021

#### **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

When Speaking With a Friend in Possible Need, You may use the following:

#### "The Sometimes Speech"

"Sometimes job problems like these are the result of things going on outside the workplace. It may not be true in your case, and it's really none of my business. However, because it is true sometimes, the Union and the Company have the Employee Assistance Program. It's free and it's confidential. It's helped a lot of people with problems."

#### **Confidential Referral Services:**

- Communication Problems
  - Grief and Loss
  - · Domestic Violence
  - · Stress and Depression
  - Step Family Problems
  - Coping with Change
- Chronic and Severe Illness
  - Addictions

.... and many, many others.

For more information on these services or referral, contact your EAP representative.

#### **EAP representative for ITP employees:**

Helen Williams office at ITP

work phone: 765-854-4220 cell phone: 314-713-4971

#### **EAP representative for KTP employees:**

Sherry Waymire office at KTP work phone: 765-454-4992

cell phone: 765-271-5491

#### **EAP representative for TTP employees:**

Jami Leslie office at TTP

work phone: 765-557-6158 cell phone: 765-416-4358





#### **UAW Local 685 Women's Committee**

Tammy Mohr, Chair

The Women's Committee would like to thank all the sponsors for helping us make the breast cancer concert happen. With your help and support, we were able to raise \$13,000 and donate it to our community. We would also like to thank the membership of UAW Local 685 for all the support you show us and make these events possible. Here is a list of all the amazing sponsors that support our community as well.

Solidarity Community FCU

**Dos Molinos** 

Kroger (Maple Crest)

Erik's Chevrolet

Crab House & Grill

**Clifford Signs** 

**UAW 685** 

The Cotterie

K & B Printing

**UAW 685 Retirees** 

Farm 2 Fork BBQ

**Eastern Cheerleaders** 

**UAW 1166** 

**UAW 1302** 

UAW 685 Women's Committee

Steelworkers Union 2985

Rick Emery

Community First Bank

Rice Realty

Marie's Car Wash

**Country Palace** 

Soupley's

Sound of Music

**Button Dodge Chrysler Jeep** 

**IBEW** 

**Larry Rhoton Band** 



#### Ascension

Matt Jarvis UAW Local 685 929 E. Hoffer St. Kokomo, IN 46902

November 3, 2020

Dear Mr. Jarvis,

I want to simply thank you for your support of the UAW 685 Women's Committee fundraising initiative for the Cancer Center project here at Ascension St. Vincent Kokomo.

Your support has advanced the community-wide capital campaign (Together We Give Hope) to expand and renovate the Cancer Center. Ultimately, the beneficiaries are the patients experiencing cancer. They are our friends, family and neighbors in our community.

Because of your gift support, that stays right here in our community, lives will be saved and hope will be given. You are appreciated!

Regards,

Todd R. Moser Director, Ascension St. Vincent Kokomo Foundation

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### A. Philip Randolph Committee

Isaac White, Chair

Greetings brothers and sisters,

I hope everyone is safe and practicing a healthy lifestyle. We have exited the voter's registration timeline, early voting, and the election. I hope each of you took the time to register

to vote and double-check your voter registration status. The Asa Philip Randolph Institute, Kokomo Chapter is a bipartisan group. We support and encourage everyone to exercise his/her right to vote. We believe that each vote is the expression of your voice in this democracy. I would like to thank everyone from A.P.R.I. for participating in the voter registration and the 2020 Census blitz.

As you are reading this, the election is over. Whatever the outcome, we must govern ourselves accordingly. Always remember that change is never easy, but it starts with YOU. Happy Holidays from A.P.R.I. Kokomo Chapter. Everyone be safe and enjoy!

### **DEP Exam**Disability Evaluation Physical Exam

Vicki Smock, Robin Boone and Terri Mutran, Benefits Representatives

If you are scheduled for a DEP exam while you are on sick leave, by contract, you **must report** for the exam. You must follow the specific instructions provided to you to avoid an unnecessary delay or denial of benefits. If the DEP exam is more than forty miles one-way from your home, you will be reimbursed for the entire trip by calling Sedgwick at 888-322-4462.