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UAW Local 2069 President *Billy Ogle*

Greetings All,

Many are happy summer is finally here! Cookouts, outside family gatherings and vacations! The heat also makes it hot in our factory! Come to work prepared by dressing appropriately (remember our dress code) and please drink plenty of liquids. Also, the Company has already started stocking the coolers with ice.

We would like to welcome all the new hires that's been brought into our plant in the last few months. Remember we all were once new hires at one time and please be helpful and welcome them. I would also like to congratulate the employees that have retired in the past few months and wish them the best in starting their new path in life!

I had the pleasure of meeting our new Region 8 Representative Jim Bledsoe. He will be replacing Jason Callahan. Jim was the President at the Lear Corporation plant in Morristown, Tennessee and has been on staff for some time and currently resides in Southwest Virginia. These moves were done in order to assign our Region 8 servicing reps. geographically closer to where they live.

I would also like to personally thank our outgoing Bargaining Chair Greg Shank, District Committeeman and Financial Secretary Travis Porter, District Alternate Committeemen Robert Eastwood and Chris Cornett, Hourly Skilled Trades Chair Teddy Moore and Co-Chair Jeff Garwood, Trustee John Lambert and Recording Secretary Jasmine Dalton for their years of service and dedication and welcome our new representatives.

I hope everyone enjoys shutdown! It'll be nice to be out of the factory and go somewhere or just spend some time at home getting things done or just relaxing. Stay safe!

In Solidarity,

Billy Ogle





UAW Local 2069 Vice President *Bobby Hunter*

Greetings All,

My name is Bobby Hunter, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to many and say hello to others. First, I would like to say thank you to everyone that took the time to come out and vote during these triennial elections. This indeed is a proud moment in my life that you, the membership, chose me to be a voice and an influence in the decision-making process and concerns within our local. For this, I am grateful.

I'm reminded of something that my father always used to tell me about how you should always conduct yourself, and how people would perceive you. He would say people would judge you by your character, and the way that you live your life, it will speak for itself, and people will base their opinions by the example that you exemplify through your example that's shown before them.

I believe my dad would be so proud of how the values that he has instilled in me, and that all the sacrifices that he made for our family while working here at Volvo was not in vain by my being as faithful member of this local 2069 for over 30 years, that I have another opportunity to serve in this position as Vice President.

To you, the membership of local 2069, I am so humbled and grateful to be here to serve.

In Solidarity,

Bobby Hunter





Hourly Bargaining Chair *Tony Burnette*

Greetings All,

I would like to introduce myself as your new bargaining chair. I have been employed at Volvo for over 24 years and throughout that time I have worked in a variety of departments, met a lot of awesome people and have learned so much over the years. I am very honored and excited to be filling this position and representing all members of the UAW local 2069.

I would like to thank each of you who voted for me and everyone that encouraged others for their vote as well. My main goal is to acquire the best outcome for everyone to the best of my abilities. I feel like we can all work together as a team on issues and accomplish great results.

As we go into summer shutdown and many of you go on vacation, I hope that each and every one of you have a safe and enjoyable time off. There will be several changes taking place during shutdown and many adjustments will be made that we will have to overcome.

In conclusion, I would like to say let's all work together, keep it positive and respect your fellow employees.

Let's make good things happen.

In Solidarity,

Tony Burnette





Salary Bargaining Chair

Bill Richardson

Greetings All,

We are working our way towards shutdown now. It has been a trying and anxious year with parts shortages from suppliers, external negotiations, local elections, and so many other things that each of us have experienced this year.

One of our major suppliers, Metalsa, who supplies our frame rails, just ratified their contract. They have struggled a lot with issues at their facility this year. Hopefully things will improve now. It seems their membership was happy with their deal. They ratified their contract with a 97% approval rate. Good for our UAW brothers and sisters! We also will have Mack negotiations this year. That is another set of bargaining that could affect us here at the plant. If they were to potentially go on strike, that would affect production here. They supply engines and transmissions for the plant. Good luck to our brothers and sisters at Mack. They will begin negotiations sometime in August and their contract runs out October 1st. It would probably be a good idea to save a little money just in case they go on strike, and we have some disruption of work here.

We had our triennial elections in May. Congrats to all the candidates who were elected by the membership for the roles they are in the process of assuming. None of these jobs are easy. They come with trials and tribulations, just like the jobs you have left to assume these roles, only in a different arena. Hopefully things improve and we can all work together to make this facility the best it can be. I look forward to trying to make this better. I would like to say thanks to the membership for allowing me to continue being the Salary Bargaining Chair. I'm sure the rest of the Salary Committee would say the same. The Salary Committee at this moment is Casey Hammond, Committeeperson for District II, Christine Hodge is the Alternate Committeeperson for District II, and Kenny Bratton is the Alternate Committeeperson for District I. As you may have noticed, I didn't mention a Committeeperson for District I. We will need to fill that position in the coming months. Please see updates on this going forward.

On a personal level, I would like to thank Greg Shank for a job well done. Greg has been the Hourly Bargaining Chair for quite some time. Greg has surely put up a good fight. I have been to two sets of negotiations with Greg, and I have seen him do the best he possibly could for the membership. I will say I have enjoyed my time with Greg and wish him only the best. He has been a great leader for Local 2069 and a good representative for the UAW.

As I spoke of earlier, summer shutdown is approaching quickly. Please be careful on all your travels and enjoy the people you are with. This will a time for everyone to decompress and recharge for the end of the year. It could be an interesting time here!

Remember red shirt Wednesdays, and your monthly Union Meetings!

In Solidarity,

Bill Richardson





Benefits Representative *Kenny Shepherd*

Greetings All,

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to attend the 2023 Region 8 retiree conference in St. Pete beach FL. the week of May 8-12. The meeting was called to order by region 8 Assistant Director, George Palmer. He spoke about the first few months of his job and how fast things were going. He introduced region 8 Director; Tim Smith and he spoke on how much work he has done for this region.

Director Smith was sworn in on December 12, 2022, and as he said, he has not slowed down since then. He spoke about Local 171 still being on strike and NOBODY from that local had crossed the line since the strike started, 180 plus days at the time. He also spoke on how he thinks the Big 3 negotiations are going to be tough. He thanked the retirees for “what you have done for me and the UAW as a whole”. He wanted to thank all of region 8 for their support as he embraces the job as director of region 8.

Again, I would like to thank the e-board and membership for allowing me to attend the conference.

As for updates on retiree healthcare, as of this writing, the MAPD plan for the retirees on Medicare, I do not know cost yet as we are still waiting on the numbers from the Company. I am also waiting on what the cost would be to switch the dental plan for the MAPD plan to Anthem. Still working on this but should have the breakdown by the retiree Union meeting in August.

As for the non-Medicare plan, we have decided to make a major change to this plan effective January 1, 2024. We will be holding a special retiree meeting for all retirees/spouses/surviving spouses that are in the non-Medicare plan on July 12, 2023, at 10am at the Union Hall to discuss these changes. This is something that we have been working on for well over a year and I believe is a good thing. It is a major change, so please try to attend this meeting if you can.

In Solidarity,

Kenny Shepherd





Recording Secretary

Kendra Eastwood

Greetings All,

I am Kendra Eastwood, your new Recording Secretary. During the election I shared information about my experience and background for this position, now I would like to share a little about myself. I was born in Ohio, raised in Wytheville. My passion is to help people and animals. That is why my heart is in the fire service. I also rescue animals and transport animals to their forever homes. My two dogs are rescues.

I am married and have three stepchildren, four grandsons and one granddaughter. I enjoy gardening, landscaping, fishing, softball, and golfing. I am also a woodworker in my spare time. I want to thank all those that voted for me and entrusted their confidence in me. I hope to bring our union back together stronger than before. Hope everyone has a great shutdown vacation.

In Solidarity,

Kendra Eastwood



Financial Secretary

Chelsea Riddle

Greetings All,

I would like to introduce myself and thank everyone for voting in this past triennial election. I am from Dublin, VA and I'm a mom of two boys. I decided to become more involved in our union because education is going to be an important part of our future. With several upcoming retirements, the newer generations need to become more involved in learning from our predecessors. Our future and that of younger generations depends on the backbone we build now.

Attending the Community Services conference in April was an eyeopener. We share many situations with our UAW brothers and sisters on a national level and networking with them proved that we are not alone in our battles. It is great to see the members of our local standing committees grow and become more engaged with the community. I look forward to serving you all!

In Solidarity,

Chelsea Riddle



Greetings All,

On behalf of the Veterans Committee, I want to thank those who attended our annual Flag Raising Ceremony and those who participated in our Ride to the Wall. We count our 30th ceremony a success and we have learned a great deal in order to make next year's ceremony even better. A special thanks from me to our committee officers and members for all their hard work in putting this together. Our ceremony was attended by many local dignitaries, veterans, and friends of Local 2069.

One special guest in particular was, 93-year-old Korean War Veteran Perry Cunningham, who was drafted to serve in the Marine Corps in 1951. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we departed the hall with approximately 30 motorcyclists, 3 Run to the Wall trucks and 2 support vehicles. We proceeded to Washington D.C. to join in the AMVETS sponsored demonstration bringing awareness to the mental health crisis stealing thousands of veterans lives each year and demand full accounting for America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War.

The Veteran's Committee was also busy at home on Memorial Day as the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers served as hosts for the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. This ceremony included wreath laying of the service branches, guest speakers, bagpiper and rendering the colors and taps. The rainy morning did not hamper the spirit and several hundred guests were in attendance. Veterans Committee members were present to assist and also provided a truck for display.

- Saturday, May 20th, we took 2 Ride for Freedom trucks to Christiansburg to honor our Heroes during Armed Forces week. First time for this but we look forward to many more.
- Wednesday, May 24th, we took 2 Ride for Freedom trucks to Wytheville to greet riders with the Run for The Wall group. It has been a pleasure to meet and greet these riders for many years.
- Sunday, June 4th, I had the honor of taking 2 Ride for Freedom trucks to Claytor Lake for the "Wayne Fenton Veteran Fishing Day". The Veteran's Committee has been a part of this for 6 of their 20 years.

The Veteran's Committee is and has been very active in our community. With many events and fundraisers coming up, we encourage you to join us in our mission to "Serve those who served Us".

In Solidarity,

William Price



Veteran's Committee

William Price

UAW Local 2069 Veterans
Committee





Women's Committee

Tena Simpkins

Greetings All,

We would like to let you know that we still have a few cookbooks available \$15.00 per copy. Grab these quick before they are all gone as they have been selling quite quickly. Also, please keep in mind that we will be taking submissions for next year's cookbook coming soon. Please send any recipes you may want submitted to Tena Simpkins.

We also have plans to be selling candy bars soon. This is to fund upcoming events during the holidays later this year, so please keep your eyes open and support us as much as possible. We are currently working on t shirts for the annual Breast Cancer Awareness for the month of October. We will announce dates as soon as possible for when these will be available for purchase.

Again, thank you for all the support from everyone. We appreciate it more than you know.

In Solidarity,

Tena Simpkins





Recreation and Conservation Committee

Dawn Harvey

Greetings All,

We have been working extremely hard on this years upcoming UAW picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th at Randolph Park between the hours of 2pm and 5pm. As everyone knows there was a fire there this past month and we have been working hand in hand with the staff of Randolph Park to ensure that it will still be the best possible picnic for the membership. We hope to have more details very soon on the picnic, so look out for future flyers or announcements in the upcoming month.

Also, with renting Randolph Park for the day we are provided with our very own banner at the park for an entire month. This is a very proud moment for our local that we can show our support for the community through this sponsor at Randolph Park. We are always grateful for all the support we receive from the community and this membership, and we hope to see each and everyone of you with your family at the annual UAW Picnic on August 27th.

In Solidarity,

Dawn Harvey





Education Committee

Benny Arnold

Greetings All,

The Education Committee would like to thank the membership for allowing our committee to attend the Annual Education Conference at Black Lake on June 10th – June 16th, 2023: Benny Arnold, Deanna Richardson, Kathy Nunnally, and Nick Ferra were in attendance. It is our mission to bring back as much information as we can to further our, the membership's, knowledge as a local.

The Committee would like to have your input on what you, the members, would like to know more about. My email is lewsekannon@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

The Committee has some ideas already in the making. One being themed months throughout the year, with the goal of working alongside other Committees to showcase them and teaching the membership what they are, who they are, and what they have to offer.

For example, collaborating with the Conservation and Recreations Committee to find great "Day-cations" that give Union-based discounts & deals. Possibly joining with CAP in July to make membership aware of the new state & local laws that will be going into effect. The possibilities are endless, and we look forward to your feedback to help more ideas spring to life. We are just getting started and appreciate your patience.

Do not forget about Red Shirt Wednesday!

In solidarity,

Benny Arnold





Greetings All,

I would like to go ahead and introduce myself. My name is Brennon Martin, I have been with Volvo/UAW for over five years, I am honored to be the Co-Chairman of the Chaplaincy Committee. I would like to thank the UAW for allowing me to attend the 36th annual International UAW Chaplaincy Conference.

While attending we learned about various stages of grief and loss, extreme chaplaincy bridge building, enhancing chaplaincy inside the UAW, labor and civil rights, and the who, what, when, where, and how of being a chaplain. I believe attending the conference helped to refill my cup. This has helped me to be a support to others in their pain and their time of need. I hope I am able to spread light to others, regardless of my imperfections. Wherever you are in life, if you need someone to talk to, pray with, or just listen, the chaplaincy committee is here for you.

With summer vacation coming up, I hope everyone has a safe and blessed time off.

Best Regards,

Brennon Martin

The Foundation of the UAW Chaplaincy Program



Article 41. 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.



'Right to Work' Is

WRONG.

WAGES ↓
\$6,109

Average worker in a RTW state makes

less per year than a worker in a free bargaining state.

POVERTY RATE ↑
15.3%

in RTW states, compared to 12.8% in free bargaining states.

HEALTH BENEFITS

13% ↓

of people younger than age 65 in RTW states are uninsured, compared to 9.4% in free bargaining states.

RISK OF WORKPLACE DEATH

49% ↑

more likely in RTW states.

WHY DOES AMERICA NEED UNIONS?

Since 1978, the percentage of American workers in labor unions has been cut in half.

Also since 1978, average pay has increased 997% for CEOs and 10.9% for workers. Coincidence?



4TH OF JULY

Do Buy



Burgers and Dogs:

- Ball Park Franks
- Boars Head
- Hebrew National franks
- Hofman
- Foster Farms
- Hormel Red Franks
- Gianelli Sausage
- Nathan's hot dogs

Bread and Rolls

- Wonder brand
- Alfred Nickles Bakery
- Stroehmann
- Arnold
- Francisco

Top 'em off:

- Heinz Ketchup
- Open Pit
- French's
- Gulden's Mustard
- Jack Daniel's BBQ Sauce
- Frank's Red Hot
- Vlasic brand pickles

Desserts:

- Banquet Pies
- Betty Crocker Cake Mix
- Keebler Cookies
- Marie Callender's
- Ottenbergs Bakers
- Sara Lee

ON THE SIDE:

- Hanover Baked Beans
- Munchos
- Mission Chips
- Funyuns
- Rold Gold
- Frito-Lay
- Doritos
- Chex



AMERICA IS AT ITS BEST WHEN YOU SHOP AND SAY "UNION YES!"



Saturday July 15, 10am-2pm

Come show off your Ride!

UAW Local 2069 parking Lot
5110 Cougar Trail Rd. Dublin, Va.

Hot Dog Sale
50/50 Drawing

Hosted by the Local 2069 Veterans Committee
For more info: Contact Paul Cox 540-320-4979

"Serving Those who Served Us"



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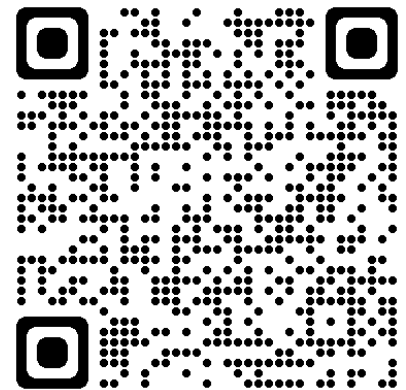
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