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23rd Annual RDG Stan Marshall Sitdowners **GOLF OUTING**



Retiree Development Group Volunteers (L/R): Gene Ridley, Kathy Otto, Marv Hardenberg, Cathy Gairhan (standing), Sherri Russell, Barb Young, and Rick Adams

On Tuesday, August 5th, the Retiree Development Group (RDG) held its 23rd Annual Stan Marshall Sitdowners Golf Outing at Brookwood Golf Club. It was a beautiful, sun-filled day. Twenty-two teams came out to enjoy a great day of golf in honor of Stan Marshall and our UAW Sitdowners, who took on General Motors to gain respect and dignity in the workplace. A great union was formed – the UAW – because of their brave action.

Golfers arrived early and started their day off with coffee and donuts as they were coming in to register, then getting team pictures taken before finding their golf carts.

As participants rounded the golf course, they were treated with a hot dog, chips and a drink, along with a sleeve of golf balls at the turn. There were contests for both men's and women's longest drives, and a men's and women's closest-to-the-pin contest with a \$75 prize for each. There was also a putting contest. As each ball was putted into the cup, that

person received a ticket placing them in the 50/50 drawing.

The course was in excellent condition, and everything ran smoothly. Many thanks to the Brookwood staff and our volunteers who did a great job making sure everyone had what they needed to enjoy a great day of golf.

The event concluded with a banquet, where prizes were awarded for first place, second place and third place, along with skins. Each golfer's name was placed into a drawing and prizes were given out. A 50/50 drawing, drawing for lotto ticket board, and a booze cooler were held. Participants reflected on another successful outing – one that honored tradition while forging new memories.

2025 Outing WINNERS

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Paul Clasper

MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE
Dennis Beach

WOMEN'S CLOSEST TO THE PIN
Hazel Bradshall

WOMEN'S LONGEST DRIVE
Addnetta McClinton

SKINS WINNER
Team Tim McGraw

LOTTERY WINNER
Joey Huffman

PUTT-PUTT WINNER
Mark Hanner

BOOZE COOLER WINNER
Al Olah

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1st PLACE TEAM

Captain Tim McGraw, Steve Burton, Matt Lanczak, and Mike Walker



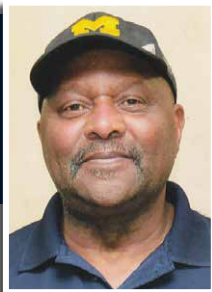
2nd PLACE TEAM

Captain Dick Gagner, Randy Jones, Mike Sandborn, and Bob Langskroewer



3rd PLACE TEAM

Captain David Besaw, John Hunter, Paul Casper, and Jael Prince



RETIREE CHAIRMAN

by Jessie Collins

An Eye On Politics

Hello My Sisters & Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Fighting For Vulnerable Americans

We have our work cut out for us before the 2026 mid-year elections. I will continue to keep you informed of what's going on with Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, etc.

The Republicans are hoping that we will fall asleep. The Budget and Tax Cut Bill that was signed into law guts health care that millions of older Americans rely on just to pad the pockets of the *ultra-wealthy*. The Republican Budget Reconciliation bill was signed into law includes the largest health care and tax cuts in United States history, with trillions in tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and corporations. As you already know, it adds \$3.3 trillion to our nation's deficit.

Alliance for Retired Americans Executive Director Richard Fiesta released a press statement detailing some of the ways this legislation will harm older Americans, including:

- **The deep Medicaid cuts** put 1.4 million nursing home residents in harm's way. More than half of nursing homes

will have to cut staff, and one in four may shut down entirely, leaving families scrambling to provide care for loved ones.

- **Low-income seniors and people with disabilities** will pay more for prescription drugs and Medicare premiums, forcing them to choose between health care and other basic needs.
- **6.5 million older Americans** could lose food assistance due to 20 percent cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- **Accelerates Social Security and Medicare insolvency** by one year.
- **Creates a new loophole for drug corporations** that prevents Medicare from negotiating lower prices for some high-cost prescription drugs.
- **300 hospitals**, especially in small towns and rural communities, are at risk of closing or slashing services, forcing Americans of all ages to travel farther and wait longer for care.
- **Because the bill increases the deficit**, it triggers \$490 billion in cuts to Medicare over ten years (that is the key folks) which will make it harder for beneficiaries to get the care they need at a price they can afford since doctors and hospitals may curtail services or stop accepting patients with Medicare. they are hoping that we will fall asleep. Stay focused.

The bill, which the Senate passed, would reverse many of the health coverage gains of the Biden and Obama administrations, whose policies made it easier for millions of people to access health care and reduced the U.S. uninsured rate to record lows.

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HEADLIGHT Editor Gene Ridley





by MARY SIMMONS

Our Democracy Dying

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It's the middle of August and I am starting to believe Trump's reign of terror is never going to end until he's gone. Like I said, I didn't want him to die just go away and take J.D. Vance and over half of Congress and half of the Supreme Court also.

When you see what this man has done so far, you can't help but believe that he is a demon wearing a man's skin. I mean who else would build detention camps for detainees, withhold aid to our children in schools with no money for lunches, HeadStart, cancer research and food stamps for people who can't work; not to mention what he's done to our veterans.

Our world as we knew it is no more. We don't have any respect or good relations with our fellow countries or allies. Those are just the tip of the iceberg.

Don't get me talking about his cabinet of fools and zealots. Lord, when will it end? With his continuing to back Israel's plan to blatantly destroy the Palestinian people and remove them from their land that they had before Israel invaded them; not to mention his love affair with Putin.

So, tell me people again who are the ones affected by this B.S. tariff crap. *WE ARE!* If you don't see it, you are as diabolical

as the Repubs are. How can deporting all our immigrants help our country? No one to pick the crops, build the houses, fix the roads; in other words, keep our country running. Make it make sense to me.

Okay, enough doom and gloom. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and this heat from hell. All I know is I believe each year it will get hotter and colder for longer periods. I hope no one has been affected too much by the smoke from Canada's forest fires.

When we get to our meetings, we can plan our next two events. I hope everyone who went to the casino enjoyed the outing. We have another one coming up.

So now that I have given myself a headache talking about the state of our nation, I'm going to end this paper by saying we are all in this together, so let's just pray it won't get any worse. Think Positive (LOL). *Peace and Love*

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on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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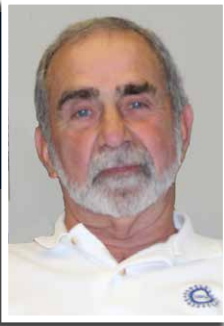
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by GENE RIDLEY

Well, summer is nearing an end, and we are halfway through August. I hope all of you are having a terrific summer,

whether you have been traveling, visiting relatives, friends or just enjoying being home or up on the lake.

Soon, we will be getting back to our regular order of business, attending our Chapter meetings, and seeing old friends. I want to remind you that our Chapter meetings will be starting up September 24, 2025, 10:00 a.m., at the UAW Local 651 Union Hall. I hope to see everyone back and in good health.

RDG Stan Marshall 23rd Annual Sit Downers Golf Outing

On August 5th, the annual Stan Marshall Sit Downers Golf Outing took place and it was a great day, with plenty of sunshine and lots of golf. I was so proud to see so many of our retirees participating in this event.

This outing has two goals, and that is to honor our Sitdowners and to raise money for retiree activities that are both fun and affordable. I say thank you to all our volunteers and to those who participated, along with all our sponsors. Without them, we could not have had such a great outing. Also, our thanks go to Roma's Pizzeria for the great food served.

Politics

Well, we are almost a year away from the November mid-term elections, and soon the air waves will be filled with all kinds of campaign rhetoric and promises. I, for one, am



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not looking forward to all of that.

There is so much riding on these elections and the results will, I believe, define who we are as a country and how we will be governed. Will we as the working class and seniors have a voice and a say, or will the rich and powerful take full control? These are the decisions we all must face when we go to the polls and decide who we are going to vote for.

So, I'm asking all of you to talk with family, friends and neighbors and fact check the information before you make any decisions. With all this AI stuff out there, it is easy for anyone to put false information out.

Again, I will be trying to get as much true information to you as possible over the course of the coming year.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting.



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RDG members (L/R) Rick Adams, Kathy Otto and Cathy Gairhan



Gwen Wafford and Billie Henderson





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(L-R) Cathy Cook, John Reding, and Barb Young



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