

HEADLIGHT



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THE RDG 24th ANNUAL STAN MARSHALL ORIGINAL Sit-Downers **GOLF OUTING**

The 24th Annual Sit-Downers Golf Outing took place at IMA Brookwood Golf Course. It was a perfect day for golfing. The golfers all enjoyed coffee and donuts while registering and getting their team pictures taken. They were given hot dogs and chips at the turn, each golfer received a sleeve of golf balls, and door prizes were given out at the dinner. Dinner was served with mac and cheese, ham, chicken, red skin potatoes, fresh salad, and vegetables catered by Roma's.

Thanks to the many volunteers who came out to help with registration, along with doing the 50/50 raffle, the putting contest, the hole-in-one contest (Don Morey and Cathy Gaiehan), the lotto board and booze cooler raffles, and taking pictures (Harold Fremd). Also, thanks to the IMA staff, the course was in great shape and the tournament went well. It is because of volunteers and staff that the tournament was a success, and everyone enjoyed it.

Stan's wife, Brenda, and two sons Stan, Jr. (with his family) and Andy, who played in the tournament were on hand to greet the golfers and volunteers, great to see them.

All money raised goes directly to providing activities for retirees that are fun and affordable, like the Princes Boat and dinner trip.

Congratulations to all the winners!



**1st
Place
Team**



**2nd
Place
Team**



**3rd
Place
Team**

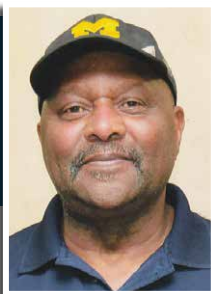


(L-R)
Jessie L.
Collins,
Brenda
Marshall,
Stan, Jr.
and family

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photos on
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The Teamsters Union for the striking Henry Ford nurses were at this year's outing, explaining the problems in negotiations and getting petitions signed. It was really great to see our golfers showing so much support for them.



by JESSIE L. COLLINS

Important Retiree Info

Hello, My Brothers/Sisters

Hopefully, all is well with you and your family. I hope you are having an enjoyable summer.

FRIDAY ALERT:

25 Million People Are Facing Higher Medicare Part D Premiums Next Year

The Trump Administration announced it was ending a subsidy program that has lowered the price of Medicare Part D premiums for the past two years. As Medicare must pay more for specialty drugs, including GLP-1s (like Ozempic, Wegovy, and Zepbound), Part D premiums have steadily increased. The subsidy program helped keep premiums lower for patients

The decision will affect roughly 25 million Medicare beneficiaries with Part D prescription drug plans. Officials say premiums will go up by \$11 to \$20 per month for 45 percent of Part D plan beneficiaries, and 30 percent will pay \$10 more a month.

“At a time when drug costs and health premiums are already skyrocketing for seniors, it’s unreasonable to end a program that provides relief to 75 percent of Medicare beneficiaries with Part D plans. We urge the

Administration to reverse this decision,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance.

July 30, 2026, marked the 61st anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid, which President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law on July 30, 1965. More than 69 million Americans are enrolled in Medicare and 74 million (including 8.3 million seniors) are enrolled in Medicaid. Medicaid pays for 63 percent of all nursing home care, and pays for home and community-based health care for more than 5 million Americans.

Our UAW Region 1D Retired Workers Council was held on Monday, July 27, 2026 at UAW Local 699 in Saginaw, MI. Speakers included Region 1D Director Steve Dawes, Assistant Director Scott Zuckschwerdt, and MI State AFL-CIO President Ron Bieber.

The issue that stood out the most was the issue concerning Gov. Whitmer’s vetoes on nine bills that were stuck in limbo from the 2023-2024 legislative session, when she vetoed long-sought worker protections and retirement reforms.

These priorities were key for Michigan Unions. President Bieber stated, “I’m an old dude now, an old dog in the Labor movement. I thought I’d seen everything. I have never seen anything like this; the feeling of betrayal and being stabbed in the back in that short period of time.” That was the prevailing feeling for those who championed the nine bills. Google these House Bills – HB-4900/4901/4665/4666/4667 and HB-6058.

Five Retiree Council Delegates were elected to the Election Committee for the upcoming UAW Region 1D Retired Workers Council Executive Board, along with 2 Delegates for the UAW Retired Workers Advisory Council. Elections will be held Monday, October 26, 2026, at UAW Local 602, 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917. *We need you to be there Delegates.*

UAW IEB Elections Deadline

Look for your ballot in the mail soon. October 6, 2026 is the deadline for returning ballots. Make sure that Detroit Solidarity House, 8000 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit MI 48214 has your correct contact information.

Upcoming Events

- The Trust will be at our October 28th Chapter Meeting.
- Summer *Solidarity Magazine* is now online at website: uaw.org/summer-2026-issue-of-solidarity-magazine
- Local 599’s Detroit Tiger Union Day baseball game will be September 26, 2026. Money will be collected at UAW Local 651 by August 24th.
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$20.00/person
Members signed up will be called.
- **Retiree Development Group:**
 - Princess Cruise Trip will be September 17, 2026, Destination Detroit, Dinner/Show. The cost is \$65 per person, with sign-ups on August 12th and 17th.
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

UAW LOCAL 599 RETIREE CHAPTER

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RETIREE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD

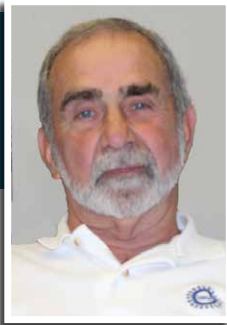
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HEADLIGHT Editor Gene Ridley





RECORDING SECRETARY

by GENE RIDLEY

Upcoming Elections

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying safe during vacations. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at our September Chapter meeting.

Union Elections

Well, once again, it is time to elect our International Union leaders and Regional Director to lead us for the next four years. I hope each of you will take the time to vote. Your ballot should be mailed to you soon.

Last election saw very few retirees vote. You must remember that retirees greatly outnumber the active work force, which means we really have an advantage in who we elect to lead this great Union. It is important to elect experienced leaders who support retiree issues and the only way to do that is to make sure you vote and mail-in your ballot. So, I'm asking every retiree to cast their vote and encourage all UAW retirees to do the same. Also, please remind your family and friends to do the same.

If anyone needs help, you can call me at 810-516-1773,

or Jessie Collins at 810-287-6612 with any questions.

November General Elections

Now that the primaries are over, we must focus on the November elections. My hope is that even if the candidate of your choice didn't win the primary, that we all get behind those who did win for a Democratic victory in November. Actually, I would like to see every candidate that was in the Democratic primaries coming together to show their support for those who won. We need to show solidarity, not division. That is exactly what the Republicans try to do – divide us, so they can win.

I believe it is a must to take back the U.S. House and Senate to get our government back working for the people and uphold our Constitution.

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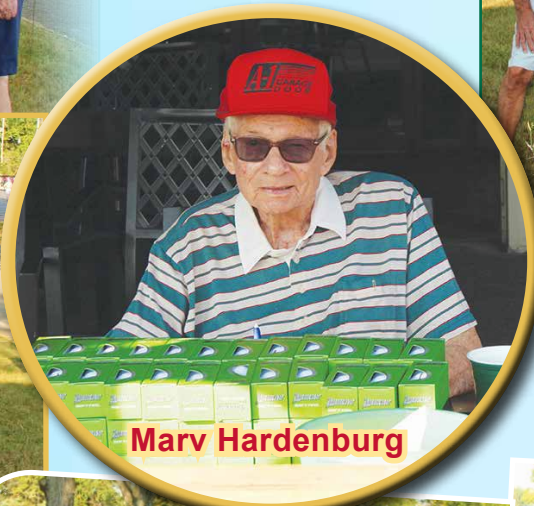
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(L-R) Kathy Otto, Gaetane Alexander, Rick Adams, Sherri Russell, Cathy Gairhan, Mary Simmons, Gerald Richmond



MAKING MEMORIES! CHASING BIRDIES



Thank you to all
who helped make
this a great day!



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On September 17, 2026, the Retiree Development Group (RDG) is sponsoring a trip to Detroit for a dinner and cruise on the Detroit River on the Detroit Princess Riverboat for all Flint-area retirees. This cruise will be two hours, and will include dinner and show. Retirees must sign up on or before August 17th. You can sign up at UAW Local 651, 3518 Robert T. Longway Blvd., Flint, MI 48506 on Wednesday, August 12th (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and on Monday, August 17th (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). The cost is \$65 per person, which includes bus trip to Detroit, the show and dinner.

For more information, call Jessie Collins at 810-287-6612, Kathy Otto at 810-223-4238, or Gene Ridley at 810-516-1773. See notice below...

RETIREE DEVELOPMENT GROUP (RDG)**DETROIT
PRINCESS CRUISE****SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2026****PICK UP POINT & TRANSPORTATION:**

UAW LOCAL # 598
G-3293 VAN SLYKE RD.
BUS LOAD: 8:30 AM
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BOARD THE PRINCESS: 11:00 AM
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