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Greater Flint UAW-CAP Endorsements



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27th District

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28th District

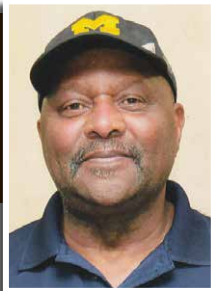
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MI State House
97th District



UAW RETIREE CHAIRMAN

by JESSIE L. COLLINS

Democratic Ideals

Hello, My Brothers/Sisters

Welcome back from your summer hiatus. Hopefully, all is well with you and your family. Now it's time to get back to work, and by that I mean the midterm elections are upon us – only days away.

So, I call upon you to put on your thinking caps when making informed decisions on who you are choosing to lead our country. The Republicans are putting outrageous labels on Democrats – Socialist, Socialism – and hoping that it will stick. This is an age-old game for many, many years. Desperate people stoop to desperate measures.

I'm going to list programs that the Democratic party was instrumental in implementing, that we all have used at one time or another to help our families. If these programs make me (as a Democrat) a Socialist or Communist, so be it. I proudly support those programs listed below.

Programs Republicans have called Socialist or Socialism

Let me know which ones we should never have passed:

- Social Security Act
- Farm Support Act (FSA stabilizes agricultural income)
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Growth of Unions
- Workers Progressive Administration (WPA)
Infrastructure building during the Great Depression
- Civil Conservation Corps (Great Depression Federal Work Relief Program)
- Women's Suffrage (Right to Work)
- The 40-Hour Work Week
- The GI Bill
- Minimum Wage
- Medicare
- Headstart
- Medicaid
- The Civil Rights Act
- Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- The Voting Rights Act
- The Prevailing Wage Act
- The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Wage Act
- Unemployment Compensation
- Workers Compensation
- School Lunch Program
- The Peace Corps
- The Guaranteed Student Loan Program
- Overtime Pay
- The rural Electrification Act (1936)
- NATO
- Federal Home Program (FHA Loans)
- The Affordable Care Act

Each one of these programs have one thing in common, they are helpful to everyone, not just a small group.

Midterm Election Coming Soon

*Keep you, your family, and friends in mind
when voting in this election!*

The UAW International Officers Elections Deadline for your ballot must be received at the designated U.S. Post Office is October 5, 2026, at Closing Time.

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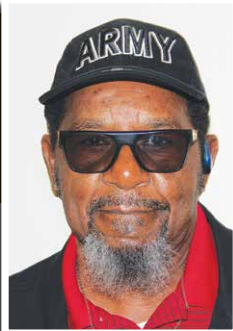
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The UAW Medical Trust will be at our October 28, 2026 meeting to discuss the 2027 changes in the plan.

UAW RETIREE
Medical Benefits Trust



1st VICE CHAIR

by JESSIE W. PERRY

Revitalizing Our Cities

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a real great summer and enjoyed family and friends spending great times together. We had a lot of sunshiny days and dry weather and opportunity to do a lot of outdoor activities.

If you haven't yet went to view or crossed the Gordie Howe Bridge that opened between Detroit and Canada, I would suggest you take the time to do it. We took a ride across the bridge. It's a beautiful structure. It has spurred a lot of activity between Canada and United States – tourism and in businesses – on both sides of the bridge, and the bridge workers are unionized.

The city of Detroit has made a great comeback, and we hope that it will spill over into cities like Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and the automation alley, which would be beneficial to cities like Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, Lansing, and Pontiac and great for Mid-Michigan jobs and growth.

Here Are Some Reasons To Vote Democratic

The following are just a few names of programs brought to us by the Democrats: the Social Security Act, bank deposit insurance, growth of unions, women's suffrage, right to work, the GI bill, 40-hour work week, minimum wage, Medicare, Head Start, Medicaid, Civil Rights Act, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Prevailing Wages Act, unemployment compensation, workers compensation, school lunch programs, overtime pay, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans, and the Affordable Care Act. Each one of these programs have one thing in common, they are helpful to all Americans who are in need, not just a small group of people.

UAW Elections

First concerns the UAW International Executive Board elections. Your ballot must be returned by October 5th. So, make sure you get your vote in for your Region 1D Director, President Financial Secretary/Treasurer and for two Vice Presidents.

Next is the U.S. mid-term election in November. See the Greater Flint UAW-CAP 2026 Endorsements on the front page of this *Headlight*.



2nd VICE CHAIR

by MARY SIMMONS

Getting Democrats Elected

Welcome back Brothers and Sisters,

Well, I for one am not ready for the cold weather to come, but I believe fall has fallen. I hope each and every one of you enjoyed your summer vacation.

Now, it is time to get down to work and concentrate on getting more Democrats elected, so we can shut down a lot of things the Republicans have been getting away with. It's time for *the people* to have a voice again.

If you are having a hard time getting behind a candidate with a different name, remember one of the best Presidents we have ever had. He also had a very different name.

I for one am so very tired of the *orange man* and his family treating the USA as if it is his very own ATM. If anyone thinks Mike Rogers is a great candidate, just remember why he left Washington and why he stills sides with Trump on the war, gas prices, food costs, and too many other things to count.

Don't forget Rogers was big pharma's main cheerleader. Now he wants us to think he helped find bin Laden and wants to put shop classes back in schools. I don't remember him saying those things before.

Don't believe the bull s--t. I just want all of us to really think about who will be thinking about Mr. and Mrs. American, our young people, and our children in the coming years.

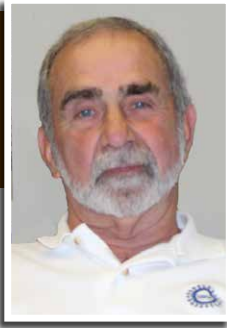
I know we have been bombarded with blow after blow to our normal way of living, and also to our Constitution. I am ready to leave buzzard world and get back to normal world. I know our USA was not perfect, but it is still the best place in the world to live. Please remember what is best for everyone not just some.

Peace and Love...



GET OUT THE VOTE!

And get your family and friends out, too.
OUR WAY OF LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY!



RECORDING SECRETARY

by GENE RIDLEY

Politics in the Mid-Term

Well, we are a month away from the Mid-Term elections, and each one of us has a job to do if we want to save our Constitution and independence from being destroyed.

We have a President who believes he is King and doesn't have to follow the law or Constitution, and can do whatever he feels like doing, like destroying the White House and everything around it like it belongs to him. We also have a Congress that believes he is King and gives him everything that he asks for.

I believe it is time for every *American citizen* to take a stand to take back our country and to show the world we are good neighbors, friends, and we respect all people. There is only one way to do that, and that is by voting for those in Congress who will stand up for every citizen of this country regardless of their skin color, religion or place of origin, who will fight to protect our Constitution along with ensuring the freedom of the press.

We were founded on being free from being bullied by

the King of England, and now we have a President who is bullying anyone who disagrees with him and then trying to bully other countries to bow down to him.

I'm asking everyone, regardless of which party you affiliate with, to vote for the person who has the strength and courage to stand up to anyone for the good of our country and protect the rights of all. Look at all the candidates and their history before you decide who to vote for. Vote for the candidate who will best represent all people, and don't be a single-issue voter.

Also, talk to your family, friends and neighbors along with calling those who live in other states to vote for candidates who will stand up and fight for all people.

Our UAW Regional CAP has done a good job researching the Flint and Genesee County candidates and have made endorsements of those that they find who will best serve working families and seniors. They are not telling you who to vote for, just stating the best candidates for working families. Please consider those candidates when making your decision to vote.

Retiree Development Group (RDG)

My wife and I recently went on the Detroit River Princes Cruise. What a great trip, terrific luncheon, great Motown music, and a wonderful cruise down the Detroit River. We had a great time. Thanks to the RDG.

Condolences

I would like to send out my condolences and prayers to the Tom Henry family. Tom was a Region 1-C International Rep. for Local 599, and the father of Scott Henry, who also was an International Rep. for 599. I knew Tom well. He was a good friend, and great union brother who had taught me a lot. Rest in peace brother Henry.

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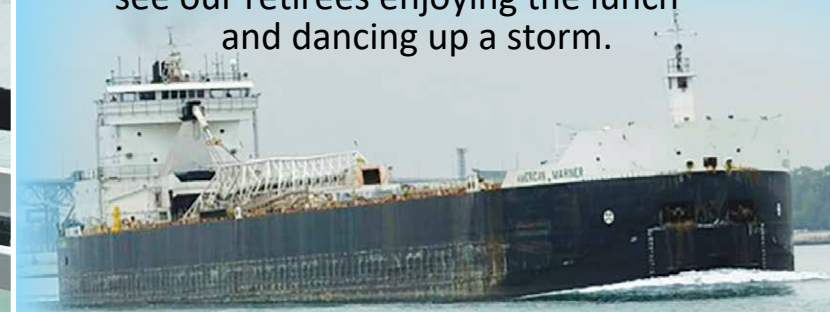
On Saturday, September 26, Local 599 retirees attended the Tiger baseball game. This was Union Day, and it was retiring pitcher Justin Verlander's last game. Verlander pitched 5-1/3 innings before his daughter ran out to the mound, giving her dad a hug as Tiger manager A.J. Hinch left the dugout to pull him out. **VERLANDER LEFT THE MOUND TO A STANDING OVATION FROM THE FANS.**

The Tiger's won in dramatic fashion in the bottom of the 9th inning, with a walk-off home run off the bat of rookie Eduardo Valencia.





Once again, the Flint-Area retirees enjoyed a terrific trip sponsored by the Retiree Development Group (RDG) on September 17th. The trip was to the Detroit River on the *Princess Cruise* with a great lunch and motown music. The day started out a little rainy, but cleared up while cruising the Detroit River. It was a great day, and it sure was good to see our retirees enjoying the lunch and dancing up a storm.





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In Memoriam

Our prayers go out for all our beloved Local 599 retired members and also to their friends and families.

Harold Yurk	Arlyn Reese
Elizabeth Thornton	Al Horvath
William 'Bud' Newsome	Patty Hershaw

They are already missed.

UAW LOCAL 599 RETIREE CHAPTER

HEADLIGHT



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