



UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR GREEN



Dear Region 2B Family,

As April ends and we walk into May, I must recognize Workers Memorial Day, where we honor those members that have died on the job in the US. We honor those that passed and need to fight like hell for the living. If you didn't know, on average 15 workers die on the job every day. Since 1973, we have lost 570 UAW members to workplace fatalities. Over the last 12 months, we have lost 4 members. One of those brothers was one of our own, a UAW Local 12 member working at Stellantis in Toledo, Ohio. Antonio Gaston, AKA "Tone" was 53 years old and a material handler. He leaves a wife and four kids. We must speak up and report unsafe working conditions to the companies, every worker's life depends on it.

The truth is, we only have us to look after us. As I often say, we cannot let personal grievances deter us from looking out for each other. The company has a purpose directly related to profits. Our purpose at work needs to be focused on each other and our solidarity. This is a powerful action and scares companies. Whether its staying safe or getting better contracts, one thing is for sure, when we stand together, we will win every time.

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Negotiations kick off at UAW
Local 5 for AM General



The Envalior bargaining unit hard
at work for UAW Local 3048
members.

Speaking of contracts, here are some that are in play since I last reported:

- Local 4104 at Cleveland Cliffs Zanesville
- Local 5 at AM General
- Local 2335 at CSA Unit, first agreement
- Local 888 at Dap Inc.
- Local 12 at Mobis Muse, first agreement
- Local 888 at Miami Industrial Trucking
- Local 128 CareFlight ongoing first agreement
- Local 493 at Bellevue Manufacturing Company
- Local 70 Cuyahoga County Sheriff Cooks, Laundry
- Local 2192 Lorain County Children Services
- Local 933 at Ryder Logistics

I want everyone to know that the regional staff has every available resource at their disposal to win great contracts. I also appreciate all the hard work that goes into these negotiations. The locally elected bargaining team puts in a lot of time, energy and sleepless nights in trying to reach an agreement with soulless companies. None of this work is easy but we do it because it's the right thing to do. Better wages, better working conditions, more workplace safety, and having a voice at the table are things you only receive in a UNION!

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Recently Ratified Contracts:

- Local 1457 Advanced Bearing Materials. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Tom Wright.
- Local 3048 Envalior Materials. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Tom Wright.
- Local 1005 at Cleveland Jack Casino. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Mike Kalman.
- Local 4444 at GT Technologies. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Jason Barlow
- Local 70 at Lite Metals. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Dan McGrath.
- Local 888 at WISCO. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Eric Gadd.
- Local 211 at Simms Metal Management. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Chad Cattell.
- Local 1073 at Johns Manville. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Jason Waller and Brian Cole.
- Local 70 at Cuyahoga County Sheriff Correction Corporal contract accepted. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Andrea Thomas.
- Local 2262 at Eaton Corporation. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Aaron Shinaul.
- Local 863 at Janitorial Services, EFSM. Thanks to the local bargaining team and regional servicing representative Dave Mason.

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Region 2B held our Advisory Council meetings at Sawmill Creek this month. It served as a great opportunity to learn, build, and grow. Our Region 2B Veterans Advisory Council visited the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky and enjoyed a great day of connection, service, and shared purpose. Our Region 2B Community Service Advisory Council was able to give back to the community at a nursing home in Huron, Ohio, sharing gifts and their time. The Advisory Councils were able to build more solidarity amongst themselves and within our community. These meetings are an important part of continued growth in our organization. I thank all the members that participated and continue to work and volunteer their time and energy at their respective local unions. I also want to thank the locals that support this solidarity as it overflows back to our members. I must also thank all of the regional staff for putting the work into making these meetings successful. It is a team effort putting on this type of program. If any member wants to get more involved with your local union, I encourage you to reach out to your local leaders and find a committee that best represents your passion.

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Our Constitution states in ARTICLE 44, Local Union Committees. The Local Union shall have the following standing committees: Constitution and Bylaws, Organizing, Union Label, Education, Conservation and Recreation, Community Services, Civil and Human Rights, Citizenship and Legislative, Consumer Affairs, Veterans, a Local Union 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.

Getting involved in a standing committee is a great way to learn about our organization, develop better skills and build solidarity at your location.

Our union is only as strong as our members. This is why standing with each other is so important. The people together have the power, not the people in power. In fact, we have been pushing back on some those that want to take workers' rights away from us. If you didn't know, HR 86 was introduced this January, it would eliminate the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). We have laws and regulations because things went wrong. People got hurt or even died to prompt regulations and laws. I am dumbfounded that people cheer for de-regulation, especially working folks. The companies making more money doesn't equal better pay, only you can do that, in a union. If you want a strong union, pay your dues, get active, and support each other.

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Retirees Corner



April 7th I was honored to attend the Region 2B Retired Workers' Council Meeting. There were some great speakers delivering important information for our retirees. We were also fortunate to have UAW President Shawn Fain come and address the council. Elections were held for the Region 2B Retired Workers' Council Executive Board, and all were re-elected by acclamation, congratulations!

Our retirees are an important part of our organization. They always come out to support and fight the good fight. All active workers should be grateful that we had so many come before us that fought for us to have what we have. We have to pick up that torch and continue the good fight for future generations. To all the retirees out there, thank you!

May God bless us all and as always,
In solidarity,

Dave Green
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