



# UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR GREEN



Dear Region 2B Family,

I hope everyone had a good month of May. Memorial Day is always one of those holidays that makes me reflect. Remembering those that led the fight to help preserve democracy and never made it back home. Their families were forever changed, and the progress made, they never had a chance to enjoy. They sacrificed their lives for a better future for ALL Americans and should make us all reflect on how fortunate we are because of their sacrifices. I know many of our Locals spent this year on Memorial Day honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Some spent the day in a parade, others at cemeteries honoring fallen soldiers with flags on their grave sites. It makes me proud to be part of our great UAW knowing that we have so many members who get it. Like those who know the power of solidarity and sacrifice, and those that continue to honor our fight against tyranny.

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We had members at the state house in Indianapolis and Columbus. We had members calling on law makers to make sure that we don't make cuts to healthcare, food programs, education, research, and more. This is a big part of what being in a union is about. Fighting for folks we don't even know. Standing up for others just because it's the right thing to do. Showing solidarity with our coworkers, because a collective voice is more powerful than a single one. I am so very proud of the continued activism from the members in our region.

Once we learn what is important, and why we do what we do, we become more active. For me, it was going to Black Lake in 2003 and gaining that knowledge, and passion. I encourage all members to take advantage of the UAW Family Education Center, AKA, Black Lake whenever possible. Every summer the UAW Family Scholarship is offered to all active or laid off UAW members in good standing. This year there is only one session on July 20-25, 2025, that is being offered. You can find the call letter, for this, and other events posted on our website @ [UAW Region 2B](#).

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For those that are local leaders, I strongly encourage you to attend our first Region 2B Workplace Justice Conference July 13 – 18, 2025, at Black Lake. This conference is designed to empower local union grievance handlers and negotiators with the skills they need to support and represent our membership. Local members elect their leaders and we are here to help them succeed in their role. Having education and training available is one thing, using the resources is something else. Please take advantage of the resources so we can best serve our members and continue to build the best union leaders for the future.

We will be offering more classes and training once we have our regional headquarters open. As I have mentioned before, our building had been compromised in Maumee and AD Rick Smith and myself are working tirelessly trying to get our new headquarters open. Unfortunately, we have run into many obstacles. While this is expected with any renovation process, I am still hopeful that we are only 4-5 months out. I'm excited to offer even more training once we have this facility open and operational. For those that don't know, we have a Region 2B sub-office in Indianapolis and there will be no changes there. The goal is to make sure we are giving our members and leaders the education and training necessary to best serve the membership.

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Speaking of education, twelve outstanding high school seniors from Region 2B UAW families have been awarded a \$10,000.00 college scholarship by the Richard T. Gosser Scholarship Awards Program. The Region 2B Retired Workers Chapter sponsors 7, \$1,500.00 scholarships as well. The Gosser Scholarship Awards Program, named in honor of the late UAW Vice President and Regional Director, Richard T. Gosser was established in 1962. Seven (7) of the Scholarships will be awarded in the name of Richard T. Gosser and one (1) Scholarship each will be awarded in the name of Ruthann Gosser-Harrison, Joseph Tomasi, Jack Sizemore, Lloyd Mahaffey and Ken Lortz. Including the 2024-2025 winners, 428 students have received Gosser scholarships. An additional 205 students have been awarded runner-up scholarships, thanks to our retirees. In all, \$3,491,000.00 in scholarships have been awarded since the program began in 1962. There is a call letter on our website for the Gosser Golf outing, which is our main fundraiser for these scholarships. I want to thank the local chapters for all their continued support for this great program.

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Lastly, I want to thank the retirees out there. There were many that encouraged and supported me throughout my time on the plant floor. Making sure that I had the opportunities to go to different conferences and get the knowledge that helps me do this job every day. I firmly believe that the titles we carry as leaders are not as important as what we do with them. Leaders must build leaders. None of us are here forever and for us to survive, we need knowledgeable and qualified folks to carry the torch when we no longer can. So, for all the retirees out there, thank you for building leaders at your locations. We have some of the best right here in our region and I know your support and guidance helped make that happen.

In solidarity and may God bless us all,  
Dave Green

UAW Region 2B Director