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# LOCAL 974 NEWS

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## JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL



# POW/MIA DAY DINNER

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

### 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

## “ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME”



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3025 SPRINGFIELD ROAD  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, *President* \_\_\_\_\_

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,



We are two months closer to contract negotiations since our last newsletter. Everyone should've filled out their survey and turned them in by now. The next step of the process will be dividing up every demand on all 3,500 surveys into separate categories which will be up to 35,000 demands from our membership. After separating our memberships demands into different categories, we will give this to the International to run through an excel program to get a true weighted list of our members demands. We got our surveys from the International and they are on special paper that can't be duplicated. It is important that every member gets only one (1) survey so each and every 974 members has an equal say in what they want the union negotiating team to demand in negotiations.

The contract negotiation committee from our Local along with Local 751 from Decatur, Local 2096 from Pontiac and Local 1872 from York, PA. will meet the week of August 21st to begin the process of going through the surveys and starting the union side of preparing to negotiate our next contract.

The International Executive Board voted to raise strike pay for UAW members on strike from \$275.00 per week to \$400.00 per week. The International will pay your insurance premiums for as long as we are on strike. I sincerely hope that Caterpillar negotiates a fair and acceptable contract with us, but we need to be financially prepared in case they don't!

We lost one of our new brothers in a tragic accident in Mapleton. God Bless Steven Dierkes and his family and each and every one of you that baked cakes, sold shirts, passed cards around and signed and donated money to his family. \$12,048 was collected and given to his life partner and 3 kids, who very much needed this money and were very, very grateful. I am so proud of being part of this union!

Stay safe and In Solidarity,  
Randy Diehl

  
**“UNION MEETINGS”**  
**Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Executive Board Meeting – 12:00 P.M.  
General Council Meeting – 1:00 P.M.  
**Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Safety Meetings – 8:00 A.M.; 12:00 P.M.; 4:00 P.M.  
**Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Steward Meetings – 8:00 A.M.; 1:00 P.M.; 3:00 P.M.; 4:00 P.M.

## UAW LOCAL 974 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Andrea Cantrall

# INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT – AUGUST 2022

JOHN ARNOLD \_\_\_\_\_

Hello Brothers & Sisters! Hopefully, you all are having a great Summer and enjoying the heat. I myself prefer it to be Fall all year long. We are 7 months through this year already with Christmas just a short 5 months away. (lol)

In all seriousness we are 3 months away from this year's annual enrollment. If there are any changes you are wanting or needing to make that will be the time to do it. Annual Enrollment is usually the first part of November, so most likely in the October paper I will have the exact dates. I will say now that I won't be given 2023's premiums until the end of October so I won't have those in my next article.

Concerning the premiums, I won't even begin to guess as to what they will be. For retirees that are on the management plan and us actives, our premiums have stayed the same for the last 3 years. We'll just have to wait and see what they are when Caterpillar releases them. Once I get 2023's premiums I will put them on the Unions website and the Union's Facebook group.

A side note to the active membership. When this paper comes out, we'll be about 7 months away from this contract ending. I hope and pray that we get a new contract without any work stoppage. I'm not in bargaining but I have faith in the team we are sending. It will be an uphill battle, I'm sure. Especially this go around with the economy the way it is, but also knowing the employment issues the company is having. Even with complete faith in our bargaining team I've been trying to set some money aside each paycheck. Doing this will help pay some bills if there isn't an agreement on time. Hopefully I'm doing this for nothing and we get a new contract. Then I can just keep this little extra in my savings account. We should all prepare for March with a way you and your family feel comfortable with.

As always if there are any questions or concerns you have concerning your benefits please call or stop by and I will do my best to get you answers. Please be safe and have a great rest of the summer. Hope to see a lot of you at the Labor Day Parade on September 5th.

In Solidarity, John Arnold, Insurance & Benefits Chairman

#### RETIREES - Medicare Reimbursement

From time to time, I remind our retirees about the Medicare Part B reimbursement portion of our plan. If you or your spouse are Medicare age, 65, and enrolled in Medicare Part A & B, you are eligible for reimbursement of the Part B Premium. **The Plan will reimburse your Medicare premium up to \$99.50 per month every January and July.** This only pertains to members and spouses that opted out of the management/executive plan and retired prior to March 26, 2017. **You must contact Alight Solutions (Hewitt) at 1-877-228-4010 to enroll for the reimbursement. Once you're signed up, you won't have to sign-up again.**

## Peoria County Veterans

By Gary E. Hall, Veterans Chairman

UAW Local 974 Veterans Committee Spec. 5

First, I want to let all Veterans in Peoria County know that if they need help to call (309) 681-2554 that is the number of the Peoria County Veterans Assistance Commission. The post still has burial plots for Veterans all you will need is your DD214. On August 2, 2021, the VA started processing claims for asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. The claims are now being processed on a presumptive basis for those veterans exposed during their military service and when the condition appeared within 10 years of their service. The top Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee recently announced a deal to help veterans with exposures to toxic burn pits. One more thing if you live in other counties in Illinois other than Peoria, find out where your local Veterans Assistance Commission is and call them, because they are there to help you and if not call me at (309) 369-3676.

Thank you and never give up and never surrender.

Gary E. Hall, Veterans Chairman  
UAW Local 974 Veterans Committee Spec. 5



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JUDY POULSEN

FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2022

MAY 2022		JUNE 2022	
Income	230,226.52	Income	217,414.20
Expenditures	253,533.28	Expenditures	249,140.06
Excess of Expense over Income	(23,306.76)	Excess of Expense over Income	(31,725.86)
Regular Dues received on:	3,272	Regular Dues received on:	3,246
Bonus Dues received on:	3,243	Initiation Fees received on:	89
Initiation Fees received on:	76		
<b>PER CAPITA TAXES:</b>		<b>PER CAPITA TAXES:</b>	
International Union UAW	119,652.43	International Union UAW	110,597.76
CAP Council	5,902.11	CAP Council	6,425.69
CAT Council	4,713.36	CAT Council	4,466.56
Retirees Dues PCT	298.35	Retirees Dues PCT	150.15
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	128.08	Ag Imp Council	130.52
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	6.21	IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>130,884.54</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>121,959.68</b>

## Bard Optical

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Comprehensive Eye Health Exam	\$20.00 Co Pay (per year)	Comprehensive Eye Health Exam	\$40.00	\$59.00
Contact Lens Exam	\$60.00 Co-Pay (per year)	Frame	\$34.00	up to \$79.00
Frame Benefit	\$160.00 allowance (per 2 yrs)	Designer Frames	30% OFF RETAIL	FULL RETAIL
Contact Lenses	\$140.00 allowance (per year) instead of glasses	<b>LENSES:</b>		
Lenses	\$20.00 Co-Pay for standard lenses (once per year)	Single Vision	\$40.00	\$60.00
<small>Additional 25% discount on frames over \$160.00 and lens add-ons!</small> <small>\$20 Co-Pay for "medically necessary" contact lenses (designated by a doctor in cases where a patient's vision cannot be corrected through the use of glasses)</small>		Line Bifocal	\$65.00	\$90.00
		Line Trifocal	\$85.00	\$190.00
		<b>PROGRESSIVE LENSES:</b>		
		Basic	\$110.00	\$190.00
		Premium	\$170.00	\$240.00
<b>Additional 25% discount on other progressives and lens add-ons!</b>				

VSP Insurance covers routine optometric visits only. Medical visits are covered under the member's health insurance and/or Medicare.

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Metro Centre	309.692.8222	Washington	309.444.2277	Our other 12 offices may be near kids in college.
Campustown	309.672.2273	East Peoria	309.694.2273	
Knoxville	309.713.3664	Canton	309.647.0366	
Grand Prairie	309.691.1320	Galesburg	309.343.7799	

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## UAW AMALGAMATED LOCAL 974 ELECTION NOTICE

### RETIREE'S CHAPTER OFFICERS & REGION 4 RETIREE DELEGATES

The following nominations will open WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022, at 8:00 A.M.  
and close at 12:00 NOON:

**Chairman**  
**First Vice-Chairman**  
**Second Vice-Chairman**  
**Recording Secretary**  
**Financial Secretary**  
**Sergeant-At-Arms**  
**Guide**  
**Three (3) Trustees**  
**Region 4 Retiree Delegates (10)**

All nomination forms must be notarized unless personally handed to an Election Committee Officer. Printed names on the form should reflect how the candidates wish their names to appear on the ballot.

#### **ELECTION WILL BE HELD:**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**

The new Officers will be sworn in and take office immediately after the election.

#### **RETIREES ELECTION COMMITTEE**

MIKE HOKE, CHAIRMAN



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Name/Nombre  
**JOHN L SMITH**

Medicare Number/Número de Medicare  
**1EG4-TE5-MK72**

Entitled to/Con derecho a	Coverage starts/Cobertura empieza
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# UAW Local 974 Veteran's Committee



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Game Date:

Saturday, September 3rd



This game is at the

Cardinal's Stadium

1 for \$20.00 & 2 for \$30.00

(2 Tickets for Each Game)

Drawing to be held at General Council Meeting  
Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

For tickets contact Gary Hall @ 369-3676  
or UAW Local 974 Hall @ 694-3151

(Need not be present to win)

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Please print and fill out and return by August 27, 2022



UAW LOCAL 974 VETERANS' COMMITTEE

## POW/MIA DAY DINNER



Friday, September 16, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

ALL VETERANS, MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS, POLICE & SPOUSES WELCOME - NO CHARGE

Please RSVP by August 27, 2022 - Return Reservation form to Local 974 or call (309) 694-3151

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE UAW POW/MIA DAY DINNER.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

UAW Local 974 Veterans' Committee: Gary Hall, Chairman

Mail to: UAW Local 974 3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria IL 61611  
or call (309) 694-3151 for Reservations





**UAW LOCAL 974  
HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
APPLICATION  
2022 – 2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Class Hours \_\_\_\_\_

UAW Local 974 Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Relationship to 974 Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Only one entry per student, with a minimum of 12 hours.**

**It must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2022.**

Return to: **Dues Office  
UAW Local 974  
3025 Springfield Road  
East Peoria IL 61611**





# HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## 2022 – 2023

The General Council, Executive Board and Retirees' Chapter of Local 974 have elected to award fourteen (14) \$500 scholarships from the Heather Henninger Scholarship Fund for the 2022 through 2023 college school year.

There is one (1) additional \$500 scholarship that will be given in the Memory of Thomas Klein for the 2022 through 2023 college school year.

The following guidelines have been established for qualified entrants:

1. Entrant must be the **child, grandchild, stepchild or step grandchild** of an **active retired or deceased** Local 974 Member in good standing.
2. Entrant **must** be **enrolled as a full-time college student** (minimum 12 hours) for the 2022 – 2023 college school year.
3. Entrants **must** submit the Scholarship Fund Application by Friday, August 26, 2022.

A drawing will be held on Sunday, September 11th at the General Council Meeting.

Seven male and seven female students will be awarded a \$500 scholarships for a total of \$7,000 in scholarship awards. One male or female student will be awarded a \$500 Thomas Klein Scholarship.

Please complete and return the application to the Dues Office. It **must** be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2022.

**UAW Local 974**

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## AUGUST 2022 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH	SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD	ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH	STEWARD MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM

## SEPTEMBER 2022 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – (OCTOBER PAPER)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH	LABOR DAY – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEPT. 15TH	SAFETY MTGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH	POW/MIA DAY DINNER – 5:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEPT. 22ND	STEWARD MTGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH	BALLY'S QUAD CITIES BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM

# ***A Moment of Silence***

*By Loren Meyers, Plantwide Safety Chairman*

On Thursday, June 2, 2022 Steven Matthew Dierkes, 39, of Peoria, IL, passed away at 9:23 a.m. after falling into a molten iron crucible at the Caterpillar company's Mapleton, Illinois foundry. Steven was in his 6th day of furnace operator training performing temperature and thermal sampling, at a temperature of over 2,600 degrees. Steven is the second fatality at the Mapleton facility in the last 7 months, our hearts go out to Brother Dierke's family and loved ones as they struggle with the sudden loss.

Dennis D. Hilst, 67, of Manito passed away Sunday, May 22, 2022, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Dennis worked for Caterpillar Mapleton and was a Safety Representative for the UAW 974. He was also a volunteer fireman for Manito. According to a news release from the Pekin Police Department, a motorcycle was headed north on Veterans Drive while a passenger car was turning left onto the same road from Towerline Road. At around 12:24 p.m., the two vehicles collided. The motorcyclist, Dennis D. Hilst, age 67 of Manito, was airlifted to OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased. He loved his family, grandkids, and dogs. He was loved by his family and many friends.

Caterpillar Mapleton foundry has also experienced a leg amputation and multiple finger incidents to UAW members in the last year.

We need to communicate clearly that our safety is important to us and not only when there is an incident. Your employer is responsible for your safety and health. You are responsible for following rules. If you get hurt and have violated a work rule, don't be surprised if you get disciplined, even if your boss knows the rules are not followed day to day. Your supervisor may take responsibility for you not following the rule or he/she may throw you under the bus.

Thoroughly read each SJP and the Standard Work for the jobs you do, because you will be held accountable for every word in those documents. Ask for copies of anything you have to sign, because the document you sign might not match the one provided in the event of a grievance. Report all hazards, it's your contractual obligation. Do not use the CPS C/I cards to report hazards or tell the Team Lead, tell your boss-that's in the contract too. If you don't have the correct tooling, tell your boss. If you have to pound parts with large hammers, use pry bars or cheater bars, tell your boss that there must be a better way to do the job. If you're still using bar knobs, tell your boss. If your floor is uneven or slippery, tell your boss. If your PPE is worn out, does not fit correctly or is unsanitary, tell your boss. If you have to lift from below your knees or above your shoulders, tell your boss. If you have to climb and cannot maintain three points of contact, tell your boss. If you smell, taste or feel coolant mist, tell your boss. If you are provided a hoist, use it, if you can't, tell your boss. If your boss can't, won't or doesn't know how to address your concerns, ask for your UAW Health and Safety Representative.

Point out all hazards on your job to your supervisor, not a Team Leader. Write down the day and date as a reminder to you. Ask your supervisor for your UAW Safety Representative if you are not satisfied with every aspect of how the problem is addressed. Your UAW Rep is your advocate and the Safety Complaint Procedure outlined in 8.3 of the contract works.

Another issue UAW members need to be aware of that is not just plaguing our membership but the media and social network too is Misinformation and Disinformation.



- Misinformation is false, misleading, or out-of-context content shared without an intent to deceive.
- Disinformation is purposefully false or misleading content shared with an intent to deceive and cause harm.
- Be suspicious of information that elicits strong positive or negative emotions, contains extraordinary claims, speaks to your biases, or isn't properly sourced.
- Before sharing content, make sure the source is reliable, and check to see if multiple sources are reporting the same info.

A dubious news article that went out after the tragic death on June 2th 2022 at Mapleton gave a gruesome account that the victim was half in the meltier and half on the melt deck from a source named Ron. I don't know who Ron is but he should be ashamed of himself giving dishonest information that was untrue and the WSWS.ORG not vetting its sources. I felt sorry for the family members that had to read this garbage. The article wasn't completely incorrect about the history of the incidents or the retaliatory measures from the company for reporting accidents. But I was angered by the way it portrayed the UAW and the late Plant wide Safety Chairman who passed in 2018 Steve Mitchell of (Practically Doing Nothing). I was one of the 53 11C Complainants that Steve represented and he tirelessly put all of his time and effort in all these cases as he did mine. Steve Mitchell went to Washington D.C. and spoke in front of the senate committee to pass legislation to strengthen 11C whistle blower regulations. The senate committee that was a mixture of liberal and conservative members voted unanimously to pass the bill through to the legislature but stalled there. Why? legislation that has been passed through the years by conservative lobbyist has weakened whistle blower laws to protect all workers. When you hear a politician giving his election speech and his labor platform is to get rid of JOB KILLING REGULATIONS, he really means doing away with regulations that protect you from corporate GREED and liability. With the backing of the International, two other of my UAW 974 Safety colleagues:

Shawn Ragle, Mapleton Safety Chairman, went in front of the senate committee for Silica dust exposure affects on employees and what a company can do to reduce or eliminate the hazard.

Ross Baize, Mapleton Safety Representative and UAW international safety trainer, went in front of the Senate committee for 11C whistle blower complaint. He also was one of the 53.

In closing, your Union is working for you. Don't believe disinformation of social media, check your sources. One of the best ways to do that is get involved. The best information you will get is at our UAW monthly meetings. With contract coming up March 2023, we need to be together in solidarity, not divided. Managements best weapon is turning us against each other.

Lastly, speak well of your union because it is a reflection of you. Our union, like our country, can only be as good as the people who support it.

# Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

## May

Harlan D. Eberle	R	05/02/22
Waldon E. Crump Sr.	R	05/05/22
Edd J. Hill	R	05/06/22
William F. Porter	R	05/06/22
Lawrence L. McDonald	R	05/07/22
Lowes J. Taylor	R	05/08/22
Jacqueline D. Collins	R	05/12/22
Russell W. Light II	D	05/13/22
Ben J. Smith	R	05/14/22
Dellis J. Miller	R	05/18/22
Jack D. Fritzingler	R	05/18/22
James R. Bachman	R	05/21/22
Dennis D. Hilst	A	05/22/22
Norman W. Fauber	R	05/24/22
Harry E. Rodgers Jr.	R	05/26/22
Willard E. Dearman	R	05/27/22
Fredrick C. Tisdale	R	05/28/22
Lowell L. Summers	R	05/28/22
James D. Glover	R	05/29/22
Gary L. Williamson	R	05/29/22
Stephanie A. Probasco	D	05/29/22
Arthur C. Ellis	R	05/30/22
William H. Ogden	R	05/31/22

## June

Steven M. Dierkes	A	06/02/22
Donald E. Hultgren	R	06/02/22
Jerry L. Van Oppen	R	06/06/22
James K. Waltrip	R	06/06/22
Duane W. Metzler	R	06/07/22
Terry J. Cage	R	06/08/22
Paul W. Ferrenburg	R	06/09/22
Richard D. Barth	R	06/10/22
Roger F. Sales	R	06/11/22
Jimmy O. Hatch	R	06/17/22
Doyle L. Hutton	R	06/19/22
James J. Oatman Jr.	R	06/20/22
Virginia M. Fahel	R	06/21/22
Bobby G. Green	R	06/21/22
Larry D. Howard	R	06/27/22

Forever



Remembered

*Please notify us when one of our active or retired members passes away. We do not receive this information from the company.*

*On behalf of the Officers, Members and Retirees of Local 974, may we offer our deepest condolences to the families of our brothers and sisters who have recently passed away. May God comfort all of you in your loss.*



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## RETIREES CHAPTER UAW LOCAL 974

### ALL POTLUCKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We invite and encourage all the new Retirees to join us for dinner and bingo after the meeting.  
(Please bring your own table service.)

We also encourage the spouses of deceased members of Local 974 to join us. Surviving spouses are Associate Members of our Retiree Chapter and we invite you to participate in our activities.

### BUS TRIPS



*Tuesday, August 23 – Isle of Capri Casino*

*Tuesday, September 27 – Bally's Quad Cities Casino*

For questions concerning the trip call Velma Walton at 694-3151.

### HOW CAN I JOIN THE RETIREE CLUB?

Upon retirement Local 974 members in good standing are encouraged to register at the Dues Office to become Chapter members. Retirees and their spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend the Retiree Chapter Meetings and activities.

We have a Potluck the third Wednesday of every month – meat, coffee and doughnuts are furnished. A variety of other activities are planned at various times throughout the year.

To assist in financing these activities a \$3.00 per month voluntary membership dues can be established at the Dues Office. The largest portion of the dues dollars goes to the International Retired Workers Advisory Council which is concerned with retired-workers programs and policies and other matters that affect the welfare of retired workers.

*Contact Retirees' Officers at 309/694-3151*

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# BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOBBY KOLLER \_\_\_\_\_

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

The countdown continues for a new contract. In about 7 months we will either be signing a new contract or not.

Docket numbers are currently 6 issues and 3 just cause. We had a docketing session on June 13, 2022. We were able to settle one of those grievances and made that member whole from the indefinite suspension and has requested I use his name on this report. I would like to congratulate Carl on his retirement and wish him well. I would like to congratulate all our members that have been able to retire and will finally be able to enjoy life outside Caterpillar and spend time with their families.

Big news out of Detroit. On or about June 7, 2022, the UAW International Executive Board approved an increase on strike pay from \$275.00 per week to \$400.00 a week. This increase will be available to all our members in the event we can't ratify a contract (new hires, rehires and supplementals). We've had a very good response from our members on the increase. This greatly helped our brothers and sisters from Case New Holland who went on strike on May 2, 2022. We stand strong with our brothers and sisters at Case New Holland and hope they receive a fair contract soon.

All surveys should be received by the time this newsletter comes out; we will be going through these in the coming weeks.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at the Union Hall with any questions or concerns (309) 694-3151.

In Solidarity,

Bobby Koller  
Bargaining Chairman



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