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18th ANNUAL 9-PIN NO TAP TEAM TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by: Local 974 Heather Henninger Scholarship Committee

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

**SUNSET LANES
3000 Court St.
Pekin, IL 61554**

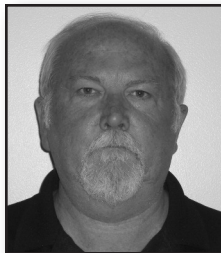
-  5 person teams consisting of **ANY COMBINATION** (Male & Female Bowlers).
-  There will be One (1) squad at 1:00 p.m.
-  Teams should check in one-half hour before their squad starts.
-  The number of teams that qualify for the Step Ladder Tournament based on a 3 game series will be 1 of 7 entries based on qualifying scores.
-  The teams in the Step Ladder will be seeded after the scores are turned in and the qualifying Step Ladder will begin immediately following.
-  Squads will be filled on a **First Paid/First Served Basis**.
-  Cost: \$100.00 for 5 person team.

FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

**50/50'S
DOOR PRIZES**

To Enter:

Call Kevin Peterson (309) 251-3825 or UAW Local 974 (309) 694-3151



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY SMITH, *President* _____

I hope everyone had Happy Holiday's.

We opened talks with Caterpillar on January 4th, by the time you read this we will have met for about a month. Hopefully things go well toward resolving an agreement. Both sides have agreed to a media blackout. We will update the membership on how things are going so please attend the meetings.

Social media is a place for rumors and not the truth of what is going on.

We are having a Bowling Tournament on February 4th at Sunset Lanes in Pekin IL. Please put a team in if you can, all proceeds go for a good cause.

There will be a Veteran's Committee Super Bowl Party on February 5th at 5 p.m. here at the Union Hall. For more information contact Gary Hall.

Randy

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**2017
UAW RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

12:00 A.M. --- 5:00 P.M.

Monday – January 30, 2017

Monday – March 27, 2017

Monday, May 22, 2017

Monday – July 24, 2017



Monday – September 25, 2017

Monday – November 20, 2017

For an appointment, please call Jane at (309) 264-2292 or go to redcrossblood.org

The above dates have been selected by Laura Gray, Donor Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross, and is subject to change if the hall is unavailable on any of these dates.

UAW Local 974 Retirees
Jane Evans, Blood Drive Coordinator

BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DAVE NEULINGER _____

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have 8 discharges, 5 suspensions and 8 issue grievances in the backlog as of right now there is no arbitration scheduled until we get a contract.

Tech Center is going to start rolling TLO's. East Peoria has been recalling employees back because of 120 tractor orders. Most of the employees recalled are welders and assemblers.

On January 4, 2017 we open talks with the company and on January 18, 2017 we will open local talks, then in February we will start meeting with the Central Committee Policy until we get a contract. If you don't have your email up to date with the Union Hall, please call and update it, this is how we will be communicating through negotiations.

On February 2, 2017 we will be having a Strike Authorization vote from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.

It is very important that the membership stands together through negotiations.

WEAR A UNION SHIRT TO SHOW SOLIDARITY.

In Solidarity,
Dave Neulinger

INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT

TOMMY RODTS _____

VSP, effective 1/1/17, is now our provider for eye insurance. All bargaining unit benefits stay the same. When using an approved provider, members should have to do nothing except pay out-of-pocket costs involved with your visit. A claim form will probably be required for all other vision providers. You can contact VSP at 1-800-877-7195 or online at vsp.com.

Social Security is receiving a cost of living allowance of .3%. Cost for Medicare Part B is going up \$12.20 to \$134.00. We are currently trying to negotiate an increase on the reimbursement from Caterpillar.

We are also currently trying to negotiate a decrease in premium costs of all people retiring after 2011 since they received a very large increase in premium costs.

In Solidarity,
Tommy Rodts

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 for Medicare Part A & B, you are also eligible for reimbursement of the Part B Premium. The **Plan will reimburse your premium up to \$99.50**. You must contact Hewitt at 1-877-228-4010 to enroll for the reimbursement, both the member and spouse are eligible.



THE EDITOR'S DESK

RICK CORBIN _____

A Thought For The Shut-ins

As many of our members have been cooped up in the house for a couple of months with their dearly beloved, I give you a thought from the Hallmark Company.

**MARRIAGE IS LIKE
A DECK OF CARDS.
IN THE BEGINNING
ALL YOU NEED IS
TWO HEARTS AND
A DIAMOND. BY
THE END, YOU WISH
YOU HAD A CLUB
AND A SPADE.**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017 ISSUE FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER GREG LARSON

NOVEMBER 2016	
Income	160,649.25
Expenditures	157,130.32
Excess Of Income over Expense	3,518.93
Regular Dues received on:	2,481
Bonus Dues received on:	2,579
Initiation Fees received on:	1
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	78,797.07
CAP Council	4,208.01
CAT Council	3,896.46
PALM Affiliation Fees	500.00
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Retirees Dues PCT	157.95
Ag Imp Council	97.80
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	8.24
TOTAL:	87,849.53

DECEMBER 2016	
Income	154,485.62
Expenditures	160,355.07
Excess of Expense over Income	(5,869.45)
Regular Dues received on:	2,438
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	85,969.27
CAP Council	4,592.28
CAT Council	3,412.54
Retirees Dues PCT	259.35
Ag Imp Council	97.68
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Region 4 Competitive Shop IPS Cncl	50.00
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	7.05
TOTAL:	94,572.17

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**UAW AMALGAMATED LOCAL 974
NOTICE**

UNIT 1 (CATERPILLAR)

**STRIKE
AUTHORIZATION
VOTE**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

7:00 AM until 6:00 PM

VOTING WILL BE HELD AT

***Local 974, UAW
3025 Springfield Rd.
East Peoria IL 61611***

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--- Cut along the Line ---

9-Pin No Tap Team Tournament Entry Form

Team Name: _____

Bowler 1: _____

Bowler 2: _____

Bowler 3: _____

Bowler 4: _____

Bowler 5: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Entry fee: \$100.00 for 5 person team

Please make all checks payable to: UAW Local 974

Return completed entry form and entry fee to:

UAW Local 974
3025 Springfield Road
East Peoria, IL 61611

For more information call: Kevin Peterson II (309) 251-3825 or (309) 694-3151

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Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

November

Lawrence D. Geary	R	11/01/16
Thomas N. Chambers	R	11/01/16
James A. Mills	R	11/02/16
Lambert L. Nauman	R	11/04/16
John V. Noll	R	11/05/16
Gilbert F. Rice	R	11/05/16
Jaunita Estes	R	11/07/16
William L. Stewart	R	11/10/16
Kenneth R. Krider	R	11/16/16
James V. Collins	R	11/16/16
Elwood E. Bean	R	11/19/16
Melvin D. Dearing	R	11/19/16
Steve W. Blair	R	11/23/16
Richard J. Heberer	R	11/24/16
Thelburn V. Knepp	R	11/24/16
Robert C. Ballard	R	11/25/16
Melvin R. Beebe	R	11/26/16
Jesse H. Frisby Jr.	R	11/27/16
Jack L. Coffman	R	11/29/16

December

Marlyn E. Martin	R	12/02/16
Edwin L. Morrow	R	12/02/16
Duane E. Finley	R	12/04/16
Donald E. Ekena	R	12/08/16
Ernest L. Grebner	R	12/11/16
John A. Miller	R	12/11/16
Ralph L. Burress	R	12/13/16
George H. Becker	R	12/13/16
Milford L. Eckhoff	R	12/13/16
Milford O. Lambert	R	12/13/16
James E. Devore	R	12/15/16
Keith W. Feigum	R	12/15/16
Herbert M. McCammon	R	12/17/16
Vernon L. Davis	R	12/21/16
Thomas G. Staggs	R	12/28/16
Michael R. Dixon	R	12/29/16
Clyde Minson	R	12/31/16

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

In Loving Memory

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.

RETIREES CHAPTER UAW LOCAL 974

WED. POTLUCKS – FEB. 15 & MARCH 15

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, February 28 – Isle of Capri

Tuesday, March 28 – Rhythm City

For questions concerning the trips 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

Jane R. Evans, President

Velma Walton, First Vice President

James W. Tabor, Second Vice President

Richard "Jack" Evans, Recording Secretary

Gary E. Hall, Sergeant-At-Arms

Thomas J. Bencher, Financial Secretary

Raymond "Dale" Cassel, Guide

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5:00 P.M. UNTIL THE SUPER BOWL ENDS

So be a Super Patriot and come and help Veterans out while watching Super Bowl 51.



UAW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2017

- Thu 2 **STRIKE AUTHORIZATION VOTE** 7:00am - 6:00pm
- Sat 4 **18th Annual 9-pin No Tap Team Tournament**
- Sun 5 **Veteran's Super Bowl Party** 5:00pm
- Sun 12 **Exec Board Meeting** 11:00am
- Sun 12 **General Council Meeting** 1:00pm
- Tue 14 **Valentine's Day**
- Wed 15 **Retiree's Chapter Mtg & Dinner** 11:30am
- Thu 16 **Safety Council Mtgs** 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00pm
- Thu 23 **Steward Council Mtgs** 8:00 / 1:00 / 4:00pm
- Tue 28 **Isle of Capri Bus Trip** 8:00am

MARCH 2017

- Wed 1 **Newsletter Deadline** (April Paper)
- Sun 12 **Executive Board Meeting** 11:00am
- Sun 12 **General Council Meeting** 1:00pm
- Wed 15 **Retiree's Chapter Mtg & Dinner** 11:30am
- Thu 16 **Safety Council Mtgs** 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00pm
- Fri 17 **St. Patrick's Day - (Don't forget your Green)**
- Thu 23 **Steward Council Mtgs** 8:00 / 1:00 / 4:00pm
- Mon 27 **Red Cross Blood Drive** 12:00noon - 5:00pm
- Tue 28 **Rhythm City Bus Trip** 8:00am



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Email: _____

Please check: Active _____ Retired _____ Disability – Laid off (date) _____

Please check: Supplemental _____ Competitive Wage _____ Full Time _____

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