



UAW Local 774 President's Report

President Wence Valentin III



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Telethon Holiday Raffle

The Telethon Holiday Raffle was a huge success, which raised \$6,825 for the Variety Kids Telethon. Thank you to everyone who sold and/or bought tickets for this worthy cause. A Special Thanks to our Donators; Paddock Chevrolet, Basil Chevrolet, UAW Local 774 Community Services Committee, RCS Union Software, Ken-Ton Hearing and Herschell Carousel Factory Museum.

Member Advisory Committee on Ethics

As part of the ethics reforms ushered in by UAW President Rory L. Gamble and the International Executive Board, the UAW has formed a new Member Advisory Committee on Ethics. This newly established committee is part of the continuing reforms announced and implemented by the IEB. The Committee will include participation by rank-and-file members of the UAW, UAW Ethics Officer Wilma Liebman and UAW Public Review Board Co-Chairs Professor Jim Brudney and Professor Janice Bellace. The UAW invites members interested in serving to read the full announcement at <https://uaw.org/ethics/>, and direct their communications to UAW Ethics Officer Wilma Liebman, at uawethicscommittee@exiger.com. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2021.

WNY Area Labor Federation Informational Series

The WNY-ALF is sponsoring an informational seminar via Zoom, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, featuring Les Leopold. Mr. Leopold is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Labor Institute, a not for profit organization that designs research and educational programs on Occupational Health and Safety, the Environment and Economics for Unions, Worker's Centers and Community Organizations. Mr. Leopold has authored numerous books on economics and the labor movement. This Zoom Event Seminar is free and open to any of our members. RSVP your attendance and receive the Zoom Link by emailing George Boger at Hickory1079@gmail.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive, at the Donald Rust Conference Room in Plant 1 on Friday, January 29th. from 5:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 8:00 pm. To schedule an appointment see your Supervisor.

Plant Gyms

Our Gyms in Plant 1 and 5 have reopened for active members only. Please follow the posted guidelines so they may remain open for all our members.

Recording Secretary's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope you are all doing your best to stay healthy. The more everyone follows the guidelines, the better off we'll all be.

December was quiet for communications at our monthly meetings. We had annual request from Danceability, Inc, for donations. It was referred to Children with Special Needs committee. That committee donated \$100, as in the past. The other one was for the James V. Ryan Paramedic Foundation. We donated \$250, as in the past. This year they're replacing and upgrading their AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators).

Be safe and please send prayers to people suffering from COVID 19. Also, to people struggling financially through this pandemic. Hoping April we'll be better off, with this virus and will be able to hold regular membership meetings.

In Solidarity,

Stacie J. McKernan

Recording Secretary, Local 774

UAW National Women's Advisory Council Chairperson

New Paid Sick Leave Law

New York State has enacted a new law that requires employers to provide up to 56 hours of paid sick leave to employees per calendar year. This is an additional 16 hours on top of the Contractual Agreement of 40 hours of VR. Members must use their 40 contractual hours first and then will have an additional 16 hours available. If you don't use the additional 16 hours, you will not be paid for them. More information on the New York Paid Sick Leave Law is available at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/new-york-paid-sick-leave>.

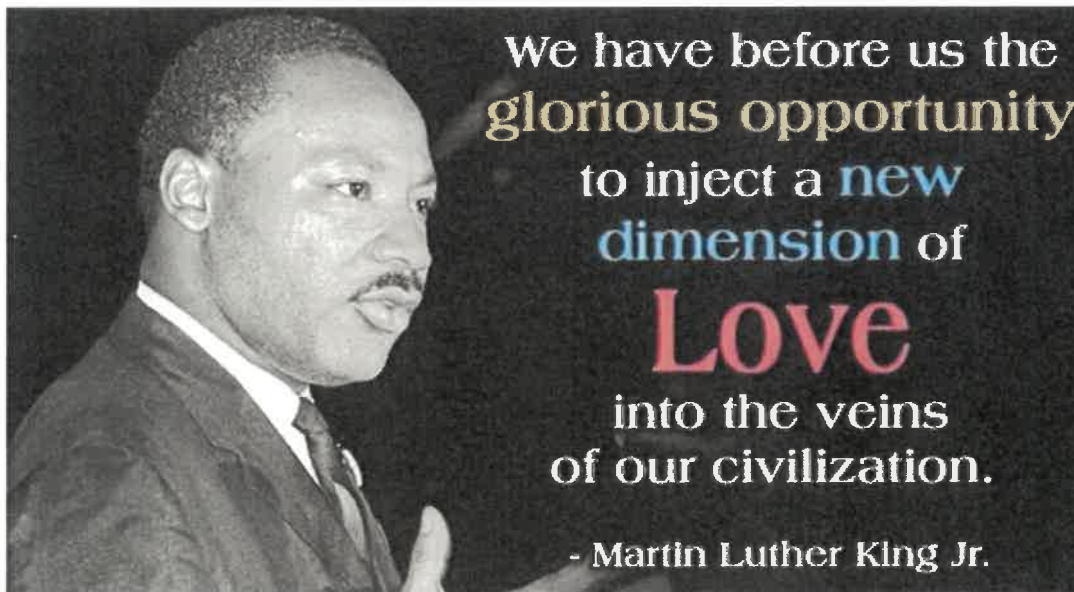
1st. ANNUAL UAW LOCAL 774 GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are having our first annual Golf tournament on June 27,2021, 1:00 p.m at Chestnut Hill golf course. You must have 1 active or retiree in your foursome. Its \$85.00 a person must pay at sign up. Forms are at the union hall . All money raised go to our first annual scholarship program.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- **Jan. 18, 2021** **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
- **Jan. 26, 2021** **WNY-AFL Information Series with Les Leopold**
- **Jan. 29, 2021** **Americn Red Cross Blood Drive**
- **Jan. 31, 2021** **Application deadline for Member Advisory Committee on Ethics**
- **Feb. 4, 2021** **Virtual Meat Raffle sponsored by Bflo AFL-CIO benefiting United Way of Bflo & Erie County**
- **April 2, 2021** **Good Friday Holiday**
- **April 5, 2021** **Easter Monday Holiday**
- **May 31, 2021** **Memorial Day Holiday**
- **Jun. 27, 2021** **1st Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament**

On Monday, January 18, 2021, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an icon of the Civil Rights Movement and a champion for the rights of Workers.



In Solidarity,

/s/ Wence Valentin III

President

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