



UAW Local 774

President's Report

Retirees Edition

President Wence Valentin III



July 20, 2022

UAW Local 774 Retiree Chapter Meeting

The UAW Retiree Chapter Meetings will resume on October 11, 2022. The meeting will be at 1:00 pm in the upper and/or lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 located at 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207. Please note at this meeting, The UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust will be in attendance. It is important to attend this meeting for all updates on the medical benefits and to receive answers to any questions you may have.

The remainder meetings for the 2022 year are on November 15, 2022, and December 13, 2022. The meetings will be at 1:00 pm in the upper and/or lower meeting halls of UAW Local 774 located at 2939 Niagara St. Buffalo, NY 14207

47th Annual Juneteenth of Buffalo Festival

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 47th Annual Juneteenth Parade and Festival of Buffalo.



Six Flags Darien Lake -2022 UAW Local 774 Family Picnic, Recreation Committee

UAW Local 774 Family Picnic will be held at Six Flags Darien Lake on Saturday August 27, 2022. The price for admission to the park is \$35.00 per person, for up to six (6) tickets. Any additional tickets can be purchased for \$44.00 per person (Children 2 and under are free.) Season Pass Holders and Campers/Hotel Guests will need to purchase picnic passes only for \$15.00. This year's discount code for the campgrounds and hotel reservations is GRPSLS22.

Tickets will be available at the Union Hall from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm beginning Monday, August 1st (August 22nd through 25th, the hall will be open from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm). After **Thursday August 25th** tickets will only be sold at the gate for full price. No checks, credit cards, or money orders are accepted for payment. **CASH ONLY!**

UAW Local 774 Official Website and Facebook page

Check out our official website at <https://uaw774.com> and Facebook page at [UAW Local 774](#) to stay up to date on the latest Labor News & Reports issues, President's Reports, Regional/International news, and more.

Amy Kloc, Communications Director
UAW Local 774

Union Plus Car Rental Discounts

Union Plus is offering a car rental discount through Avis. Union members and their families can save up to 30% off base rates with the PAY NOW option plus you can get a free upgrade with offer code: UUGA037. Terms apply. Log on to <https://unionplus.deals/bv1> to book your summer vacation car rental.

Benefit Update

Medical Coverage

Effective January 1st, 2023 Aetna will no longer be offered to UAW Trust members. To make this transition easier, you will automatically be enrolled in a new Trust-sponsored Medicare Advantage plan offered through United Healthcare (UHC) on January 1, 2023 if you were enrolled in Aetna. **There is no action required by you for this enrollment.** The UHC MA plan is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) with Extended Service Area (ESA). This means that the plan **allows you to use any doctors and hospitals that are licensed to receive Medicare payment and willing to accept your plan** regardless of whether they participate in the UHC network without paying higher out-of-network costs. You do have options. If after consideration of this new plan, you prefer to enroll in the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Traditional Care Network (TCN) plan, simply let us know by contacting Retiree Health Care Connect (RHCC) at 866-637-7555 between September 6 and November 30, 2022. If you select the TCN plan for 2023, Medicare will be primary and BCBS is secondary. It is important to check that your doctors and hospitals participate in the BCBS network. You will always have lower costs when you use in-network providers.

Prescription Coverage

Effective January 1st, 2023 Express Scripts will no longer be offered to UAW Trust members. Your prescription drug coverage for 2023 will be administered by OptumRx regardless of which medical plan you choose. You'll receive more information regarding your prescription drug coverage later this fall. To use mail order through Optum Rx, you may need a new prescription from your Dr(s). Please work with your Drs to write new prescriptions for your medications prior to January to avoid any delay in receiving your prescription drug medications in 2023. If your current retail pharmacy participates in the Optum Rx pharmacy network, you will not need to obtain a new prescription from your Dr(s). It is important to check with your pharmacy to see if they participate in Optum Rx.

Beginning August 1, the Trust will be hosting free, daily informational sessions available by phone or webcast to learn about all of the 2023 benefit changes. These sessions will be live and provide the opportunity to hear Trust representatives explain your benefits and answer your questions. Postcards will be sent in the upcoming weeks on how to register for a session.

On Tuesday October 11th, 2022 the UAW Medical Benefit Trust and United Healthcare will be at the retiree monthly meeting. We strongly encourage you to attend to answer all questions and get the detailed information. A reminder these changes will not take place until January 1st, 2023.

In Solidarity,
Tim McInnis and Jose Colon
UAW Local 774 Benefit Representatives

2nd Annual UAW Local 774 Golf Tournament

Congratulations to the various winners and thank you to all the active/retired members, volunteers, donators, and participants in UAW Local 774's Second (2nd) Annual Golf Tournament. We had a great turnout! All proceeds will benefit the Variety Kid's Telethon. OFFICIAL TOTAL RAISED: \$3,318.60
See you all next year!!!

In Solidarity,

Ted Maldonado
1st Vice President
UAW Local 774



Raffle Tickets for Roswell Park's Herd of Hope and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society

The Community Services Committee has decided to have a prize raffle and a meat raffle this year on 2 separate dates. After our September Executive Board meeting on September 16, 2022, we will hold a raffle upstairs in the meeting hall. Then eight days later, on September 24, 2022, we will have our meat raffle at The Woodlawn Fire Company. The Proceeds are going to go toward Roswell Park's Herd of Hope and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Light the Night walk.

Research conducted at Roswell Park has led to historic breakthroughs in the way they understand, prevent and cure cancer, and today they are one of the leading cancer facilities in the country. The Herd of Hope was created to build awareness of the research taking place at Roswell Park while raising funds to advance innovative ideas that have the potential to make a significant difference in the fight against cancer. The Herd is local companies coming together as one to fund promising team science research at Roswell Park with one common goal: "Finding a Cure for Cancer!!!"

LLS's mission is to cure Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and Myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families through our participation in the Buffalo Light the Night on October 7, 2022. Light The Night is LLS's annual walk and fundraising event and the nation's night to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer.

We are hosting a Prize Raffle, to be held at our UAW Local 774 union hall on September 16, 2022, with the proceeds going to both Roswell's Herd of Hope and LLS. At the raffle we are going to be raffling off Buffalo Bills Regular Season Tickets, an 85in Samsung QLED 4K TV, Donated by West Herr of WNY, a Josh Allen autographed helmet, The Delavan Rejuvenation Package which includes Luxury King Room, Dinner For Two At Italian Prime At Salvatore's, Spa & Service Credits and Breakfast, dinner for 2, hotel stay and breakfast at Russell's Steaks Chops and More, and a Dominik Hasek Autographed 16x20 picture to name a few. The success of this raffle will be due to the generosity of the members of UAW Local 774.

The Meat Raffle will once again be held at the Woodlawn Fire Company in Blasdell, NY. Doors open at 5 pm and the first spin will be at 6 pm. The Women's Committee will be having a basket raffle, as well as 50/50 tickets, will be sold. Tickets for admission are going to be \$10 and can be purchased through the union hall during normal business hours. The reason for two separate dates is because of the Buffalo Bills season tickets. The date of the home opener is before the meat raffle therefore we had to have a separate event.

Tickets are \$10 each and on sale now. If you are interested in buying tickets and supporting these two worthy causes please stop by the Union Hall during regular business hours.

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<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"><p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">UAW Local 774 2022 Leukemia Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk and Roswell Parks Herd of Hope Friday, September 16, 2022</p></div>																		
<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 10px;"><p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">RAFFLE TO BENEFIT</p><p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"><i>2022 Leukemia Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk and Roswell Parks Herd of Hope</i></p><p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">The UAW Local 774 Community Services Committee Friday, September 16, 2022 via Facebook Live</p><p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Need not be present to win. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold.</p><p>PRIZES:</p><table border="0" style="width: 100%; font-size: x-small;"><tr><td style="width: 15%;">1st Prize:</td><td>1st choice of (2) 2022 Buffalo Bills Season Tickets OR 85" Class QN90A Samsung QLED 4K Smart TV (Donated by West Herr)</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Prize:</td><td>2nd choice of (2) 2022 Buffalo Bills Season Tickets OR 85" Class QN90A Samsung QLED 4K Smart TV (Donated by West Herr)</td></tr><tr><td>3rd Prize:</td><td>Josh Allen Eclipse Autographed Helmet Beckett Certified (Donated by Community Services Committee)</td></tr><tr><td>4th Prize:</td><td>Delavan Hotel Rejuvenation Spa Package (Overnight Stay, Dinner, Spa Credit + Breakfast) (Donated by Jeanne LoHouse)</td></tr><tr><td>5th Prize:</td><td>Spa package at Cortos Spa Massage, Manicure, Pedicure, and Facial (Donated by Russell's Steaks Chops and More)</td></tr><tr><td>6th Prize:</td><td>Russell's Steaks Chops and More The Grand Package (Donated by Russell's Steaks Chops and More)</td></tr><tr><td>7th Prize:</td><td>Jim Kelly and Josh Allen Passing of the Torch Corn Hole Set</td></tr><tr><td>8th Prize:</td><td>Dominik Hasek 16x20 Autographed photo JSA Certified (Donated by Bases Loaded)</td></tr></table></div> <div style="text-align: right; padding-top: 10px;">  </div>			1st Prize:	1st choice of (2) 2022 Buffalo Bills Season Tickets OR 85" Class QN90A Samsung QLED 4K Smart TV (Donated by West Herr)	2nd Prize:	2nd choice of (2) 2022 Buffalo Bills Season Tickets OR 85" Class QN90A Samsung QLED 4K Smart TV (Donated by West Herr)	3rd Prize:	Josh Allen Eclipse Autographed Helmet Beckett Certified (Donated by Community Services Committee)	4th Prize:	Delavan Hotel Rejuvenation Spa Package (Overnight Stay, Dinner, Spa Credit + Breakfast) (Donated by Jeanne LoHouse)	5th Prize:	Spa package at Cortos Spa Massage, Manicure, Pedicure, and Facial (Donated by Russell's Steaks Chops and More)	6th Prize:	Russell's Steaks Chops and More The Grand Package (Donated by Russell's Steaks Chops and More)	7th Prize:	Jim Kelly and Josh Allen Passing of the Torch Corn Hole Set	8th Prize:	Dominik Hasek 16x20 Autographed photo JSA Certified (Donated by Bases Loaded)
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Thank you for your continued support,

John Orsini, Chairperson
Jeanne LoHouse, Co-Chairperson
Community Services Committee, UAW Local 774

GM Plant Open House

The GM Plant Open House is scheduled for September 9th 2022. More information is to follow. Check the UAW Local 774 Website and Facebook page for updates.

UAW International Officer Elections

The UAW Referendum that was held in 2021, established new procedures for electing International Officers of the UAW. UAW members now have the opportunity to directly vote for the leaders they chose.

The 2022 UAW International Officer Elections will be conducted by secret mail in ballots. The Court-Appointed Monitor will supervise the election according to the new rules set forth and the methods for the elections.

The monitor and the IEB are working together to ensure all eligible members can vote. Ballot packages will be mailed between the middle of October 2022 until October 31, 2022.

All UAW members in good standing as well as retired members are eligible to vote. Your packet will be issued by the Merriam River Group (MRG), and they will distribute, collect, and tabulate the votes. Please make sure your mailing address is correct at UAW Local 774 Union hall.

The offices that will be filled by this vote are: International President, Secretary Treasurer, 3 International Vice Presidents and 9 Regional Directors. The UAW delegates to the Constitutional Convention, (Local 774's Delegates Wence Valentin III, Cleveland Jones Jr., and Roberta Gainer) will be a part of the nomination process.

To have your mail-in vote counted, it must be received by November 28, 2022. I highly encourage you to not only vote, but to mail your ballot no later than November 18 to ensure they get delivered on time.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR UPDATED MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS INFORMATION TO YOUR LOCAL UNION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ADVISE YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME. IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER WHO HAS RECENTLY JOINED THE UAW, YOU MUST MAKE SURE YOUR LOCAL UNION HAS YOUR INFORMATION. IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE UNION AND WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO IMMEDIATELY REMEDY THAT SITUATION, INCLUDING CURING ANY DUES DELINQUENCIES, TO HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

For more information on the Rules and Requirements, please visit uawmonitor.com/elections. We have to participate in the process. With this historic change, your vote truly counts. For more information on the Rules and Requirements, please [visit uawmonitor.com/elections](http://uawmonitor.com/elections). We have seen small numbers at the voting polls lately and I really encourage you to exercise your right to vote and to participate in the process. With this historic change, your vote truly counts.

Important Upcoming Dates and Events.

- Monday July 25 – Thursday July 28, 2022 - UAW 38th Constitutional Convention
- Saturday, August 20, 2022.- 20th Annual Puerto Rican and Hispanic Day Parade of WNY (Looking for Volunteers)
- Saturday August 27, 2022 - UAW Local 774 Family Picnic at Six Flags Darien Lake
- Monday September 5, 2022 - Labor Day Holiday
- Friday September 9, 2022 - GM Plant Open House (More Info to follow)
- Friday September 16, 2022 - Community Services Committee Raffle to Benefit Roswell Park & LLS
- Saturday September 17, 2022 - Defensive Driving Course, Contact Ken Ryan (716) 861-4896
- Saturday September 24, 2022 - Community Services Committee Meat Raffle at Woodlawn Fire Company
- Tuesday October 11, 2022 – Retiree Chapter Meeting at 1:00 pm.

In Solidarity
/s/ Wence Valentin III, President - UAW Local 774