



**United Auto Workers**



# Local 865

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UAW Local 865

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## Toys For Tots Success!

The Local 865 Veteran's Committee would like to thank you for once again making their annual *United States Marine Corps Toys For Tots* drive a success. Along with the **two truckloads** of new and unwrapped toys that were donated, **\$5,292** was raised during the gate drive.

Our Veteran's Committee used the \$5,292 to purchase an **additional 478 toys** from K-Mart. The Veteran's Committee delivered these toys to the United States Marine Corps Reserve who will distribute them to families in the Quad City area.

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We hope that you and your family have a safe and happy Christmas Shutdown. As a reminder, the Union Hall will be closed from Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Normal hours will resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Although the Hall will be closed during that period, the answering service will be checked throughout shutdown. If there is an emergency related to your benefits, please call **(309)755-5273** and leave a message with a number to contact you.

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## Local 865 Community Service Committee Coat Drive

A big thank you goes out to those of you that donated items for our Community Service Committee's coat drive. This was the first year the Committee has organized a coat drive and they plan to build upon it by making it an annual event. Along with around **50 coats** that were donated, there were gloves, hats, and blankets that were also collected.

**15 Coats** were donated to *Nikki's Children's Pantry*. Her organization has been active for 5 years and has helped over 775 children along with many adults in the Quad Cities. There will be a story on Nikki and her efforts that will air soon on WQAD.

[Follow her on Facebook to see how you can contribute to her efforts to help area Children.](#)



**17 Coats** were also donated to Christian Care for victims of domestic violence in the Quad Cities.

The remainders of the coats were donated to the Coats for Kids program at Burke Cleaners. Many items were donated to the victims of the tornado that struck the Washinton/Pekin Illinois area as well.

A special thank you goes out to Desmond Hardaway and Josh Saunders for their efforts in organizing our first coat drive!



**Christmas Skating Party!**



**It was great to see everyone that attended the Local 865 Children's Skate party. Seeing the happy faces as they talked to Santa, came out of the laser tag area, skated circles around most of the adults, or won one of the many prizes is a reminder of what the UAW Family is about. Thank you to the Local 865 Recreation Committee for all of their hard work in organizing this event.**



**More pictures will be added to our website: [uaw865.org](http://uaw865.org)**



## **UAW Dues rate to be discussed at this year's Constitutional Convention.**

In a meeting last month with UAW reps from all over the country and International UAW leadership, we heard lengthy reports from all sectors of our union. As the economy has slowly inched away from recession, our union has been growing. The auto sector continues to rebound adding jobs to UAW represented factories nationwide.

It's possible that at the UAW Constitutional convention in June, elected delegates may vote on a dues increase. Our union hasn't raised dues since the late 1960's. In 1979 we had over 1.5 million members and currently are less than 1/3 of that number.

The UAW has spent tons of time, effort and money in courtrooms with state and municipal governments, corporations like CASE and others over contracts negotiated years ago that promised to take care of retirees in the sunset of their lives because they pillaged their retirement funds in some cases and just plain don't want to pay them anymore as is the situation at CASE IH. With 600,000 retirees currently and this happening more and more, the UAW is sure to have huge legal fees in the future fighting to keep what we won in the past.

All the above made for a significant drop in dues paid and received by local unions across the country. As factories and union halls close, the international UAW has seen major income losses as well. In order to adapt, clerical staff in Detroit were laid off and offered early retirement. The UAW has dropped an International Vice President and plan to propose more cost saving initiatives at the June Convention.

Currently, the increase that's being considered is to go from 2 hours of average earnings per month to 2.5 hours monthly. Again, this will be decided at the constitutional convention in Detroit this June.

The increase, if passed, may go straight to our strike fund and quite frankly, the strike fund is of major concern at this point. Between 2015 and 2017, current contracts at Ford, GM, Chrysler, Dana, Mitsubishi, Case, Caterpillar Fiat and ours of course will all expire. That's a lot of potential for costly strikes.

Additionally, right to work legislation was passed in Michigan last December. While still being fought over in court, the potential impact must be considered. 33% of our union's active members call Michigan their home. They tell you that right to work legislation is to help workers. Really, it's about defunding the unions that workers themselves form for their own benefit.

This issue was talked about at the combined November/December membership meeting. The next scheduled membership meetings are Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will have nominations for Convention Delegates that will be potentially voting on this issue at the June UAW Constitutional Convention.

Please attend future monthly membership meetings for more discussion on this issue.



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***Congratulations to our  
December retirees!***

**Vicki Selhost**

**Thomas DeMarlie**

*There have been roughly 300  
retirements since October 2009.*

“There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.”

**-Walter Reuther**

| Total Active Membership |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| <u>1921</u>             |       |
| K008                    | 760   |
| F002                    | 520   |
| V020                    | 101   |
| V002                    | 101   |
| C005                    | 67    |
| C006                    | 58    |
| D005/D006               | 6     |
| L005                    | 51    |
| Q001/Q002               | 20    |
| M026                    | 15    |
| R005                    | 23    |
| R009                    | 4     |
| R020                    | 27    |
| R037                    | 8     |
| T001                    | 22    |
| T010                    | 9     |
| U001                    | 57    |
| U010                    | 7     |
| 000                     | 49    |
| Retired                 | 1,593 |