



United Auto Workers



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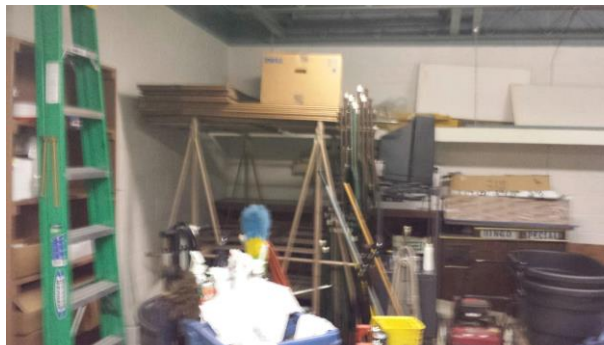
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Please excuse the length of time since the last Newsletter was published. The time normally spent on keeping up with the Newsletter has been spent in establishing and maintaining our new Food Program.

For those of you that haven't heard, UAW Local 865 has partnered up with United Way of the Quad Cities and has turned the old catchall storage room located off of the auditorium into a well-stocked store in order to help our laid off members and their families.



Unfortunately, these pictures don't do enough to truly show the transformation. The store changes and grows each month. Please feel free to stop in and take a look for yourself as to what it's become!



The hard work that has gone into the planning and implementation of this program has only been surpassed by the generosity of those that have supported it. This program has required a pretty large investment of resources in order to make it what it is.

Those resources have come from the giving of countless individuals. Members of our community, other Local Unions and organizations in the Quad Cities, members of Harvester Management that have donated food, money, and organized their own fundraising drives to help, and most of all the unbelievable support from our active and retired members. Our members dropping off items after they finish up with their grocery shopping, or stopping at the Union Hall or Committee Office to give freely of their hard earned money. Many of them having lived through the same thing back in the 1980's.

It has been above the Us vs. Them (or sometimes Us vs. Us) mentality that we often can't see around. It has been people stepping up to do the right thing when there are no requirements to do anything at all.

What goes around comes around. And while that may not be as true as we'd always like it to be, there's no doubt, that someday, the people that are benefiting from this program now will be the people that are supporting it for others in the future.

Now that the food program is rolling along, there will be more timely updates communicated through the Newsletter. In case anyone's forgotten, our current labor agreement expires in about 8 months. Let's build upon the Solidarity that we've shown each other over the past several months and walk into Bargaining shoulder to shoulder.

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On December 3rd the UAW Local 865 Veterans Committee held their annual Toys for Tots gate drive. Along with several truckloads of new toys that were donated, \$4,946 was collected.

The Veterans Committee used that money to purchase several more truckloads of toys and donated all of them to the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive!

The next Monthly Membership Meeting is on Saturday, January 24th at 9:00am. Regular orders of business.

February's Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28th, at 9:00am.

Your Children/Grandchildren will always be welcome at your monthly Membership Meetings. Even if you don't need to bring them with, consider doing it anyway!

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Congratulations to our recent retirees!

Jimmy Black Brad Lesniewski

David Snyder Robert Cuchra

Brad Marner Dennis Roelens

Danny Gresch Bruce Jones

Mike Fritch

Currently, we have 1,573 retired UAW Local 865 Members.

Total Active Membership	
<u>1,280</u>	
K008	488
F002	355
V020	67
V002	58
C005	52
C006	52
D005/D006	6
L005	27
Q001/Q002	17
M026	3
R005	24
R009	4
R020	25
R037	7
T001	23
T010	9
U001	43
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"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

- Phil Jackson