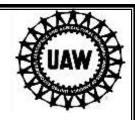


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MEETINGS 2020

July 22, 2020 Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The UAW International Executive Board continues to monitor the current circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the on-going review, the Retired Workers International Area Council (RWIAC) monthly membership meetings and all special events are suspended through the end of the year. Additionally, the Drop-in Center closures will remain in place through year end. We will re-evaluate these decisions in December for the purpose of determining the action to be taken for the year 2021.

Please stay safe, continue to support one another and continue to adhere to the CDC guidelines,

In solidarity,

Rory L. Gamble, President

International Union, UAW

Drop in Center Address:

9430 Seminole Blvd. Seminole, Florida 33772 Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Phone: (727) 548-4380 (to leave message)

Chairman's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you can see in the letter by **UAW President Rory Gamble**, all meetings have been cancelled, and the Drop in Center will remain closed through the end of the year. Hopefully, we will be able to start up again in January.

Vote by Mail

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, I am urging all of our retirees to vote by mail this year. I know many of you have been doing that for years. **Here are some good reasons:**

* **It's Reliable -** 39 states have some form of Vote by Mail. 5 states, vote exclusively by mail. Vote by Mail, and Absentee Voting is the same thing.

* It's Safe - Vote from home, don't risk your health by going to the polls.

* It's Secure - Mail your ballot, or drop it off at the Supervisor of Elections drop box.

* **Avoid Long Lines -** Polling places could be changed, and lines could be hours long, due to a shortage of poll workers. Florida is already having trouble getting poll workers because of the pandemic. (most of them are seniors like us)

* You Can Track Your Ballot - When you vote by mail, you can track your ballot on the Supervisor of Elections web site. You can tell when it is received, and when it is counted. (vote by mail ballots are counted before same day voting is counted)

Stay safe! We will get through this! God Bless you all!

In solidarity,

Ray Davis, Chairman



This year, we have a real great chance to elect a President, retain the House, and take the Senate. V-CAP dollars are used to support labor friendly candidates. This election will shape the direction our country is heading, for years to come. Let's all do our part: Register to vote, Contribute to V-Cap, and Get out the vote! Our future depends on it!

If you would like to be included in our "monthly meeting reminder" email, please email me at <u>davisrc11@aol.com</u>, and I will include you in our Florida Sun Coast list. This monthly email is sent in a "blind copy" mode, so others will not see your email address. I respect your privacy, and only mail monthly meeting reminders, or official UAW announcements. ×

I urge all of you to get updated on your dues. We will even pay the postage for you if you contact us for a card. By the way, it is necessary to fill out a new card to increase your dues from \$2 to \$3.

If you are not on payroll deduction, and pay your dues by check, you should mail them to the UAW Retired Workers Department, 8000 E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit Michigan, 48214. Make the check payable to: UAW Retired Workers Dues Fund.

