



Sun Valley Council Retired Workers- UAW Region 8 3rd Quarter Newsletter 2022



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2022 Fall Meetings

September 21, 2022 – United Health Care and BC/BS representatives. Discussion on potluck

October 19, 2022 – Trust presentation, Davis Vision, Delta Dental, TruHearing, BC/BS and United Health Care

November 16, 2022 – requests have been put in for health care representatives

December 21, 2022 – Christmas party

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at:

Church of the Beatitudes - 555 West Glendale Avenue - Phoenix, AZ 85021-8763

July 25-28 the 38th UAW Constitutional Convention was held in Detroit. In accordance with the results of the UAW Referendum held in the fall of 2021, the International Officers of the UAW will no longer be elected by Convention delegates, but rather through Union-wide direct elections in which UAW members will cast votes directly for nominated Candidates. The 2022 UAW International Officer Election will be conducted by secret, mail-in ballot in the fall of 2022. The offices to be filled through the election are President, International Secretary Treasurer, three (3) International Vice Presidents, and nine (9) Regional Directors The nominations for these positions were made at the 38th Constitutional Convention

The Direct Voting System was passed with just 14% of our members voting last fall.

Did you receive your ballot last fall? Do you know a Retiree who didn't?

There were thousands of returned ballots that were un-deliverable for this election; you need to update your mailing address with your local Union. Your address cannot be shared by the Medical Benefit Trust or the company you retired from with the UAW Retired Workers Department. Only open Locals can update your address. If your Local is closed, or you are not sure send us an email: SVUAW@AOL.COM. Your name, DOB and last 4 of SS# will be needed. If your Local is open a phone number will be supplied to you, if it's closed your address information will be passed on to the Retiree Dept.

Important Dates and Numbers for the upcoming Election

July 25-28	UAW Constitutional Convention, candidates will be nominated
October 17	First date that ballots will be mailed to members
October 24	Second mailing of ballots to members
November 11	Last date that replacement ballots may be requested
November 28	Deadline for all return ballots to be received by the designated Post Office, or Postal Facility

Federal Monitor Website: www.uawmonitor.com/elections, uawmonitor-election@jenner.com

Federal Monitor phone: (212) 303 –2529

UAW Retired Workers Dept.: (313) 926–5822, (313) 926–5640

UAW Region 8: (615) 443–7654

Make sure you return your ballot!

This election is very important for UAW Retirees. Who you elect can quite possibly affect your benefits, and our retiree structure. We have great benefits through our UAW Medical Benefits Trust. “Did you know that the UAW IEB appoints five members of the board of the VEBA?” They along with the independent (non-UAW) members of that board, decide what our benefits will be. The existence of our Retiree Councils, and our Drop-in Centers are determined by our International Officers. We presently have dedicated Regional Retiree Representatives that attend our meetings and assist our retirees. All of these are issues for retirees to consider when they vote.

If you have any questions concerning the election, or the process, feel free to contact me at (623) 465-8969 or call any of the numbers listed above.

UAW RETIREE Medical Benefits Trust – You should have received information by mail on the upcoming changes to Benefits. Please make sure that you open and read this information. AETNA is being replaced by United HealthCare Group. Express Scripts is being replaced by Optum Rx.

There are going to be Phone-in sessions, In-person meetings or a webinar that you can attend. If you have any questions about your plan options, or you need to update your contact information, call Retiree Health Care Connect (RHCC) at 866-637-7555, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm, Eastern Time. You can also visit Uawtrust.org

The Trust will be at our October meeting with a presentation on the upcoming changes and will be available to answer any questions.

Authorization cards for retiree dues, associate membership, that include the monthly dues increase to \$3 are available. If you would like to fill out a card one can be sent to you, send your request by email to svuaw@aol.com or call the Service Center (480-899-7394) and leave a message with your name and phone number.

UAW retired members finance their own structure through voluntary retiree dues. We will even pay the postage for you if you contact us for a card. You must 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 (\$36 per yr.), you should mail them to the - UAW Retired Workers Department, 8000 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214 Make the check payable to: UAW Retired Workers Dues Fund

***Our Drop-in Center that was in Chandler AZ is closed, however, you can still call 480-899-7394.**

A recorded message will give you updated information on the next upcoming meeting

For any questions, leave a message with your name and phone number.

If you would like to be included in our "MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER" and important emails, please send an email along, with your name to - SVUAW@AOL.com . I will include you on the email list for these reminders, which are sent in "blind copy". I respect your privacy and I only mail monthly meeting reminders, updates, or official UAW announcements.

In solidarity,

Vivian Decker, Chairwoman

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Make a call to be sure that all of your personal information is up to date, life and health insurance

<http://uawregion8.net> – visit Region 8 web site for information on the Region, States that are covered by Region 8 and each State local unions and links to other information sites.

EMAIL

Updated information is sent to members if I have your email address. If you would like to receive these reminders send an email so you can be added to our list. Your email address is for Retiree information only.

The official Sun Valley Council email address is: SVUAW@AOL.COM

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There's a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls.

*–Walter Reuther, UAW
Constitutional Convention
1970*

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS and WEBSITES

RETIREE HEALTH CARE CONNECT- (RHCC) 866-637-7555
www.benefitsweb.com/rhcc.html

UAW Trust 866-637-7555 WWW.UAWTRUST.ORG

Ford – STELLANTIS (formerly FCA/ Chrysler) – General Motors

AETNA 855-406-4062

www.aetnamedicare.com/uawtrust/en/index.html

Silver Sneakers - www.silversneakers.com

Blue Cross/Blue Shield - 877-832-2829 www.bcbsm.com

Davis Vision- 888-234-5164 www.davisvision.com

Delta Dental- 800-524-0149 www.deltadental.com

Express Scripts - 866-662-0274 www.express-scripts.com

Legal Service Plan - 800-482-7700 www.uawlegalservices.com

Truhearing -844-394-5420 www.truhearing.com/UAWTrust

United Auto Workers- www.UAW.ORG

LIFE INSURANCE and Pension CONTACT NUMBERS

New FORD MetLife - 833-552-FORD (3673)

New Name STELLANTIS (formerly FCA/CHRYSLER) - 888-409-3300

GM METLIFE - 888-543-3461

Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213 www.SSA.gov

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) www.medicare.gov

MyVA411- 800-698-2411 www.va.gov