

RETIREE CHAPTER NEWS

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Karl Dyksterhouse, Retiree Chapter Chair

The Executive Board and members of the U.A.W. Local 730 Retirees Chapter express their deepest sympathy to the family of Harold Teeter as they mourn the passing of their dear husband, father, grandfather, and our dear brother, Harold. After five long weeks in Spectrum Hospital with 90% of that time spent in the intensive care unit, Harold was transferred to Trillium Woods, a Hospice Care facility on Saturday October 24. While Harold had come a long ways from his weeks in intensive care, his heart was severely damaged with the realization that the next heart event could very well be fatal. That event occurred early Tuesday morning October 27. Harold has been an elected officer of Local 730 since the late 60's serving as its Financial Secretary until his retirement. He has been an officer of the Retirees Chapter since his retirement and served as its Chairman for many years. Visitation and funeral services will be at the Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ at 4010 Kalamazoo SE. Please keep Marge and their family in your prayers. Times for visitation and funeral services are as follows:

Visitation	Thursday, October 29, 2009	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Funeral	Friday, October 30, 2009	11:00 am

On a much more cheerful note, congratulations are in order for two of our retirees, Dorothy Vance and Don Cumings. At the annual Region 1D Area 1 Excellence Awards Dinner held on Friday October 16, Dorothy was awarded the female recipient for the retiree volunteer excellence of the year and Don was the male recipient for the award. While both Dorothy and Don have many areas that they volunteer in and give their time (and sometimes money) to, Dorothy's main passion besides the retirees is the Girl Scouts and Don's has been Habitat for Humanity. Our hats are off to the both of them and the next time you see either of them give them your congratulations and say thank you. They both deserve it and they both are living proof that you don't have to retire to the rocking chair.

Requests for tickets for our Christmas dinner have been coming in at a brisk rate. We are limiting it to the first 325 requests, so if you haven't sent back your order form please do it soon. This could be the first year we will have to turn people away because we are filled up.

We are planning on having Sue Levy from the International Union come and speak to us at our October meeting on the 29th. I asked her to address the issue of the health care plans being discussed in Washington as they relate to our health care VEBA that takes affect January 1, 2010. I hope you can make it.

In solidarity,
Karl