

President's Report – September 2009

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Greetings Members of Local 730,

I hope everybody had a nice Labor Day weekend.

Benefits Conference

The Benefits Conference was held in Cincinnati, Ohio August 23 – 29, 2009. They went over changes in health care benefits and how they will affect your family. After sitting through a couple of sessions it just amazed me how much information our benefit reps must know to serve you, and especially within the last few years with all of the changes that have been made. My hat goes off to them for a job well done.

VEBA packets will be mailed out to the retirees starting in November.

Jim King, UAW Benefits expert guru retired September 1st. He will be greatly missed by all of those in Benefits, including his GM salary counterparts.

Finances

Our bottom line was approximately \$20,000 in the red this month. However if you take out the major heavy hitting expenses (property taxes, GVLN, Focus On Labor, and the last of the scholarship payments) we did very well.

In the future we won't have these expenditures except for property taxes.

Health & Safety Representative

We received official notification from the International Union that Mike Mansfield was appointed to this position. Congratulations Mike and we wish you the very best on your new assignment.

Snow Plowing Bids

Snow plowing bid applications for the 2009-10 season are available at the union hall. Deadline for submitting your bid is 3:30 p.m. October 1, 2009.

Trustee Bid Sale

You can bid on the items up for sale at the September membership and retiree meetings. The trustee bid sale will close at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2009. Items must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 28, 2009.

As of October 1st we will no longer have to rent storage units. This will be a savings of \$400 per month.

Transition Center

The Transition Center in the plant is still going strong. If you need their help, please stop by or call 616-246-2945.

Peer to Peer Program

The final two peers, Larry Givens and Mike Carlson, were brought back to work with our membership to the end of the year. Welcome back guys, we look forward to your expertise in helping our members.

Upcoming Events

APRI Dinner

September 26, 2009

Retirees Excellence Award Dinner

October 16, 2009.