

# UAW NEWS



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Our ways of communication are coming together, the website and texting program is off to a good start. Please encourage other members to join the texting initiative, by texting the words 1853 followed by the company you work for to 99795 (example 1853gm, 1853ryder, etc.). The Union meetings will continue to be available via Zoom. The capacity will be increased to allow more members to join in December. Zoom participants will be able to listen but will not be able to vote or ask questions. This option is being made available for those members who do not feel comfortable in larger gatherings. If you want a voice in voting you will have to attend the meeting in person. Our next Union Meeting is Dec.6th, was approved by the membership on Oct 26th union meeting.



## President Report

# 1853

We are asking members who come to the hall to please wear a mask. Also, if you are here to work out please wear it to class or the workout room, temperatures will be taken.

Monday, November 16, 2020 the American Red Cross Blood will be holding a drive in the Banquet Hall from 12-6 pm. You can sign up in advance at [www.redcross.org/give-blood.html](http://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html)

A grievance handling class was held on November 12th for all the newly elected or appointed committee members. We would like to thank Jason Thomas from the Region for the great class.

Please join me in welcoming our newest brothers and sisters from MPS to the 1853 family. MPS members work in paint are now an amalgamate of our Local

Finally, if you are a new retiree and have not yet picked up your Local 1853 retirement watch, please stop by or call the Union hall to see if yours has come in.

I hope you and your families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

*In Solidarity,*

*Cathy Busbee*

## 1853 SHOP REPORT

• With all the construction underway on site, we ask that you please be aware of your surroundings, while keeping yourself and team members safe. To ease traffic flow in the GA1 and GA2 parking lots the speed bumps have been removed.

• Production for the Vehicle side of the Plant will be down the first week of January 2021. This will be considered as a temporary layoff. The UAW Benefit representatives will have instructions on how to file unemployment. Filing information will also be available on the Local's website. (Skilled Trades are not affected). The last day of work for production employees is at the end of shift on December 23rd, with a report back date of Monday January 11, 2021 for Vehicle and January 4th for GPS.

• A Quality Performance payment of \$500 (Doc.11 in the National Agreement) will be paid week ending December 13, 2020. The eligibility date for bonus is November 15, 2020.

• All L-34's that were on layoff status have been returned to work.

• There are two Saturday's scheduled for December, the 5th and the 12th.

## LOCAL 1853 Women's Committee



Sherry Creps, Women' Committee Chair, Cathy Busbee, President Local 1853, Beverly Calvert, Women's Committee Co-Chair, Precinda Mendes, nurse on Covid floor night shift.

Local 1853 Women's Committee is having a busy month! We have raised over \$600 for the Nurses on the Covid Floor at Maury Regional Hospital. These are some hard-working nurses. One in particular is Precinda Mendes who works the night shift. She is the daughter of a UAW Local 1853 member. The funds will be used to buy them snacks and lunches for their 12-hour shifts.

We are also getting ready for the Giving Season. Please support us in these activities. School supplies will be handed out this Sunday in the Banquet Hall. Come out and see us, the supplies will be bagged.

Next, we will be collecting money to buy turkeys for 3 different food banks. These food banks helped many of us during the strike last year. To give please see one the members of the Women's committee or drop your donation by the Union Hall.  
*Sherry Creps, Chair*



# Photos from October 25<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat



photos by Brian Costantino



## Leadec Contract Talks Update



I have been in negotiations with the International UAW to try to get the best contract possible. We are in talks weekly over video calls to bring issues to resolutions. I am hoping to resolve these issues very soon. Your understanding and patience is highly appreciated, as I want this to be settled just as badly as the people I was elected to represent. *Larry Poole, Leadec Unit Chair*

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Local 1853 Union Meeting

The next Union meeting will be held December 6, 2020 at 2pm in the Banquet Hall. Please remember that elected and appointed members are required to attend two out of three Union meetings. Make plans to attend, your voice matters! The Zoom invite will be texted the day of the meeting for those who would like to view the meeting.

### Local 1853 Retirees Chapter Meeting

Local 1853 Retirees Chapter have canceled meetings until further notice.

### Local 1853 Veterans Committee

The Veterans Committee meets at 11am the day of the Local Union Meeting. Hotdogs are served and everyone is



invited to attend. Hotdogs, cokes and chips are also for sale during the union meeting for \$4.

### Retirement Planning Class

*Investing Realities - Making the most of what you have in today's environment* course will be offered at the Union Hall on 12/7/20 at 2pm & 4pm. RSVP @ 615-349-2160 ext 3 or [ted.macri@ampf.com](mailto:ted.macri@ampf.com). Spouses are welcome.



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