

# UAW NEWS



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I would like to start by wishing everyone Happy Easter. Please enjoy your negotiated 4-day weekend off with your families and if you are traveling be safe. Don't forget why we celebrate Easter.

I'm happy to report our Brothers and Sisters at Leadec have a new 3 year agreement, they voted on Sunday March 14th to accept the contract by 61.2 %. It's been a long time coming. I'd like to thank your Chairman Larry Poole for his dedication to serve the members of the Leadec unit. He stood his ground on what the membership wanted till the very end. The membership made the decision to accept the 3-year agreement. I would also like to wish Larry and his wife Joan a very happy and healthy retirement. Thank you both for your many years of service.

The first series of online UAW classes have ended. Thanks to all the members who signed-up and completed these informative courses. If you have signed-up for these classes please don't forget, as we have had some members that have yet to log in. Also, the problem with the phone app has been corrected. You will need to go to your App Store and update the TalentLMS app. The next series 'Standing Together' for most of you will start in April, the series runs 4/19/2021 through 5/02/2021.

Our Union Label committee has been working hard on getting quotes to get the best deals for our members to open the UNION store here at the hall. The first order of shirts should be on the way in the next few weeks. They are still working out the details of hours of operation. More to come!

The Well, one of the non-profits our Local supports is having their spring fundraiser 'A Night Under the Stars' concert on Friday, May 14 at 7pm. They need volunteers, it's a great way to give back and hear some awesome music too. They still have tickets available. Please support by taking your family and friends to this outside concert. Some great food trucks will also be at the event; Chang Noi, Music City Brisket, Music City Gyros, Puckett's Trolley, The Grilled Cheeserie, Chick Fil-A, Bill's Hot Fish & Chicken, Jordan's BBQ, Il Forno Pizza, Ooh La La Shaved Ice, Ace's Kettle Corn, Bradley's Creamery, Tropical Smoothies, Driving You Donuts, Nashville Squeeze and Fully Leaded Coffee

To get tickets: <https://bit.ly/3ugS1B0> To volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3rCDf6d>

And finally, we are looking for any UAW members who owns a business. We are creating a directory of all UAW members businesses so our members can help support one another. Please email me your information, [president1853@gmail.com](mailto:president1853@gmail.com).

*In Solidarity,*

*Cathy Busker*



## President Report



## Your Vote Matters

## Spring Hill Elections

Perhaps the most basic act of citizenship is participation in the electoral process by voting. Many Americans think voting to be fruitless and unlikely to make a difference. Try telling that to anyone that voted in the November election from either side. Most elections are not as closely decided as that one, but that does not mean that your vote does not matter. The very act of voting is a form of civic responsibility and the exercise of a right for which many American citizens had to fight. For many Americans, voting is their only form of civic engagement.

Your vote is one of the few opportunities that you have to weigh in and express your preference on the direction of government, thereby recognizing the legitimacy of government through the participation in the process. Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.

Most of us have all heard the expression, "If you don't vote, don't bitch". However crude you may think that saying is it rings true with many.

Studies have shown that fewer than 15% of eligible voters turn out to vote for mayors, council members, and other local offices. Low turnout means that important local issues are determined by a limited group of voters, making a single vote even more statistically meaningful.

With all that being said, please know that Spring Hill is holding elections for Mayor, and Alderman in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4. Early Voting began March 19th and ends April 3rd at the Winchester Community Building, 563 Maury Hill Street, Spring Hill. Election day is April 8th at your polling place.

Read, research and talk to others to find out what you can about the candidates that are running for these offices. After all it is your responsibility.

# TN AFL-CIO Labor Council Annual Eddie Bryan Scholarship



The Eddie Bryan Scholarship is open to high school graduates age 17-21 entering his or her first year of study in a state accredited college or university with the objective of obtaining a minimum of a two-year degree (not vocational schools). The applicant must be a member of, or birth-child, legally adopted child or step-children, whose parent or grandparent is a member in good standing, of a local union in good standing with the Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council.

To apply the application and a typed or hand written, five hundred-word essay on "What Labor Unions Mean to My Family" must be mailed to the TN AFL-CIO Labor Council before May 17, 2021. 1st place is a \$5,000 scholarship and 2nd place is a \$2000 scholarship.

Upon receipt of the student's application and essay, the receiver will assign a number that will be clearly marked on each page of the application and the essay. Do not put names on the essay. Essays with names written on them will not be accepted. Full details and rules of the contest are on the application, which may be picked up at the Union Hall or downloaded at <http://tnaflcio.org/scholarships/>.



## Summers, Rufolo & Rogers Annual Labor Union Scholarship

The law firm Summers, Rufolo & Rogers based in Chattanooga, as a show of appreciation and support for the local labor community, is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship. This annual scholarship was designed as a way of showing our support by recognizing and rewarding an outstanding student and relative of a local labor union member.

The scholarship is open to Union member's families in good standing, the deadline for the scholarship application is May 28, 2021. Copies of the application are available at the Hall or on their website under the "Firm News" tab at [www.summersfirm.com](http://www.summersfirm.com).

## Donations Needed



The Center of Hope located at 110 E 7th St, Columbia, is in need of donations from our brother and sisters. The Center provides innovative, compassionate, and comprehensive support to those affected by domestic and sexual violence while increasing community awareness and education. Their hotline 931-351-8580 is answered 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

A donation wish list box has been set up at the Union Hall on the gym side by the elevator for the following items: **Most Significant Needs:** NEW Undergarments (panties, boxers, briefs, bras, diapers), Socks, Peanut Butter, Mayo (small jars), Tuna, High-Efficiency Laundry Detergent, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Antibiotic Ointment, African American Shampoo & Products, Tampons. **Household items:** Pillows, Kitchen, Bath & Hand Towels, Wash Cloths, Dish Cloths, Comforter and Sheets, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Storage Containers, Light bulbs. **Food:** Coffee & Tea, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Tuna, Peanut Butter & Jelly. **General items:** Battery Operated Lantern, First Aid Kits, Utensils/Silverware, Dishes, Plunger, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Hair Spray, Sponges. **Seasonal items:** Window air conditioners, Flip flops, Sandals, Swimsuit, Short Sleeved Tops, Shorts Capris, Sunscreen, Any gently used clothing for adults and children (boys and girls).

The Center will also accept the donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays unless otherwise arranged. Please call 931-840-5414 between 8am and 5pm, to make other delivery arrangements.

## Union News E-Mail & Text Distribution List



To receive the most up-to-date information from the Union, please sign up to be on the email distribution list at [www.uawlocal1853.org](http://www.uawlocal1853.org) under 'Keep Informed'. To opt-in to the texting program, send a text to 99795 with the words 1853 and the name of the company you work for, examples would be '1853gm', '1853ryder', etc. These two avenues will help our members to stay on top of important information from your Local Union, sign-up today.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Local 1853 Union Meeting

The next Union meeting will be held April 25, 2021 at 2pm in the Banquet Hall. The March meeting has been suspended due to the work schedule. Please remember that elected and appointed members are required to attend two out of three Union meetings. Make plans to attend, your voice matters! To Zoom the meeting we are requiring a pre-registration sign

up to abate any privacy concerns, and keep the sanctity of our meetings closed. A text will be sent out to all members for registration. You will be required to sign-in to join the Meeting.

### Local 1853 Retirees Chapter Meeting

Local 1853 Retirees Chapter will hold their next Meeting at the Banquet Hall Monday, April 12 at 10am.



### Retirement Planning Class

**SOCIAL SECURITY**  
*Maximizing Social Security - Transforming Social Security into a Winning Strategy* course will be offered at the Union Hall on 04/12/21 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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