



LOCAL 95 NEWSLETTER

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**2020 Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration
January 25, 2020
Alice Wilson presented UAW Service Award**



Fellow Local 95 Executive Board Members on hand to congratulate Alice were (L - R)
Tom Brien, Larry McRoberts, Judy McRoberts, Tim Silha, Ron Splan

Alice Wilson is an exemplary community volunteer. She is a champion of civil rights, equal rights and social justice. When hands and voice are needed, Alice's selfless involvement demonstrate the values of Martin Luther King, Jr. Her benevolence and empathy drive her to participate in the initiatives that improve the quality of life for our community members.

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Contact us . . Phone (608) 755-5120 Fax (608) 752-2531 Support Staff: Donna Dutcher Maintenance: Jack Dutcher	President Tim Silha		#7 BHCCU Desiree Caswell
	Vice President Ron Splan		
	Recording Sec. Judy McRoberts		#8 Provisur Joe Kipper
	Financial Sec. Alice Wilson		
	Trustees: Diane Bradley		#9 MCE Sandy Welch
	Frank Pete		#12 Educators Brittney Martin
	Larry McRoberts		
	Sgt-at-Arms: Sean Petit		#15 Abitec Brandon Johnson
	Guide: Bill Breidenstein		
	Retired Workers Tom Brien		#21 TMD John Smith

An Amalgamated Union - Local 95 Represents 6 Very Diverse

- Blackhawk Comm. Credit Union - Unit #7
Credit Union/a full service banking facility.
- Provisur - Unit #8
Manufacturing of Food Processing Systems.
- Mercy Clinic East - Unit #9
Family medical facility
- Educators Credit Union - Unit #12
Credit Union/a full service banking facility
- Abitec Corporation - Unit #15
Speciality ingredients production plant.
- Toledo Molding & Die - Unit 21
Parts supplier for Chrysler Plant Belvidere

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
6 P.M. AT UAW LOCAL 95 HALL
COME SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY!!**

Get Involved . . . Join one of our Standing Committees.

Civil Rights:

Serves to protect members full rights, regardless of religion, race, creed, color, sex, political affiliation, national origin, age or handicap.

Community Service: Bob Ramirez, Chair

Works with community agencies and promotes the Union within the community.

Conservation: Sean Petit, Chair

Works on promoting sportsman and wildlife issues.

Recreation:

Promotes recreation and leisure-time activities for the membership.

Womens Committee: Linda Amundson, Chair

Promote greater understanding of UAW programs within the community.

Veterans Committee: Jim Carlson, Chair

Provide information for veterans & their families. Monitor all legislature pertaining to veterans.

FROM THE DESK OF LOCAL 95 PRESIDENT, TIM SILHA:

Greetings Brothers & Sisters:

I just returned from the National CAP Conference in Washington, D.C., where we discussed at length the important need to support and elect the candidates that share our values and will support legislation that empowers the labor movement and the right to organize. Once again, we journeyed to Capitol Hill to lobby our representatives in the House and Senate about OUR issues and that we would like their support on them.

We have been approached by the employees of SSM/Dean Clinic to discuss their wishes to organize with the UAW and join the Local 95 family. If you know of anyone employed there, please show your support for them and their desire for justice in the work place. I will keep you posted as to what we need to aid these Sisters and Brothers in the quest for a voice at the bargaining table.

Our Local's Triennial elections are approaching. If you believe you could make a difference, you have to get involved. The Official Election schedule (Acceptances, Election & Run-Off, if needed) will be set by our Local 95 Election Committee, approved by the Executive Board & Membership and announced. Per our Local 95 Bylaws: "Any member who has been in continuous good standing in the Local Union for at least twelve (12) months immediately prior to the nomination will be considered as having been nominated in said election." The Executive Board elections will be held in April, and includes President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Trustee (3), Guide, Sergeant-at-Arms, Unit Chairpersons and Chairperson of our Retired Chapter. Elections for Unit Committeepersons and Alternates will take place in May.

There are openings on a number of Standing Committees for anyone that would be interested. Please contact the Hall or your leadership to become involved.

The Local's finances remain stable, even as we continue to maintain the building and grounds, making the necessary upgrades as they become warranted.

MIKE FEIRN ANNOUNCEMENT: We are pleased to announce that the Local will be getting Mike back as a Benefit Rep. on a limited basis. Through the efforts of the International Union and the Region 4 Leadership's negotiations with the Veba Trust, an agreement was reached to secure Mike's services. The details of to what extent we have Mike are still being worked out. Please be patient. As these details are made to the Local, we will certainly share with our Members.

In Solidarity, Tim

MEMO FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER, ALICE WILSON:

It's very important to keep your contact information updated:

Active members with your employer and Local 95 (608-755-5120 Ext. 111).

GM Retirees with the GM Benefits & Service Center (1-800-489-4646) and Medical Trust (866-637-7555) and Local 95.

When Contact information is provided to Local 95, we update our records as well as the International Union UAW's records.

REPORTS FROM UNIT CHAIRS OF LOCAL 95

UNIT 7 BHCCU

Chair: Desiree Caswell

For Blackhawk Community Credit Union we have another exciting year filled with opportunities to do what we do best, give back to our communities we do business in. We are offering 18 scholarship this year for local high school students. We will offer 2 presidential scholarships in honor of our former presidents, Glenn Lea and Patrick McGuire, in the amount of \$2,000 each. The 16 remaining scholarships will be given for \$1,000 each. Applicants will need to provide a 3-minute video or less and the video must be uploaded by March 13th, 20 at www.bhccu.org.

We have bus tours available for credit union members and non-members. Members of the credit union will receive a discount or whatever tour they schedule. First tour of the year is at the Overture Center, in Madison, for the Wicked Musical. The cost to join the fun is \$140 for credit union members. Pricing includes ticket to the musical, dinner and transportation. You can sign up and pay at any branch. Pick-up and drop-off location will be at the Court Street branch in Janesville.

If you're looking for family fun event, join us for Snow Daze Festival sponsored by our newest branch on 75th Street in Kenosha. This event takes place on February 8th from 2 to 5 pm, it includes over 50 ice sculptures on display. One special ice sculpture will have the credit union logo.

We are offering a budget workshop for our members at our Court St. branch on Saturday, April 18th, 930-1130 am. The class will be held in the community room in the basement. The purpose of the class is to answer financial questions members may have with savings, investments and any overall banking needs.

If anyone has questions or needs more information about any events mentioned above please visit www.bhccu.org.

We have begun our Contract negotiations - our next Unit Meeting is Wed., February 19th at 6:15 p.m. Special order of Business: Strike Vote.



UNIT 8 PROVISUR Chair: Joe Kipper

Greetings from Unit 8 / Provisur,

We received some good news from corporate in our annual Provisur town hall meeting this month. Provisur is investing \$9.5 million in the Whitewater facility this year. It will be comprised of \$2.5 million in building renovation and \$7 million in new equipment. That's good news to all of us as the last 10 years saw little investment into our facility compared to the production that went out.

We have several new hires now and some have already expressed their interest in signing a card as soon as they reach their probation period. I'm confident we can get most if not all to come on board as union members.

Friday, January 24th, was the arbitration hearing to settle a termination grievance we have going. Greg Musgrove and Sean Petit from Unit 8 were in attendance along with Brandon Campbell for the Union. I was informed that it went well for our side. We will hear an answer by April 6th, if not before.

REPORTS FROM UNIT CHAIRS OF LOCAL 95

UNIT 9 Mercy Clinic East

Chair: Sandy Welch

Our Committeeperson, Holly Wahl took a new position at another Mercy facility and had to resign her union position with our Unit #9. We thank Holly for her service and wish her well in her new job. We held our Unit 9 Membership Meeting on January 13th and an election for the open spot was held. Toby Bowers was elected. Congrats - we look forward to working with Toby.

Trying to organize a movie night, as well as a "Paint n Sip" night at the Union Hall. We would like to do this with the other Units.

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UNIT 12 EDUCATORS C U

Chair: Brittney Martin

With the new year approaching fast I am getting my resolution list prepared. Getting myself and the unit employees more involved with the Local is #2 on my list. I am aiming for 100% of employees paying dues, attendance at membership meetings and getting two committee people nominated and voted in.

A few of the other chairs and I have been talking about trying to get membership together for game, paint or even movie nights. I am looking forward to these events. It would be nice to meet new members and grow friendships.

All in all, Unit 12 is tame. We keep our heads down and work hard.



UNIT 15 ABITEC CORP

Chair: Brandon Johnson

Sorry, no report. Check us out in our next issue.

REPORTS FROM UNIT CHAIRS OF LOCAL 95

UNIT 21 TOLEDO MOLDING & DIE Chair: John Smith

Before I go into the business aspect of our company, Unit 21 would like to give the thanks that is due. Thank you to all of our organizers. Thank you to our President Tim Silha & Local #95. Thank you to President George Welitschinsky and Local #1268 and thanks to our International Rep Brandon Campbell. All of you really stepped in and helped and are continuously helping. We really appreciate every last one of you all.

For those who may not know what TMD does, we are a plastic injection molding company who makes A surface interior parts for the Jeep Cherokee. Our molds make the plastic shells of the parts for the Cherokee and our employees put different components on the parts at different stations to fully complete the part. The different components are trunk buttons, NVH pads, etc..... We do it all.

Not only is our union fairly new but our company as well. We still have some kinks that need to be worked out in order for us to be as successful as we aspire to be. Being a newer company that just became unionized you can only imagine the struggles management is going through. Transitioning from how they were trained not that long ago to now having to answer to the union before making minor and major decisions has been their biggest struggle. Its still a learning process for them but with time and work they will open their eyes and acknowledge our union. The kinks don't only lie on our management but our members as well. Our members at Unit #21 need to be more united as a whole. We need to be more willing to learn about our union and the benefits if we want to be more successful. We all got the union as one and need to remain as one through it all. Organizing our union wasn't a one person project; it was all of us being a team and we need to stay as that team to the end.

Becoming a union was a huge milestone for our company. All of us are still a work in progress as we are still learning. We appreciate everyone for teaching us and taking them time out of their schedules to help us become a success story. We have overcome a lot of battles to get where we are and because of all the 118 out of 130 of our employees are now at the table and no longer on the menu.

Much Appreciation
John



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services:

- * Red Cross Blood Drive at Local 95 will be on Tues., February 11th from 2-6 p.m.
- * We are asking that you bring a non-perishable food donation to our Blood Drive and we will enter your name in a drawing for a tasty Valentine treat. Drawings every 1/2 hour. We will deliver the food to ECHO and/or Salvation Army.

Veterans:

- * Please remember our service people!
A great time to make a donation to your favorite Veteran's organization.

Women's:

- * Planning continues for a Retiree Seminar. Watch for our date coming soon.

Civil Rights:

- * The 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration was cancelled due to bad weather on Saturday, January 11th . We were able to reschedule and it was held on January 25th. This year's theme was "Dream. Believe. Achieve." The youth in the area always makes this event great.



RETIRED WORKERS OF UAW LOCAL 95

Next Retiree Day:

Thursday, February 27th

Door Prizes

Starts at 10 a.m. with music and refreshments. Lunch at noon. Meeting at 1 p.m. with cards and BINGO to follow. Bring a dish to pass & your own table service.

ALL RETIREES WELCOME!

Future dates are:

March 26th

April 23rd

May 28th

June 25th

July 23rd (Picnic)

August 27th

September 24th

October 22nd

November 19th

December 17th

**February is
American Heart Month**

