

Local 592 Tribune

UAW Region 4 Education Center Damaged by Tornado

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Save the Date

Union Picnic

August 5th

Noon—5pm

SMSF property @

**7625 Kishwaukee Rd
Stillman Valley**

On February 28th an EF-1 tornado ripped through parts of Ottawa, IL and did extensive damage to the UAW Region 4 Education Center called Pat Greathouse Center (PGC). The storm killed one person, destroyed over 60 structures and covered 1.5 miles in 2 minutes with winds of 110mph.

The PGC was purchased in 1949 as a central location for union members in the region to gather together since many communities still had laws or customs that forbade Whites, Blacks and Hispanics from sharing meals together or staying in the same hotel. Having an inclusive meeting place helped foster more solidarity. The property is located along the Illinois River, has 14 acres and is the only regional education center in the UAW. In 1963 after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, the center was renamed to honor him. It stayed that way until 1994

when delegates to a Regional Conference voted to change the name of the center to the Pat Greathouse Education Center in honor of the former Regional Director who secured the property and saw to its establishment.



Photo by Brad Dutcher



According to UAW Assistant Director Region 4 Bradley Dutcher, the hotel part of the PGC is a complete loss after the storm. The clubhouse and garage needed new roofs and

other repairs. For those that have been there, you know there were many big mature trees all throughout the property.

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Presidents Report

By Mike Roth – UAW 592 President

Local Union Elections

Brothers and Sisters, I would like to wish everyone that's running for a position within the Local good luck. It's nice to see some new people hired in the recently taking an interest in the Union by running for office. It's very encouraging to see that type of participation and interest as we continue the Union movement. Elections will be held on Wednesday May 17th, 2017 at the UAW Hall, 112 N. Second St., Rockford, IL 61107. The polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. A run-off election, should one be necessary, will be held on Wednesday May 24th, 2017 at the UAW Hall, 112 N. Second St. Polls will be open from 6:00AM to 6:00PM. Winning candidates will take office at the June 28th, 2017 Membership Meeting.

Jet Engine Group

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to go to Maryland for the Jet Engine Group meeting at the (IAM) Winpisinger Education & Technologies Center. Those in attendance were, Rolls-Royce Canada, LL743 UTAS Windsor Locks CT, LL1746 P&W East Hartford CT, LL700 P&W Middletown CT, and LL912 GE Evendale OH. We collaborated about what's going on in the industry and

how negotiations have gone for LL743 and LL1746. Of particular interest was how UTC is attacking pensions by eliminating the defined pension plan option for new hires and making it a 401K based pension. Being the only option for new hires puts the burden on the employee to manage their pension through the 401K

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savings plan. Even though members which are in the defined pension plan got a bump in their multiplier to \$80 and eliminated the tiered pension for all employees, this was a huge blow to what we know as a benefit Unions are accustomed to. P&W East Hartford was able to negotiate a Company contribution of \$75 per week, in addition to the Company match, for their new hires in the 401K. This was a unique way to still have the Company contribute more money to an employee's pension for the years that they have worked.

The other topic that we discussed was about manufacturing and the effects of technological changes on the industry. By now most people have heard of 3D printing. How could that affect us? Simply, it eliminates some jobs. LL912 GE has seen this with in their Local the past couple of years. They used to manufacture a fuel nozzle for their jet engines and it would take approximately a week to build. Now the Company has a 3D printer that has the capabilities to fabricate this nozzle with powered metal. It can withstand temperatures of 300 degrees and only takes 2 days to make. This new process is called Additive Manufacturing and the Company has all but eliminated the need for this work to be done by bargaining unit members. We as a group are talking about how to proceed in keeping this work as bargaining unit work and we'll be having plenty of discussions in the near future. We always need to be looking forward as technology changes to ensure that we are not left behind. We'll be putting in an information request to UTAS about the 3D printers that we have knowledge of within our facilities very soon and we'll keep you informed as we continue to look into the issue.

In Solidarity,

Mike Roth

Continued Cover Story

Photos courtesy of Region 4 Facebook

Unfortunately, over 50 trees are now lost.

What does the future hold? Well, Mr. Dutcher says some work has already been completed and the Union is working with Ottawa city officials and a Union contractor to rebuild the hotel in time for next spring. Conferences are still taking place in the classroom that was undamaged with delegates staying at hotels in the Ottawa area. There will be chances for members to help out with several 'clean up days' in the future. Please "like" UAW Region 4 on Facebook for updates and news.

In Solidarity,

Editor: Chris Remhof



Local 592 Candidates for Election: 3 yr. Terms

President

- Brian Opsahl
- Mike Roth
- Alton Jackson

Vice President

- Mike Fishe
- ~~Brett Iller~~ (ineligible per Article 38 Section 3 of the Constitution. Must be a member in good standing for 1 year prior to nominations.) Mr. Iller has less than 1 yr seniority.

Recording Secretary

- Mike Rourke
- Mike Petrie

Financial Secretary/ Treasurer

- Greg Kimbrell

Trustee (3 elected)

- Brittany Giddings
- Don Taylor
- Steve Rasmussen
- Dale Vorndran

Sergeant-At-Arms

- No candidate

Guide

- No candidate

Chief Steward

District #1

- Bob Graham

Chief Steward

District #2

- John Loos

Chief Steward

District #3

- Neil Weisensel
- Gilberto Gonzalez

Chief Steward

District #4

- Mike Remhof
- Jeff McCullough

Local 592 Special Notice

- Local Union Elections: Elections will be Wednesday, May, 17th (polls open 6am—6pm). Run-off election, if needed, will be Wednesday, May 24th (polls open 6am—6pm).
- Winning candidates will take office at the June 28th, 2017 Membership meeting.

Veterans Corner

By Greg Kimbrell

As the Veterans Committee Chairperson of our Local I would like to take this time to thank everyone for donating at previous jean drives at Plants 1 and 6. These jeans were able to help around 190 homeless veterans and veterans in need within our local community with a hand up at the Stand Down that was held at the UAW hall. I'm also asking for everyone to consider donating jeans during the next drive which will be held starting in the late summer. I do collect jeans year around, so if you're in the process of doing some spring cleaning at home and have extra jeans please keep us in mind. You can contact me at 815-222-4004 or email me at work to donate.

We also discuss veterans issues at the membership meeting. There is no better way to have your voice heard on any veterans issues than attending our local's membership meeting. It doesn't matter if you're a veteran, our local leadership is always open ears when it comes to veterans. At the May meeting I will be giving a report on the veterans conference that I attended in Ottawa. There's lots of information so please plan on attending and learning about things that are going on in our region when it comes to veterans issues.

The following are some dates and other information that are important within Region 4.

- **August 19th:** Veterans home picnic in Manteno, IL. Please join me in volunteering as many Local
- Unions from Region 4 will be helping. I'll have room for several people if you'd like to carpool.
- **October 27th:** Veterans Stand Down in Rockford at the Mendelssohn Club.

Our Region 4 UAW vet's website has a lot of this information: <http://www.region4uawvets.com/>. Thank you very much for your help.

Upcoming Local 592 Membership meetings:

Wednesday, May 24th. 1pm night shift, 5pm dayshift.

Wednesday, June 28th. 1pm night shift, 5pm dayshift.

Wednesday, July 26th. 1pm night shift, 5pm dayshift.

Attorneys for UAW Region 4

Katz, Freedman, Eagle, Eisenstein, Johnson, and Bareck will be at the Hall on membership days between the night and day shift meetings. You may also contact them at 1-800-444-1525.

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- Seniority lists
- Attendance Policy
- FMLA paperwork
- Short term disability forms

The password for access to the seniority list is: **UAWs1592#**

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Reminder!

A note from the Recording Secretary...

Please remember to notify your union office of any changes of name or address. The number to the union office is

815-962-0600. If you know of other members who have had a change of address within the last year please remind them to notify the union office as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Michael Rourke

Local 592 Recording Secretary

Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

JOHN F. KENNEDY, Aug. 30, 1960



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