



UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR GREEN



While we all enjoyed celebrating America's 250 years, July was another busy month across Region 2B, with important work focused on bargaining support, scholarships, education and training, retirees, facility visits, and anniversary celebrations. Let's start with the ongoing Local 2192 Job and Family Services strike,

Local 2192, JFS - 163 Day Strike

Going on strike is never the goal in negotiations, but sometimes it becomes necessary to secure a fair outcome for our members. At our Local 2192, Job and Family Service unit, the Lorain County Commissioners have failed to bargain in good faith, rejected the independent fact finder's report, and failed their constituents at every turn. Our members have continued to hold the line with support from other unions, UAW locals, the community, and many others, for over 160 days. They are fighting not only for themselves, but also for future workers who deserve dignity and respect on the job. We are currently waiting on a decision from SERB because we have a different legal opinion than the commissioners. Make no mistake, this is not about one dollar an hour. This is a union-busting tactic. The county has the money and is now paying some workers up to \$75 an hour to do the work of employees who were making \$18 an hour before going on strike. They are also paying overtime to other counties to pick up the work. If you see these members on social media or stop by the picket line, thank them for their fight. Union busting is real, and it is happening right now in Lorain County. Thank you to Chairperson Gina Jones for your leadership and dedication.



Gosser Golf Outing and Scholarship Information

Thank you to all the locals that participated in this year's Gosser Scholarship Golf Outing. Supporting working families through scholarships matters because knowledge is power, and giving back to our families is invaluable. Congratulations to Local 2075 Team 1 for first place, Local 5242 TAAP Team 1 for second place, and Local 12 Jeep Unit Team 2 for third place. A special thank-you goes to the UAW Region 2B staff especially Jason Barlow for the work that helped make this event a success.

This year, twelve outstanding high school seniors from Region 2B UAW families received \$10,000 college scholarships through the Richard T. Gosser Scholarship Awards Program. Including the 2025-2026 winners, 447 students have received Gosser scholarships, with \$3,639,500 awarded since the program began in 1962. Region 2B retired workers have also continued to support the program by providing runner-up scholarships to more than 200 students, including eight \$1,500 scholarships this year.

Richard T. Gosser Scholarship application forms for affiliated Region 2B locals are now available on the Region 2B website. Applicants must complete pages 3 and 4 and return them to the Region 2B UAW Maumee office, postmarked by October 15, 2026. Students must be graduating high school seniors to participate in the program.

Applications must be completed in full and certified by a local union officer, such as the president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, or chairperson. Applications that are not signed by a local union officer or postmarked by October 15, 2026, will not be accepted.

THIS DEADLINE IS FIRM AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!



Education and Training

Region 2B hosted FMLA training at our headquarters this week, led by attorney Kristin Watson. Kristin is a labor lawyer who has worked with the UAW for years and remains a strong advocate for the labor movement. This training helps our staff and local leaders better understand the Family and Medical Leave Act so they can use that knowledge to support and protect our members. Because FMLA does not always go far enough, understanding the law and how to apply it is essential.

Many newly elected local leaders are serving throughout our union, and Region 2B is here to support the training they need. We will host the UAW Local Union Officer Summit on August 25, 26, and 27 in Maumee, Ohio, in partnership with Region 1A. The summit is designed to strengthen each officer's understanding of their responsibilities while building greater collaboration among local union leaders. These learning opportunities are not just about gathering information, they are about putting knowledge into action.

In September, we will host our Union Involvement Conference at Black Lake to encourage education and participation among all members. Workshops may cover the benefits of union membership, each member's role in keeping our union strong, UAW structure, union activism, core values, grievances, bargaining, strikes, labor history, and best practices for participating in or running local union meetings.

The conference will include introductory and general-interest sessions, along with more in-depth workshops for experienced activists and long-time leaders who want to build their knowledge and strengthen their leadership skills.



Black Lake Workplace Justice Conference with Retirees

This month, more than 300 delegates attended our Workplace Justice Conference, including about 230 retirees who enjoyed fellowship and learning at the Walter and May Reuther Family Education Center. I met George Lane from Local 1111, who attended Black Lake for the first time at 92 years young and reminded us that we are never too old to learn. Our retirees are the foundation of this union, and we stand on their shoulders. We must always protect, fight for, and respect them. Thank you to all the retirees and local chapters that helped send members to Black Lake; their presence helps active members understand our history and chart the path forward.

About 80 active members took classes in grievance handling, advanced grievance handling, and collective bargaining. Thank you to the Region 2B staff for the time and work they put into teaching and developing these courses, and thank you to the locals that sent leaders and members to gain knowledge that will better serve our membership.

Jeep 85th Anniversary Celebration

I had the opportunity to attend the Jeep facility's 85th Anniversary celebration. It was great to see our members there and feel the pride they take in building a product sold worldwide. We want to see Jeep continue to be made in Toledo for another 85 years, and it is exciting that a new midsize truck will soon be built there. I spent many of my 36 years as a UAW member on the assembly line, so I know the hard work and pride that go into that job. Thank you to our Jeep members for everything you do to keep that plant moving. I also spoke with Stellantis CEO Antonio Filosa and welcomed good news for Local 12 members, while reminding him that work was promised to Toledo Machining at Local 1435. We must continue to hold companies accountable for the promises they make because our members and communities deserve nothing less.



Retiree Recognition

Our retirees deserve continued recognition. This past month, I had the opportunity to listen to retirees at Local 1435 and Local 913. After spending decades working in facilities, it is good to see retirees enjoying their time while continuing to come together in solidarity and fellowship. As noted elsewhere, retirees support our scholarship programs, educational opportunities, political activities, and much more. Many also serve in elected roles in retiree chapters and on local executive boards. I know some that are elected in various government positions. Thank you to every retiree, at every level, for what you continue to do for the labor movement. I see you.

Local 913 Leadership Transition

I had the honor of swearing in the new Executive Board at amalgamated UAW Local 913 and recognizing outgoing President Benjamin Taylor and Vice President Jim Freeman. Their years of dedicated service to the UAW and the members of Local 913 are deeply appreciated. Brother Taylor was the longest-serving Local 913 President, serving more than 12 years in that role, and he helped secure TRA/TAA training for more than 1,400 members when the KBI plant closed in early 2017. Ben and Jim continued serving members for years after retiring, and their dedication to their work family has not gone unnoticed. Thank you both for your leadership and service, and congratulations to the new leadership as they carry forward the important work of serving our members.

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PPG Facility Visit



Thank you to President Lielani Banks of Local 1588 for the incredible tour of the PPG facility in Delaware, Ohio. The dedication and hard work that go into making world-class paint was impressive, and the number of family members working together helped create a welcoming atmosphere. Thank you to all the PPG UAW members for the pride and hard work you bring to keeping America looking its best. I was also impressed by the Veterans Memorial at the facility and appreciate when companies recognize the sacrifices veterans have made to protect our freedom. Thank you again to the members of Local 1588 at PPG for making me feel right at home. Know that we have your back.

CareFlight Nurses Bargaining

This month, I had the opportunity to sit at the bargaining table with Local 128's CareFlight team. Thank you to Niki Coleman, the entire bargaining committee, and Brian Cole for their hard work. Premier Health has been dragging its feet while our members continue to fight for a fair first contract. Their greed has driven away more than 200 years of combined patient care experience, leaving the unit severely understaffed and overworked. Workers have faced retaliation for speaking up, but Local 128 is not backing down, and neither is Region 2B. We will continue standing together for what is right, smart, and fair. The community support, labor support, and presence of active and retired UAW members including Local 696 retirees, have been powerful. When we stand together, we win.

Finally, I know that even with all the work we are doing, there is much more to do. We have many different organizing drives that are in play right now across both Ohio and Indiana. We will continue to focus on education and training because knowledge is power. I will continue to show up across both states and for every sector because that is how we win. Make no mistake, we have been winning better contracts because we are using different strategies and implementing better tactics. God Bless and as always,

In solidarity,

Dave Green

UAW Region 2B Director

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