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School S.U.P.P.L.I.E.S.

Volunteers Needed!!

Distribution for the School S.U.P.P.L.I.E.S. program will be @ UAW Local 685 Union Hall from August 1-4. Contact Cheryl Graham @ 457-6691 to volunteer.



2005 Regional PEL Schedule -- Region 3

Month	WEEK OF
Aug.	8/22 - 8/26
Sept.	9/19 - 9/23
Oct.	10/17 - 10/21
Nov.	10/31 - 11/4
Dec.	12/5 - 12/9

President's Report *Sona Camp, President*

I'd like to take this time to explain why this issue of the Antenna is different. This will be for one month only.

The Executive Board, in an effort to balance our budget, turned in a by-law change to combine the June/July issues and the November/December issues of the Antenna. These months were picked because of the July shutdown and the Christmas holiday. Since we had already passed the June/July timeframe, a member made the motion to combine the July & August issues for one time only. That motion was out of order. The intent was to reflect the savings for the budget in the year. In an effort to satisfy this, we are printing a greatly reduced issue for this month only. Next month your Antenna will look like it always has with the normal amount of articles.

Thank you for your continued support of the Executive Board.



Retiree's Corner *Sue Conner, Chairperson*

Getting a bill started to place all politicians on Social Security should be an issue in 2008. Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions during election years.

Our senators and congressmen do not pay into Social Security and of course, they do not collect from it. You see, Social Security benefits were not suitable for persons of their elevation in society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves. So, many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan. In more recent years no congressman has felt the need to change it. After all it is a great plan.

For all practical purposes their plan works like this. When they retire they continue to draw the same pay until they die. Except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments. This is calculated on an average life span for each of the two dignitaries. For example, Senator Bill, Congressman Mike and their wives may expect to draw \$7,800,000 with their wives drawing \$275,000 during the last years of their lives. Their cost for this plan is \$0.00. This little perk they voted for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab. The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Fund.

From our own Social Security plan, which you and I pay or have paid into every payday until we retire we can expect to receive an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement. Or in other words we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 in monthly benefits for 68 years and one month to equal Senator Bill's benefit.

Social Security could be very good if only one small change were made and that change would be to pull the golden fleece retirement plan from under the Senators and Congressmen, put them on the same Social Security plan with the rest of us and sit back and watch how fast they fix it.



September 2005 Calendar of Events

9 Euchre Club - 6:30 p.m.
12 Retiree Dinner and Mtg. - 11:30 a.m.



Notice: The deadline for submitting articles to be placed in the Antenna is the 5th of the month.

Please submit articles to Debi at UAW Local 292 or to Shannon Willis, Editor.

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(Use the front entrance)

Monday & Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



We offer congratulations to all the newly elected officers.

To celebrate this occasion all members are invited to a party in their honor.

Food and beverage will be served all day.

Place: UAW Local 292 Union Hall (Use the front entrance)

When: Monday, August 22, 2005 and Tuesday, August 23, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

See and hear our presentation on "Hearing Loss in America"

- Also:**
- * One digital hearing aid covered 100% to all eligible employees and dependents.
 - * Free hearing test with a year's supply of batteries for each aid purchased.
 - * Drawing held for one free hearing aid open to anyone who has a loss. Need not be a member. (Up to \$2,500.00 value)
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 - * Door prizes every hour.
 - * Colts tickets and much more.

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