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## New Officers of the UAW

passionate and educated president as Bob King, we are in good hands.

Through the week we listened to many inspirational speeches given by some very powerful players in labor. Such as NAACP National President Benjamin Todd Jealous, and AFL-CIO President Rich Trumka. Also there were some labor friendly politicians who spoke to the delegates, these included: Gov. Strickland, Gov. Granholm, and Senator Tom Harkin (Iowa).

The convention concluded with a march on the streets of Downtown Detroit led by UAW President Bob King. The message to the march was the importance of organization. All of us as UAW members must do our part to get the word out on how vital our Unions are. If we ORGANIZE others we will BUILD up our POWER and win JUSTICE!

## 35th Annual UAW Constitutional Convention

On June 14, 2010 the 35th Annual UAW Constitutional Convention got under way. The Motor City was invaded by over 1200 UAW delegates and guests from all over the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Over 400 Local Unions were represented at this convention.

It was an incredible experience to be in the presence of the newly elected leadership. It feels like we are embarking on a very important journey to take back the UAW. With such a



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| <b>Active Member Program</b>          |                |
| <b>Pharmacare</b>                     | 1-800-388-2133 |
| <b>Participating Pharmacies</b>       |                |
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| <b>Retiree Prescriptions</b>          |                |
| <b>Medco</b>                          | 1-866-662-0274 |
| <b>Merrill Lynch (401K)</b>           | 1-800-483-7283 |
| <b>Social Security Administration</b> |                |
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| <b>Sedgwick</b>                       | 1-888-322-4462 |
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| <b>UAW Legal Services</b>             | 419-471-1489   |
| <b>New Car Purchase</b>               | 1-800-756-2886 |

## Calendar of Events

|                     |                                   |                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>September 11</b> | Region 2B<br>Trap Shoot           | Jaqua's Trap Club<br>Findlay, OH    |
| <b>September 25</b> | Region 2-B<br>Outing              | Tam O'Shanter<br>Sylvania, OH       |
| <b>September 26</b> | Race for the Cure                 | Downtown Toledo<br>Washington, D.C. |
| <b>October 2</b>    | March on<br>Washington            |                                     |
| <b>October 9</b>    | Region 2-B<br>Sporting Clay Shoot | WR Hunt Club<br>Clyde, OH           |
| <b>October 13</b>   | Health Fair                       | Toledo Machining<br>Plant           |



## MARCH ON WASHINGTON

On October 2, thousands of working people, young people, retirees, civil rights activists and trade unionists will gather at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to show the obstructionists in Congress that we are many and diverse, we are strong and united – and we will fight together for the American Dream. Sign up to join UAW members and retirees as we head to Washington! Regions and locals are sending buses, so indicate if you are interested in a seat. For more information, contact Karl Sill at ext. 497 or Ron Vigh at 419-666-7070.

Be a part of the UAW's GimmeFIVE Program. Sign up by sending a **text** to **(313) 288-9979** with your name and local union number or go to **GimmeFIVEuaw.org** and sign up online. If you don't text or can't get online, sign up by calling that same number.

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**Gimme FIVE**

Organize  
Build Power  
Win Justice

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Please Sign Me Up for the  
UAW's GimmeFive  
Mobilization Program.

*From the Desk of . . .*



*David DeMoss  
President*

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the UAW. I want to thank each and every one of you for your years of service and dedication. Thank you very much!

Mark Step retired UAW Vice President said, "Every 30 years marks a generation, and every generation will have to fight and struggle for its survival." I heard him make this comment back in March at a Council Meeting in Detroit.

He gave us a lesson about the history of the UAW and the struggle to keep Chrysler alive. He talked about how the transplants and how they had vastly improved their quality and gained a bigger portion of the market share.

Mark spoke about Chrysler's lack of quality and customer commitment driving devoted customers and new customers away. He talked of the out of control downward spiral which the company was in, and how it was on the brink of its demise.

He also spoke about how the government had to step in and work with the UAW and Chrysler to ensure it had a stable foothold in the Automobile industry.

Mark also mentioned how the UAW and Chrysler sat down and came to the same conclusions; they

needed to come to an understanding of how to work together and turn the company around and make it profitable once again, so it can remain an American icon. This led to the birth of PQI in 1980.

PQI was the shot in the arm Chrysler needed to regain customer confidence and bring the customer base back to its vehicles. PQI brought focus back to quality and instilled the much needed balance in accountability.

It was through the commitment of the members of UAW and Chrysler, and help from President Jimmy Carter, that Chrysler lived to see another day.

Fast forward 30 years. Here we are once again faced with the very struggle we went through a generation ago. Fighting for our survival now as we did then is just as crucial.

Since we came out of bankruptcy last year we have made vast improvements throughout the plant. I agree we have only made marginal improvements in some areas. However, in other areas we have made great headway toward being the best of the best.

Like any daunting task, it takes focus and commitment to complete. Small steps forward can seem slow and useless, but let's not forget, it's a step forward none the less.

We have to learn to crawl before we can walk, and we have to learn to walk before we can run. We are moving in the right direction. We all must keep moving forward to ensure we have a future here at TMP.

WCM is PQI 30 years later. The shot in the arm needed to bring attention back to quality and accountability. PQI had a great deal to do with our survival back then, as WCM has to do for us now.

Again, thank you all for your effort

and dedication. I'm proud to be part of this great membership of UAW, Local 1435. A special thanks to all of the retirees that fought and struggled so long ago, so we could be here today to fight for our Generation. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all and Happy 75th!

In Solidarity,  
David DeMoss



*From the Desk of . . .*



*Karl Sill  
Recording  
Secretary*

In addition to being your recording secretary, I also am a pipefitter in the skilled trades department. I was fortunate enough to be on the removal team for the steering column sleeve line.

The first phase of this line has been installed and is up and running. By the time the Members' Press is published, the second phase of the project will be in the process of being dismantled in Cleveland and re-assembled by a team of highly skilled tradesmen from the Toledo Machining Plant.

Once in the plant, the team of skilled tradesmen had to do a lot to bring the machine back to WCM Standards. This is the first time that Chrysler Skilled Trades has been utilized to retrieve equipment.

Not only did the skilled trades department take on this challenge, they managed to refurbish the machinery in a cost effective and timely manner. This is just the start of good things to happen at Toledo Machining Plant!

*Buy American*  
Karl Sill





*From the Desk of . . .*



*Ron Vigh  
Secretary  
Treasurer*

Hello again everyone. I would like to take a minute to let everyone know some of the things we have been involved with in what has been a very busy summer. Our Members have participated in the following events: C.B.T.U. conference, Chaplaincy conference, 35th Constitutional Convention, 101st NAACP conference, A.P.R.I. conference, Women's conference, Civil and Human Rights conference, Veteran's conference, and Pollyball. September and October will also be very busy months. Make sure to check out the calendar of events in this edition of The Members' Press and please make time to come to the Union meetings, starting up again September 12th. The business taken care of at these meetings is YOUR business! Congresswoman Barbara Jordan said, "Let each person do his or her part. If one citizen is unwilling to participate, all of us are going to suffer. For the American idea, though it is shared by all of us, is realized in each one of us."

In Solidarity,  
Ron Vigh



# Families in the News

Jayce Tyler



Emma Marie



Congratulations to our Financial Secretary Ron Vigh who became a 1st time grandparent on July 7, 2010. His daughter Alexis gave birth to a son, Jayce Tyler. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 and 3/4 inches long. Congrats Ron!!

Emma Marie Thabit was born August 3, 2010, 7lbs. 14 oz. to Brooke Thabit. Her grandfather is Brian Thabit 9853 3rd shift. Congratulations!



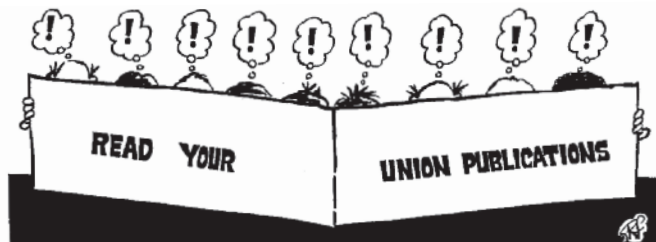
## Kamden Gene Lehman



Congratulations to Sean and Lindsey (Evearitt) Lehman, daughter of Marci Leahey, training coordinator, on the arrival of their new baby boy. Kamden Gene Lehman was born on July 14, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs. 5.8 oz., and was 21 inches long. The couple resides in Kaiserslautern, Germany, where Sean is in the Army. This is Marci's 1st grandchild.



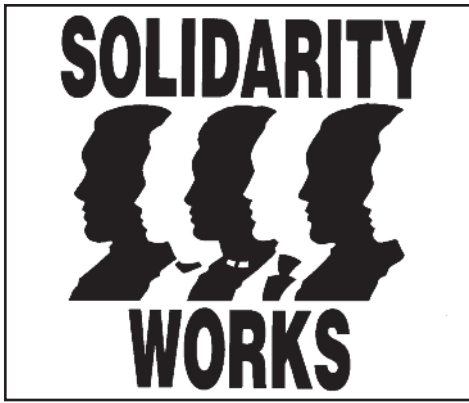
Parents Sean and Lindsey (Evearitt) Lehman



# Talk to Tiffany . . .

GETTING TO KNOW MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1435

BY TIFFANY THATCHER



## Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

As many of you may know, the Employee Assistance Program is better known as the "EAP" and is a voluntary, free, and confidential program that helps employees and their dependents who may be dealing with various personal or family issues like stress, depression, grief, loss, marriage concerns, alcoholism and other drug dependencies, as well as legal and financial troubles. Since we no longer have a UAW-Chrysler Resource and Referral program, the EAP representative has taken over some of the services this resource used to provide like childcare, elder care, and special needs or after school needs for children.

Once again the EAP will be participating in the annual Health Fair at the plant on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Please stop by to see the community resources that are available. In addition to the help mentioned above, there will be information specific to dealing with parenting and teen issues, a "financial literacy" program, and "Journey of the Heart" which is a non-profit organization that provides support and mentoring for women at no cost. Call or stop by the EAP office in the Administration Building if you want more information, or see us at the Health Fair!

Carmen Mitchell  
UAW-EAP Representative  
419-661-3574 or plant ext. 574



## Jamey Blasingim

In 1962 James and Bernadine Blasingim added to their family a baby boy named Jamey. He was their final child born and the baby brother to his 2 sisters and brother. Jamey grew up in Reno Beach, a small town East of Oregon, Ohio. He graduated from Clay High School in 1980 and went on to study Mechanical Engineering at The University of Toledo.

Soon after college Jamey was hired at National Super Service, a company that makes industrial cleaning equipment. He worked in drafting and later became a design engineer. Jamey worked at this company until he received his letter to work at Toledo Machining in 1994. In the last 16 years he has worked in both East and West ends of the plant and in inspection. As of today he works in 9853 on the first shift 10" team.

Jamey has been married for 26 years to his lovely wife Veronica. They have lived in Temperance, Michigan since 1985. The couple have 2 daughters, Valerie 25, and Jennifer 21.

When their daughters were in elementary school Jamey and Veronica discussed being foster parents. They were told it would be better to wait until their own kids were older. So

they did. When their youngest turned 17 they took the classes to become foster parents. Their 1st child was 17 and they got her through a Toledo Agency. She was with them for a year. After that they had 3 boys for a year and a half. Later they were asked to consider fostering special needs children through Monroe Mental Health. So for the last 2 years they have had a couple kids through that agency living with them. Most recently they had a 10 year old boy for the last 10 months. For right now they are taking a well deserved break.

Many people ask me how do I choose the people I want to write about. Well, it's really quite random. However, I do try to seek out some individuals who might just work in a factory on the surface, yet once they leave the plant they are involved in great things that usually go unrecognized. Many of us have incredible lives once we are past the turnstiles. We are not just factory workers. That is just a small part of our lives. We are very fortunate individuals to have these types of jobs and benefits in today's economy. So when we leave the plant, try to make the most of all the blessings we work for everyday.

Thanks Jamey and all the other employees who make the time to do a greater good out there in their communities.

Talk to you later . . .



## BENEFIT NEWS

In October of this year, Benefits in conjunction with EAP and Staywell will present a Health Fair in the plant. The date will be Wednesday, October 13, 2010. The time will be from 7:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. and the location will be at the plant entrance near the Peristyle. This information will be posted on the boards throughout the plant.

Effective July 1, 2010 Benefit Ex-

press call center returns to the United States. June 30, 2010 was the last day that any calls made to Benefit Express were being answered in India. All calls going forward will be answered by a representative in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

In October of 2009 a notice was posted stating that a letter from the Corporation will be mailed to all members with dependents that do not have a SSN on file. This letter stated that New Federal Requirements man-

date that all employers must report data on everyone with Healthcare coverage including SSN. The letter also stated that the SSN must be submitted to Benefit Express by January 1, 2010. We have been informed that as of today there are 281 members with 361 dependents missing SSN's. A final letter was mailed out on August 16, 2010. Dependents will be dropped from coverage September 1, 2010 if they do not have their SSN updated or a work order started.

## 19th Annual Pollyball Tournament

What a wet and dreary day for all the die-hard volleyball fans. The rain came right away, but that didn't faze the Local 1435 members who turned out for the 19th Annual Pollyball Tournament. Everyone seemed excited to be out even in the weather to help support the YWCA. There were 3 teams that represented our Local this year. They all did fairly well considering the conditions. This year in addition to the massage tables, food and beverage tents the event also provided free breast examinations. This is extremely important, early detection is crucial to beating this disease.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event. It is a very worthy cause that we play to support time and time again. Many of us know someone who continues to fight or has lost their battle with this disease. It is our obligation to do whatever we can do as a community to help raise money and awareness.

Please continue to support the YWCA and all their efforts in helping women everywhere.

Tiffany Thatcher, Editor



To all retirees who are receiving their pension payment by mail, I strongly recommend that you get direct deposit. We have been informed that the U.S. Post Office in the Detroit Area are no longer sorting mail on Saturday. This means that delivery of your pension check could be delayed

Effective 9.01.10, treatment by a Physician Assistant (PA) or a Nurse Practitioner (NP) will be covered for all retirees in network, subject to plan design for members enrolled in the Traditional Care Network (TCN) or the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans.

Benefit Representative  
Frank Bills



*Thank You*

Thank you to Pam Richards and Retiree Chapter for the wonderful show of appreciation. A simple gesture of volunteering is a small price to pay for your years of dedication to our union.

Thanks Again.  
Tiffany Thatcher

## Local 1435 Retiree Chapter



### News & Views

by Pam Richards

Hello Retirees,

I hope this article finds each and everyone of you in good health!

At our last meeting Bonita Hobson spoke to us about our checks that we receive for retirement. It was told to Frank Bills that the mail wouldn't be sorted on Saturdays anymore. It's been suggested, if at all possible, to do direct deposit so that your money is available after the 1st. Then your money is available anytime.

Robert Corkwell, retiree from 9854, suffered a stroke and is currently paralyzed. He is under the care

of Bowling Green Manor. Please keep Corky in your prayers. Cards are welcome. Thanks.

We still have three more meetings left this year so I hope you're able to attend. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 28th, which is the fourth Tuesday due to a change for the officers to attend a leadership conference at Black Lake. Then the next two meetings will be October 19th and November 16th. So mark your calendars.

Being that the UAW's 75th Anniversary was on August 26, 2010, we celebrated with cake and a souvenir glass for each retired member and spouses. From Region 2-B we had Steve Kemp and Wayne Blanchard. Then we also heard words of encouragement from Bob Hammons!

Hope to see you soon!

Pam Richards  
President, Retiree Chapter

Retiree Meeting Dates for 2010

*September 28*  
*October 19*  
*November 16*

*Dinner at 11:00 a.m. - Meeting to Follow*



## Race for the Cure

On **September 26, 2010** Downtown Toledo will host the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. This is a truly amazing event to be a part of. Last year there were over 25,000 participants. If you would like to join the Local 1435 group for the walk/race, please see Karen Baumgartner (Staywell office ext. #542).

Please help support the Susan G. Komen Foundation in their continuing fight to find a cure for breast cancer.



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Pam Richards and  
O.C. Ballard  
presented a check to  
Wayne Bradfield  
for \$500  
for the tornado damage

*Retirees Celebrate 75 Years of Solidarity*

