

Financial Secretary REPORT

Alice Britz



Greetings:

Here we are into fall already. The majority of our new Retirees, who took advantage of the Special Attrition Program, have been enjoying a new phase of their life for a couple of months now. Hope you are all doing well.

Since our last paper, our active members have ratified a new Local Agreement. Ken Figley,

our Bargaining Chairman, Mike Finch, Committeeman-at-Large and the rest of the Shop Committee had an enormous job this year trying to position us to secure the opportunity for new work when any is available. They had many hard decisions to make but were able to put together, with management, a good contract that should bring more work to our plant.

We have the best workers in all of Powertrain. Our members have shown that over and over again. With the 6 speed (YTO), we had the best launch ever for a new product. Being a multi-product plant, our people have worked on many transmission models and components.

In the past, when other plants have had difficulty figuring out a problem with a product, our plant would get a call to please send someone to help figure out what they need to do to cor-

rect the situation. Our members have always stepped up and helped out for the betterment of GM as a whole. We have the best of the best right here at Willow Run and YTO.

Thanks to the Shop Committee for all you were able to accomplish and to our members in ratifying our new agreement.

With the Presidential election coming soon, I hope every one of you will take time to vote. This election, more than ever, we need to get labor-friendly people elected into office. You all saw what happened to American Axle. Don't think for a minute that they won't come after us (UAW) in 2011 if we essentially have the same regime in Washington.

We had a great turnout for the Labor Day Parade this year. Thanks to Mike Anderson for his float design and all the volunteers who helped put the float together and tear down after the parade. The help was great and it was wonderful so many people came out to show support.

This past month, before our Regular Membership Meeting, we had a Day of Caring to spruce up our Local. Both retired and active members came out to help paint inside and outside the Hall, paint the fence, weed the flower bed in front of the Hall, cut down the dead trees (special thanks to Bill Muncie for taking charge of this job), and fix some duct work. Our President, Don Skidmore, had already caulked and added needed insulation to the storage rooms. Dick Johnston made pancakes and sausage for the first volunteers that made it out early. Special thanks to him. It was a great time together and made everyone feel good to come together and get a lot of things done. Everything we worked on looks great.

It is nice to see people caring about their Local. Our President has brought a lot of enthusiasm and pride back to this Local. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and gave of your time.

For anyone who would like to come out and help get some more painting done, we will have another Day of Car-

ing on Sunday morning, Oct. 19, 2008 before the Membership Meeting. Hope you can join us.

I have written several times about needing to be prepared as our membership shifts from active to retired. The Building Committee has been meeting for over a year trying to figure out what is the best way to get money in the bank so we can continue to serve our members.

Everyone knows we have been looking into selling all or part of our property. I have reported out on this several times. We have 2 separate property parcels. The Local sits on the 10 acre parcel but the 5 acre parcel includes the baseball fields and the west parking lot. The Committee has decided it would be best to sell the 5 acre parcel and keep the Local and 10 acres.

We have had three real estate brokers in to speak with us and tell us their thoughts and ideas of selling at this time. On Oct. 22nd, beginning at 4 p.m., we will have all three brokers come back and give us an update so we can move forward. Everyone is welcome to attend. On Nov. 23rd, 2008, at our Regular Membership Meeting, we will have a presentation and will vote on giving permission to sell the 5 acres.

All retirees are also welcome to attend and vote.

Our dues monies have been greatly reduced again with another Special Attrition Program. In the last year, our dues monies have been reduced by 31%. That's 31% less income to operate on. Our operating expenses are still the same and more in some cases, such as utilities. My position as Fin. Sec'y. has been part time for over a year. We have only one full-time officer left at the Local but fortunately Don gets most of his wages paid by the plant by working under Doc. 77. Don continues to save this Local thousands each month.

We don't want to cut any services to our members, the 5 acres were bought as an investment years ago and I feel now is the time to reap the benefits of our past so we can secure the future of Local 735.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR PERIOD ENDING 8/31/08

Alice F. Britz, Financial Secretary

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| Bank Balance | \$180,321.44 | Lost Time | \$19,854.63 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | \$(15,784.51) | -Income Taxes - Federal | \$(5,429.49) |
| Actual Bank Balance | \$164,536.93 | -Income Taxes - City/County | \$(11.44) |
| Savings Account | \$84,587.89 | -Income Taxes - State | \$(1,786.34) |
| Certificate Of Deposit | \$53,000.00 | -FICA Taxes | \$(3,181.24) |
| Petty Cash | \$100.00 | -Credit Union/Gmac Withheld | \$(2,852.00) |
| Total Cash Assets | \$302,224.82 | -Union Dues Withheld..... | \$(147.44) |
| Summary Of Income | | Income Taxes - Federal..... | \$6,231.48 |
| Dues (Regular)(1621) | \$94,467.50 | Income Taxes - City/County | \$30.92 |
| Dues (Sub)(11) | \$329.45 | Income Taxes - State..... | \$1,186.36 |
| Dues (Bonus)(1) | \$34.50 | FICA Taxes | \$7,307.06 |
| Donations - Scholarships | \$463.20 | Credit Union/GMAC Forwarded..... | \$2,852.00 |
| Interest - Certificate Of Deposit..... | \$371.36 | Union Dues Forwarded | \$147.44 |
| Interest - Checking Account | \$279.23 | Advertising & Publicity | \$200.00 |
| Interest - Savings Account | \$122.55 | Athletic Participation | \$270.00 |
| Rebate Strike Insurance Fund | \$15,369.66 | Equipment Maintenance/Repairs..... | \$464.32 |
| Reimbursement - Flowers | \$24.00 | Expense Allowances | \$3,169.72 |
| Reimbursement - Refreshments | \$26.60 | Flowers, Bibles, Etc..... | \$1,428.10 |
| Reimbursement - Utilities | \$173.65 | Furniture/Equipment Lease/Rent | \$517.94 |
| Rents | \$500.00 | Insurance - Medical..... | \$5,990.32 |
| Rents - Refundable Deposits | \$700.00 | Maintenance & Repair | \$3,185.50 |
| Total Income | \$112,861.70 | Mobile Communications..... | \$39.85 |
| Fund Balances | | Pension/Severance..... | \$1,007.60 |
| General Fund..... | \$235,285.48 | Per Capita Tax - Affiliates | \$638.00 |
| Education Fund | \$14,550.06 | Per Capita Tax - CAP Councils | \$2,769.20 |
| Recreation Fund | \$28,739.07 | Per Capita Tax - International | \$57,230.03 |
| Citizenship & Legislative Fund | \$6,675.81 | Per Capita Tax - Retiree Dues..... | \$22.10 |
| Retired Members Fund | \$4,000.00 | Printing - Elections | \$94.34 |
| Retired Workers Fund | \$44,185.13 | Printing - Letterhead/Envelopes | \$499.26 |
| New Member Orientation Fund..... | \$6,959.00 | Printing - Local Paper | \$5,306.25 |
| Building Fund | \$(44,205.10) | Printing - Membership Cards | \$265.00 |
| Union Label Fund | \$346.90 | Refreshments | \$898.76 |
| Civil Rights Fund | \$346.20 | Refund - Breakage Deposits | \$1,100.00 |
| Community Service Fund | \$2,342.83 | Refund - Checkoff Errors..... | \$235.68 |
| Veterans Fund | \$2,298.38 | Registration Fees..... | \$1,391.00 |
| Women's Fund..... | \$701.36 | Rental Of Port-A-Johns | \$75.00 |
| Total Cash Assets | \$302,225.12 | Rental Of Postage Meter | \$111.14 |
| Less Liabilities Due..... | \$(67,694.43) | Social Activities..... | \$1,905.00 |
| Net Cash Worth..... | \$234,530.69 | Supplies..... | \$2,116.39 |
| Summary Of Expenditures | | Telephone And Telegraph..... | \$16.16 |
| Wages - Officers | \$5,993.20 | Tickets/Tables Lunches/Dinners | \$100.00 |
| Wages - Clerical/Maintenance | \$12,567.86 | Travel Payment To Agency..... | \$333.90 |
| | | Travel, Meals, Etc..... | \$1,348.34 |
| | | Utilities..... | \$1,654.03 |
| | | Total Expenditures..... | \$137,145.93 |

Deadline for the next Liberator is

JANUARY 9th, 2009

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of the front pages and picture spreads and he made it a point to show up at all the Local's events to make sure we had pictures. Thanks, Don, for all your imagination and for volunteering so much of your time, you have done a remarkable job documenting the local's history.

Congratulations to our new Media Committee for their first edition of the *Liberator*, they did an excellent job. Our Local's website has been redone and continues to get better, thanks to our new webmaster, Bruce Bayha. Keep checking our web-site (local735uaw.org) for the latest information.

The Education Committee has put together a great group of classes to be held at the Hall, some of the classes are already meeting and more will start soon. It's great to see the Hall full of members. The committee is working on the annual Education Committee Scholarship Drawings and the drawing is to be held at October's Membership Meeting.

The Recreation Committee is hosting a Chili Cook-Off on November 1st, stop by and check it out. They are also busy working on the plans for the annual Children's Christmas party and the annual Superbowl party.

The Women's Committee has been involved with the Region 1A Women's Council and recently attended the Woman to Woman campaign kickoff rally. They will be contacting women in the plant to help with the campaign and they will be at the next Retirees Meeting asking the retirees to get involved. The campaign slogan is *Stand Up, Speak Out and Take Charge*.

The CAP Committee is going through their busiest time of the year, election time. They have been busy with a lot of different events. They have been passing on a lot of information on registering to vote and filing for absentee ballots, along with different information on all the candidates and where they stand on the issues.

The retirees are always busy. If you have retired, please make it a point to stop by the retiree's meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings start at 10 a.m. It is a great way to catch up on what is going on, to see old friends

and a chance to meet new friends.

2008 Elections

Between now and Election Day (November 4) you will receive many pieces of information regarding the candidates and where they stand on the issues. Please pay attention and discuss this literature with your family and co-workers. It is important to support candidates that support our issues.

This is a crucial turning point for America, the failed policies of the current administration have all but destroyed America's middle class, and it is time for real change. We must not let this election be about gender or race but about the issues. We need a President that is concerned about the welfare of working people, children and senior citizens rather than big business.

We should also pay close attention to the non-partisan portion of the ballot and the candidates running for Michigan Supreme Court. Look at the literature available and elect those

candidates who will best represent the working people of Michigan.

Absentee ballots are available and easy to get. If you expect to be absent from your home community on Election Day, for whatever reason, you are eligible to vote absentee ballot. Contact your city or township clerk to obtain an absentee ballot application. Election Day is a negotiated holiday and the Region is recruiting volunteers to help out since we all have a paid day off.

Volunteers are needed to give reminder phone calls, to help at the polls and to assist getting people to the polls. If you're interested in helping, please call the Region or the Local.

In closing, please feel free to contact me regarding any information in this article, or to discuss the election or candidates. Remember the next Union meeting is October 19, at 2 p.m., looking forward to seeing you there. Until next time...I wish you all good health, solidarity and peace.

Issues 08:

Health Care

Who will protect our benefits?

Working families need change in our health care system, to replace the same old failed policies which have left 47 million with no insurance, and the rest of us paying higher costs for less coverage.

Where do the candidates stand?



Barack Obama
 Democrat

Health care for all:
 Obama has a plan for HEALTH CARE for all Americans.

- ◆ Currently insured keep their health care plans, at lower cost.
- ◆ Uninsured, self-employed and small business eligible for a new national health plan – similar to the coverage now available to members of Congress.
- ◆ No American turned away from any insurance plan because pre-existing conditions.

www.barackobama.com/issues/health

No tax on our health care benefits
 Obama is *opposed* to any new tax on benefits bargained by working families.

Health care for kids:
 Supports expanding the State Childrens Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP).

H.R. 976, Vote 307, 8/2/07; S.Con.Res. 21, Vote 172, 5/17/07



John McCain
 Republican

Health care for some:
 McCain has no plan to provide health care for all Americans. Relies on so-called "Health Savings Accounts" – same as President Bush – a phony reform backed by insurance lobbyists which undermines existing employer-based policies. Under the McCain-Bush plan, Americans will face:

- ◆ Reduced benefits
- ◆ Higher costs for working families
- ◆ Millions still left without coverage

S. 1028, Vote # 72, 4/18/96
www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues

Huge new tax on health care
 McCain supports a tax on our health benefits – a huge tax increase for working families.

"Obama health plan outperforms McCain plan in coverage and efficiency," Economic Policy Institute, May 23, 2008

Health care for kids:
 Opposed expansion of S-CHIP. Said Bush "**made the right call**" when he vetoed a bill that would have provided health coverage to millions of American children.

McCain on CNN, October 3, 2007

- Supports UAW position and our benefits
- Against UAW position and our benefits

Vote Tuesday, Nov. 4

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