

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

- Second Vice President Tracy A. Nickerson attended the UAW Region 9A New Hampshire Primary Political Program.

FEBRUARY

- President Robert Canova, Second Vice President Tracy A. Nickerson, Treasurer William E. Louis and Trustee Bill Dwyer attended the UAW Financial Officers Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- First Vice President Bill Giustini, Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess and Treasurer William E. Louis attended the 2012 UAW National TOP/CAP Conference in Washington, DC.

MARCH

- Career Pathways Program (School to Career) kicked off. Local 571's Tony Niedojadlo traveled with the company to 15 high schools in the area and conducted interviews.
- Treasurer William E. Louis, Second Vice President Tracy A. Nickerson, Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess, members Bill and Doreen Dwyer, Axel Westerberg and Ed Rocznik attended a rally for the nurses at Backus Hospital, Norwich, CT in support of their first contract negotiation.
- Second Vice President Tracy A. Nickerson attended the Leadership Institute at the Walter & May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Black Lake, Onaway, MI.
- A food drive took place at the Mohegan Sun Casino to support the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center.

APRIL

- Triennial nominations (Executive Board and Members-At-Large) were announced and Councillor Elections were held.
- President Robert Canova and Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess attended the UAW-GD Council Conference in Las Vegas, NV.
- Several officers attended the Joint UAW IAM Lobby Day which was held at the State House, Hartford, CT.
- Some of our union officers and members attended the annual AFL-CIO Workers Memorial, held at Washington Park, Groton, CT and Hartford, CT, in honor of deceased workers.

MAY

- First Vice President Bill Giustini and members Tony Niedojadlo, Joe Sobanski and Doug Witt attended the PLM Conference in Las Vegas, NV.
- President Robert Canova, members Carol Mauro, Devinder Moholtra, Civil and Human Rights Committee Chairperson, Leon Owens and Robert Valentine attended the 17th annual Electric Boat Black Engineering Council Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Mystic Marriott, Mystic, CT.
- Members Kim Wood and Velma Williams attended the Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship Conference (ESAC) in Portsmouth, NH.
- Members Bob McClung and Bob Valentine attended the 2012 Health & Safety Conference at Black Lake, Onaway, MI.

JUNE

- Triennial Election results were announced and the new Executive Officers and Members-At-Large were sworn in: President William E. Louis; First Vice President Kenneth Rowland; Second Vice President David M. Reagan; Recording Secretary Patricia A. Clay; Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess; Sergeant-at-Arms David Evans; Guide Pam Gonski; Trustee Ed Baxter, Dill Dwyer and Paul Smith; Members-At-Large Keith Cunningham, Chris Ferguson and Josh Wessell.
- The winners of the 2012 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship are: Sarah Castleberry, daughter of member Shawn Castleberry; Erik Caswell, son of member David Caswell; Marissa DePietro, daughter of member Paul DePietro; Taylor Husereau, daughter of member Joe Husereau; Andrew Laflamme, son of member Al Laflamme and Ava McPhail, daughter of member Beverly McPhail.
- The MDA Family Day at Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT was enjoyed by all.
- Recording Secretary Patricia Clay, members Carol Mauro and Robert Valentine attended the UAW-LUPA Conference at Black Lake, Onaway, MI.
- Chaplain Scott Gardner attended the 25th annual International UAW Chaplaincy Conference at Black Lake, Onaway, MI.
- Members Joe Husereau, Joe Wessell and Robert Valentine attended the Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School session for Labor Studies at UCONN.
- President William E. Louis and the Union Officers met with Congressman Joe Courtney at the New London site.
- 16 members participated in the Region 9A Golf outing at the Tower Ridge County Club, Simsbury, CT.
- President William E. Louis, First Vice President Kenneth Rowland, Second Vice President David M. Reagan and Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess attended The AFL-CIO 9th Biennial COPE Conference in Hartford, CT.
- President William E. Louis, Jim Newman, Joe Husereau and Bill Dwyer volunteered their time installing a handrail and doing some outside maintenance work for member Bruce Dora. Bruce has since passed.

JULY

- Our MDA Solidarity Day Picnic was a huge success. Members/retirees and family members, enjoyed a day filled with fun, games, raffles and food.
- Second Vice President David M. Reagan members Bob McClung and Bob Valentine attended the 2012 Workplace Injury Law & Advocacy Group Seminar for Labor and Injured Workers in Chicago, IL.
- Retirement Planning Counseling for those interested was held in Norwich, New London and Groton.

AUGUST

- Financial Officer Wayne Burgess and member Melvin Hicks attended the UAW Veteran's Conference held at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Black Lake, Onaway, MI.
- A food collection, supporting the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, was held at the casino in Foxwoods.
- The union's Family Night at Dodd Stadium was a huge success.
- University of CT Professor Mark Sullivan held two classes on Grievance Handling Training for Councillors and Grievance Reps.
- Women's Committee members Laura McCann, Jen Wessell and Velma Williams attended the UAW Women's Conference in Black Lake, Onaway, MI.

SEPTEMBER

- Members gathered at the Mohegan Sun to collect food for the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center.
- Twenty One Local 571 members participated in the AFL-CIO Community Services Golf Tournament at Patipaug, Baltic, CT. Proceeds benefited the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center.
- The 19th annual Peter Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament was held in East Lyme, CT.
- President William E. Louis, First Vice President Kenneth Rowland, Second Vice President David M. Reagan, Recording Secretary Patricia Clay, Treasurer Robert Faraci and Grievance Rep. David Evans attended the Region 9A Leadership Conference in Cape Cod, MA.
- The United Way kick off was held at the Waterford Speed Bowl, Waterford, CT.
- Our union officers are circulating to Groton, New London and Norwich at lunch time, every Wednesday, to be available to our members.
- US Senate elected Chris Murphy visited EB Groton main gate.

OCTOBER

- We had a Day of Caring food drive located at the area Stop & Shop's (Colchester, Groton, Montville, New London, North Stonington and Norwich).
- Financial Officer Wayne Burgess, President William E. Louis, First Vice President Kenneth Rowland and members Keith Cunningham, William Dwyer, Chris Ferguson and Pamela Gonski met with our sister Union, BMDA, Bath, ME.
- Officers and members attended the Region 9A Veterans Council 15th Annual Dinner Dance in Cromwell, CT.
- Member Joe Husereau and President William E. Louis attend a rally in support of Teachers at Chariho High School, RI.
- Officers and members rallied for Chris Murphy at the Garde Arts Theater, New London, CT.
- The EBECSA (United Way Community Services Drive) was successful and many of our members were involved with the drive in different ways.
- Officers, members, retiree's and Region 9A reps participated in phone banking at the union office.
- Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess and First Vice President Kenneth Rowland participated in a labor walk.
- Members Pam Gonski and Judi Page attended the 2012 Ella Grasso Women's Leadership Breakfast in Plantsville, CT

NOVEMBER

- Members Keith Cunningham, Bob McClung and Dave Gonzalez Jr attended the ConnectiCOSH one day convention at UAW Region 9A in Farmington, CT.
- Your EB Benefits annual enrollment needed to be completed by November 30, 2012 for 2013 coverage.
- Some officers and members attended the Veteran's Council 15th Annual Dinner Dance at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT.
- Gemma E. Moran, founder of the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, was honored at the MDA retiree Luncheon at Ocean Beach, New London, CT.

DECEMBER

- The MDA hosted our annual Holiday Dinner Dance at the Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT.
- The MDA hosted a Christmas social after our General Membership Meeting at Ocean Beach, New London, CT.
- Retiree's Don Degidio, Dan Hall and Recording Secretary, Patricia Clay attended the Region 9A UAW Retiree Luncheon meeting.
- Members Kyle Brainard, Tom Clancy, Tom Hoffman, Robert Guay, David Long and Anthony Niedajadlo attended the PLM World Regional Users Conference in Worcester, MA.