

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

Monthly Retiree Luncheons are enjoyed by our retired brothers and sisters. The luncheons are planned for the year and held every 2nd Thursday of each month at a variety of restaurants. At this time, we have an average of 120-130 at our function and encourage all our retirees to attend. It is a good way to stay connected with your union.

FEBRUARY

President W. Louis, 1st Vice President K. Rowland, Citizenship & Legislation Committee co-chairs M. Ciliano and J. Husereau attended the CAP Conference in Washington, DC.
Treasurer R. Faraci, President W. Louis, Trustee W. May and 2nd Vice President D. Reagan attended the UAW Financial Officers' Conference held at Bally's in Las Vegas, NV.

MARCH

Many of our members and their families enjoyed our first "Family Bowling Night" at the Waterford Family Bowl. The event was well received and our members and their families young and retired, enjoyed a night of bowling, disco lights and music. Refreshments were provided.
Our annual Recognition Dinner was held at Ocean Beach. Thank you to everyone who helped with volunteer services throughout the year.
Councillors J. Husereau and J. Newman attended the 2014 Leadership Institutes which was held at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.
Health and Safety chair R. Gianfrocco attended the 2014 Health and Safety Conference at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.
Veteran Shirts are available for purchase at \$15.00. The money supports our veterans.
The John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Program increased from 6 to 8 winners and the dollar amount went from \$2,000.00 to \$2500.00 per year.

APRIL

Many of our members and their families enjoyed our first "Family Movie Matinee" at the Waterford Cinema 9 Theater. The movie, "Mr. Peabody and Sherman" was exciting and had good content. Our members and their families enjoyed an afternoon at the movies.
The annual AFL-CIO Workers Memorial Day was held Washington Park, Groton, CT. Many of our members came out to honor all deceased workers. Financial Secretary W. Burgess was the Master of Ceremonies and President W. Louis placed the MDA-UAW Local 571 wreath on the Memorial.
Chaplain S. Gardner and member N. Boschetto attended the Chaplaincy Conference at Black Lake, Onaway, MI.

MAY

Members K. Deschamps and M. Fletcher attended UCAN training at the United Way of Southeastern, CT, Gales Ferry, CT.
A Special General Membership Meeting was held for the proposed dues increase by the UAW. It was not supported by the MDA.

JUNE

Joint Apprentice co-chairs J. Marmaud and V. Williams attended the ESAC (Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship Conference) at the Hilton Burlington Hotel, Burlington, Vermont.
The 36th Constitutional Convention was held in Detroit, MI. President W. Louis, Second Vice President D. Reagan, members J. Bond, C. Mauro, L. Strader and Joe Wessell attended.
Members K. Brainard, T. Clancy, D. Erardy, D. Evans, R. Guay, D. Long, C. MacDonald, K. Rowland and D. Witt attended the PLM World Convention in Orlando, FL.
Financial Secretary W. Burgess, M. Ciliano, Recording Secretary P. Clay, Treasurer R. Faraci and J. Husereau attended the Tenth Biennial Political Convention at the Omni Hotel, New Haven, CT.
Our annual Family Day at Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT was enjoyed by many MDA members and their families.

JULY

Members M. Kieon, A. Pearson, P. Rutigliano, M. Vlacic, A. Wurzbacher & daughter attended the 2014 Family Scholarship at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Black Lake, Onaway, MI.
The 2014 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Program winners were announced: Meagan Brown, daughter of member Wilson Brown; Sierra Cameron, daughter of member Mark Cameron; Hannah Burke, daughter of member Ed Burke; Kelsey Karavolis, daughter of member Steven Karavolis; Alyssa Mattison, daughter of member Jeffrey Mattison; Stephanie Napierkowski, daughter of member Jude Napierkowski; Zachary Roderick, son of member Karen Roderick and Quinn Slocum, daughter of member Kevin Slocum.
A Rhode Island UAW CAP Council was formed. Political Rep. J. Husereau attended the first meeting which was held at the National Education Association of RI in Warwick, RI.
Our 1st MDA-UAW Local 571 New Hire Class was held at the union office. The class was well received and more classes have been planned.

AUGUST

Members K. Fantoli, K. Roderick, R. Taft and Jen Wessell attended the 2014 International Women's Conference held at the Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.

Our 5th Annual Solidarity Day Picnic was held at Washington Park, Groton, CT. It was a family fun day. There were raffle prizes, moon bounces for the kids, a dunk booth for fun and laughs, horse shoes, whiffle ball, food catered by Tony D's and a Ben and Jerry's ice cream truck.

Many of our members and their families boarded one of the two reserved busses to see The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum located on the Hudson River, Manhattan, New York City, NY. The trip was a huge success and very much enjoyed by those who attended. Our 2nd New Hire Class was held at the union office. The class was well received and 20 students were invited to attend. Members A. Decelles and M. Hicks attended the UAW Veteran's Conference held at the Walter and My Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Black Lake, Onaway, MI. A Local 571 family campground outing took place at the Natures Camp Sites, Voluntown, CT. Several members and their families came out for a good time, enjoying the activities of the campground and campfire fun. A food drive was held at the Fox Towers (previously MGM Tower) Grand Ballroom. All food items went to the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center. Results: our team managed to save 47,962 pounds of food (about 39,968 meals). Many thanks to all the volunteers who participated in this event. The Dodd Stadium Family Baseball Night was held again this year at Dodd Stadium, Norwich, CT. It was a great time and enjoyed by all.

SEPTEMBER

The Rocky Hill "Stand Down 2014" was held in Rocky Hill, CT. The MDA has been given donations from the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center in New London to bring and give out to over a thousand homeless Veterans. President W. Louis, Financial Secretary W. Burgess, M. Hicks and D. Bliven were in attendance. The AFL-CIO Community Services Golf Tournament that was held at the Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT to Benefit the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center. The tournament raised \$14,534.00 for Food Center. The Pete Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Cedar Ridge Country Club, East Lyme, CT and enjoyed by all. There were 22 teams in attendance. First Vice President K. Rowland and Political Rep. J. Husereau attended the Rhode Island AFL-CIO COPE Convention held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI. Our 3rd New Hire Class was held at the union office, 16 students attended. With short notice, a food show was held at the Mohegan Sun Ballroom with many volunteers who came out to help, it was truly astonishing. Thanks go out to our EB co-workers, retirees, family members and friends that came out to donate their time to the cause. There is a new partner, Hendel, who donated one of their trucks and drivers to the cause as well. Results: our team managed to save 19,846 pounds of food (about 16,538 meals) from the local trash and send it to over 95 feeding sites in the area. Great job!

OCTOBER

The Women's Committee "School Supplies" drive was a great success. More than 5 back packs were collected and a box of miscellaneous items was also donated to our committee. Thank you to all who donated. The committee is continuing to collect box tops in the cafeterias in Building 88 and New London. Box tops can also be given to any member of the Women's Committee. The 2014 Electric Boat Employees' Community Services Campaign went very well this year. Thank you to all those who supported the campaign. Also, thank you to our volunteers that attended the United Way of Southeastern CT's kickoff and read to students at the local schools. A 2nd movie matinee was held at the Showcase Cinema in Warwick, RI. The movie "Book Of Life" was shown and enjoyed by all the members and their families who attended. Recording Secretary P. Clay, W. Dwyer, P. Gonski and J. Husereau attended the Labor Law & Labor Arbitration in Boston, MA. The food collected was delivered to the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center. Thank you to all the members and their helpers who volunteered their time for this event. President W. Louis, 2nd Vice President D. Reagan, Trustee W. May and 1st Vice President K. Rowland attended the GD Conference held in Detroit, MI. Members M. Bennett, K. Brainard, J. Carver, T. Clancy, M. Gorra, P. Harvey, B. Lamphere, P. Medeiros, G. Palmer, 1st Vice President K. Rowland, Ron Shaw, D. Singleton, Curtis Smith, Josh Wessell, C. Williams and D. Witt attended 2014 PLM World New England Regional User Group (RUG) Conference in Framingham, MA. President W. Louis, E. Rocznik, W. Dwyer and J. Page represented Local 571 at the Garde Arts Center to participate in a recognition of Gemma E. Moran and her tireless effort in delivering the basic need of food in Southeastern CT. Coinciding with her 90th birthday, labor leaders from the community lined up along with local non-profit leaders and politicians to express their heartfelt thanks for Gemma's life time ambition to create a food locker in the area and her support of labor unions in the work place. An article was published in The Day paper on Sunday, October 5, 2014. Our 4th New Hire Class was held at the union office, 16 students attended. The Women's Committee collected Halloween costumes from the collection boxes that were put in the cafeterias. They were delivered to Safe Futures in New London, formally the Women's Center of Southeastern CT. They were very grateful to get the costumes. Both collection boxes were almost full. On behalf of the Women's Committee, thank you to all that that donated to this cause. A day of caring was held at several Stop & Shop grocery stores. A huge round of applause to all EB coworkers, family and friends for helping to contribute 5,614 pounds of food and over \$1,300.00 to the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center. Thank you everyone for your support.

NOVEMBER

The UAW Region 9A Veterans Council 17th Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT. S. Beck & guest, Financial Secretary W. Burgess, A. Decelles & guest, M. Hicks & guest, President W. Louis and V. Williams and guest attended the event. A thank you was received from Barbara Nagy (Groton Public Library) for the interviews she did with many of our members and retirees (about 30) on the EB Oral History Project she was doing. There was an exhibit featuring excerpts from the interviews and memorabilia from EB at the Groton Public Library on display. A public reception was held and an article was published in The Day newspaper. Members V. Blanco, N. DeFosses, R. Gianfrocco, D. Gonzales and R. McClung attended the ConnectiCOSH Annual Convention, UAW Region 9A, Farmington, CT.

DECEMBER

Our 5th New Hire Class was held at the union office, 16 students attended. Our Holiday Party held at Ocean Beach after our General Membership Meeting for our union sisters and brothers was a huge success. The evening was a combination of good food and great company. The Premier Room at the Fox Tower, Foxwoods Resort Casino is the location for our 75th Anniversary Holiday Dinner Dance. With our largest crowd (800+) in attendance, the event was well planned and provides a great opportunity for an evening of social gathering with great food and entertainment.