

## **MDA-UAW Local 571 - 2015 Year in Review**

### **January**

Retiree luncheon held at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT. President William E. Louis, Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess, Retiree Steve Beck, Veterans Committee, Al Decelles, Melvin Hicks and Joint Apprentice Committee Velma Williams attended the UAW Region 9A Civil and Human Rights Dinner at the Hartford Hilton Hotel, Hartford, CT.

### **February**

Two New Hire classes held. Retiree luncheon held at Tony D's, New London, CT. Gemma E. Moran was honored at Groton Inn and Suites, Groton, CT. President William E. Louis and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kenneth Rowland visited BMDA Union, Bath, ME. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its Family Movie matinee at the Regal Stonington 10 Theater, North Stonington, CT.

### **March**

President William E. Louis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President David M. Reagan, Treasurer Robert Faraci and Grievance Rep William May attended the UAW Financial Conference in New Orleans, LA. President William E. Louis, 2<sup>st</sup> Vice President David M. Reagan, Recording Secretary Patricia Clay, Grievance Rep Jack Bond, LUCA Committee Carol Mauro and Grievance Rep Joe Wessell attended the International Solidarity House Special Convention on Collective Bargaining of the UAW at the Cobo Convention Center, Detroit, MI. Food collection at Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT. Two New Hire classes held. Retiree Luncheon held at Ocean Beach, New London, CT. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its Recognition Dinner at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT.

### **April**

Two New Hire classes held. Retiree Luncheon held at Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT. President William E. Louis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kenneth Rowland, Citizenship & Legislation Committee Mark Ciliano and Joint Technology Committee Doug Witt attended Negotiation Training at the UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its Family Bowling night at the Waterford Family Bowl, Waterford, CT. Grievance Rep Jack Bond, Education Committee Kim Deschamps, Election Committee Gordon Duer, Councillor Rob Palmer, Members Josh Wessell, Adrienne Willetts and Rec Committee Anne Wurzbacher worked at the Worker's Memorial which was held at Washington Park, Groton, CT. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kenneth Rowland, Councillor's Paul Chreiman, Bill Dwyer and Grievance Rep Joe Huserreau attended the Lobby Day events at the State Capitol in Hartford, CT.

### **May**

Two New Hire classes held. Retiree Luncheon held at Richmond Country Club, Richmond, RI. Councillor Jeff Carver, Joint Technology Committee Tom Clancy, Computer Monitor Mike Molinari, Members Pat Donovan, Kyle Gerrish, Dave Lafleche, Tony Mercado, Penny Myllymaki, Jake Roy and Rob Sommers attended the PLM World Conference in Dallas, TX. Joint Apprentice Committee Joe Marraud and Velma Williams attended the ESAC Conference in Washington DC. The Veterans Committee sponsored a trip to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, New York City, NY. Health and Safety Committee Rich Gianfrocco and member Paula McPhee attended the Health & Safety Conference at the UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI. Members Jeremy Deschamps, Shelby Dubois-Jenness and Veterans Committee Mel Hicks attended the Union Community Activist Network (UCAN) training classes that were held at the United Way of Southeastern CT office, Gales Ferry, CT.

### **June**

The Triennial Officers election and run off was held and the new Executive Board is as follows: President William E. Louis; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Kenneth Rowland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, David M. Reagan; Recording Secretary, Patricia A. Clay; Financial Secretary, William R. May; Treasurer, Robert J. Faraci; Trustee, Paul Smith; Trustee, Eric Straub; Trustee Retiree, Wayne Burgess; Sergeant At Arms, Mark Ciliano; Guide, Pamela Gonski and Retiree Chapter Representative, Omar Hall. President William E. Louis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President David M. Reagan, Recording Secretary Patricia Clay and Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess attended the General Dynamics Conference in New Orleans, LA. Two New Hire classes held. Retiree Luncheon held at Ocean Beach, New London, CT. Union Councillor Training at the Union Office with Professor Mark Sullivan. Standing Committee Leadership Training with Donna Becotte, Region 9A Education Rep, at the Union Office. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its annual trip to Lake Compounce Theme Park, Bristol, CT. The 9<sup>th</sup> UAW Region 9A Annual charity Golf Tournament was held at the Tower Ridge Country Club, Simsbury, CT. LUCA Committee Carol Mauro attended the UAW-LUCA Communications Conference at the UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.

### July

Two New Hire classes held. Retiree Luncheon held at Tony D's, New London, CT. Member At Large Mark Spery, Councillor Brad Lamphere and members Alison Geer, Linda Judge, Nick Leonard, Bob Senay Jr., and Patrick Wightman attended the 2015 Family Scholarship Conference at the UAW Family Education Center, Onaway MI.

### August

Two New Hire classes held. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its Solidarity Day Picnic at Washington Park, Groton, CT. Women's Committee Kim Deschamps, Shelby Dubois-Jenness, Pam Gonski and Nicole Wilcox attended the UAW Women's Conference at the UAW Education Center, Onaway, MI. Retiree Luncheon held at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Camp Outing at Nature's Campsites, Voluntown, CT. The AFL-CIO Community Services Golf Tournament was held at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT. All proceeds went to the "Project Warm-Up" through the United Way to help those in need of fuel assistance during the upcoming winter. Food collection at Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT. MDA-UAW Local 571 held its Annual BBQ Baseball Night at Dodd Stadium, Norwich, CT. A Day of Caring was held at the Riverfront Daycare Center, Groton, CT. The Women's Committee held a drive for "School Supplies" for the United Way again this year. President William E. Louis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dave Reagan, Recording Secretary Patricia Clay, Financial Secretary William May, Trustee Retiree Wayne Burgess, Sergeant At Arms Mark Ciliano, Guide Pamela Gonski, Retiree Chapter Rep Omar Hall, Grievance Rep Joe Husereau, Joint Technology Douglas Witt and Retirees Mel Olsson and Robert Valentine attended the Region 9A Leadership Conference, Hyannis, MA.

### September

Councillor William Forsyth and LUCA Committee Carol Mauro attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual UAW Civil and Human Rights Conference at the UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI. Retiree Luncheon held at Ocean Beach, New London, CT. Two New Hire classes held. The MDA-UAW Local 571 Pete Johnson Memorial Golf outing was held at Cedar Ridge Golf Course, East Lyme, CT. Education Committee Kim Deschamps attended AFL-CIO Organizing Training at the UAW Region 9A Office in Farmington, CT. President William E. Louis, Financial Secretary William May, Veterans Committee Tom Montgomery Don Buell, Carol Esidore, attended the Rocky Hill Stand Down, Rocky Hill Veterans Home, Rocky Hill, CT.

### October

The Women's Committee Shelby Dubois-Jenness, Paula Gilger, Pam Gonski, Judi Page, Jen Wessell and Nicole Wilcox attended the Region 9A Women's Committee meeting held at the Region 9A Office, Farmington, CT. Joint Apprenticeship Committee Velma Williams attended a Women's Committee Breakfast (award for Ella Grasso) at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT. President William E. Louis and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President David M. Reagan attended the company's 40 Year Dinner at the Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT. Retiree Luncheon held at Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT. The MDA-UAW Local 571 held its first Fright Fest at Six Flags New England, Agawam MA. Food collection at Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT. The Women's Committee collected Halloween costumes for the children of Safe Futures. Veterans Committee Al Decelles, Members Dan Cote, Gary LaPorte and Jason Price attended the UAW Veteran's Conference at the UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI. Food collection at the local Stop & Shop's. President William E. Louis and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kenneth Rowland visited the members in NNS, VA. President William E. Louis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kenneth Rowland, Treasurer Robert Faraci, Sergeant At Arms Mark Ciliano and Grievance Rep Joe Husereau attended the AFL-CIO Conference at Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT.

### November

Retiree Luncheon held at Richmond Country Club, Richmond RI. Financial Secretary William May, Grievance Rep Rich Gianfrocco, Councillor Tim Carlson and Member Paula McPhee attended the ConnectiCOSH Convention at the Region 9A Office, Farmington, CT. President William E. Louis, Financial Secretary William May, Trustee Retiree Wayne Burgess, Veterans Committee Carol Esidore and Mel Hicks, Member Jason Price and Retiree Mel Olsson attended the Veterans Dinner Dance at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT. Region 9A held training on Effective Communication at the Union Office for all Councillors and Grievance Reps. New Hire class held.

### December

Retiree Luncheon held at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT. The MDA-UAW Local 571 General Membership Holiday Party was held at Ocean Beach, New London, CT. The MDA-UAW Local 571 Holiday Dinner Dance was held at the Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT. New Hire class held.