



SOUNDINGS

FEBRUARY 2024

2024 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE JOHN F SAFFOMILLA & E. ROY COLVILLE



The MDA-UAW Local 571 is pleased to announce the availability of eight (8) annual John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarship Awards of \$2,500.00 each to graduating high school seniors, pursuing a higher education, who meet the qualifying guidelines.

Eligibility to apply for these scholarship awards is limited to graduating high school seniors whose parent, grand parent, or legal guardian is a Local 571 member in good standing. Applications for the scholarship awards for 2024 are available from your Grievance Representative or click [HERE](#).

Each student applicant's high school academic and social achievements are the most important considerations in choosing the winners; however, it should be noted that in the selection process a significant emphasis and/or tie breaker factor will be placed on the financial need of the students.

Student applicants should take care to provide all the information requested of them on the application form. Additionally, they should check with their high school guidance departments in sufficient time prior to the deadline to ensure that their school has forwarded the required data to our scholarship committee. The deadline for the return of application forms and supporting data from school guidance departments is Friday, April 26, 2024 and this is firm.

The following guidelines will prevail in selecting the recipients and awarding the scholarships:

1

All applications must be received by **MAIL ONLY**, at the MDA-UAW Local 571, P. O. Box 7275, Groton, CT 06340 Attn: Recording Secretary, no later than Friday, April 26, 2024. No hand-carried applications will be accepted.

2

All timely applications will be reviewed and eight recipients will be selected by an impartial panel of judges non-associated with MDA Union. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.

3

The scholarship awards will consist of eight awards of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) each.

4

One (1) runner-up will be selected by the impartial committee in the event one of the winners becomes disqualified.

5

Upon proof of enrollment, the \$2,500.00 awards will be mailed directly to the college that each winner attends.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2024 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Executive Board	Feb 5	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Feb 5	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Mar 4	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Mar 4	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Apr 1	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Apr 1	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	May 6	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	May 6	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Jun 3	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Jun 3	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Jul 1	3:30PM	Union Hall
Executive Board	Aug 5	3:30PM	Union Hall
Executive Board	Sep 9	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Sep 9	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Oct 9	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Oct 9	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Nov 4	3:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Council	Nov 4	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott
Executive Board	Dec 2	3:00PM	Mystic Marriott
General Membership	Dec 2	4:30PM	Mystic Marriott

MDA-UAW LOCAL 571 2024 RETIREE LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

FEB 8

*Filomena's
Waterford, CT*

MAR 14

*Prime 82 Restaurant
Norwich, CT*

APR 11

*The Port & Starboard
New London, CT*

MAY 9

*Great Neck Country Club
Waterford, CT*

JUN 13

*Filomena's
Waterford, CT*

JUL 11

*Prime 82 Restaurant
Norwich, CT*

AUG 8

*The Port & Starboard
New London, CT*

SEP 12

*Great Neck Country Club
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This newsletter will also be available on the MDA-UAW Web Page. We appreciate your feedback and any comments you have to make us better at how we communicate MDA-UAW news.

GET INVOLVED
If you would like to volunteer or get involved in any of our committees, events or volunteer efforts contact, the Union Hall at 860-448-0552.



Local Union Communication Association



2023 UAW Union-Built Vehicle Guide

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UAW CARS

- Cadillac CT4
- Cadillac CT4-V
- Cadillac CT4-V Blackwing
- Cadillac CT5
- Cadillac CT5-V
- Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing
- Chevrolet Bolt (Electric)
- Chevrolet Bolt EUV (Electric)
- Chevrolet Camaro
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Mustang Coupe
- Ford Mustang Convertible
- Ford Mustang Shelby

UAW TRUCKS

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Chevrolet Silverado Medium-Duty Navistar (Regular and Crew Cab)
- Chevrolet Silverado Light-Duty*
- Chevrolet Silverado Heavy-Duty
- Ford F-150
- Ford F-150 (Hybrid)
- Ford F-150 (Electric)
- Ford F-650/750
- Ford Ranger
- Ford Super Duty 250/350/450/550
- GMC Canyon
- GMC Sierra Light-Duty*
- GMC Sierra Heavy-Duty
- GMC Hummer Pickup (Electric)
- Jeep Gladiator

- Ram 1500*
- Ram 1500 Classic

UAW SUVs/UVs

- Buick Enclave
- Cadillac Escalade
- Cadillac Escalade ESV
- Cadillac Escalade (Hybrid)
- Cadillac Lyric (Electric)
- Cadillac XT4
- Cadillac XT5
- Cadillac XT6
- Chevrolet Suburban
- Chevrolet Tahoe
- Chevrolet Tahoe (Police)
- Chevrolet Tahoe (Special Service)
- Chevrolet Traverse
- Dodge Durango
- Ford Bronco
- Ford Escape
- Ford Escape (Hybrid)
- Ford Expedition
- Ford Explorer
- Ford Explorer (Hybrid)
- Ford Explorer (Police Interceptor)
- GMC Acadia
- GMC Hummer SUV (Electric)
- GMC Yukon
- GMC Yukon (Hybrid)
- GMC Yukon XL
- Jeep Cherokee
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Jeep Grand Cherokee (Hybrid)
- Grand Wagoneer
- Wagoneer

- Jeep Wrangler
- Jeep Wrangler (Hybrid)
- Lincoln Aviator
- Lincoln Aviator (Hybrid)
- Lincoln Corsair
- Lincoln Corsair (Hybrid)
- Lincoln Navigator

UAW VANS

- Chevrolet Express
- Chevrolet Express (Cut-Away)
- Ford Transit
- Ford Transit (Electric)
- Ford E-Series (Cut-Away)
- GMC Savana
- GMC Savana (Cut-Away)

UNIFOR CARS

- Dodge Challenger
- Dodge Charger
- Chrysler 300

UNIFOR SUVs/UVs

- Ford Edge
- Lincoln Nautilus

UNIFOR TRUCKS

- Chevrolet Silverado Light-Duty*
- Chevrolet Silverado Heavy-Duty

UNIFOR VANS

- Chrysler Pacifica
- Chrysler Pacifica (Hybrid)
- Chrysler Voyager
- GM ZEVO Electric Van for Brightdrop

These vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the UAW and Canada's Unifor union, formerly the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). Because of the integration of vehicle production in both countries, all of the vehicles listed as made in Canada include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW members.

Vehicles marked with a single asterisk (*) are also produced in Mexico.

When purchasing a vehicle marked with a single asterisk, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a "3" identifies a vehicle made in Mexico. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.



Food Collection

380,000 (1 in 10) Connecticut residents struggle with hunger; more than 83,000 children are food insecure

The MDA Community Services' Committee is looking for volunteers for the food collection after the C&S food show at Mohegan Sun on March 12, 2024.

Everything collected will be picked up and distributed by the Gemma E. Moran United Way Labor Food Center.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can make a difference in your community please contact Jim Newman 860-433-2558 or Peter Crizer

Mission Statement of the MDA-UAW Local 571

The mission of MDA-UAW Local 571 is to serve and represent all members and their families to the best of our ability by providing work place representation, financial/job security, seniority and respect.

We will achieve these goals by educating the union leadership and the membership about their roles and responsibilities in this process. We also understand that teamwork is the ability to evaluate ideas on their merit, focusing on the issue and not the person. Our teamwork starts with the membership's voice being heard which will help create an environment necessary for success.

Local 571's priority is to improve the quality of life of our members and their families by maintaining the highest level of integrity in operating the union.

"Pride, Ownership and Accountability"



IN SOLIDARITY

MDA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2023



The December 2023 MDA General Membership meeting held at the Mystic Marriott was one of the largest attended meetings held in recent years. It was an awesome showing of Solidarity by all whom attended. A successful toy donation drive was held and MDA members donated numerous gifts that would be donated to the 2023 Tommy Toy Fund drive.

Region 9A Director Brandon Mancilla was in attendance as well as Region 9A Assistant Director Vail Kohnert-Yount. Director Mancilla addressed the membership on the great work of the UAW and the Big 3 negotiations this past year.

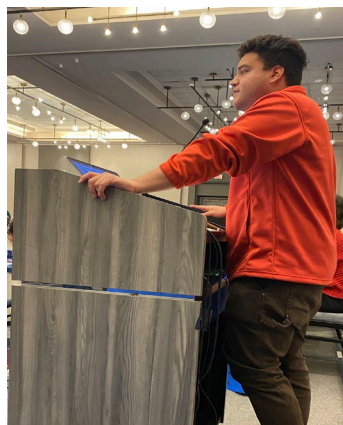
President William Louis swore in new Union Councillors; Steve Karavolis, Jeff Carver, Candace Goode, Velma Williams, and Erica Bonefas.

Congratulations to the winners of the forty, \$50 Stop & Shop gift cards.

We hope for another successful membership turn-out at the first General Membership meeting of the year held on March 4th at the Mystic Marriott.



New Councillors (left to right in the picture) Erica Bonefas, Steve Karavolis, Velma Williams, Candace Goode, and Jeff Carver



Region 9A Director Brandon Mancilla at the podium



Region 9A Representatives; Servicing Rep, Jose Melara and Assistant Director Vail Kohnert-Yount



MDA NEW HIRE MEET & GREET

New MDA members were invited to attend a new hire meet and greet held at the Mystic Marriott on November 3, 2023. Topics covered included health coverage, retirement savings information, and other EB employee benefits.



TOMMY TOY FUND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS 2023

The 2023 Stuff the Truck Toy collection drive was a great success. Thanks to a combined effort between multiple EB organizations, we were able to collect and distribute gifts



to over 1,540 families and make Christmas special for approximately 3,320 local children who were in need this Christmas. The MDA cash contribution and toys donated at the MDA December General Membership meeting helped provide toys to children across Eastern CT through the Tommy Toy Fund. Special thanks to all who donated last year.



IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL B. HARVEY (MEMBER)



Michael B. Harvey, 43, of Norwich, CT, died unexpectedly while visiting his parents on December 24, 2023, from complications related to a chronic illness. He was a Sr. Mechanical Designer at EB. He loved spending time with his friends

EDWARD E. JOHNSTON (RETIREE)



Edward S. Johnston, 79, passed away early August 18, 2023 surrounded by family at his home in Hobe Sound, FL. Edward enjoyed volunteering and worked with the CT Lions Club, Willimantic Elks Lodge, and the eastern CT Easter Seals.

RICHARD W. LEUCHNER (RETIREE)



Richard W. Leuchner, 77, of Groton, CT, passed away Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at his residence. Richard served in the Connecticut National Guard and retired from EB where he had worked as a designer. He will be missed by those who knew him.

GREGORY W. MCKENNA (RETIREE)



Gregory W. McKenna, 74, of Westerly, RI passed away on December 11, 2023, surrounded by his family. Greg was a member of the AFL-CIO machinist union at Cottrell/Harris and later applied his skills as a pipe fitter and draftsman at EB, Groton, CT.

JAMES BARRET (RETIREE)



James "Jay" Farrell Barret, Jr passed away on September 24, 2023. Jay enlisted in the Army during the Vietnam War. He served from 1966-1969 and was stationed in Germany. Jay loved spending his time sailing.



RETIREE INFORMATION

Celebrating our 25th year supporting Electric Boat Retirees!!



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Retiree Benefits Group LLC
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SPECIAL INVITATION

Beacon Retiree Benefits Group invites Electric Boat Retirees to participate in a special Medicare Medical & Prescription Drug Plan...



PROGRAM DETAILS

- This special group program is **ONLY** available to Medicare eligible Electric Boat retirees and spouses.
- This program was created in 1999 by your friends at the MTC, the MDA, Carpenters Union and the RSEA.
- Over 2,500 retirees & spouses participate!
- All plans, rates & benefits are the same in all 50 states!
- There are no individual plans comparable to these unique group options.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Morning sessions start at 10AM
The Hilton Mystic Hotel, Mystic CT
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Late afternoon sessions start at 4PM
Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Refreshments will be served!

To reserve your seat, call us at 1.888.484.0414 or email us at RSVP@BeaconMedicare.com

Beacon Retiree Benefits Group, An Alera Group Company, 710 Main Street, Suite 10, Plantsville, CT 06479

RECENT RETIREES



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MDA RETIREES

MAGALY LOPEZ	43	T/A MATERIAL
MARY PINE	41	T/A WEIGHT EST
ERROL WILSON	29	PIPE S/DES SR SPEC
HAROLD CAPLE JR	40	DESIGN TECH-ELECT
JOHN BROWN	35	PIPING SR DESIGNER
DAVID CASWELL	41	STRCT SR DES SPEC
MICHAEL PAVAO	29	STRCT S/DES SR SPEC
MARY WRIGHT	4	A/A ADMIN AIDE
ANTHONY VOCCIO	40	STRUCT SR DESIGNER
KEVIN BERRY	40	ILLUS/DES SR DESIGN
PETER GODON	47	STRUCT SR DESIGNER
GIOVANNI SAKOWSKI	27	PIPING SR DESIGNER
DAVID GONZALEZ	32	T/A INSTR SERVICE
ALBERT LaFLAMME	42	DESIGN TECH-STRUCT
ERNEST WIGHTMAN	43	DESIGN TECH-MECH
RICHARD CUTLER	15	LOGIST TECH AIDE
ROBERT YOUNG Jr.	7	STRUCT DESIGNER



Please Attend the MDA General Membership Meeting & Dinner

Mystic Marriott
Monday, March 4th, 2024
4:30 PM

Including a Deluxe Buffet Dinner
Open bar for one hour
Raffle will be held after meeting

*Bring along an MDA member that has not attended a General Membership meeting and get a bonus raffle ticket

Please RSVP to your Union Councillor before Monday Feb. 26th

Pete Godon
47 years
STRUCTURAL SR DES



Kevin Berry
40 years
SR ILLUS/DESIGN



Dave Gonzalez Jr
32 years
STRUCT DES TECH



Harold Caple Jr
40 years
DESIGN TECH-ELECT





MDA VETERAN CONTRIBUTIONS

The MDA-UAW Local 571 recently donated \$23,385 to 15 Veteran Organization's from proceeds raised at the 2023 MDA Veterans Committee Cornhole Tournament and the sale of Veteran Committee challenge coins along with the MDA retirees monthly donations. We can't thank Foxwoods enough for their support and for hosting us! We also want to thank Coastal, Thompson Speedway & Epicure Cornhole groups for their support in running the event and providing boards, stands and the electronics.



\$2000 donation to the CT VA Fisher House



\$2000 donation to the Tunnels to Towers, NY



\$2050 donation to the Disabled American Veterans



\$1000 donation to the Veterans Adventure Group



\$1185 donation to She's the Veteran Org



\$2000 donation to American Legion Post 91



\$1000 donation to American Legion Post 112



\$2050 donation to EB Troop Support



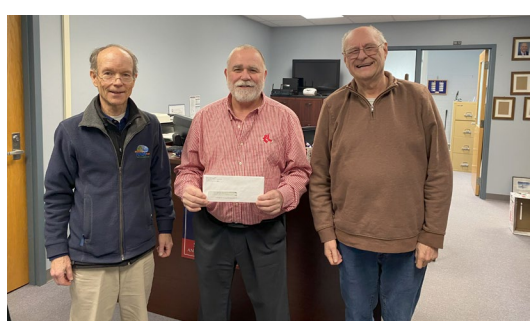
\$1000 donation to Dare to Dream



\$1000 donation to Groton Gun Club



\$2050 donation to Groton Sub Vets



\$1000 donation to Navy-Marine Corp Relief



\$2050 donation to Vet Rally Point



\$2000 donation to Veterans Equine Therapy



\$1000 donation to Willimantic Community Ctr

VETERANS CORNHOLE WINNERS 2023



ADVANCED BRACKET



1ST PLACE



2ND PLACE



3RD PLACE



4TH PLACE

COMPETITIVE BRACKET



1ST PLACE



2ND PLACE



3RD PLACE



4TH PLACE

SOCIAL BRACKET



1ST PLACE



2ND PLACE



3RD PLACE



4TH PLACE



MDA GOLF OUTING



1ST PLACE TEAM

Warren Gohacki
John Wirth
Joey Bacon
Bob Lind



Laughter and camaraderie were par for the course at this years annual MDA Golf Event held at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in East Lyme, CT. A total of 22 teams participated in a shotgun start on Saturday morning, September 11, 2023.



The weather was beautiful and a BBQ lunch was provided to all players and spectators.

Special thanks to the crew that made this day a success; Bill Louis, Dave Reagan, Nicole Reagan, Anne Wurzbacher, Amy Stephenson, Lauren Daigneault, and Dave Evans.



2ND PLACE TEAM

Ryan Bergeron
Wayne Scott
Dave Evans
Chris Hemme



3RD PLACE TEAM

Rich Crocker
Adam Crocker
Dave Lagram
Steve Lagram



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VETERANS COMMITTEE



The 2023 CT Veteran Stand Down was held Friday September 22, 2023, at five locations around Connecticut. The MDA Veterans Committee was on hand at two of the CT locations; Veterans Rally Point in Norwich, and Rocky Hill Veteran Campus. This event is organized by the CT Department of Veterans Affairs who continues their commitment to serve Connecticut's Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel, and their immediate families by providing this "one stop" access to a range of programs and services offered by state and federal agencies, veterans organizations, and community-based non-profits at regional sites across the State. Over 1000 veterans visited this years Stand Down event across CT.

All items offered to the veterans were donated by the Gemma E Moran Labor Food Center. Special thanks to all those who helped make the day a success. Norwich Crew included: Wayne Carbone, Tom Montgomery, and David Reagan. Rocky Hill Crew included: Don Buell, John Jarvis, Saige Louis, and William Louis and Region 9A representatives; Tio Foster, Shawn Tripp, and Roger Levesque.

