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The *UFCW 876 Bulletin* is a bi-monthly publication of UFCW Local 876 designed to give members a quick update of union news and notice of upcoming events. The flyer is distributed at the workplace by union representatives and is also available on-line at [www.ufcw876.org](http://www.ufcw876.org). If you would like to receive an email copy of future *Bulletins* during the first week of publication, call the Local 876 Public Relations Department at 1-800-321-6406.

## **KROGER SURVEYS HAVE BEEN MAILED -- LOOK FOR THE ENVELOPE!**

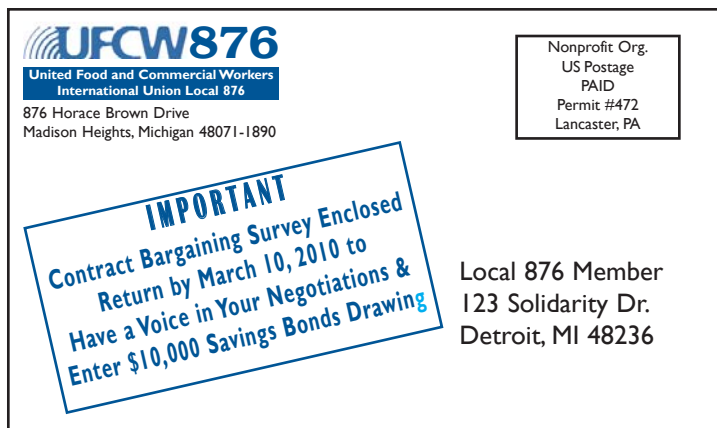
All Kroger members will receive a collective bargaining survey in the mail between February 1 and 19. Completing this survey will give members the a voice in determine the union's bargaining goals and

strategy for their contract negotiations. In addition, all members who return their survey by March 10, 2010 will be entered into a \$10,000 Savings Bonds drawing.

"We will be using the results of the survey to make many important decisions at the bargaining table," Roger Robinson, Local 876's president, said. "Which is why we need all members to honesty complete the survey. I can't stress enough how important it is for members to take the time to thoughtfully complete the survey. I know some members have completed a survey administered by Kroger at their workplace. The Local 876 survey is different. We need these members to complete the union's survey as well."

The Local 876 surveys are being administered by researchers from Wayne State University, whose procedures prevent members from receiving replacement surveys if they misplace the survey originally mailed to their homes.

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## **JOIN YOUR UNION AT UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP EVENTS**

### **Retirement Planning Workshop: Madison Heights -- February 25 & March 4 Waterford -- March 23 and 30**

The UFCW Local 876 Retirement Services Center is hosting a two-part workshop for members thinking about retirement or looking for a second opinion regarding their current retirement plan. The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and as is free to all Local 876 members and their spouses.

During the workshops members will learn how pensions work, update pension credits, review 401(k) strategies and IRA rollover options at retirement, build a retirement income and spending plan, and have the opportunity to ask the experts questions regarding pension, social security, health insurance, investments, 401(k)s, estate planning, long term care, and other retirement issues.

For more information call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8645.

### **UFCW Michigan Bowling: February 12, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, Lansing**

From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local 876 members and their guests are invited to participate in the UFCW open bowl. The \$3 per game fee includes shoe rental, pizza, pop and a UFCW gift. To register, call 1-800-321-6406 by February 10.

### **UFCW Michigan Bowling: February 15, Port Huron Lanes**

Local 876 members and their friends and family are invited to enjoy an evening of fun at Port Huron Lanes beginning at 6:30 p.m. The \$5 per person registration fee includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop, 50/50 strike ball, UFCW gift and first place team acknowledgement. Pre-registration by February 8, 2010 is required. For more information, or to pre-register, call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8630.

### **Local 876 General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, UFCW Local 876 Union Hall, Madison Heights**

General Membership meetings are open to all Local 876 members. At these meetings, union representatives review the actions of the Local 876 Executive Board, present updates, and address members' questions. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

## **REDUCED FEE TAX PREPARATION OFFERED TO 876 MEMBERS**

The Local 876 Retirement Services and Financial Wellness Center is offering Local 876 members reduced-rate tax preparation and filing services for their 2009 taxes. Fees range from \$50 for 10240 EZ Federal and State forms to \$129 for 1040 Federal and State forms including electronic filing, with additional charges for added services. Call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8604 for details.

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