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United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 876

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. 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.

MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR PAID UNION PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

Local 876 will be holding informational open houses and interviews for members interested in working as Special Project Union Representatives (SPURs). Members selected to participate in the SPUR program will be trained by the local to assist in worker outreach and community development programs. Once trained, SPURs will be contacted on an as needed basis for projects in their community. SPUR assignments may be as short as a few hours, or last as long as a couple of months. SPURs will be paid lost time by the local to compensate for missed work hours. Interested members are encouraged to attend the open house. If you are unable to attend the open house, but would like more information regarding the SPUR program, contact Brad Wilson at 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8641.

LOCAL 876 SPUR INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE AND INTERVIEWS

Additional information on the Local 876 SPUR Program and interviews for SPUR positions will be conducted during these times.

**Thursday, February 7
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
UFCW 876 Union Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr.**

LOCAL 876 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Members and their eligible dependents who are seeking a post-high school education are encouraged to apply for a 2008 Local 876 Scholarship. "Local 876 is proud to continue to offer scholarships to help ease the financial burden of attending college for our members and their families," Roger Robinson, Local 876's president, said. "Last year, the local awarded its first scholarships to very deserving students,

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and are looking forward to making this year's awards."

Five \$2,000 Local 876 Scholarships will be awarded in 2008 to full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate students attending, or accepted to attend, an accredited college, university, community college, or recognized trade school at the time the award is presented. Members and their dependent children are eligible for the scholarship, provided the member has been in good standing with Local 876 for one full year as of January 1, 2008.

To receive a Local 876 Scholarship application, along with complete scholarship rules, regulations, and procedures, call the Local 876 Public Relations Department at 1-800-321-6406 or download one at www.ufcw876.org. **Applications must be received by March 3, 2008.**

CHECK IT OUT! LOCAL 876 YOUNG WORKERS MYSPACE PAGE

Visit the official Myspace page for the Local 876 "Young Workers Committee" at <http://www.myspace.com/local876>. The Young Workers Committee is a group of 876 members who occasionally get together to discuss workplace issues unique to them as well as network, learn more about the labor movement, and discover new ways to get involved with their union.

CONTRACT BARGAINING UPDATE

Twin City Foods: Members ratified a new four-year contract in mid-January which includes annual wage increases, pension gains, and the maintenance of quality health insurance with no weekly copayment for employee coverage.

Harvard Drug: Negotiations continue between Local 876 and Harvard Drug on a new contract covering the approximate 66 members who work at this pharmaceutical distribution center located in Livonia.

Buckeye: Contract proposal forms have been returned by the membership and dates for negotiations are pending. Approximately 20 Local 876 members work at this retail store located in Adrian. The current contract expires March 23, 2008.

Recycled Polymeric Materials: Negotiations continue and the current contract has been extended to January 31, 2008. Approximately 67 Local 876 members work at this automotive supplier located in Detroit.

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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.

Madison Heights --Wednesday, February 6

UFCW Local 876 Union Hall

876 Horace Brown Drive

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