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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. 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.

JOIN THE UFCW LOBBY DAY 2008 DELEGATION – MAY 15

Busses of UFCW members from across the state will descend on the Michigan State Capitol on Thursday, May 15 for the second annual UFCW Michigan Lobby Day.

Participants will be briefed on current legislative issues important to workers and their families before meeting with their representatives to encourage their action on these issues. Lobby Day participants will also lunch with legislators and sit-in on session for a full day of hands-on political action.

Any member interested in participating in Lobby Day is encouraged to reserve their place on the bus today, as space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

“Members don’t need any prior experience to participate in Lobby Day,” Roger Robinson, Local 876’s president, said. “Just an interest in gaining a first hand view of the political process and having the opportunity to have their voice heard by elected representatives should they choose to speak up.”

For more information, or to reserve a place on the bus, contact Local 876’s Political Director, Chris Michalakakis, at 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8644.

LOCAL 876 YOUNG WORKERS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted from Local 876 members between the ages of 17 and 25 who are interested in participating in the local’s first Young Workers Summer Internship Program June 1 to July 11, 2008.

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The six-week paid internship will include education/training components along with hands-on experience in most every aspect of the organization. In addition to working with Local 876 staff, interns may also participate in community development and political action projects involving canvassing, phone banking, participation at rallies and other activities aimed at securing social justice in the workplace and communities, helping to grow the labor movement.

For more information, or an application, go to www.ufcw876.org or call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8629.

CONTRACT BARGAINING UPDATE

Recycled Polymeric Materials: A membership vote on a new contract is pending for the approximate 67 Local 876 members who work at this automotive supplier located in Detroit.

Rite Aid: In preparation for its upcoming negotiations with the company, the results of contract proposal forms returned by Rite Aid members have been compiled and the union’s Bargaining Committee formed.

Local 876 is one of several UFCW local unions engaged in contract bargaining with Rite Aid this year. The locals have pledged their unity and support of one another to achieve the best contracts for all UFCW members working at Rite Aid, despite Rite Aid’s notorious reputation as a difficult employer.

“The last bargaining cycle with Kroger and other major grocers proved UFCW members can be successful at the bargaining table, even in the toughest negotiating conditions, if they stand united and strong. Through unity bargaining the same positive results can be achieved for Rite Aid members across the nation.”

The current Local 876 Rite Aid contract expires May 17, 2008, and covers approximately 955 members working at 90 drug stores.

Operating Engineers Local 324: Negotiations continue for the six Livonia office workers who are covered by the current contract which expires May 30, 2008.

Darling International: Bargaining is underway for a new contract covering the nine Local 876 members who work at this processing plant located in Detroit. The current union contract expires June 3, 2008.

YOUNG WORKER SUMMER INTERNSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- Members ages 17 to 25.
- People-oriented, energetic, with a flexible schedule.
- Reliable transportation and a valid driver’s license. Interns will start most days in Madison Heights.
- Fully available June 1 to July 11.



- Visit the state capital.
- Learn more about workers’ legislative issues.
- Meet your elected officials.
- Gain a first hand view of the political process.

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