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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.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2010 BENEFITS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

Members eligible to receive health benefits from the Michigan UFCW Unions and Employers Health and Welfare Fund (see list at right) will be required to complete the open enrollment process by November 2, 2008 in order to receive health benefits for 2010. Enrollment packets will be mailed at the end of August, and will be available on-line September 1.

All eligible members, even members who do not want to make any changes to their current coverage, must complete and return the open enrollment forms by November 2.

Health care benefits, including medical, dental, prescription and time loss coverage and life insurance, will end on December 31, 2009 for members who miss the November 2 deadline. These members and their eligible dependents will not be able to receive their union-negotiated health care benefits until 2011.

“The Fund Office has made it very clear that they will not make any exceptions to the November 2, 2009 deadline,” Roger Robinson, Local 876’s president, said. “We

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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS AT

**Beaver’s
Cygnet Financial
Hollywood
Hiller’s
Kroger
Riverside Markets
Oleson’s
Plumb’s
Turri’s**

**YOUR HEALTH BENEFITS END
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**YOU MUST RE-ENROLL FOR
2010 BENEFITS BY
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

**CALL 1-800-322-8190
FOR ASSISTANCE**

all need to work together to ensure no eligible members loses benefit coverage next year because they missed the open enrollment deadline. Such an oversight could cause serious problems.”

Members who fail to receive their open enrollment packet by September 14, 2009 should contact the Fund office at 1-800-322-8190. Members who have changed their address in the last year should immediately contact the Fund Office to insure they have the correct address on file. New addresses members may have filed with their employer or the union are not sent to the Fund Office, members must change their address with the Fund Office directly.

To assist members in the open enrollment process, the Fund is conducting informational meetings at the Local 876 Union Hall on August 11 at 7 p.m., September 14 at 5 p.m. and October 6 at 7 p.m.

FREE RETIREMENT WORKSHOP FOR LOCAL 876 MEMBERS

The UFCW Local 876 Retirement Services

Center will host a two-session workshop to help members plan for retirement in light of the current financial crisis. Topics to be covered include; protecting your 401(k) and IRA, understanding and applying for your pension, and building a retirement income and spending plan.

To register, call the UFCW Local 876 Retirement Services Centers at 1-800-321-6406, ext. 8645 and leave your name, telephone number, and employer. Members unable to attend this session can also contact the Retirement Services Center at this number to arrange an individual appointment.

FREE TWO-PART RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

**“SMART FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR
2009 AND BEYOND!”**

Wednesdays, September 16 & 23, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 at the Union Hall

For More Information and to Register

Call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8645

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOCAL’S HALLOWEEN EVENT

On Friday, October 30, 2009 Local 876 will host its first Halloween Trick or Treat at the union hall for members’ children 12 and under. To help make this event a success, members are needed to volunteer to pass out union provided treats and assist with craft tables from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, or to sign up for a shift, call the union office. Tickets and additional information on the event will be available in September.

 **1-800-321-6406**

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