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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.

KROGER BARGAINING SURVEYS TO ARRIVE IN MAILBOXES IN FEBRUARY

All Kroger members are encouraged to have a voice in their 2010 contract negotiations by completing the collective bargaining survey which will be mailed to members' homes in early February.

"Based on Kroger's recent negotiations, we have a good idea of what to expect from the company at the bargaining table," Roger Robinson, Local 876's president, said. "The survey has been designed to tell us how strongly members feel about accepting or rejecting certain company proposals, and how willing they are to fight for their bargaining goals. We need members to be honest in their responses as the local expects to be faced with several tough choices throughout Kroger negotiations, and will turn to the survey results for guidance in making these critical decisions."

As an additional incentive for members to return the survey, Local 876 is offering \$10,000 in U.S. Savings Bond prizes in a random drawing of members who return the survey by the deadline. A total of 25 Savings Bonds prizes will be awarded: one first place prize of \$5,000, two second places of \$1,000, two third places of \$500, and 20 fourth places prizes of \$100.

Kroger is also surveying its employees on a variety of issues. This is a separate survey from the union's, and should not be confused with Local 876's efforts to learn members' opinions regarding their next contract. The Local 876 survey will be mailed to members' homes in a clearly marked envelope. Members should avoid discarding or misplacing this survey as additional surveys are unavailable. (OVER)

Kroger Members

Take Action to Have a Voice in Your Upcoming Negotiations

Immediately: Contact the Local 876 office at 1-800-321-6406 with an updated address.

February 1: Begin watching your mailbox for your survey.

March 10: Return your survey by this date to be entered into the \$10,000 Savings Bond drawing.

CONTRACT BARGAINING UPDATE

Dearborn Sausage: Members at this food processing plant ratified a new four-year contract in mid-December that includes a \$500 ratification bonus, \$1 in wage increases over the contract's term, and maintenance of current health benefits.

Adhesive Systems: The local expects to reach a tentative agreement in mid-January on a new contract for members working at this adhesive manufacturing plant located in Detroit. The current contract has been extended to January 31, 2010.

Medstar Ambulance: Negotiations continue on a new contract covering the employees at this ambulance service located in Clinton Township. The current contract has been extended to January 31, 2010.

Coat-It: The current contract has been extended on a month-to-month basis for members working at chemical processing plants located in Detroit and Ferndale.

Diversified Chemical: The current contract has been extended on a month-to-month basis for members working at this chemical processing plant located in Detroit.

Recycle Polymeric: The current contract covering members working at this auto supply plant has been extended on a month-to-month basis for members working at this chemical processing plant located in Detroit.

UNION SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Union Plus Scholarship: Deadline -- postmarked by January 31, 2010.

Applications available on-line at www.unionprivilege.org and by calling the Local 876 office at 1-800-321-6406.

Local Scholarship: Deadline -- received by 5 p.m. on March 31, 2010.

Applications available on-line at www.ufcw876.org and by calling the Local 876 office at 1-800-321-6406.

UFCW International Scholarship: Applications available on-line beginning January 15, 2010 at www.ufcw.org/scholarship.

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

Tuesday, February 2

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