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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 MEMBERS INVITED TO UFCW UNITY SEMINAR

In preparation for 2010 contract bargaining with Kroger, the UFCW Central Region is conducting a Unity Seminar for Kroger union stewards and interested members.

“2010 will be a major contract bargaining year for UFCW Kroger members in the Central Region,” Roger Robinson, Local 876’s president, said. “Local 876 members are among the over 30,000 Kroger UFCW members in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky whose contracts will be negotiated this year.”

Each of the six Central Region locals, including Local 876, scheduled to face Kroger at the bargaining table in 2010 fully expects negotiations to be more difficult than usual and will therefore be relying even more heavily on assistance and support from stewards and members as the union works to achieve fair contracts for all Kroger members.

“I urge any member who has the day available to attend this seminar,” Robinson said. “Not only will you gain valuable information, but together we can send a strong message to Kroger. A large turnout at the seminar will show Kroger UFCW members in the Central Region are standing united and are committed to supporting one another in securing fair contracts throughout the region.”

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UFCW Kroger Unity Seminar

**Tuesday, March 9
Dayton, Ohio**

- Meals and round-trip transportation will be provided from several locations.
- Members who attend the seminar will be paid lost wages from Local 876.
- For more information or to reserve your place at the seminar, call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8628.

Buses are tentatively scheduled to leave from Flint, Ann Arbor, Dundee, Jackson, Madison Heights, Livonia and Lansing between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. (Exact departure locations and times will be provided in confirmation letters sent to members attending the seminar.)

The seminar will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A light breakfast and dinner will be served on the bus. Lunch will be served at the seminar. Following the seminar, members will board buses to return to pick-up locations.

WATCH FOR YOUR KROGER CONTRACT BARGAINING SURVEY

Over the next two weeks, all Kroger members should receive a collective bargaining survey in the mail at their homes. Completing this survey will give members a voice in determining 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 random drawing for prizes totalling \$10,000.

FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

The Local 876 Retirement Services and Financial Wellness Center is hosting a two-part workshop for members thinking about retirement and/or looking for a second opinion regarding their current retirement plan. The workshop is free to all Local 876 members and their spouses.

During the workshop, 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 or to register call 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8645. Workshops may be cancelled due to low turnout.

**Pushing Your Money
to Work Harder
Workshop**

February 25 & March 4

Madison Heights

March 23 & 30

Waterford

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 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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