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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.

LOCAL'S RETIREMENT SERVICES CENTER OFFERS FREE WORKSHOP

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 1-800-321-6404, ext. 8645 and leave your name, address, telephone number, employer and unit number. Members unable to attend this session can also contact the Retirement Services Center at this number to arrange an individual appointment.

**Thinking about Retirement?
Concerned about the Economic Crisis?
Want a Review of Your Financial Plan?**

**Attend this Workshop!
Thursday, April 9 & 16
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
UFCW Local 876 Union Hall**

UFCW INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for UFCW members and their unmarried dependents to apply for the UFCW International scholarship has been extended to April 15, 2009. Applications are accepted on-line at <http://www.ufcw.org/scholarship>.

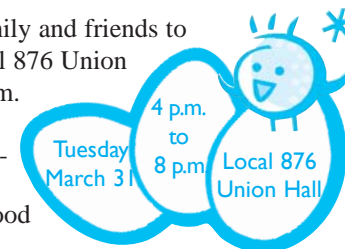
The UFCW awards several scholarships of up to \$8,000 each year. This year's scholarship winners will be notified via mail by Tuesday, June 19, 2009.

The deadline for the Local 876 scholarship remains March 31, 2009.

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UFCW SPRING CELEBRATION OFFERS LOW-COST FAMILY FUN

Local 876 members are invited to bring their family and friends to UFCW Michigan's Spring Celebration at the Local 876 Union Hall, Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature photos with the Easter Bunny, kids' activities and crafts, hot dogs, beverages and treats, moon bounce, and raffles. Admission is \$2 (which will be donated to local food banks) for everyone over age two.



CONTRACT BARGAINING UPDATE

Polly's Food Service: Local 876 members working at the Polly's grocery store in Chelsea recently ratified a new, four-year agreement featuring maintenance of health insurance coverage and deductibles, and increases in the employer's contribution to their pension and wage increases.

Koegel Meats: Negotiations are scheduled to begin the week of March 23, 2008 between Local 876 and Koegel. The current agreement covering workers at this food processing plant expires April 25, 2009.

Pat's Food Center: Preparations for negotiating a new contract are underway for members working at this Freeland grocery store. The current contract expires April 30, 2009.

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, April 7
UFCW Local 876 Union Hall
876 Horace Brown Drive

Traverse City
Wednesday, April 1
Days Inn
420 Munson

Highland/Waterford
Wednesday, April 8
Comfort Inn
7076 Highland Rd.

Flint / Flushing
Wednesday, April 1
Plumbers & Pipefitters
5500 W. Pierson in Flushing

Ann Arbor
Monday, April 13
Holiday Inn, North Campus
3600 Plymouth

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