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The *Local 876 Bulletin* is a bimonthly 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 online at www.ufcw876.org. To receive an e-mail copy of future *Bulletins* during the first week of publication, call the Local 876 Public Relations Department at 1.800.321.6406.

New Member Program Earns Gift Cards


Beginning January 1, UFCW 876 will launch the Perks Program, an incentive program, that allows members to earn credits towards a \$25 Kroger gift card by being active in their union.

“We are looking forward to the launch of the Perks program and beginning to recognize members’ support of their union in a new and meaningful way,” Roger Robinson, UFCW 876’s president said. “We have so many members who take time out of their busy lives to support their union. The Perks program will enable UFCW 876 to give back to them.”

Perks credits will be awarded to members three ways: existing contributors of the Active Ballot Club (ABC); volunteerism in political and legislative activities; and attendance of UFCW-sponsored events. A complete listing of specific activities and their Perks credits will be posted online at www.ufcw876.org/perks, and perks and informational flyers will be available from the union office.

Members who earn seven Perks credits between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 will be awarded a \$25 Kroger gift card. Members who earn 14 Perks credits during this time period will earn a \$50 Kroger gift card.

Members can request a Perks Card from their union representative or the union office to keep a personal record of their Perks credits. However, members’ official Perks’ records are maintained at the union office through event sign-in sheets and the union’s membership database. All gift cards will be issued once, following the December 31 conclusion of the 2012 program.



www.ufcw876.org/perks

The following are examples of activities for which members can earn Perks credits.

- The Active Ballot Club
- Membership Events
- Hand billing
- Phone banking
- Organizing Actions
- Political Events
- Young Workers Events
- Zoo Day

Political Activists Wanted

In preparation for the critical 2012 election, the UFCW is looking for members interested in taking an extended paid union leave of two to 10 months to receive political activist training and participate in a variety of political activities.

Ideal candidates will live in targeted political districts and have an interest in politics, feel comfortable talking to members and the general public about politics, have reliable transportation, and the ability to work a varied schedule including some night and weekend work. The UFCW will attempt to schedule members close to their homes, but assignments may involve driving some distances.

Work assignments will include; voter registration, leafleting, door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and attending rallies.

“This is going to be a crucial election for working families,” Roger Robinson, UFCW 876’s president said. “The UFCW is looking to build a solid core of political activists in Michigan to help turn out the vote for President Obama, Senator Stabenow, and other pro-worker candidates.”

For more information, or to request an interview for the program, contact UFCW Michigan’s Political Director, Chris Michalakakis at 1.800.321.6406, extension #8644.



Bargaining Update

Medstar Ambulance

A scheduled wage re-opener was ratified December 14 for the 126 members working at Medstar Ambulance in Clinton Township.

Harvard Drug Group

A tentative agreement has been reached for the 54 members working at Harvard Drug in Livonia. The new, three-year agreement includes both wage and benefit increases, and was unanimously supported by the bargaining committee. A contract ratification vote is scheduled for December 22.

UFCW 876 General Membership Meetings for Spring 2012

Madison Heights

UFCW union hall
876 Horace Brown Dr.
Tuesday, March 13

Ann Arbor

Holiday Inn
3600 Plymouth
Monday, March 5

Flint/Flushing

Plumbers & Pipefitters
5500 W. Pierson
Wednesday, March 7

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