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Cover: 100 UMWA Members participated in civil disobedience during the September 8th Rally in Washington, DC. Photo: Earl Dotter.

UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS

Panel Rights under the 2016 National Bituminous Coal Wage Agreement (NBCWA)

For UMWA Members employed at The Ohio Valley Coal Company (TOVCC) and The Ohio Valley Transloading Company (TOVTC) the following rights apply to all laid-off and active miners with regard to panel and recall rights under the terms of the 2016 NBCWA.

All members currently on laid-off status and any active members employed at TOVCC and TOVTC who may become unemployed during the term of the Agreement shall have the right to panel to all of Murray American Energy Inc. (MAEI) signatory operations.

It is the responsibility of the Member currently on laid-off status and any Member laid-off in the future to list all signatory operations for which they wish to be considered for recall on their panel form. Members currently on laid-off status must immediately revise their panel forms listing the MAEI signatory operations, in addition Members may revise their panel forms annually to reflect any changes in their recall preference. Members who are laid-off during the term of this Agreement shall make such designation(s) at the time they complete their panel form.

Seniority rights with respect to recall shall be governed by the language in Article 17 of the NBCWA for all signatory operations of the employer.

NOTE:

Panel forms must be updated in order for any member to be eligible for recall. It is the responsibility of each Member to immediately update their panel form. Any Member currently on laid-off status who does not update their panel form prior to any future recall is effectively removing themselves from eligibility for such recall.

Also, Members employed in Ohio who are recalled to any operation located in the State of West Virginia must obtain a West Virginia Miners Certificate. These individuals will be required to pass a test administered by the State to receive such a certificate. The UMWA strongly recommends that all active and laid-off Members from Ohio make arrangements to take the test as soon as possible. Additional information on testing can be obtained by contacting the West Virginia Office of Miners Health Safety and Training in Westover, WV at (304) 285-3268. The Union will also be posting relevant information regarding testing on the UMWA Website.

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UMWA Membership Always Ready to Meet the Challenge



Buses from across the south, mid-west and eastern United States began arriving early on the morning of September 8th at Union Square. These members from the Midwest traveled all day Wednesday, staying overnight just outside the District, to make it to the Rally on time.

The buses began lining Third Street in the District early on the morning of September 8th. For anyone on Capitol Hill who doubted the resolve and commitment of UMWA members to the fight to secure their hard-

earned pension and health care benefits, that question was answered early in the day. By 10:30 a.m. nearly all of the more than 125 buses from 14 states had offloaded almost 7,000 UMWA members, their families and supporters. As the crowd continued to arrive, the mass of Union members and supporters filled Union Square and spilled across Third Street onto the National Park Service grounds. When President Roberts kicked off the Rally at 11:00 a.m., people filled the grassy areas on both sides of the street. With temperatures reaching the mid-90's, UMWA members continued to arrive. By the time the Rally was in full swing, more than 10,000 people braved the heat to force the government to take action and protect their pensions and health care. ►



President Roberts opens the September 8th "Keep the Promise" Rally on the United States Capitol grounds. The banner in the background shows the signing of the historic Krug-Lewis Agreement of 1946.



UMWA members, their families and supporters listen to members of Congress offer words of encouragement and support during the Rally at Union Square. Many participants found some relief from the 95 degree heat under the trees on National Park Service land.

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The UMWA takes over the District

For more than four years the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), along with its friends in the Labor Movement, have traveled across the Country to stir the conscious of the Nation and build support

communities to raise their voices and force Congress to honor its Promise to the Nation's miners.

"We have been from St. Louis, Missouri to Henderson, Kentucky; from Charleston and Fairmont, West Virginia; to Bessemer, Alabama and to Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and

membership of the UMWA would do that. There has never been a time in our history when the UMWA didn't answer the call because we all understand that as long as we keep fighting for what is right, we will ultimately win. You have once again demonstrated that the United Mine

"We have given all that we have to give to this Country, to these United States, and it is time, Brothers and Sisters, for this government to stand up for the people who work for a living." —PRESIDENT CECIL E. ROBERTS, AT THE UMWA'S "KEEP THE PROMISE" RALLY

for miners and their families, who through no fault of their own, have seen the retirement security they worked for all their lives threatened. UMWA members and their families have journeyed tens of thousands of miles to protest and rally in the streets of St. Louis, MO; Charleston, WV; Lexington, KY; Bessemer, AL; Henderson, KY; Fairmont, WV and countless other cities and coalfield

we will go wherever we have to to defend the pensions and health care that our retirees have earned," said President Roberts. "This was not an easy trip for many of you to get here. Many of you had to stay last night and will have to stay again tonight on your way home. Others got up very early this morning and will return home as soon as the Rally is over. Brothers and Sisters, only the

Workers are the shock troops of the American Labor Movement."

With more than 10,000 UMWA members and their families in the Nation's Capital, along with hundreds of supporters from other Unions and our friends in Congress, from both sides of the aisle, it was time to confront the opposition and demand action to protect the pensions and health care for active and retired miners and widows. The protestors came in buses as far

Members and supporters unloaded on Third Street and quickly filled Union Square in preparation for the UMWA's first Rally on Capitol Hill in more than 16 years.



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Thousands of UMWA members and supporters gather at Union Square in Washington, DC in the shadow of the Capitol Building to Rally for the pensions and health care earned under the terms of the Krug-Lewis Agreement.

away as Norcross, GA; Pittsburg, KS and Tuscaloosa, AL. They walked through the streets of the District from the offices of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), the Teamsters, Communication Workers (CWA), Boilermakers and dozens of other Unions throughout the city. And they reached the stage from the Longworth and Rayburn House office buildings and their Hart and Russell Senate offices. They all arrived to raise their voices for working people, demonstrating their commitment to one another and demand that the United States Government “Keep the Promise” to the Nation’s miners.

“Today represents the most important step yet in the United Mine Workers of America’s long struggle to achieve justice and dignity for the coal miners of this Nation,” said President Roberts. “Because today we are bringing the fight to preserve the pensions and health care miners and their families have earned through years of labor to the very doorstep of Congress. It is here that the decision to uphold the Promise made in the White House in 1946 will ultimately be determined. It is in the Capitol Building that the elected officials of this Nation will reach the final conclusion on whether the United States government will honor its sacred commitment to the Nation’s miners. Today, we are here to demand they



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Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) is a cosponsor of S. 1714, “The Miners Protection Act,” and sits on the Senate Finance Committee. He stressed that the commitment to coal miners goes back 70 years and that America is not about turning its back on working families. Wyden told the UMWA crowd, “We [the U.S. Senate Finance Committee] are going to stand with you to get this fixed. We will be there next week and the following week until this becomes law.”

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), sponsor of S. 1714 “The Miners Protection Act”, addresses UMWA members assembled on the Capitol grounds during the September 8th Rally. The legislation had been stuck in the Finance Committee for months despite having overwhelming support from Committee Members to vote it on to the Senate floor.



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do what is right, and pass the legislation and “Keep the Promise.”

With everything on the line and knowing Congress would only be in town for a few weeks, President Roberts made the announcement at the Lexington, KY rally that it was time to bring the fight from the coalfield communities directly to those who will make this life and death decision. “It is time for the Union to move this process forward. To force the powers that have the ability to correct the pending injustice facing retirees and their families to make a stand,” said President Roberts. “That’s why we came to Washington, DC. It’s time to confront these elected officials and demand what we have earned. I know the UMWA membership is willing to meet such a challenge.”

Friends You Can Count On!

Standing on United States Capitol grounds at Union Square, President Roberts’ opening remarks left no room for anyone to question the reason for the event or the dedication of the members attending. Many of the UMWA’s friends from Congress took center stage to offer encouragement and support.

The original sponsor of Senate Bill 1714, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), was quick to point out the sacrifices miners made to gain pension and health care benefits more than 70 years ago. “Coal miners are the hardest working people in America. They dedicated their lives to powering our Nation. Yet before May 29, 1946 and the signing of the ►



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Congressman David McKinley (R-WV) is welcomed to the podium by President Roberts. McKinley is the author of HB 2403, the legislation introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that was originally drafted to shore up the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds in the wake of the 2008 recession, a host of coal company bankruptcies and adverse EPA policies that have left the Funds in critical status.



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Congressman Tim Ryan (D-OH) is the lead Democratic sponsor of HB 2403 in the U.S. House of Representatives. Ryan focused his remarks on the fact that for years UMWA members accepted smaller wage increases in order to secure future pensions and health care benefits. The Congressman noted, "When contracts were negotiated, miners took less in wages to secure pensions and health care in the future. Now these benefits are due. This is not a Democrat or Republican issue, it goes to basic values. It's what you've earned. So let's walk up there [to the Capitol] and let's get what you have earned. We're here to fight for your benefits."



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Congressman Mike Bost (R-IL) is a House cosponsor of HB 2403. Pointing towards the Capitol building, Congressman Bost told UMWA members, "We must get this done for you and for what is right. Make sure they do what's right, make sure your benefits are given to you the way they were promised to you."



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Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) has been a strong advocate for working women and men his entire political career and has been at the forefront in the Union's fight to move S. 1714 through the Senate.

Krug-Lewis Agreement, there was no pension plan for miners and medical care in coalfield communities was grossly inadequate. When miners went on strike to get the benefits they deserved, the federal govern-

Senate floor in late June to force the leadership of that chamber to set a date for the Finance Committee to hold a vote on S. 1714 in an effort to move the legislation to the full Senate for a vote. At the Rally the Senator noted, "The bipartisan Miners Protection Act will prevent a lapse in benefits that tens of thousands of retirees depend on. I am putting all my energy and efforts behind this

"Make no mistake about it, the people who are joining me are our friends, they are fighting for you in Congress, they are pushing hard every day to pass legislation to protect your pensions and health care, and they are here today to push your government to "Keep the Promise." Sisters and Brothers, these are friends you can count on."

—CECIL E. ROBERTS

ment seized the mines. But President Harry Truman understood the importance of coal and coal miners to the Nation and struck a deal to guarantee those benefits. Now we must protect these benefits and "Keep the Promise" to our miners who mined the coal that won us wars, that built our Country and will continue to power our Country for decades to come," said Manchin.

Senator Capito, (R-WV), was one of five Senators who took to the

legislation and will continue working tirelessly until this bill crosses the finish line. Coal miners have powered our Nation, and they are the pillars of our communities. We owe it to these men and women to "Keep the Promise" that was made to them, a promise made is a promise kept."

In his remarks, Congressman McKinley, (R-WV), made clear his unwavering determination to continue to push the legislation until it finally becomes law. "We've been working four years on this. I'm not giving up," said McKinley. "I'm Scotch-Irish and when I see a fight, I'm in the middle of it. This thing goes back to promises made in the Truman Administration. It has to be upheld continuously. That's where

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Senator Robert Casey (D-PA) spoke about his family connections to the mining industry. His grandfather, Alphonsis Casey, was a miner in the Anthracite Region of eastern Pennsylvania before becoming a lawyer. His great grandfather Thomas Casey was killed in a mining accident at age 35 near Scranton, PA. He also noted the 12,951 UMWA members in Pennsylvania whose health care and pensions depend on S. 1714, “You made a promise to the entire Country when you went to work in the mines, and you kept your promise, now it’s time for the federal government to deliver on its promise.”



Senator Shelly Moore-Capito (R-WV) is one of the original co-sponsors of S. 1714 and has put considerable effort into seeing the legislation is moved from the Finance Committee to the Senate floor and ultimately passed into law.



Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) is a member of the Senate Finance Committee and a strong supporter of S. 1714. Senator Portman has made his support for the legislation clear in Committee and on the Senate floor. He noted at the Rally that, “These benefits are absolutely required. You worked hard—you played by the rules—you were promised these benefits—we’ve got to make sure that we provide the health benefits and pension benefits. It’s time to get this passed—it’s our responsibility to stand with the coal miners.”



Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY) is an original cosponsor of HB 2403 and has worked tirelessly to move this Legislation forward. In very forceful terms he told the UMWA members that, “Congress must find a solution to “Keep the Promise” it has made to each and every one of you,” and that their participation... “sends a strong signal that this must be done, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because it is the will of the American people.”

we’re going to restore the confidence people have in government; by going back and delivering on the promises. It’s time to keep those promises. You’ve made us great. You mined the coal that helped power this Country. I’m standing here for my grandfather, for all the time he put in those mines out in Fairmont, and I’m going to fight for you. We’re going



Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) is a member of the Finance Committee and has pushed hard to move S. 1714 out of Committee to the full Senate for a vote. He noted, “This is easy. This is about whether your elected representatives will honor the Promise made by Harry Truman in 1946—that Mine Workers’ pensions and health care will be protected. This is a bill that is paid for—it is bipartisan. We need to get this done this year, and together we will.”



Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA) is one of the most ardent and consistent advocates for working people in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is not only a cosponsor of HB 2403, but is also the House sponsor of HB 1926, “The Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety and Health Act.”

to continue on. We’ve got a solution. We’ve developed it. Let’s go do it.”

Senator Brown, (D-OH), did not hold back on his unflinching support for passage of the Miners Protection Act, telling the crowd, “Our miners worked decades in the mines—hard, backbreaking work, but work that had dignity; work that powered this Country and that was supposed to help them build a better life for their families,” said Brown. “But right now, these miners are facing crippling cuts to the health care and retirement security they earned. Congress shouldn’t leave Washington until we “Keep the Promise” we’ve made to miners and their families.”

During his speech Senator Brown also showed his displeasure ►



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President Roberts takes the microphone to offer some perspective on the Union's efforts and close out the speaking portion of the Rally. "We all know what this is about. Every one of us here and thousands more UMWA Members and their families who were unable to attend this Rally know this is about fairness. It's about "Keeping the Promise" made 70 years ago in Harry Truman's White House. The promise of Cradle-to-Grave pensions and health care. We understand the Promise, and we intend to see that Congress "Keeps the Promise."

with the continued delay in moving S. 1714 through the Finance Committee. In reality, legislation has been introduced in Congress, to find a permanent solution to the pension and health care problem, every year for the past four years. Senator Brown has been a cosponsor and diehard advocate for each bill. During his speech Senator Brown noted, "This is about retirement security.

It's about making sure you get what you have earned, what you worked for your entire life. We must move the Bill forward. We must pay those Mine Workers back for what they did for the United States of America."

Representative Scott, (D-VA), traced the origins of the Krug-Lewis Agreement and the potential effect of Congress' continued inaction in voting on a permanent solution to the problems UMWA retirees face. He stated, "Seventy years ago Mine Workers went out on strike to get medical and pension benefits. It took the intervention of Harry Truman to settle that strike, and when it was over, Mine Workers had those benefits. You have been promised those benefits. You have earned those benefits. Failure to honor this promise will wreak havoc with families, it will wreak havoc with local communities whose economies depend on those benefits being spent in these areas. The collapse of the Pension Plan would jeopardize the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, placing other pensioners at risk. We can fix this, all we need to do is pass the Coal Health Care Protection Act (HB 2403). So let's save the pensions, "Keep the Promise" and pass the Bill."

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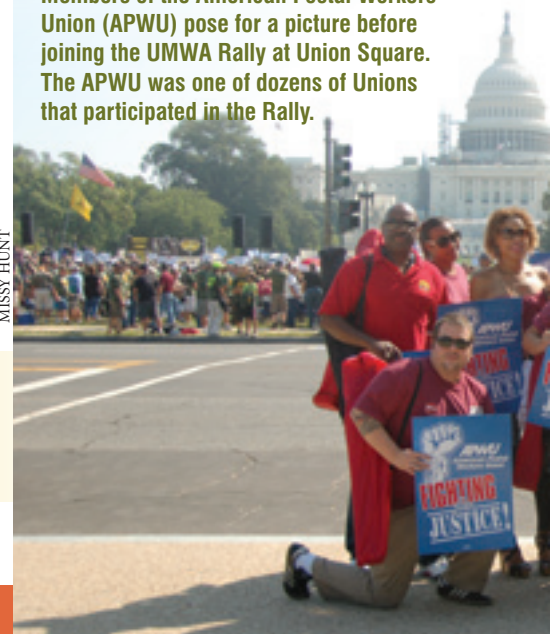
Members of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) raised a banner in Union Square in support of the UMWA's efforts to pass S.1714 and HB 2403.

The Struggle only ends with Victory

With the final guest speaker offering remarks in support of S. 1714 and HB 2403 and the success of the day's events becoming apparent, members of Congress made clear their commitment to fight until the Legislation is passed and the Government "Keeps the Promise." UMWA members made it clear that while they hope this is the last in the series of efforts to secure the pensions and health care they have earned, they still have plenty of fight left if necessary.

As President Roberts took to the podium for his closing remarks, he reminded the crowd that, "No one should ever underestimate the resolve and dedication of the United Mine Workers of America. Nothing has ever come easy for working people in this Country, most especially for coal miners. We have struggled and fought for everything we ever got, and today we are all here to fight to keep what we have earned.

Members of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) pose for a picture before joining the UMWA Rally at Union Square. The APWU was one of dozens of Unions that participated in the Rally.



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But we all need to remind our elected officials that this didn't just start today. We have held 22 rallies across the Nation, brought in over 115,000 people on more than 2,300 buses and spent more than \$18 million in this journey for justice. Brothers and Sisters, we have done much to make the case for the Federal Government to honor its commitment to the Nation's miners, now Congress must act. They must do what is right and "Keep the Promise." The Union will be watching, and we will not rest until they "Keep the Promise."

Ending the Rally by Risking Arrest

With the loud speakers playing Amazing Grace, a precession of more than 100 individuals carrying white crosses followed the Reverend Graylen Hagler and President Roberts from the stage across Union Square to Pennsylvania Avenue.

In a display of civil disobedience, the procession of UMWA members stopped on Pennsylvania Avenue and sat down in the middle of the road. Despite being warned on three separate occasions by uniformed members of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) to disperse or be arrested, the UMWA members refused to leave Pennsylvania Avenue



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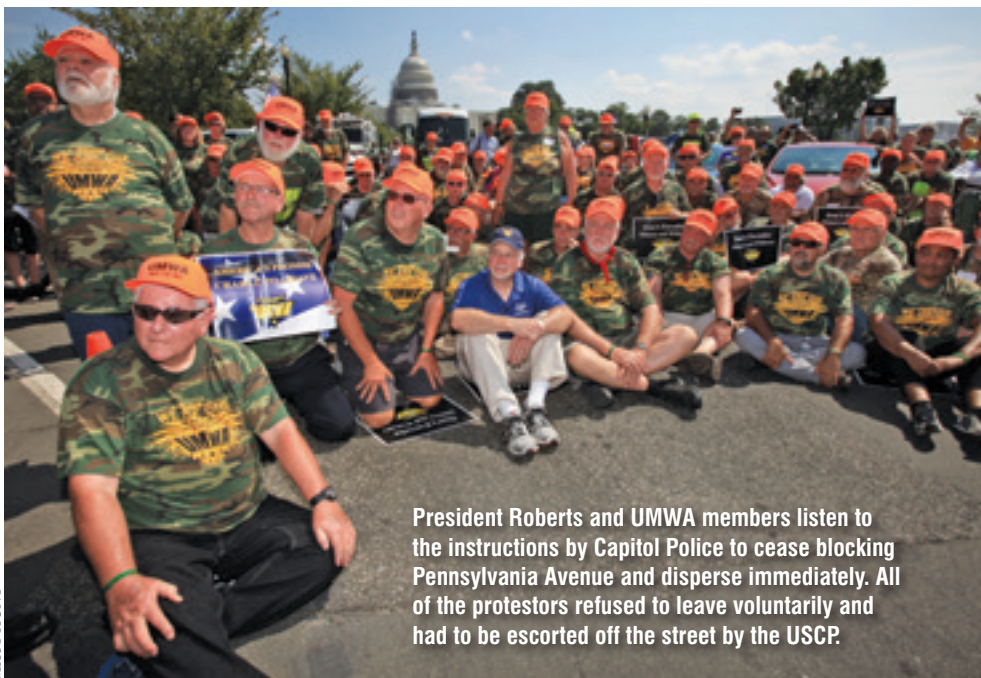


President Roberts follows a casket meant to represent the fate that awaits many UMWA members and their families if Congress does not pass the life-and-death legislation pending before it.

voluntarily. The USCP then removed each person individually from the street and formally cited them for refusal to disperse when given a lawful order and crowding or obstructing a roadway. Each arrestee was required to appear the following day at Police Headquarters to be processed and pay a fine.

"We all understand that breaking the law will ultimately get us arrested," said President Roberts. "There is no doubt the Union would

like to see Congress do the right thing by passing S. 1714 and HB 2403 to protect the pensions and health care miners have earned. If they did that, we would not be forced to take this action. Congress needs to understand until they vote to "Keep the Promise" and pass this legislation, the UMWA will continue to do whatever is necessary to force these elected officials to honor their commitments. This will never end until Justice prevails." ■



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President Roberts and UMWA members listen to the instructions by Capitol Police to cease blocking Pennsylvania Avenue and disperse immediately. All of the protestors refused to leave voluntarily and had to be escorted off the street by the USCP.

UMWA MEMBERS RATIFY National Agreement with BCOA

After more than two years of intense negotiations, the Bituminous Coal Operators Association and the UMWA were able to reach a new Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Contract, which became effective on August 15, 2016,

efits and working conditions in the American coal industry.”

The Agreement maintains wages at current levels and includes a wage reopener after three years. Health care benefits for active and retired workers and their

that was due to expire on December 31st of this year. Importantly, Murray Energy agreed to remain in the UMWA 1974 Pension Plan, avoiding a situation known as mass withdrawal, which would have forced the Plan into insolvency causing reductions or suspensions in pension payments. The ratification vote also removed any immediate threat that Murray would seek bankruptcy protection through the courts.

“These were some of the most intense and difficult contract negotiations that I have ever participated in,” said Secretary-Treasurer Kane. “When you look around the industry and see every other company out there running to the nearest bankruptcy court to terminate their contracts, shed their responsibility to active and retired miners and their families and have the CEO and his cronies walk away with bags of money, it becomes alarming. But we were able to keep talking and find some solutions to difficult problems. In the end, we have a contract that the membership can work under and keeps the company out of bankruptcy.” ■

President Roberts explains the terms and conditions in the 2016 National Bituminous Coal Wage Agreement at one of six membership meetings he conducted in West Virginia and Ohio.



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and runs through December 31, 2021, was ratified by over 60 percent of the membership covered under the Agreement.

“This was a tough vote for our Members to take,” said President Roberts. “The coal industry is in a depression and more than 50 companies have filed for bankruptcy in the last few years. Thousands of coal miners across the Country have been laid off. The pressures on those who are still working from a multitude of outside forces, including cheap natural gas and misguided EPA Regulations to name a couple, are tremendous and growing. But despite all that, our Members took a courageous stand by voting to try to keep their company operating while maintaining the best wages, ben-

dependents remain intact, with slight increases in out-of-pocket costs but no monthly premiums. Total annual days off from work are initially reduced, but many of those days are regained over the life of the Agreement. Most of the other terms and conditions of employment remain unchanged from the previous 2011 Agreement

Members from across Ohio and northern West Virginia attended the Contract explanation meeting at the WesBanco Center in Wheeling, WV. President Roberts conducted the explanation meetings for active and retired UMWA members and their families in both West Virginia and Ohio.



EMILY HARRIS

2016 COMPAC-endorsed candidates

The following pages list the candidates who have been endorsed by the state COMPAC councils and, in the case of candidates for federal office, by the National Council of COMPAC.

NOTICE: Some Area and State COMPAC Councils had not completed the endorsement process at the time the *UMW Journal* went to print. These endorsements will be posted on the UMWA Website, www.umwa.org, as soon as they become available.

ALABAMA

U.S. Senate

Richard Shelby (R)

State House

Dist. 7 Terri Sewell (D)

State Supreme Court

Place 1 Michael F. Bolin (R)

Place 3 Tom Parker (R)

State Service Commission President

Twinkle Cavanaugh (R)

Jefferson County Court Circuit Court Judge

Place 2 Laura Petro (D)

Place 4 Javan Joielle Patton (D)

Place 11 Pat Thetford (R)

Place 12 Annetta Verin (D)

Place 14 Clyde Jones (D)

Place 17 Elisabeth French (D)

Place 19 David Hodby (D)

Place 21 Bob Vance, Jr. (D)

Place 22 Tamara Harris Johnson (D)

Place 23 Agnes Chappell (D)

Place 24 Stephen Wallace (D)

Place 25 John Tindle (R) –
Bessemer Division

Place 26 Michael Streety (D)

District Court Judge

Place 4 William A "Tony" Bell, Jr. (D)

Place 11 Eric M. Fancher, Sr. (R)

Place 7 Robert P. Bynon, Jr. (D)

Place 5 Shera Craig Grant (D)

District Attorney

Jefferson County Brandon K. Falls (R)

Bessemer Division Bill Veitch (R)

Tuscaloosa County

Circuit Court Judge

Place 2 William Donaldson (R)

District Court Judge

Place 1 Michael Bradley Almond (R)

Place 2 James Gentry (R)

District Attorney

Robert Hays Webb (R)

ARIZONA

U.S. House of Representatives

Dist. 1 Tom O'Halleran (D)

Dist. 2 Matt Heinz (D)

UTAH

U.S. House of Representatives

Dist. 4 Doug Owens (D)

ILLINOIS

U.S. Congress

- Dist. 12** Mike Bost (R)
Dist. 13 Rodney Davis (R)

State Offices

Comptroller Susana Mendoza (D)

Ballot Initiative

Redistricting Oppose
Transportation Fund Support

State Judicial

- Dist. 1** Eileen O'Neill Burke (D)
Dist. 1 Bertina Lampkin (D)
Dist. 1 Joy Virginia Cunningham (D)
Dist. 5 Brad Bleyer (D)
Dist. 5 Jo Beth Weber (D)

State Senate

- Dist. 1** Antonio Munoz (D)
Dist. 2 Omar Aquino (D)
Dist. 4 Kimberly Lightford (D)
Dist. 5 Patricia Van Pelt Watkins (D)
Dist. 7 Heather Steans (D)
Dist. 8 Ira Silverstein (D)
Dist. 10 John Mulroe (D)
Dist. 11 Martin Sandoval (D)
Dist. 13 Kwame Raoul (D)
Dist. 14 Emil Jones III (D)
Dist. 16 Jacqueline Collins (D)
Dist. 17 Donne Trotter (D)
Dist. 19 Michael Hastings (D)
Dist. 20 Iris Martinez (D)
Dist. 22 Cristina Castro (D)
Dist. 23 Tom Cullerton (D)
Dist. 25 Corinne Pierog (D)
Dist. 28 Laura Murphy (D)
Dist. 29 Julie Morrison (D)
Dist. 31 Melinda Bush (D)
Dist. 34 Steve Stadelman (D)
Dist. 38 Christine Benson (D)
Dist. 40 Toi Hutchinson (D)
Dist. 43 Pat McGuire (D)
Dist. 46 David Koehler (D)
Dist. 49 Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant (D)
Dist. 50 Sam McCann (D)
Dist. 52 Scott Bennett (D)
Dist. 56 William Haine (D)

- Dist. 58** Sheila Simon (D)
Dist. 59 Gary Forby (D)

State House

- Dist. 1** Daniel Burke (D)
Dist. 2 Theresa Mah (D)
Dist. 3 Luis Arroyo (D)
Dist. 4 Cynthia Soto (D)
Dist. 5 Juliana Stratton (D)
Dist. 6 Sonya Harper (D)
Dist. 7 Emanuel "Chris" Welch (D)
Dist. 8 La Shawn Ford (D)
Dist. 9 Arthur Turner II (D)
Dist. 10 Melissa Conyears (D)
Dist. 11 Ann Williams (D)
Dist. 12 Sara Feigenholtz (D)
Dist. 13 Gregory Harris (D)
Dist. 14 Kelly Cassidy (D)
Dist. 15 John D'Amico (D)
Dist. 16 Lou Lang (D)
Dist. 17 Laura Fine (D)
Dist. 18 Robyn Gabel (D)
Dist. 19 Robert Martwick, Jr. (D)
Dist. 20 Merry Marwig (D)
Dist. 21 Silvana Tabares (D)
Dist. 22 Michael Madigan (D)
Dist. 23 Michael Zalewski (D)
Dist. 24 Elizabeth Hernandez (D)
Dist. 25 Barbara Flynn Currie (D)
Dist. 26 Christian Mitchell (D)
Dist. 27 Monique Davis (D)
Dist. 28 Robert Rita (D)
Dist. 29 Thaddeus Jones (D)
Dist. 30 William Davis (D)
Dist. 31 Mary Flowers (D)
Dist. 32 Andre Thapedi (D)
Dist. 33 Marcus Evans (D)
Dist. 34 Elgie Sims, Jr. (D)
Dist. 35 Frances Hurley (D)
Dist. 36 Kelly Burke (D)
Dist. 38 Al Riley (D)
Dist. 39 Will Guzzardi (D)
Dist. 40 Jaime Andrade (D)
Dist. 42 Kathleen Carrier (D)
Dist. 43 Anna Moeller (D)
Dist. 44 Fred Crespo (D)
Dist. 45 Cynthia Borbas (D)
Dist. 46 Deborah Conroy (D)
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Dist. 55 Martin J. Moylan (D)
Dist. 56 Michelle Mussman (D)
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A PARDON

for the “Most Dangerous Woman in America?”


On September 2, 2016, H. John Rogers, an Attorney and UMWA Associate member from New Martinsville, WV, submitted an application to WV Governor Tomlin for the posthumous pardon of Mother Jones. The action, if approved by the Governor, would not expunge her conviction, but would forgive her for the “said crime.”

President Roberts sent a letter in support of Brother Rogers’ request noting, “Although it may be the case that Mother Jones violated a few WV laws in the 1910s and 1920s, those laws were established to preserve a vicious and criminal system of servitude and near-slavery. I would point out that our Nation, and indeed our

state, has wiped those laws off the books and replaced them with ones that guarantee the right to organize and bargain collectively, ended child labor, set minimum wages and the right to overtime pay—all things Mother Jones was fighting for. Her “crime” was to encourage workers and their families to stand up for their own humanity and throw off the shackles of the company-town system that kept them and their children in continual poverty.”

Mother Mary Harris Jones holds a very special place in the hearts of working class people, most especially members of the United Mine Workers of America. For the better part of half a century Mother Jones was also known as the “Miners Angel” for her efforts to organize coal miners and lift them out of their futile coal company existence. From Cabin and Paint Creek, WV, to Ludlow, CO, Mother Jones was never afraid to stand against any coal operator or corporate baron in her quest for economic justice for working people. While she preferred to have the workers follow her lead and strike employers because they were fed-up with their state of affairs, it was never beyond her to embarrass workers into taking necessary action.

Mary Harris Mother Jones was a self-described hell raiser and Union agitator. She spent much of her adult life fighting for the rights of workers and lampooning the Captains of Industry and corrupt politicians.



Mother Jones holds a meeting with miners and their families.

In 1902 Mother Jones was put on trial for ignoring an injunction banning meetings by striking miners. During the hearing, WV District Attorney Reese Blizzard pointed across the courtroom at her and announced to the jury, “There sits the most dangerous woman in America. She comes to a state where peace and prosperity reigns...crooks her finger and twenty thousand contented men lay down their tools and walk out.” While Mother Jones was not convicted by the court during the trial, the label stuck for the remainder of her life.

During the 1912–13 coal strike in WV, however, Mother Jones was convicted by a military court of conspiracy to commit murder. The conviction carried a 20-year prison sentence, which was commuted 85 days into her sentence after nationwide protests forced the WV governor to take action.

President Roberts noted, “Knowing the hell raiser and agitator Mother Jones was for much of her adult life, I am fairly certain she held up her felony conviction as a badge of honor in the face of coal barons and thugs who she so vehemently despised.” ■



Senate Finance Committee approves S. 1714

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR CAMPAIGN WITHOUT TAKING FURTHER ACTION

On Sept. 21, the U.S. Senate Finance Committee voted 18-8 in favor of Senate Bill 1714, the Miners Protection Act. The vote marked the first time in the six years the UMWA has been working on this legislation that a congressional committee has approved it.

"The fact that we have achieved this goal is due to the very hard work of the sponsors of this legislation, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)," President Roberts said. "Our stalwart supporters on the Committee, Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), and Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), stood up to the handful of opponents of this bill and beat back any potential amendments."

During Committee debate, Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) announced their opposition to the bill and had several amendments they wanted to offer that would weaken it. However,

the UMWA had a clear majority in support and both Enzi and Coats withdrew their amendments.

After committee approval was won, President Roberts called for swift action by the full Congress, saying, "Now that this important first step has been achieved, it is vital that Congress move as quickly as possible to finally pass this legislation that will mean so much to the lives of thousands of senior citizens across America. There is no more time to waste."

However, Congress did not act on the legislation before adjourning until after the election, meaning that the bill will need to be considered in a "lame-duck" session in November and December.

"We cannot let up on Senators and members of the House of Representatives," Roberts said. "Members and families need to keep calling, keep writing, keep going to campaign events and raising this issue. We are closer than we have ever been to getting this bill passed. Together, we will get this done." ■

HOW THE COMMITTEE VOTED

Here is the official recorded vote of the Senate Finance Committee on the Miners Protection Act:

AYES:

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Chair
Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)
Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA)
Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID)
Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Senator Richard Burr (R-NC)
Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)
Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)
Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Senator Menendez (D-NJ)
Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)
Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)
Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)

NAYS:

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY)
Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
Senator John Thune (R-SD)
Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Senator Dan Coats (R-IN)
Senator Dean Heller (R-NV)
Senator Tim Scott (R-SC)

ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 8. GET OUT AND VOTE!

Election Day is coming soon and as always the outcome will be important to active and retired members and their families. That is especially true in state and local elections in many states where UMWA members live and work.

Please check the list of candidates endorsed by COMPAC elsewhere in this issue of the *UMW Journal* or go to the UMWA's website, umwa.org, and look on the COMPAC page for a list in your state. They have all earned your support and need your vote on Nov. 8!

James "Buddy" Humphryes

James "Buddy" Humphryes, a member of Local Union 1928 in District 20, joined the UMWA in November of 1975 when he entered the mines near Tuscaloosa, AL. He spent 25 years at the Jim Walters #3 Mine before being laid-off in 1999. During his mining career he performed a number of classified jobs, including feeder operator, shuttle car operator and finally as an outside/surface electrician. Buddy retired from the industry in 2002.

Since his retirement Buddy has stayed active in all aspects of the Union. He attends his Local Union

Whether it was the Pittston Strike in 1989 while Buddy was an active miner or the Rallies in St. Louis, MO; Charleston, WV or Bessemer, AL as a retiree he has traveled the Country to offer his support. He was also front and center at the most recent UMWA Rallies in Lexington, KY in June and Washington, DC on September 8th. "I'm proud to have such a great friend as Buddy Humphryes," said International District 20 Vice President Daryl Dewberry. "He does a great job getting the message about the UMWA out to so many different people. He believes



Humphryes at many functions over the years," said Secretary-Treasurer Kane. "He is always engaged in conversation with the people around him, carrying the Union's message

"I try to stay as **involved** in the **Union** as much as possible. I'm in contact with Vice President Dewberry all the time checking to see if there is **anything** he needs me **to do**. I'm here to do **whatever I can** for my Union, I'm always **happy** to help. The Union has been **good** to me, I'm just trying to **give back** a little."

meetings and is a fixture at District and International functions. "I've known Buddy Humphryes for more than 30 years," said President Roberts. "He has been a loyal and dedicated Union Brother his entire adult life. He is a strong supporter of the UMWA during the good times and has always been there to offer assistance to the Union during its times of struggle. Brother Humphryes never stops fighting for his Brothers and Sisters."

whole-heartedly in everything this Union stands for and isn't afraid to tell all who will listen how important the Union is for all working people. He's a great guy."

Brother Humphryes spends a great deal of his time talking with younger miners. Discussing not only the issues that they are currently faced with, but offering some insight into some of the struggles his generation encountered and how they dealt with them. "I have seen Brother

wherever he goes. He's always supportive of the Union and has been a good friend to me."

Buddy never fails to give the UMWA credit for everything it has done for him. "If you don't have Unions, every worker in this Country will suffer," stated Buddy. "The bottom line is simple, if there isn't a Union at your workplace, you have no say in your work life. The company will simply tell you how things are going to be."

"Buddy has been an important part of the UMWA for as long as I can remember," said Region II Director Gary Trout. "He really does whatever we need him to do for the Union." ■

Actively Retired is a regular feature highlighting UMWA retirees still working on behalf of the union. If you'd like to recommend a retiree to appear in Actively Retired, write to the UMW Journal, UMWA, 18354 Quantico Gateway Drive, Suite 200, Triangle, VA 22172, Attn: Actively Retired. Please include your name, local union, a telephone number and a brief explanation of why you're nominating the individual.

UMWA–LORIN E. KERR *Scholarships*



Two UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarships will be awarded for the 2017–2018 academic year to help individuals pursue undergraduate degrees in any field at accredited colleges or universities in the United States or Canada.

Who is eligible? Current members of the UMWA and their dependents are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

How much is it worth? The UMWA will award two scholarships for the 2017–2018 academic year, each for \$2,500. Each will be paid in equal installments—Sept. 2017 and Jan. 2018—as long as the winners have been accepted to a degree program at a qualified institution.

How can the scholarship be used? The scholarship can be used only for education expenses. It is not transferable and will be forfeited if the recipient does not remain a student in good standing.

How will the winners be chosen? A preliminary screening committee will select applications to be reviewed by an independent scholarship selection committee. The decision of the committee will be published in the *UMW Journal*.

To apply for the scholarship, fill out the form below and mail it, along with the additional material specified in the instructions, to: UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund, 18354 Quantico Gateway Dr., Suite 200, Triangle, VA 22172.

UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund Application Form

(Please print or type)

INSTRUCTIONS: Applications must be submitted along with the following material, postmarked no later than Feb. 17, 2017.

1. High school transcript (official).
2. Transcript of any college (or other advanced) study (official).
3. Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, or equivalent (if taken).
4. A 500-word essay that addresses the following questions:
 - (a) Why are you applying for this scholarship?
Include a description of any unusual family or personal circumstances that have affected your school activities or work experience or that may affect your ability to achieve your goals.
 - (b) What are your educational plans and career objectives?
 - (c) In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing the organized labor movement today?
5. On a separate sheet, describe your extracurricular activities and hobbies.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birth date: _____

Are you a UMWA member? _____

If yes, L.U. _____ District _____

If no, are you a dependent of a UMWA member?

Yes _____ No _____

UMWA member's name: _____

L.U. _____ District _____

Degree program in which you intend to enroll (associate's degree, bachelor's degree, etc.): _____

College or university at which you intend to study: _____

References: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Note: Please have your references submit letters of recommendation directly to the UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund at the above address. At least one of your recommendations must be from an instructor or teacher.

In accordance with the UMWA Constitution, the UMWA–Lorin E. Kerr Scholarship Fund does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, nationality or sex.

A Lifetime of Service



Several members of L.U. 6243 in District 17 are celebrating a combined 241 years of dedicated service to the UMWA. They are L.U. Recording Secretary Darrell Baker, 70 years; L.U. President Tom Barnett, 65 years; L.U. Financial Secretary Curtis Harvey, 60 years and L.U. Vice President and District 17 President Emeritus Bob Phalen, 46 years. Pictured (l-r) Bob Phalen, Darrell Baker and Curtis Harvey. (Brother Barnett was not available for the picture.)



EVAN STURGILL PHOTOGRAPHY

Josh West, President of UMWA Local Union 2274, and his son Nate, present the game ball to Central High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director David Stanley before the September 9th game. The UMWA has been a proud supporter of athletic and academic programs throughout the coalfields for many years.



Brother Kenny Smith receives visitors on August 25, 2016, after having his 3rd open heart surgery of the year at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, KY. Pictured (l-r) District Representative Tim Miller, International District 12 Vice President Steve Earle, UMWA members Kenny and Johnny Smith.



DONNIE SAVINS

L.U. 1980 member Lou Otto stands beside a picture of President Roberts and Secretary-Treasurer Kane in the District 2 Office. Lou won the 50/50 drawing at last year's Pensioner Leadership Committee Picnic and donated a portion back for this year's picnic.



Big Brutus is the nickname of the Bucyrus-Erie model 1850B electric shovel that is the centerpiece of Big Brutus Coal Museum, which opened in 1985 in Pittsburgh, KS. The Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining Co., donated the shovel to the Museum in 1984. On August 20, 2016, International District 12 Vice President Steve Earle, along with members of L.U. 14, visited the museum. Pictured (l-r) L.U. 14 President Jim Lovell, District Representative Tim Miller, L.U. 14 Financial Secretary Calvin Beer, Vice President Earle and GiGi Sachetta.



AMBER PAYTON

10th Annual Pensioner Leadership Picnic

The Pensioner Leadership Committee held its 10th Annual Retiree Picnic on September 10, 2016, at Ten Mile Creek Park in Fredericktown, PA. International District 2 Vice President Ed Yankovich acted as the Master of Ceremony for the event. At-Large Vice President Donnie Samms was the keynote speaker. Both Brothers Samms and Yankovich stressed the importance of putting pressure on political leaders to support S. 1714 “The Coal Miners Protection Act.”

The invocation was given by Father Rodney Torbic, Labor Priest and honorary member of L.U. 1980. U.S. Congressman Bill Shuster from the 9th Congressional District in Pennsylvania spoke to the membership about his support for HB 2403, the U.S House of Representatives version of “The Miners Protection Act.” Pennsylvania State Representative Pam Snyder, 50th Congressional District, also spoke to the crowd.

A rifle manufactured at the Remington Arms Plant in Ilion, NY by members of L.U. 717 was raffled off. All proceeds from the raffle go to UMWA Project Solidarity to help fund the Foodbank. The foodbank offers assistance to unemployed members of Region I. Pictured (l-r) At-Large International Vice President Donnie Samms, Jesse James, International Representative Mike Payton, International Auditor/Teller Tanya James and L.U. 2300 Member Randy Pringle, the winner of the rifle.

District 2

Val Scarton Memorial and Scholarship Fund Announces Winner

Briana Franklin, the granddaughter of L.U. 1269 member Alfred Froum, is the winner of the 2016-2017 District 2 Val Scarton Memorial and Scholarship Fund Award. Briana is a student at Conemaugh School of Radiologic Technology in Johnstown, PA, studying to be a radiologic technologist. She will graduate in May, 2017, and will receive the \$500 scholarship after completing her first academic semester.

District 17

District 17 Welcomes New Local Union



Newly organized Local Union 1222 in District 17, Elliott Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, in Sandy Hook, KY, ratified their first Collective Bargaining Agreement on August 11, 2016. International Representative William Chapman and District Representative Phillip Camden negotiated the contract. Pictured from (l-r) Margie Barker, Etta Wright, L.U. President Crystal Howard, L.U. Vice President Alisha Cassidy and Mary Adkins.



Brother Thomas Vaness

District 17, Local Union 5958 member Thomas Vaness, pictured here holding his great-great-grandson, passed away on July 11, 2016. Tom, who lived in Logan, WV was 93 years old and a 70 year member of the UMWA. Brother Vaness attended every Patriot Rally in St. Louis, MO. District 17 will miss Brother Vaness greatly.

District 12

District 12 Activities



International District 12 Vice President Steve Earle poses for a picture with 53 year UMWA member of L.U. 1410 John Hubbell and his mother Ida Hubbell. Ida is 96 years old and is an associate member of the Union. She is the widow of Ray Hubbell, a 50+ year member of the UMWA.

International District 12 Vice President Steve Earle and District Representative Tim Miller attended several Local Union events over the past several months. Both took the opportunity to discuss the status of the UMWA's Legislation pending in Congress and encouraged the membership to attend the September 8th Rally.

They attended L.U. 1423's annual dinner in Sullivan, IN on August 12th and L.U. 14's annual dinner on August 20th in Mulberry, KS. Vice President Earle addressed miners at a dinner for L.U. 1410 members in Linton, IN on September 17, 2016, and Representative Miller attended a dinner at L.U. 9653 on September 17th in Madisonville, KY.

District 22

District 22 Recognizes Members

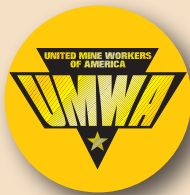
On July 21, 2016, L.U. 1307 President Elbert Harmon and District 22 Representative Matt Maus honored members, Stanley Frolich and Martin Chestine, for their 78 years of membership with the UMWA. Mr. Frolich is 91 years old, and Mr. Chestine is 97. They were originally members of L.U. 7404 in District 22. Each received a plaque and pins for their many years of dedicated service to the Union.

L.U. 7404 was merged with L.U. 1307 on October 4, 2012. Pictured is Martin Chestine at his home. Brother Stanley Frolich—holding the plaque—is pictured along with L.U. 1307 President Elbert Harmon, District 22 Representative Matt Maus and several members of his family who attended the ceremony.



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HONORING OUR PENSIONERS

UMWA District officials recently honored the following retirees for their years of service as members of the UMWA.

70 Year Pins District 31 L.U. 7690 Lemmie Causby

60 Year Pins District 2 L.U. 998 Thomas May L.U. 1386 Walter R. Ditchcreek District 12 L.U. 9800 Bobby Broyles, Odney Embry L.U. 9819 Robert Collins District 31 L.U. 1058 Donnel "Beetle" Fairman L.U. 1501 Donald McIntire L.U. 1506 Joseph Oboy

50 Year Pins District 2 L.U. 2488 William S. Yanoschick L.U. 998 Thomas May L.U. 1269 William Keith L.U. 1386 Walter R. Ditchcreek L.U. 2494 James Montgomery District 12 L.U. 1392 William Stewart L.U. 1545 Olen Eubanks L.U. 5179 Robert McCarty, Erich Meyer, Jr. L.U. 9800 John Phelps L.U. 9819 Edward Craig, Sr., Frank Frisina, Jerry Pagliai District 20 L.U. 1948 Charles Martin District 22 L.U. 1307 George J. Olguin L.U. 9856 James Armijo District 31 L.U. 1466 Bobby Harper, John Lane, Bernell Morris, William Williams L.U. 1506 Danny McBurnie, Ronald M. Watkins L.U. 1638 John Vicker L.U. 6362 Clarence Farmer, Sr.

40 Year Pins District 2 L.U. 998 Thomas May L.U. 1386 Walter R. Ditchcreek L.U. 1980 Stanley Dedo, Jerome Novak, L.U. 2258 Robert Anderson L.U. 2300 Randall Pringle, James Valencheck L.U. 2494 Leonard Davis, Kenneth Davis, Kenneth Hicks, Joseph Kline, Cary Kline, Dennis Marshall, James Dumm, Robert Thurman, Ronald Warsek, Fred Weiland, Walter Weymer L.U. 3548 Harvey Yanoschick District 12 L.U. 15 Michael Franklin L.U. 1392 David Deppe, William Stewart, Freddie Wagner L.U. 1410 James Bishop L.U. 1487 Gary Adcock, Gary Smith L.U. 1605 Freddie Byars, Richard Byars, Thurman Morgan, L.U. 1613 Warren Fogle, Arthur Geninatti, Ernest Howard, Robert Hubert, Phil Klump, Richard Theel L.U. 1793 J.T. Shouse L.U. 1820 Larry Geppert L.U. 1825 Michael Flure, Chancey Hickman, Ronald Kujawa L.U. 2295 Steve Giacomina L.U. 2414 James Pennell L.U. 2420 Jack McReynolds L.U. 4343 James Frazee, Ronald Hamm L.U. 5179 Ronald Boyd, John Dersch L.U. 7710 Jackie Stutsman L.U. 9800 Eddie Embry, Michael Jarvis L.U. 9819 Jerry Chance, Everett Johnson, Gary Leskovisek, David Seagle District 20 L.U. 1926 Michael Bradshaw, Marion Grace, Allen Hinds, James Laird, Tommy Moore, Jessie Pendley, Jerry Sanford, Gary Trimm, Edward Walker, Darrell Wallace L.U. 2245 James Woodruff L.U. 8982 Jeffrey Cospier District 22 L.U. 1769 Marvin Luke L.U. 6363 Joe Montoya, Jr. District 31 L.U. 1058 William Santucci L.U. 1466 Larry Bailey, James C. Shaver L.U. 1501 Hardie Baylor, William Hawkinberry, Boyd Myers, Eugene Opyoke L.U. 1506 Stephen Gazdik, Danny McBurnie L.U. 1570 John Everson, Jr., John Melton, Stephen Milik, William Nester, III, Larry Rhoades, Charles "Butch" Sabala L.U. 1638 Thomas Hatfield, Clarence Lancaster, David Vigoffi L.U. 6362 William Hutson L.U. 9909 Darrell Bolyard

Unfortunately, due to the number of members receiving pins, the *UMW Journal* cannot run photos of pin recipients. In order to receive a membership pin, you must submit an application to your District office. Pins are not automatically issued. Your district representative will send the names to the *UMW Journal*.

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AT&T WIRELESS

- 15% off the monthly service charge of qualified plans¹
 - 20% discount on select accessories²
- UnionPlus.org/ATT

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 - Dental & vision discounts
- Call 877-570-4845
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MORTGAGE

- For UMWA members, their parents and children
 - Hardship assistance
- Call 800-848-6466

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