

May 2021

ALL THINGS 160

President's Praise

A communication from International UAW President Rory Gamble sent to all Locals across the country specifies the International's position on the assembly of meetings and events over the next few months such as the GM Unit, Aramark Unit, and the General Membership meetings. I have copied President Gamble's e-mail sent out this month and attached it to this article.

April 8, 2021

TO: All UAW Local Unions

RE: Local Union Update - Meetings and Events

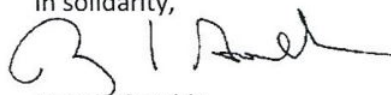
Greetings:

As the persistent surge of Covid-19 cases increase throughout our country, hospitals near capacity and multiple state restrictions, we are requesting that all local union meetings and events continue to be suspended until June 30, 2021, due to these Coronavirus concerns.

We will communicate any adjustments or modifications to this policy if encouraging changes occur with the status of this pandemic.

We would also like to personally thank you for your hard work and dedication in serving the membership during these extremely difficult and challenging times.

In solidarity,



Rory L. Gamble
President

The Local 160 Union Hall will continue to operate under normal business operations, as we have throughout the pandemic.

This short extension dated June 30, 2021 is just one example that signals how truly close we are to bringing back a sense of normalcy to our work environment and our lives in general.

BE STRONG, STAY SAFE!

In Solidarity,



President of Local 160

MOMENTS IN LABOR HISTORY

The Month of May In American Labor History



What is May Day?

May Day, also known as Workers' Day or International Workers' Day, is celebrated in several countries around the world, especially in Europe. The day honors the struggles and achievements of labor movements fighting for workers' rights. In some countries, it's a public holiday similar to Labor Day in the U.S.

In many parts of the world, people mark May Day with parades, rallies and demonstrations in support of workers' rights. Others mark the day with parties and barbecues, similar to how many people celebrate Labor Day weekend in the U.S.

In the 19th century, May Day took on a secondary meaning as a day celebrating workers' rights. The modern May Day was established in the wake of the 1886 Haymarket Riot in Chicago (see next page for more information), a bloody confrontation between police and demonstrators advocating for eight-hour workdays and other workplace protections.

Today, May Day is an official holiday in 66 countries, according to History.com. However, it is not widely recognized in the U.S., the country where it began. President Grover Cleveland feared the socialist and communist origins of the holiday and worried that May Day celebrations would encourage people to join radical causes. Instead, he established Labor Day as a federal holiday in 1894.

1886 Haymarket Riot

Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions had, in an 1884 convention, decided May 1, 1886 to be the day when the movement for eight-hour day across the nation would commence. All the labor unions, affirming the eight-hour day demand, geared up for a general strike on this day. On May 1, Chicago saw the maximum number of workers going on strike, with this number reaching over 300,000 across the entire country.

Soon after that, workers assembled at the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company at Western and Blue Island Avenues on May 3. The strike was carried forward in a non-violent manner, until the evening. After the end of the workday, some workers went towards the gates of the company to confront the strikebreakers. The police intervened to protect the strikebreakers and strikers, leading to firing upon the crowd. Two workers were killed and many were wounded. To protest against this brutal attack of the police, the unions agreed to organize a 'protest meeting' at the Haymarket Square the next day.

The May 4, 1886, rally at Haymarket Square was organized by labor leaders to protest the killing and wounding of several workers by the Chicago police during a strike the day before at the McCormick Reaper Works. Leader August Spies, a German immigrant, was among the many people who were angered by the police's reaction to the McCormick strike. He had been giving a speech to strikers a short distance from the factory and had witnessed police open fire on workers. Spies rushed to the offices of the Arbeiter-Zeitung, a newspaper he edited, and wrote a leaflet denouncing the incident. That evening, as word of the McCormick killings spread, another group of Chicago workers planned an outdoor rally to protest police brutality. They scheduled the gathering for the following evening at Haymarket Square, a large space on Desplaines Street.

Around 8:30 p.m. on May 4, the streets near Haymarket Square swelled with some 2,000 workers and activists. August Spies opened the rally by climbing atop a hay wagon and giving a speech on the "good, honest, law-abiding, church-going citizens" who had been attacked at the McCormick factory. He was followed by Albert Parsons, a former Confederate soldier turned labor activist.

Chicago Mayor Carter Harrison was even in attendance to ensure the protest was peaceful.

Toward the end of the Haymarket Square rally, a group of policemen arrived to disperse the crowd. As the police advanced, an individual who was never identified threw a bomb at them. The police opened fire and chaos ensued. Seven police officers and at least one civilian died as a result of the violence that day, and an untold number of other people were injured.

Many of the accused who were tried after the riots were not even present at the Haymarket assembly, but were arrested just because they organized the unions. In August 1886, eight men labeled as anarchists were convicted in a sensational and controversial trial in which the jury was considered to be biased and no solid evidence was presented linking the defendants to the bombing.

Mother's Day Union discount

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<https://www.buydirectusa.com/mothers-day-gifts-made-in-the-usa/>



Welcome to our new 160 Members!

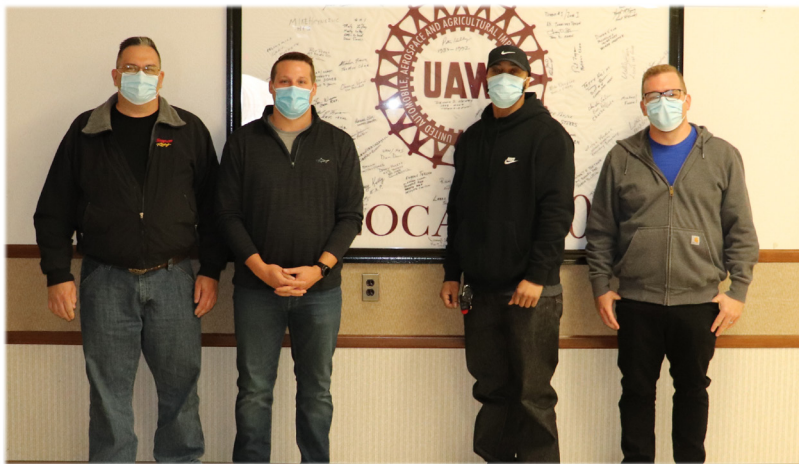
This month we welcomed 36 new Local 160 Members.

Welcome, Brothers, to the UAW Local 160 Family and to the General Motors Global Technical Center.



- Michael Flis
- Joe Hernandez
- Jason Malugin
- Philip Rubin
- Michael Dillion
- Joshuea Kapanowski
- Jeffrey Key
- Michael Oldani
- Joseph Wallace
- Colton Brandtner
- Nicholas Diesing
- Jeff Sahlaney
- Derek Poniedzialek

- Slawonir Orzol
- Spencer Jacobs
- Jason Mitchell
- Mark Wesch Jr.



- Justin Dietlin
- Bradley Jones
- Jonathan Otto
- Daniel Pinto
- Jordon Romp
- John Motura
- Sidney Bush
- Madhab Chakraborty
- Lloyd Helfer
- Nicholas Grassi



- Joshua Cartwright
- Duran Snider
- Bryan Stepke
- Patrick Maze
- Joshua Miller
- Alan Schlutow
- Jeffrey Genereaux
- Tracy Tonkoshkur





Dear Rosie,

Will our union dues ever decrease?

-Proud Peggy

Dear Proud Peggy,

Delegates to the UAW Con-Con voted to pass a resolution that will allow member dues to decrease once the union's strike fund hits \$850 million. Currently, we pay 2.5 hours per month. When we hit \$850 million, our dues will decrease to 2 hours per month. Currently, we are at \$789,700,000. We are projected to get to our goal in 2022, provided we don't have another large scale strike.

In Solidarity,
Rosie

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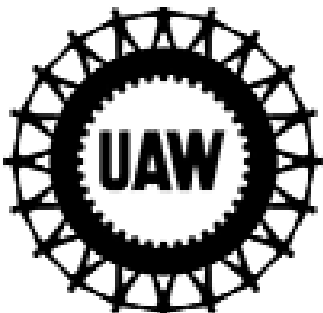
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