



The Flame



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Volunteering at the Jacobetti Vet Facility

In September 2003, the VA Romo 3165 VFW Post in Negaunee hosted their yearly barbeque for the members of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. The members stole my heart the moment I sat down with them that evening. For years I thought about what it would be like to volunteer at the Jacobetti Home, and because of my involvement with the VFW ladies auxiliary, I finally got my opportunity.

Currently, I volunteer at the Jacobetti Home two evenings a month. Believe me, if I could find some way to be there each and every day, I would!



Christi is pictured with her friend, Everett, at Memories restaurant.

There are a wide variety of activities that I help with, including bowling, cribbage and yahtzee tournaments, bingo, shuffle board, ring toss, picnics, making dog treats, pumpkin carving/(4818) painting, holiday parties, restaurant outings, old car shows, Hog Harley pizza

parties, musical events and much more. I assist the activities aides with transporting members to and from activities, loading and unloading the buses for outings and serving food.

Our auxiliary also has an adopt-a-vet named Reino. We deposit money into his account on a monthly basis, buy him birthday and Christmas presents and make sure he has everything he needs. He has become a good friend of mine so whenever I'm at the home, whether it's for an activity or just to visit, I always stop in to check on him.

Our auxiliary visits the Iron Mountain V.A. Hospital every October to treat them to a Halloween party. We also sponsor bingo at the Jacobetti Home one to two times each month.

Out of everything I do at the Jacobetti Home, the most important and probably most appreciated gift I bring to them is my time. The members, especially those who do not

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Fall LUPA Conference at Black Lake

by Phyllis Zaenglein

The ride down to Black Lake was gorgeous and uneventful. Thank you again, God. We were unable to park on the compound because PT Cruiser's are assembled in Mexico, therefore considered foreign made. That was a surprise to both D.W. and me. A list of the 2006 American-made vehicles can be found at <http://www.uaw.org/uawmade/cartruck2006.cfm>.

We rode a shuttle bus from the parking lot to the conference center. It was interesting to hear where the others worked. Put them all together and you have a car assembled... kinda. As you might expect, most of the attendees were from the BIG 4 auto plants. We met wonderful people from Maryland to California who were attending the conference. D.W. and I shared most of our meals with Marci Leahey and Alice Pate from the Toledo Machining DiamlerChrysler plant, UAW Local 1435.

President Ron Gettelfinger, keynote speaker, was unable to attend as he was dealing with the Delfi and GM situations. While we were there, GM tentatively settled the health plan issues concerning their workers.

We heard from several people and watched the movie, "Covering the

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GOOD & WELFARE

Joann Jordon - sympathy card - loss of her mother

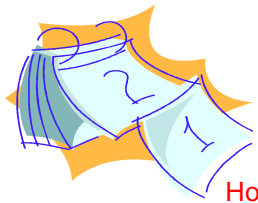
Jean Olson - retirement - card and gift certificate



December

Birthdays

Nicole Norman	12/1	Nina Parkkonen	12/18
Della Cheney	12/4	Ruth Ann Holm	12/22
Jan Syria	12/5	Bernadette Norden	12/30
Andrea Jordon	12/18		



The date for the After Holiday party is

Wednesday, January 26, 2006.

Please contact a Special Events member (Mary Letts, Janet Koski, Terry Johnson) if you have a raffle prize to donate. Thanks.

The November "Take a Break" drawing winners were: Tina Vandezande, Kay Mandershei, Diane Goethe, Elizabeth Jaakola, and Yvonne Niemi.



Thank You

Dear Education Committee of UAW Local 1950, Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of the UAW Local 1950 scholarship. The award really helped with my expenses for my first semester in elementary teaching methods. I appreciate your support.

-Kelly Larmour

UAW Brothers and Sisters

Thank you

Thanks for the book! It was great to have reading material as I recovered from my surgery.

- Maddie Anderson

A BIG thank you to all of you who ate at Culvers Tuesday, November 15, in support of the Keep Marquette County Warm project.

-The Community Services Committee

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EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Luann Dagenais accepted the Principal Secretary II 4A position in Academic Information Services effective 10/24/05. She replaced Debbie Violetta.

Tina Vandezande accepted the 10-month Principal Secretary 4B position in Nursing effective 11/1/05. She replaces Pat Woods.

Jean Olson will retire effective 12/1/05.

Travelers

I sat in my seat of the Boeing 767 waiting for everyone to hurry and stow their carry-ons and grab a seat so we could start what I was sure to be a long, uneventful flight home.

With the huge capacity and slow moving people taking their time to stuff luggage far too big for the overhead and never paying much attention to holding up the growing line behind them, I simply shook my head knowing that this flight was not starting out very well. I was anxious to get home to see my loved ones so I was focused on my issues and just felt like standing up and yelling for some of these clowns to get their act (9321) together. I knew I couldn't say a word so I just thumbed thru the "Sky Mall" magazine from the seat pocket in front of me. You know it's really getting rough when you resort to the over priced, useless sky mall crap to break the monotony.

With everyone finally seated, we just sat there with the cabin door open and no one in any hurry to get us going although we were well past the scheduled take off time. No wonder the airline industry is in trouble I told myself.

Just then, the attendant came on the intercom to inform us all that we were being delayed. The entire plane let out a collective groan. She resumed speaking to say "We are holding the aircraft for some very special people who are on their way to the plane and the delay shouldn't be more than 5 minutes. The word came after waiting six times as long as we were promised that I was finally going to be on my way home.

Why the hoopla over "these" folks? I was expecting some celebrity or sport figure to be the reason for the hold up... Just get their butts in a seat and let's hit the gas, I thought. The attendant came back on the speaker to announce in a loud and excited voice that we were being joined by several U.S. Marines returning home from Iraq!!!



Just as they walked on board, the entire plane erupted into applause. The men were a bit taken by surprise by the 340 people cheering for them as they searched for their seats. They were having their hands shook and touched by almost everyone who was within an arm's distance of them as they passed down the aisle. One elderly woman kissed the hand of one of the Marines as he passed by her. The applause, whistles, and cheering didn't stop for a long time.

When we were finally airborne, I was not the only civilian checking his conscience as to the delays in "me" getting home, finding my easy chair, a cold beverage and the remote in my hand. These men had done for all of us and I had been complaining silently about "me" and "my" issues I took for granted the everyday freedoms I enjoy and the conveniences of the American way of life.

I took for granted that others had paid the price for my ability to moan and complain about a few minutes delay to "me" while those Heroes were going home to their loved ones. I attempted to get my selfish outlook back in order and minutes before we landed, I suggested to the attendant that she announce over the speaker a request for everyone to

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UAW Local 1950 Meetings

2006

Wednesday, January 11

Wednesday, February 1

Wednesday, March 1

Wednesday, April, 12

All meetings are scheduled for the Marquette/Nicolet/Cadillac rooms.

Our May Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 in the Ontario/Michigan rooms.

Woman to Woman Encouragement

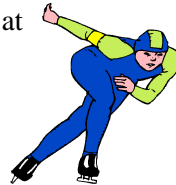
Someone will always be smarter. Their house will be bigger. They will drive a better car. Their children will do better in school. And their partners will fix more things around the house. So let it go and love you and your circumstances. Think about it. The prettiest woman in the world can have hell in her heart. And the most highly favored woman on your job may be unable to have children. The richest woman you know - she's got the car, the house, the clothes - might be heart-breakingly lonely. So, love you. Love who you are right now. Tell yourself, "I am too blessed to be stressed." To the world you might be one person, but to one person you just might be the world.

Thanks to *Jan Benson,*
Retired AFSCME

Upcoming December Events

So many things to do, so little time...

- Dec 1 7:30pm NMU Jazz Band - (Reynolds Recital Hall)
Dr. Mark Flaherty, director.
- Dec 3 1:00pm NMU Women's B-Ball vs. Findlay - (Berry)
- 3:00pm NMU Men's B-Ball vs. Findlay - (Berry)
- 7:30pm Marquette Choral Society - (St. Peter Cathedral)
Mr. Wayne Hanmer, director.
- Dec 3-4 6:30pm "The Brothers Grimm" (PG-13) - (JXJ 102)
- 9:00pm "The Brothers Grimm" (PG-13) - (JXJ 102)
- Dec 4 3:00pm NMU Men's B-Ball vs. St. Cloud State - (Berry)
- 3:00pm Marquette Choral Society - (St. Peter's)
- Dec 8-10 7:30pm Scrooge - Theatre (Forest Roberts Theatre)
- Dec 8 9:00pm "The Animation Show" (NR) - Movie (JXJ 102)
- Dec 10 **LAST DAY OF CLASSES** (2336)
- Dec 10-11 1:00pm Scrooge - Theatre (Forest Roberts Theatre)
- Dec 10 9:00pm "A Muppet Christmas Carol" (G) - Movie (JXJ 102)
- Dec 11 3:00pm NMU Choirs and Orchestra - (Reynolds Recital Hall)
- Dec 11-17 **EXAMS**
- Dec 12 6:45pm U.S. Short Track Speedskating
Championships - Opening Ceremony at
6:45 pm Skating begins 7 pm
- Dec 13 7:00am U.S. Short Track Speedskating
Championships
- Dec 15-16 7:00pm U.S. Short Track Speedskating
Championships
- Dec 17 10:30am **Commencement Ceremony** - (Superior Dome)
- 7:35pm NMU Hockey vs. Western Michigan - (Berry)
- Dec 18 7:35pm NMU Hockey vs. Western Michigan - (Berry)
- Dec 20 Final grades due from faculty
- Dec 22 Fall semester grades posted
- Dec 31 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



FWIW ... By Phyllis Zaenglein

I always unplug my small appliances (iron, curling iron, hair dryer, and toaster/oven) when I'm finished using them. The other day, after using my hair dryer, I turned it off but left it lying on the counter before putting it away. A minute later, it started running by itself, yes, it was off, and began smoking. It had caught fire! I immediately unplugged it. I'm glad my habit is to unplug these appliances when they are not in use.

It takes only a couple minutes for your curling iron to warm. Be sure to stay with it when it's plugged into the wall. There have been numerous injuries to children, who pull a curling iron onto them when Mom is doing something away from it.

For the similar reasons, it's a good habit to not run your washer, dryer, or dishwasher when you are away from home.

Black Bean Soup

- ¾ cup chopped celery
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3 14- ½ oz cans of chicken broth
- 2 15 oz cans of black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 16 oz jar of salsa
- 1 cup cubed cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup cooked long grain rice
- 1 table lime juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin



In a large saucepan, sauté celery, onion and garlic in oil under tender (about 3-minutes). Stir in the remaining ingredients; heat through.

Yield: 10 servings

Thanks to *Sue LaForais*

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

You have contributed another 30 cartridges to Redeemer's youth.

Thanks so much.

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get visitors on a regular basis, love when others take time to talk with them. I find it amazing to listen to some of the men and women talk about their past, their lives now, their families or just whatever may be on their mind that day. They are quick to greet you with a warm smile, and I never hesitate to smile back and give them a little touch on their back or shoulder – just to let them feel the love and warmth from another human being.

Being a part of the members' lives at the Jacobetti Home is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in my lifetime. I am fortunate that I can give my time and myself to those who really need me (I gain far more than they do I'm sure), and it feels wonderful to be able to give back to those men and women who have served our country.

Being a volunteer at the Jacobetti Home is something that I will never give up – it's addicting, and it's not such a bad habit to have now is it?! Just ask Bob Kuhn and Pam Aiken, Building and Ground Attendants in Hedgcock, I think they'll agree with me. Bob sings and plays guitar there each month, and Pam spends a good amount of her free time visiting with the veterans.

To become a volunteer at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans contact Kathy Loehner at 226-3576, extension 396.

Story and picture contributed by
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remain in their seats until our heroes were allowed to gather their things and be first off the plane.

The cheers and applause continued until the last Marine stepped off and we all rose to go about our too often taken for granted everyday freedoms. I felt proud of them. I felt it an honor and a privilege to be among the first to welcome them home and say "Thank You" for a job well done."

I vowed that I will never forget that flight nor the lesson learned. I can't say it enough, THANK YOU to those Veterans and active servicemen and women who may read this and a prayer for those who cannot because they are no longer with us.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

WELCOME HOME! AND
THANKS FOR A JOB WELL
DONE!!

Thanks to *Susan Henderson*

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Each issue of the Flame contains five 4-digit numbers of the member's choosing. If you see your number, call Rita Leppanen @ ext. 2495. She will issue a \$5 check to you. Keith Greising, Diane Goethe, Vicki Hendstrom, Yvonne Niemi, and Tina Sehl were the November winners.

If you have ridges on your fingernails, apply vaporub nightly and they will become smooth again. It might take several weeks, but it will work!

Fill spaces in a mailing box with popcorn. It's better for the environment than styrofoam peanuts.

Bring a nightlight along the next time you stay in a motel. It will help you find the bathroom at night and is especially comforting to small children.

After you address a package to be mailed, put a piece of clear packing tape over the address to protect it from rain, snow, and smudges.

Bananas will keep longer if you store them in a plastic bag.

To prevent eggs from cracking, add a pinch of salt to the water before boiling them.



Other union paraphernalia can be found at tigereydesign.com.

I am David Chartrand, President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 712 in Montreal Canada (9520) www.amitasectionalocale712.org.

I collect Union lapel pins. If it is possible for you to send one of each from your local, district, and/or international, I would really appreciate it.

Thank you,
David Chartrand
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If you're like most people, common everyday items look inert to you. But what you may not know is that many of them have a gender. For example:

Ziploc Bags - They are Male, because they hold everything in but you can see right through them.

A Copier - is Female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm up. [It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, it can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.]



A Tire - has to be Male, because it goes bald and often it's over inflated.

A Hot Air Balloon - is definitely a Male, because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it and, of course, there's the hot air part.

Sponges - are Female, because they're soft and squeezable and retain water.

A Web Page - Female, because it's always getting hit on.

A Subway - is Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

An Hourglass - has to be a Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

A Hammer - Male, because it hasn't evolved much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.

The Remote Control - is a Female Ha! You thought it'd be male. But consider that it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.

Thanks to *Dawn Wilder*

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- December 7th Lunch**
- Chicken breast w/bourbon honey sauce
- Wild rice/cranberry
- Jellied fruit/tossed salad
- Dinner rolls
- Coffee/Tea/Milk, Pop, Water
- Assorted mini pastries

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