Right-to-Work Questions & Answers

What is Right-to-Work?
In 1947 Congress amended the National Labor Relations Act to allow states to make a union shop (where all workers must pay dues or a fee to the worksite union) illegal in their state. In other words, state Right-to-Work laws make it illegal for a union to collect fees for services that the law requires the union to provide.

How does a union shop agreement get in a union contract? How does it happen that all workers at a worksite must be members of the Union?
The employer and the negotiating committee for the union always have to agree to put the language or a clause into the contract that says if a worker receives the higher pay and better benefits of a union contract, then, they should equally pay dues or in lieu of dues a fee to administer the contract: A worker always has the right to not be a "member" of the union, but they have to pay for the services they receive.

Must the employer also agree that all workers are in the union?
Yes, and even more, all of the workers vote to accept or reject the contract with the union worker clause in it. Workers and employers democratically agree to an all union clause, through the negotiations and ratification process. A contract vote, like all democratic elections, adheres to the principle of majority rule.

Shouldn't individual workers be able to choose to be in or out of the union if they want?
Under Federal Law, a worker has the right to not be a member of the union. But, we all have to pay for the services we receive; in this case the service is the contract and the administration of the contract.

In addition, union elections operate on the core democratic principle of majority rule, just like all other elections. You may live in a Democratic state senator's district and be a Republican, but that member of the Democratic Party is your senator because he won a majority election. It's the same with a union at the worksite. A majority of workers vote for the union to represent them and the minority (if it exists) has

After Holiday Party
Wednesday, January 23
7:00—9:00 pm
University Center

New Title
The title of our Local has been changed to Technical Office Professional. This is the UAW title for our group and more reflects what we are and what we do.

New Information on Health Center Prescription Forms
By Phyllis Zaenglein

If you have received a prescription from the NMU Health Center lately, you may have noticed more information on the Information About Your Prescription form. They now show the actual cost of the prescription, your co-pay, and what is being charged to our insurance. It is the GLSMK INS PAYS amount that is charged to our insurance and makes up the over $9,000 that contributes to our payback.

Some members have the misconception that going to our health center is free. NOT TRUE. There is a charge for every visit, even just having your blood pressure taken ($27). Other costs are New Patient—$47; Established patient—$68-172; Inoculation—

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CONGRATULATIONS

Jeff Roo was a $500 winner in the Region 1-D CAP Dollar drive - just 1 step away from the $10,000 grand prize.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Andrea Wrubel's Account Clerk I 4E position in the School of Art and Design was increased to 12-month status effective 11/29/07.

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning
residential and commercial
15 years experience
Union members receive 15% discount.
Email Nita Thomas at nithomas@nmu.edu for more information.

Membership meetings
January 9, 2008 - Michigan Room
February 6, 2008 - Michigan Room
March 5, 2008 - Michigan Room
April 2, 2008 - Michigan Room
May 7, 2008 - Explorer Rooms

Executive Board meetings
January 29, 2008 - TBA
February 26, 2008 - TBA
March 25, 2008 - TBA
April 29, 2008 - TBA

“I’m sorry to inform you that you have a brain problem,” said the (5300) doctor.
“Oh, no, said the patient. What’s the problem?”
“As you know,” explained the doctor, “your brain is in two parts ... left and right. Well, the left part has nothing right in it and the right has nothing left.”

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THANK YOU

To UAW Local 1950

Thank you so much for making Christmas 2007 such a wonderful, successful year for your two families. I would have to say that the families have shown by their Thank You Letters that they really appreciate the help that was given. Christmas is such a busy time of year for you and again you came through with the true Christmas spirit. Wishing you the best of everything for 2008 and God willing we will connect again either in the Fall for the Back Packs or again next Christmas.

Sister Ludmilla Gramann
Outreach Coordinator
Diocese of Marquette

Family #J14 (Father and two children)

Dear UAW Local 1950,

To everyone that helped make me and my family’s Christmas a very special one. Everything was great and we all appreciate it very much and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year as much as we did. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Family #L24 (Mother, father, and four children)

Dear UAW Local 1950,

Thank you very much for all of the Christmas gifts. We had a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS thanks to you all! Sister Ludmilla and her programs have been a Godsend to me and my children.

God bless all of you!

Thank you so very much for your generous donation ($45.00 to the Women’s Center). It was greatly appreciated.

Rita & UAW Local 1950

Thank you so much for the expression of sympathy for our mother, & the gift of money that we will give to Lake Superior Hospice in her memory.

Dave Phillips & Family (for Edna Phillips, retired)

Dear UAW Local 1950:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generous gift. Your donation of $45.00 will help ease the burdens of our less fortunate neighbors. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your consideration.

It is only through the cooperation and generosity of the many caring people like you that we are able to assist the needed in our community.

Thanks again for your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Dear UAW Local,

Thank you for your gift of $45.00. By giving to the Salvation Army you have reached out to the less fortunate in our community.

Thank You and God Bless You!

Captain Donna Rose & Captain Grace LaFever

Members of UAW 1950,

Thank you very much for selecting me to receive the $250 scholarship for the Fall semester of 2007. I intend to put the money to use while doing my internship this upcoming summer of 2008. This award is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

Erin Cheney (daughter of Della Cheney)

Dear Members of the UAW,

I don't have much to say other than thank you so very much. Your kindness will never be forgotten or ever taken for granted. You can be assured that the scholarship you have granted me is extremely appreciated and will assist me in my pursuit for higher education. I hope that one day I can make these sort of contributions to others, for I have experienced the kindness that comes along with them.

Again, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Canchola
Health Center Prescriptions
(conclusion)

$25; Tetanus - $ 65; Zostavax (shingles) - $190.
These charges are probably less than going to a spe-
cialist or other off-campus doctor but they are added
to our insurance costs.

Chiropractors, one of our highest expenses, varies
per visit like others, depending on the service pro-
vided. Try going every other week or even monthly.
I was taking Nexium (“the little purple pill”) and
found it was almost $800 for 3 months. That is outra-
geous so I changed to Prilosec, which is the same
medicine but the cost is only $69.20 for 3 months.
I found I don’t have to take some meds every day.
I have been taking Premarin 3X/week for over a cou-
ple years. This dosage keeps my “little personal sum-
ners” away. I check my glucose once or twice a
week instead of daily, (9122) since I have Type II
diabetes, which is controlled by diet. Meds for
GERD might be taken 3-4X/week and still be effec-
tive. I don’t recommend reducing the dosage of any
life threaten (heart, inhalers, etc.) medicine.
There are ways to save money on our prescription
costs. Ask your pharmacist what the cost is and if
there is a generic drug. If the cost is astronomical,
ask your doctor for another, less expensive drug. It’s
the other cost that is driving up our payback.
Another thing we could do is borrow medical
equipment (wheel chair, crutches, etc.) from each
other. If you have anything you would like to share,
email D.W. at dwilder@nmu and she will put it on
our website.
I’ve made some mistakes by going to the wrong
kind of doctor. I know better now and won’t waste
my time and our money again. Hopefully, we will all
think about our choices and try to do whatever will
cost all of us the least.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -
Committee Reports will be in the February
Flame.

Most of you probably have some outdated cell phones in your homes. AT&T is collecting old cell
phones, which they will give to our troops. Our Military Science and
Speech, Language, and Hearing Offices are collecting them. We will be sure
they are delivered to an off campus location. To learn how to delete your
personal information, other places where they can be taken, etc., check out
this site:

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writers. Articles of interest submitted by Local 1950 members will be printed as space provides; however, they must bear the name of the writers. All
articles are subject to review and editing as necessary and are subject to the approval of the Editor, the Local President, and the Officers of Local 1950.

Each issue of the Flame contains 5, 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. Tina Vandezande, Joan KendallRozman, Julie Djupe, Angela McCabe, and Christie Parsley were our December winners.
I recently introduced legislation to end the stock option double standard that is fueling sky-high executive pay and depriving the Treasury of much-needed revenue. This legislation, the Ending Corporate Tax Favors for Stock Options Act (S.2116), would require companies to match their stock option tax deductions with the amount shown on the financial reports they file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If you would like to learn more about this legislation, you may access my floor statement and a bill summary at [http://levin.senate.gov/newsroom/release.cfm?id=284486].

Our tax code should not be subsidizing stock option pay through generous tax deductions. It is time to treat stock options like other forms of compensation and require the corporate tax deduction to match, not exceed, the book expense.

Sincerely,
Carl Levin

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**GREAT COOKING TIPS**

**Reheat Pizza**  
Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

**Easy Deviled Eggs**  
Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

**Expanding Frosting**  
When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/ cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar/ calories per serving.

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**Find Any address on Google**

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit MapQuest, you will get a map to the person's house. Everyone should be aware of this! It's a nationwide reverse telephone book.

If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming.

Note that you can have your phone number removed or blocked. I tried my number and it came up along with the mapquest and directions straight to our house. I did fill out the removal form for myself, and encourage all of you to do the same. Quite scary.

Please look up your own number. In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to Google: [http://www.google.com](http://www.google.com) Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 555-555-1212) and hit enter. If you want to BLOCK Google (1291) from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours.

Check your own number and although this may not apply to you if you have an unlisted number or cell phone as primary contact, but you may know someone who needs to know this.

Author Unknown

Editor note: I tried it. Since I don’t have my address in the phone book, I could not find my house but I could find others. pz
Senior Citizen’s Corner

Money for Life: Retirement Plan 2007
Retirement experts used to talk about finances as a three-legged stool, Social Security, pension, and personal savings. That is not enough any more. In many companies, the pension leg no longer exists. Now experts see it as a five-legged stool: Social Security, personal savings, freedom from debt, health insurance, and realistic health goals.

1. Plan to get out of debt
   - quit borrowing on your house
   - get rid of consumer debt
   - control spending
   - help your children only as a last resort

2. Plan for health insurance
   - Evaluate your present coverage
   - stay as healthy as you can—lost weight, stop smoking, exercise

3. Plan your Social Security
4. Plan your retirement savings
   - by the time you reach the end of your working life, you should be saving at least 15% of your gross income.

5. Plan on working

Source: AAUP bulletin Nov 29, 2007
For the complete article, go to http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/yourmoney/money_for_life.html?print=yes

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<td>Palmer raids begin. Justice Dept agents arrest and deport thousands of radical immigrants —1920</td>
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the same representation. Just as one politician represents Democrats and Republicans after the election, so the union does too, with an all union contract clause.

If workers have a choice every time they vote for their contract, and if the union representing everyone is the same arrangement as in the rest of America's elections, why do some people think Right-to-Work is a good idea?

Well, look and see who says Right-to-Work is a good idea for Michigan. Very conservative right wing newspaper editors (at, a newspaper that caused a five-year strike); big business owners who know union workers get paid one-third more; and Republican party politicians who know that over 80% of union members voted Democratic last year. That's who is talking Right-to-Work in Michigan. It's a radical right wing agenda pushed by extreme interests to weaken unions.

Aren't there any union members who want Right-to-Work in Michigan?

There are always individuals who are unhappy with the outcome of an election. Some members might be mad that they lost a grievance or are otherwise unhappy with their union. However, the majority of union members know that a unified organization is stronger and will produce a better deal for workers.

Shouldn't I have a choice to join an organization?

A worker has the right now to not be a member of the union. However, when it comes to receiving economic benefits, the way it works in our country is that we all pay for the services we receive. You can't refuse to pay taxes just because you don't like them. We all pay for our driver's license; it allows us the benefit of driving. (7308) Union dues or fees are like that, you receive greater pay and benefits through a collective bargaining system that must be supported financially and equally by everyone who benefits. All workers receive the benefits and so isn't it fair that all pay equally to get those benefits? Also, the union by law must represent all workers equally. It's an arrangement where everyone pays their fair share - that's the American way.

Imagine a worker who pays union dues working next to a worker who refuses to pay dues. Under law, both workers receive the same, good pay and benefits but one guy gets them for free. That's like cheating the system.

### Scholarship Winners for W08

**Erin Cheney** is a senior, majoring in Marketing. She plans to do an internship next summer before graduating after walking in May but officially graduating in August! She is looking into getting an internship with a company that works with promotions and/or advertising which is most likely going to be in a location where I will have to pay for living expenses and this scholarship would help me to start some savings for this experience. She is hoping to pursue a career in advertising or promotions!

**Chris Canchola** is a sophomore, majoring pre-law.

Everyone has their own way of dealing with stress. Chris looks to his camera. Taking pictures is his true passion and it levels his thoughts more than anything else ever will. To capture an image and be able to keep it with you for the rest of your life is truly precious. Ideally, Chris' future would be in the business of photography and owning his own studio. Being the realist, he realizes that it might be difficult to become successful in this aspiration. So, he turn to his second passion, the science of politics and international relations.

He became mildly engaged in politics at a young age. Moving from Chicago to the Upper Peninsula was life-changing for him. For the first time in his life, I had become a minority. He was the young Hispanic boy in an area dominated by Caucasian Americans. It wasn’t long after that when he realized that politics is everywhere, and in everything. He has since then slowly educated himself in multiple areas of politics and would love to continue studying it. Chris is not quite sure whether he wants to go to law school or not, but he does know that his ambition of earning a Master's degree and using his knowledge to make a difference in the world is a good goal. This scholarship would do nothing more than help Chris achieve his goals.
University Safety Committee
By Beth Sanderson

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Pray for our Troops

In W.W.II, there was an advisor to Prime Minister Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate, each evening at 9 pm, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens and for peace in the world.

Chaplaincy Corner

I used to be a worry-wart. I’d worry about everything; my grades in school; about my job; money; my kids, the future; just about everything. I don’t worry [much] anymore. How did I change this bad habit? Well, just like any bad habit, with a lot of hard work, determination, and a lot of prayer and encouragement from others. Oh, yeah, I do have my share of worry relapses, but they are generally short-lived [thank God]. It’s easy not to worry when life is going well; but, when life slams you to the ground then runs over you with a cement truck; it’s a little hard not to worry just a little bit. So how did I stop worrying? I realized I wasn’t in control of my life; God is. When I relinquished control of my life to God, I found that my worries just melted away.

Scripture Passage:
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Reflection:
What is the secret to living a worry-free life? Put your complete faith in God. When you realize that God is in control, and that God has your best interests in mind, and that there is nothing on earth you can do that could ever match what God has in store for you, that’s when you begin to let God into your life. And the more you let God into your life, the less worry you will have because you know that God is doing the driving—all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the ride. God has plans for your life; why not let God do the driving for a while and see where He takes you. Put your faith in God, then begin to live your life as if each day is your last on earth. I guarantee you that you will be so busy with today, you won’t have time to worry about tomorrow. Then each day will seem like a gift. And what a gift life is!

Thought:
Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is not here; all you have is today. So make the most of it. Live your life one day at a time, and always with faith, love, hope, and thanksgiving.

Prayer:
Father, thank you for my life. Help me to live today as if it is my last day on earth. You are in control of my life, and I am glad. Let me share myself with others today and show them the love you have placed in my heart. I will not worry about tomorrow; because all I have is today. This I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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