

# Inside UAW Local 578

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## Membership Picnic & Fisheree!

The Women's Committee is holding a fisheree for children and a picnic on **Saturday, June 15, 2019**, in Oshkosh at Miller Bay at Menominee Park.

Registration for the children's fisheree is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Children ages 5-16 are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children who signed up will receive a fishing pole and tackle box. Fishing beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The picnic runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be music and raffles, as well as bingo and ride tickets.

Burgers, brats, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, coleslaw and chips will be provided. Water, soda and beer will also be available.

The fisheree and picnic are for UAW Local 578 members and their family only.

**Join us for fun, food and camaraderie!**



**No Membership Meetings Held in June, July & August!**

If you have a problem with Cigna or other work issue or have any questions, please come down to the hall or ask any officer. We are here to help you!

## Newsletter Feedback

This is the membership's newsletter. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on what you like and do not like so we can improve on it for future issues. Please share your suggestions for stories and content too!

Any members who are interested in being a part of the newsletter committee, please contact Sandy Drifka at the union hall at (920) 231-5153.

Thank you!



## Women's Committee Annual Easter Party a Big Success!

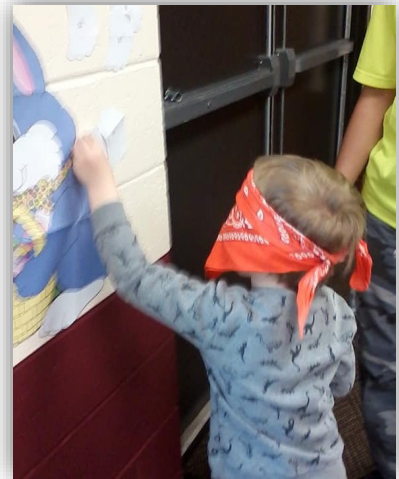
The Women's Committee held its annual Easter Party on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at UAW Local 578 Union Hall.

An Easter egg hunt took place at 10:30 a.m. There were plenty of eggs for everyone! And the highlight of the morning was seeing the Easter Bunny!

Fun was had by both children and adults! Baskets and treats were given to every child. Raffles and prizes were handed out. Activities included: cookie decorating, crafts, Sassy the Clown was there to do face painting. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks were available to all.

The Women's Committee would like to thank the volunteers as well as the following people and businesses for their donations to the party:

- Frank and Sherrie Sanchez, Jr.
- Kwik Trip
- Uptown, Inc.
- Oshkosh Truck Credit Union
- Dental Associates
- Canteen
- West Pointe Bank
- UAW Local 578 Retirees





## Local Union News & Happenings!

### Retiree Picnic

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 is the date for the UAW Retired Workers Council Annual Picnic which will be held at South Park in Oshkosh from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This picnic is for all UAW Retirees in the Wisconsin Fox River Valley. It's a great time to get together for good food, fun and conversation!

### UAW Local 578 Gear

Stop by the union hall and check out the new t-shirts, sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts we have available. Everything is made here in the United States.

**FOR SALE**

### Get Involved!

Participate in a standing committee! Learn more about your union!

- \* Veterans
- \* Women's
- \* Chaplains
- \* Bylaws
- \* Education
- \* Sportsman
- \* CAP
- \* Election
- \* Civil Rights (new)

Contact the union hall at (920) 231-5153 if you have questions or are interested in joining.

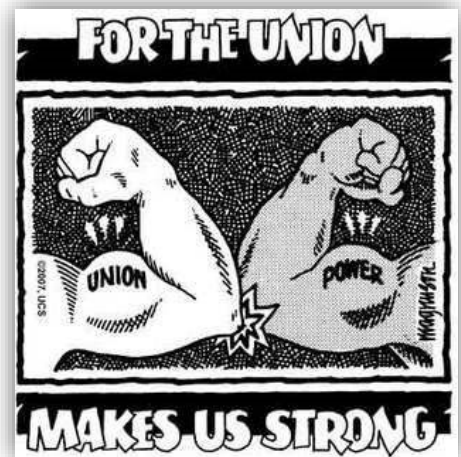
**Thank you!**

### Raising Awareness for Mental Health

UAW Local 578 and Oshkosh Defense worked together and held a cookout and raffled prizes on May 16, 2019. They were proud to present a check to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Counseling Center for more than \$22,000.

The UAW Local 578 and Oshkosh Defense team members raised funds in an effort to support and raise awareness of the importance of mental health.

The generous actions of team members are a great example of coming together in a time of need to support one another and the community we live in.



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**LOCAL 578  
REGION 4**

# SPORTSMAN BANQUET

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

**UAW LOCAL 578, 2920 OREGON STREET,  
OSHKOSH, WI 54902**

**3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.— Happy Hour**

**Meal 6:00 P.M. To ? - Raffle to Follow**

Four Tables of Raffles: Women's Table/  
Duck Hunting Table/Deer Hunting Table/  
General Fishing Table



50/50 Raffle

Money Tree

Walk-around Raffles

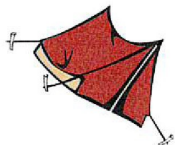


**Tickets can be purchased at the union hall  
(see Sandy) or at the Saturday membership  
meetings beginning in April 2019!**

**Price is \$30.00 per ticket. Limited to 175 tickets.**

**Includes meal from Roxy and drinks.**

**Many prizes available! One major door prize!**





## Veterans Committee Report

Terry Miller, Todd Arthur and I would like to start out by saying thank you to the membership for sending Local 578 Veterans Committee members to the Region 4 Spring Veterans Conference. The information that is put out at these conferences is greatly needed to help us sustain our committee.

In addition to the normal business at hand at this conference, we had some great presenters speak to us.

Jeanne Flag updated us on River Bend Troop Support. To date, she estimates she has spent over \$200,000 in postage sending packages to our troops overseas. If you know a deployed war fighter, give a veterans committee member their name to forward to her.

Sharon Sinklair educated us on a program called Team Rubicon. They are a disaster response team that unites the skills and experiences to military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. They currently have over 130,000 members nationwide and are still looking for more. They have work for all skills, from tree cutters to medical care to damage assessment. They can find a job for you.

A presentation was put on by P.A.W.W. (Paws Assisting Wounded Warriors). Their dogs focus on waking warriors from bad dreams and blocking people away from the warrior when the warrior feels threatened by someone too close to them, which is a common PTSD symptom. See a Veterans Committee member for qualifications to get a dog.

Sgt. Ryan Curry spoke to us on his PTSD and road to recovery. He lost his whole team, one by sniper, one by murder by another soldier with PTSD, and one drank himself to death. Sgt. Curry spent seven months in the hospital after an IED exploded under his Humvee. He made the right decision to get help. The Veterans Committee and your loved ones want you to make the right decision too. Contact a Veterans Committee member to help you get the help you need.

Committee members of the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles, IL, spoke to us on how their memorial came to be. We later went to the wall for Armed Forces Day and presented two gold star moms with wreaths.

Again, thank you membership for allowing us to attend this conference to reunite, support, motivate, laugh, and yes sometimes cry with our fellow comrades.

In Solidarity,

Jeff Frank



### Grievance Update

130 grievances have been filed so far in 2019.

The Bargaining Committee sat down and drew up two arbitration panels with the company: one for retiree insurance and one for A&S insurance. At this time we are waiting for the slated dates for these hearings.

As of May 2019, we have 18 terminated employees. We have 13 in front of the company to look at bringing back before arbitration. Since we have been doing this process, we have been able to bring 26 employees back to work without going to arbitration.

All termed employees go through the arbitration screening process. First with the Bargaining Committee and then with a regional arbitration screening committee.

### Welcome New Executive Board Members Voted In!

Kurt Sauer  
Chief Steward,  
Member-at-Large

and

Russ Kettner  
Guide



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### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Bob Lynk  
Vice President: Brian Hulbert  
Recording Secretary: Gina Felker  
Financial Secretary: Kelly Anderson  
Treasurer: Andrea Patri  
Skilled Trades/Ad-Hoc: Andy Rushing  
Chief Steward/Member-at-Large: Kurt Sauer  
Sergeant at Arms: Terry Miller  
Guide: Russ Kettner  
Head Trustee: Bob Sosinski  
Trustee: Ron Patt  
Trustee: Carolyn Wuest  
Chief Steward: Gary Schackow  
Chief Steward: Frank Sanchez, Jr.  
Chief Steward: John Blake  
Chief Steward: Tim Jacobson  
Retiree Representative: Terry Schroeder

## Upcoming Meetings & Events at UAW Local 578 Union Hall

### June 2019

Stewards Meeting on **June 3** starting at 3:15 p.m.

APWU Local 178 Meeting on **June 11** at 12:15 p.m.

Workers Compensation Attorney on **June 13** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### July 2019

**PLANT SHUTDOWN JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 5**



Stewards Meeting on **July 8** beginning at 3:15 p.m.

UAW Retired Workers Council Annual Picnic on **July 10** at South Park in Oshkosh from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Workers Compensation Attorney on **July 11** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### August 2019

Workers Compensation Attorney on **August 8** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### September 2019

Labor Day is **September 2**

Stewards Meeting on **September 3** beginning at 3:15 p.m.



APWU Local 178 Meeting on **September 10** at 12:15 p.m.

UAW Local 578 Retirees Meeting on **September 11** beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Workers Compensation Attorney on **September 12** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting on **September 14** starting at 9:00 a.m.

UAW Local 291 Retirees Meeting on **September 18** starting at 11:00 a.m.