

WELCOME TO CAP

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

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"The ballot box is close to the bread box"

Meeting Dates And Times

The CAP Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July or December). Meeting times are: 15 minutes after 1st Shift or call the UAW Hall for more information.

The CAP Committee has a lot to do. We welcome all who would like to participate.

Current Information – Letters – Legislation

The CAP Committee should have the ability to update/change this section as needed. Examples: Healthcare bill flier, EFCA info - any current legislation to go in this section.

For additional CAP news, legislation, and letter writing pages; go to www.uaw.org or see the "Links" section below.

CAP

The Community Action Program or CAP is the political-legislative arm of the UAW. CAP is not a political party, nor is it tied to any party. CAP endorses candidates for public office based on their record and programs – not their party.

CAP conducts state and national legislative action, voter registration, get-out-the-vote campaigns, V-CAP dollar drives, leadership training institutes, CAP conferences, and a variety of community projects.

As political-legislative action and collective bargaining increasingly rely upon each other, the entire structure of the UAW devotes its energies and efforts to implement these vital CAP activities.

V-CAP

The UAW V-CAP check-off is a voluntary program that allows each member to make a modest contribution each month. These contributions help your union support candidates that care about American workers and their jobs.

By law, union dues cannot be used to support any federal candidate, and in an ever-increasing number of states, any candidate for public office. Our only means of means of monetary support for many labor-endorsed candidates is voluntary political contributions, which are put into the International Unions Political Action Fund, UAW V-CAP. As of

July 2006, there were 3,934 management PAC's compared to only 283 Labor Pac's. That's more than 14 to 1 odds. The corporations also outspend the Unions in PAC contributions by those 14 to 1 odds.

Help protect your collective bargaining gains by contributing to the UAW V-CAP.

CAP AT LOCAL 2250

The CAP Committee at Local 2250 is involved in many areas. The committees' duties include:

- Distribution and posting of current information on labor legislation and bills that affect the working families in America.
- Distribution and posting of information and voting records of candidates running for political offices.
- Participating in the UAW Local 2250 Worker-To-Worker Program
- Conducting letter writing, e-mailing, and phone calling campaigns.
- Registration of voters.
- Participating in Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) programs. Encouraging everyone to vote.
- Working directly with labor-friendly candidates. This could include handing out informational brochures, phone-banking, posting yard signs, etc.
- Conducting the annual Voluntary V-CAP and Dollar drives.
- Supporting and working with all the other UAW Local 2250 Committees.
- Participating or conducting CAP meetings; including the Local 2250 CAP meeting, City CAP, State, and National meetings.
- Involvement in community projects, to help bring a better quality of life to our members and our community.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

As you can see from the list above, there is much to do. The CAP committee needs your help and support. Local members can help by:

- Attending your local meetings (monthly).

- Participating in the CAP programs – local, state, and national.
- Writing to the President, your Senators and Congressmen. Let them know how you stand on the issues. Use “Helpful Links” to make letter writing easy. Some sites have prewritten letters addressing the current issues. Just click on them and send.
- Ensuring everyone in your family of voting age is registered to vote.
- Helping with Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) programs.
- Supporting Cap endorsed candidates.
- Voting in every election.

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UNION MEMBERS IN POLITICAL OFFICE

There are 23 members in the Missouri Legislature that are Union members.

HELPFUL LINKS

www.uawlocal2250.com – Our Local site with the Chairman’s and Presidents info, Committees info, and links.

www.uaw.org -- An excellent site with a wealth of information. Current news items, UAW organization, political action, an easy letter writing section on current bills and legislation, and much more.

www.aflcio.org -- Another excellent site similar to the UAW site. Has prewritten letters to send to legislators in the “working families” link. This site also has a fine “Working Women” link.

www.moaficio.org -- Missouri’s AFL-CIO site. Contains State news and legislation, list of labor councils, and a nice legislative letter writing site.

www.state.mo.us -- State of Missouri web page. An easy way to find out/contact your state officials just by typing in your zip code. Additional state information and news.

www.state.il.us -- State of Illinois web page. Similar to Missouri web page.

Contact UAW Local 2250 CAP

We should have an E-mail address(es) or link for anyone to contact us. The local address and phone numbers.

VOTE

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