

Greetings all members of Local 584,

Due to current situations we will be communicating to the membership via our local union website. Please check periodically for updates and new information regarding issue's affecting your local.

On behalf of Local 584 we would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of retiree, Harry Chadwick who passed away in March. Also, to Brother Malloch on the passing of his father, Brother Cipkar for the loss of his father, Brother Rizzuto for the loss of his father and Brother Brauer for the loss of his father. To Brother Runtas on the loss of his mother in law. May your memories of your loved ones be of comfort for you and your families at this time.

Old Business - Congratulations on our United Way winners. Sisters White, Harvey, Eagles and Welsh. Also, Brothers Williams, Honcharsky, Snow, Dominques, James and Sheppard. Thank you for your continued support with the United Way campaign contributions. The Valentine Day draw winners, through the Solidarity committee were Brother Kazi, Sisters White and Harvey. Thank you for your support. Our paid day off winner on Feb. 17, was Brother Lavasseur. Our Easter Draw, also through the Solidarity committee, the winners were Brothers Wallace, Snow, Borges, Alptekin, and Sister Pitman. Again, your participation is greatly appreciated.

The global pandemic labelled Covid-19, instituted a number of changes. Examples like self- isolation, physical distancing, standing in line to enter grocery stores, not being able to go and visit family or friends are becoming the "new norm". Many people have been laid off from their workplace either temporary or experienced reduced hours. Others lost jobs and many small businesses will struggle or may never re- open. The physical and mental toll will surely last for many more months to come. Who would have ever thought our world would have changes because of a Virus. Of course, I do believe there are lessons to be learned. For instance, only purchase what you need, not want. Appreciate your surroundings, family, friends and what you have. Let's not forget about our elderly, who may need our help. If you can in anyway help them, your time and generosity will be greatly appreciated. To the members who are currently cleaning the depot, thank you and thank-you to everyone else for doing your part. For all those that may have lost a family member or friend, we send our condolences. Thank you to Brother Lauzon, who used his 3D printer at home and made 150 face shield holders. Together with Ford Bramalea these shield's and holder were donated to "Able-living" communities throughout the GTA. To our Retirees, we hope that you are all staying safe and healthy during this difficult time.

As of April 27th 2020 new procedures at the Bramalea Depot came into effect. Anyone entering the facility will enter through a designated door. That includes all members, salaried staff, visitors, security, contractor's and drivers. A self-survey questionnaire is to be completed. You will then proceed to have a thermal scan checking for elevated body temperature. Once you have been okayed to enter, you receive a non-surgical mask to wear and are expected to proceed to your job. Thanks to Brother Brian Lauzon for making strap holders to alleviate the discomfort from the masks. This will be the new normal at the Depot until further notice. Ford Motor company is also providing lunches for all the employees working during this time. It is greatly appreciated and being well received.

Layoffs are unfortunately resulting from this pandemic. To our brother and sisters that were and are affected by this down turn in the business, we hope to see you back in the work place soon.

On April 28th The Day of Mourning we honored all workers who were killed or suffered injury while on the job. We always remember our own Shara Flanigan, who died of her injury January 2009. Your forever in our Hearts. Also, the frontline workers, working with the Covid19 and who have been putting us first, our sincere Thank you for protecting all of us.

With the announcements being made on a day to day basis from the Ontario government, it looks like the opening of our province will be done step by step. So, to comply with this, we the Executive Committee of Unifor Local 584 have agreed to cancel the June 14th Union meeting. The Executive will be meeting to discuss the correspondence and future issues. For an update on the upcoming contract of September 2020 as of today 5/5/2020, I have had no communication on any time change. So, for now we are still proceeding with the September date.

In late January and early February, we sent a few sisters and brothers to Regina, to stand together with other locals to help support Unifor local 594, who had been locked out since December 5, 2019 by the Co-Op Refinery Corporation. To bring everyone up to date, the workers are still out of work. In March an appointed mediator was called in to help get the two sides back to good faith bargaining. Since April 15th, local 594 voted on the Final offer from the CRC anticipating strong rejection of the offer. This vote was forced even after Unifor members voted 98% in favour of the recommendations made by the provincially appointed mediator, that were described as offering “significant cost savings for the Employer” the CRC did not agree to the terms and came back with two different offers. National President Jerry Dias again has called upon Premier Scott Moe to bring this dispute to an end through legislation “By snubbing the report from the Premiers mediators, Co-op has demonstrated that it cannot be trusted to bargain or end the lockout in good faith”, says Dias. The workers at Local 594 want to go back to work, with a fair deal for their future. On April 30th, City Council endorsed the idea to end the 147 day lock- out, by the Co Op with binding arbitration with a unanimous vote of 9-1. **This fight is so important to every worker across the country. It’s about negotiated pensions that we all deserve, because they are ours.**

On April 30th our Gate collection raised \$825.05, for the Knights Table, here in Brampton. The members of 584 have once again, come together in Solidarity and showed their compassion to others who are in need. **Thank you** to all the members, who donated.

On May 1st we joined in on the Day of Action To Fix Long Term Care. Pictures of our members were taken and sent to the web page. We are asking Doug Ford for: **Immediately improved access to PPE, Permanently improved wages, plus Full time work, a 4 hour minimum care standard, better infection control and No more for-profit care. Our Seniors deserve better care!**

If at any time you have questions or concerns, you may contact me in the office between 8 am and 4:30 pm. My number is 905-454-6080 or email me at president@uniforlocal584.org.

Please continue to visit the web site that Brother Wilski continually works to keep updated. This will keep you in the know of what is happening.

Next report from the leadership will be the week of June 14th, 2020.

Our next scheduled meeting will be September 13th, 2020 at 10 am. Location: Spot One Grill, 289 Rutherford rd. S, Brampton.

Stay safe and healthy and **WE** will get through this **Together**.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL the MOM'S on MAY 10TH.



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