

UNIFOR

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Sisters and Brothers,

To all the frontline workers who are continuing to provide care to the sick, we like to say “Thank You”. Please take a moment to remember those workers who were killed, died from exposures and injured on the job during these last few months. We have all been listening and watching the news concerning the migrant workers (Essex county) who have lost their lives, in the farming sector due to Covid19. Protection of all workers in this country is a must!! Our union, UNIFOR is there to advocate for all workers.

Local 584 sends their prayers and condolences to Retiree Wilmer Little and his family on the passing of Anne, a loving wife, mother and grand/great grandmother.

Congratulations to Chris Scott on his retirement and your work as the alternate shift 3 rep. Greatly appreciated. Enjoy your new journey. The executive committee has appointed Kerry Laing as our new alternate rep. for shift 3. Congratulations Kerry and we all look forward to working with you.

As we all know the 2020 negotiations time is fast approaching. Your negotiating committee is ready to stand for what we believe is a fair deal. With the outbreak of Covid19 and the economic challenges, it won't be an easy task. The best that we can ask for is that our members stay united and like any other contract year, prepare yourselves in case of a strike, this is always a reality. Beginning the week of July 27th Gary and myself will be meeting with the company to start negotiations for in plant proposals. Master contract opening is scheduled for August 12, 2020. Each round of talks is important. This crisis has highlighted the need for maintaining and promoting “Made in Canada Matters” to both workers and consumers. This year's contract talks will pivot on good jobs and future investment. Unifor has an official website called **Auto Talks 2020**, that will serve as a source of information for members during the collective bargaining process, in addition to communications members will receive directly from their locals.

On July 31 Unifor will be supporting the 2020 Civil Rights Movement with in the workplaces. Two of our members volunteered to put together some history and gather information to share to everyone. This will be posted on our Local website also. Thank you to Brothers Mayberry and Aziz. Please take the time to read and join us in trying to create changes around our communities, at work and in our homes to delete all racism.

Many changes are going on in the depot. Realignment of the dock area, racking being removed and work stations are changing areas. Please be alert at all times as these changes are being made. Your safety is are our priority. If you have any concern's see your safety rep. Jeff Hillier.

This summer has been extremely hot, so please take the time to stay hydrated especially at work and enjoy your holidays!

In solidarity,

Sandy Knight, President.