

## President's Report



I want to thank everyone for exercising their right to vote. This was a very important election and I think we (UAW and the middle class) achieved what we set out to do, which was to get as many candidates that support labor and the middle class elected and re-elected for another term in office. For the candidates that we supported and they lost their opportunity to rep-

resent, I just hope that they remain involved so that we can collectively move this country forward in a direction that creates more jobs and a thriving American economy. I can't thank you enough for your effort and special thanks goes out to the members that participated in phone banking as well as door to door canvassing.

On Veterans Day (Nov. 11, 2012), I had the opportunity to attend the dedication ceremony for five Lorain veterans who lost their lives while serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan. The Charleston Village Society, Black River Historical Society and the Lorain Growth Corporation were responsible for the dedication of the Eric Barnes

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Heroes Walk. Along the Airman 1st Class Eric Barnes Walkway are tribute spaces for Marine Lance Corporal David Hall, Marine Lance Corporal Joseph "Ryan" Giese, Army Staff Sergeant Lois Torres and Army 1st Sergeant Bruce Horner.

Earlier this year, a motion was passed by the membership to sponsor tribute signage for Marine Lance Corporal David Hall, a member of U.A.W. Local 2000 and the son of retired member Delmar Hall and his wife Lula. David lost his life on August 31, 2009 while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom when he was stationed in Garmsir, Afghanistan. I want to thank the Veterans Committee and the membership of U.A.W. Local 2000 for contributing to the signage for Marine Lance Corporal David Hall and I encourage you to visit the above dedication site, Settler's Watch, which is located on Oberlin Avenue and 2nd Street in Lorain, Ohio. A special thanks goes to Loraine Ritchey, Co-Chair of Charleston Village Society for being instrumental in bringing this project together and making it the success that it is.

I would like to wish the membership of U.A.W. Local 2000 a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays and be safe.

## UAW congratulates the President on his re-election

**Detroit, Nov. 6, 2012** – The UAW is proud to congratulate President Obama on his electoral victory in the 2012 election. It is with great pride that in large part because of a nationwide, grassroots effort by our active and retired UAW members, along with our progressive allies and dedicated community leaders, President Obama won re-election and remains our president for four more years.

"President Obama stood by American workers in their darkest hour, and UAW members and citizens in communities that are part of the thriving auto industry, are grateful for his willingness to bet on us," said UAW President Bob King.

"Today, the domestic auto industry is roaring back, with investment in factories, new workers and manufacturing returned to our country. This remarkable turnaround is the product of government, labor and community working together to find solutions to our nation's problems and today it is driving the country's economic recovery," added King.

This 2012 election was successful because of the tireless commitment of working people who held steadfast in their belief about the kind of leader America needs: someone who believes in a better America with middle-class jobs, a strong auto and manufacturing sector, Social Secu-



rity and Medicare for our seniors, Medicaid for those in need, and a fair tax system that favors the 47 percent instead of rewarding the 1 percent.

Americans have spoken – and they want President Obama to stay on the path of continued improvement for our economy. This election illustrates the hope people have for social and economic justice for our entire country and creating a ladder to the middle class.

But our work is not done, and we will continue to fight for social and economic justice for all Americans.