

President's Report

by *Tim Donovan*



When I became president in 2001, I committed to the membership that we would have a Local 2000 web site. With membership approval, www.uawlocal2000.org became a reality within 6 months. Since then, our web site has not only become a useful tool for our members, but it has received numerous awards from the Local Union Press Association (LUPA) and is used as the model at the

UAW Black Lake course courses on publications and web sites.

Well over 1000 members have subscribed to receive automatic updates and Information Bulletins and the site is nearing 80,000 visits. Most members have subscribed due to reading our in-plant Information Bulletins. The insert below from a January bulletin was updated, as they are periodically, to include the ODJFS unemployment information:

KEEPING INFORMED: At the Local 2000 web site, you can download and view Local 2000's newspaper, The Vanguard, access information regarding employee benefits, services and ODJFS unemployment instructions in

the event of a layoff. You can also sign up to receive automatic information bulletins. To subscribe, go to www.uawlocal2000.org and click on SIGN UP in the blue box on the right side of our home page. Your email address will not be shared with any other agency or person.

You can click on the UAW logo on the top left of the Local 2000 web site to link to the UAW International web site. The UAW International web site also has a wealth of useful information on it.

In the very near future, we will be sending out "**Call for Action**" alerts asking members to contact their elected state and federal representatives about issues that not only affect us and other UAW members, but working families everywhere and our nation's economy. Our nation's unions are always under attack, along with our workers' rights, safety and health care.

The following are some very important issues to watch for:

- The US-Korea Free Trade Agreement
 - Auto provisions threaten US production and jobs
 - Immediately eliminates US tariffs on imported Korean autos
 - Phases out 25% US tariff on imported pickups
 - Will trigger a surge in auto imports from Korea

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~ **Samuel Gompers**

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