



## Retirees Spring Update

March 26, 2019

Hopefully we can say good bye to this miserable winter and enjoy in comfort the next few warmer months.

Congratulations to our newest Retirees effective Feb 1, 2019 - Shelley Sneider, Pam Lyon, Bernie Grenier, Ellen Ward and Mike Robertson and effective March 1, 2019 – Anna Black, Mark Bignell, Robert Opolnieks and Ray Stoodley. Wishing everyone a healthy and long retirement.



We regret to inform you that Retiree Ron Heffell has passed away on March 20, 2019. Ron Retired on July 1, 2004 with 30.2 years. No more details are known at this time.

Back in September we sent a letter to President Jerry Dias signed by 16 of the Big 3 Retiree Chairs. We were highlighting the fact that it will be a decade since we will have received an increase in our pensions and that we would like to see this important issue addressed in 2020 bargaining. We did get a response in November from Shane Wark assistant to the President saying that he was open to have a meeting to hear us out.

The GM issue came up and plans for this meeting were delayed. I am happy to say that after a number of attempts to secure a date we finally have a confirmed date of Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> in London. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Four Points in London. Hopefully this meeting will resonate with the Unifor Leadership that will be bargaining next year. We want to express our disappointment in regards to our retirees and the fact that we have not received an increase in a decade. I will be reporting back on the outcome of this meeting at our April 3<sup>rd</sup> retirees meeting.

Our first meeting of the year will be held **Wednesday April 3, 2019** at the Legion on 80 Mary Street in Brampton at 1 pm. Our Benefit Rep, Claudio Parise will be attending to explain some of the changes to our health care and drug plan and answer any questions our retirees might have. Also president Sandy Knight will be there to give us an update on what is going in the plant and elsewhere. We will also be holding draws for 50/50 and other prizes like shirts hats etc. We will also be discussing and voting on 3 Local 584 resolutions that will be going the Retirees Conference along with voting on a delegate to this conference.

Please note that our May meeting has been moved up a week and will be held **Wednesday May 8, 2019** at the Legion at 1pm. Barb Dolan, Unifor National Retiree Director will be at this meeting as our guest speaker. She is an excellent speaker and has lots of information to share with our retirees.

Also keep in mind that our annual spring luncheon will be held **Wednesday June 5, 2019** at the Mandarin at 12 noon.

Our Annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be held at the Lion's hall on **Friday October 11, 2019**. You will all be receiving your invite sometime in September with all the details.

You may also want to mark **Saturday November 23, 2019** on your calendars as Local 584 will be celebrating their **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary** at the Lion's hall here in Brampton. Plans are still in the works but it will be during the day with food and refreshments served. We will post more details as we get closer to the date.

Wishing you all a safe and happy spring & summer and hope you can attend all or most of these meetings and events as your participation is important.

In Solidarity,

Chris Wilski  
Unifor Local 584  
Retirees Chair