

#### NEWS & NOTES From the desk of President David A. Cook

**KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE** 

November 2013

#### Schnucks, Dierbergs, Shop 'n Save Contract Extended

Due to the uncertainty of the Affordable Care Act and its ramifications to health care, the bargaining committee has agreed to extend the Greater St Louis Food Employers' Council (GSLFEC) Contract until March 30th, 2014.

A phone survey of the affected membership will be taken to determine what value, if any, subsidies under the Affordable Care Act would have for our members. The determining factors for a subsidy are the number of family members and household income.

Note: Employees with employer-provided health care are not eligible for subsidies under the Act.

Several contracts (listed in the column to the right) have been extended, pending the completion of the GSLFEC contract.

#### **Extended Contracts**

Queens, Pacific Kroger, Outstate Country Mart, St. Genevieve Cowley Distributing Darling International Double-G Brands Fricks, Union Elsberry IGA Roziers, Perryville Straubs

### **One Step Closer to Equality** Local 655 Announces Extension of Benefits to Same-Sex Partners



Effective January 1, 2014, the UFCW Local 655 Health and Welfare Fund will cover same-sex domestic partners that have been married in a state that recognizes same sex marriages by law.

Current enrollment forms have been mailed to members and include directions and requirements for enrollment.

## 655 Joins Union Sportsmen's Alliance

Local 655 is proud to be the first UFCW Local Partner with the Union Sportsmen's Alliance.

The mission of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance is to unite the Union community to expand and improve hunting and fishing access and wildlife habitat throughout North America.

As a partner, Union Sportsmen's Alliance offers Local 655 members exclusive discounts on outdoor gear, the latest hunting and fishing news and tips, chances to win fantastic prizes and trips, the opportunity to participate in shooting events and conservation projects and a wide range of outdoor services.

We encourage our members to visit **unionsportsmen.org** for more info.

# DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

- FRONT END MANAGER
- SHOP N SAVE EMPLOYEE
- PROUD MEMBER FOR 31 YEARS

WWW.UFCW655.ORG

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### Text Message Sign-up

Text **UFCW655** to **738674** to join and stay up to date on contracts, upcoming events, & more!

## Attend your monthly UNION meetings!

Tuesday, November 26, 2013. 9am and 7pm Tuesday, December 17, 2013. 9am and 7pm

> UFCW Local 655 Meeting Hall 300 Weidman Road, Ballwin MO





#### 655 is looking for volunteer organizers...

Must be:

- Interested in helping Local 655 organizing activities
- Good verbal communication skills
- Outgoing personality

Make your holidays happy... For more information contact: Merri Berry, Director of Organizing (636) 736-2757 mberry@ufcw655.org

Training class begin early 2014

## HELP WANTED

#### Skilled Clerical – General Office and Data

We are currently seeking a part-time Clerical for UFCW Local 655 in Ballwin, Missouri. This person will be responsible for tasks ranging from providing outstanding service to clerical tasks and data entry. Must have a positive attitude and high energy!

Applicant should be well groomed, well-spoken and have a pleasant voice. Must be able to work a flexible schedule within Monday – Friday; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### REQUIREMENTS

High School Diploma or GED Have Transportation Pass Reference check (will be checked) Verifiable work history Stable employment background

\* For full job description visit www.ufcw655.org

Contact: Phone: Email: Fax: Mary M. Knop 636-736-2727 mknop@ufcw655.org 636-394-5006

## **Education Grant**

Local 655 offers current members that are attending college, vocational school, technical school, etc., the chance to win a **\$150.00** grant.

- 20 grants are drawn at our January membership meeting.

- Another **20** are drawn at our June membership meeting.



If you would like an application: Contact your Union Representative or Download the application from our website at www.ufcw655.org



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(Kenricks, Miller, Straubs)

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