



# NEWS & NOTES

From the desk of President David A. Cook  
KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

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## VOP = WEEKENDS OFF = BETTER WAGES



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New in Schnucks, Dierbergs and Shop 'N Save contract this year is weekends off for participation in Local 655's **Volunteer Organizing Program**. That's the benefit now and better wages in the future is the benefit for participating in this program.

All you have to do is talk to workers in non-union grocery retail, worker to worker, about the benefits of union membership. While helping protect your company's market share against low pay/low benefit competition you protect your wages and benefits in the future. It's called leveling the playing field. Interested members should contact President Cook at 636-736-2704.

## ELECTIONS MATTER-YOU MATTER



Tired of politicians that keep taking care of the guy with all the money while you're struggling paycheck to paycheck? **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Politicians are obligated to the wealthy because that's where their campaign money comes from. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Let's make sure we elect people that are going to stand for working people and protect their families' quality of life. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Local 655 will be sending out a list of recommend candidates for your consideration. The recommendations are based on the candidate's position on protecting worker's rights, raising the minimum wage, living wages, etc. Please take a moment to review the list. And please vote on November 4th.

**YOU MATTER-MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**NOT REGISTERED** to vote? Move recently? No problem.

You can register to vote online at [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov) under the Elections & Voting tab for Missouri residents or <https://ova.elections.il.gov/> for Illinois residents. Or we can send you a "mail in" voter registration form. Contact us at 636-394-6500 for a form. Your Voter Registration form must be **POST-MARKED** by the 4th Wednesday before the election (October 7, 2014) for Missouri voter registration. Online applications for **voter registration** for the 2014 General Election **will no longer be accepted as of October 7, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. for Illinois residents.**



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Why do politicians and CEO's they work for want Right to Work? It is an attempt to lower worker's wages and benefits by weakening union solidarity.

We don't need lower wages. We don't need Right to Work. We don't need politicians that support Right to Work.

**KNOW WHO YOU ARE VOTING FOR.**

## HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT

This fall's healthcare enrollment will allow members under some contracts to choose which Plan of Benefits and the associated weekly payroll contribution they want. To help with this decision, Local 655 will post a cost comparison on our website, [www.ufcw655.org](http://www.ufcw655.org) starting October 6<sup>th</sup>.

We will also review the comparison at the October 28<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting at the UFCW Local 655 Meeting Hall, 300 Weidman Road, Ballwin MO.

## Meeting Reminder

### Membership Meeting

4th Tuesday  
Each Month

9 am & 7 pm

UFCW Hall

300 Weidman Rd.

Ballwin, MO 63011

*See you there!*

*Holiday Hams  
Buy Union this  
Holiday Season.  
Look for the  
Following labels for  
Hams produced by  
**UFCW 655**  
Members:*



**Double G  
Millers  
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Kenricks**



UFCW is leading the fight in ending workplace discrimination.

Local 655 is proud to be a big part in this effort. We want ALL members, including lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender members to know they have a place and a voice in their union. You are an integral part of the union, and the leaders and staff want you to know you do not stand alone.

Become engaged, let us know how we can work together to make this the strongest and most inclusive union we can be.

UFCW OUTreach is a constituency group dedicated to building mutual support between our union's International, regions, and locals and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community and their allies in order to come together to organize for social and economic justice for all, regardless of age, race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Together, we will ensure full equality for LGBT workers on their jobs and in their unions.

For more information go to <http://ufcwoutreach.org/>

Please consider joining OUTreach.