

# UFCW 951 BULLETIN

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## UNION PROTESTS PEARSON FOODS ILLEGALLY DENYING UFCW 951 MEMBERS CONTRACT BENEFITS

On June 13, 2017, UFCW 951 filed unfair labor practice charges against Pearson Foods with the National Labor Relations Board. For some time, Pearson has engaged in unlawful conduct designed to interfere with and undermine Local 951's representation of Pearson employees.

UFCW 951 is conducting informational picketing to inform members and the community of Pearson's unlawful actions, which include:

- Refusing to sign a union contract that was overwhelmingly ratified by Pearson employees.
- Refusing to implement a wage increase that it agreed to in negotiations.
- Engaging in surveillance of Pearson employees involved in protected union activities.
- Refusing to allow union representatives access to meet with union members.
- Creating a situation where employees felt at peril because of their support.
- Encouraging and assisting employees to resign from the Union.

"Some employers have gotten very bold in the current right to work environment. Pearson Foods is breaking the law and violating the rights of their workers, and we refuse to tolerate it," John Cakmakci, UFCW 951 president, said. "We will fight back and hold them accountable."

Members interested in assisting in the campaign at Grand Rapids based Pearson Foods should call the union at 1.800.999.0951 ext. 127.

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**UFCW 951 holds an informational picket line outside of Pearson Foods to inform members and the community of the violation of workers' rights.**

# UFCW 951 CHICAGO BUS TRIP - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

It's time again for the UFCW 951 bus trip to Chicago! Buses will pick up members and their guests in Saginaw, Swartz Creek, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Madison Heights, Jackson, Kalamazoo and Stevensville.



Members will have the option to be dropped off at Museum Row, Navy Pier or the Magnificent Mile. Each member may bring one guest. Tickets are \$28 per person.

Seats are limited and tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ufcw951.org/events](http://www.ufcw951.org/events). Paper forms are available from your union representative or can be printed from the UFCW 951 website at [www.ufcw951.org](http://www.ufcw951.org). The registration deadline is August 31, 2017, but the event may sell out sooner.

For more information, contact your union representative or call the union office at 1.800.999.0951.

## RECENT MEMBERSHIP MATTERS GIVE-A-WAY WINNERS

### MAY WINNERS

**A DAY/NIGHT ON THE TOWN**  
\$300 TICKETMASTER GIFT CARD + \$200 VISA GIFT CARD:  
**Karen Wilcox** Meijer #140

**YETI HOPPER 20 COOLER:**  
**Karen Buchholtz** Meijer #201

**UNION JACKETS:**  
**Elizabeth Pennington** Meijer #205  
**Ann Vescio-Baldwin** Kroger #738

### JUNE WINNERS

**SUMMERTIME FUN**  
\$500 VISA GIFT CARD:  
**Ken Curtis** Meijer #303  
**OMAHA STEAKS FOR A YEAR:**  
**Charles Smith** Meijer #324

**UNION JACKETS:**  
**Laurie Lago** Meijer #108  
**Virginia Weibel** Meijer #122

You could be the next winner in the UFCW 951 Membership Matters Give-a-way! To register, visit [www.ufcw951.org/members/MembershipMattersGiveaway](http://www.ufcw951.org/members/MembershipMattersGiveaway), or contact your union representative for a paper form.

## QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, JULY 27 at 7:00 PM**

Membership meetings are one way you can ask questions, get involved and hear what's going on with your employer, your industry and your union!

### Northern Region

All Seasons Resort  
760 S. Cedar St.  
Kalkaska

### Eastern Region

UAW Local 228  
39209 Mound Rd.  
Sterling Heights

### Central Region

UAW Local 652  
426 Clare St.  
Lansing

### Western Region

UFCW 951 Office  
3270 Evergreen Dr. NE  
Grand Rapids

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