

# UFCW 951 BULLETIN

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## UNDEREMPLOYMENT BENEFITS MAY BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS WHOSE HOURS ARE CUT

Members who have had their hours reduced by their employer and have been unable to pick up additional hours have the right to file for Underemployment Benefits through the State of Michigan.

Members who have had their hours reduced and are interested in applying for this benefit or who would like more information must contact the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) at 1.866.500.0017 or visit their website at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia).

Eligibility for Underemployment Benefits - as well as the amount of the benefit if it is awarded - can only be determined by the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA). To protect yourself from having your Underemployment Benefit claim denied, it is recommended that you inform management that you are available for any work they may have.

For information about your contractual rights regarding scheduling and hours, contact your union representative at 1.800.999.0951.

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## DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR 2018 VACATION REQUESTS

Most UFCW 951 contracts contain a procedure for securing guaranteed vacation time during the year. Be sure to complete your vacation requests by the deadline as specified in your union contract.

Meijer members: There are no "blacked out" vacation weeks on the calendar. However, there are six "grayed out" weeks, where a limited number of vacations will be granted.

If you have any questions on how to request a vacation, or believe your vacation request has been improperly denied, contact your union representative at 1.800.999.0951.



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# TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL UFCW 951 PISTONS GAME

UFCW 951 is offering members discounted tickets to the Detroit Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors game on Wednesday, March 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the new Little Caesars Arena. Members can purchase Lower Bowl tickets for \$33 each for the first two tickets and \$48 each for additional tickets. (Tickets valued at \$50.) Lower bowl tickets include a Detroit Pistons logo item. Upper Bowl tickets can be purchased for \$18 each for the first two tickets and \$33 each for additional tickets. (Tickets valued at \$35.)

All tickets come preloaded with \$10 that can be used to purchase food at the arena and include a post-game shot on the court. The first 23 tickets purchased by members also come with the Pistons High Five Tunnel experience. For every ticket sold, the Pistons will donate \$5 to the UFCW 951 Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased online with your credit or debit card via PayPal at [www.ufcw951.org/events](http://www.ufcw951.org/events) or you may contact your union representative at 1.800.999.0951 to obtain a paper form to purchase tickets with a check or money order. **The deadline to order tickets is Tuesday, February 6.**



## DEADLINE APPROACHING TO APPLY FOR THE UNION PLUS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline to apply for the 2018 Union Plus Scholarship program is January 31, 2018. UFCW 951 members who have been in good standing for at least one year as of May 31, 2018, and their spouses and dependent children are eligible to apply for a scholarship of up to \$4,000 through Union Plus.

To apply visit [www.unionplus.org/benefits/money/union-plus-scholarships](http://www.unionplus.org/benefits/money/union-plus-scholarships) and complete the application, including required essays and a letter of recommendation.

## QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Tuesday, January 23 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

Holiday Inn Express  
1201 W. Main St.  
Gaylord, MI 49735

### 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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