

IMPORTANT DATES

September 7, 2026

Offices Closed for Labor Day.

September 10, 2026

Local 777 Monthly Meeting

September 20, 2026

Local 777/313 Guide Dogs of America Trap Shoot

October 10, 2026

District 9 Health Fair

November 3, 2026

Missouri Midterm elections

August 2026 Local 777 Recap



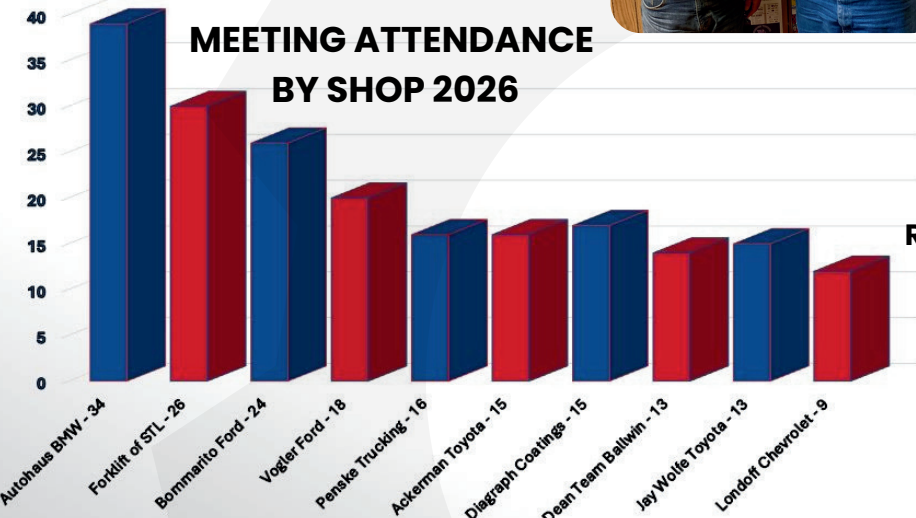
President Hargis initiated, Brothers Justin Goforth, Jacob Friedman, Payton Simpson, Aaron Pruet, Adam Yashuk, Mark Astroth, and Brandon Brown. Brothers Pruet, Yashuk, Astroth, and Brown were celebrating the ratification of their 1st contract at Twin City Toyota.

Congratulations to Brother Keith Fore, on your retirement after 29 consecutive years in Local 777!



Congratulations to Brother Kirk Feldt on your retirement after 31 consecutive years as a Local 777 member.

MEETING ATTENDANCE BY SHOP 2026



The Monthly Meeting Attendance Jackpot drawing for a prize of up to \$935.00, Ten names were drawn with no winner present. Reminder: All members are in the drawing but must be present to win

**Shaye Nowak - Roy Reinaman
Clarence Meyer - Tanner Hickerson
Jackson Nichols - Cornelius Jenkins
Carlyle Knobloch Jr - Bryan Mazuranic
Joseph Kramer - Larry Davis**

WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!



IAM Local 777 members joined fellow union members and other labor organizations on the front lines in the fight against Missouri Amendments 4 and 5. Through door-to-door canvassing, phone banks, text banks, workplace conversations, and countless face to face discussions, our members helped spread the word about the importance of voting NO on Amendments 4 and 5.

On Election Day, Missouri voters answered with a message that could not have been clearer. Amendment 4 was rejected by more than 80% of voters, while Amendment 5 was rejected by more than 83%. Neither amendment won a single congressional district. That was a resounding statewide rejection, and every member who volunteered their time and effort should be proud of the part they played in helping inform voters and get the message out. Thank you to everyone who knocked on a door, made a call, sent a text, shared information, or had a conversation with someone about what was at stake.

Solidarity by definition; working people organized, working people showed up, and Missouri spoke loud and clear: **NO on 4. NO on 5!**

The Annual IAM Automotive Local 777 & 313 Trap Shoot,

benefiting Guide Dogs of America, is Sunday, September 20th. Come enjoy a great day of friendly competition as the Auffenberg Auto Group defends the coveted dealership "Bragging Rights Trophy! As always, there will be plenty of food and great prizes throughout the event. Whether you attend, donate, or purchase raffles, every contribution helps support this important cause.

★ **Another great way to support this event is by helping us sell out our 50/50 raffle tickets. Only 500 tickets will be sold, with a 1st prize of \$2,500, 2nd prize of \$1,500, and a 3rd prize of \$1,000. Drawing will take place as soon as all tickets are sold; the sooner they sellout, the sooner prizes will be awarded!**



**Automotive Local 777 & 313
TRAP SHOOT**
Benefitting Guide Dogs of America
Sunday, September 20, 2026
Registration- 8:30 am / Shooting begins - 9:00 am
ALL TEAMS MUST ARRIVE BY 11:00 AM TO SHOOT
Gateway Gun Club
13547 Missouri Bottom Road Hazelwood, MO 63044

SHIFT CHANGE: THE IAM UNION PODCAST



The IAM Union has launched Shift Change: The IAM Union Podcast, hosted by IAM International President Brian Bryant.

The podcast explores issues that directly impact working people, including wages, benefits, working conditions, and having a meaningful voice in the workplace. President Bryant is joined by IAM members, union leaders, and experts to discuss the work being done to improve the lives of workers. Whether you are a union member or simply interested in learning more about the value of union representation, Shift Change offers an informative look at the issues facing today's workforce. Streaming on Spotify, YouTube, Apple Podcasts, and Amazon Music. Scan QR code for links and info.





IAM LOCAL 777

SEPTEMBER, 2026

STEWARD OF THE MONTH

PATRICK BRANDT

Congratulations to Brother Patrick Brandt of U.S. Foods, our September 2026 Local 777 Shop Steward of the Month! Brother Brandt was initiated into IAM Local 777 in April 2018 at Y.R.C. Trucking. In late 2020, he moved to Broadway Ford, where he remained until June 2024. Patrick then joined U.S. Foods, where he played a significant role in the organizing effort and first contract negotiations while serving as Shop Steward.

Patrick points to the benefits of union membership, including medical insurance and retirement, as major contributors to the overall value of working in a union shop. But he also emphasizes the importance of the representation and support members receive when issues arise in the workplace.

When speaking with new members, Patrick focuses on making sure they understand the benefits and rights that come with union membership. He reminds them that mistakes will happen and workplace issues will arise, but they don't have to face those challenges alone. Their Union will always be there to represent, protect, and serve its members.

Thank you, Brother Patrick Brandt, for your dedication to your fellow members and your commitment to IAM Local 777. Congratulations on being named our September 2026 Shop Steward of the Month!



CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER DWIGHT TERRY

Congratulations to IAM Local 777's own Brother Dwight Terry on your appointment as Assistant Directing Business Representative of IAM District 9! Brother Terry is a 33-year consecutive member of IAM Local 777, initiated June 1993 at Lou Fusz Chevy. Dwight served IAM Local 777 as Sentinel/Conductor beginning in May 2006 before becoming a Local 777 Trustee in November 2008.

In March 2012, Dwight became a District 9 Organizer and continued his commitment to serving the membership when he became a District 9 Business Representative in October 2015.

Congratulations, Brother Terry, on this well deserved appointment. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to IAM Local 777, District 9, and the membership you proudly represent.



IAM District 9 Organizer

Brian Hillstead

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**Contact with any
questions/info/leads
regarding organizing.**

IAM Local 777 Scholarship

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**Committee is excited to
announce that the
scholarship award has
been increased from (2)
\$1,000 scholarships to
(2) \$1,500 scholarships
for the 2027/2028 school
year.**

Local 777 E-Board

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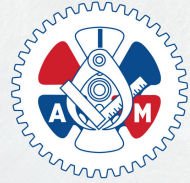
Communicator:

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Newsletter Editor:

Andrew Shackley

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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2026 Winner: Nicole Schultz
Hanken Technical College

2026 Winner: Karen Herrera
ATI - Carbondale

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(2) \$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

- ♦ PARTICIPANT MUST BE ENROLLED IN A VO-TECH SCHOOL PROGRAM IN OUR REPRESENTED FIELDS.
- ♦ DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED IS MARCH 31, 2027.
- ♦ APPLICATION AND INFO AT LOCALODGE777.COM

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**Career expos at schools all around our metro
area are filling in for 2026 & 2027; members
are encouraged to participate.**

**If interested in participating,
please contact Chairman Tim McNamee.
TimMcnamee19@gmail.com**

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Hours 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday.

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