UAW Local 602 Celebrates Black History

Over three hundred people packed the Union Hall for the annual Taste of Black History Program. With talented contributions from many in the membership, the evenings events blended entertainment with education and the special taste-filled dinner followed. Marily Coulter and the "Taste" committee including: Rosalind Wright, Raul Zamora, Craig Johnson, Paul Love, Lenard Neily, Garry Bernati, Martha Adams, Sam Warren, Phil Woodard, Rudy Reyes, Derrick Quinney, Nadine Reynolds, Sami Goodman, Veronica Johnson and Matt Strickling planned an outstanding evening.

Calvin Sturdivant, Body Plant retiree and local writer shared his historical perspective within the Civil Rights movement.

The rhythm accompanist for the Lee Taylor dancers explains to Sami Goodman the beauty of the drum she provided for the Black History Program.

Quinney named "Trailblazer"

Derrick Quinney was named the 1999 recipient of the Alvin J. Pressley "Trailblazer Award" at the 8th annual Taste of Black History at Local 602 Union Hall Sunday, February 8. The award is named for Local 602's first African American President, Alvin J. Pressley. Derrick, nominated along with Veronica Johnson and Roberta Cannon, said he was proud to be among such deserving individuals. Derrick serves on Local 602's Citizen ship & Legislative, Civil Rights and Union Label committees. He received the 1995 Walter Campbell Community Services Award is the Labor (loaned) Executive for Capital Area United Way; he is on the Lansing Police Commissioner's Board; and is the President of the Lansing Chapter of A. Phillip Randolph Institute.