

2006 December Commencement Speaker

Lloyd C. Mahaffey

Lloyd C. Mahaffey was elected in 1998 as director of UAW Region 2B, at the 32nd UAW Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Region 2B encompasses the entire state of Ohio representing 54,000 active and retired members. He is currently serving his third term.

As Director, Mahaffey led the UAW into nontraditional areas of representation. The UAW now represents a variety of public sector and professional employees including public school principals and administrators, sheriff's deputies and corrections officers, registered nurses and other health care professionals and attorneys. Mahaffey's innovative thinking has helped preserve traditional manufacturing jobs in Ohio. He led negotiations for the ground breaking 2004 labor agreement that resulted in a multi-billion dollar investment by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation in the Toledo Jeep facility. This agreement kept several thousand jobs right here in Toledo and created about 1000 new supplier jobs.

Mahaffey was appointed to the UAW's International Staff in 1973 by then International President Leonard Woodcock. Woodcock went on to become the first United States ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China. Prior to his appointment to the International staff Mr. Mahaffey served for 10 years in various leadership capacities at Local 750, including President.

Mahaffey served the UAW on the staff of the several national departments based in the UAW's International Headquarters in Detroit. He returned to Ohio as a member of the Region 2B staff in 1982. He was appointed Assistant Regional Director in 1986.

Mahaffey is a respected community leader and a life long political and social activist. He is an out spoken advocate not only for his members but all working Ohioans.

He is a life member of the NAACP, a life member of the Old Newsboys, and a board member of the Toledo Labor Management Citizens Committee, the Toledo Police