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April 2013

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

*****April 9, 2013*****

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800

*ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.*

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM;** business can be done at the Business or Education Evening Meetings or by mail. **CHECK** the answering machine for hours open, 414-671-3800.
- **Education Night, April 18 at 7pm;** "Building Coalitions"
- The deadline for articles for the May 2013 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is April 17.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*
- **Membership Meetings NOW 2nd Tuesday** of each month.

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United Lodge 66 Hall
and
Union Office
is
SMOKE FREE.

Spring Election Endorsements

Endorsements for the Spring Election, April 2, 2013

The delegates of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council affirmed the recommendations of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council COPE Committee and have endorsed the following individuals in the April 2, 2013 election.

Janet Protasiewicz	Judge Branch 45
Tony Staskunas	County Supervisor District 17
Khalif Rainey	County Supervisor District 2
Tatiana Joseph	MPS Board District 6
Claire Zautke	MPS Board District 7
Ed Fallone	Supreme Court Justice
Tony Evers	State Superintendent of Public Instruction

REMEMBER – Early voting has started and will continue through MARCH 29th. Hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street.

Voting is a private matter but the endorsed candidates are those best to support a stable economic future for working families.

There is more information on the candidates and the location of polling places at:
www.wisafclcio.org.

Your State Budget Proposals

The Joint Finance Committee will hold four public hearings to receive testimony on state budget bill AB40. This bill is from the Republican Governor and both state houses. Not yet announced, the Democrats are also planning separate hearings.

- **Greendale High School auditorium, April 4th, 10am to 6pm,** 6801 Southway, Greendale, 53129.
- **Lambeau Field, Legends Club Room, April 8, 10am to 5pm,** 4th level, 1265 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, 54304.
- **Crystal Grand Music Theatre, April 10, 10am to 5pm,** 430 W. Munroe Avenue (Hwy 23), Lake Delton, 53940.
- **Baldwin-Woodville High School auditorium, April 18, 10am to 5pm,** 1000 - 13th Avenue, Baldwin, 54002, .



"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union."

Retiree Assistance Program

By Doug Curler

Our Machinists Union conducted the first Retiree Assistance Program class after spending over a year developing the structure from some strategy classes involving other Machinists Union Retirees.

The Retiree Assistance Program is not meant that those attending to take on all the burdens of others they may come into contact but be that resource person to help direct them for proper aid and or to make sure a retiree's life is lived to its fullness.

Each lodge should be trying to set up a retiree club or at least have active retirees on a class list to help. We want to make sure while you may retire from your job ... your Union wants to continue to help and assist. We want members to continue to be involved and not be afraid to ask for help.

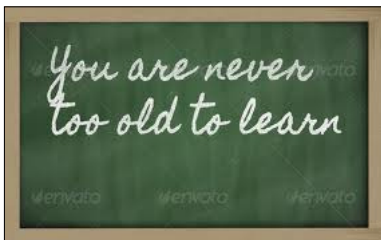
We were a diverse group as with all of the Machinists Union Placid Harbor classes. Coming from all three coasts, the midwest and from Canada.



A portion of the 21 Machinists Union Retirees attending the first program

Here is a list of the topics with only an abbreviated explanation of what was taught:

- Household Safety: showed easy changes to household layout and how to properly get up if you fall and are alone.
- Community Resources: make sure member knows of resources within their healthplan; individually build a resource network; use of '211'.
- Addition: discussed not only the alcohol factor but the addition of prescription and non-prescription drugs.
- Volunteer Self-Care/Stress: we may be in a caregiver position and need to know how our helping out is affecting us.
- Financial Issues/Exploitation of the Elderly/Consumer Protection Scams:
- Listening: we need to **really** listen and observe to give out the correct information in our efforts to truly help.
- Financial Issues/Health Care: some of this is understanding before retirement what will be your income in retirement and make sure your health issues are covered and to prepare for some not covered by insurance.
- Volunteer Self-Care, Nutrition: we know that breakfast is the most important meal which determines our good and bad food intakes. We also received a pamphlet and the good and bad foods that convert to sugar and may increase diabetes.
- Grief Issues: how we can help others and what you may think is very appropriate, and widely used, may cause more harm.
- Confidentiality: learning to keep the information to ourselves so there is trust unless there are some real safety issues.
- Maintaining Physical Strenth: as seniors were shown some simply but necessary exercises we need to do to keep good health and attitude.
- Living Challenges: this may mean not falling into the trap how persons conceive seniors should live but we have many productive and fulfilling years to go!
- Financial Issues/Investing: the before investing and then the after retirement need to make sure our savings do last.
- Mental Health: the differences from dementia and the normal aging process and what we can do.



Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council: April 3, at 6:30pm.** Installation of officers of the MALC ,an open meeting for all members.
- **United Lodge 66 Education Evening for April 18 at 7:00PM,** "Building Coalitions" working together to protect our rights.
- **32nd Annual Wisconsin Labor History Society Conference, April 20 from 9am to 3:30PM,** at Machinists Hall 1377, 1726 S. West Avenue, Waukesha, 53189. This conference will look into the history of the challenges of building solidarity in the fight for economic and racial justice and how to use those struggles in the future.
- **Re-enactment of 1886 Bay View Massacre on May 5, 3pm** at the Bay View Historical Marker Site, S. Superior and E. Russell Avenue, Milwaukee. On May 5, 1886, Governor Rusk gave order to the state militia to open fire on workers marching in support of the eight-hour day; killing seven!
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2013 is available online (<http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist>) or at your Union office. Or come to any Union meeting and just ask. This center is open to all members, you just need to be active and want to be the future leader at your worksite or at United Lodge 66.
- **Membership Meetings NOW - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM.**

Reimbursement of Lost Time for Committee Person

While you will be reimbursed for lost time it may not be as fast as you would like if proper procedure is not followed. Please be aware reimbursement will only be done as stated in the letter from District 10 to Financial Officers dated January 23, 2009.

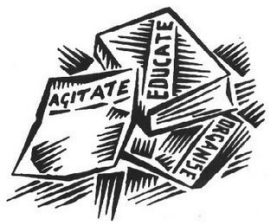
This must happen or be on file at the Lodge office:

- W4 must be completed by you and on file at the LL66 office. This needs to be done only once.
- Properly complete the Lodge 66 Reimbursement Form.
- Lost time must be approved by your business agent at District 10.

Since October 2006 all lost time is paid by ADP payroll. Payroll is done only twice a month. If you miss one payroll date then it will have to wait until the next. Lost time reimbursement forms must be into the LL66 office before the Monday of a payroll date.

Payroll dates are listed on the Calendar Page of our Lodge website at:
www.unitedlodge66.org.

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Building Coalitions, *United Lodge 66 Education Night*

In the aftermath of 2011, the Madison protests against Governor Walker's union busting actions and the continuing political attack on labor in our state, it is important that we as union members understand what is being done to protect our rights and economic futures. This includes building independent coalitions that bring working people together for political power. Please join LL66 Education Committee and Leaders for a presentation by veteran of the Madison protests and We Are Milwaukee Coordinator **Peter Rickman** regarding:

We Are Milwaukee

Building Progressive Coalitions to Improve and Defend our Future

Thursday April 18, 2013

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2611 West Oklahoma Avenue - 53215

Education Night is open to the public!

Initiation Fee

Per the Lodge 66 Bylaws: **"The Initiation fee will be the applicable monthly dues for the respective shop of employment for all members."**

This was changed in 2001 and remember this is a fee not a due.

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Honorary Withdrawal Card

There is a \$1.00 Fee - It Is Not Free

There has always been a fee for the withdrawal card. All too often a member sends in the application for the card and expects one at no cost.

Withdrawal cards are allowed if:

- Left the trade because of illness
- Obtained employment outside the trade or industry.
- Furthering education.
- Obtained a supervisory position above the rank of working foreman.
- Because of circumstances over which I have no control, am compelled, as a condition of employment, to join another labor organization.

In order to get the withdrawal card a member must obtain such within two months of paying dues.

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Seniors Corner

Two Social Security Bills Favorable for Seniors

The Alliance sent two letters to the Hill this week in support of Social Security Bills that would improve senior's lives. Sen. Tom Harkin's (D-IA) Strengthening Social Security Act of 2013, S567, is similar to Harkin's Rebuild America Act, but not identical. It extends the Social Security Trust Fund through 2049; lifts the cap on earnings subject to the Social Security tax over a 5 year period beginning in 2014 (the previous legislation removed it over 10 years); and immediately applies the CPI-E. the changes would increase average benefits by about \$65 per month, or \$800 per year. As before, those now contributing beyond the 2013 cap would get an increase in benefits, though that formula has changed.

Machinists Union Retiree and Alliance Member Speaks Out

Alliance member Diane Fleming spoke out about the budget on March 13 at a Capitol Hill event with the House Progressive Caucus. The United Airlines retiree, who worked 39 years as a reservations agent and in ticket sales as a member of the International Association of Machinists, spelled out what the Ryan budget would mean for seniors.

"Moving to a voucher system for Medicare, as the Ryan plan outlines, is just a way of cutting Medicare. It shifts health care costs onto retirees, most of whom absolutely can not afford it and would not get the health care they need," said Ms. Fleming.

(Note: She was attending the Retiree Assistance Program at Placid Harbor)

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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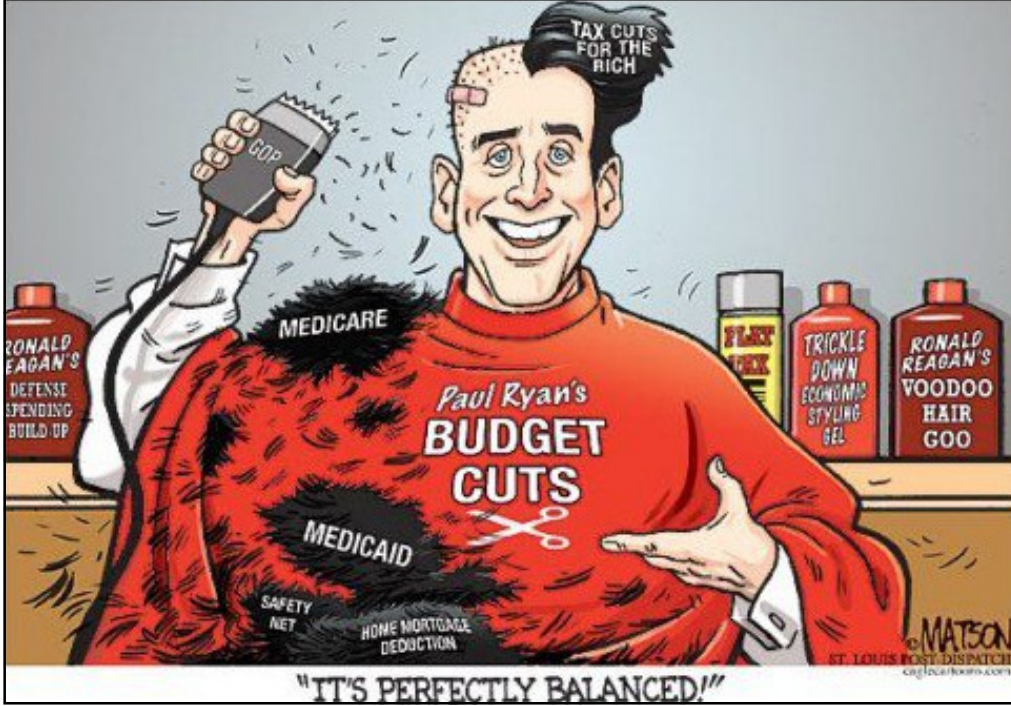
www.retiredamericans.org

Car Pooling

From Kenosha: Want to car-pool to Union Meeting? Contact Bob Paar for how it can be done: 262-605-0436 or bpaarosckenosha@yahoo.com



From Sheboygan: from Sheboygan or picking members up in Port Washington call: Ron Simmelink, 920-627-0325, from Kieffer & Company in Sheboygan.



Republican Ryan's proposals besides cutting Social Security benefits, which reduces a seniors income, he would:

- Increase senior health care premiums, by voucherizing medicare that would cost seniors \$1,200 more per year by 2030 and as much as \$5,900 per year by 2050.
- Increase prescription drug costs by repealing the Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) which would once again open up the donut hole. Right now seniors get a 50% discount on brand name and 14% on generic.
- Cut Medicaid which is now the primary pay for long term care services for seniors.

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