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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

August 11, 2015

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.**
- The deadline for articles for the September 2015 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is August 20.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Laborfest Design

Brother Andy Hainzinger was given a Machinists Union watch by President Mike Pietrzykowski for his Laborfest design to be used at this years event.



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

Whistle Blowers Not Welcome in Wisconsin?

Republicans in the passed state budget repealed a law which encouraged whistle blowers with evidence of Medicaid fraud to come forward.

There were no hearings or public input.

Wisconsin, since 2007, did recover millions in lawsuits initiated by whistle blowers.

We had passed this whistle blower law after the 2005 federal Deficit Reduction Act which gave states an additional 10% incentive to stop and prosecute Medicaid fraud.

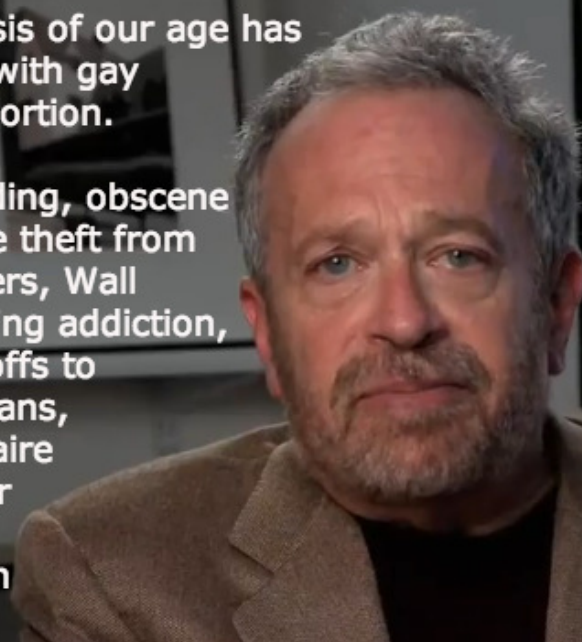
Who did not like the Whistle Blower law is the U.S. Chamber of Commerce representing those health care corporations involved in the fraud.



"The moral crisis of our age has nothing to do with gay marriage or abortion."

It's insider trading, obscene CEO pay, wage theft from ordinary workers, Wall Street's gambling addiction, corporate payoffs to friendly politicians, and the billionaire takeover of our democracy."

— Robert Reich



Work Until You Die?

The Republican budget will it allow employees to work the hours they want. But it is really an effort to weaken workers' rights. A provision in the state budget will allow workers to voluntarily agree to work seven-days a week without a day off. Republicans voted down a Democratic attempt to remove the change from the two-year state budget.

Under the old state law, employers who own factories and retail stores must allow their workers at least 24 consecutive hours of rest in every seven consecutive days. The requirement doesn't apply to janitors, security guards, bakeries, restaurants, hotel plants.



This is widely viewed as a workers' rights law. "Intended to be pro-labor legislation so that employers couldn't force somebody to work seven days a week," UW-Milwaukee Professor Mordecai Lee said.

“Very, very bad policy-wise for Wisconsin working people,” Stephanie Bloomingdale with the Wisconsin AFL-CIO said. Bloomingdale says this proposal is an attempt to strong-arm employees into working more hours. “This is coercive. If the boss says to an employee ‘we need you to work this seventh day,’ most likely the employee is going to say okay,” Bloomingdale said.

As Mordecai Lee points out, we don't know who authored this proposal. "Here is an example of a law that didn't come from Governor Walker. And so it slipped into the budget by somebody unnamed," Lee said. Unnamed because it was part of a long list of changes adopted by the Joint Finance Committee last week. The majority party (in this case, Republicans) is allowed to add the changes.

“Whether we are talking about the Republicans or the Democrats, they put in a kind of miscellaneous amendment at the end where everything is grouped together without any individual authorship. It’s just a grab-bag of ideas. It’s a kind of Christmas tree to the majority party to itself,” Lee said.

'It Is None of Your Business, Scott Walker'

As reported on July 30, 2015 by the Associated Press, newly released documents show Scott Walker's office was involved in drafting a state budget amendment that would have overhauled Wisconsin's open records law and kept some government materials secret.

He tried to keep secret legislative drafting documents and notes, personal property and other materials from the open records law, including so called “deliberative process” materials, communications that include opinions, analyses, briefings, recommendations, suggestions and drafts related to bills.





About ALEC

What is ALEC? ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) is not a lobby; it is not a front group. (series started in May 2015)

ALEC is a corporate bill mill. It is not just a lobby or a front group; it is much more powerful than that. Through ALEC, corporations hand state legislators their wishlists to benefit their bottom line. Corporations fund almost all of ALEC's operations. They pay for a seat on ALEC task forces where corporate lobbyists and special interest reps vote with elected officials to approve "model" bills. Learn more at the Center for Media and Democracy's ALECexposed.org, and check out breaking news on our PRWatch.org site.

This is a partial list of politicians that are known to be involved in, or previously involved in, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Not all dues-paying members of ALEC are included below because ALEC does not post its full list, but the following list includes politicians who have been in a leadership role in ALEC as a member of a task force or other publicly known role. It also includes politicians who have been featured speakers or who have accepted awards at ALEC meetings. (If you have additional names, please add them with a citation. The names in this original list were verified as of posting.)

ALEC

We will be doing a new series (this is 3rd) over the next months on ALEC.

For some this is old and for many this is new.

But ALEC is controlling the legislative agenda throughout America.

Most of the material is from The Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed.



RETIREES CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET

"PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY"

1. FULL NAME: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST Sr, Jr, III
2. HOME ADDRESS: _____
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP
3. TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
HOME PHONE CELL PHONE
4. **(PERSONAL) EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____
5. IDENTIFY YOUR CURRENT LOCATION: _____
TERRITORY/ DISTRICT / LOCAL LODGE
6. UNION TITLE AT TIME OF RETIREMENT: _____
7. GENDER: _____ YEAR RETIRED: _____
8. EMPLOYERS NAME AT RETIREMENT: _____
9. IAM CARD NO _____
10. WILLING TO SERVE ON A RETIREE CLUB COMMITTEE: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Retirees, Community and Membership Services Department, Attn: Director, Carlos San Miguel,
Room 305, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or FAX: 301-967-3427

From Retiree Department

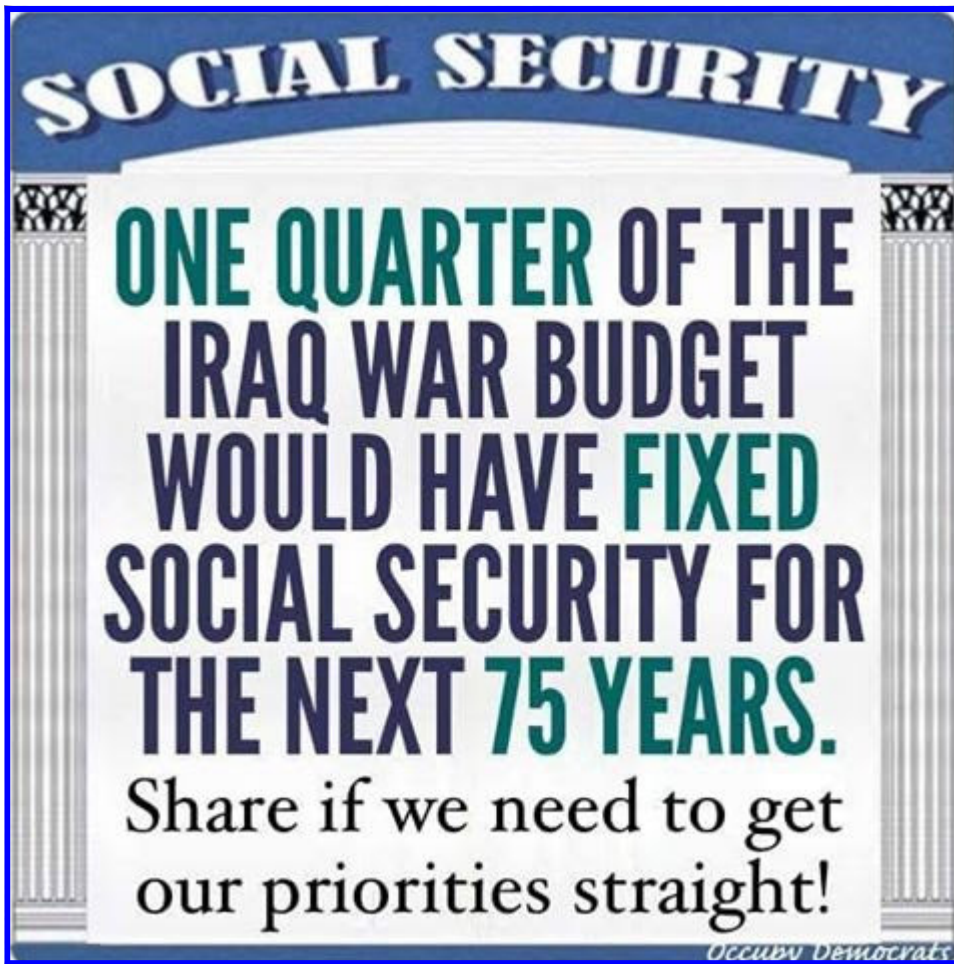
Machinists Union Retiree Coordinators received this email from our director with the information sheet on the left side.

"The office has been experiencing several telephone calls regarding deceased family members. As you know a provision is provided in our IAM Constitution that gives retirees instruction on updating addresses.

Under Article H - Retired and Exempt Members and Life Members Cards, currently on page 124 of the Constitution. As a retiree wishing to remain in standings must follow this article. (Simply, a Retiree with less than 30 years need to follow this rule to keep his/her address is current.) Exempt/Life Members are not required, but still would be a good idea to let the local know and the department keep records current."

If you have not kept your address current on a yearly basis, please contact United Lodge 66 and the Retiree Department,

Thank You, Doug Curler



Republicans Against Free Market!

Republicans in the Assembly and State Senate have introduced bills to place unnecessary limits on departing employee's ability to work within a free market. The bills are Senate Bill 69 and Assembly Bill 91.

These wills would upset the balance between employees and employer. If the republicans railroad through there proposals it would inhibit those workers leaving the corporate world and want to start up their own companies.

It is quite obvious the republicans get their money from the large corporations and this proposal does satisfy them and not the small business person, which I thought creates most of the new jobs.

It is best to look up these two proposals and let your elected representatives know before they pass these restrictions in the dead of night with no public input.

(info from July 26, 2015 Milwaukee Journal)



Know Your Legislators and



Just to complain at work, at home, at church, at a bar, or anywhere does no good if you do not express your opinion to your elected representatives. A simple note sent to him/her really means something. Here is how you can find out who is your state representative.

To find them online: <http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov>. Once this is up you choose assembly or senate in the upper left corner. Then you type in your address in the search field located in the upper right hand corner.

Or you can call 1-800-362-9472. You will need to give your address; then ask who is your state senator and or assembly person; and ask what district you are in.

Once you get the contact information go ahead and give them your opinion but be polite.

One Big Global Corporate Government!

You may want to believe in the independent John Wayne picture painted by republicans but this is the reality:

<http://www.afscme.org/blog/alec-legislators-caught-making-sausage>

If the link does not work then copy and paste into your browser.,

Send Your Thoughts, *To those who should be working for you!*

President Obama

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500
www.whitehouse.gov

Senator Ron Johnson, Republican

386 Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-5323
www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact

Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

1 Russell Courtyard
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-5653
www.baldwin.senate.gov/contact.cfm

Representative Paul Ryan, 1st District, Republican

1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-3031
www.paulryan.house.gov

Representative Ron Kind, 3rd District, Democrat

1502 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-5506
<https://kindforms.house.gov/contact>

Representative Gwen Moore, 4th District, Democrat

2245 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-4572
www.gwenmoore.house.gov

Representative Jim Sensenbrenner, 5th District, Republican

2449 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-5101
www.sensenbrenner.house.gov

Representative Glen Grothman 6th District, Republican

501 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20215
202-225-2476
<https://grothman.house.gov/contact/email>

Representative Sean Duffy, 7th District, Republican

1208 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-3365
<https://duffy.house.gov>

Governor Scott Walker, Republican

115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53707
608-266-1212

Seniors Corner

Senate Reauthorizes Older Americans Act

The U.S. Senate passed S.192, the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act of 2015, on Thursday. The OAA provides essential services for nearly 12 million seniors such as nutrition programs, job training, caregiver support, transportation and protection from abuse and financial exploitation. The Senate passed the bill the same week that the nation celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the OAA; President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Older Americans Act into law in July 1965.

"The Alliance applauds yesterday's bipartisan action in the U.S. Senate reauthorizing the Older Americans Act," said Ruben Burks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "The bill was supported by nearly 100 national organizations representing tens of millions of Americans, including the Alliance, the National Council on Aging, and Meals on Wheels America. Now we need the House of Representatives to do the same."

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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888-16th Street, NW Suite 250
Washington, DC 20006
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497
Fax 202-974-8256

www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **August 5, 2015** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Videos are at www.youtube.com/badgerlodge.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2015 is available (<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.

<http://www.goiam.org/retirees>

What is an Unionist?

An Unionists is one who puts aside their individual needs and individual self interest for that of the membership.

An Unionists forgoes their personal agenda for that of their fellow members.

An Unionists is not an:

Elitist	Racists
Sexist	Classist
Homophobic	Xenophobic

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2nd Tuesday, 7PM each month.**

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dial **414-643-4334**, then extension for
your Business Agent:

Russ Krings	13
Ben Elizondo	20
Patrick O'Connor	17
Scott Parr	16
Greg Pursell	24
Alex Hoekstra	26
John Rolbiecki	25
Joe Terlisner	19
Larry Morrow (Organizer)	15

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