

# Badger Lodge News



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February 2014

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**February 11, 2014**

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 March 2014 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is February 20.
- 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  
& Union Office  
is **SMOKE FREE.**

## A Farewell from Charlie Michalief

*His Farewell Letter Sent on December 20, 2013*

Today is my last day of official work for which I receive pay from this Great Union. I say official work because IAMAW retirees promote the motto of: "You may retire from your job - but you never retire from your Union." I hope to stay active for the Union and human justice for a long time.

This Union has been more than good to me and my family. It has provided me with an opportunity to work for our members and improve the world we live in. While teaching at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center I came to have one desire to someday report to someone who was a student in the classes that I was privileged to teach. Then I was given the opportunity to work with our wonderful retirees who we are blessed to have, and trying to assist members in stress. I have come to admire the members who work to try to help our members with psychosocial issues. It has been a rewording experience!

I was fortunate to work for a Union that was led by great leadership.

I was also blessed to work with a wonderful staff here at Headquarters. To them, there are not any sufficient words to express my gratitude for their loyalty to the Union.

I also want to recognize those at W3 who work hard for the membership.

In Sincere Solidarity,  
*Charlie*



*Charlie and Doug at end of 2013 Retiree Conference.*

**SaveAndInvest.org**

**Protect yourself from financial fraud by visiting this site for some good education.** This is a free service from the financial authorities at the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

1. Reduce your exposure to sales pitches
2. Look for persuasion red flags
3. Turn the tables - Ask and Check.

Your lodge may hold an education evening on this topic.

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

## Scholarships



The deadline to apply for a 2014 IAM Scholarship Award is fast

approaching. Applications must be post-marked no later than February 25, 2014 to be considered.

The competition is open each year to eligible IAM members in the United States and Canada and their eligible children entering college or currently enrolled.

“The scholarship program is a great way for children of IAM members, and for members themselves, to continue their education,” said IAM Safety and Health Department Director Mike Flynn, whose department administers the popular program.

For information on eligibility requirements and how to request an application, here (<http://www.goiam.org/index.php/headquarters/departments/scholarship/11892-2014-iam-scholarship-competition>)

Application packets have been mailed to all local and district lodges. If you have a question regarding the scholarship please call the IAM Safety and Health Department at 301-967-4708.

The IAM Scholarship Fund, which is used exclusively to make these awards possible, was first established by delegates to the 1960 IAM Grand Lodge Convention.



## Notes From Your Secretary Treasurer

by Ivan Collins

Just a for retiree's to report their address as required by the IAMAW Constitution.

I would like to remind everyone to update the Union with contact information and address changes when they are made. Most of the companies



Ivan

do not forward the information when members change it with them. We can only get information to you when we have accurate records. Anyone receiving lost time or salary from the Union has to have a W-4 form filed with the Union. **We cannot make salary payments without a W-4 on file.** If you are a committee person or steward you should fill one out that way salary and lost time payments are not delayed waiting for the forms to be completed before payment can be made.

To all committee persons and stewards there will be new application forms for 2014 year out soon. As soon as I get them I will let you know. When you get the new forms make sure to get rid of the old forms. The Department of Labor makes us change forms every year. I also need the top copy of the original form returned to the Union office (2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215). Faxes are not acceptable (DOL Rules).

The Officers of United Lodge 66 wish everyone good luck and health in the coming year.

Contact information: 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215; 414-671-3800; [lodg66@gmail.com](mailto:lodg66@gmail.com).

*In Solidarity,*

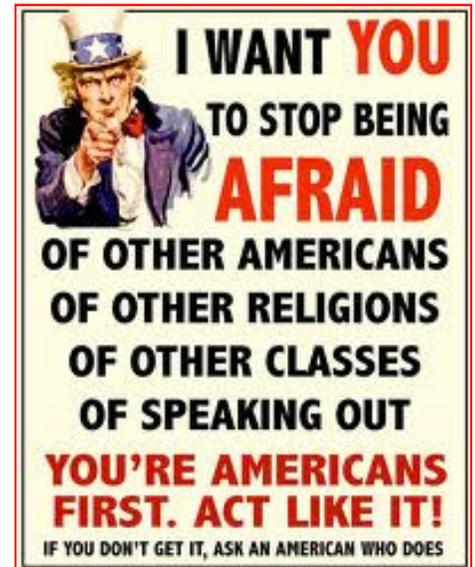
## February LCLAA Meeting Focuses on Minimum Wage

On February 15th the Milwaukee Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, AFL-CIO, (LCLAA) will sponsor a presentation on what's being done to raise the minimum wage in Wisconsin and the Nation.

The presentation will also include information on the current efforts by Wisconsin Jobs Now to pass a Living Wage ordinance at the Milwaukee County level. This ordinance would require contractors receiving incentives for development projects with the Milwaukee County to pay a living wage to the workers involved in these projects.

Milwaukee LCLAA monthly meetings are conducted in both English and Spanish.

LCLAA Milwaukee Monthly Meeting  
February 15, 2014  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
2609 West Oklahoma Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215



## Activities for You and Your Family

- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **February 5, 2014 at 6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Christmas Videos are at [www.youtube.com/badgerlodge](http://www.youtube.com/badgerlodge).
- 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.

## CLASES DE INGLÉS orientadas al trabajo

- ¿Tienes retos de comunicación en inglés en tu trabajo?
- ¿Hablas poco inglés por temor a las reacciones de tus compañeros?
- ¿Quieres comunicarte más fácilmente con tus supervisores?
- ¿Te gustaría dominar el vocabulario sobre maquinaria y procedimientos en tu trabajo?
- ¿Quisieras aprender mejor a leer carteles de advertencia o descripciones en inglés sobre tus beneficios o reglas en el trabajo?

El Consejo Sindical para el Avance del Trabajador Latinoamericano (LCLAA), ofrecerá clases de inglés como segundo idioma con énfasis en el lenguaje y vocabulario en el trabajo. Javier Dorantes, instructor con muchos años de experiencia en la enseñanza para adultos, impartirá clases dos noches a la semana (martes y jueves, 6:30 – 8:30) desde el 28 de enero hasta el verano.

No se requiere más que tu participación activa, asistencia regular y ganas de aprender.

Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el edificio del sindicato Machinists Lodge 66 ubicado en 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue.

**Estas clases son gratuitas**

**Si deseas inscribirte o aprender más acerca de estas clases, por favor llama al 414.460.5656.**

## ESL CLASSES English for the Workplace

- Do you have challenges speaking English in your workplace?
- Do you speak little English for fear of the reactions of coworkers?
- Do you want to speak more effectively with your supervisors?
- Would you like to master the English vocabulary for the machinery and processes in your workplace?
- Would you like to learn more about the English vocabulary used in safety warning posters, descriptions of benefits, or work rules?

The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) will be offering ESL classes focusing on the language and vocabulary of the workplace. Javier Dorantes, an instructor with many years of experience teaching adults, will teach classes two nights per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30) from January 28 until summer.

There are no requirements except the student's active participation, regular attendance, and desire to learn.

Classes will be held in the Machinists Union Lodge 66 located at 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue.

**These classes are free of charge.**

**If someone you know would like to sign up or learn more about these classes, please call 414.460.5656.**



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## **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 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 Tom Petri, 6th District, Republican**

2462 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20215  
202-225-2476  
www.petri.house.gov

### **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

#### **Sending a Letter:**

1. Using the email is fastest way to any elected representative.
2. Use standard 8/5X11 inch paper and if hand written use a pen and as neatly as possible.
3. Always include your complete name, address and email.
4. If mailing then make sure the address is complete.

## **Seniors Corner**

### **Scam Using Medical Alert Devices was Aimed at Seniors**

According to MSN Money (a service of MSN, originally The Microsoft Network), federal and state regulators have shut down a multimillion-dollar scam that they said duped seniors into turning over their credit card information in exchange for supposedly free medical-alert devices. The business blasted seniors across the U.S. and Canada with robocalls and said that they were eligible for “a free alert system purchased by a friend or relative.” Once the person agreed to receive the device, “they were transferred to an operator who took their billing information and immediately began charging them for the service.” Government officials said last week that they received more than 66,000 complaints about the scam, which deliberately targeted the elderly. Medical alert systems are designed to help seniors get quick help in the event of an emergency. The devices most often consist of a necklace or wristband with an emergency button that contacts a company dispatcher. The scam was not connected with any real manufacturers of medical alert devices. The makers of Life Alert had sued the business for using its “Help, I’ve fallen and I can’t get up,” phrase on the robocalls. Prosecutors said the business appeared organized in a way that would evade law enforcement.

“Many Americans have been talking recently about having their information stolen at the checkout lines of retail stores,” said Ruben Burks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “But we should all remember that giving out too much information to people who call you can be equally dangerous.”

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#### **Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter**

6333 W. Bluemound Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53213  
414-771-9511

<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

#### **Alliance for Retired Americans**

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

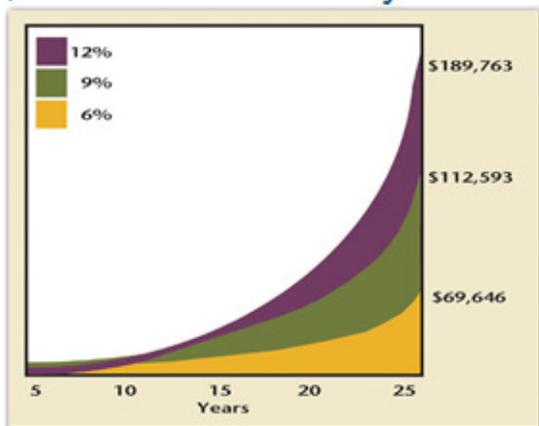
[www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)

## Even a little diversity adds up. What's your plan?

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Do you suppose it makes much of a difference if you average a 6, 9 or 12% rate of return on your money? Actually, it can mean a big difference. This picture below shows a person who invested \$100 a month, every single month, for 25 years. That's \$30,000. If that person averaged a 6% rate of return, his money would have grown to almost \$70,000. But had he diversified his money differently and averaged just a little higher rate of return, say 9%, his money would have grown to almost \$113,000. Finally, look at 12%. That same \$100 invested every single month over that same time period would have grown to almost \$190,000 had the person diversified his money a little differently. So you're probably saying to yourself, "How can I be the person who averaged a 12% rate of return on his money?" Keep in mind, this person probably took on more risk that does not mean that he saw a fixed 12% every year. Some years he may have seen negative returns, other years might have been better than 12%. He was willing to ride out the highs and lows over time, in order to have the potential for a higher return.

### How Can Money Grow? \$100 invested monthly



The returns in this example are hypothetical and do not represent the returns of any particular investments. Does not consider the effects of taxes.

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2nd Tuesday, 7PM each month.**

## District 10 Office Directory

1650 S. 38th Street, Milwaukee, 53215;  
 dial 414-643-4334, then extension for  
 your Business Agent:

Russ Krings	13
Don Griffin	20
Ben Elizondo	19
Patrick O'Connor	17
Scott Parr	16
Greg Pursell	24
Alex Hoekstra	26
John Rolbiecki	25
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