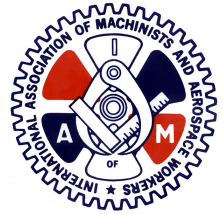


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February 2015

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

February 10, 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 March 2015 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is January 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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Buffenbarger: Blame Congress for Recent Attack on U.S. Pensions

IMail, January 15, 2015

Retirees of troubled multi-employer pension plans have Congress to blame for the recent passage of legislation allowing troubled plans to cut already-retired Americans' pension benefits, said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger in a one-on-one interview with the Machinists News Network.

Watch ["ViewPoint with IP Tom Buffenbarger."](#)

"Congress – your representatives, the people you elected – did this to you," said Buffenbarger. "Republicans and Democrats. This was a bi-partisan effort to hurt the retirees of America."

Buffenbarger warned that although the current legislation only targets troubled multi-employer pension plans, all American workers and retirees should be outraged.

"It is a slippery slope because if we continue on this path, there will be no retirement security left in America," said Buffenbarger. "Retirees should be angry – very angry – and start demanding accountability of their elected officials. They should demand an explanation for what has been perpetrated upon them. And we need to bring this out into the light of day."

The legislation, which was brokered behind closed doors by members of the House Education and Workforce Committee, passed just days before the December 2014 holiday. It was slyly attached to a massive omnibus spending bill allowing it to take effect without opportunity for hearings or public comment.

The IAM, along with the AARP, was the only labor organization to stand in opposition to the bill ahead of final passage. [See the IAM's full-page ad in Politico, Roll Call and The Hill](#) calling on Congress to reject any proposal that would seek to bail out a few troubled plans on the backs of existing retirees.

"It was the right thing to do," said Buffenbarger. "It was doing our job representing the best interest of our members – not just the current members today but the members from the past, the retirees who worked hard and paid for the pensions they should be receiving the benefits from."

Buffenbarger outlined next steps for the union and its members.

"We begin by strengthening our collective bargaining agreements," said the IAM president. "We begin by paying very close attention to our pension plans. I'm proud that the Machinists operate one of the largest multi-employer pension plans and we're overfunded. It's because we applied the principles of Prudent Man philosophies. We've made wise and conservative investments and we've done so always with the mindset that our members come first."

The full interview at ["ViewPoint with IP Tom Buffenbarger"](#) on the Machinists News Network. (<http://www.goiam.org/index.php/news/latest-videos/13882-viewpoint-with-ip-tom-buffenbarger>)

Opinion!

While our International President does blame Congress; but what about these other two contributors:

1. All the Citizens who do not vote, they do not care, gave a green light.
2. Or the 32% of Union Households voting for a person they perceive to work in their interest!

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



Education Night

Thursday, **February 19, 2015**

7:00pm to 8:00pm

United Lodge 66, Machinists Union (IAMAW)

2609 West Oklahoma Avenue

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Topics:

- How the Spending Bill for 2015 passed by Congress in December Effects Defined Benefit Pension Plans
- What Union Members Need to Know About the Affordable Health Care Act (ObamaCare) in 2015

Presenter:

Jill Hartley, Attorney, Previant Law Firm



1555 North Rivercenter Drive #202,
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 271-4500

This presentation is open to the public!

Refreshments Will Be Served

United Lodge 66 Education Committee and leadership strongly encourage your attendance at this presentation.

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‘Adult Up’ - What You Really Stand For!

The photo really represents what the Republican Party is protecting within their membership. No responsible adult or person involved in politics can not believe Louisiana Republican Representative Steve Scalise did not know what type of group he gave a speech to. His speech was to the European-American Unity and Rights Organization (EURO), a hate group. EURO was founded by David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan leader and another Louisiana politician.

At the time Scalise was just a Louisiana state legislature but his Republican beliefs has propelled him to a national office. His speaking to this group was reported on December 29, 2014 and is supported by Republican House Majority leader John Boehner.



May 16, 2014: A pretty self-explanatory moment by Chuck Kennedy, as the First Lady toured the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas, with Stephanie Kyriazis, Chief of Interpretation and Education." (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy)

Activities for You and Your Family

- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **February 4, 2015** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Martin Luther King celebration is on **January 17, 2015**, see flyer in this newsletter
- The Education Evening is on February 19, 2015. They are open to all members or general public.
- Videos are at www.youtube.com/badgerlodge.
- 2015 Wisconsin AFL-CIO Community Services Conference is **March 26 to 28, 2015**.
- 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.

Organizing I Training Program in Spanish Makes History

By Pepe Oulahan & photos

From January 11 to 16 Lodge 66 member Salvador Jimenez and I had the honor to participate, along with twenty-five other IAM members from throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico, in the first Organizing I class offered in Spanish at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center.

The weeklong course, conducted by a team of experienced bilingual IAM organizers, including Lodge 66 member Ann Wiberg, covered all the stages of organizing a Union, from initial contacts and/or establishing an objective target through the election process.

"I got a lot out of the training, and I am hungry for more knowledge about our union", said Salvador.

On the first day of class, each student was assigned to one of 4 "Locals" for the week. Using detailed power point discussions,



Salvador receiving Certificate



Ann Wiberg, from United Lodge 66, teaching

handouts and roleplaying exercises each local learned and practiced the different components of conducting a campaign based on real IAMAW campaign scenarios. This culminated with each local being assigned to present a well-constructed campaign of their own on the last day of class.

I am very grateful and proud to have been a part of this first organizing class in Spanish at the W3 Training Center. To me it speaks to the IAMAW's commitment to insuring that all our members are able to participate and contribute to growing our Union.

As is always the case at the Winpisinger Center I also found spending a week with my Union brothers and sisters from other territories to be very valuable, inspiring and yes, a lot of fun!



In the State of the Union

President Obama challenged the Congress to take common sense steps for working families.

He called for closing loopholes that benefit the very rich and taxing big banks with large liabilities. He would use the money to provide a tax break for working parents, and help make college more affordable.

The Republicans have their own plans.

Rep. David Jolly of Florida thinks the rich pay too much and introduced "H.R. 144: Alternative Maximum Tax Act."

Texas Rep. Mac Thornberry wants to eliminate a tax that applies only to the estates of the richest 0.15 percent (H.R. 173: Death Tax Repeal Act). It won't help you, but it saves the Koch brothers \$17.4 billion.

Rep. Rob Woodall of Georgia wants to get rid of the income tax, investment tax, corporate tax and replace it with a sales tax that would disproportionately burden working and poor people.

First Spanish Organizing I Program Kicks Off 2015 at W3 Center



Photo and Article from the IAMAW IMail

A truly historic milestone was achieved at the William W. Winpisinger (WWW) Education and Technology Center as members from several IAM Territories took part in the first-ever Spanish Organizing I program.

[Click here to see pictures from the inaugural session.](#) The pilot program provided members the latest skills, training and tools to organize the fastest growing sector of our labor workforce.

“This is an intense program that explores every area of organizing and turns all the conventional training inside out,” said Milwaukee Local 66 Educator Joseph “Pepe” Oulahan. “The organizers use actual IAM organizing campaigns, which are scrutinized for their strengths and weaknesses. And the eight-week organizing committee role-play scenario puts you right in the middle of the action, allowing every member to use their training first hand.”

“I am excited to go on my next organizing drive, use the skills I have acquired and be a part of this historic time in our Union. Sí se puede!” exclaimed Mariaelena Fuentes, Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Steward of Local 2917 in Hinesville/Fort Stewart, GA.

“For the past several years, the U.S. has experienced a huge boom in the Spanish-speaking population. This has dramatically changed the demographics of America’s workforce,” said WWW Center Director Chris Wagoner. “As we move forward, the IAM has positioned itself to take the lead and embrace this change by offering programs in Spanish that will serve both current and future IAM members, officers, activists, and organizers.”

“This signals a new direction for the Machinists Union and its aim to organize Spanish-speaking workers in this country, Canada and Puerto Rico,” said Jay Nava, a Local 2024 Steward at Boeing in Huntington Beach, CA. “With immigration reform on the horizon, it is crucial members receive this important training to be effective and active.”

“There are so many opportunities to build ties with Spanish-speaking communities and help the workers in the shadows find resources to better their working conditions, while also bettering the image of the labor movement,” said Monica Pasillas, Local 2339-O Recording Secretary at Chicago O’Hare. “This program will allow just that and more.”

Spanish Organizing I is the fifth Spanish program the Winpisinger Center and complements four Spanish Leadership Programs currently available to Machinist members.

“History was made at the Winpisinger Center last week, when the first-ever staff program was offered in a language other than English,” said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. “From the very early days at the Winpisinger Center, Leadership Programs have been offered in English and French, reflecting the diversity of our membership. In 2006, Spanish language programming was added to the Leadership line-up to ensure that education was available to the fastest growing segment of the workforce – and a key part of our current and future membership. In recognition of that growth and the abuse and all too frequent exploitation many Spanish speakers confront in the workplace, providing the education to develop our capacity to organize Spanish speakers is essential.

“I am incredibly proud of the members and staff who participated, as well as the IAM Representatives and activists who did the heavy lifting to make the Spanish Organizing I Program a reality. They did a journeyman’s job,” said Buffenbarger.

See article on previous page: two Lodge 66 members were part of this Spanish Organizing Class.

Attn: High School Students

Wisconsin Labor History Society
Announces 2014-15 ...

Win Cash Prizes!

Labor History Essay Contest

Win cash prizes up to \$500

For essays of about 750 words on the topic:

"Unions have been important to my family and my community because ..."

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its High School Essay Contest for the 2014-2015 School Year. Wisconsin high school students (grades 9-12) are eligible to participate.

Students are urged to interview family members, neighbors, friends or others for their stories about work and unions. Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

Read winning essays from 2013-2014 contest! Go to: <http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org/contests/high-school-essays>

Rules: Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They will be judged on understanding, evidence of original research, writing style and significance. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on white paper. Two copies must be submitted (One may be a photocopy.) Please be sure to provide the following information on the cover sheet: Your name, address, home telephone number, your grade in school, name and address of your school, and, if you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. (Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable.) If you have any questions, contact Harvey J. Kaye (920-465-2355 or kayeh@uwgb.edu). **Submissions must be postmarked Feb. 13, 2015 or before.**

TOP PRIZES!

- ♦ First Prize: \$500
- ♦ Second Prize: \$300
- ♦ Third Prize: \$200
- ♦ Honorable Mention: \$100 (Up to five awarded)



Send completed essays to:
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414-771-0700 (ext. 20) Email: info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org

The 2015 IAM Scholarship Competition – PARTIAL OVERVIEW

For All information go to: www.goiam.org; then Headquarters drop down; scroll down to Scholarship

This scholarship competition is open each year to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada under procedures and rules of eligibility explained in this Announcement.

The Scholarship Competition

Scholarships to make possible the attainment of a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification are determined in a competition among eligible applicants that is judged by a special Selection Committee.

Amount of the Awards

Awards to members are \$2,000 per academic year. They are granted for a specific period from one to four years to enable the member to earn a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification.

Awards to Children of Members are: College — \$1,000 per academic year. All awards are renewed each year until a Bachelor's degree is obtained up to a maximum of four years. Vocational/Technical School — \$2,000 per year until certification is reached up to a maximum of two years.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

An Eligible Applicant Must Be Either -

- an IAM member; or
- the son, daughter, stepchild or legally adopted child of an IAM member.

A Member Applicant -

- must have two years of continuous good-standing membership through the closing date of the competition which is February 25, 2015;
- may apply either when entering college or vocational/technical school as a freshman or at a higher level with some college credits already completed;
- may apply as a full-time or part-time student; and
- if not a winner, may apply again the following year.

Child of a Member Applicant -

- must have one living parent with two years of continuous good-standing membership through the closing date of February 25, 2015;
- will be eligible if the parent member died after the son or daughter entered high school, and the parent had two years of "continuous good-standing membership" at the time of death;
- A "continuous good-standing membership" is understood to be a period of membership during which the member continuously paid monthly dues uninterrupted by withdrawal cards;
- must be planning to graduate high school during the winter or by the end of the spring 2015 school year
- must plan to take a regular college or vocational/technical program on a full-time basis, maintaining qualifying grades.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A 2015 IAM SCHOLARSHIP

There are three different Application Packets. Please choose the appropriate link below to apply for an IAM Scholarship. The Application Packet must be completed and postmarked by February 25, 2015.

1. Children of members (college)
2. Children of members (vocational/technical school)
3. Members (college or vocational/technical school)

To be valid, an application must be submitted on the appropriate form. If you do not qualify under the above requirements, please do not send an application. No exceptions can be made to the rules. **Application Packets for the 2015 competition may also be obtained by calling our scholarship department at 301-967-4708.**

Application packets postmarked later than February 25, 2015, will NOT be acknowledged or considered. No exceptions will be permitted even if a third party is responsible for the delay.

IMPORTANT: Complete the application and MAIL TO:

**IAM scholarship Program
9000 Machinists Place, Room 117
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687**



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Rhinelander

by Doug Curler

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Rhinelander was held at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. The main speaker was a Judy Goldsmith, a social activists from the Fond du Lac area and a marcher with Coretta Scott-King. Her presentation was based around the title of Red, White and Broke: Escalating Inequality in America.

She spoke of Rev. King and his fight of 50 years ago regarding that issue of the disparity of income and wealth. From the workers getting very little for their work and those getting richer and really doing nothing.

During her presentation she talked about [This Viral Video Is Right](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/03/06/this-viral-video-is-right-we-need-to-worry-about-wealth-inequality/) and it is worth just to watch. If the link is not there then copy and paste this: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/03/06/this-viral-video-is-right-we-need-to-worry-about-wealth-inequality/>

We keep on talking about the 1% and how much wealth they really have vs US, the working families. The wealth of our country, in the bar graph, is broke down into 1/5ths. When working families were asked they answered to the "ideal" amount. There is then the "estimated" distribution of wealth. **BUT** in reality there is the "actual" amount of



"Trickle-down was nothing more than the politics of helping the rich-and-powerful get richer and more powerful, and it cut the legs out from under America's middle class."

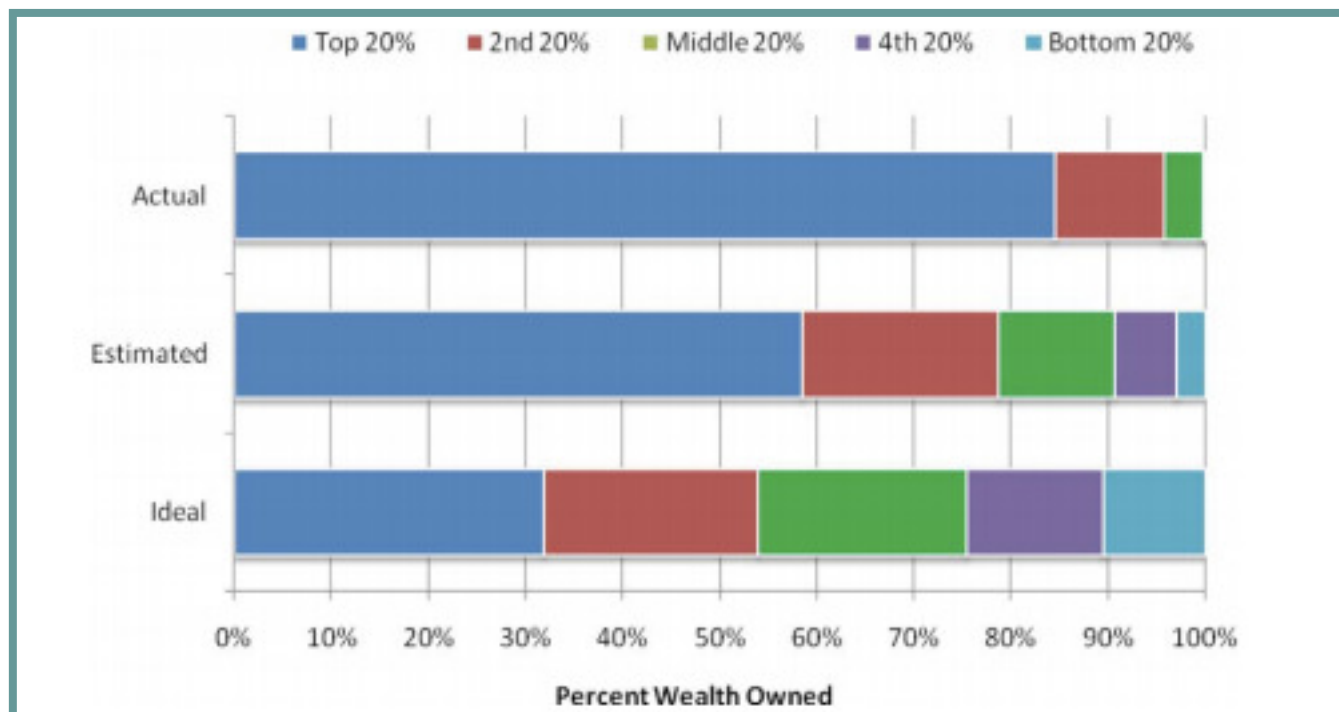
- Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Occupy Democrats

the distribution of wealth in America. As you can see the both 40% of persons working America do not register for what they work for and what this country is really worth.

As working families we are proud of the work we do and what we receive(!) but in proportion of those that really control the wealth we do not really register.

Yet we keep voting for those we think will help us.



District 10 Joint Installation of Officers



District 10 holds a formal dinner and dance each year for the swearing in of all the officers of the Local Lodges affiliated with D10. This event is open to all members with postings at the shops/employers and discussion at the Lodge meetings.

*Some of the
Officers of
United Lodge 66*

Wisconsin May Be Red But It Is Not Dead

By Doug Curler

While politically it may seem that all is not going well for working families and it is all in favor of the rich and well connected. In the last few weeks there seems there is still life in a progressive Wisconsin. This seems because of two groups I had the privilege of attending their events. Both are based in Rhinelander area, about 40 miles north of where I now call home.

The first is the **Northern Wisconsin Center for Working People (NWCWP)** and they maintain two other locations; one in Milwaukee and another in Madison. The NWCWP is a resource center founded to educate and advocate for worker justice at the workplace. They are only open two days a week and my only by appointment. It is someplace offering free and confidential advice on wage claims, health and safety, discrimination, harassment, family and medical leave as well as any other workers' rights workplace problems. While this may seem fairly common in our urban industrial areas, with Unions or our Wisconsin AFLCIO nearby; it is a rarity in the rural north. (NWCWP, P.O. Box 71, Rhinelander, WI 54501, 715-360-6732; located in the ArtStart Building, 68 South Stevens Street, Room 101, Rhinelander, WI 54501; nwcwp@yahoo.com)

The second in the **North Central Labor Coalition (NCLC)** and meeting at St. Augustine's in Rhinelander. This group is not all labor, but mostly, having other progressive community groups involved. In some ways the NCLC may seem like a labor council with some of the issues they are involved in are: interviewing candidates for local elections; Workers Memorial Day Event; making sure that labor history is taught in the local schools; seeing what must be done to educated on the Right to Work is Wrong for Wisconsin; for a few of their issues.

A very positive note and in attendance at both of these meetings was the Wisconsin AFLCIO Service Area Organizer covering the Central Wisconsin area. While she works out of the Wisconsin Rapids area she also has brought activists and Marathon County Labor Council persons to network with the Rhinelander groups.



The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans (WIARA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing over 107,000 Wisconsin retirees and other working families. Chartered by the national Alliance in 2005, Wisconsin became the 18th state to become a chartered member.

Our mission is to advance public policy and programs impacting the health and economic security of current and future retirees and other older Americans. We provide public education and advocacy training on state and federal issues and programs that affect Wisconsin retirees. We have made these retirement and health security presentations at senior centers, at town hall meetings and to our currently 66 affiliated organiza-

tions, mostly union retiree clubs.

As WIARA approaches its 10th anniversary, it gives us a reason to look back with pride while presenting an opportunity to boldly plan ahead. Now our focus needs to be on the decade ahead. Adapting to the changing demographics of our state and country will be vital. Our state and nation continue to age. In 2011, for example, 77 million baby boomers turned 65. By 2030, the number of Americans 65 and older will be twice what it was in 2000.

So what will our response need to include to make sure that current retirees are not the last generation to retire and enjoy their later years:

- ⇒ WIARA and its members must be front and center in the fight to protect retirement security for future generations
- ⇒ Expanding our outreach to non-union current and future retirees
- ⇒ Increasing public education activities to union and non union workers 50 years and older
- ⇒ Building stronger partnerships with community and state wide organizations on retirement security
- ⇒ Increasing public forums on retirement security at UW campuses and technical colleges
- ⇒ Growing our communications through social media, you tube, and enhancing our relationships with the 7 media markets in Wisconsin
- ⇒ Using facebook, other social media and technology in our public education and organizing efforts
- ⇒ Campaigning vigorously for the upcoming 50th anniversary of Medicare and 80th anniversary of Social Security its importance and focusing on Congressman Ryan's attempt to end Medicare and Social Security as we know it for current and future retirees

Over the last 2 years, rallies have been held across the state against "Chained CPI, the Gift that Keeps on Taking", spreading the word that this will be a cut for present and future Social Security recipients and veterans benefits. In November 2013, with the national ARA, we delivered petitions to Congressman Reid with over 100,000 signatures protesting Congress support for cuts to benefits.

We have highlighted programs such as "Let's not be the Last Generation to Retire" focusing on the systematic approach Congress is using to defund pensions, limit access to health care and cut Social Security. Working with numerous coalitions, we have spread the word through press conferences, editorials, newsletters and social media.

In 2013, we held over 50 educational presentations around the state in town hall settings, senior centers and retiree club affiliates of the WIARA. These presentations supplemented over 50 informational sessions held in 2012. Our goal was to make participants aware of what Congress is considering to cut earned retirement programs as well as repealing the Affordable Health Care. The participants were asked to contact their members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation opposing these cuts. During the 2012 Presidential and Congressional elections, WIARA worked to re-elect President Barack Obama and to elect Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin to be our next U.S. Senator. Our election activities included participating in the WI AFL CIO Labor walks and phone banks; targeting hand-written postcard mailers to non-frequent union voters; participating in media activities.

As part of our efforts to strengthen our communications with our affiliates, members, and unions about our activities, we:

- ⇒ Meet with our affiliates from around the state to educate their boards and membership about our activities and issues and programs impacting retirees and other older Americans;
- ⇒ Send email alerts and "tweets" to our members on issues that require their urgent attention;
- ⇒ Publish a bi-monthly newsletter.
- ⇒ Upgraded the WIARA website wisconsinara.org as a source of current information by coordinating with the national ARA website.
- ⇒ Maintain a section of our website devoted to the Wisconsin Retirement System to keep covered retirees informed of the latest developments with WRS.
- ⇒ Continued our entry into the digital age with the establishment of a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wialliance;
- ⇒ Created and maintain a mailing data base of nearly 3,000 households to educate our members on the issues;

Labor unions and our affiliates are the foundation upon which our organization was built. We want to continue the tradition that we have built on since 2005. Without the tremendous support of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, our sustaining union members and affiliates, our successful efforts would not have occurred. Thank you organized labor! With your help we can and will continue to be an effective voice.

In solidarity, Mike Pyne President WIARA

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

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Seniors Corner

Alliance Reacts to President Obama's State of the Union Address

President Obama gave his State of the Union Address on Tuesday night, and in a statement, the Alliance voiced its approval of his remarks and ideas. In particular, the statement from Alliance Executive Director Richard Fiesta noted that the President's initiative to allow more family leave would benefit many seniors, whose adult children are often their caretakers. Calling for higher wages - including an increased minimum wage - in addition to the President's idea of expanded IRA's, Fiesta said, "You can't save what you don't earn." Fiesta also cautioned that proposed Fast Track Trade legislation includes provisions that empower foreign drug makers to challenge drug pricing and preferences in programs like Medicare and Medicaid, saying, "That would raise drug costs for all Americans, especially hurting seniors. It could also delay the introduction of generics into the market, in turn raising drug prices." Read the full Alliance release at <http://tinyurl.com/mappzao>

SaveOurRetirement.com Launches to Prevent Conflicted Investment Advice

On Tuesday, the AFL-CIO and coalition partners including AFSCME, Better Markets, the Consumer Federation of America, and the Pension Rights Center launched a new web initiative, www.SaveOurRetirement.org. This website aims to educate retirees about loopholes in Department of Labor rules that allow financial advisors to give advice that furthers their own financial interests. These organizations want to change rules these so that retirees can be better protected from Wall Street financiers and others who put their savings at risk.

"[This website](http://www.SaveOurRetirement.org) has the potential to mobilize thousands of retired Americans in support of changing these rules," said Alliance Secretary-Treasurer Ruben Burks.

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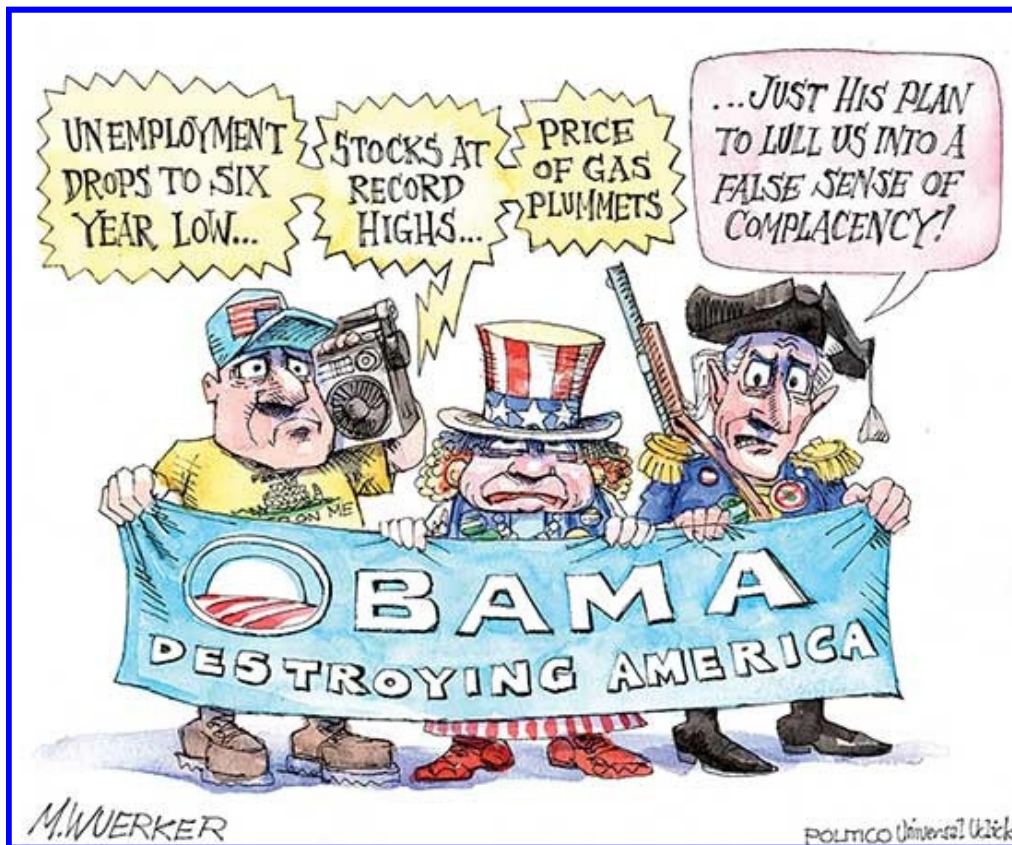
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**Business/Membership Meetings are -
2nd Tuesday, 7PM each month.**

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