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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting **January 13, 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 of articles for the February 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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United Lodge 66 Hall &
Union Office
is **SMOKE FREE.**

Children's Christmas Party of December 13, 2014



Larry led the event to maintain control and waiting for Santa to arrive.

Santa came and the children from one family to another got to speak to him and receive a gift.



Adult party pictures on next page.

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

Adult Christmas Party

We all enjoyed an evening of food, refreshments and many door prizes.

Each table got to sing one verse of the 12 Days of Christmas to see who would eat first.



There was a full buffet meal prepared by the Executive Board. This is the raw beef put into the form of Olah.



Activities for You and Your Family

- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **January 7, 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
- Look for the **Education Evenings** in 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.



Our Machinists Union Retiree Department has started holding monthly conference calls with Machinists Union Retiree Coordinators. The coordinators are retired members, who continue to be active, supported their Local Lodge or District Lodge and render help to other Union retirees.

The Retiree Department did start a newsletter spreading what other Machinists Union retirees are doing. This is posted on our website on the Home Page and will be on the Retiree Page at www.unitedlodge66.org.

We will dedicate a column to pass on the information discussed at these conference calls.

Retiree Card: Any member who retires from active employment needs to contact our Lodge (414-671-3800) and take out the Retiree Card. There are three retirement cards; Retiree, Exempt or Life. Your Union office will explain them and which you do qualify. It is most important for those retirees with less than 30 years of membership to update, let know, your address at the Lodge each year prior to March 1. This will keep communications coming to you. Last year our Retiree Department had a 50% of bad addresses on mailings and has to ceased sending information to retirees. If you have not kept your address current ... *do it today*.

Veterans Service Program: Each year our International sends to Local Lodges a certificate and pin for *active* retirees. This is one reason to keep your address current. United Lodge 66 does hold a Veterans/Badge Night each year for retirees on the yearly list. It is a good time to get together to share memories as well as enjoy refreshments and meal.

Old Workers Account: This account collects voluntary contributions from retirees to help support the Retiree Department and in some activists activities. It is easy for those retirees collecting the IAM Pension but others can send in a yearly contribution to help. If you are interested contact me at: Doug Curler,

United Lodge 66 Machinists Union Officers & Delegates

At the November 2014 Business Meeting your Lodge did hold the nomination of officers and delegates. Since there was no contested positions these are the members representing your Lodge.

OFFICERS & DELEGATES

President: Michael Pietrzykowski

Vice President: Larry Morrow

Recording Secretary: DiAnn Fechter

Secretary Treasurer: Ivan Collins

Trustees: Tim Schwartz
Bunny Browning
James Cobb

Conductor Sentinel: Joe Pepe' Oulahan

Auditors: Dave Spengler
Dave Conrad
Liz Falkowski

Labor Council Delegates:
James Cobb
Mike Pietrzykowski
John Anderson
Jeff McCurty
Gloria Stewart

District 10 Delegates:
Ivan Collins
Larry Morrow
Brian Goode
Mike Pietrzykowski
James Cobb
Dave Margolofsky
Jeff McCurty
John Anderson:

IAM State Council of Machinists Delegates:
Ron Simmelink
Mike Pietrzykowski

Wisconsin AFL-CIO Delegates:
Pepe' Oulahan
DiAnn Fechter
Mike Pietrzykowski

N6521 Moersch Lane, Deerbrook, WI 54424, 715-623-2253 or dougcurler@gmail.com, and I will send the information.

Machinists Union William W. Winpingsinger Education and Technology Center: It is never too late to become an activist in your Union and community. There are Retiree Classes at our Union's Center but the first step is to attend the monthly Union meetings. Get involved, speak up and be a resource for other retirees.



Union Members Helping

By Di Ann Fechter

On November 18, 2014 the staff at the HIRE Center-Milwaukee (Machinists Union members of United Lodge 66) held its Annual Food Drive to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal to dislocated workers. The details for the Thanksgiving Food Drive were as follows:

- 52 turkeys with the meals were distributed.
- The Turkeys were donated by the Hunger Task force and all the fixin's were donated by the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Labor & Training Education Center as well as partnering staff from WI Job Service and Milwaukee Area Workforce Development.



The meals waiting to be distributed.



James Powell (Lodge 66 member) handing out a Thanksgiving meal to a dislocated worker

The Next Time Someone Says Democrats Spend Too Much, Show Them This:

% Debt Increase By President:	186%	54%	41%	72%	23%
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Source: Congressional Budget Office

Wisconsin-Made Gift Ideas

- Regal Ware Pots and Pans, made in West Bend. (USW)
- Wigwam Socks, made in Sheboygan. (UFCW)
- Rowe Pottery, made in Cambridge.
- Miller Beer, made in Milwaukee. (UAW Brewery Workers)
- Usinger's Sausage and Smoked Meats, made in Milwaukee. (UFCW)
- Klement's Sausages. (UFCW)
- Carmex Lip Balm, made in Franklin, makes a great stocking stuffer.
- Cold Weather Gear at Wolf Song Wear, made in Bayfield, or Technical Advantage Gear.
- John Deere lawn mowers made in Horicon. (Machinists Union)
- Master Lock locks made in Milwaukee (check the label). (UAW)
- Speed Queen washing machines from Alliance Laundry, made in Ripon. (USW)

From our [National AFL-CIO Blog](#) is this site for products, click on [Union Made](#) or the green present below.



Union-Made Gift Ideas

Apparel and Accessories

Joseph Abboud (UNITE HERE)
Majestic Athletic (UNITE HERE)
Timex watches (IAM)
Naturalizer shoes (UFCW)
Nunn Bush shoes (UFCW)
Red Wing Shoes (UFCW)

Beauty Products

Avon (UFCW)
Caress skin care (UFCW)
ChapStick (USW)
Dove beauty products (UFCW)
Revlon (UAW)
Old Spice (UFCW)

Games

(All made by RWDSU/UFCW)
Barrel of Monkeys
Battleship
Candy Land
Chutes and Ladders
Clue
Connect 4
Game of Life
Hi Ho Cherry-O
Monopoly
Mouse Trap
Operation
Pictionary
Risk
Scrabble
Sorry
Taboo
Twister
Yahtzee

Sports Equipment

American Athletic (Russell Brands) (UAW)
Louisville Slugger (UAW and IBT)
MacGregor Golf clubs (IBB)
Standard Golf (IAM)
Top-Flite golf balls (IBB)

Stocking Stuffers

Rayovac batteries (IBT and UAW)
Bic Lighters (USW)
Ghirardelli chocolates (BCTGM)
Jelly Belly (BCTGM)
Laffy Taffy (BCTGM)
Tootsie Roll Pops (BCTGM)

Wine and Beer

(Wines brought to you by UFW.)
Chateau Ste. Michelle (IBT)
Columbia Crest
St. Supery
Charles Krug
C.K. Mondavi
Gallo of Sonoma
Miller Beer (UAW and IBT)
Miller High Life
Miller Genuine Draft
Miller Lite
Milwaukee's Best
Icehouse
Red Dog
Anheuser-Busch (IBT and IAM)
Budweiser
Budweiser American Ale
Bud Light
Michelob
Shock Top
Busch
Rolling Rock
O'Doul's

MILWAUKEE'S PREMIER LABOR CELEBRATION



**OF
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Saturday
January 17th, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

He gazed on the great wall of segregation and saw that the power of love could bring it down. From the pain and exhaustion of his fight to free all people from the bondage of separation and injustice, he wrung his eloquent statement of his dream of what America could be...

Helping Support (HBCU) Historic
Black College Tour for qualified
High School Students



**Laborer's Hall
6310 W. Appleton Ave
Milwaukee, WI**

This annual event features free admission and entertainment

Food & Refreshments will be served

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For questions and additional information contact DiAndre Jackson at 414-447-5540 OR 414-659-4684



Right to Work *is Wrong for Wisconsin*

(really any state)

by Doug Curler

As a **Traditional** Bowhunter and NRA Life member since 1980, I certainly like what I do in my spare time and now in my retirement.

What I have not forgotten, and I believe that most persons with like interest have forgotten, is that the Labor Movement brought the ability of Workers to enjoy these past-time activities.

It was only after the passage of the National Labor Relations Act of 1935; which did make Labor Unions legal and the ability to negotiate free time.

- Prior to 1935 workers had a week-end of ... none!
- Prior to 1935 workers had only an eight hour day ... none!
- Prior to 1935 workers really got 'up north' to hunt?
- Prior to 1935 workers really got 'up north' to fish?
- Prior to 1935 what workers were able to afford a 2nd home up north, get that boat, snowmobile, atv or whatever toy?

Well, it took some 30 years of **Union contracts** to get all that free time, as well as the benefits, like a pension, that we were able to enjoy.

Now since the 1970's, when **Union members** decided they did not need or support the **Union movement** that the standards started going backward.

If we leave our work life and our communities in a worse shape than what we had ... it is not the result of some **Union** leadership, whether local or national. It is because the average **Union** member or un-represented worker do not care enough to spend some time fighting to maintain these benefits ... or they enjoy being mislead and not willing to educate themselves and get involved what is really important.

If you have voted for representatives that support Right to Work, then you will get exactly what you voted for!

Corporations never gave us what we have ... we did it by having good Union Contracts and supporting our Union.

Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans

by Doug Curler

The board of the WIARA held a meeting on December 3 in Madison. For those of us not able to attend because of where we live there was a conference call at the same time. These represent my minutes of issues discussed.

One of the first guest was Phil Neuenfeldt, President of the **Wisconsin AFLCIO**, starting off by saying the November 2014 elections were a disappointment and there is lot of blame to go around but we need to look forward. The biggest issue coming at working families is Right To Work (for Less) legislation as being proposed by republicans in the Assembly, State Senate and supported by the Governor. We need to explain to all Wisconsinites what RTW really means and how it will have a downward effect on our economy and wages/benefits for all workers. Phil talked about a new or continuing program for internal organizing of Union on RTW and not only on the collective bargaining process but on **collective activism of Unions and our Allies**. We need to start talking to Union members earlier and ask them how their Union is doing and educate members so all are an organizer within their Union. Phil also pointed out that the need for education and constant communication with members showed up in the election when only 68% of members voted for Democrats and find out why members vote against their own economic interest and the best long term economic interest of their families. Visit: <http://www.wisafclcio.org/> for more information and to keep yourself involved.

(editors viewpoint) Workers need to realize that their employer NEVER gave them or would have given them any of the benefits without the Labor Movement. All citizens need to realize that government NEVER would have changed the rules/laws without the ac-

tivism of the Labor Movement. Nothing was even changed by some conservative, reactionary, tea banger philosophy (whether democrat or republican) but a more open minded liberal philosophy which cared.

Carmen Clark, Secretary for the **Wisconsin Labor History Society**, spoke on its activities and function of this group to keep alive where we have been so as a society we do not repeat the same mistakes. Goto: <http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org/> and see what they are about and you may want to participate. In Milwaukee they sponsor the Bay View Massacre in May, statewide an essay contest for any high school student to enter, as well as an on the go 'migrant working tour.' The Wisconsin Labor History Society is affiliated with the **Wisconsin History Society** (<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>) and endorsed by the **Wisconsin AFL-CIO**.

During the normal course of business for the WIARA: we took a neutral position of the electricity rate increases of the Public Service Commission; talked about the 2015 Convention being held at the Concourse Hotel, Madison, in March; a presentation from American Income Life; as well as financial reports of the WIARA

LABOR UNIONS:

THE FOLKS WHO BROUGHT YOU THE WEEKEND.
CHILD LABOR LAWS, OVERTIME,
MINIMUM WAGE, INJURY PROTECTION,
WORKMENS COMPENSATION INSURANCE,
PENSION SECURITY, RIGHT TO ORGANIZE . ETC.

Get
With It!

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 kaye@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:
Prof. Harvey J. Kaye, Center for History and Social Change
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay WI 54311

Wisconsin Labor History Society, 6333 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee WI 53213
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**

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

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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

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) has announced plans, on December 12, 2014 to reintroduce Sen. Tom Harkin's (D-IA) Strengthening Social Security Act in the next Congress. The bill would change the Social Security benefit formula, ensuring that cost of living adjustments adequately reflect the living expenses of retirees, and improve the long term financial condition of the Social Security Trust Fund. The legislation is designed to immediately increase current benefits by about \$800 annually. More at <http://tinyurl.com/m8cawku>. Sen. Harkin, retiring this month, said, "I could not be more pleased that Senator Brown has decided to champion this legislation in the next Congress. Senator Brown's commitment to Social Security is unrivaled, and seniors should be thrilled to have an ally like Senator Brown on their side."

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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Milwaukee, WI 53213
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<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

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**Business/Membership Meetings are -
 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
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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