

# Badger Lodge News



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July 2014

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**July 8, 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 August 2014 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is July 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.**

## 2014 Machinists Union Scholarship Recipient

There was a special presentation of a Machinists Union Scholarship award to Joshua Kramer, son of Jeffrey Karter a member working at Miller Coors. The presentation was given by Russ Krings, District 10 Directing Business Representative.

Joshua is a graduate of Marquette University High School and

his award will help in his continued higher education at the University of Chicago. He plans to have a double major in philosophy and history. 'After my undergraduate and graduate studies, I plan to practice Human Rights Law,' Joshua stated.

Congratulations to Joshua and for his forward thinking and to his proud father.



*Russ Krings, D10 DBR; Joshua Kramer; Jeffrey Karter; Mike Pietrowski, LL66 President.*

## June 7 Badge Night at United Lodge 66.

There are more pictures on page 2 for our yearly event honoring years of membership in the Machinists Union.



*50 year recipients from Badge Night.  
Sitting Left to right Blaise Matuszak, Richard Settersten, James Larrabee.  
Standing Left to Right James Marshall, Allen Schueller, Detlef Kneueppel.*

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



## Veterans/Badge Night was June 7, 2014

There were some 50 Machinists Union members or guests present to honor years of membership in the Machinists Union. A great deal of appreciation goes to Bunny Browning, Roy and Megan who did most of the preparation/buying supplies/and the cleanup.



*Daniel Schmit, 40 years, Modern Tool*



*Christopher Brady, 15 years, Badger Meter*



*Michael Gibas, 25 years,  
Advance Die*



*Robert Thiel, 45 years, Simplicity &  
Larry Morrow*



*Vickie Ward, 20 years,  
Industries for the Blind*

## Activities for You and Your Family

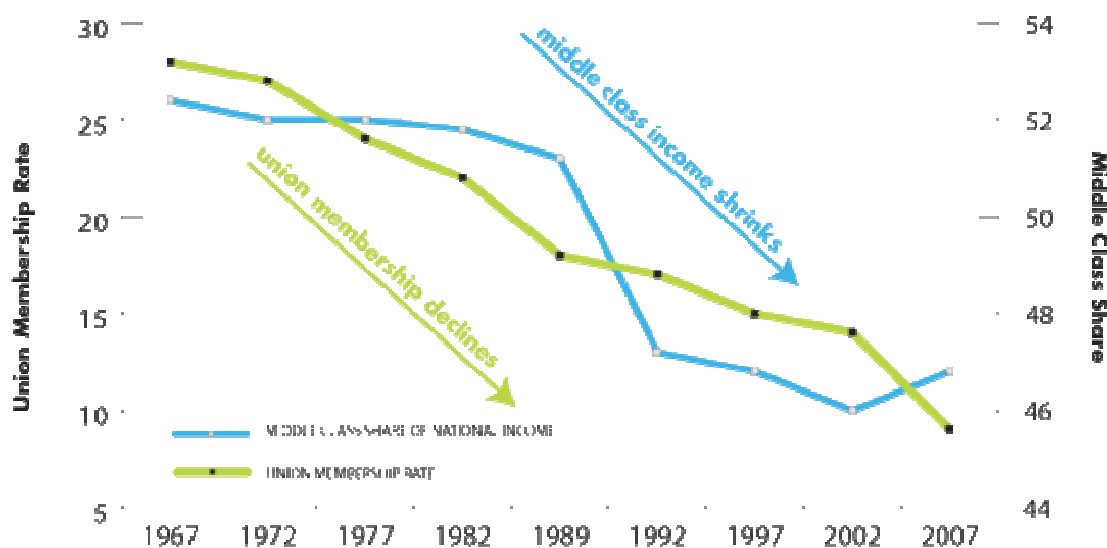
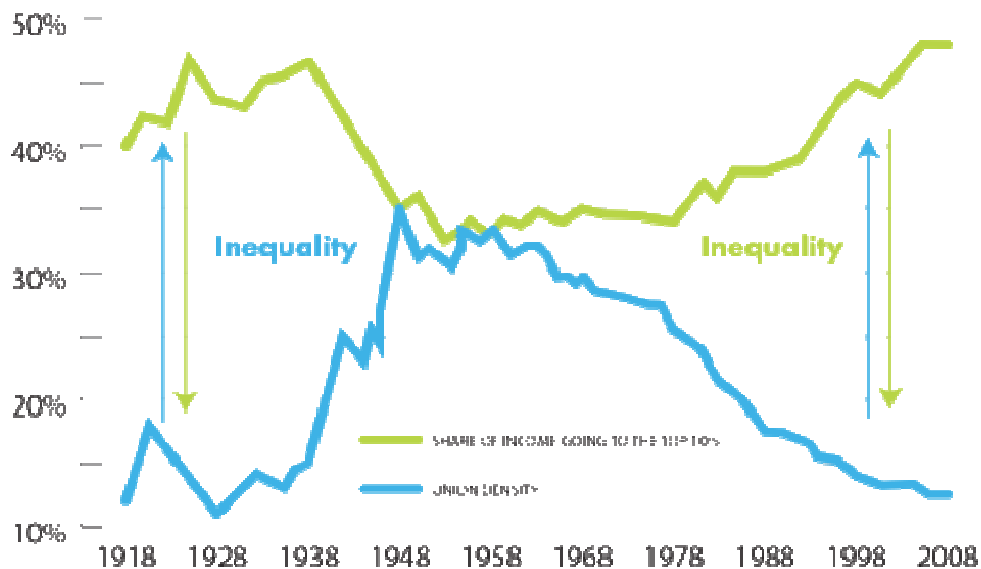
- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **July 2, 2014** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Labor Day Parade is on **September 1, 2014**.
- Videos are at [www.youtube.com/badgerlodge](http://www.youtube.com/badgerlodge).
- Machinists Union William 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.



**No One** has to get involved and give up some of your free time after a long hard day at work or who wants to give up their week-end. **BUT the end result** is shown in these two graphs.

Complacency has bred its own result and that is to leave a work environment much worse than when we went to work.

Your activism could be or should be or should have been to simply get good organizing leads and keep the faith in spreading good word.



## Medicare is NOT Really Causing the Deficit or Going Broke IF ...

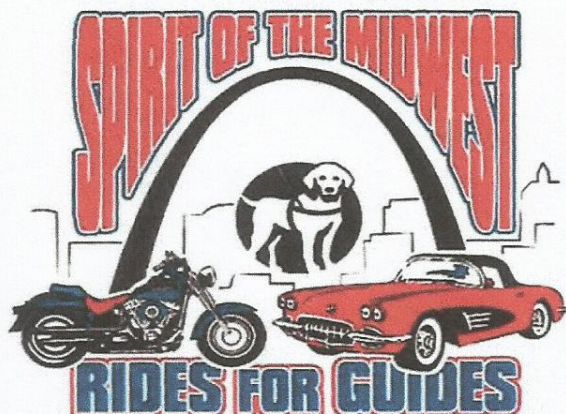
Bush when he passed Medicare Part D passed a prescription plan to clearly benefit the drug industry. The like of Ryan, Walker and Johnson want to continue making the drug industry rich while privatizing Medicare or Vouchering it as proposed by Ryan.

We can bring down the cost of prescription drugs for people with Medicare in a few different ways:

- Restore Medicare prescription drug rebates that ended when Medicare Part D was created. The Medicare Modernization Act, which created Medicare Part D, severely limited the government's ability to control the prices it paid for prescription drugs. Reinstating this discount would save an estimated \$141.2 billion over 10 years.
- Allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices for a public Part D option. Both the Veteran's Administration and Medicaid directly negotiate on prescription drug prices, but Medicare is expressly prohibited from participating in the same negotiations. This proposal has the potential to save up to \$20 billion over 10 years.
- Close the Medicare Part D doughnut hole sooner. The Part D doughnut hole poses significant financial and health risks to people with Medicare. The Affordable Care Act gradually closes this coverage gap, but it should be closed sooner, which would not only make the drugs more affordable, it will save an estimated \$16.6 billion over 10 years.
- Promote cost-effective prescribing for Part B prescription drugs. Medicare Part B covers many drugs that treat cancer, macular degeneration, anemia and arthritis. In general, these drugs are very costly both for the Medicare program and for beneficiaries. The Medicare program could save considerably if policies were in place to encourage the use of less expensive—but equally effective—alternatives to the highest cost drugs.



**6TH ANNUAL**



**BENEFIT FOR  
GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA**

***Motorcycle***

***Poker Run***

***July 26, 2014***

***Rain Date: August 2, 2014***

***IAM DL 10 Machinists Hall  
1650 South 38th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin***

***Registration-8 a.m.***

***Rider/Driver Meeting-8:30 a.m.***

***All Makes & Models of Motorcycles Welcome!***

For information about these events and/or vendor/sponsorship options,  
contact Marty St. Peters @ 630-548-2450 or 618-477-3555  
e-mail: [mstpeters@iamaw.org](mailto:mstpeters@iamaw.org)

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Driver Entry Fee	Check _____	Cash _____
Passenger Entry Fee	Check _____	Cash _____
Pledge Funds	Check _____	Cash _____

**6TH ANNUAL  
SPIRIT OF THE MIDWEST RIDES FOR GUIDES**

***Motorcycle*  
POKER RUN  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**EVENT DATE: JULY 26, 2014 9:00 A.M.      RAIN DATE: AUGUST 2, 2014**

DRIVER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR AND MODEL OF MOTORCYCLE \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RAISING A MINIMUM OF \$50.00 IN PLEDGES OR DONATIONS FOR GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY PASSENGER AND I CAN RAISE PLEDGES TOGETHER. PASSENGERS ALSO CAN RAISE PLEDGES SEPARATELY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.

***PLEDGES MUST BE PAID THE DAY OF RIDE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIDE &  
BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES***

***PERSON WHO COLLECTS THE HIGHEST TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT IN PLEDGES  
WILL RECEIVE A WATERFORD CRYSTAL DOG***

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 DRIVER REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED      \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 PASSENGER REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
IAM/GDA RIDES FOR GUIDES**

**MAIL TO: IAMAW, ATTN: MARTY ST. PETERS, 1733 PARK STREET, SUITE 100,  
NAPERVILLE, IL 60563**

**Participation Release**

*I hereby understand that there are risks associated with participation in this Run, and accept that I am solely responsible for myself, my passengers, my vehicle and its contents. I agree to release the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Guide Dogs of America, District Lodge 10, and all sponsors or officials of the Run from any liability of any kind that results from participation in this event. This release is from any liability to the undersigned or to any claims on their behalf. I willingly assume and agree to accept all risks associated with participation in this Run. I maintain a valid auto liability policy for the vehicle described above, and will abide by all rules and regulations of the show. I also give permission for the free use of my name and/or photo in any broadcast, telecast, web page, or other account of this event.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger(s) \_\_\_\_\_







# **49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

## **DISTRICT NO. 10, IAMAW**

### **Sunday, August 10, 2014**



The Golf Club at Camelot,  
W192 Highway 67, Lomira, WI

**We invite all Machinists members and their families and guests  
to participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual District No. 10 Golf Outing!**

"4 Person Scramble"

Hole PRIZES for Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to Pin, etc.

**8:30 A.M. Shotgun Start for all Participants**

**Entry Fee: \$80.00 per person.**

**Price includes: green fees, driving range, golf cart, sandwich at the turn, beer, soda and water, door prizes, event hole prizes and lunch following golf.**

**TEXAS "HOLD'EM" POKER TOURNAMENT  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GOLF OUTING/LUNCH**

Refer to separate flyer for details

Get a foursome together and make your reservations, groups of less than 4 may be placed with other smaller groups. To make your reservation, complete an OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM, available from your Committee Chairperson or the District No. 10 Office.

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014**

**SIGN UP SOON!**

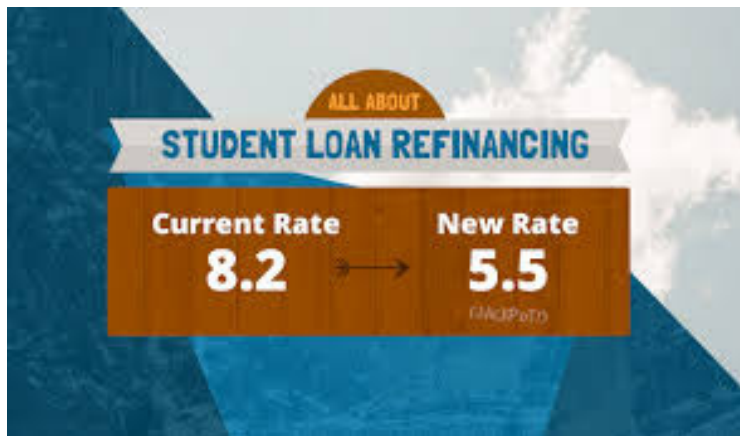
**GOLFING WILL BE LIMITED TO 144 PARTICIPANTS**

**Relax and Enjoy a Day of  
Golf, Lunch and Texas Hold'em**

ADDITIONAL FORMS AND INFORMATION ON DISTRICT WEBSITE  
njc: opeiu #9, afi-cio

For Official Entry Form or questions,  
please contact the District No. 10  
Office at (414) 643-4334, Ext 11.





On June 9, 2014, President Barack Obama formally backed a proposal authored by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and sponsored by Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin, to allow borrowers to refinance their student loans, just like you can with a mortgage or car loan.

But there's just one problem: **Sen. Ron Johnson STILL isn't listening.**



**Walker does not** support allowing students to refinance their loans. He must not believe in the free enterprise system.

**WWW.GOIAM.ORG**

Our Machinists Union is busy updating our website to include creating a new page just for Military Veterans. View our page on [goiam.org](http://goiam.org) then click "headquarters" and "Retirees, Community and Membership Services". Alternatively, click the following link or paste it into your web browser: <http://www.goiam.org/index.php/headquarters/departments/retirees-community-and-membership-services> --

*Carlos H. San Miguel, Jr.,  
Director Retirees Department*

## Republican Sen. Ron Johnson: It costs too much to fund the VA

*(editor: Well senator, since you married into money, never served in the military but always want to go to war, You better be man enough to pay for the Veterans Health Care!)*

Sen. Johnson said that he couldn't support the bill because of its cost—\$35 billion the first two years and \$50 billion per year after that, according to a preliminary estimate by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

This is the same Sen. Johnson who said in a recent MSNBC interview that the current crisis in Iraq was caused because President Obama was not forceful enough about keeping troops



*Johnson will his I know it all smirk*

in the country when the war ended. I am sure he would have found the money for that. I wonder if Senator Johnson would whine about the costs of the VA if just one of his three children had spent a year or more in some godforsaken hellhole like Afghanistan or Iraq.

Sen. Johnson married into money and has never worked a day in his life. The only constituents he cares about are the ones who agree with him. He does not and can not understand what our veterans are going through. Veterans need the specialized care the VA provides. The average family practitioner is just not able to deal with a double amputee with PTSD because it's just not something he or she was trained to do. Of course Sen. Johnson just wants to privatize veteran's care and make it a for-profit industry. To him, it isn't about caring for veterans—it's about making a buck for his wealthy donors.

Sen. Johnson is an embarrassment to Wisconsin and to our nation. Veterans deserve the best possible care we can give them. They earned it. It should never come down to cost; these young men and women gave up their youth, gave up their innocence, to serve our country. In many cases, they have given far more than we can ever repay. If our nation could find \$4 to \$6 trillion dollars to pay for two wars, we sure as hell better come up with the money to care for those wounded in those wars. They earned it, and we owe them.

The costs of war do not end when the troops come home. They continue on. Some of these costs can be accounted for, like medical care. Other costs can not be. We will never know the true cost of war—but our veterans do. We cannot afford to put a price tag on helping those who served. We owe it to them to bring them to as close to a whole as we can. Sen. Johnson does not seem to understand this. He does not understand the sense of service and sacrifice that was required of our veterans. My suggestion for Sen. Johnson? Find a new line of work, since it's obvious that this whole public service thing is a foreign concept to him.

*(from the Dailey Kos)*



## **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](http://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](http://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact)

### **Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat**

1 Russell Courtyard  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-5653  
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1233 Longworth House Office Building  
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202-225-3031  
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2245 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
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[www.gwenmoore.house.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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

## **Seniors Corner**

### **Marco Rubio Proposes Dismantling Medicare and Raising the Retirement Age**

Two weeks ago, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) gave a speech at the National Press Club in which he laid out his sweeping proposal to confront the nation's retirement security crisis through cuts to Social Security and Medicare. Rubio is widely viewed as a potential candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016. In addition to laying out policy changes involving retirement savings plans and incentives for older workers to remain in the workforce, Senator Rubio proposed raising the retirement age, a move that would force millions of Americans to work longer to collect the benefits they have earned. Although Senator Rubio cited the "rise in life expectancy" as the rationale for this change, his proposal would disproportionately harm low-income and minority seniors who have not seen their life expectancies rise in step with other workers.

Senator Rubio also used the speech to endorse **Paul Ryan's (R-WI) proposal to end Medicare's guarantee by privatizing the program and converting it to a voucher system.** Under the proposed changes, Medicare would be replaced by a system in which seniors would be given a voucher redeemable towards the purchase of either private insurance or a modified Medicare plan. Since these vouchers would likely fail to cover the full cost of coverage, seniors would be expected to make up the difference out of pocket. It is expected that adopting such a system would result in millions of seniors paying more for coverage. "If Senator Rubio really cared about strengthening retirement security, he would join the effort to expand Social Security benefits as Sen. Tom Harkin and Rep. Linda Sanchez have proposed. If he really cared about addressing the retirement security crisis, and there is one, he would get on board with raising the minimum wage. Social Security benefits are based on wages. By calling Social Security 'outdated,' Senator Rubio shows how out of touch he is with the needs of current and future retirees," said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director for the Alliance. Read the Alliance's reaction to the speech at <http://bit.ly/1jxWqTU>.

### **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

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