

# Badger Lodge News



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June 2013

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**\*\*\* June 11, 2013 \*\*\***

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 July 2013 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is June 23.
- 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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## Join the Union Sportsmen's Alliance for Free

As a charter union of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance, IAM members are eligible to join the hunting, fishing and gaming organization for free. Joining the Alliance entitles members to quarterly issues of the Union Sportsmen's Journal (by mail or online), a one-year MyTopo.com online mapping subscription, an e-newsletter with tips and special offers, discounts on outdoor gear and services and more. [Click here to sign up today.](#)

The April edition of the Union Sportsmen's Journal is now available in print and online. This issue shows union members how they can keep costs down during the turkey hunting season, what the best tricks are for catching catfish in the spring, and more news concerning hunting and gaming.

IAM members are routinely featured in the Union Sportsmen's Journal. The April edition includes **United Lodge 66 member Tim Lawrence**, who started his own handcrafted wooden lures company, and Local 751 member Mitchell Christian, who caught an albacore tuna on his first tuna fishing trip.

If you are interested in some American Made fishing lures then visit Tim's website at: [www.blackrivertacklecompany.com](http://www.blackrivertacklecompany.com).

Be sure to stay up-to-date with the Union Sportsmen's Alliance by liking their Facebook page.



## May 5 Marked The 125th Anniversary of IAM

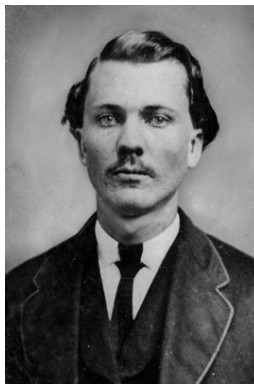
Sunday, May 5, 2013 marks the 125th anniversary of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. On this day in 1888, 19 machinists met secretly in a locomotive pit in Atlanta, GA, declaring themselves "The Order of United Machinist and Mechanical Engineers."

Within a year, 40 local lodges had been established and in 1889 the first Machinist Union Convention was held at the state capital in Atlanta with 34 locals represented.

Tom Talbot was elected "Grand Master Machinist" and the first IAM Journal was published. By 1890, the first Canadian local had been established.

The IAM now has over 700,000 members and is one of the oldest and largest unions in the United States and Canada, and still remains true to the values Talbot emphasized 125 years ago: strength in numbers, organization and education.

"As we cross this 125-year threshold in the history of our great union, we reflect back on the heroic efforts of the people who got us to this point," said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "If we continue to emphasize the lessons they taught us, we can ensure that the IAM will have many more anniversaries to come."



IAM Founder  
Tom Talbot  
at age 19 in 1868.



United Lodge 66 Hall  
and  
Union Office  
is  
**SMOKE FREE.**

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

# Republicans Continues March to End 40-Hour Workweek

Just two days after coming back from vacation, House Republicans are wasting no time pushing legislation that would hurt working families.

House Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor joined Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL), sponsor of the deceptively-titled “Working Families Flexibility Act” (H.R. 1406), as they paraded the bill around Capitol Hill Tuesday. The bill would upend overtime pay and end the 40-hour workweek as we know it.

For example, under current law, hourly employees are paid time-and-a-half for hours worked over 40 hours per week. If passed, this bill would give employers the power to take those wages and put them in a pot for future time off. This means employees wouldn’t get paid for all their work in a given pay period, which is bad news for families who are already living pay check to pay check.

The GOP is trying to sell the bill as an innovative way to help American workers better balance time between family and work, but in a letter to Congress, IAM President Tom Buffenbarger makes it clear that this proposal is no friend of the middle class.

“The Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938 established the 40-hour workweek, however, its only enforcement mechanism is the requirement that employers pay a cash premium for overtime work,” said Buffenbarger. “Comp-time’ legislation would remove this obligation from employers who offer compensatory time off instead. This legislation would make it cheaper for employers to demand mandatory overtime, undermining the FLSA’s only incentive against excessive hours.”



Ryan Does Not Care!

## TELL CONGRESS:

**HANDS OFF THE  
40 HOUR WORK  
WEEK AND  
OVERTIME PAY!**



The White House released a statement Monday threatening to veto the bill, saying the legislation, “undermines the existing right to hard-earned overtime pay, on which many working families rely to make ends meet, while misrepresenting itself as a workplace flexibility measure that gives power to employees over their own schedules.”

The bill is also opposed by many organizations that fight for workers’ rights, including AFL-CIO, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, the National Employment Law Project and the National Partnership for Women and Families.

## Learn What Is Wrong With The TPP

All the information **in bold** in the last paragraph is available through links on the home page of our website at:

[www.unitedlodge66.org](http://www.unitedlodge66.org).

Just ask your lodge to send the information to you if you have received a hard copy of this newsletter and do not have access to the internet..

If we thought NAFTA in 1994 coming from President Clinton was bad, this will complete the corporate global initiative pushing American workers to the bottom.

The **Trans-Pacific Partnership (toolkit)** explains this bad trade policy proposal. Individual members need to **Plan their own collective Day of Action** against the Trans-Pacific Partnership. We must **not allow a Fast Track** of this Bad Public Policy. Read the material, mobilized your friends and agitate Your elected representatives.



## Activities for You and Your Family

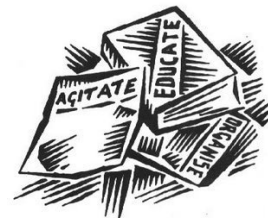
- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council: June 5, at 6:30pm.**
- **United Lodge 66’s Badge/Veterans Night** will be held on **June 8, 2013, at 6pm**; to recognize a Machinists Union Members years of membership within our organization. Invitations are being sent out and are done in 5 year increments starting with 15 years of membership.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpingsinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2013 is available online (<http://winpingsinger.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.
- **Spanish Speaking United Lodge 66 members** can attend **Spanish Leadership 1 Program** from **July 7 to 12, 2013** at the WW Education and Technology Center. Contact your Lodge by phone or attend June meeting.



# Scholarship Program

## of United Lodge 66

This program is meant to assist two high school seniors that are children of a United Lodge 66 member. Listed below are the criteria for the Scholarship Selection:



- Two (2) \$500 scholarship annually.
- Only High School Seniors graduating in 2013 that are children of Machinists Union United Lodge 66 Members and those that are seeking post High School Education are eligible.
- An essay must be written and **must be based on how Unions have been important to your family and community** to be considered for the Scholarship. Information should be gathered from your parents or relatives and the struggles they may have faced in their jobs. The essays must be at least 500 words in length. **Please note, "Essays written from Labor History Books, encyclopedias, etc., will NOT BE ACCEPTED."**
- Essays must be sent to: United Lodge 66, 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Essays will be given to the Scholarship Committee to review.
- After a review of the competency of each essay, a selection process will follow and the winner will be the essay that best meets the requirements stated above.
- One half of the Scholarship will be paid directly to the school in the first semester (fall 2013) in which the individual is enrolled. The second half will be paid during the second semester (spring 2014) and also sent directly to the school. Selections of essay winners will take place at the December Lodge Meeting. **The essays must be in at United Lodge 66 office by July 1, 2013 or postmarked July 1, 2013 Absolute, no entries will be accepted past this date.**
- Notification of availability of Scholarship will be published in the *Badger Lodge News*, our Website, and posted in all worksites.

The selection committee will be executive board members. We urge all Union parents in United Lodge 66, with High School Seniors in their family, to encourage their children to enter this contest for consideration of a Scholarship. All entries become the property of United Lodge 66 and winning or any entries will or may be published in the *Badger Lodge News*, an our Website.

4/2013 to shop chairs for posting in shops

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## JOBS AND FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

Your AFLCIO and Union Privilege is partnering in this new scholarship to commemorate the 50th Anniversary March on Washington.

The scholarship will provide \$5,000 to at least 50 high school seniors to help pay the costs of their

higher education.

The application, including an essay, is required. Students can apply online: [www.aflcio.org/scholarship](http://www.aflcio.org/scholarship).

**The application deadline is July 1, 2013.**

## What is a Union?

An organization of workers joined together for a common purpose, for mutual aid and protection, to engage in concerted activity and collective bargaining, to elevate their conditions of life and labor; an organization by which ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Well .... what are we/you willing to do?

## Lake & Links Package

As part of United Lodge 66's effort to attend the 39th Grand Lodge Convention, and in a combined effort with District 10, we are running this raffle. **No portion** of your dues dollar is a part of this raffle and is only the voluntary contributions of members to take a chance to win.

The raffle package for four (4) includes:

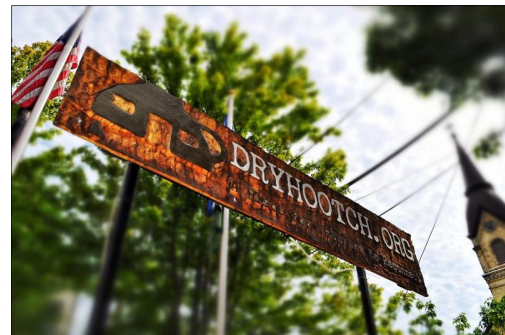
- 2 Deluxe hotel rooms for two nights at Fox Hills Resort
- 1 Day of unlimited golf with cart at Fox Hills Resort (250 W. Church Street, Mishicot, 54228)
- 1/2 Day Salmon Fishing Excursion on Lake Michigan with Fish Casket Charters (fishing license required but not included in package, visit: [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov).)
- Valid June 1, 2013 through October 1, 2014 (subject to availability, not valid with other lodging discounts or promotions)

Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00

Drawing held: June 10, 2013, 8pm at District 10.

*You need not be present to win.*

Tickets available from your shop committee, at United Lodge 66, or District 10.



## Dryhootch

Is a local group to help out our those that served in the military and may just need a bit of adjustment to civilian life. This is for all who have served and as we know many Union members have been called up in the last 10 years and many more going back to Vietnam.

Check out the group and see if this is a place you may want to volunteer some of your time or take one of your loved ones, family or anyone, who has served.

They are located at 1030 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, 53202 and they also have another headquarters and contact person at: Jeff Kriesel, Dryhootch Headquarters, Milwaukee County War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Suite 313, Milwaukee, WI 53202; 414-988-7490.

## 5th Annual Benefit for Guide Dogs of America July 20, 2013

Rain date: July 27, 2013

All makes and models of motorcycles are welcome!

IAM DL 10  
1650 S. 38th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

### Motorcycle Poker Run



Registration at 8am ... Drive/Rider meeting at 8:30am ...  
Poker run 9pm SHARP

For information about these events and/or vendor/sponsorship option,  
contact Steve Galloway @ 630-548-2450 or 651-231-3605  
email: [sgalloway@iamaw.org](mailto:sgalloway@iamaw.org)

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IAM Midwest Territory  
[www.spiritofthemidwest.org](http://www.spiritofthemidwest.org)

Guide Dogs of America  
Delivering the Gift of Freedom  
for Over Fifty Years  
[www.guidedogsofamerica.org](http://www.guidedogsofamerica.org)



## Service Area Organizer, AFL-CIO

Job Announcement

There is an immediate opening for this position with an application deadline of Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

**United Lodge 66 can provide you with the complete job announcement.**

This organizer position will be focused on union membership mobilization, actions and rallies, political activity, support for organizing, contract fights, and legislative initiatives. The organizer will be responsible for working with the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO officers and staff, National AFL-CIO staff, the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, the Milwaukee Area



Solidarity Roundtable, and Union Affiliates.

## Seniors Corner

### Voting Record Raters "The Most Unproductive Congress" in Nation's Modern History

On May 24 the Alliance released its annual report detailing the voting record of every US Senator and Representative on key issues affecting current and future retirees. The document, available at: <http://www.retiredamericans.org/issues/congressional-voting/record>, examined 10 key Senate votes and 10 key House votes in 2012. It contains the roll calls on issues such as: whether to privatize Medicare and create a voucher-like system in its place; whether to turn Medicaid into a block grant system; and whether to undo key Affordable Care Act provisions that benefit seniors.

"This past year we saw the most unproductive Congress in modern American History finally come to an end, passing fewer than 250 bill in two years." said Barbara J. Easterling, President of the Alliance. "The House even refused to vote on needed relief to victims of Hurricane Sandy. Yet, it voted repeatedly to repeal the Affordable Care Act, even after the U.S. Supreme Court rules on its constitutionality. In contrast, while attacks on core retiree programs continued, many in Congress voted to preserve a tax system that favors the wealthiest Americans. For more than a decade, the wealthiest Americans have received trillions in tax breaks while older Americans have seen rising drug, health care, food, and energy costs."

#### Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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Milwaukee, WI 53213  
414-771-9511

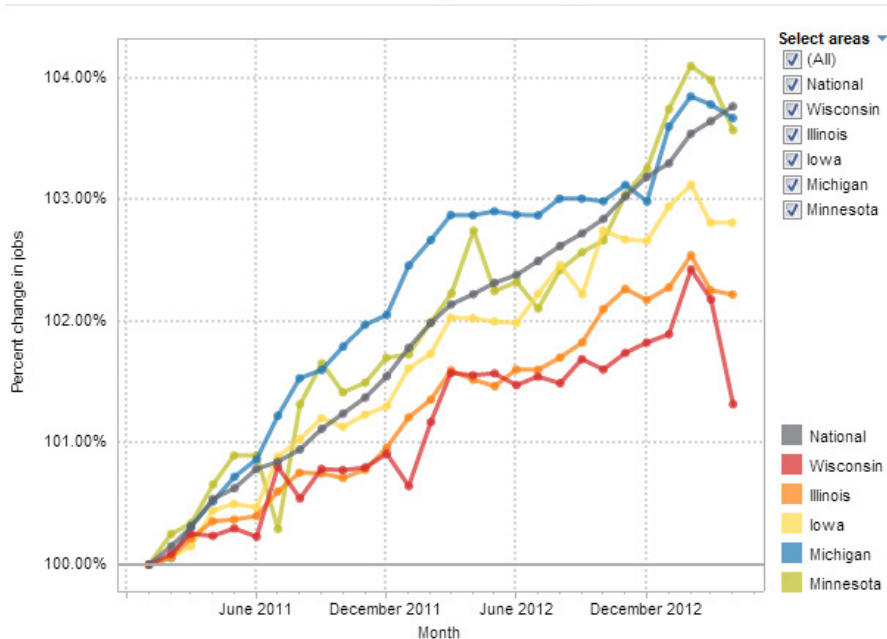
<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

#### 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)

## Under Scott Walker, Wisconsin is 44th in the U.S. for Job Growth, and Dead Last in the Midwest. We Deserve Better. 'Like' and 'Share' if you Agree.



Credit: The Capital Times

Every voting citizen needs to hold Walker accountable for his campaign pledge. He made the pledge to create 250,000 new private sector jobs a center of his election campaign.

If he does not then he needs to be replaced as the conservative career politician he is and always has been.

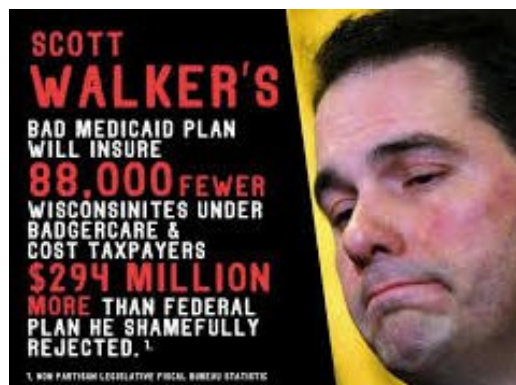
## Walker Increases Wisconsin Medicaid Expenses

Scott Walker rejected federal money for the expansion of Medicaid services for Wisconsin Citizens. His reasoning or lack of was that he could not count on the federal government to provide funds in future years. If this was true why does he accept federal funds for road building which may take years to complete.

He simply wants to go it alone and in the end hurt Wisconsin Senior Citizens. Part of the Medicaid funding was to: continue to support the Meals on Wheels for Seniors as provided by the Department on Aging and Disability County Units; to provide the health care funding used to allow seniors to stay in their own homes instead of being forced into health care facilities.

In mid-May the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau stated Walker's medical assistance proposal is \$74.5 million more than he released in February. Of this \$53 million is directly related to his changes.

If Walker had taken the federal funding the programs would cost less and cover more of Wisconsin's citizens. **His methods makes no sense.**



# Car Pooling

**From Kenosha:** Want to car-pool to Union Meeting? Contact Bob Paar for how it can be done: 262-605-0436 or [bpaaroskenosha@yahoo.com](mailto:bpaaroskenosha@yahoo.com)



**From Sheboygan:** from Sheboygan or picking members up in Port Washington call: Ron Simmelink, 920-627-0325, from Kiefer & Company in Sheboygan.

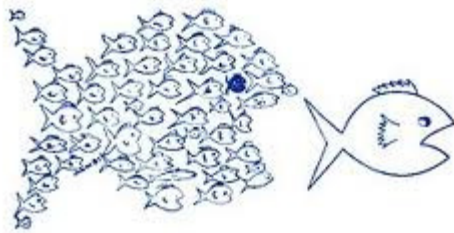


## July 20, 2013 Poker Run Info:

If you want more information for yourself or to post contact United Lodge 66 for the following info:

- Motorcycle Poker Run Flyer
- Motorcycle Poker Run Letter
- Pledge Form
- Poker Run Registration Form

Also all are online at: [www.unitedlodge66.org](http://www.unitedlodge66.org)



# ORGANIZE

*The alternative is to be indentured to the boss ... you need to get involved and not wait for someone else!*

## Officers, LL66 Machinists Union

President . . . . . Mike Pietrzykowski  
 Vice President . . . . . Larry Morrow  
 Recording Secretary . . . Ron Simmelink  
 Secretary Treasurer . . . . . Ivan Collins  
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## 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
Larry Morrow (Organizer)	15

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