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June 2014

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

June 10, 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 July 2014 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is June 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.**

Organizing

by doug curler

Do we or do we not want to leave a better life for our children and grandchildren? If you really want to, then why have you not involved yourself in 'some' type of organizing effort within the Machinists Union.

As a retiree I was fortunate to be asked to volunteer in an organizing blitz at a Ocean Spray facility in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Our Union tried a organizing blitz about 3 years ago but from a poorly supplied list of employees this drive did not proceed.

Now three years later with a more complete and accurate list as well as a better and motivated in-house group of workers another blitz was done. We only organize when the employees at a facility ask us that they want an Union.

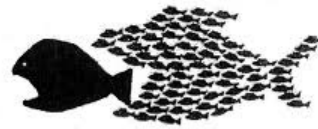
For the two days I was there it was the most productive I have seen only because the workers were upset and they were willing to stand up.

Now it is up to you unless you want the continual spiral downward and want to leave a worse life for your children and grandchildren.

Whether an active member or a retiree you need to step forward.

It is not a full time commitment, but should be, but give your name, time and energy for some organizing efforts within our Union.

You need to contact United Lodge 66 directly or get back to me at dougcurler@gmail.com or 715-623-2253.



Voting Rights

Why does Scott Walker, Wisconsin Republican and Republicans throughout the USA want to limit voters?

The answer is below and there certainly would be no-Union or Union newsletter.

**IF VOTING DIDN'T
CHANGE ANYTHING
WE'D STILL HAVE:**

- NO WOMEN'S RIGHTS,**
- NO PUBLIC SCHOOLS,**
- NO 40-HOUR WORK WEEK,**
- NO CIVIL RIGHTS ACT,**
- NO SOCIAL SECURITY,**
- NO MEDICARE AND MEDICAID,**
- NO FOOD ASSISTANCE,**
- NO MINIMUM WAGE,**
- NO WORKERS COMPENSATION,**
- NO ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS,**
- NO SAFE ABORTIONS,**
- NO CONSUMER PROTECTIONS,**
- NO RIGHT TO HEALTH INSURANCE.**

Occupy* Posters owsposters.tumblr.com

**None of these would
have been passed if the
Walkerite Philosophy
had been in power.**

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



Excerpts & info from the Wausau Daily Herald

Hospitals say the number of uninsured has dropped and the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) get credit for 'clearly working.'

The reductions of un-insured patients have dropped by more than 12% whether in Washington, Colorado or Arkansas. The expansion of coverage to more than 13 million people in 2013 mostly affected the nation's safety-net hospitals who serve a larger share of the poor and uninsured and previously faced billions of dollars in unpaid bills.

A reduction was expected but took place even faster in the 25 states that expanded Medicaid in January. (editor: Walker declined the Medicaid expansion and the 100% funding so guess what? Are reductions are not there and who will pay?)

Besides the safety-net hospitals seeing a reduction and better balance sheet, the for profit hospitals have also seen improvements.

- ⇒ Investor-owned hospital companies HCA, Tenet Health-care Corp and Community Health Systems saw their rates of uninsured drop as much as 30% located in the hospitals in the Medicaid expansion states. HCA has even stated that its hospitals located in states without the expanded Medicaid the uninsured patients rise by 6%.
- ⇒ LifePoint Hospitals, a Tennessee based company that owns 60 hospi-

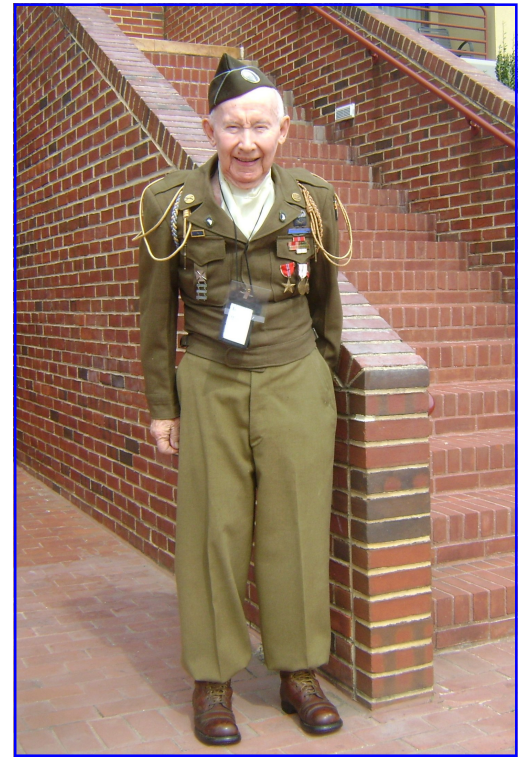
New Business Representative, Joe Terlisner

Joe was appointed as Business Representative on April 28, 2014. Prior to joining the staff at District 10, Joe was a full time Shop Committee Representative of Machinists Local 873



working at John Deere in Horicon, WI. Joe served the members of Local 873 in

various positions including Shop Chair, President, District Representative and Lodge 873 Pay Plan Representative. He joined the Machinists Union in 1995.



Joe Reilly

Joe is a 93 year old Machinist Union Retiree Activist and WWII Paratrooper.

Look for a **June 6 NBC Special featuring** him, Brian Williams and his meeting with President Obama in Normandy.

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.

tals nationwide stated the Medicaid expansion led to a 26% reduction in uninsured patients.

IAMUNION

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **June 4, 2014 at 6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- **D-Day Special on NBC** with Brian Williams, President Obama and Machinist Union Member Joe Reilly is on **June 6, 2014**.
- Christmas Videos are at 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.

Tickets available at United Lodge 66, 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215 or call the office at 414-671-3800.

WIN A FULL DAY AND NIGHT OF FUN!



SUMMERFEST RAFFLE



for

Thursday, July 3, 2014

The prize package includes:

- ★ Four (4) tickets to **SUMMERFEST** the World's Largest Music Festival

After enjoying the day at **SUMMERFEST** enjoy the Fireworks

- ★ Four (4) tickets to the July 3rd Fireworks at the War Memorial Center
6:00 p.m. — Doors Open
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. — Dinner
(A Fabulous buffet-style dinner by *Creative Cuisine*)
Menu to include: Hamburgers, Grilled Chicken Breast, Pulled BBQ Pork, Mini Corn on the Cob, Pasta Salad, Watermelon and Potato Chips. Cookies for dessert!
6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. — Live Music (Jerry & Nora)
9:25 p.m. — Fireworks (Best seats in Milwaukee for the Downtown Fireworks)



After the **FIREWORKS**

- ★ Two (2) rooms at the **PFISTER HOTEL** a premier downtown Milwaukee hotel for over a century that overlooks downtown Milwaukee.
Includes keycard access to the Club Lounge located on the 23rd floor, with spectacular views of the city and Lake Michigan also includes breakfast.
- ★ \$100 Cash (for incidental expenses...)



Tickets are only \$10.00 each

only 1,000 tickets will be printed

Buy your tickets today!!



DRAWING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

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

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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) _____



SPIRIT OF THE MIDWEST RIDES FOR GUIDES

Motorcycle Poker Run

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ YEAR & MODEL OF MOTORCYCLE: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

SPONSOR NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)	TELEPHONE	PLEDGE AMOUNT	PLEDGES COLLECTED		NEED RECEIPT
				CASH	CHECK	
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IAM/GDA RIDES FOR GUIDES SEND TO: IAMAW ATTN: MARTY ST. PETERS 1733 PARK STREET, SUITE 100 NAPERVILLE, IL 60563			TOTALS			

REMINDER: RECEIPTS ARE BY REQUEST AND WILL BE SENT ONLY TO COMPLETE (INCLUDING ZIP CODES) NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Grand Lodge Executive Council Election Results

International President	Vote	General Secretary Treasurer	Vote	General Vice-President	Vote
R. Thomas Buffenbarger	23545	Robert Roach Jr.	23828	Gary R. Allen	29337
Jay Cronk	11163	Dale Cancienne	10690	Lynn D. Tucker Jr.	28950
Total	34708	Total	34518	Mark Blondin	28905
				Phillip J. Gruber	23658
				Diane Babineaux	23183
				Robert Martinez Jr.	23180
				Dora Cervantes	22853
				Sito Pantoia	21486
				Tim O'Brien	12751
				Patrick Maloney	12138
				Karen Asuncion	11264
				Sande Lien	11260
				Jason Redrup	11228
				Total	260193



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The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans (WIARA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing over 107,000 Wisconsin residents. 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 retirees and other older Americans. We provide public education and advocacy training on state and federal issues and programs that affect Wisconsin retirees. Our present Board of Directors is made up of 26 representatives from union leaders, public and private sector union retirees, and community representatives. Currently, we have 66 affiliated organizations from throughout the state.

Our mission is put to work supporting programs for veterans, the disabled, union retirees, seniors and others who need a united voice. 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, we delivered petitions to Congressman Reid with over 100,000 signatures protesting his 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 75 informational sessions held in 2011 and 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 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.

The Governor and state Senate recall election activities helped us retain or defeat five Senate seats. Our activities included:

- Participating in the Wisconsin AFL-CIO member-to-member walks and phone banks;
- Organizing several successful well attended candidate forums in senate recall districts;
- Making over 25,000 targeted calls to the 55 years and over households in the nine Senate recall districts;
- Making over 10,000 targeted phone calls to recall petition signers who were not registered or were infrequent voters;
- Mailing several persuasion pieces targeting union retiree households;
- Participating in media events connected to the recall elections.

Wisconsin Alliance has also worked in coalition with numerous organizations to advocate on

issues related to the Wisconsin State Budget, the so-called Budget Repair Bill, the attack on collective bargaining for public workers, and the Voter ID bill. Our activities included:

- Coordinated activities to oppose budget cuts proposed by Governor Walker and increased support for those provisions in the Budget that would have a direct impact on seniors such as SeniorCare, increased funds for Family Care, Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program and others.
- Participating in the demonstrations at the Capitol;
- Leading a group of seniors to the Governor's office to protest and present a petition addressing the inequities in the budget process;
- Honoring the Wisconsin 14 during our Senior Power Luncheon;
- Participating and speaking at press conferences and forums about the consequences of the Voter ID bill;
- Organized forums to educate seniors and retirees about the results of the State biennial budget that raised taxes for the elderly and lower income taxpayers.
- Making over 6,000 calls in key districts for the Supreme Court election.
- Coordinating volunteers for the state wide recount for the Supreme Court election.
- Actively opposing Congressman Paul Ryan's plan to turn Medicare into a voucher program. WIARA members attended Ryan's listening sessions, held protests, sent letters to the editor and signed petitions against the Ryan plan.
- Wrote opinion columns, letters to the editor, and participated in press conferences to numerous Wisconsin media outlets on the state budget, Voter ID, and health care reform legislation;

As part of our efforts to communicate 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](http://www.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

For more information, please consider calling us at 414-771-9511, or mail a request to our office at 6333 West Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, 53213.

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

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www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact

Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

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www.baldwin.senate.gov/contact.cfm

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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>.

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cess to hardship grants for dealing with an illness or disability, hospital expenses, a strike or job loss.

The Union Plus Mortgage program can help with the purchase of a new home. Exclusive benefits include a \$500 My Mortgage Gift award card, special hardship assistance and the opportunity to earn a \$500 First-Time Homebuyer Award.

The Union Plus AT&T Wireless program provides a 15 percent discount and up to \$250 in rebates to union members who upgrade to a new smartphone or switch from another carrier. AT&T is the only national unionized wireless provider. Spread the word about the Union Plus AT&T Discount savings and you will be entered to win monthly prizes smartphones and tablets, plus a \$1,695 value grand prize four-day trip to Disney for four.

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The AFL-CIO created Union Privilege in 1986 to provide union members and their families valuable, exclusive consumer benefits, discounts and services, brought about through the collective buying power of over 13 million union members. With Union Plus, union membership "pays" at work and at home.

For more on Union Plus benefits and programs, <http://www.goiam.org/index.php/members/union-plus>

Union Plus Provides New Programs for IAM Members

Union Privilege has announced the availability of new Union Plus benefits, programs and offers designed to meet the needs of IAM members and their families.

A new credit card choice, The Union Plus/Machinists Card, is now available in three options, all with competitive rates, U.S.-based customer service and more. Eligible cardholders have special ac-



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