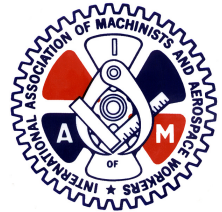


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June 2015

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

June 9, 2015

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
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*ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.*

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.**
- The deadline for articles for the July 2015 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is June 20.
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The Most Dangerous Woman in America Visits Education Night

A Lesson in Unionism, Perseverance and Working Class Struggle

By Sister Elizondo

On April 23rd those attending the IAMAW Lodge 66 Education Night were treated to an informative, powerful and very entertaining visit by the legendary Labor Organizer Mary Harris "Mother" Jones.

Portraying the famous pioneer of the early American Labor Movement as if she knew her personally, former Local 66 President Pat Elizondo took the group through the life and times of Mother Jones' with passion, humor and an obvious feeling of deep respect.

What follows is a transcript of the performance that demonstrated how one woman with "convictions and a voice" took on the powers of greed in her time and thereby paved the way for others to live a better life.

"I was born in Cook County, Ireland to a Catholic farming family and immigrated to Canada to escape the potato famine. Folks thought my birth year may have been from 1830-1844, although the scholarly types seem to think it was 1837.

My education was vocational and led me to work as a dressmaker and teacher during my early years in Chicago and Tennessee. While I was teaching in Tennessee, I married iron molder George Jones. He was active in the Union. My dear husband and our four children died in a yellow fever epidemic in 1867. The Iron Molders Union paid for their funerals and held a meeting in George's honor.

Before I moved back to Chicago to take up dressmaking again, my first response to the loss of my family was service towards others who had yellow fever in quarantined houses.

I moved back to Chicago and returned to commercial dressmaking. I had my own shop, which was patronized by some of the wealthiest women in town. My interest in the Union movement grew when I was sewing for wealthy Chicago families. I would look out of the plate glass windows and see the poor, shivering wretches, jobless and hungry, walking alongside the frozen lake front. The contrast of their condition with that of the comfort of the people for whom I sewed was painful to me. My employers seemed neither to notice nor to care. I lost everything I had in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.



*Mother Jones,
Alias Sister Elizondo*

Photo by Brother Oulahan

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

After the fire, I began to travel across the country. The nation was undergoing dramatic change, and industrialization was changing the nature of work. The drastic changes in my life were accompanied by changes to the nature of work caused by the industrialization of the United States. One response to these changes was the Knights of Labor, a secret organization of peaceful workers. I became involved at the invitation of an iron molder from Tennessee who knew my husband, and any plans for getting back into the dress-making business were left behind when I realized I had a knack for public speaking that I didn't know I had. I moved from town to town in support of workers' struggles.

In Kansas City, I did advance work for a group of unemployed men who marched on Washington, D.C. to demand jobs. In Birmingham, Ala., I helped black and white miners during a nationwide coal strike. I organized a massive show of support for Eugene Debs, the leader of the American Railway Union, after he served a six-month prison sentence for defying a court order not to disrupt railroad traffic in support of striking Pullman workers.

My relationship with the Knights continued throughout the remainder of my life, although my active role, as a woman, was a rarity in the Knights during this time. Even before women's suffrage, I said "I have never had a vote and I have raised hell all over this country. You don't need a vote to raise hell. You need convictions and a voice."

In June 1897, after I addressed the railway Union convention, I was called "Mother" by the men of the Union. The name stuck. That summer, when the 9,000-member Mine Workers called a nationwide strike of soft coal miners and tens of thousands of miners laid down their tools, I arrived in Pittsburgh to assist them. I was "Mother Jones" to millions of working men and women across the country for my efforts on behalf of the miners.

I guess I was pretty good at what I did because the Mine Workers sent me into the coalfields to sign up miners with the Union. I agitated folks in the coal fields of eastern Pennsylvania, the company towns of West Virginia and the harsh coal camps of Colorado. Nearly anywhere coal miners, textile workers or steelworkers were fighting to organize a Union, I was there. I was banished from more towns and was held incommunicado in more jails in more states than any other Union leader of the time.

I became known as "the most dangerous woman in America", a phrase coined by a West Virginia district attorney, Reese Blizzard, in 1902, at my trial for ignoring an injunction banning meetings by striking miners. "There sits the most dangerous woman in America", announced Blizzard. "She comes into a state where peace and prosperity reign ... crooks her finger [and] twenty thousand contented men lay down their tools and walk out." In 1901, workers in Pennsylvania's silk mills went on strike, many being young female workers demanding to be paid adult wages. John Mitchell, the president of the UMWA, brought me to north-east Pennsylvania in the months of February and September to encourage unity among the striking workers. I got that done by encouraging the wives of the workers to organize into a militia. Those women were wielding brooms, beating on tin pans and shouting **"Join the Union!"** I said that wives had an important role to play as the nurturers and motivators of the striking men, but not as fellow workers. I knew that the young girls working in the mills were being robbed and demoralized.

In addition to miners, I was also very concerned about child workers. During a silk strike in Philadelphia, 100,000 workers—including 16,000 children—left their jobs over a demand that their work week be cut from 60 to 55 hours.

To enforce worker solidarity, I travelled to the silk mills in New Jersey and returned to Pennsylvania to let the workers know that the conditions I observed in New Jersey were far superior. I said that "the child labor law is better enforced for one thing and there are more men at work than seen in the mills here." In response to the strike, mill owners also told their side of the story. They claimed that if the workers still insisted on a wage scale, they would not be able to do business while paying adult wages and would be forced to close down. At that time even I encouraged the workers to accept a settlement. Although I agreed upon a settlement which sent the young girls back to the mills, I continued to fight child labor for the remainder of my life.

When I saw that many of the children at Union headquarters had missing fingers and other disabilities, I attempted to get newspaper publicity about the conditions in Pennsylvania regarding child labor. However, the mill owners held stock in essentially all of the newspapers.

When the newspaper men informed me that they could not advertise the facts about child labor because of this, I said "Well, I've got stock in these little children and I'll arrange a little publicity." Permission to see President Roosevelt was denied by his secretary and it was suggested that I address a letter to the president requesting a visit with him. Even though I wrote a letter for such permission, I never received an answer. In 1903, I organized children, who were working in mills and mines at the time, to participate in the "Children's Crusade", a march from Kensington, Philadelphia to Oyster Bay, New York, the hometown of President Theodore Roosevelt with banners demanding "We want to go to School and not the mines!"

Though the President refused to meet with the marchers, the incident brought the issue of child labor to the forefront of the public agenda

Several months later I was in Colorado, helping organize coal miners. Once again I was arrested, served some time in prison and was escorted from the state in the months leading up to the Ludlow Massacre. After the massacre I was invited to Standard Oil's headquarters to meet face-to-face with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a meeting that prompted Rockefeller to visit the Colorado mines and introduce long-sought reforms.



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Notes from Your Secretary Treasurer

Every year around the Badge Night Mailing we have questions asked about why members don't have as much time as they think they should.

The service time for Union Membership is considered continuous membership. That means members have remained in good and continuous membership through the years. There are a couple ways your membership can be interrupted and your time starts over.

1. You get a withdrawal card because of layoff or a job change, illness, going back to school are some examples. Withdrawal cards have to be applied for within 60 days or your membership will lapse.
2. You lapse your membership because of not paying the required dues for some reason. In this instance you have to reinstate and that is the date when your membership starts over.

A couple other reminders for members to pay attention to are:

1. It is your responsibility to keep the Union informed about times when you may be off work for illness or leave of some kind. We have no way of knowing if you don't let us know. You also need to let us know when you go back to work.
2. You need to let us know when you have a name change, address change or any other things that change that we would use to communicate back and forth with you.

On a personal note:

Every member is the Union. The elected leadership is here to assist you and help you. The members are the strength behind the Union. Your participation and input is very important to the strength and effectiveness of the Union.

In Solidarity,

Juan Collins

Secretary-Treasurer IAM Lodge 66

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When there was a strike, I organized and helped the workers; at other times, I held educational meetings. In 1877, I helped in the Pittsburgh railway strike; during the 1880s I organized and ran educational meetings; in 1898 I helped found the Social Democratic Party; and in 1905 I was present at the founding of the Industrial Workers of the World.

I left the Socialist Party in 1911 to return to the payroll of the United Mine Workers, as an organizer. The new president, John P. White, was an old friend who agreed that I would set my own agenda. In 1923, when I was 93 years old, I was still working among striking coal miners in West Virginia.

It came to national attention in 1912-13, during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek strike in West Virginia because of the publicity resulting from frequent violence. I remembered the lessons learned from my late husband, and as I said earlier, I often involved the wives and children of miners to dramatize a situation. On September 21, 1912, I led a march of miners' children through the streets of Charleston, West Virginia; on February 12, 1913, I led a protest about conditions in the strike area and was arrested. I was convicted by a military court of conspiring to commit murder and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. My trial, conviction, and imprisonment created such a ruckus that the U.S. Senate ordered a committee to investigate conditions in the West Virginia coal-fields. However, on May 8, 1913, before the investigation got underway, newly elected governor Hatfield set me free. I was 83 years old. Later in 1913 I travelled to Colorado to participate in the yearlong strike by miners there. I was evicted from mine company property several times, but returned each time. I was arrested and imprisoned twice: first for more than two months in relative comfort in Mt. San Rafael hospital, and again for twenty-three days in the Huerfano County jail in Walsenburg, where the conditions of my semi-basement cell were appalling.

I was especially touched by the "machine-gun massacre" by the National Guardsmen of miners and their families in a tent colony at Ludlow, Colorado, on April 20, 1914, when 20 people were killed. I travelled across the country, telling the story and testified before Congress. Members of the House Mines and Mining Committee and President Wilson responded by proposing that the Union and the owners agree to a truce and create a grievance committee at each mine.

(Note: Mary Harris Jones died in Silver Spring on November 30, 1930, seven months after her one-hundredth birthday. She was buried in the Union Miners Cemetery at Mount Olive, Illinois. As per her wishes, her grave is near those of the victims of the Virden, Illinois mine riot of 1898.)





Bring your poker face and join us as we celebrate with WIARA Executive Director Billy Feitlinger upon his retirement.

When: Sunday, June 14th

Casino Hours 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Retirement Celebration & Raffle Drawing: 4:00 to 4:30

Milwaukee

Location: Plumbers Local 75 Union Hall

11175 W. Parkland Ave. (111th & Bradley Rd.)

Cost: \$35 per person Includes 2 Raffle Tickets worth \$200 in chips for games, Appetizers, Beer, Wine, Soda, Snacks

Sponsor a table in Billy's honor.

Blackjack \$100

Poker \$150

Craps \$200

Roulette \$250



Other Amounts: \$50, \$75, \$100



- ◆ Cost to Attend is \$35 per person for 2 raffle tickets, beer, wine, soda food & snacks.
- ◆ Each Raffle tickets may be exchanged for \$100 in chips to be used for the games. (For example, 2 tickets equals \$200 in chips.)
- ◆ Additional raffle tickets will be available at the event for purchase at a cost of \$10 for 3 tickets, \$20 for 7 tickets and \$30 for 12 tickets. Each ticket may be exchanged for \$100 in chips.
- ◆ At the conclusion of gaming, chips are exchanged for raffle tickets, 100 chips = 1 ticket. Grand prize is 4 box seats to a Milwaukee Brewer game. (*Donated by WI Laborer's District Council.*) Additional prizes will also be awarded.
- ◆ All proceeds will be used to benefit WI Alliance for Retired Americans.

To register for this event, please list your name and the names of your guests below. Checks should be made payable to WI Alliance for Retired Americans and must be received by June 8th.

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NAME: _____	NAME: _____

Please list the name and phone number of the contact person for your group.

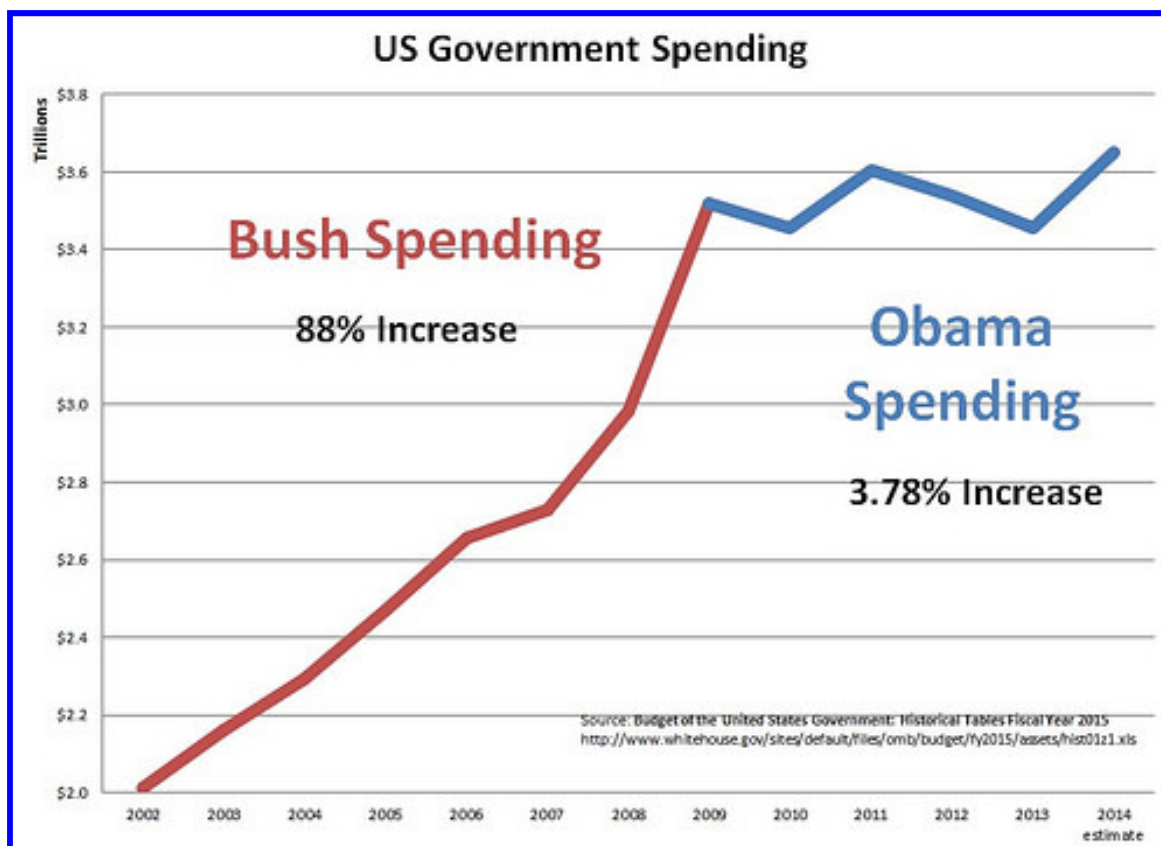
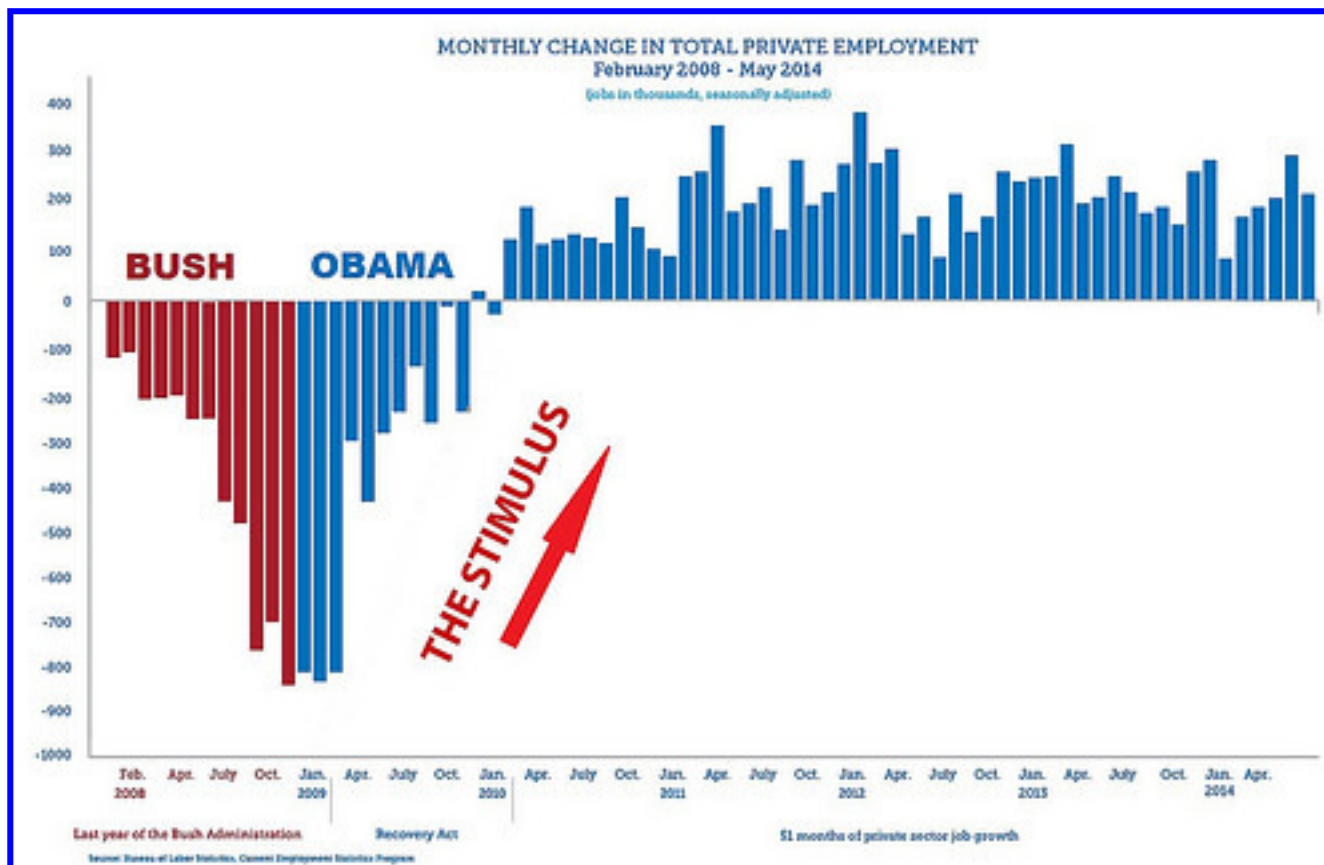
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mail with your payment to: **WI Alliance for Retired Americans**
6333 W. Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, WI 53213

For any questions, please call our office at 414-771-9511 or email us at office@wi-alliance.org.

Why Are The Reactionaries Against President Obama?

Since they could not govern it is best to not to say the truth or repeat un-truth's or say they can do better when if given another chance since the American People have forgotten the reactionaries could not when they did govern. **AND** it is best the American People just keep believing the sound bites and never look a bit deeper into the facts. That way the American People keep voting in what they are told is in their best interest.





What is ALEC? *ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) is not a lobby; it is not a front group. (series started in May 2015)*

Who funds ALEC?

More than 98% of ALEC's revenues come from sources other than legislative dues, such as corporations, corporate trade groups, and corporate foundations. Each corporate member pays an annual fee of between \$7,000 and \$25,000 a year, and if a corporation participates in any of the nine task forces, additional fees apply, from \$2,500 to \$10,000 each year. ALEC also receives direct grants from corporations, such as \$1.4 million from ExxonMobil from 1998-2009. It has also received grants from some of the biggest foundations funded by corporate CEOs in the country, such as: the Koch family Charles G. Koch Foundation, the Koch-managed Claude R. Lambe Foundation, the Scaife family Allegheny Foundation, the Coors family Castle Rock Foundation, to name a few. Less than 2% of ALEC's funding comes from "Membership Dues" of \$50 per year paid by state legislators, a steeply discounted price that may run afoul of state gift bans.

Is it nonpartisan as claimed?

ALEC describes itself as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The facts show that it currently has one Democrat out of 104 legislators in leadership positions. ALEC members, speakers, alumni, and award winners are a "who's who" of the extreme right. ALEC has given awards to: Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, George H.W. Bush, Charles and David Koch, Richard de Vos, Tommy Thompson, Gov. John Kasich, Gov. Rick Perry, Congressman Mark Foley (intern sex scandal), and Congressman Billy Tauzin. ALEC alumni include: Speaker of the House John Boehner, Ex-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Congressman Joe Wilson, (who called President Obama a "liar" during the State of the Union address), former House Speaker Dennis Hastert, former House Speaker Tom DeLay, Andrew Card, Donald Rumsfeld (1985 Chair of ALEC's Business Policy Board), **Governor Scott Walker**, Governor Jan Brewer, and more. Featured speakers have included: Milton Friedman, Newt Gingrich, Dick Cheney, Dan Quayle, George Allen, Jessie Helms, Pete Coors, Governor Mitch Daniels and more.

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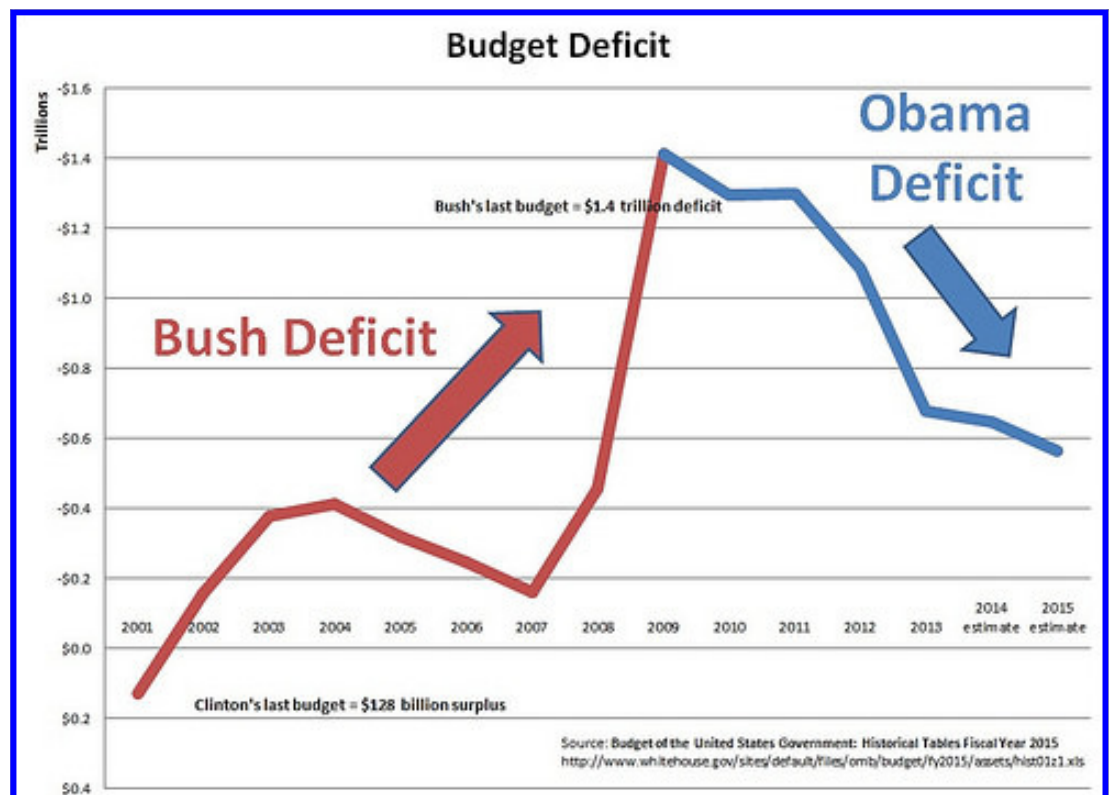
We will be doing a new series **(this is 2nd)** over the next months on ALEC.

For some this is old and for many this is new.

But ALEC is controlling the legislative agenda throughout America.

Most of the material is from The Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed.

American People are told to forget about Bush's unfunded war (still part of the deficit issue) and not to worry about the tax cuts for the wealthy (still part of the deficit issue) but present day reactionaries want to continue both as not part of the budget process (but still part of the deficit issue) AND the American People are told not to trust those Liberal politicians who spend too much!





The Union Veterans Council brings together Union leaders and union members who are veterans to speak out on veterans' issues and influence public policy to improve the quality of life for U.S. veterans and their families. The two primary areas of focus for veterans are access to good jobs and access to quality health care.

The Union Veterans Council will hold government officials, candidates and elected officials accountable to the needs of military veterans and their families. The UVC will make our positions on veterans' issues known to candidates for public office and support the appointment of labor-friendly veterans to government agencies at all levels. The UVC will also encourage union veterans to take leadership roles in other veterans' organizations and will strive to form coalitions and alliances with other veteran groups around union veterans' issues.

Want to learn more: <http://www.aflcio.org/About/Allied-Organizations/AFL-CIO-Union-Veterans-Council>

Also on the Machinists Union Website maybe some helpful information for veterans at: <http://www.goiam.org/index.php/headquarters/departments/retirees-community-and-membership-services>



Our 6th Annual Awards Event is approaching fast. We would like our partners and friends to save the date as we celebrate our 56th year as the Milwaukee Area Labor Council

Save The Date

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Hilton Milwaukee City Center

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

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Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

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Seniors Corner

Trans Pacific Partnership Threatens Medicare

On May 21, 2015, the Senate voted to end debate on giving President Obama “Fast Track” Trade Promotion Authority, which would allow the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) to be implemented without amendments. The House of Representatives Has not yet voted on the measure, which the Alliance opposes.

Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans President Doug Hart outlined his concerns in this Arizona Republic Op-Ed. He highlights that pending House legislation would take \$700 million from Medicare to pay for trade adjustment assistance, which would be needed to address the adverse conditions that workers face as a result of TPP.

“Ten thousand people turn 65 every day. We should be expanding Medicare, not stealing from it,” Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), said during a conference call with journalists and Alliance Executive Director Richard Fiesta on Thursday. “Medicare is not the ATM for everything that we want to provide.” Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) was on the call.

Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich Spells out the Need to Expand Social Security

Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich released a new video explaining the need for expanding earned Social Security benefits by eliminating the \$118,500 cap on income subject to Social Security Taxes. Reich notes that with employer-sponsored defined benefit pensions disappearing, and two-thirds of seniors relying on Social Security for a majority of their income, it is more important than ever to expand earned benefits. Currently, billionaires pay the same amount of money into Social Security each year as those earning \$118,500.

The video is one in a 10-part series produced by Move-On.org in collaboration with Reich on how to save the economy.

“More and more experts, from economists to former Labor Secretaries, have called for Social Security expansion,” said Barbara J. Easterling, President of the Alliance. “Please [watch the video now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chC61TSzdME) and share it with your family and friends.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chC61TSzdME>

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2015 Labor Day T-Shirt Contest

United Lodge 66 would like to have the most Unique Laborfest T-shirt are our event.

In order to have the best we need YOU to submit your design.

To be considered your design for the Laborfest T-shirt needs to be submitted into the Lodge by June 13th.

There will be a prize for the winning design so think hard and fast and get it into the Lodge by June 13.



Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **June 3, 2015** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Videos are at www.youtube.com/badgerlodge.
- **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.

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

What is an Unionist?

An Unionists is one who puts aside their individual needs and individual self interest for that of the membership.

An Unionists forgoes their personal agenda for that of their fellow members.

An Unionists is not an:

Elitist	Racists
Sexist	Classist
Homophobic	Xenophobic

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