

Badger Lodge News



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May 2013

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

May 14, 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;** business can be done at the Business or Education Evening Meetings or by mail. **CHECK** the answering machine for hours open, 414-671-3800.
- **Education Night, May 16 at 7pm;**
- The deadline for articles for the June 2013 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is May 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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and
Union Office
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Gov. Walker's Job Growth?

by Doug Curler

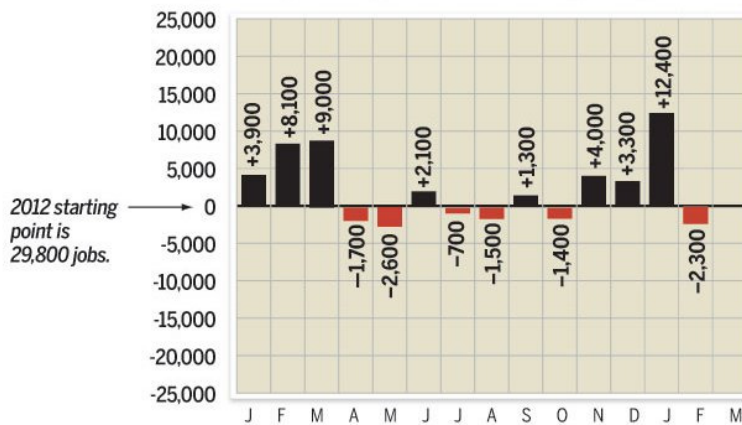
Governors Walker campaign promise was to, 'get government out of the way of employers ... who will then help Wisconsin create 250,000 jobs by 2015, and as we create those new jobs, we will be able to add 10,000 new businesses.' First we do hope that he completes this promise and if he does not to be held accountable.

This chart from Politifact shows that his policies will need to do much more for the rest of 2013 and 2014 by some 186,300 jobs. There is another chart on the last page

Total private-sector jobs gained or lost each month in Wisconsin

250,000 NEW JOBS PROMISED - 29,800 JOBS ADDED IN 2011 =	CHANGES IN FEBRUARY:	CHANGE SINCE PROMISE:	STILL NEEDED TO MEET PROMISE
220,200	-2,300	+63,700	186,300

Net job change from previous month beginning Jan. 2012



In an effort to best measure Walker's jobs promise, we're using the best available information. We're combining the census data for jobs created in 2011 with monthly Current Employment Survey figures. The monthly figures are less precise than the census data, but the most current information available. We'll switch to the census figures as they become available.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

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showing that our state lags the national average for creating jobs.

The bureau of labor statistics has stated that Wisconsin has dropped to 45th in job creation even though national recovery is taking place. Also since Walker and Republicans passed his budget and Act 10, no other state has lost jobs for six consecutive months.

Lately Governor Walker has blamed the protest early in his term for the slow job growth and now he is blaming the aging population and an ancestry unwilling to invest in new start up businesses? I recall we were once the machine capital of the world until the unfair trade policies and allowing businesses to offshore and keep all their profits and not pay any taxes on those profits.

Another strange process of Walkers' was to have the largest cuts ever in our state for education and working training but he then requested \$100 million just to track jobs and to require 76,000 into training or get no food stamps. First you cut, then spend to track, what next? This is all in his 2013-15 budget.

You would not be in a



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So get involved
with your
Union.

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



The 5th Biennial Convention of the alliance was held on March 18, 2013 in Madison. Some 300 retirees from around the state met to elect new officers, to be educated and set the direction for our retiree organization.

Speakers for the day included:

- Barbara Easterling, President of the National Alliance for Retired Americans.
- David Stella, former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds speaking the status of the Wisconsin Retirement System. This defined benefit pension plan is 100% funded but Walker wanted to steal money to pay for other programs.
- Representative Chris Taylor, the 76th Assembly District, is a strong supporter of Senior Care

and pointed out **a Republican bill to prevent those being abused in nursing homes from having the ability to sue!** Walker is not fully funding Family Care, which allows seniors to stay in their own home. Walker chose not to take Medicaid funds and keep entry level at 130% of poverty level. This caused Wisconsin to lose the 100% matching funds for this program; causing our state program to cost more and those dropped will have to go into the Federal Health Care Exchanges.

- Matthew Rothschild, editor and publisher of *The Progressive* magazine.
- Richard Fiesta, Director of Government and Political Affairs at the ARA.
- Dr. Robert Kraig, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin, pointed out the Affordable Health Care Act (ObamaCare) took away the ability of insurance companies from denying coverage of persons with pre-existing conditions and now all will be able to get health care coverage.

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.)
- 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.



Your AFLCIO and Union Privilege is partnering in this new scholarship to commemorate the 50th Anni-

versary 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.

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.

Activities for You and Your Family

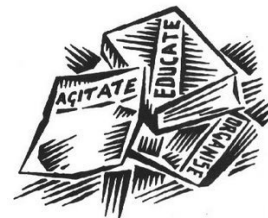
- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council: May 1, at 6:30pm.** Installation of officers of the MALC, an open meeting for all members.
- **United Lodge 66 Education Evening for May 16 at 7:00PM,** "Knowing Your Union."
- **Re-enactment of 1886 Bay View Massacre on May 5, 3pm** at the Bay View Historical Marker Site, S. Superior and E. Russell Avenue, Milwaukee. On May 5, 1886, Governor Rusk gave order to the state militia to open fire on workers marching in support of the eight-hour day; killing seven!
- **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. 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.
- **Membership Meetings NOW - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM.**

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.

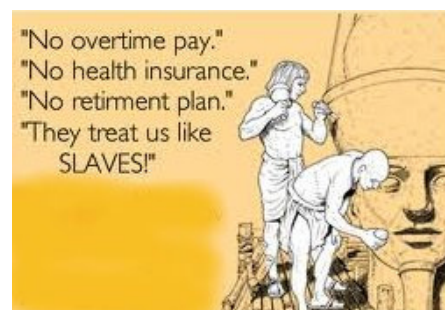
4/2013 to shop chairs for posting in shops

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Proposed Bill Would End 40-Hour Work Week

House Republicans have introduced a bill that would end the 40-hour work week, dismantling an important component of the Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938 and hurting middle-class families.

The dubiously titled, "Working Families Flexibility Act", HR1406 would remove the requirement that employers pay cash premium for overtime work. This would undermine the only incentive against excessive hours and a cheaper way for employers to demand mandatory overtime, as well as cutting pay for those workers who want the overtime.



1886 Bay View Massacre Re-enactment on May 5, 2013

The tea-party is right when big government was controlled by big business. Under the orders of Wisconsin's Governor Rusk, he had the state militia open fire on workers rallying for an eight hour day.

The 127th Anniversary Commemoration of this tragedy in Bay View will take place on May 5, 2013 at 3pm at the Bay View Historical Marker Site, on South Superior Street and East Russell Avenue, next to Milwaukee's lakefront. The re-enactment will be performed by the Milwaukee Public Theatre and Mask Theatre.

The program is free and open to the public. This event calls attention to the struggles of all workers to achieve a quality life through a humane working day. In 1886 workers had been campaigning through rallies, marches and other efforts to establish the principle of the eight hour day. The Milwaukee rally ended with the state militia firing into the 1500 workers who were marching toward the old Bay View Rolling Mills, one of Milwaukee largest employer, and killed seven.

Lodge 66 had workers at the Rolling Mills shop.



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

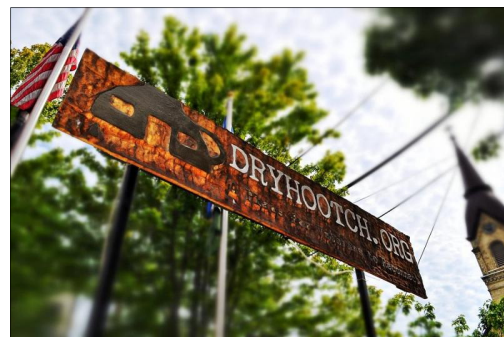


Registration at 8am ... Drive/Rider meeting at 8:30am ...
Poker run 9pm SHARP

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

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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.



Can not get to Washington, DC to see the memorial, just click on the above image or go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=GfIn4PK3G0s

Remember: May 27, 2013



Reimbursement of Lost Time for Committee Person

While you will be reimbursed for lost time it may not be as fast as you would like if proper procedure is not followed. Please be aware reimbursement will only be done as stated in the letter from District 10 to Financial Officers dated January 23, 2009.

This must happen or be on file at the Lodge office:

- W4 must be completed by you and on file at the LL66 office. This needs be done only once.
- Properly complete the Lodge 66 Reimbursement Form.
- Lost time must be approved by your business agent at District 10.

Since October 2006 all lost time is paid by ADP payroll. Payroll is done only twice a month. If you miss one payroll date then it will have to wait until the next. Lost time reimbursement forms must be into the LL66 office before the Monday of a payroll date.

Payroll dates are listed on the Calendar Page of our Lodge website at:
www.unitedlodge66.org.

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Initiation Fee

Per the Lodge 66 Bylaws: **“The Initiation fee will be the applicable monthly dues for the respective shop of employment for all members.”**

This was changed in 2001 and remember this is a fee not a due.

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Honorary Withdrawal Card

There is a \$1.00 Fee - It Is Not Free

There has always been a fee for the withdrawal card. All too often a member sends in the application for the card and expects one at no cost.

Withdrawal cards are allowed if:

- Left the trade because of illness
- Obtained employment outside the trade or industry.
- Furthering education.
- Obtained a supervisory position above the rank of working foreman.
- Because of circumstances over which I have no control, am compelled, as a condition of employment, to join another labor organization.

In order to get the withdrawal card a member must obtain such within two months of paying dues.

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Seniors Corner

Alliance Supports S740 to Achieve Medicare Savings

The Alliance released a statement regarding Senator Rockefeller's Bill, S740, to lower prescription drug prices. The bill would require drug companies to provide discounts for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, as they currently do under Medicaid. This would save taxpayers and Medicare beneficiaries billions of dollars.

After passage of the Medicare prescription drug law in 2003, drug companies received windfalls worth billions of dollars, as a result of no longer applying rebates for dual-eligible (beneficiaries who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid). S740 reverts back to previous law and recaptures the savings lost under the 2003 law. “By simply returning these beneficiaries to Medicaid-negotiated rebates, taxpayers would save \$141.2 billion over the next 10 years,” said Edward Coyle, Executive Director of the Alliance.

(Remember bush and fellow republicans refused to allow any type of negotiations of drug prices in the 2003 drug bill!)

Budget Deficit

Social Security has never added one cent to the national debt and can pay 100% of today's obligation for the next 25 years. If the cap on taxable income was removed it will pay 100% of the obligations for the next 75 years.

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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

Alliance for Retired Americans

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Washington, DC 20006
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497
Fax 202-974-8256

www.retiredamericans.org



At the **May 16, 2013, at 7pm; Education Evening**, Anne Wiberg will be going through everything you ever wanted to know about your District, about the Midwest, as well as our International Headquarters.

Anne's background within our Union was an Union Organizer and as an instructor at our William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center.

You will learn how all segments of the Machinists Union support your United Lodge 66 and more importantly what they do to make sure you get a better contract.

What you will hear on this evening will help you at your shop or in your other community involvements.

This is an open meeting for all members; bring your family; bring your neighbors and friends.



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



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

Guide Dogs of America



Finding The Way Together



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

Officers, LL66 Machinists Union

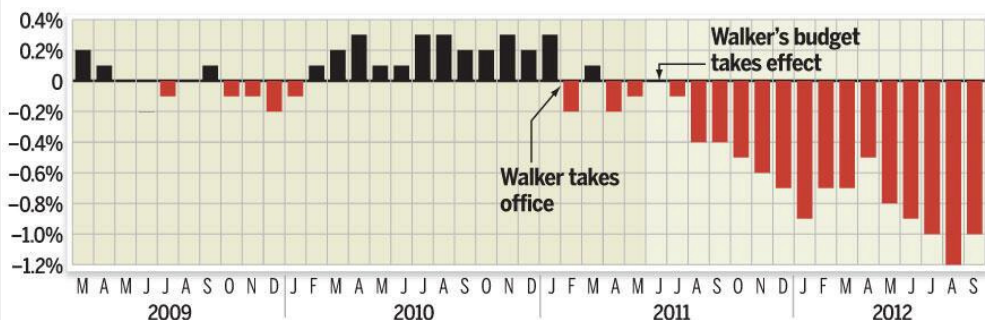
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Wisconsin's job growth decreases

A gap has opened between Wisconsin's job growth rate and the U.S. rate since Gov. Scott Walker took office. Above zero means Wisconsin's job growth was faster than the nation's; below zero means it was slower.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics—Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

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 dial 414-643-4334, then extension for
 your Business Agent:

Russ Krings	13
Don Griffin	20
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