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May 2014

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

May 13, 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 June 2014 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is May 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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What Is The Difference Between Minnesota and Wisconsin?

For Minimum Wage and Monthly Health Care Premiums Under Obama Care (Affordable Health Care Act)

Minnesota lawmakers OK raising minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour
By [David Bailey](#)

(Article Credit: Reuters/Eric Thayer)

Minnesota lawmakers on Thursday approved a measure raising the state's minimum wage from one of the lowest in the nation to one of the highest.

The measure to bump the hourly wage to \$9.50, one of dozens of wage proposals debated by lawmakers around the country this year, passed the Democrat-controlled House by a vote of 71-60. The Democrat-run Senate approved the measure on Wednesday.

It now goes to Democratic Governor Mark Dayton, who supports the bill.

The bill raises the Minnesota's minimum wage for larger employers over three years starting in August and links increases to an inflation indicator starting in 2018.

The bill drew praise from President [Barack Obama](#), who has urged Congress to raise the federal minimum wage.

"With this important step, Minnesota joins a growing coalition of states, cities, counties and businesses that have taken action to do the right thing for their workers and their citizens," Obama said in a statement.

Proposals to raise the minimum wage have been considered in nearly three dozen states in 2014, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Increases have been approved in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia.

"This is about providing spending power to people who need it," said Representative Jason Metsa, a Democrat from northern Minnesota.

The bill drew sharp criticism from Republican lawmakers who questioned its impact on smaller businesses, entry-level jobs and neighboring states. "You are going to drive jobs out of the state of Minnesota," said Representative Kurt Daudt, the Republican minority leader in the state House.

Minnesota's current minimum wage, \$6.15 per hour, is among the lowest in the nation, far below the federal minimum wage of \$7.25, which is also the minimum in its neighboring states Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Democrats said the legislation would raise the wages of about 350,000 state residents and most would return the money to the state [economy](#) by spending it on groceries and other needs.

Why is our minimum wage lower and our monthly health care premiums higher?

- **Wisconsin is Republican Controlled**
- **Minnesota is Democratic Controlled**



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

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

TRUTH: With the IAM, you have GUARANTEED representation.
CONSEQUENCE: Without the IAM Representation abolished Gone, you are at the mercy of the company.

TRUTH: **UNION CONTRACT.....** A legal binding document enforceable through the grievance procedure/arbitration and enforceable in the Federal Courts. An agreement between the employees and the company that states wages, working conditions and benefits.
CONSEQUENCE: Without the IAM Union Contract is abolished Gone at will doctrine.

TRUTH: With the IAM, employees have a real voice and say in the work place.
CONSEQUENCE: Without the IAM Your voice and say are abolished Gone.

TRUTH: **UNION CONTRACT** Under Federal Labor Laws, the company must bargain with the Union on any subject that concern wages, working conditions and benefits.
CONSEQUENCE: Without the IAM Negotiations are abolished Gone the company makes all rules and policies in regards to your working conditions, wages and benefits.

“HE WHO REPRESENTS HIMSELF HAS A FOOL FOR A CLIENT”

Well guess what! *COMPANIES* aren't fools. They have their hired attorney representing them. The company knows the value of representation. Any smart business person will always have representation and signed contracts with every aspect of their business. They know it's in their best interest.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS?

BE CERTAIN of YOUR FUTURE, NOT SORRY!

GET AND KEEP YOUR ONLY GUARANTEE!

YOUR IAM UNION CONTRACT!



For more information on establishing a Union at your workplace call:
Larry Morrow @ (920) 342-5525.



Larry

Activities for You and Your Family

- Bay View Tragedy, **May 4, 2014, 3pm.**
- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **March 5, 2014 at 6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Workers Memorial Event, **April 28, 2014, at 5pm**; Zeidler Union Memorial Park
- Wisconsin Labor History Conference, **May 17, 2014, 9am to 3pm.**
- United Lodge 66 Veterans/Badge Night will be **June 7, 2014**; if you get your invitation make sure to respond.
- 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.



This year's **Bay View Tragedy commemoration** promises to be every bit as inspiring as any the Society has held since we began the event in 1986.

A keynote address by Wisconsin State AFL-CIO President Phil Neuenfeldt, memorable songs by labor's own folksinger Larry Penn, larger-than-life puppets to re-enact the 1886 massacre and the presence of the Solidarity Singers from Madison will be

featured. The event will be held at:

3 p.m., Sunday, May 4, 2014

State Historical Marker Site
S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave.,
Milwaukee

Register here for the 33rd Annual Conference of the Wisconsin Labor History Society to be held:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2014

UAW Local 833 Hall
5425 Superior Ave., Sheboygan WI

Conference Topic: "The Kohler Strikes: Three Decades of Struggle. What can labor learn? What works today?"

Not only will the conference trace the history of the UAW Local 833 - Kohler strikes, but it will seek to discuss how labor is responding to today's challenges.

It should be an informative and exciting conference. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 17



For Machinists Union members at the Retirees Education and Strategy Program (PESP)

April 6, 2014

During our talks with aids to Senators and Representatives (since all the elected officials are on recess and not in Washington, DC) these were the talking points.

- **Trans Pacific Partnership Act:** We are opposed to unfair trade which kills American Jobs. We are particularly opposed to fast track trade authority due to the lack of transparency. It is shameful that corporate America and industry lobbyists have input into trade negotiations that our legislative representatives as well as the American public do not.
- **Medicare:** We are opposed to any cuts in Medicare benefits. We oppose the Ryan budget plan which plans to reduce Medicare to a voucher or coupon program. We propose that Medicare eligibility begin at age 55.
- **Social Security:** Social Security benefits should be increased. This would be accomplished by 'Scrapping the Cap.' We also advocate that using CPI-E would be a more accurate measure of expenses incurred by the elderly.
- **Pensions:** We oppose future legislation which gives trustees of multi-employer pension funds the ability to reduce current retiree pension and benefits.
- **Tax Loopholes:** Do not renew two tax loopholes that reward big corporations and Wall Street for shifting profits to offshore tax havens. These two loopholes are worth \$80 billion each decade.

Wisconsin Blue Book



Copy and paste to view the online version of the Wisconsin Blue Book or you can order your own hard copy.

All you want to know about past and present Wis-

consin government.

www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb

Legislative Updates?

Here is another site that and you can put yourself to receive weekly updates on legislative activity.

www.legis.wisconsin.gov/spotlight

If Everyone Cared Like Joe!



Joe Reilly & Doug Curler at Placid Harbor.

Joe is a 95 year old retiree, out of Local 1266 in Janesville and now living in California. Retired for 28 years and **still active** in his Union.

He cares and should be respected by every Machinists Union member and retiree for his continued involvement.

And a paratrooper during WWII in Europe.

April 2014 Machinsits Union Retirees Education and Strategy Program (RESP)



Joe Reilly, 95 year old and 28 years retired BUT still active.



Two pictures showing Machinists Union members from 20 states and Canada.



Doug Curler, Dave Sipple and Betty Sipple (Local 78), preparing for the lobby day at our Senator's and Representative's office.



Class Schedule for RESP

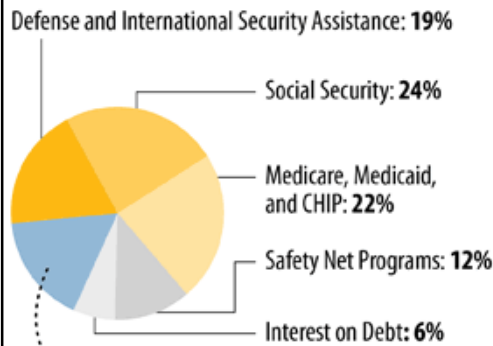
- Developing State Structure
- Effective Retiree Club Leadership
- Retirees Assistance Program
- Organizing Presentation
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; Investor Education
- Seniors & Congress
- Legislative Department Presentation; what is happening and election 2015
- Lobbying Preparation
- Pensions & Insurance
- Bylaws Activity & Reimbursement Guidelines
- Seniors & Medicare



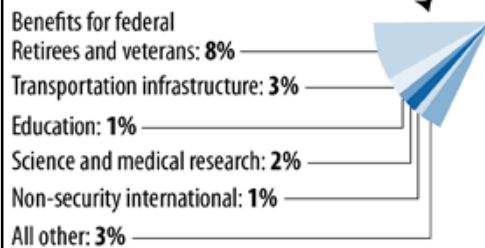
Dan, from South Carolina; Joe, from California; & Carlos H. San Miguel, Retirees Department Director.

Where Taxes Are Spent

Most of Budget Goes Toward Defense, Social Security, and Major Health Programs



Remaining Program Areas



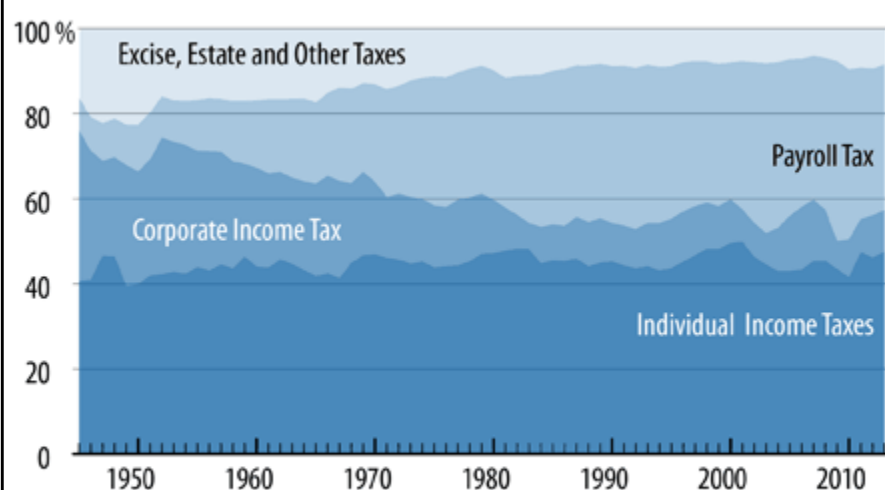
Source: 2013 figures from Office of Management and Budget, FY 2015 Historical Tables.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | cbpp.org



Tax Shifting Off Corporations to Working Families

Sources of Federal Tax Revenue,* 1945-2013

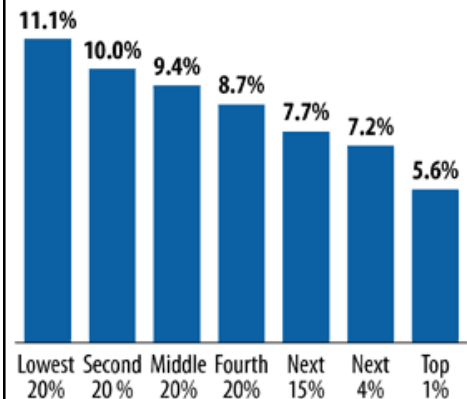


*"Other taxes" category includes profits on assets held by the Federal Reserve.
Source: Office of Management and Budget

Who Pays Greater Tax Burden

Poorest Families Pay Highest Average State and Local Tax Rates

Total State and Local Taxes Imposed on Non-Elderly Residents, as Shares of Income



Source: Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | cbpp.org



President Obama Makes Surprise Reversal

On April 5, 2014, The Obama administration said it was reversing reductions to the Medicare Advantage program. This is a victory to private insurers to maintain the higher reimbursements rates.

The Affordable Care Act was supposed to reduce payments to private insurers participating in Medicare. Efforts to bring Medicare Advantage in line with traditional Medicare began in 2012.

Democrats maintained that while the health care law would not reduce senior's traditional Medicare benefits but scaling back overpayments to private insurers participating in the Medicare program was necessary. The government was paying private insurers 14% more to provide the same benefits available under the traditional Medicare program.

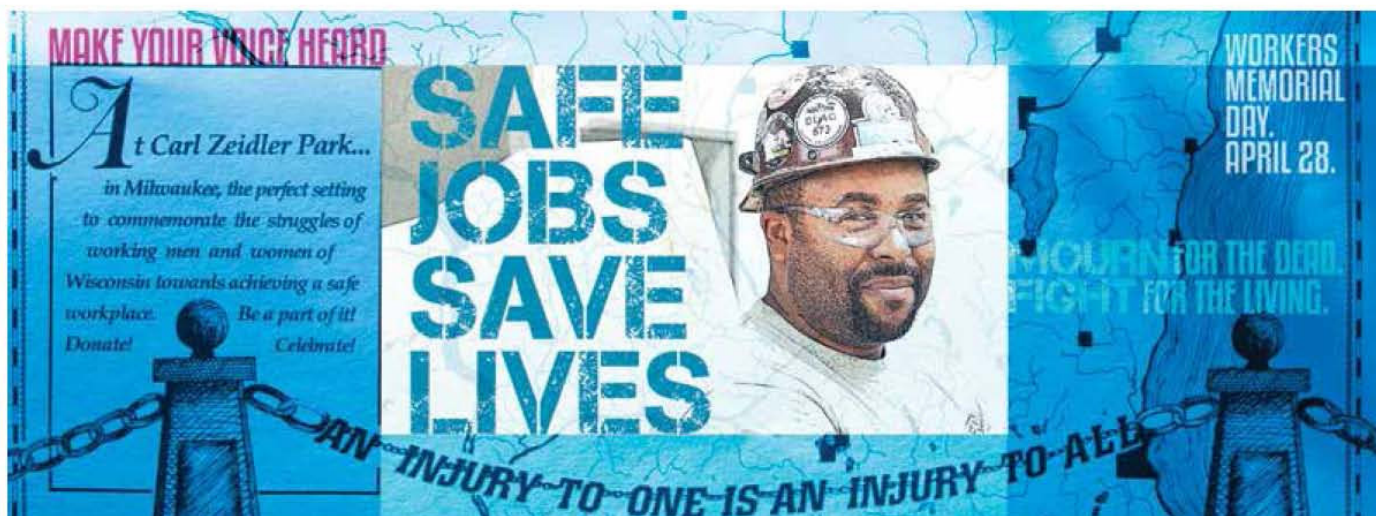
2014 Machinists Union Scholarship Award Winner

Joshua Kramer, son of a Machinists Union member working at Miller Brewery, received notice that he was one student to receive a scholarship award.

His scholarship from the Machinists Union entitles him to receive \$1000 for each full year until the requirements of a Bachelors degree are met, but not beyond a period of four years.

Congratulations to Joshua and to his parents.

(This is a good example for all members to be informed what is going on and the opportunities within the Machinists Union.)



On April 28, the unions of the AFL-CIO observe Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job and to renew our efforts for safe workplaces. This year the struggle continues to create good jobs in this country that are safe and healthy and to ensure the freedom of workers to form unions and, through their unions, to speak out and bargain for respect and a better future. It's time for our country to fulfill the promise of safe jobs for all.

FOUR DECADES AGO, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the right to a safe job. Unions and our allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality—winning protections that have made jobs safer, saved thousands of lives and prevented millions of workplace injuries and illnesses.



Monday • April 28 • 5 pm

JOIN
THE MILWAUKEE AREA
LABOR COUNCIL IN
COMMEMORATING THIS DAY
WITH OUR CEREMONY AT
ZEIDLER UNION
SQUARE PARK

But our work is not done. Many job hazards are unregulated and uncontrolled. Some employers cut corners and violate the law, putting workers in serious danger and costing lives. Workers who report job hazards or job injuries are fired or disciplined. Employers contract out danger-

ous work to try to avoid responsibility. As a result, each year thousands of workers are killed and millions more injured or diseased because of their jobs.

The Obama administration has strengthened protections with tougher enforcement and a focus on workers' rights. Much-needed safeguards on silica and other workplace hazards, stalled for several years due to fierce business and Republican opposition, have finally started to move forward.

We must redouble our efforts to make sure these safeguards are finalized and put in place.

Event @ 4th & Michigan Avenue, Milwaukee



<http://www.wiscosh.org> / (414) 933-2338 / (888) 947-2674

Worker's Memorial Day 2014

Monday, April 28th, 2014

American Postal Workers Union Hall

417 N. 3rd St., Milwaukee, WI

5:30pm - 7pm

Join WisCOSH as we Mourn The Dead and Fight Like Hell For The Living!

After the events at **Zeidler Union Square Park** [5pm; 301 W. Michigan Ave., Milwaukee, WI] **WisCOSH** invites workers, activists and the general public to join us to hear latest news about worker health and safety activities including: **OSHA's** Proposed Silica Rulemaking, the **USDA's** proposal to increase line speed and remove health inspectors from poultry processing facilities and more! There is no cost to attend!

FUNDRAISER:

WisCOSH will have a fundraiser dinner with profits used for the repair and upkeep of **Zeidler Union Square Park** and **WisCOSH** activities. Did you know that:

- ✓ the park is a state memorial site?
- ✓ it was the first free public hotspot in any Milwaukee County Park?
- ✓ the park was rebuilt by volunteer workers using donated tools and parts from local manufacturers?
- ✓ **WisCOSH** offers help, information and training to all workers and employers whether they are members or not?
- ✓ **WisCOSH** has many free training classes on a wide range of workplace health and safety topics?

This year's menu:

Combo Plate

Paid in Advance

\$5/each

Day of Event

\$6/each

Brat, Italian or Hot dog; Chips or Homemade Potato Salad, Soda

A MEMBER OF

You can bring or send your reservation to **WisCOSH's** office at:

WisCOSH 2625 S. Greeley St., Suite 101, Bay View, WI 53207

Advance ticket sales end Saturday, April 26th, 2014.

E-mail wmd2014@wiscosh.org for more information.

Visit our website at <http://www.wiscosh.org/events> or our **Facebook** page <http://www.facebook.com/WisCOSH> for more details. Follow us on **Twitter** <http://www.twitter.com/WisCOSH> for updates on workplace health and safety news and events.





2014 Class Schedules

Classes Offered

Leadership Programs:

- Leadership I
- Leadership II
- Advanced Leadership
- Train-the-Trainer
- French Leadership I
- French Leadership II
- French Advanced
- Spanish Leadership I
- Spanish Leadership II

Staff Programs:

- Advanced Arbitration
- Advanced Collective Bargaining
- Arbitration Program
- Collective Bargaining
- Comprehensive Training Program
- First Contract
- Foundational Skills
- Internal Organizing
- Local Lodge History Project
- National Labor College
- Negotiating Defined Contribution Plans
- Negotiation Preparation for Bargaining Committees
- Orientation and Basic Skills Program
- Organizing Program I & II
- Pension Fundamentals
- Contemporary Issues in Pension Negotiations
- Pension - Canadian
- Special Topics in Collective Bargaining
- U Mass Graduate Degree Program
- Union Growth for Local Lodge Leaders

Departmental Programs:

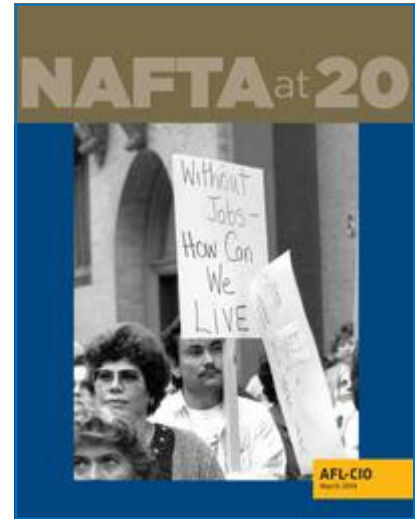
- Advanced Communicators
- Advanced Editors
- Advanced Web Development
- Basic Newsletter Development
- Basic Web Development
- EAP Program - I, II & III
- Federal Employees Program II
- Human Rights Seminar
- Human Rights Advanced Seminar
- IAM Metal Trades
- Intermediate Web Development
- Communicators Class
- Community Services Class
- Federal Employees Collective Bargaining Program
- Federal Employees MSPB Program
- Federal Employees Program
- Federal Employees Organizing Program
- Financial Officers
- Flight Attendant's Conference
- Hazmat
- High Performance Work Organization
- Human Rights Seminar
- Political Education
- Principal Officers Conference
- Railroad Local Chairmen Seminar
- Retirees Education and Strategy Program
- Safety and Health Conference
- TCU Local Chairmens Program
- VL Membership Training
- Women's Basic Program
- Women's Advanced Program

These classes are **open to all Machinists Union members** who are active in their Union and want to prepare themselves for a leadership role.

Come to the monthly Union meeting and find out how to enroll and what will be your responsibilities.

It's Up To You!

New report on history of NAFTA shows 20 years hurt for workers



"NAFTA AT 20" , [a new report from the AFL-CIO](#), sums up the impact of NAFTA. The bottom line? The report says on the whole NAFTA-style trade agreements "have proved to be primarily a vehicle to increase corporate profits at the expense of workers, consumers, farmers, communities, the environment and even democracy itself."

The report also says the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and other future trade agreements don't have to repeat the mistakes of the last twenty years. Rather than a corporate rights model, new models can be used that drive shared prosperity and inclusive growth.

(If you have issues with link let me know and pdf of report can be sent: dougcurler@gmail.com.)

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?



It is with deep sadness that District No. 10 must inform our members that Business Representative Donald Griffin passed away unexpectedly Saturday, April 19, 2014.

Don has vigorously supported the labor movement over the last 40 years.

Don's union activism originated with the Allied Industrial Workers, where he served in many capacities from 1969 through 1994.

He began his union membership in the IAMAW Local Lodge 1377, at Waukesha Engine in March 1994. During his tenure there he served as a Union Steward and Chairman of the Bargaining Committee. He was proud to be a

part of negotiating the 1996, 1999 and 2003 labor agreements. The 2003 negotiations resulted in an 85-day strike to protect retiree benefits. His professionalism and leadership were valued by union and management alike in settling this strike.

Don became a Business Representative for District No. 10 on November 21, 2005. He quickly became an energetic and dynamic force on District 10's staff, taking on leadership roles and continuing his education by attending classes in contract negotiations, administration, time study, job evaluation, labor law and health & safety. There was never an assignment Don did not take on with willingness and great energy.

Don also played a large part in the IAMAW's legislative fundraising activities both on a state and national level. We're sure many of our members will remember Don trying to sell that last ticket!

It goes without saying that Don's death will leave a giant void throughout the State. His representation of members stretched from Fond du Lac to Kenosha to Madison to Waukesha. He proudly served members from Mercury Marine, General Electric, Ocean Spray and the Perlick Corporation, just to name a few.

Thank you to Don's wife, Karen, and his family for unselfishly sharing him with us over these many years. Don will be not only missed and remembered for his devotion to the labor movement, but also as a respected and valued friend.

Funeral Services for Don were held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Shimon Funeral Home, 824 Union Street, Hartford, WI 53027 (262) 673-9500. The Family will greet relatives and friends on Thursday at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Private Interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorials to the American Heart Association appreciated.

Russell D. Krings

Directing Business Representative

Remember when the GOP was the patriotic, law and order party?

The good ol' days. Democrats were com-



munist hippies and Republicans believed in patriotism, law and order. My how things have changed (or not).

We have a rancher refusing to pay grazing fees and calling in "militias" for help to prevent federal agents from doing their jobs. All because Cliven Bundy seems to have this very bizarre idea that, and I quote, "I don't recognize [the] United States Government as even existing." If the United States government does not exist, then who in the hell's army did I serve in? Who sent me that tax refund earlier this year?

In Wisconsin (and other states) Republicans have brought up secession. Secession. Yes, the Wisconsin Republican party is voting on a plank in their platform that supports secession under extreme circumstances. Which I am pretty sure means that if there is a black or female president that is a Democrat the state can secede. I thought the whole secession thing was settled between the years of 1861 and 1865.

At one time the Republican Party, the conservatives of America, would have been shocked and appalled at this kind of behavior from any American citizen (at least to your face). They would have been screaming about patriotism and how wrong it is to fight the government or threaten to secede. During the George W. Bush presidency, it was unpatriotic to say anything that could be construed as unpatriotic. Just ask the Dixie Chicks what happens when you publicly criticize a sitting Republican president

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

Sexist

Homophobic



IAM NATIONAL PENSION FUND

Better Pension • Better Life

Facts given out at our Retirees Education and Strategy Program at Placid Harbor by our Pension Department:

- As of January 1, 2014 the fund is 104.8% funded.
- 5th largest multi-employer pension fund.
- Fund has \$10.7 Billion in assets.
- There are 1,750 employers contributing to the fund.
- There are 107,000 active participants.
- There are 90,000 retirees, surviving spouses and beneficiaries.
- The Return on Investment for 14.3% in 2013.
- The Long Term Return on Investment is 11.5%.

Just a few facts when you try to negotiate the Machinists Union pension plan to get the best return on your wages.

**Want a better
pension**

Question: Can your current employers plan match any of the above?

Answer: I doubt it.

NBC Special ... Look for It!



WWII Veterans are flown to Britain and France in remembrance of their duty to country in fighting the Nazi's.

On the last day of the Retirees Education and Strategy Planning at Placid Harbor, NBC News flew Joe to New York to be interviewed by Brian Williams. There will be a special in the next few months when about 30

sorbed. Would I do it again ? Yes I Would !

Again, Thanks to Everyone for your support !

In Solidarity Tim Schwartz.

Life Long Experience

By Tim Schwartz

When I first thought about running for the Cudahy School Board I was a little nervous, not knowing how I was going to accomplish all the unknowns. Soon there were people giving helpful ideas to me. This really sparked my interest and I was really excited to get out there and talk to more and more people. I turned to my first born daughter who is a very good writer and asked if she would help me with a informational flyer. She came through in a Big way. She sent me a few different copies that were very well written. I decided on one of them and got busy to have them printed up. By now I was really excited and went to get the voter registration forms to show who all voted in the last election. Then the canvassing began, and it was soon after that I was invited to a candidate forum. I thought I was nervous before until the day of the forum, but after that night of the forum I had calmed down to the point where there wasn't really anything to be nervous about in the first place. I figured that if I am honest and true to myself and everybody that I would represent all things would be fine. I stand by that motto today as I write this article. I made it thru the primary and just kept that momentum going, with the help from Family, Friends, WEAC, and my Local Lodge. Without all that support I do not know what I would have done . THANK YOU So Very Much.

When the General Election day was upon me I really felt good about the whole turn of events that had taken place up to this point, now I had to wait and see for the results. As myself and family watched and seen the results come in I really can not explain what I felt, other than the fact that I do not have any regrets. Although the results indicate a defeat, I see it as a very good life lesson that cannot be measured, but only ab-



Send Your Thoughts, *To those working for you!*

President Obama

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500
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

Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

1 Russell Courtyard
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-5653
www.baldwin.senate.gov/contact.cfm

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1st District, Republican

1233 Longworth House Office Building
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202-225-3031
www.paulryan.house.gov

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4th District, Democrat

2245 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-4572
www.gwenmoore.house.gov

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5th District, Republican

2449 Rayburn House Office Building
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202-225-5101
www.sensenbrenner.house.gov

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6th District, Republican

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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



Burks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance.

To see the Alliance press release about the House action, go to <http://tinyurl.com/l9x27p>. For a breakdown of what the Ryan budget would mean for each state, go to <http://tinyurl.com/m93ttam>.

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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Seniors Corner

U.S. House Approves Ryan Budget that Slashes Medicare

April 11, 2014

In a nearly party-line vote, the Republican-led House of Representatives voted 219-205 on Thursday to approve a 2015 budget plan unveiled last week by Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), Chairman of the House Budget Committee. Ryan's plan would make sharp cuts to Medicare, as well as other domestic programs such as Medicaid and food stamps, while lowering taxes for corporations and high income individuals. It would also repeal the Affordable Care Act. All of the House Democrats and twelve Republicans voted against the plan. It offers a vision of Republican budget priorities heading into this year's mid-term elections. For a tally of the vote, go to <http://tinyurl.com/krij3em>.

Ryan's plan would give seniors a coupon to pay for Medicare, cutting benefits and shifting costs to retirees. A voucher would give seniors a fixed amount to purchase a plan, forcing them to cover the difference between the amount of the voucher and the actual cost of the plan. According to the Congressional Budget Office, premiums for traditional Medicare under Ryan's proposal would be 50% higher than current projections by 2020. Yearly increases in voucher amounts are also not expected to keep pace with growth in health care costs, forcing seniors to cover an increasing proportion of health costs over time. Alliance members had sent more than 10,500 letters to their U.S. Representatives just this week urging them not to support Ryan's budget. If you did not yet send a letter and still want to contact Congress, go to <http://tinyurl.com/nkys839>.

"Seniors hope that Thursday's vote shows the public what would happen if the Ryan budget were to be passed by the U.S. Senate: they would pay dearly," said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance.

"Ryan's dangerous budget proposal would end the Medicare guarantee and cause seniors' out of pocket health expenses to skyrocket," added Ruben



Need a reason to get the rewards credit card designed to meet the needs of hard-working Union members like you?

Here are 10!

1. Cash rewards card earns 1.5% cash back on all purchases
2. No complicated earning categories and you can earn unlimited cash back
3. Low Intro APR for 12 months
4. Competitive rates
5. Unique assistance benefits for eligible cardholders in times of need
6. \$0 Fraud Liability if your card is lost or stolen
7. Card design that shows off your union pride
8. No annual fee
9. All customer service calls answered in the U.S. 24/7
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