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November 2014

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

November 11, 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 December 2014 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is November 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.**

Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans Power Luncheon

on October 13, 2014

The lodge sent three representatives to the fund raiser luncheon for the WIARA held at the Italian Community Center. This event along with the Calendar Raffle provide much of the funds to allow this organization to function in behalf of seniors.

Several community or labor activists were recognized for their continual efforts on behalf of seniors or issues affecting us all.

The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans is a voice for retirees and older Americans. Our goal is to educate, energize and mobilize Wisconsin seniors to make a difference through activism. We work to ensure social and economic justice for all citizens so that they may enjoy dignity, personal fulfillment and family security as senior citizens.

A primary objective of the Alliance is to enroll and mobilize retirees, seniors and community activists into a nationwide grassroots movement advocating an agenda that respects work and strengthens families. The long-term goal of the Alliance is to become the voice for all older Americans. By engaging in important political battles to protect and preserve programs vital to the health and economic security of older Americans, the Alliance will gain recognition as the country's leading grassroots senior organization.

The Wisconsin Alliance fights for:

- A strong Social Security system that provides guaranteed benefits & protects families for life
- Health care seniors can depend on through Medicare
- Affordable and accessible prescription drugs
- Strengthen Pension laws
- Affordable and accessible long term care
- Continuation of the Wisconsin SeniorCare Prescription Drug program



Doug Curler, Danny Bell and Tom Gadowski

Nomination of Lodge Officers & Delegates

The process will start at the November 11, 2014 Business Meeting. A good place for some of our Activists to get involved with your Lodge.



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

Report: Right-to-Work States Get 'Free Ride' Off American Taxpayers

From Machinists Union IMail

Workers in states with so-called “right-to-work” laws on average receive a disproportionate amount of public assistance, compared with the federal income taxes they pay, than workers in states that require every worker to pay their fair share for union representation, according to a report released by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Researchers say right-to-work laws encourage more workers to “free-ride,” not only unions’ efforts by not contributing dues or fees, but also the rest of American taxpayers.

“By paying more in taxes, workers in [non-right-to-work] states are subsidizing the low-wage, low-skill model of employment in right-to-work states,” reads the report entitled “Free Rider States.”

Researchers find that while right-to-work states may experience a small increase in employment, any economic advances are immediately undercut by “a significant decrease in total labor income, a considerable decline in state income tax revenues, an even larger drop in federal income tax revenues, and an increased depletion of public budgets.”

Also as a result, unions become “resource-starved, causing [them] to underperform,” reads the report. “The true intent of a right-to-work law is to discourage union activity and reduce bargaining power for workers.”

As it currently stands, 24 states have right-to-work laws allowing non-union workers to receive the benefits of collective bargaining off the backs of their dues-paying co-workers. But the conservative push for more right-to-work laws is “evolving mutating,” says a recent report by the St. Louis/Southern Illinois Labor Tribune.

Conservatives are now targeting the city and county level, in a twisted effort to get the issue before the Supreme Court.

“Like a deadly disease mutating into an even deadlier form, right-to-work has mutated in a new, more sinister direction,” writes labor reporter Ed Finkelstein. “Quietly, the American City County Exchange (ACCE) – an initiative of the archconservative American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) – has begun working to pass right-to-work laws at the city and county level. Or at least that appears to be its public goal. A review by the Labor Tribune of the group’s initial efforts clearly indicates a new right-wing strategy, one where RTW backers, whether they win or lose at the local level, expect legal challenges from the losing side that will ultimately get the issue before the U.S. Supreme Court. The legal challenges, funded by the National Right To Work Foundation or the ultra-conservative Heritage Foundation, will wind up before what one reporter called ‘the corporate-friendly U.S. Supreme Court.’”

Wisconsin State Council of Machinists

A spokesperson at the recent State Council of Machinists was Teresa Mambu-Rasch, a member of United Lodge 66. Her presentation was a detailed explanation of the Wisconsin State Legislative, 2013-2014 Session, Voting Record. This is compiled by the Wisconsin AFL-CIO on seventeen bills voted upon by the assembly and state senate.

Copies of this voting record are available for any member at their Union office for pickup or they can be mailed. Call your office or stop in during the day time hours or at the monthly Union meeting.

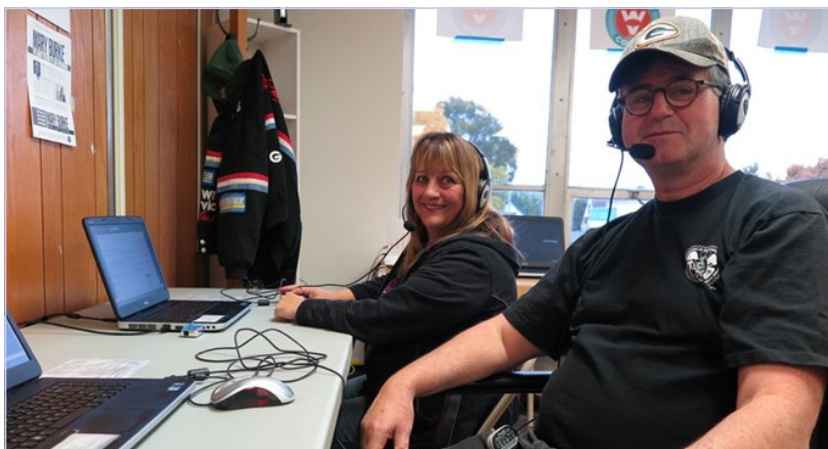


Teresa Mambu-Rasch

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **November 5, 2014 at 6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- **At November** business will be nomination of Lodge Officers and delegates to our Union Affiliations.
- A. Philip Randolph Institute Fish Fry Friday Fundraising Event, **December 5, 2014**, Laborers’ Local 113, see flyer.
- Videos are at www.youtube.com/badgerlodge.
- **2015 Wisconsin AFL-CIO Community Services Conference** is **March 26 to 28, 2015**.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2013 is available 2015 (<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.

IAMAW Dialing for Democracy



Chris & Pepe



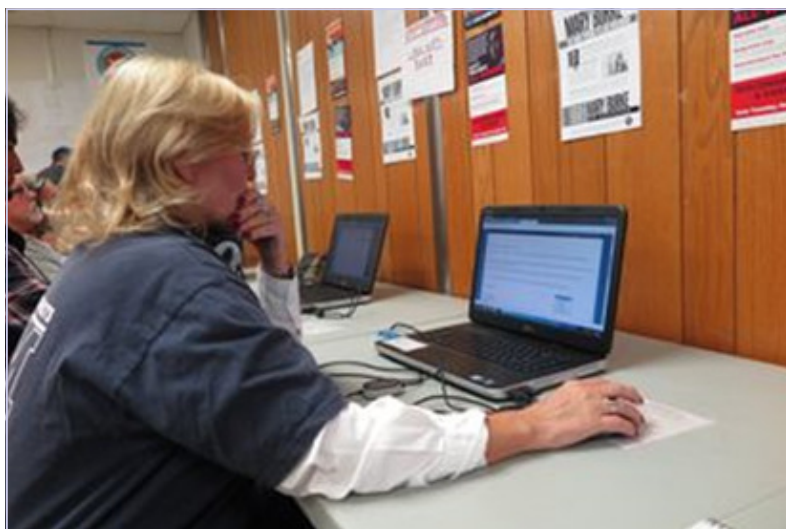
International Associations of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW or Machinists) from the Greater Milwaukee area flooded the phone bank at the Wisconsin AFL

-CIO the week of October 20. Machinists took over the phones as part of the affiliate 'Adopt the Dialer Night' program. Machinists from Local Lodge 66 made calls for hours to talk with voters about Mary Burke, Martha Lanning and Penny Bernard Schaber and how they are candidates who will put working families first.

Doug Staniszewski, a machinist at the Veolia Water Plant on Jones Island was a first-time volunteer and inspired to get active because of Scott Walker's attacks on Union rights. "I'm ready to hit the phones to talk with fellow machinist members, encouraging them to vote on Nov. 4," said Staniszewski. "I've got to do my part because I can't sit on the sidelines and wait for other people to do it anymore. Scott Walker is ready to make Wisconsin a right to work state and I'm tired of him doing things to hurt working people. A Right to Work law would hurt every single person in Wisconsin, not just union members. Walker wants to drive down all our wages until we're a third world country.



Bruce (Machinists Retiree) & Doug



Bunny

"This is America, workers deserve a living wage." **Bunny Browning**, who works at the Labor Education and Training Center, spends her days helping workers achieve a successful transition to new employment through involvement in Dislocated Worker Programs. She sees people impacted by Walker's poor economic policies every day. She volunteered her time because she is ready to see jobs and employment opportunities for more Wisconsin workers.

"We have to do everything we can to get Mary Burke elected so we can move Wisconsin forward," said Browning. "I know Mary Burke will do a much better job at creating good jobs for workers all over Wisconsin. Gov. Walker's been no good for Wisconsin. He has been a jobs failure."

Wisconsin is ready to move forward with Mary Burke. Wisconsin is ready for good jobs and worker rights. Wisconsin is ready to get rid of Scott Walker.

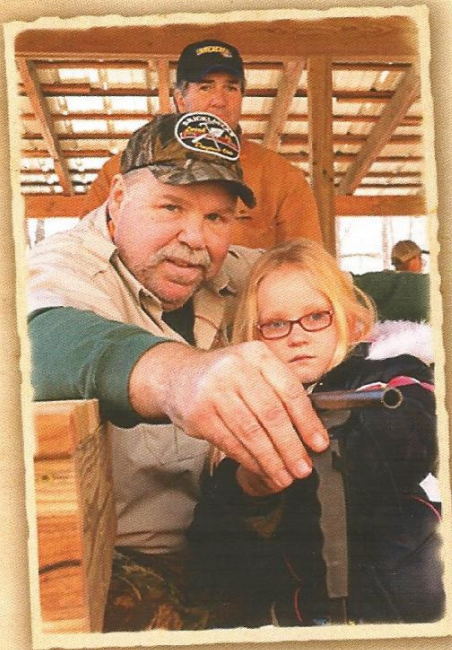
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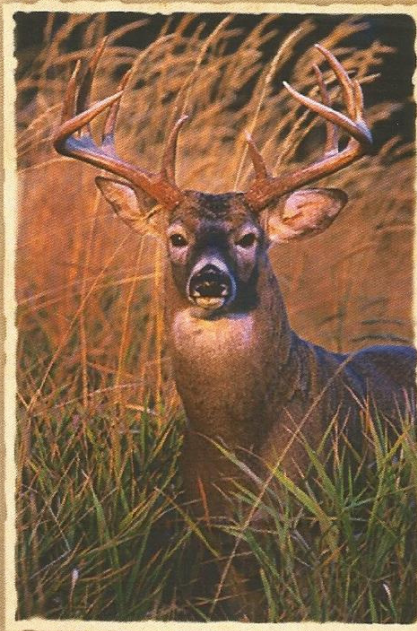
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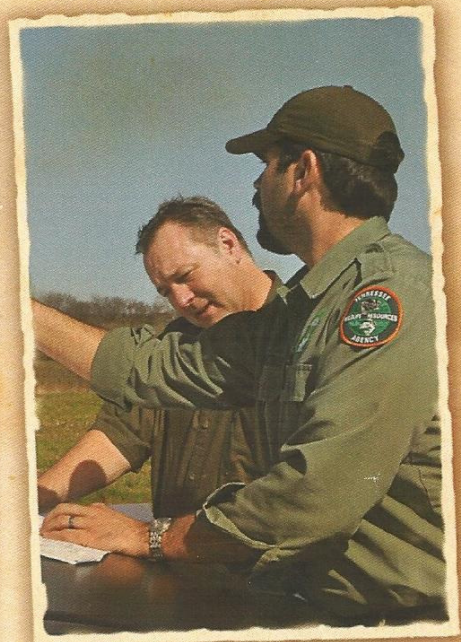
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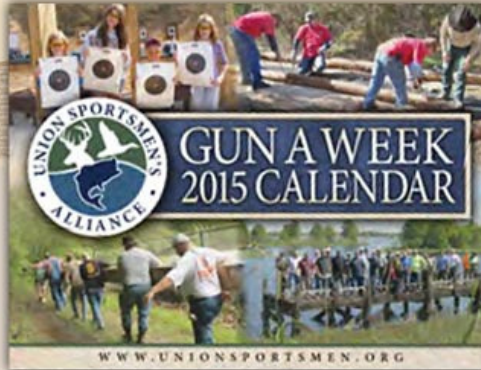


USA 2015 CALENDAR


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2015 Calendar Raffle,

To end this Calendar Raffle, simply go to www.unionsportsmen.org website and then under the 'Members' drop down box.

Getting the Most from YOUR Social Security

October 23, 2014 Education Evening

This was to topic for a well rounded education evening at United Lodge 66. There were 40 persons in attendance from our lodge as well other Machinists Union Lodges and some Steelworkers Members. Many brought their spouses.

The presentation had two parts: (a) Brian Goode, Financial Representative with Princor Registered Representative of Union Financial Inc.; (b) Attorney Robert Sayas.

Brian's presentation went into the basics of Social Security.

This federal benefit has lifted many seniors out of poverty and has allowed seniors to have a brighter future ... which was not certain prior to 1935.

He discussed: **How** your benefits are calculated; **Options** for taking your benefits (now or later); and **Strategies** to maximize your benefits (life expectancies).

Robert Sayas talked about Estate Planning. One of his last comments was simply *to plan and not to put it off*. Even if you have not developed a plan ... today is a good start and then review the plan every 3 to 5 years.

The simple item is to **have a will** for a legal document or the courts will decide how to distribute your remaining money. In most cases being married or having a beneficiary or jointly held assets is good enough and these items would not be in your will.

Other items, which we all put off is: Financial Power of Attorney; Health Care Power of Attorney; Directive to Physicians. Sometimes a Trust is good but it will cost more money than a will.



Pepe Oulahan, Lodge Educator introducing Brian Goode, standing behind the flag.

The 2015 IAM Scholarship Competition – PARTIAL OVERVIEW

For All information go to: www.goiam.org; then Headquarters drop down; scroll down to Scholarship



This scholarship competition is open each year to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada under procedures and rules of eligibility explained in this Announcement.

The Scholarship Competition

Scholarships to make possible the attainment of a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification are determined in a competition among eligible applicants that is judged by a special Selection Committee.

Amount of the Awards

Awards to members are \$2,000 per academic year. They are granted for a specific period from one to four years to enable the member to earn a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification.

Awards to Children of Members are: College — \$1,000 per academic year. All awards are renewed each year until a Bachelor's degree is obtained up to a maximum of four years. Vocational/Technical School — \$2,000 per year until certification is reached up to a maximum of two years.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

An Eligible Applicant Must Be Either -

- an IAM member; or
- the son, daughter, stepchild or legally adopted child of an IAM member.

A Member Applicant -

- must have two years of continuous good-standing membership through the closing date of the competition which is February 25, 2015;
- may apply either when entering college or vocational/technical school as a freshman or at a higher level with some college credits already completed;
- may apply as a full-time or part-time student; and
- if not a winner, may apply again the following year.

Child of a Member Applicant –

- must have one living parent with two years of continuous good-standing membership through the closing date of February 25, 2015;
- will be eligible if the parent member died after the son or daughter entered high school, and the parent had two years of “continuous good-standing membership” at the time of death;
- A “continuous good-standing membership” is understood to be a period of membership during which the member continuously paid monthly dues uninterrupted by withdrawal cards;
- must be planning to graduate high school during the winter or by the end of the spring 2015 school year
- must plan to take a regular college or vocational/technical program on a full-time basis, maintaining qualifying grades.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A 2015 IAM SCHOLARSHIP

There are three different Application Packets. Please choose the appropriate link below to apply for an IAM Scholarship. The Application Packet must be completed and postmarked by February 25, 2015.

1. Children of members (college)
2. Children of members (vocational/technical school)
3. Members (college or vocational/technical school)

To be valid, an application must be submitted on the appropriate form. If you do not qualify under the above requirements, please do not send an application. No exceptions can be made to the rules. **Application Packets for the 2015 competition may also be obtained by calling our scholarship department at 301-967-4708.**

Application packets postmarked later than February 25, 2015, will NOT be acknowledged or considered. No exceptions will be permitted even if a third party is responsible for the delay.

IMPORTANT: Complete the application and MAIL TO:

**IAM scholarship Program
9000 Machinists Place, Room 117
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687**

Attn: High School Students

Wisconsin Labor History Society
Announces 2014-15 . . .

Win Cash Prizes!

Labor History Essay Contest

Win cash prizes up to \$500

For essays of about 750 words on the topic:

"Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . ."

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its High School Essay Contest for the 2014-2015 School Year. Wisconsin high school students (grades 9-12) are eligible to participate.

Students are urged to interview family members, neighbors, friends or others for their stories about work and unions. Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

Read winning essays from 2013-2014 contest! Go to: <http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org/contests/high-school-essays>

Rules: Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They will be judged on understanding, evidence of original research, writing style and significance. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on white paper. Two copies must be submitted (One may be a photocopy.) Please be sure to provide the following information on the cover sheet: Your name, address, home telephone number, your grade in school, name and address of your school, and, if you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. (Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable.) If you have any questions, contact Harvey J. Kaye (920-465-2355 or kayeh@uwgb.edu). **Submissions must be postmarked Feb. 13, 2015 or before.**

TOP PRIZES!

- ◆ First Prize: \$500
- ◆ Second Prize: \$300
- ◆ Third Prize: \$200
- ◆ Honorable Mention: \$100 (Up to five awarded)



Send completed essays to:
Prof. Harvey J. Kaye, Center for History and Social Change
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay WI 54311

Wisconsin Labor History Society, 6333 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee WI 53213
414-771-0700 (ext. 20) Email: info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org

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FOR WORKING PEOPLE.



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**SCOTT WALKER
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PEOPLE BEHIND**

JOBS

Experienced Job Creator. Burke has experience growing a business and creating jobs in Wisconsin. She's put out a plan to focus job creation efforts on specific industries, like paper and printing and freshwater research, where Wisconsin has strong potential to become a national leader. (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 3/25/14)

Failed to Create Promised Jobs. Walker promised the state would create 250,000 new private-sector jobs while he was governor. He claimed his union-busting legislation would help. Private employers have added only 53,000 net jobs since he took office, just one-fifth of what Walker promised. (The New York Times, 2/22/14)

HEALTH CARE

Will Improve Health Care Coverage and Quality. Burke has said she would make the smart choice to accept millions of dollars in funds from the federal government to provide health care to thousands of Wisconsinites. Burke wants all Wisconsin families to have quality, affordable health care. (PolitiFact Wisconsin, 12/1/13)

Rejected Federal Funds to Help Wisconsin. Walker made the partisan choice to **reject** \$119 million from the federal government to help Wisconsin provide health insurance for low-income residents and families. Walker would rather push for policies that benefit him politically than benefitting all Wisconsinites. (PolitiFact Wisconsin, 7/15/13)

MINIMUM WAGE

Supports Fair Wages for Workers. Burke supports raising Wisconsin's minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, up from just \$7.25 an hour. This would give 600,000 workers an immediate raise, helping working people make ends meet and support their families. (Wisconsin State Journal, 2/3/14)

Opposes Fair Wages for Workers. Working people are seeing their incomes fall behind the cost of living, but Walker won't take action to raise the wages of hardworking Wisconsinites. Walker opposes raising the minimum wage, calling the push "nothing but a misguided political stunt." (Associated Press, 1/23/14)

ONLY ONE CANDIDATE SHARES OUR VALUES

★ **VOTE NOV. 4**



For more information, contact Your Union at 414-671-3800, lodge66@gmail.com, or the Wisconsin AFL-CIO at www.wisafclio.org.

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**MARY BURKE
DA PRIORIDAD A LOS
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DEJA A LOS
TRABAJADORES ATRÁS**

EMPLEOS

Experiencia en creación de empleos. Burke tiene experiencia en la expansión de un negocio y en crear empleos en Wisconsin. Ha elaborado un plan para centrar los esfuerzos de creación de empleos en industrias específicas, como el papel y la imprenta y la investigación en agua dulce, donde Wisconsin tiene un gran potencial para convertirse en líder nacional. (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 35-Mar-14)

No creó los trabajos prometidos. Walker le prometió al estado que crearía 250,000 nuevos empleos en el sector privado mientras era gobernador. Afirmó que su legislación anti sindical ayudaría. Los empleadores privados añadieron sólo 53,000 nuevos empleos desde que asumió el cargo, apenas una quinta parte de lo prometido por Walker. (The New York Times, 22-Feb-14)

CUIDADO DE LA SALUD

Mejorará la cobertura y calidad del cuidado de la salud. Burke ha dicho que tomará la inteligente decisión de aceptar millones de dólares en fondos del gobierno federal para brindar atención de la salud a miles de residentes de Wisconsin. Burke quiere que todas las familias de Wisconsin tengan cuidado de la salud asequible y de calidad. (PolitiFact Wisconsin, 1-Dic-13)

Rechazó los fondos federales para ayudar a Wisconsin. Walker adoptó la decisión partidista de rechazar \$119 millones del gobierno federal para ayudar a Wisconsin a proveer seguro de la salud para los residentes y las familias de bajo ingreso. Walker prefiere poner presión a favor de políticas que lo benefician a él políticamente que beneficiar a los habitantes de Wisconsin. (PolitiFact Wisconsin, 15-Jul-13)

SALARIO MÍNIMO

Apoya salarios justos para los trabajadores. Burke apoya aumentar el sueldo mínimo de Wisconsin a \$10.10 la hora, de sólo \$7.25 la hora. Esto le daría a 600.000 un aumento inmediato, ayudando a los trabajadores para que puedan llegar a fin de mes y apoyar a sus familias. (Wisconsin State Journal, 3-Feb-14)

Se opone a salarios justos para los trabajadores. Los trabajadores están viendo que sus ingresos se reducen en relación con el costo de vida, pero Walker no va a tomar medidas para aumentar los sueldos de los arduos trabajadores de Wisconsin. Walker se opone al aumento del sueldo mínimo, llamando al esfuerzo "nada más que un truco político equivocado". (Associated Press, 23/Ene/14)

SÓLO UN CANDIDATO COMPARTE NUESTROS VALORES

★ VOTE EL 4 DE NOVIEMBRE

Pagado por Workers' Voice, Elizabeth Shuler, Tesorera, www.workersvoice.org.



How you vote is up to you?

Members not only need to exercise their right to vote but should be expressing their opinions all the time. This is one example of my last letter to the editor. It took three times before he would print. Do not give up and do more than just complain.

Doug Curler

October 4, 2014

Letter to the Editor
Antigo Daily Journal
612 Superior Street
Antigo, WI 54409

Letter to Editor:



Who Do You Want As Your Governor?

Who would you want to make the right decisions as the Governor of Wisconsin, whether you are a Conservative, Liberal or Independent?

Would you want (Mary Burke): CFO of the Intrepid Corporation, she co-formed; executive at Trek Bicycles, with 1000 Wisconsin Jobs; and with formal completed higher education? Or would you want (Walker): who in 2010 promised to create 250,000 Wisconsin Jobs, but failed; dropped out at Marquette University, with no formal higher education; then went straight into and continues to be a career politician?

As a voting senior citizen or even if I was a younger voting citizen I would want the best for all Wisconsinites.

The Sunday, August 17, 2014, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article, titled; 'Decision on Badger Care to cost state \$206 million,' showed the lack knowledge of Wisconsin's walker; and that he is controlled by his narrow and reactionary philosophy. This figure comes from the Legislation Fiscal Bureau (part of our state government) and respected by both political parties to determine the cost of any legislation.

The article was about Walker (some 26 other republican governors who did the same) not expanding Badger Care under the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care). If republicans do not reverse this position in 2015, then another \$261 million will be lost; for a total of \$500 million in savings. Besides this loss in savings: another 87,000 Wisconsinites would be covered; and the Badger Care is better and less costly than insurance under the ACA.

These savings could have paid for filling in a lot of the walker potholes in our state and local roads.

Walker rejected the Federal proposal of paying 100% of the health care cost (reduced to 90% in 2020) and instead stayed with the present 60% federal reimbursement. HIS LOGIC is that he could not trust the federal government to reimburse. Walker ... why would you ever accept federal funding for roads? Walker's lack of any experience in the free enterprise job creating or managing a corporation as well as a formal education is really showing.

Mary Burk's comment in this article tells it all, 'In the business world, CEO's get fired for decisions like that. Governor Walker's politics-first approach has left Wisconsin taxpayers paying the price.'

As a senior citizen we should expect better and more from our governor.

Thank you,

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Seniors Corner

Ryan's Plan Ends Medicare As We Know It

Voucherizes Medicare: Ryan's 2015 budget replaces Medicare's guaranteed benefits with a "premium support" payment, a limited stipend that new beneficiaries would receive to purchase private insurance or traditional Medicare starting in 2024. The amount of this voucher would be based on the average bid available plan in the area. Beneficiaries who chose a plan with an average bid would pay the standard premium. However, those who choose a plan with an above-average bid would pay a higher premium, one that would cover the higher cost.

Threatens Medicare's Vitality: While Congressman Ryan says that his plan would not affect current beneficiaries or those age 56 and over, that is not accurate. Medicare works for many reasons, one of them being that its volume of beneficiaries gives it better bargaining power when negotiating rates with providers. This feature keeps costs down for both the government and the beneficiary. Under the Ryan 2015 plan, private insurers would cherry pick the younger, healthier and less expensive beneficiaries, leaving Medicare with a disproportionate share of the oldest, sickest and costliest beneficiaries driving up costs for the program. The increased costs would be shifted to beneficiaries.

Raises Medicare Eligibility Age to 67: Ryan's instructions to the Congressional Budget Office accompanying the FY 2013 budget included a proposal that would raise the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 67 over 11 years, beginning in 2024. According to Kaiser, this would increase out-of-pocket health care costs by \$2, 200 a year for nearly 5 million individuals ages 65 and 66. It is worth noting that this population faces the most difficulty in obtaining insurance due to chronic health conditions. Because Ryan's plan repeals the ACA, these seniors would be left uninsured or would have to get a job that provides health insurance. As a fact, people over 55 have the most difficulty finding new employment. At the same time, removing younger and healthier individuals from Medicare will also increase costs for those who remain on the program by 3%.

Raises Income Related Premiums: Currently, individuals with incomes above \$85,000 and couples with incomes above \$170,000 pay higher Medicare Part B and D premiums. This represents 5% of Medicare beneficiaries. The Ryan budget for FY 2015 proposes to means test 25% of beneficiaries. If 25% of beneficiaries were means tested, as proposed, it would affect someone making \$47,000 today.

Medigap Surcharge and Single Deductible: Currently, Medigap covers most of a beneficiary's co-payments. The Ryan FY 2015 budget would limit coverage provided by supplemental policies and would institute a single deductible for Medicare Part A (hospital services) and B (doctor services). Currently, Part B deductible is \$147, if the deductible is raised to \$550 as some have suggested, a frail elderly widow earning \$11,700 could be required to pay \$400 more each year for her deductible.

The A. Philip Randolph Institute-Milwaukee Chapter will be hosting a "Fish Fry FRIDAY Fundraising Event"



December 5, 2014

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Laborers' Local No. 113's Union Hall

6310 W. Appleton Avenue

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help to ensure that we are able to continue to provide important services to our Community and Labor family.

Organizations may purchase a Sponsors Table of 10 with (10) dinners at a cost of \$150.

****Individual tickets will be available in advance and at the door****

This event will be filled with great food, great music, a silent auction, and great people. We hope to see you all there!!!

If you have any questions please contact Nacarci Feaster, President at 414.534.1735 or email: aprimilwchapter@gmail.com.

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Salvation for a race, nation, or class must come from within" - A. Philip Randolph

Right to Work is Wrong



Unsafe For Workers

Workers are **52.9% more likely to die on the job** in a Right to Work (RTW) state compared to a free bargaining state.

Unfair For Everyone

Right to Work is about taking freedom away from workers.

- Employoocs are "free" to make **\$5,680 less per year**
- Employers are "free" to **exploit workers through unsafe conditions** by taking away a worker's voice on the job
- **Workers lose the freedom** to bargain wth their employer on certain work conditions



Unnecessary For Wisconsin

- **Fewer Jobs**—8 of the 12 states with the highest unemployment are RTW
- RTW creates **no new jobs** in most industries

Vote November 4, 2014
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You have hours to vote ...
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