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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

*****September 10, 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.**
- The deadline for articles for the October 2013 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is September 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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Youth Empowered in the Struggle Freedom School

By Kate Werning, Youth Organizing Director, Voces de la Frontera

(Editors Note: The following thank letter is one way your Union reaches out and supports our community so we can leave it a better place. Reaching out to the youth, who will be our future leaders and where better to be trained than in an Union Hall.)

Thank you so much for the use of your hall for our Youth Empowered in the Struggle (YES) Freedom School. YES Freedom School was a new 6-week summer organizing training we developed for 35 high school students. Our students represent ages 14-20 and are African American,



Latino/a, working class white, and undocumented. At Freedom School we addressed political education topics of racism, classism, sexism, public education, and workers' rights. We also taught organizing skills such as recruiting, fundraising, organizing an action, building a social justice organization, and public speaking.

I am attaching two pictures: one of Pepe Oulahan describing the history of the hall and what a Union is to the students, and one of our Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz teaching a workshop on classism and workers' rights through a factory simulation.

It is great to know we have allies in the city who are willing to lend their space for our students' work! It means a lot to us. We see the partnership between labor and our youth as extremely important as youth are one of the most exploited groups on the job. I know their visit to your hall will stick with them and helped them envision a little bit more of what a Union looks like.



Thanks again,



United Lodge 66 Hall
and
Union Office
is
SMOKE FREE.

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

'I Have A Dream'

Dr. Martin Luther King, August 28, 1963

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check -- a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

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First They Came

By Martin Niemoller, German Pastor and arrested by Hitler in 1937

First they came for the socialists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a socialist.
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew.
Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me.

(continue, "I Have A Dream")

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



LABOR Day
 * LIVING WAGES *
 * WORKERS' RIGHTS *
 * CITIZENSHIP *

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Celebrate the power of workers uniting

11 am MONDAY September 2 **BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

March to Zeidler Union Square at 4th & Michigan

...FROM THE NORTH SIDE
 MLK Drive & Vine Street

...FROM THE SOUTH SIDE
 5th St. & W. Washington St.

PROGRAM AND FREE FOOD @NOON

@ Zeidler Union Square immediately after parade.

Walker Approves 11.7% Pay Increase!

We all know about Act 10 and how he stuck it to all public employees and the public school systems.

But he saw a different light by approving a 11.7% and a 14.6% for some public employees. The only problem is they were for the Capitol Police Chief Dave Ervin and his Deputy Police Chief Dan Blackdeer.



The rank and file state workers did

receive a 1% general pay increase in July and this was the first increase in four years for most state workers.

How did Walker do his magic? Well he transferred both on paper to some phantom/ghost state jobs for two weeks and then back to their present and permanent positions!

Peter Fox, a employment relations secretary under Governor Thompson, said the moves were legal but a “**charade**” performed for **favored employees**.

Walker, what a man of principle and who fooled many voters in Wisconsin.

Did he fool you?

(as reported by every newspaper and news source on August 18, 2013 but you probably never heard it on Fox Entertainment Network.)

Missed The Attack?

Like Wisconsin, with a Republican Walker and a Republican controlled legislative branch, any Republican controlled state has declared war on organized workers and our right to a fair wage, good working conditions and the right to retire with dignity.

You can not simply continue to sit at home and hope life to get better.



Activities for You and Your Family

- Contact your Lodge Office if you plan on attending the Labor Day Event on **September 2**.
- Milwaukee Area Labor Council: **September 4**, at **6:30pm**.
- Union Sportsmen's Alliance Conservation Dinner on **October 15, 2013**.
- 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.

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.

Join us for our **3rd Annual Warrior Spirit 5K run/walk** on **September 21, 2013**. This event has been a blast the last 2 years; let's make this one even better. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 this year. All money raised with benefit local veterans and their families. Support those who we sent in harms way by contacting Liz at liz@dryhootch.org to volunteer or participate.

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.



Seniors Corner

New York Times Editorial Board Comes Out Against Social Security Cuts

In a strongly worded editorial released, The New York Times Editorial Board condemned the chained CPI and other proposed cuts to Social Security. The editorial states that the majority of people over 65 get two-thirds or more of their income from Social Security. It also points out that benefits are already being reduced due to the rise in Medicare Part B premiums and the gradual increase in the retirement age from 65 to 67. For these reasons, the editorial board argues that no further across the board cuts to Social Security, including the chained CPI, should be implemented. To read it, go to <http://tinyurl.com/og9zk45>. "It is heartening to see the editorial board of such a major paper strongly denounce chained CPI and other Social Security cuts," said Edward F. Coyle, Executive Director of the Alliance. "Those who continue to support draconian cuts are finding that their position is increasingly out of the mainstream."

The Sunday Times also contained an article stressing that people at nearly all levels of the income distribution have under-saved. Social Security is going to be a major, and maybe primary, source of income for people, even for those with \$1 million in new worth. (<http://tinyurl.com/kkwsdql>).



USA's Madison Area Conservation Dinner

Tuesday, October 15, 2013
Doors Open at 5:00PM

Alliant Energy Center of Dane County
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Madison, WI 53713

Cost is \$75 per person which will include a dinner gift set (knife & flashlight)

Reserve a seat today or become a table sponsor and help support USA's mission to unite the Union community to expand and improve hunting and fishing access and wildlife habitat throughout North America. All while sharing an evening of camaraderie and fun with your Union brothers and Sisters.

Guns, knives, gear and more up for grabs in various raffles and auctions!

RSVP: Dave Branson, 608-256-3161
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Please make checks payable to: **Union Sportsmen's Alliance**

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