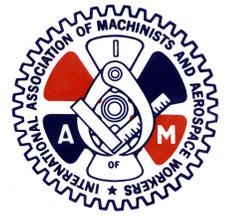


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December 2009

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

December 4, 2009

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.
- The deadline for articles for the January 2010 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is December 17.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*
- Christmas Celebration is December 12, 2009.
- **UNION OFFICE CLOSED**, December 24, 2009 through January 5, 2010.

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What Has Labor Done?

A Bangladeshi boy works in a shipbuilding factory in down town. These factories employ young boys as apprentices without pay for the first few years. They work in extreme conditions without safety tools like gloves, goggles, and other protective gears. In exchange, they learn the skills of the trade. But this costs them loss of health and education. In Bangladesh, child labor law states that an under 18 year old child can not work in any work site. But nobody seems to see these children, and they have not security or protection for their safety.



(award winning photo at: www.labourstart.org)

This was the life of American children, girls or boys, before the likes of Union organizers as Mary Harris Jones. Unions got the laws passed against child labor. Good progressive, liberal, left wing Unionists did it for us. What will you do to keep what we have?

Child labor, indentured servitude and child slavery, did exist through American history.

Some important events in our history:

- 1832 the New England Unions, the New England Association of Farmers, Mechanics and Other Workingmen stated, "Children should not be allowed to labor in factories from morning till night, without any time for healthy recreation and mental culture . . ."
- 1892 Democratic Party adopts platform plank based on Union recommendations to ban factory employment for children under 15.
- 1904 National Child Labor Committee forms for Federal Law reform.
- 1938 Federal regulation of child labor achieved in Fair Labor Standards Act.

President's Direct Line

Members can leave messages on my direct line at United Lodge 66. My phone number is 414-671-6980. I will try to be timely in answering.

Patricia Elizondo

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



With over 31 million Americans out of work, it's a disappointing fact: the stimulus package isn't enough. While the official numbers say the unemployment rate is at a national average of just over 10 percent, some economists believe the number is closer to 17 percent. But you don't have to be an expert with a degree in economics to know that things are bad. The evening news says that one in seven people in Southeastern Wisconsin have applied for heating assistance this year. Closed storefronts and foreclosure signs on front lawns tell the story, too; most people have a friend or family member who is out of work, with bills piling up along with the sense of despair.

According to Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman, it is vital, both for us now and for future generations for the government to focus a second round of stimulus money on jobs creation. Jobs Now! is an initiative put forth by the IAM. According to Tom Buffenbarger, IAM International President, the Jobs Now! Effort will lobby the Obama administration to use stimulus money to create jobs in the manufacturing and transportation sectors.

And we are counting on your help, so before the December Job Summit, Tell Congress that along with investing billions of dollars in the banking industry, we need to invest money in the American Workforce.

Go to our website at www.goiam.org and on the right side of the page you will see the IAM Activist Center. Scroll down to "Tell Congress America Needs JOBS Now!" and click on it, and sign the petition.

Your fellow workers – especially the ones who are out of work – are counting on you.

James Cobb, communicator LL66

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Delegate to Milwaukee Area Labor Council:** December 2, 2009; January 6, February 3. March 3 in 2010. All meetings start at 6:30PM.
- **Christmas Party** will be Saturday, December 12, 2009. This will be at your Union Hall, 2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee. There will be something during the day for children, from 11am to 1pm, of Machinists Union members of United Lodge 66. Advance registration of children is needed. The cut off date is December 7, 2009. The Open House Event in the evening starts at 6PM. Door prize drawings are at 7PM and 8PM with the Big Raffle Drawing at 9PM.
- **"Crash Course"** for Stewards is being offered by the University of Wisconsin Extension School for Workers on **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM** at the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals building, 9620 W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis. Any member can take this class and will be reimbursed the registration fee from United Lodge 66. Call your Union Office for the Registration Form and for all information on how to be reimbursed the fee.
- **Education Evening** on **January 21, 2010** will be on **Your 2009 Taxes** and the changes in federal and state by Joanne Reuss.
- **49th Annual Joint Installation Dinner** is on **Saturday, January 23, 2010** at the Wyndham Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee. Cocktails are at 5:30PM with dinner at 7:00PM. The cost is fifty-five (\$55.00) per ticket which includes free soda and beer. Members may purchase one ticket and get a second ticket paid for by the Lodge. For single ticket sales, the lodge will cover half the cost. **BUT this must be done through Lodge 66.**
- The class schedules for all leadership training at the **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** is available from your Union office or can viewed at any of the meetings. The schedule is also on the website: www.goiam.org. A copy of the Lodge Education guidelines, which were printed in last months newsletter, will be sent to all shop chairs.



The Economic Bill of Rights

Excerpts from January 11, 1944
State of the Union Address
by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

- The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation.
- The right of every family to a decent home.
- The right of adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health.
- The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment.
- The right to a good education.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "True compassion is more than throwing a coin to a beggar. It demands of our humanity that if we live in a society that produces beggars, we are morally commanded to restructure that society."



www.dryhootch.org

Is a 501c3 non profit group located at 1030 E. Brady Street in Milwaukee, dedicated to helping veterans return home. They offer peer to peer counseling and more.

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Christmas with Hospitalized Vets

Zablocki VA Hospital
December 12, 2009

This event is put on to bring some cheer to our Veterans who are hospitalized or reside on the VA grounds during this upcoming Holiday Season.

If you want to help out or contribute contact Jeff Dentice at 414-218-3030, docdentice@wi.rr.com

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Essay Contest

Wisconsin Labor History Society

Members need to encourage their children or grand children to enter the 2010 essay contest of the Wisconsin Labor History Society.

<http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org>

Cash prizes are available for high school students for writing essays in about 750 words on the topic: "Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . ."

The cash prizes will be awarded in May 2010, include: \$500 - First Place; \$300 - Second Place; \$200 - Third Place; and up to five \$100 prizes for Honorable Mention.

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, 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 at 920-465-2355 or kayeh@uwgb.edu.

Send completed essays to: Prof. Harvey J. Kaye, Center for History and Social Change, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay, WI 54311. **Submissions must be postmarked February 15, 2010 or before.**

Teachers are urged to assist students in with editorial and research for these essays.

Students may talk to their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or other relatives, friends and neighbors about what labor Union membership has meant to them or what struggles they may have faced in their jobs.

Union members are urged to suggest their high school children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces participate and to tell them about what the Unions have meant to them.



More Competition

There is a National History Day in Wisconsin and cash prizes to be won by middle school and high school students. Log on to: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/teachers/historyday/> and see what needs to be done for the 2010 contest.

For college and university students the Wisconsin Labor History Society an annual competition of the Zeidler Academic Awards for the best original research papers about Wisconsin Labor and working-class history. Complete details can be attained at: <http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org/Zeidler2009CallForPapers.law.pdf>.

2010 Scholarship Competition

This competition is run by our International and made possible by the dues paying members with our organization. The deadline for the scholarships are February 26, 2010. A brochure explaining the competition is available from your Union office or simply write to our International for the information. It would be fastest to directly contact them:

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



Battling rising health care costs? Union Plus programs can help you save at participating health providers in your area. Simply choose a Union Plus Discount program below:

- [No cost prescription card](#) - helps you save at participating pharmacies
- [Vision Discounts](#) - helps you save on vision care, prescription drugs, hearing care and more
- [Dental Discounts](#) - includes everything in the vision program, plus dental care discounts
- [Physician and Hospital Discounts](#) - includes everything in the dental program, plus physician and hospital care discounts

NOTE: These plans are not insurance and do not replace insurance.

To find out more, log on [to www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)

Free, all three!

By law you can get free each year a credit report on you. With this report you will also see who is checking up on you. This is the law.

The best and smartest way is to request one report every four or five months and you will then kept a running report on your credit history and not pay a dime.

The three credit agencies are:

- Equifax: www.equifax.com or 1-800-685-1111.
- Experian: www.experian.com or 1-888-397-3742.
- TransUnion: www.transunion.com or 1-800-916-8800.

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Your Connection to Health and Nutrition Benefits

Wisconsin's internet tool, access.wisconsin.gov, for getting and managing your low or no-cost health and nutrition benefits.

- Find out which low or no-cost health, nutrition or other programs you may be able to get.
- Apply online for FoodShare, Medicaid/Badger Care and the Family Planning Waiver Program.
- Get up-to-date information about your benefits.
- Report some changes online.

<http://access.wisconsin.gov>

Committeeperson Compensation for 2009

This will be done after our December 4, 2009 business meeting and part of the normal ADP payroll on December 21, 2009. Checks should be received from ADP on December 23 and mailed directly to your house.

If shop chairs or committeepersons have not kept the shop committees current or the shift they work updated at the Lodge you may not get paid. This is not our fault.

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Get Connected and Get Answers

Simply dial "2-1-1" for help with a variety of basic life needs and personal issues.

Free and confidential, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

Call for help with:

- **Healthcare** - referrals to clinics for people who are uninsured or cannot afford to pay for healthcare.
- **Alcohol & other drug abuse** - direct connections to certified professionals.
- **Food** - locate pantries, meal sites, summer youth meal sites.
- **Shelter** - locate emergency shelter, day shelter, domestic violence shelters.

Shop Committees in 2010

All shop committees need to send into the Union office who are their committeepersons for 2010.

This information is needed so we can send out our information to the correct members.

Thanks,

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Machinists Union Apparel

Your Union office has a complete list of all the Machinists Union clothing available from our Internationals Stockroom. Recently we did receive a colored page showing Women's Merchandise. Stop in at your office or at the Union Meeting to look it over and order the merchandise you need at your convenience.

Visit www.iamstore.org and order right from your home.

Union Label & Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO

On this site, www.unionlabel.org, you can find all the Union Made Products and services for your every day use and gift giving.

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 to 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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Organizing Incentives Worth \$800.00 to you

The Organizing Lead sheet is available from your Union office or can be downloaded from the home page at www.unitedlodge66.org. They are simple to fill in. Just talk to your friends and find out if they want to have a voice at work and stop being an Employee at Will.

We can only do it with your help.

Car Pooling from Kenosha

Want to carpool to Union Meeting? Contact Vice President Bob Paar for how it can be done: 262-914-1777 or bpaarosckenosha@yahoo.com

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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Hello Out There!

Patricia Elizondo, Lodge President, and I (Doug) are willing to meet with all shop committees or to attend your shop meetings to discuss procedures of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge Constitution. **This can not be done if you fail to ask!**

We just ask for advance notice at a time and place of your convenience.

Seniors Corner

House Acts to Prevent Drastic Cuts in Medicare Payments to Doctors

On November 18, 2009 the House of Representatives approved a \$210 billion measure - known as the “doc fix” - that will adjust Medicare payment rates to doctors, avoiding a 21% cut in January and continuing cuts in years ahead. A cut of that magnitude could reduce access to physicians for Medicare beneficiaries throughout the country.

Reid Presents Health Care Bill that Cuts \$130 Billion from the Federal Deficit

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid presented an \$848 billion health care overhaul package on November 17, 2009 that would help Americans of all ages better afford to see a doctor and get a prescription filled. “We are pleased to see a bill include a public option,” stated Edward Coyle, ARA Executive Director.

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter, 6333 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, 53213. (414-771-9511) Yearly dues are \$10.00.

[http:// www.wisconsinara.org](http://www.wisconsinara.org)

Alliance for Retired Americans
888-16th Street, NW Suite 520
Washington, DC 20006
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497
Fax 202-974-8256

www.retiredamericans.org

Bring Out Your Inner Activist

Lodge 66 is forming a Human Rights Committee. We will be assisting brothers and sisters who are experiencing harassment or discrimination on the job. If you are interested in being on this committee notify Lodge President Patricia Elizondo at 414-671-6980.

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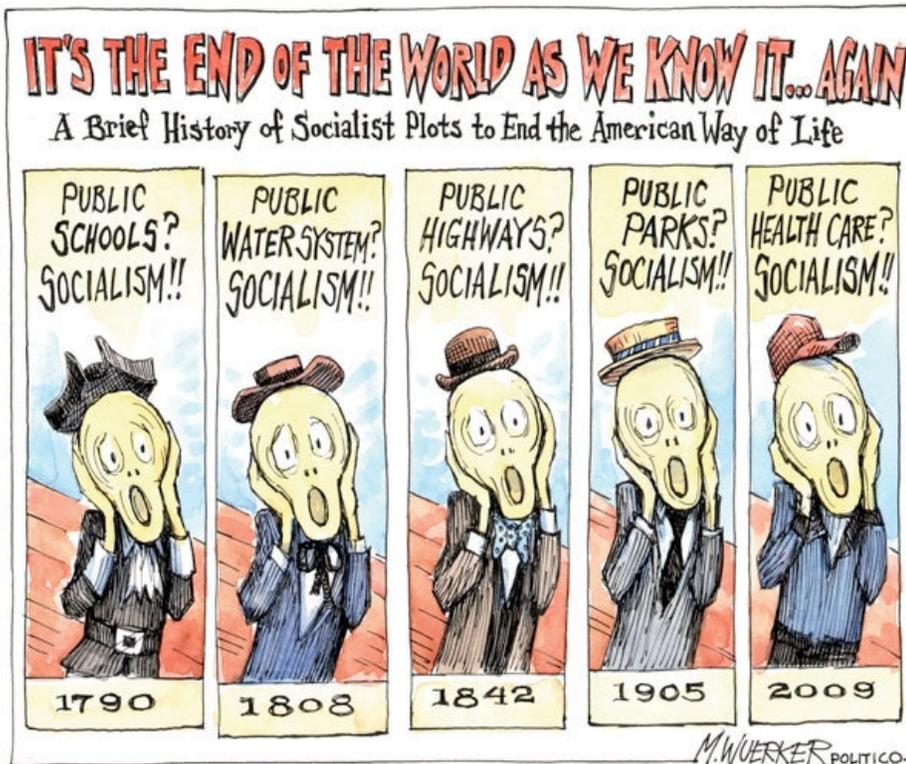
Union Pride

Machinist Union T-shirts and caps are available at the United Lodge 66 office.

All shirts have a pocket and over the pocket is "Lodge 66". The T-shirts come in blue or gray.

- \$10.00 for medium, large or X-large
- \$11.50 for XX-large or XXX-large
- \$4.00 for mesh cap
- \$11.00 for Denim/Black/Blue cap
- \$11.00 for Khaki cap
- \$15.00 for **Camouflage** cap
- \$4.25 Acrylic Mug, A Woman's Place Is In Her Union
- \$.10 IAM Logo Temporary Tattoo's

There are two types of shirts: (1) with 'Fighting Machinist' on the back or (2) with a plain back.



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

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Don Griffin	20
Ben Elizondo	23
Patrick O'Connor	17
Scott Parr	18



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 Christmas Celebration
 December 12, 2009