

# Badger Lodge News



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January 2011

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**January 14, 2011**

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 February 2011 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is January 17.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*
- January 2011 Education Evening is **January 20** at 7:00PM. Topic is: **Your 2010 Taxes!**

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United Lodge 66  
Hall and  
Union Office  
is  
**SMOKE FREE.**

## Lodge Christmas Party

Lodge 66's Children's Christmas Party was well attended this year. Over one hundred children, ages 12 and younger, each with a parent in tow, eagerly waited for Santa. They enjoyed snacking on hot dogs, nachos, juice boxes, and cupcakes.

Santa arrived with a jolly "Ho, Ho, Ho!" and the children let him know that they'd been very good this year and lost no time in going over their Christmas wish list with him. Santa presented each child with a gift to hold them over till Christmas Day.

Many children were eager to tell Santa what they wanted this year, while a few who were too shy to sit on Santa's lap decided to let Santa figure it out for himself.

In the evening the Lodge hosted a Christmas party for the grown-ups, but with the threat of a winter storm, it wasn't as well attended as in years past. There was still plenty of Christmas cheer and lots of conversation between Lodge members and families.

*James Cobb lodge communicator*

*Photos by James Cobb*



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

## Bread and Roses

In December of 1911, James Oppenheim published a poem which would lend its name to hundreds of causes over the years. From a café in California which serves meals to the homeless, to a Catholic Workers Advocacy center in Washington state, to a food co-op in Florida and more than one women's Reproductive Rights clinic across the country, the name Bread and Roses has become synonymous with Social Justice.

Originally published in American Magazine, the poem makes a passionate appeal for both bread – honest wages – and roses - decent working conditions.

January 2011 marks the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lawrence Textile Strike, which occurred in Lawrence, Massachusetts from January to March of 1912. Most of the strikers were women, and they were credited with inventing the moving picket line, which kept police from being able to arrest the picketers for loitering.

Some historians claim that some of the women strikers carried signs that read "Give us bread, but give us roses, too!" although this claim has not been verified. Nevertheless, Oppenheim's poem has come to signify fairness and justice in many forms.

As we come marching, marching in the beauty of the day,  
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill lofts gray,  
Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses,  
For the people hear us singing: "Bread and roses! Bread and roses!"

As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men,  
For they are women's children, and we mother them again.  
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes;  
Hearts starve as well as bodies; give us bread, but give us roses!

As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead  
Go crying through our singing their ancient cry for bread.  
Small art and love and beauty their drudging spirits knew.  
Yes, it is bread we fight for -- but we fight for roses, too!

As we come marching, marching, we bring the greater days.  
The rising of the women means the rising of the race.  
No more the drudge and idler -- ten that toil where one reposes,  
But a sharing of life's glories: Bread and roses! Bread and roses!

## Education Night for January

Kiplinger.com reported on December 23<sup>rd</sup> that when Congress okayed the Bush Tax Cuts, a payroll Tax Holiday, the restoration of the Federal Estate Tax, and a group of retroactive Tax changes that affect the 2010 Returns. The IRS admitted that they would not be ready in time, that is their computers won't be ready, and Taxpayers will have to wait for their Refunds.

Education night, we will have Enrolled Agent Joanne Reuss coming to tell us what changes will affect us at tax time for 2010. The meeting on **Thursday January 20**, will start at 7pm rain or snow.

The members of the Executive Board would like to remind all members that their families and friends are invited to this and all the Education Nights throughout the year.

*James Cobb Lodge communicator*



*Photo by James Cobb*

## Doug Curler Begins a New Adventure

Lodge 66 will lose the guiding hand of Doug Curler this January. Doug is entering retirement after 38 years in IAMAW. Doug, who served as Secretary Treasurer for our Lodge, from 1993 to 2010, also put together this newsletter and Lodge communications for the last 14 years.

Beginning his career as a machinists with Johnson Controls in 1972, Doug worked for 27 years as an inspector. He transitioned into working for the Lodge in 1993 and has been a wonderful resource for our Lodge, organizing the office, distributing information, coordinating events, and overseeing the transition into technology to bring the newsletter online.

Doug's commitment to the Union and to the success of our Lodge has been something we will all be grateful for as we continue our work without him.

I was privileged to learn the ropes of the newsletter from Doug, and am grateful to him for his mentoring and his confidence in me. I hope that I can do a worthy job in filling his shoes.

I can remember meeting nights when Doug would announce he had a short video to show and the commotion would begin with "Oh no not another one!!" And other similar comments were made, all in fun.

The Executive Board, Lodge 66 and all its members will miss his humor and wisdom.

Doug plans to move up to Antigo in Northern Wisconsin. He's going to spend more time bow hunting, fishing and working on his home and we send our very best wishes with him.

Hey Doug did you train your replacement in the art of cooking pizzas and also how to make Pin Wheels??

Doug, have a GREAT retirement stay healthy, and visit once in awhile.

*By James Cobb Lodge Communicator*

## Retirees Angered by Congressional Defeat of Help for Social Security Recipients

### *Amidst Talk of Tax Cuts for the Rich, Republicans Block Help for Struggling Seniors*

*The following statement was issued today by Edward F. Coyle, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, in response to the defeat of bills in both the U.S House and Senate to provide a onetime \$250 payment to seniors.*

“In a week defined by tax cuts for millionaires, retirees are stunned and outraged that Congress would reject a one-time \$250 payment to seniors who, for the second year in a row, have been denied a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) by an arcane and outdated federal statistical formula.

“This legislation is critical to retirees, but unfortunately, congressional Republicans overwhelmingly chose to oppose it. While Democrats continue to protect Social Security, Republicans continue to advocate risky schemes to privatize it and cut benefits. America’s seniors deserve better.

“It is the height of callous hypocrisy that many on Capitol Hill can simultaneously lead the fight for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans while at the same time deem it excessive to give \$250 to retirees struggling to heat their homes and put food on the table in this cold winter.

“The average senior receives \$1172 per month from Social Security, an amount on which it is very difficult to make ends meet. A one-time \$250 payment may be just dinner and drinks for those on Wall Street, but it would make a real difference for seniors on Main Street.

**“Retirees are terribly disappointed by these votes on Capitol Hill.”**



Photo by James Cobb

## Outsourcing Healthcare

*By Anne Chase*

The year was 1999, and Robert B. loved his job. He lived in Kalamazoo Michigan with his wife and young daughter, and worked as a research biologist for Pfizer Corporation. He loved the work and Pfizer was a solid company to work for.

Pfizer is a multimillion-dollar drug producer. They produce drugs with household names, such as Caltrate, Celebrex, Preparation H, Viagra, Lipitor, Lyrica, Neurontin, Spiriva, and many other products. A company that manufactures such an impressive list of products that so many people around the world are familiar with should be a pretty good place to work.

But in 2000, Pfizer abruptly cut half the work force in Kalamazoo. Most of that was in Research and Development.

Thousands of people were put out of work. Some, like Robert, who made the first round of cuts, were lucky. As a research biologist, he moved elsewhere in the Midwest and transitioned well into the medical field, got a second degree as a Registered Nurse, and loves the work he does at an Indiana hospital.

Others weren’t so lucky. By 2004, the people who had been offered a relocation package and moved their families to Connecticut were being asked to train their replacements in Mumbai, India. The real estate market in Kalamazoo was glutted with more homes than buyers, and R & D jobs in the American pharmaceutical market were becoming scarce.

Drug companies pour lots of money into developing new drugs, from the initial stages to clinical trials, and often a drug is not successful, or is not approved by the FDA. That’s money the drug company has to spend to remain in business, but in an effort to cut costs, much of the research is now being outsourced to India and China.

Pfizer, of course, is not alone in this outsourcing. Other drug manufacturers are researching and producing drugs overseas as well. Last year, the US lost 5 % of pharmaceutical research jobs in the US and in the meantime, India’s pharmaceutical jobs jumped by 13%.

As another frightening statistic, the number of drugs recalled due to contamination or other poor production quality tripled in the years between 1999 and 2010. Most recently, Heparin, a kidney drug manufactured in China, was recalled after causing the deaths of 81 Americans, and various Tylenol products, including Children’s Tylenol and Extra Strength Tylenol Rapid Release Gels were recalled due to contamination by a fungicide that had originated at a Puerto Rican manufacturing plant.

The FDA is understaffed and underfunded, and drug companies are committed to keeping production and research costs low, at the expense of quality and safety.

Makes you want to reach for a Valium, doesn’t it?

## 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.

## 2011 Scholarship Competition

by our International Machinists Union

(online version, click on the above title)

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.

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

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 - \$1000 per academic year. All rewards are renewed each year until a Bachelor's degree is obtained up to a maximum of four years. Vocational/Technical School - \$2000 per year until certification is reached up to a maximum of two years.

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 of the competition which is February 25, 2011;
- May apply either when entering college or vocational/technical school as a freshman or at a higher lever 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.

**This is a brief summary.** The pamphlet of all the information can be sent to any member or you can [click for the online version at www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org)

**The deadline is February 25, 2011.**



## Essay Contest

Wisconsin Labor History Society



The WLHS High School Essay Contest for the 2010 to 2011 school year is going with a **deadline for submission of February 15, 2011.**

The essay needs to be in about 750 words following the theme, "Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . .". Have your children talk to other family members, friends, neighbors about their Unions and their working life.

The cash prizes are and will be awarded in April 2011 include:

- \$500 First Place
- \$300 Second Place
- \$200 Third Place
- \$100 Honorable Mention, up to five awarded

Send completed essays to: Professor Harvey J. Kaye, Center for History and Social Change, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay, WI 53411.

Complete information can be sent from the Lodge or available at [www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org)

## 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".

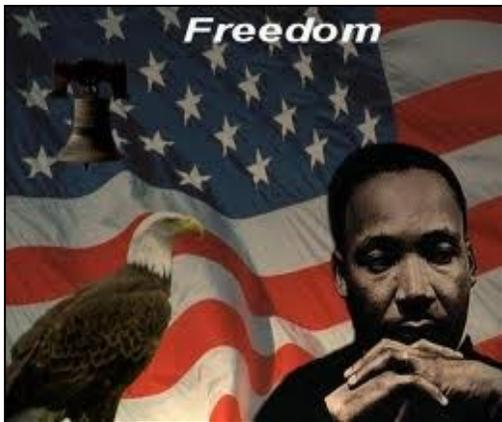
The T-shirts come in blue or gray.

- \$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.

## Activities for You and Your Family

- **Delegates to Milwaukee Area Labor Council: January 12, 2011.** All meetings start at 6:30PM.
- **United Lodge 66 Business Meeting** is Friday, **January 14, 2011 at 7PM.**
- **District 10, IAMAW 50th Annual Installation Dinner** is Saturday, **January 22, 2011**, cocktails at 5:30PM
- **Delegates to District 10: January 10, 2011.** All meetings start at 7:30PM
- **United Lodge 66 Business Meeting** is **January 14, 2011 at 7:00PM**
- **United Lodge 66 Education Evening** for **January 20, 2011 at 7:00PM** will be on Your 2010 Taxes by Joanne Reuss.
- **Machinists Union leaders wanted** for the nomination and election of officers and executive board members for United Lodge 66 covering the years of 2012 through 2014. There will be several openings at your Union. The nominations are in November 2011 and **election of officers in December 2011.**
- The class schedule for all leadership training at the **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** is available from your Union office and can be viewed at any of the meetings.
- **50th Annual Joint Installation Dinner** is on **Saturday, January 22, 2011** at the Wyndham Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee. Cocktails are at 5:30PM with dinner at 7:00PM.



## Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Day is observed on the third Monday in January. In 2011 it falls on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

There will be many celebrations. One such celebration will be hosted at **Labor's Hall** on **Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2011**, starting at **6:00pm**. Labor's Hall is located at **6310 W. Appleton Avenue, Milwaukee**.

Martin Luther King was born on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1929. He attended public schools in Georgia, and graduated High School at the age of 15. He graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary and went on to attend Boston University, and received his Doctorate Degree in 1955.

From 1957 to 1968 Martin Luther King traveled millions of miles and spoke over twenty five hundred times, He appeared wherever people stood up to protest injustice. During this time he led the peaceful march on Washington D C with 250,000 people and delivered his speech "I Have a Dream".

Martin Luther King was named man of the year in 1963 by Time magazine. He also was the youngest man to receive the Noble Peace Prize in 1964.

**Remember those who have fought and are fighting for justice and equality for all of us.**

*jec*

## 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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## 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](http://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.**



## Reimbursement of Lost Time for Committee Person

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

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

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

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

**Payroll dates are listed on the Calendar Page of our Lodge website at:** [www.unitedlodge66.org](http://www.unitedlodge66.org).

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## Applications for new members

It is the responsibility of each shop chair to make sure new employees fill out the Machinists Union Membership Application. **This needs to be done before the Union Security clause date** and then: (a) one copy is kept by the new member; (b) one copy goes to your payroll department; (c.) one copy is sent to United Lodge 66.

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## Deceased Members

Our request is for shop chairs to immediately inform the Lodge when a member passes away.

The Lodge does offer a bible to the family of a deceased member but we need to know their faith.



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# Car Pooling

**From Kenosha:** Want to car-pool to Union Meeting? Contact Vice President Bob Paar for how it can be done: 262-605-0436 or [bpaarosckenosha@yahoo.com](mailto:bpaarosckenosha@yahoo.com)



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



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