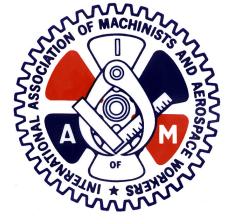


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## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

January 12, 2007  
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;** 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 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is January 17.
- Contract Issues **MUST be settled** by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*
- **Education Evening is January 18, 2007 at 7:00PM**

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## Union Made In America

(UMA) is now part of United Lodge 66. They are located at: N35 W21100 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee, WI 53072. Their phone is 262-373-0777

Get your **Union Made Carhartt** products at this location.

## From Your President

*By Patricia Elizondo, President United Lodge 66*

I hope all our members had a safe and happy holiday and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Lodge Christmas party was a success and would not have been a successful event without all of the members that volunteered their time and efforts. Thank-you!! I have already received suggestions on how we can improve things for next year and the Executive Board will be considering some of the new ideas. We will obviously need a bigger hall to accommodate the members that want to attend and will start looking in January. A bigger event will mean more volunteers. **We will need to add members to our Entertainment Committee.** The current committee consists of the Executive Board and we get a lot of help from retirees, several members and their spouses. **Please let us know if you are interested.**

I also look forward to working with our newly elected Vice President, Bob Paar. Bob works for Ocean Spray and his spirit of Unionism is welcomed by the Executive Board. He will take office in January and his term will run through December 31, 2008. We are all hoping that, because he is the youngest member of the board, he will be able to inspire our younger members to get involved. There are many opportunities for members to take advantage of and we look forward to extending those opportunities to all that are interested.

In the spring of 2006, Lodges 34, 437 and 1493 were merged into Lodge 66. At that time, President Ben Elizondo said that the Executive Board of Local 66 would do whatever we could do to make the transition as smooth as possible. We did our best to honor prior commitments and practices of the newly merged lodges with the understanding that at some point all the merged members would come under the bylaws of Local 66. **As of January 1, 2007 all of the members of Local 66 will be governed by the bylaws of Local Lodge 66.** We will be sending out copies of the bylaws, dues information and other information to all shop committee members and their chairpersons. **It is the responsibility of shop committee members to get the information to the members they represent.**

If any members have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at (414) 671-3800. **I look forward to meeting more of you during the coming year.**



*Patricia opening the Christmas Party*

*"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to Y O U R Level of Activism in OUR Union."*

## Ten Years

This issue makes one milestone of presenting to members the "Badger Lodge News" which has been available for 10 years. Our function is to bring the labor story, the labor side of issues. All working families need to look at what our elected representatives are doing to their standard of living. Many times our elected representatives use divisive issues and propaganda to have us vote against our best economic interest; what is best for our family.

Throughout the years our *Badger Lodge News* has been recognized in the labor community:

- 1999 Grand Lodge "Editors Award"
- 2003 Grand Lodge "2nd Award for Best Feature Article"
- 2003 Grand Lodge "Honorable Mention"
- 2004 International Labor Communication Association (ILCA) "2nd Award in General Excellence"
- 2005 Grand Lodge "2nd Award in General Excellence" of newsletter with less than 2,500 circulation
- 2005 Grand Lodge "3rd Award in Layout and Design"
- 2005 IAM Midwest Territory "Newsletter Honorable Mention"
- 2006 ILCA "3rd Award in General Excellence" of newsletter with less than 2,500 circulation

## He Lied to the American people and broke the law.



"On May 22, I stated in very specific terms and I state again to every one of you listening

tonight these facts - I had no prior knowledge of the Watergate break-in; I neither took part in nor knew about any of the subsequent cover-up activities; I neither authorized nor encouraged subordinates to engage in illegal or improper campaign tactics. That was and this is the truth." - **Richard M. Nixon, August 15, 1973**

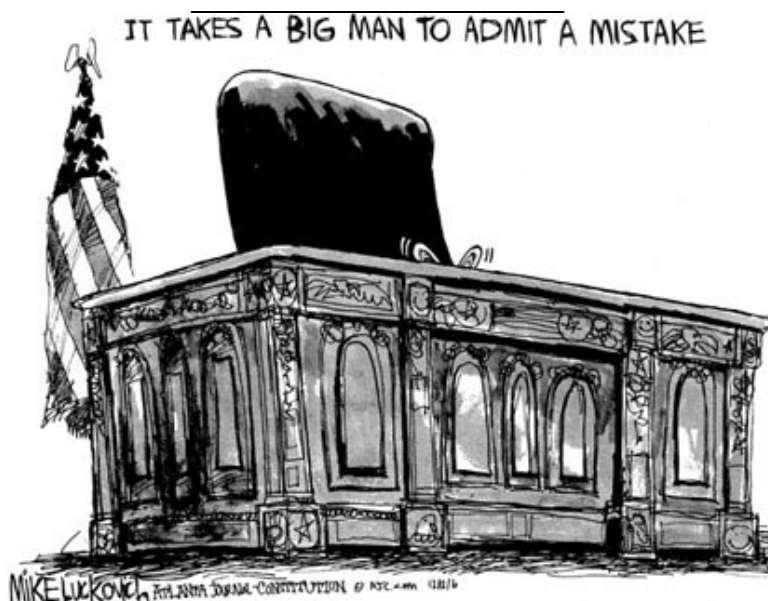
*(source comparisons from Mother Jones magazine)*

## So did he!

"Now, by the way, any time you hear the United States Government talking about wiretap, it requires - a wiretap requires a court order. Nothing has changed, by the way. When we're talking about chasing down terrorists, we're talking about getting a court order before we do so. It's important for our fellow citizens to understand, when you think Patriot Act, constitutional guarantees are in place when it comes to doing what is necessary to protect our homeland, because we value the Constitution." - **George W. Bush, April 20, 2004.**



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Experience, integrated with the importance of quality & **Union** made in America products has been the backbone of our company for 15 years. Our strong commitment in providing superior products and services with the state of the art technology allows us to continue to provide quality and value in a timely manner.

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We have the product knowledge and industry expertise coupled with the ability to access items to suit your needs quickly and efficiently.

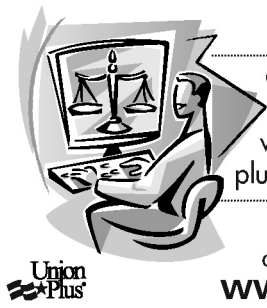
We combine creativity and strong product knowledge with leading-edge technology to create and decorate our products.

We are pleased to offer in house **Union** products, **Union** art, **Union** embroidery, and **Union** screen-printing. Other **Union** decorative applications are also available.

*(UMA is a newly represented IAM shop within United Lodge 66. Visit their store and purchase American and Union made clothing. UMA, N35 W21100 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee, WI 53027 262-373-0777*

*Note: this is old Capitol Drive, on the hill top.)*

## Union Plus® Legal Service



### Free Legal advice

Get answers to your legal questions from our network of attorneys. Free consultation with an attorney for up to 30 minutes—plus 30% off additional legal fees.

To find a lawyer in your area, call **1-888-993-8886** or visit **[www.unionplus.org/legal](http://www.unionplus.org/legal)** WEB-03/05

### Union members get free legal consultations

The Union Plus Legal Service provides Union members with a valuable resource for accessing personal legal advice. You and your members get a free, confidential consultation of up to 30 minutes and a 30% discount on hourly and flat fees.

Skilled lawyers can help Union members with issues related to wills and estate planning including:

- Advance health care directives
- Living wills
- Health care powers of attorney

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Visit: [www.unionplus.org/legal](http://www.unionplus.org/legal) for a full description of the legal program or call 1-888-993-8886 to find a participating lawyer in your area.

## Essay Contest of

*Wisconsin Labor History Society*

This yearly contest is open to high school students in grades 9 to 12. Talk to your family members, friends and neighbors about their Unions and their working life. Search out other resources. In about 750 words write on the following them: **“Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . .”**

The cash prizes to be awarded in May 2007 include:

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

**The rules:** Essay 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 your were encouraged or assisted by a teacher the teacher's name. Also list your family's Union membership, if applicable.

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

**Submissions must be postmarked  
February 14, 2007 or before.**

## Shop Chairs, Remember Your Shop Meetings To The Membership

Shop Committees should be planning their 2007 meetings for their shops to allow the membership a time to speak out.

**Shop Committees should get together and discuss issues. The Hall is available** and simply needs a little advance planning and a phone call for a date and time. Service, communications and involvement is what **we are responsible for to the membership.**

Please, whenever there is a **change in your shop committee** contact Lodge 66. **If you do not who will?**

If you have a **shop meeting** else where, let us know. **We would like to attend and get a picture** to be used on our *Badger Lodge News* or on the website

**Call 414-671-3800 for a date.**

## Activities for You and Family

- **Education Evening is January 18, 2007.** The topic is ‘**Your 2006 Taxes.**’ There are changes added by congress after the printing of the income tax booklet. This evening is open to all members, their family and bring your neighbor.
- **Placid Harbor Leadership Classes** and you can take your family and share the Union learning experience. These are open to all members but you need to apply through Lodge 66.



# Fundamental Health Care Reform Within Reach - IF WE ACT!

*By David Newby, President Wisconsin State AFL-CIO*

For more than fourteen years the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO has been pushing hard for fundamental health care reform in Wisconsin. In the early 1900's we helped form the Coalition for Wisconsin Health and drafted a path breaking state level "single payer" health care bill (similar to Canada's very successful health care system).

We still support that proposal but as the health care cost crisis deepened at the end of the last decade, we realized that we needed to develop a new plan - a plan that would meet many of our goals in the single payer proposal, but one that could also get management support and have a significantly better chance of being passed by the Wisconsin Legislature.

Over five years ago we established a Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Health Care Committee to see if we could come up with a proposal that would control health care costs and take the cost of health care off the bargaining table for all our Unions. The result, after many discussions and consultations with other groups and health care professionals, was the Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan (WHCPP).

You can read more detail about that Plan at the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO website, [www.wisafcio.org](http://www.wisafcio.org). The basic idea is that all workers and their dependents in Wisconsin would be covered by a common totally comprehensive health care plan. It would be financed in a fair fashion by affordable co-pays and deductibles by workers, and a flat per worker per month fee by employers. Our actuary determined that in 2003 the employer would have to pay considerably less than \$300 per month per employee to provide this comprehensive health care (estimated at about \$330-340 in 2006). The cost is so low for two reasons: (a) we would drastically cut the unnecessary administrative costs in our current health care system; (b) and with all employers both in the private and public sectors paying their fair share, the per employee cost would be reduced dramatically.

All our Unions endorsed this plan, as well as a number of private sector corporations, the associations that represent management in the public sector, as well as family farm groups such as the Wisconsin Farmers Union, The National Farmers Union, and advocacy organizations such as the AARP, the Alliance for Retired Americans, the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Citizen Action of Wisconsin and others.

So where are we with this proposal? We are within shooting distance of success.

As a result of the November elections, we now have a Senate with a Democratic majority that is committed to fundamental health care reform. The Assembly still has a Republican majority, but we have some support among Republicans as well (for example, Republican Representative Terry Musser was our co-sponsor in the WHCPP bill that was introduced last April). Every poll before the November elections had fundamental health care reform as the first or second most important issue for voters. Many candidates, especially successful Senate Democratic challengers, had comprehensive health care reform as their number one issue.

We are now asking Governor Jim Doyle to include the WHCPP in his 2007 - 2008 Budget and we urge you to call his office, 608-266-1212 and urge him to do that. It is a long shot but one we have to take.

We will also be reintroducing the WHCPP as a bill in the Legislature in January. **We will be asking you to call your local state legislators to become sponsors (1-800-362-9472).** Senate Democrats as a group ran on comprehensive health care reform in the November elections. We need every single one of them as a sponsor of the Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan. We need Assembly Democrats to make the same commitment.

But we also need Republican support. **Union members who have Republican Senate and Assembly representatives have a special responsibility** and opportunity to get their legislators to support the WHCPP, the most innovative and practical health care reform proposal in the entire country.

If our elected officials act in the interest of working families, Wisconsin could lead the country in fundamental health care reform and Governor Jim Doyle could go down in history as the leader of health care reform in the United States.

But it is up to us to create the grass roots pressure to make our elected representatives do the right thing. Let us do it!

(editors note: Lodge 66 will gladly send any member a copy of the WHCPP)



*David Newby*

## Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center

This Machinists Union Educational facility is open to all members. You do need to apply through the Lodge Education Committee and you need to be active in Lodge 66.

Since 1981 more than 46,354 members have attended this facility. It is a commitment from our leadership to us for the best trained Union representatives. On our website there is a complete list of dates for all classes. In most instances there is room for members to bring their families so all can experience our facility.



*Placid Harbor, dorms and classrooms*

There are **leadership classes**: Leadership I, II, III and Advanced Leadership; Train the Trainer; Spanish and French Leadership classes. There are **communication classes**: Advanced Editors; Basic and Advanced Web development; Basic Newsletter development; Communicators Course. There are **staff programs**: advanced collective bargaining; arbitration; first contract; pension fundamentals.

Besides this there are opportunities to get a

labor degree through the National Labor College.

*Labor education to have the best trained. It is up to . . . guess who? YOU.*

## 2007 Scholarship Competition of YOUR Machinists Union (IAM)

The scholarship competition is open each year to members of the IAM and their children. This yearly competition was developed in 1960 and all money is from a separate fund.

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 for college at \$1,000 per academic year. All awards are renewed each year until a Bachelor's degree is obtained or for a maximum of four years, whichever occurs first. Vocational/technical school is \$2,000 per year until certification is attained or for a maximum of two years, whichever occurs first.

To obtain an application send request to:

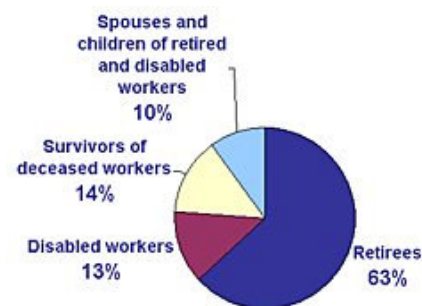
IAM Scholarship Program  
9000 Machinists Place, RM 117  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687

**Application packet must be postmarked no later than February 23, 2007.**

## Seniors Corner

**Social Security** provides Americans with basic protection for life against the hazards of lost work-related income due to retirement, disability or death. It plays a central role in the lives, expectations and peace of mind of both retirees and today's workers. Enacted in 1935, Social Security was originally designed to lift and keep elderly Americans out of poverty. Today it has come to mean more than just retirement income.

In 2004, more than 96% of American workers contributed to and were insured by Social Security. Benefits were paid to 47 million retirees, survivors and disabled persons. That equals 1 out of every 4, or 25%, of American households. **Social Security hasn't missed a payment in 70 years** and its impact on people's lives has been dramatic.



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**Alliance for Retired Americans**  
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[www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.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
- \$10.00 for large
- \$10.00 for X-large
- \$11.50 for XX-large
- \$11.50 for 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.



**Available from Lodge 66 for \$11.00 each.**

## YOUR Email

The lack of communications regarding opportunities for you and your family is not the result of us not trying. You can pick and choose from the events, at least you are informed, or you can pass on the activities to your friends at work.

**Email: smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net**

Some activities in our Labor Community, may be in our newsletter, but events happen too fast. **The only way is to visit the "Lodge 66 News" Page or better to be on the Lodge 66 Activists Email List.**

The choice is yours!

*In Solidarity,*

## Directory for District 10 Office,

**1650 S. 38th Street, Milwaukee, 53215;** dial **414-643-4334**, then extension for your Business Agent:

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- or dropped in the mail slot;
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