

# Badger Lodge News



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July 2010

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting September 10, 2010 (July & August Cancelled)

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 August 2010 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is July 17.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. **See last page.**
- July and August Business Meetings are cancelled.

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

## Veterans/Badge Night

June 6, 2010

Each year in June the executive board of United Lodge 66 does a veterans/badge Night to recognize continuous years of membership in our Machinists Union (IAM & AW). The buffet meal is prepared by members of your executive board. There is also refreshments and door prizes.

The list is provided to the Lodge by our International. It starts out at 15 years of membership to 50 years of membership in 5 year increments. In attendance were six members with 50 years of continuous membership.



*Those 50 Year Members, now called Life Members, were Allen Kraemer, Lloyd Moe, Erwin Neumann, Fred Rauscher, Allan Risseuw and Alex Sadowski, Jr.*

*Pictured with our Life Members are Ben Elizondo, District 10 Business Agent; Russ Krings, District 10 Directing Business Representative; and Patricia Elizondo, United Lodge 66 President.*



*Russ giving Joe Dosemagen, from Ocean Spray, his 20 Year Pin.*

*Russ giving Steve Neustetter, from Milwaukee Gear, his 30 Year Pin.*

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



# Badge Night 2010



*Susan Naidul, from Industries for the Blind, getting her 40 Year Pin.*



*Mark Jaeger, from Advance Die, getting his 25 Year Pin.*



*Thomas Guy, got his 25 Year Pin and Frank Balistreri, got his 45 Year Pin; both from Badger Meter.*



## Activities for You and Your Family

- **Delegate to Milwaukee Area Labor Council: July 7** in 2010. All meetings start at 6:30PM.
- Union Member to Union Member first walk is being held on **July 24, 2010**.
- **United Lodge 66 Scholarship deadline is July 31, 2010** for senior high school students who graduated in 2010 and are continuing onto high education.
- **September 6, 2010 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM** is Laborfest.
- **Wisconsin State Fair Union Labor Booth, August 5 to August 15, 2010.** The Milwaukee Area Labor Council and Wisconsin AFL-CIO have a booth to profile our jobs and activities in the community. If you want to volunteer a few hours to man staff the booth and get free admission to the fair then call Robin at the Labor Council at 414-771-7070.
- 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](http://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 July and August Friday Night Business Meetings have been cancelled by a vote of the membership.
- The United Lodge 66 building is **smoke free**.



## Republicans and Tea Baggers (Party) are United!!

The forces of smaller or no government united in the early days of June 2010 to get government out of our lives. By a vote of 57 to 41 the Senate failed to approve another extension of unemployment compensation. All Republicans voted no and one Democratic crossed over. Sixty votes were needed to allow a vote on the extension and it failed by three.

Now some 903,000 citizens have lost their unemployment benefits as of June 19 and the number will increase by more than 2,000,000 by July 3.

With no jobs being developed by the private sector, from which the unemployed to try for, removing whatever safety blanket is left is a bit caulis.

*(EPI News, June 25, 2010)*

## Arizona Gets Wisconsin Tax Dollar!

Except for those citizens in total isolation we all know about the get tough law in Arizona to track down undocumented workers. But did you know that Arizona is in the top three states having ICE (Immigration and Customs and Enforcement) detention centers to house persons until they are deported. You probably did not!

You also did not know that the localities where these detention centers are located will be able to claim those persons for the next ten years since they were counted during the 2010 census. The Federal money distributed back to localities in 2008 averaged \$1469.00. For the next 10 year some of Arizona's communities will get our tax dollar. Thank you so very much get tough Arizona Republican Governor Jan Brewer.

*(Source: AP, June 1, 2010, Antigo Journal)*

## Laborfest 2010

September 6, 2010 from 9AM to 5PM will be our time to celebrate and relax among thousands of Union members and friends at the Summerfest Grounds. It begins with a parade from Zeidler Union Square at 4th and Michigan Avenue, Milwaukee at 11:00AM. We march to the Summerfest grounds for five hours of entertainment, good food and some refreshments. There will be free games and drawings for children as well as the 5:00PM drawing for a 2010 Harley Davidson Motorcycle.

Those members from United Lodge 66 who march in the parade will receive a free T-Shirt. You need to pre-register for the shirt. Taking care of the shirts and tickets will be Dave Russell, shop chair at Badger Meter and Lodge Trustee.



*Mike Herbert, Machinists Union member at Ocean Spray.  
Online version: Click on the picture and see what you missed in 2009.*

# Lab★r2010

Save the date and get involved to talk with other Union members on the issues important in this years fall election. The Labor 2010 Kick-Off & Member to Member Walk is being held:

**Saturday, July 24, 2010**

**9AM to 1PM**

**Milwaukee Area Labor Council**

**633 S. Hawley Road**

**Milwaukee, WI 53214**

This year's elections for Governor and Senate will provide a stark contrast between candidates who will stand up for working families and support policies that create jobs, and candidates who will support Wall Street and maintain the large tax breaks for the wealthy.

Join in the door to door to talk with working families about our endorsed candidates. Following the walk with be lunch and refreshment.

Bring yourself and family members.

For more information or to sign up call Wisconsin AFLCIO Service Area Organizer Jenisse Volpintesta at 414-771-7070 or email [jvolpintesta@wisafclcio.org](mailto:jvolpintesta@wisafclcio.org).

## JOIN: Union Veteran's Committee

If you want to be involved in future events contact Mike Balistriere at 414-771-9829 or [mikeaflcio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeaflcio@sbcglobal.net). We hold monthly meetings or when necessary.



## 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.

Let us introduce ourselves and what opportunities exist for members.



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## Scholarship Program of United Lodge 66

This program is meant to assist two high school seniors that are children of a United Lodge 66 member. Listed below are the criteria for the Scholarship Selection:

1. Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually.
2. Only seniors in High School that are children of Machinists Union United Lodge 66 Members and those that are seeking post High School Education are eligible.
3. An essay must be written and **must be based on how Unions have been important to your family and community** to be considered for the Scholarship. Information should be gathered from your parents or relatives and the struggles they may have faced in their jobs. The essays must be at least 500 words in length. **Please note, "Essays written from Labor History Books, encyclopedias, etc., will NOT BE ACCEPTED."**
4. Essays must be sent to: United Lodge 66, 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Essays will be given to the Scholarship Committee to review.
5. After a review of the competency of each essay, a selection process will follow and the winner will be the essay that best meets the requirements stated above.
6. One half of the Scholarship will be paid directly to the school in the first semester (fall 2010) in which the individual is enrolled. The second half will be paid during the second semester (spring 2011) and also sent directly to the school. Selections of essay winners will take place at the September Lodge Meeting. **The essays must be in at United Lodge 66 office by July 31, 2010 or postmarked July 31, 2010 Absolute, no entries will be accepted past this date.**
7. Notification of availability of Scholarship will be published in the *Badger Lodge News*, our Website, and posted in all worksites.

The selection committee will be executive board members. We urge all Union parents in United Lodge 66, with High School Seniors in their family, to encourage their children to enter this contest for consideration of a Scholarship. All entries become the property of United Lodge 66 and winning or any entries will or may be published in the *Badger Lodge News*, our Website.



United Lodge 66 and its members are again partners with the USA group to offer the chance win a firearm or gift certificate from one of our local sporting goods stores. We will be holding a drawing for these prizes at our September 10, 2010 Lodge Business Meeting. You need not be present to win but you must be a Union member in good standing and be a paid up USA member.

USA is an affiliation of several International Unions, Local Unions and a close relationship with the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership to give Union hunters and anglers a voice in national conservation policy. USA's mission is to improve and expand hunting and fishing access.

"USA offers Union members the chance to organize, sustain and defend a uniquely American way of life, an outdoor heritage both for themselves and for their children and grandchildren to enjoy," said AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka.

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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](http://www.iamstore.org) and order right from your home.

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## Union Label & Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO

On this site, [www.unionlabel.org](http://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 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.

We do provide all shop chairs with the new member application and self addressed stamped envelopes. Before your worksite runs out of either you need to contact this office and more will be sent.

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## 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.**



## Seniors Corner

### New Health Care Reform

- **Reduces drug costs by phasing out doughnut hole:** Provides a \$250 rebate in 2010 for seniors who fall in the doughnut hole. In 2011 when seniors fall in the doughnut hole, they will receive 50% discount on brand name drugs and government subsidies for generic drugs. By 2020 the doughnut hole will be eliminated.
- **Covers preventive services:** In 2011 seniors in Medicare will receive free annual checkups. In addition the law eliminates co-payments or cost sharing for mammograms, colonoscopies and other preventive screenings.
- **Supports early retiree coverage:** Provides financial assistance to employer health plans that cover early retirees, bringing down health costs and premiums by as much as \$1200.00 per family, per year for some plans.
- **Encourages doctors to coordinate care and improve quality:** Creates incentives for providers to work together to better serve patients and reduce wasteful care like repeated tests.
- **Significantly lowers cost for struggling seniors:** Expands the Medicare Part D low income subsidy, which will dramatically help struggling seniors afford their health care costs.

### Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

6333 W. Bluemound Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53213  
414-771-9511

<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

### Alliance for Retired Americans

888-16th Street, NW Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20006  
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497  
Fax 202-974-8256

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



## Car Pooling

**From Kenosha:** Want to carpool 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 either: Ron Simmelink, 920-627-0325, from Kieffer & Company in Sheboygan.



## Officers, LL66 Machinists Union

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Ben Elizondo	19
Patrick O'Connor	17
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