

Badger Lodge News



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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

July 14, 2006

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800

*All Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.*

- There are **NO DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS**. Business can be done at the Business or Education Night Meetings or by mail.
- **CHECK** the answering machine for hours open, 414-671-3800.
- **Education Night Evening** for June, July and August are cancelled
- The deadline for articles to August edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is July 17.
- Contract Issues **MUST be settled** by your Business Agent at D10. See last page.

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United Lodge 66 Scholarship

The deadline for entry is July 31, 2006. All information is on our website and shop chairs were provided with several postings.

Kentucky River

Soon To Be Infested With Worker Eating Sharks

Is the name attached to three cases pending before the Bush appointed National Labor Relations Board. These cases will re-define the meaning of a supervisor. The fear is that another 2,000,000 workers will lose their rights to belong to a Union and have a voice at work. This will affect workers who are presently called team leaders, registered nurses who direct other nurses, building trades workers who direct crews on the job sight. There will be no limit to this decision of the NLRB.

The three cases grouped under the Kentucky River title are: (a) Oakwood Healthcare vs UAW, case 7-RC-22141; (b) Golden Crest Healthcare Center vs United Steelworkers; © Croft Metals vs Boilermakers Union. Besides these



three cases there are another 135 other cases being held open pending this decision of which 60 are Union election cases. **This illustrates how what we negotiate can be legislated or judged way.** The real significance is that Union families have voted for anti-Union politicians and these families expect a different outcome.

United Lodge 66 can send hard copy information to you. You can read more at <http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/kyriver>.

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Kentucky River Event

July 13, 2006

4:00PM

A "Kangaroo Court" Will Be Held

At the corner of Russell and Superior Streets in Bay View. This is the location of the historical marker to the Bay View Rolling Mills Massacre where seven workers were killed in 1896 by our Wisconsin Militia under orders of Governor Rusk all because they were marching for an eight hour day!

Bring yourself and family for solidarity and character building for the battles ahead of us.

Afterwards we will meet at Puddlers Hall, 2461 S. St. Clair Street, Bay View, which was the Union Hall for the Rolling Mills workers.

Activities for You and Family

- **Kentucky River Action** will be held on **July 13, 2006 at 4:00PM** at the corner of Russell and Superior Streets in Bay View.
- **St. Benedict the Moor meal program** sponsored by the Milwaukee County Labor Council and the AFL-CIO Field Mobilization groups is on **Sunday, July 31, 2006, beginning at 4:00PM**. This is a homeless meal program which on this date we grill the meal for them. **Volunteers are always needed** to help grill and serve. If interested call Anne Marie Wacker, Community Services Liaison at 414-771-9830. St. Ben's is located at 1015 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee.
- **Laborfest is September 4, 2006** from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. Lodge 66 will provide T-shirts for all marchers from Lodge 66 and tickets to supplement the cost of refreshments and food at the Summerfest Grounds. Entrance to the grounds is free at which will there is music, games for children, free drawings for children's, an Union show, car show and more. ***You must pre-register yourself or family for the T-shirt, by size and name, before the cutoff date.***



“What we’re trying to do is to change the tone in Washington, DC. We’re trying to get rid of all the needless politics and focus on the people’s business, focus on results, and not the ugly process that sometimes takes on. We’re making good progress. We really are. (Source: White House Web Site)”

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/11/20031113-4.html>

“George Bush has cleaved the nation into two tenaciously opposed camps even more than his predecessors. - Time Magazine, 11/12/03”

http://www.outsidethebeltway.com/archives/2003/11/a_house_divided/

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Being From Texas DOES NOT Make You a Straight Shooter

1999

- Number of employers prosecuted for unlawfully employing immigrants was 182.
- United States government initiated fines against 417 companies.
- Fines collected from companies was \$3,600,000.
- Number of unauthorized workers arrested was 2,849.

2003/2004

- Number of employers prosecuted for unlawfully employing immigrants was 4.
- United States government issues fine notices to 3.
- Fines collected from companies was \$212,000.
- Number of unauthorized workers arrested was 445.

(source: Associated Press and Government Accountability Office)

Say Good-Bye to Ben!

At the June District 10 Delegate Meeting there was a formal announcement and approval by the delegates for Ben Elizondo, President of United Lodge 66, to an Business Agent position at the District. This opening at District 10 was created when Steve Nickel, Assistant Directing Business Agent for District 10 accepted a Grand Lodge Representative position with Machinists Union Midwest Territory.

A congratulations to them both.



Richard Larson, Darwin Bell and Walter Berger received their 50 year pins of continuous Machinists Union membership at this years Badge Night Celebration from Ben Elizondo, President of United Lodge 66

Casino & Entertainment Center in Kenosha is Endorsed

The delegates to the Milwaukee County Labor Council did endorse the construction of this center. Besides providing 1,000 construction jobs and more than 3,000 permanent jobs there are two other important reasons for this endorsement. They are:

- The Menominee Tribe did agree to sign a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of this center. A PGA ensures the prevailing wage will be paid for all work done. This most certainly means it will be done with Union labor.
- The Menominee Tribe did sign a memorandum of understanding to accept card check recognition. Card check recognition means that if 51% of the new employees at this center sign cards stating they want a Union; the employer will not challenge this petition and will start negotiations.

This is something which the Potawatomi Community and facility in Milwaukee would not do. Something persons seeking entertainment should consider.

Bad News?

Also at the District 10 delegate meeting was a report about our recently held staff conference for the Machinists Union. Our Union, as most Unions, is suffering under the most anti-working family administration and reactionary philosophy to take hold of our representative government. This reactionary philosophy and activists neo-conservative judges change the rules or laws against organizing in favor of corporations who (and they have) expand the gap between the rich and us workers.

Workers, **YOU**, need to get involved in any organizing efforts developed by District 10. As **YOU** talk with your neighbors or other acquaintances and hear about unrepresented workers who are not satisfied with their work environment, **it is imperative for you to forward these organizing leads to United Lodge 66.** Only if we can increase Union density will **WE** survive and for **YOU** to maintain a respectable standard of living for your family.



**OUR MEMBERS ASKED
FOR MORE.
AND WE SAID YES.**

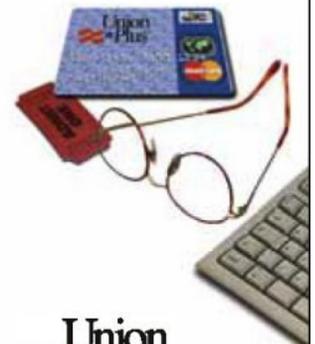
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Congress Votes \$3,300 Pay Raise! What Was Yours?

Despite record low approval ratings, House lawmakers (remember the majority party) embraced a \$3,300 pay raise that would increase their salaries to \$168,500.

The 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) would be the seventh straight for members of the House and Senate. Lawmakers easily squelched an attempt by Representative Matheson, D-Utah, to get a direct vote to block the increase, which is automatically awarded unless lawmakers vote to block it.

In the early days of the Republican control of Congress, lawmakers routinely denied themselves the annual COLA.

Source: Seattle Times, June 14, 2006

Federal Minimum Wage Held Up by Gangsters!

While we were able to work with our Democratic Governor to increase Wisconsin's minimum wage in Washington, DC the Republicans have refused to pass such an increase to the federal standard.

Senator Kennedy (D-Mass) tried to attach an increase to \$7.25 per hour to a defense authorization legislation. Senator Frist (R-Tenn., majority leader) attached this increase to an abortion related amendment to assure defeat.

Representative Miller (D-Calif.) proposed an increase in the House. He did have some Republican support in committee but they later changed their minds!

Call 1-888-355-3588 and tell our elected representatives we want a raise. The last raise was ten years ago.

Q. Part of the Culture of Corruption?

A. It is up to you to determine!

Fighting for Democracy in Iraq? How About in the US Congress?

We all know which political party and philosophy controls Congress and the Presidency. One of the rules implemented by the party in power is that in order for a bill to be voted upon it must be supported by "the majority of the majority." This means 51% of the Republicans must support the bill. It does mean that if 51% of the Republicans and Democrats support a bill but not 51% of the Republicans; there will be no vote.

The Representative Hastert Doctrine (R-IL) does not believe in a true democratic process; only one his philosophy controls. It makes some Americans wonder where some

politicians learned their basics in representative government.

This Doctrine did not exist when another political parties did control Congress!



Stolen Identity

Before taken any trips or going on vacation look at a few of the tips from the Privacy Rights Clearing House at www.privacyrights.org.

- Clean out your wallet or purse and remove any necessary credit cards.
- Keep a copy all remaining items in your wallet or purse and keep it in a safe place at home in case either are stolen.
- Use credit cards or travelers checks instead of your personal checkbook.
- Use your credit card instead of your debit since with a credit card your liability is only \$50.00 while with a debit a thief could clean out your checking account.

How Good is Your Doctor

We all want to trust the person chosen to monitor our health. This all being true why not do a little checking just in case. Here are a few sites to use:

- www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov is run by the federal government health and human services department and shows how your hospital compares on a national or state level.
- www.leapfroggroup.org also looks at hospitals based on the types of medical procedures they use.
- www.healthgrades.com is really one you want to check out since it measures hospitals on mortality and complication rates.
- www.docboard.org allows you to check out doctors in our state for their education, practice information and legal actions.
- Better yet after you have had some medical services provided go to www.ratemds.com to give your opinion on your doctor.

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Manganese Action Committee

Several months ago the Milwaukee Labor community did form this committee to develop a program to educate workers regarding the chronic neurological disorders caused by manganese used in the welding process. Many mistake there condition for Parkinson's Disease.

If you want to be kept informed of our future activities let us know at 414-671-3800.



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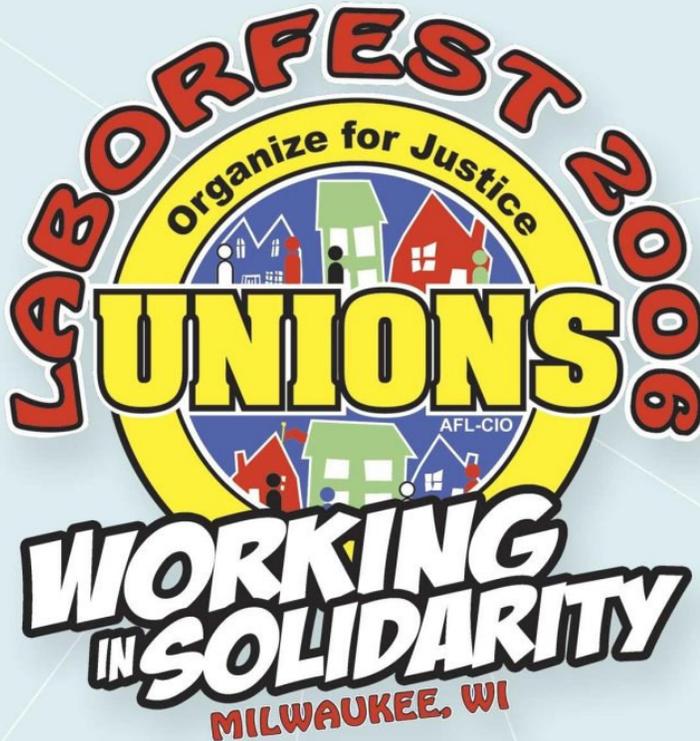
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**Monday,
September 4**

Parade Downtown Milwaukee
11:00 a.m.

**Summerfest
Grounds**
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Seniors Corner

White House Sets Its Sights on Social Security Again Less than two weeks after Rep. McCrery (R-LA) said that privatizing Social Security would be a top Congress Agenda item in 2007, White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolten echoed the same in the Wall Street Journal. Bolten stated he is laying the groundwork for a renewed effort to "reform" both Social Security and Medicare. He went on to state that President Bush and his aides have learned from their earlier failed attempt.

Congress May Consider Changes to New Medicare Law Congress is looking to change the Medicare Law to offset the billions in cost for the new Part D drug program. Lawmakers want to prevent a cut in Medicare payments to physicians.

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W-4 is Needed!

Each member must have on file at the Union office a W4 form before any reimbursement of lost time can be made. We have mailed this form to each committeeperson and have made them available at the Lodge Business and Education Evening Meeting. It is up to you to complete and return the W4 to the Union office.

www.onewisconsinnow.org

Is the website for a new independent, non-partisan advocacy organization. Tired of the old neo-conservative dialog on hate radio in Milwaukee, then visit One Wisconsin to re-ignite the flame of progressive public policy.

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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
- \$10.00 for large
- \$10.00 for X-large
- \$11.50 for XX-large
- \$11.50 for XXX-large
- \$3.50 for mesh cap
- \$11.00 for Denim/Black/Blue cap
- \$11.00 for Khaki cap
- \$12.00 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.

The Lodge Union Office is OPEN each Thursday & Friday; otherwise THERE ARE NO Daytime Office Hours

All Business must be done by mail; or drop in the mail slot; or the night of a Lodge or Education Evening Meeting.

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,

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**The Union office WILL NOT be open the week of July 3
through 7, 2006 or will any messages be returned until
July 9, 2006**

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