

# Badger Lodge News



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November 2007

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

November 9, 2007

7:00 PM

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

*All Lodge Members are  
Encouraged to attend.*

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS** are Tuesday thru Friday, **8AM to 4:30PM**. Business can be done at the Business or Education Night Meetings or by mail.
- **CHECK** the answering machine for hours, 414-671-3800.
- **Education Night Evening** is November 15 at 7PM.
- The deadline for articles to December edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is November 17.

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## President's Direct Line

All members who have issues 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*

## Leadership I

*At Our Machinists Union Education and Technology Center*

*By Dan Pallen*

I want to thank all members for allowing me this outstanding learning opportunity and want to encourage other members to attend. This class is taught at our facility, the William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center at Placid Harbor, located in Hollywood, Maryland. I did not know what to expect but on flying out there were five other Machinists Union members from Milwaukee which made for a better trip.

The facility is like a five star hotel with all the food and refreshments to make for an at home atmosphere. Upon arrival and on Sunday we got our schedule for the week. Expect some free time but only after the 10 hours a day of scheduled classes. We are told up front how lucky we are to be here and the membership expects you all to put in a full day.

All the classes were enjoyed but two more than others. Those two were on Human Rights and on Union Labor History. We learned how important it is for us all to get out into our community. This is because our Union benefits allow us the time to spread the good word of being a represented worker - a Union member. We have to spread the word about our Union history regarding how we have helped all working families and how we affect the economy. **Citizens need to make sure our elected officials represent the needs of labor and cast their vote for those who care about our needs.** The instructors were first class and answered all of our questions.

After our supper there was time to relax at the Feed Back Inn. We were able to discuss the happenings in our class as well as our experiences back home. This was a good time to see how different we are but now similar we are in our needs. Members were from the United States as well as Canada.



*Dan*

*Placid Harbor is open to all members.  
Opportunities are only limited by what you want to accomplish.*

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

# William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center

Here is the class schedule for 2008. This education opportunity is open to all Machinists Union members but you need to apply through United Lodge 66. Our Union and your Lodge wants the best trained shop committees to best serve the membership. Each one of us can make that difference and 2008 can be your time. Remember there is no cost to the attendee. Members who do attend will receive lost time and per diem from your Lodge. The Grand Lodge pays to fly you to and from the class.

The classes are:

- Leadership I: April 27 to May 2; July 6 to 11; August 10 to 15; September 28 to October 3; and October 19 to 24.
- Leadership II: May 4 to 9; July 20 to 25; and October 5 to 10.
- Advanced Leadership: March 2 to 7; and November 9 to 14.
- Train the Trainer: March 9 to 14; June 22 to 27; and September 21 to 26.
- French Leadership I: July 6 to 11.
- French Leadership II: July 13 to 18.
- French Advanced: July 13 to 18.
- Spanish Leadership I: April 27 to May 2.
- Spanish Leadership II: June 22 to 27.

Besides the leadership series there is other specialized training for those involved in the Lodge and your shop. Some of the opportunities are: Community Services Class; High Performance Work Organization; Human Rights Seminar; Intro to EAP's; Political Education; Safety and Health Conference; Women's Basic Program; Women's Advanced Program; HAZMAT.

To learn more the Lodge does have a 13 minute video on the Placid Harbor facility.



*Placid Harbor, dorms and classrooms*



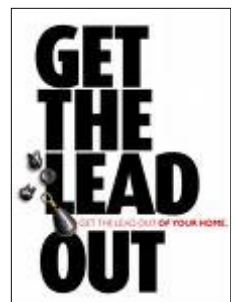
**Union Plus Benefits for IAM Members** have discounted services and free benefits from the AFL-CIO's Union Privilege. Visit [www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org) to find out more about these benefits: **Money & Credit:** Credit counseling, Your Credit Score, Credit Care; **Insurance Deals:** Auto, Life, Accidental and Pet; **House & Home:** Mortgage & Real Estate, Home Heating Oil Discounts; **Legal Services:** **Everyday Savings:** Flower Discounts, Union-Made Clothing; **Health & Well Being:** Health Savings and Health Club Discounts; **Educational Services:** Education Services and Union Plus Scholarships; **Auto Advantages:** Car Rental Discounts, Goodyear Tire & Service Discounts, Motor Club and Auto Buying; **Travel & Recreation:** Cruise Discounts, Worldwide Vacation Tours, Entertainment Discounts; **Computers & Tech:** Discounts from Dell, AT & T Wireless and Internet service.

*It pays to belong to the*



## Activities for You and Family

- **Christmas Party**, Saturday, December 15, 2007.
- November 15, 2007, **Education Evening**, 2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, is at 7:00PM and is open to your family. The topic will be on **lead poisoning**.
- **William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** is open to all members. The complete schedule of classes was sent to all committee persons and **we will send it to any member**. The Lodge does pick up your lost time. The air fare and accommodations is from our International. Take advantage of this educational opportunity and make our Union even better. To learn more about our center visit: <http://winpisinger.iamaw.org> and then talk to us.



## Wisconsin Labor History Society Essay Contest

This contest is open to all high school students in the grades 9 - 12. In about 750 words write an essay on the following theme: **“Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . .”** Information can be collected from family, friends, neighbors as well as using other resources as the library and the internet.

### Judging by:

Prof. Harvey Kay  
Center for history and Social  
Change  
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
Green Bay, WI 54311

### Cash Prizes:

\$500 - 1st Place  
\$300 - 2nd Place  
\$200 - 3rd Place  
\$100 - Honorable Mention (up to 5  
awarded)

Submissions must be postmarked by February 15, 2008 or before. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on white paper and two copies must be submitted.

All shops should have been posted but we can send the flyers to anyone by calling United Lodge 66 at 414-671-3800 or

[smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net).

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## Scholarship Program of United Lodge 66

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

1. Two (2) \$500 scholarship annually.
  2. Only seniors in high school that are children of Machinists Union United Lodge 66 members and 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 2007) in which the individual is enrolled. The second half will be paid during the second semester (spring 2008) and also sent directly to the school. Selections of essay winners will take place at the December Lodge Meeting. **The essays must be in at United Lodge 66 office by November 30, 2007 or postmarked November 30, 2007 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 plants.
- (>>>Please note this is very late and is meant for children who were seniors in the spring of 2007<<<)

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.

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## 2008 Scholarship Competition

This scholarship is from our International and open to Machinists Union members and their children. It is made possible by donations from Machinists Union Lodges.

The scholarship makes possible the attainment of a Bachelor's degree or a two year vocational/technical certification.

Awards to members are \$2000 per academic year and awards to children of members are \$1,000 per academic year.

The applicant must be a Machinists Union member or the son, daughter, stepchild or legally adopted child of a Machinists Union member.

The closing date of the competition is February 22, 2008.

Complete rules and the application request can be obtained from United Lodge 66 or by writing to:  
IAM Scholarship Program, 9000 Machinists Place, Room 117  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772



# Holiday Celebration Update

By Patricia Elizondo

Although the details are still being worked out, the Executive Board has a tentative plan for the Local Lodge 66 holiday celebration. We will be having a Christmas party for children and grandchildren of our members. The party will be for kids ages twelve and under and will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Union hall from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Later that day, we will be holding a Holiday Open House for our members. We will be serving appetizers, snacks, beer and soda. Members can attend between the hours of 6:30PM and 10:00 PM. We will have door prize drawings at 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM and the raffle drawing at 9:00 PM.

Raffle tickets are now available. Please watch for information in the **Badger Lodge News** monthly newsletter and on our United Lodge 66 web site. Tickets will be mailed out to all shop chairs by the beginning of November. If more tickets are needed, please call the Union office at 414-671-3800.

Reservations will be necessary for the kid's party as we will be purchasing gifts for children in attendance. We are also asking a \$5 donation for each child attending to help offset the cost of the gifts. **Reservations MUST be in by Monday, December 3, 2007 so that we have time to purchase and wrap gifts for the kids.** We want to know the age of the child and whether the child is a boy or girl. A letter will be going out to shop chairs with the necessary information for the children's party, the open house and the raffle.

Some members have expressed concern and questions over the \$5 charge per child to help purchase gifts. The reason for the contribution is that we need a commitment from members to be sure we have presents for all the kids in attendance. The local will match and most likely exceed the \$5 contribution made by members. We don't want to purchase more gifts than we need and we also want to be sure that every child in attendance has a gift from Santa.

**If any members want to help** with party preparations, please contact us at 414-671-3800 or email at [smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net).



Patricia

## Shop Chairs & Committee

### Initiation Forms & Self Addressed Stamped Envelopes

It is the policy to keep all shop committees supplied with the initiation forms and self addressed stamped envelopes. All you need to do is call or email the Lodge and let us know your needs.

414-671-3800

[smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smjzer6471@sbcglobal.net)

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Name _____
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✓ IF 5 TICKETS FOR \$20
<b>MACHINISTS LODGE 66 CHRISTMAS CASH DRAWING</b>
<b>\$3,100 in Prizes 31 Winners 2500 Printed</b>
<b>DRAWING:</b> Saturday, December 15, 2007 9:00 PM
<b>IAMAW Local Lodge 66</b> 2609 - 11 W. Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<small>(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN) Lic. No. 0001813A-01227 \$5.00 Per Ticket or 5 for \$20.00</small>
<b>PRIZES</b> 31 - \$100.00 Total \$3,100.00
Nº 0377

**Tickets** are now available from your shop committee; they can be mailed to you; at Lodge meetings; or purchased up until the raffle on December 15, 2007.



Negotiating a defined pension plan and negotiating the IAM National Pension at your next contract talks is the only way to secure your retirement.

As long as your bargaining unit is part of our pension the plan the plan will now allow non-bargaining

employees to participate. A good incentive for companies to safe guard all their employees

For more information contact your business agent at District 10.

## IAM Women's Conference and CLUW Convention

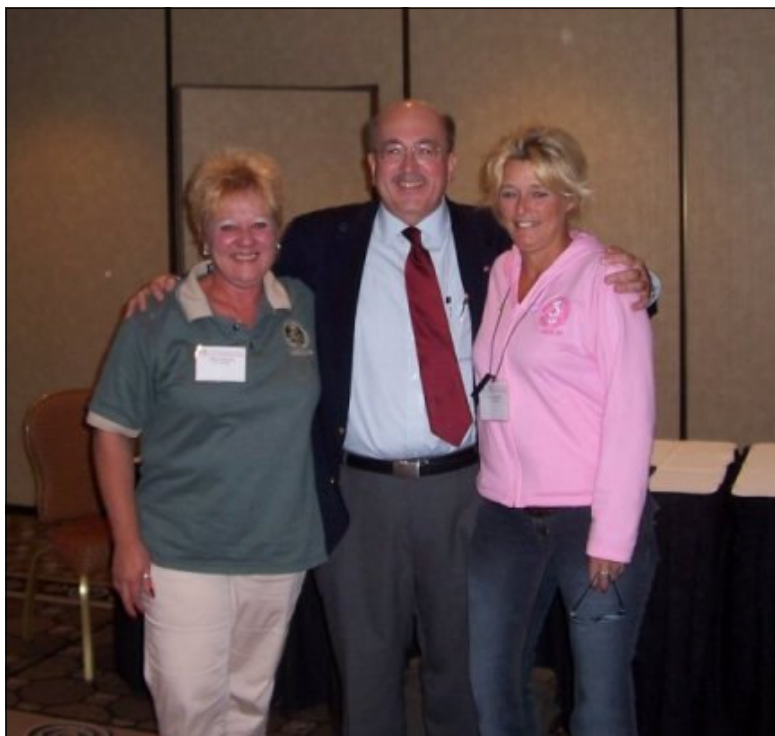
(taken from the October 16, 2007 GOIAM Imail)

The IAM Women's Conference and the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) 14th Biennial Convention were held back to back from October 10 to 13, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

First up was the IAM Women's Conference where nearly 150 members gathered from across North America. Guided by the theme, "Machinists Women - Visions and Values in Pursuit of Victories," organizing and growing the IAM was at the heart of every speaker's presentation or report, including a rousing keynote address by International President Tom Buffenbarger.

"Joining the Union is key to empowering women and restoring the middle class," said Women's Department Director Cheryl Eastburn. "Too many working women and their families are living in poverty, but we can help change that." Grand Lodge Representative Heather Kelley, who heads up women's activities for the IAM in Canada, added "we know the benefits of a Union contract. It's up to us to educate, motivate and organize."

The IAM delegation then joined nearly 800 other activists from around the labor movement for the CLUW Convention. CLUW President Marsha Zakowski reminded delegates that women are the fastest growing part of the Union. In mobilizing around the convention theme, "A New Direction for Women," delegates discussed strategies for channeling their political strength to create change in the 2008 elections.



*Tom Buffenbarger with Patricia Elizondo and Bunny Browning  
(delegates from Lodge 66)*

## MNPL

On line recipients of the Lodge newsletter go to above link, <http://goiam.org/mnpl.cfm>, and protect your future.

Become a sponsoring member for \$25.00. This is the only way to support those who protect our rights to organize.

MNPL envelopes are available from the Lodge.



## Seniors Corner

### More Evidence of Private Medicare Insurance Plan Shortcomings

Tens of thousands of Medicare recipients have been victims of deceptive sales tactics and had claims improperly denied by private insurers that run the system's drug benefit program and offer other private insurance options, a review of 91 federal audits has found. Since March, Medicare has imposed fines of more than \$770,000 on 11 companies for marketing violations and failure to provide timely notice to beneficiaries about changes to costs and benefits. Of the audits conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, 39 focused on drug benefits, 44 focused on managed care plans and 8 examined other types of private plans. "Last month we had a Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit showing insurers benefiting excessively from Medicare Advantage subsidies," said George Kourpias, President of the Alliance. "Now we have 91 audits showing inferior service in private plans. **The evidence favoring a prescription drug benefit run by traditional Medicare, rather than private plans, is just overwhelming.**"

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### Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

6333 W. Bluemound Road,  
Milwaukee, WI 53213

414-771-9511

dues are \$10/year

<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

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### 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](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.

- \$11.00 for medium
- \$11.00 for large
- \$11.00 for X-large
- \$12.50 for XX-large
- \$14.00 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.

We carry **T-shirts with no pocket** for those members who work in the food industry. The price is \$1.00 less.

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## YOUR Email

Get it done by getting your email to United Lodge 66. You can pick and choose from the events, you be informed, and 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:

Bill Christianson	24
Mike Hornby	13
Russ Krings	19
Don Griffin	20
Ben Elizondo	23
Patrick O'Connor	17
Scott Parr	18
Keith Smith	16

## HIRE CENTER

Help In Re-Employment  
816 W. National Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Milwaukee, WI 414-385-6920  
*'Dislocated Worker Program'*

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## Daytime Office Hours

**Are 8AM to 4:30PM**

**or Business can be done by mail;**  
or dropped in the mail slot; or the night of a Lodge or Education Evening Meeting.

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