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## **United Lodge 66 Business Meeting**

#### October 13, 2015

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.
- The deadline for articles for the November 2015 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is October 20.
- Contract Issues MUST be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. See last page.

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## **Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, AFL-CIO**

by Pepe Oulahan

On June 13 and 14 of this year IAM Lodge 66 member Mildred Navedo attended a Regional Conference of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement AFL-CIO, commonly known as LCLAA. "I want to thank Lodge 66 for sending me to this conference," Said Navedo.

Navedo who is the President of the Milwaukee Chapter of LCLAA said the conference was very informative and provided much information that she was able to bring back to the Lodge.

"It was great to meet so many new Union people from all across the country," said Navedo. Union representatives from 19 states, 27 international, local and independent unions and 23 LCLAA Chapters were present at the conference.

One conference presentation that impressed Navedo showed a state-by-state diagram of potential voters in our country who have never been to the polls. "These people need to be reached out to", said Navedo. "We need to make a plan for our area and carry it out."

Much of the conference focused on training attendees how to deal with their



Mildred

immigrant members who may eventually qualify for the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability and expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DAPA and DACA) programs. The two new programs created by presidential executive order are currently held up in court, but could be cleared for implementation in the not too distant future. Navedo said the conference provided her with the information and materials to begin assisting members immediately should these programs become reality.

The **most important message stressed** throughout the conference according to Navedo **was the importance of the 2016 elections** to working people in our country



"We need to start preparing now so LCLAA and Lodge 66 can play an active role in electing officials that will stand up for working people and rebuild the middle class in 2016", said Navedo.

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### Leadership I at Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center

by Wendy Greene, employee at Ocean Spray

My trip to The Winpisinger Education and Technology Center was an amazing trip that left me with plenty of information to bring back to my brothers and sisters.

The government has a big influence on the Union, their choices and actions dictate what happens to us. Wedge issues are one of the things that keep our minds off of what is really going on.

Wealth inequality is huge and is only continuing to grow. Less than half of work-

ered by any pension plan and fewer are covered by defined benefit plans. It is extremely important not to get side tracked and to stay involved. I never realized how much poli-



tics impacted the Union family.

I also learned the roll of a Steward. To be a good Steward you have to be a good leader, organizer, negotiator, enforcer, educator, communicator and political activist. I also learned how to conduct a thorough investigation. Look outside the box for answers, know the facts, keep people who are involved informed, give credit to where it's due, ask for advice and help, and keep your word. It is also important to know your contract and be able to look things up.

Leadership I training also gave me an understanding of why organization matters. In the 1950's Union density was about 40% of the work force. Today Union density is at 11%.

Unions built the middle class. We negotiated good wages, health benefits, retirement benefits and more. The density of the Union has decreased mostly because of politics. We need to stay involved, so the Union won't disappear, and so our children and grandchildren will be able to benefit from our gains as well. A Union will only be as strong as its density.

I am very grateful and I thank the IAMAW United Lodge 66 body for allowing me to attend the Leadership I training at the Winpisinger Center. I learned so much. If given the opportunity I would definitely like to go again to learn more and do everything I can to bring it back to my brothers and sisters.

Thanks again.

#### Overview of Leadership I

Leadership I is designed to make participants aware of the skills and duties involved in being a good local lodge officer and/or active member. This program is the first of three successive programs designed for Local Lodge leadership. Participants explore the fundamentals of trade unionism and the basic laws and operation of the IAM through the following topics:

- Labor History
- Parliamentary Procedure & Lodge Administration
- Structure & Services of the IAM
- Government & Politics
- Role of the Steward
- Human Rights

Prerequisites: None.

Participation: Each class is limited to sixty participants. Participants are selected by Local Lodges in accordance with IAM policies. Each District Lodge Directing Business Representative/General Chairperson may assign up to six participants to leadership classes, including Leadership I, per year.

Leadership I is also offered in Spanish and French.

Editors Note: This overview of Leadership I is from our Machinists Union website for the Center and any member should take the time to see what educational opportunities is open to you if you want to get involved: <a href="https://winpisinger.iamaw.org/class-schedules/">https://winpisinger.iamaw.org/class-schedules/</a>

#### What is an Unionist?

An Unionists is one who puts aside their individual needs and individual self interest for that of the membership.

An Unionists forgoes their personal agenda for that of their fellow members.

An Unionists is not an:

Elitist Racists
Sexist Classist
Homophobic Xenophobic

#### Separation of Business and State - In Wisconsin - Not Much

by Pepe Oulahan

July 2015 brought a decision by our Wisconsin State Supreme Court that needs to be scrutinized very carefully by all those who care about democracy and a voice for working people in our state – and nation. I'm referring to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court 4-2 ruling to end the ongoing investigation into illegal coordination between Scott Walker's campaign and big money, special-interest, political spending groups during the 2011 and 2012 recall elections (John Doe II). Possibly more important than the ruling itself are the insidious details behind its crafting.

In order to understand what I'm talking about you must go back to 2010, when under the new Walker Administration, our right wing dominated Wisconsin Supreme Court accepted new rules written by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce and the Wisconsin Relators Association that allowed Justices to decide for themselves whether a conflict of interest related to cases that come before them should obligate them to remove themselves from hearing said cases.

In the case of the "John Doe II" investigation the four member majority behind the decision: Michael Gableman, David Prosser, Patience Rosensack and Annette Zielger, benefited to the tune of \$8 million spent by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce and Club for Growth during their campaigns.

Both of these groups are named in the allegations of illegal activity involved in the investigation. Not only did these justices not recuse themselves from the John Doe II case, but they also refused to allow the public to hear testimony in the case and moved to rewrite the law related to this kind of activity.

Throughout our history we in the USA have grappled with the constant push by those representing big money to control our government and our lives. Examples of the widespread recognition of this struggle are depicted in some of our most popular, classic, morals-based movies such as; It's a Wonderful Life and Meet John Doe (ironic twist).

In these movies the defenders of the common good win and we all go home feeling vindicated by the supposed innate goodness of humanity.

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What is ALEC? ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) is not a lobby; it is a front group.

Unfortunately under the Scott Walker, ALEC-driven Republican ideology the common good has taken a back seat and the forces of greed are prevailing.

Chance

THIS CARD MAY BE KEPT

UNTIL NEEDED OR SOLD

This ruling is only one example of how our democracy in Wisconsin is being whittled away by an extremist agenda that favors large wealth concerns by eliminating the structures though which labor is able to advance. Stripping of public sector workers' right to bargain collectively, outlawing private sector labor agreements that include fair pay dues requirements, extremist gerrymandering of our electoral districts, limiting early voting, unnecessary voter ID requirements, elimination of state protections of women's right to equal pay, just to name a few.

As we move closer to the 2016 election cycle we need to look at what we have witnessed in Wisconsin under the Walk-

er – ALEC-driven – Koch brother's sponsored agenda and ask ourselves if it is not time to take some advice from reggae singer Bob Marley and "Wake Up and Live!"

The Koch brothers (David & Charles) intend to spend \$900 million influencing the 2016 elections and have given more than \$100 million to con-

than \$100 million to conservative and libertarian policy and advocacy groups in the United States, including think tanks like the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute, and more recently Americans for Prosperity.

#### LCLAA Mission

The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) is the leading national organization for Latino(a) workers and their families. LCLAA was born in 1972 out of the need to educate, organize and mobilize Latinos in the labor movement and has expanded its influence to organize Latinos in an effort to impact workers' rights and their influence in the political process. LCLAA represents the interest of more than 2 million Latino workers in the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), The Change to Win Federation, Independent Unions and all its membership.

Editors Note: if you want to learn more about LCLAA go to: http://www.lclaa.org/



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# Senior POWER Lunch

Monday, October 12th

Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Italian Community Center** 

Exhibits Open 10:30 a.m.

631 E. Chicago St.—Milwaukee, WI

Guest Speaker Congressman Mark Pocan

## **Honoring Senior Champions**



To attend the Power Lunch, please complete the registration form marked "Senior Power Luncheon. To place a quarter, half or full page ad, complete the information on the page titled "3 Awesome Celebrations". You can also choose to remember an individual who has passed away or honor an individual in the Power Lunch booklet. If you are unable to participate, consider a donation to the WIARA to help us continue our work in the future. For questions, please call Judy at 414-771-9511 or email her at office@wi-alliance.org.



### RETIREES CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET

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#### PLEASE RETURN TO:

Retirees, Community and Membership Services Department, Attn: Director, Carlos San Miguel, Room 305, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or FAX: 301-967-3427

(http://www.goiam.org/retirees)



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Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office and DWD Office of Veteran Services

## **Thursday, October 8**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Milwaukee War Memorial

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Aurora Health Care

**Equitable Bank** 

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Harley Davidson

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Time Warner Cable

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and more!

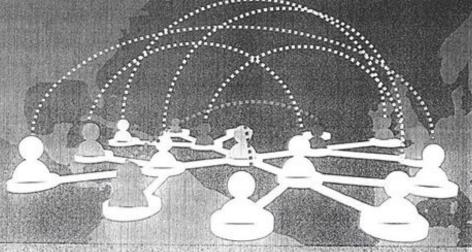
Resume assistance will be available from 8 a.m. to Noon provided by Springfield College.
Veteran should bring resume on a flash drive.
Computers available for use.

For resume writing assistance and interviewing tips, contact your local Workforce Development Center or go to: jobcenterofwisconsin.com



Employers with internship opportunities will be present!

Free parking at the North entrance and O'Donnell parking structure. Free admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum courtesy of Target.



For more information contact james, duft@milwankeecounty.vot.gov or call 414.266.1235





### Christmas WithThe Vets 27th Annual Holiday Show

December 12, 2015

Zablocki Veterans Hospital Milwaukee, Wisconsin

www.christmaswiththevets.com



Bringing Christmas to our Soldiers - Sailors - Airmen - Marines This event is only for our Veterans at the Zablocki VA Medical Center

#### ITEMS WE NEED FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Cookies - Cakes - Doughnuts - Pies-Brownies - Kringles - Ear Muffs Cheese/Sausage trays - Fruit Trays - Deli Trays - New Insulated Shirts L-XL New Gloves - New Beanie Hats - New Sweat Socks - 24 Qts of Juices - 12 Gallons 2% Milk - Pen/Paper Sets - Oranges / Apples - Door Prizes - Beef Jerky Sausage Links - Chips - Pretzels - Muffins-All Flavors - All Types of Nuts - Disposable Razors - 3 foot Sub Sandwiches - Thermal Tops (Lg / XL) Lap Blankets - Plastic Forks / Spoons - 12oz Plastic Cups - 12" To Go Containers

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Cash Contribution's For Bingo - Vets Events Vets Christmas Cash Appreciated

Checks Payable To: Jeff Dentice / Vets Christmas Show Please Send To:

JEFF DENTICE

S108 W19843 Red Oak Court

Muskego, WI. 53150

Please Put:

Xmas VA Vets 2015

OnThe Check Memo Line

We Will Make Pickups December 11th Last Day 8am - Noon Jeff Dentice: 414-218-3030 docdentice@wi.rr.com Non Perishable Items Start October 1st Freash Food Items Start Dec. 7th

### Last Minute Contributions Dropoff Info

December 12th from 11:30am to 12:30pm
Enter from 44th National Ave.
Drive up to the East hospital doors.
Volunteers will take your contribution.
Cash - Check - Note In Envelope
With Your Name & Address
Attention: Jeff Dentice On The Envelope

### Vets Christmas Collection Points

All Non-perishables items Nov. 15 - Dec. 10 9am - 4pm Food items - Dec. 7 - 10 9am - 4pm

> PARATECH AMBULANCE 94th Brown Deer Road Milwaukee

EDWARD JONES S72W16484 Janesvilee Rd. Muskego

### **Wisconsin Latino Labor Conference 2015**

OCTOBER 23-24, 2015 -- FRIDAY AND SATURDAY -- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Machinists Lodge 66 2609 W. Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee WI

Organized by

Milwaukee LCLAA — Labor Council for Latin American Advancement El Consejo Sindical para el Avance del Trabajador Latinoamericano

## Two days of exploration and learning about how Latino workers can exercise their rights and improve their working lives by organizing

Friday: Focus on strategies for organizing and mobilizing Latino workers

Saturday: Focus on Latinos workers getting organized to exercise their worker rights

All presentations will be conducted bilingually using simultaneous interpretation

### Friday Session Topics Conducted in English, interpreted to Spanish

#### **Union Approaches to Organizing Latino Workers**

- Strategies for the Right to Work era
- ✓ In the building and constructions trades
- ✓ Importance of union response to DAPA and DACA
- ✓ The new Seven Steps for Just Cause concepts
- ✓ Methods for dealing with language barriers
- ✓ Representing Latinos: organizing model vs service model
- ✓ Organizing around Wage Theft abuses

### Saturday Session Topics Conducted in Spanish, interpreted to English

#### **Latinos Organizing to Exercise Worker Rights**

- ✓ Fundamentals of workplace organizing
- ✓ "Concerted Activity" protections for worker struggles
- ✓ DAPA y DACA: Preparing to use Executive Action
- ✓ Building Trades: How to obtain union representation
- ✓ Wage Theft: Strategies for fighting illegal practices
- ✓ Right to Work: The growing importance of Latino workers to unions under the new state law

On Saturday there will be opportunities for brief free consultations with attorneys on worker rights issues

For more information call (414) 460-5656

#### FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE THAT NEED THEM

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS

WFNHP ~ MTEA ~ UFCW Local 1473 ~ UAW Local 469 ~ Machinists Lodge 66 ~ USW Local 2-232 United Electrical Workers ~ Milwaukee Area Labor Council ~ Laborers Local 113

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The registration fee includes lunch, coffee, and snacks.				
Return this form to :	LCLAA	2611 W Oklahoma Ave	Milwaukee WI 53204	Make your check payable to: Milwaukee LCLAA

### **Wisconsin Congreso Laboral Latino 2015**

23-24 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2015 -- VIERNES Y SÁBADO -- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Machinists Lodge 66 2609 W. Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee WI

organizado por

Milwaukee LCLAA -- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement El Consejo Sindical para el Avance del Trabajador Latinoamericano

## Dos días de exploración y aprendizaje de cómo los latinos pueden ejercer sus derechos y mejorar sus vidas laborales por organizarse

Viernes: Enfoque en estrategias para organizar y movilizar a los trabajadores latinos Sábado: Enfoque en crecer el poder de latinos de organizarse y ejercer derechos laborales Se conducirá este congreso de manera bilingüe por interpretación simultánea

Temas para las sesiones de viernes Conducido en inglés, interpretado al español

#### Estrategias sindicales para organizar a los latinos

- ✓ Estrategias organizativas en la época de Right to Work
- ✓ Organizando en los trabajos de Construcción
- ✓ La importancia para los sindicatos de DAPA y DACA
- ✓ Uso del nuevo concepto de Siete Pasos de Causa Justa
- ✓ Organizando sobre abusos de Robo de Sueldos
- √ Métodos para tratar con barreras de idioma
- Representando a los Latinos por el modelo de organizar versus el modelo de servicio

Temas para las sesiones de sábado Conducido en español, interpretado al inglés

#### Latinos organizando para ejercer derechos en el trabajo

- ✓ Cómo organizarnos: Los fundamentos de poder en el trabajo
- ✓ Actividades concertadas: Protecciones legales para organizar en el trabajo
- ✓ DAPA y DACA: Preparando para la Acción Ejecutiva
- Trabajadores de construcción: Cómo latinos pueden obtener trabajos con representación sindical
- ✓ Robo de sueldos: Estrategias para combatir prácticas ilegales
- ✓ Right to Work: La creciente importancia de los latinos a los sindicatos debido al impacto de esta ley

El sábado habrán oportunidades gratuitas de consultas breves con abogados de asuntos de derechos laborales

Para más información llame al (414) 460-5656

### HAY BOLETOS DE ADMISÍON GRATUITA DISPONIBLES PARA AQUELLOS QUE LOS NECESITEN GRACIAS A LA GENEROSIDAD DE LAS SIGUIENTES ORGANIZACIONES

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#### **Immigrant**

http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/immigrant

: a person who comes to a country to live there

#### **Full Definition of IMMIGRANT**

: one that immigrates: as

a: a person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence

b: a plant or animal that becomes established in an area where it was previously unknown

- immigrant adjective



#### "This whole anti-immigrant sentiment

that's out there in our politics right now is contrary to who we are. Because unless you are a Native American, your family came from someplace else," Mr. Obama said. "Don't pretend that somehow 100 years ago the immigration process was all smooth and strict. That's not how it worked." The grandparents and great-grandparents of politicians taking a hard line on immigration, he said, were also "somehow considered unworthy or uneducated or unwashed."

"When I hear folks talking as if somehow these kids are different from my kids or less worthy in the eyes of God, that somehow they are less worthy of our respect and consideration and care, I think that's un-American," Mr. Obama said.

> There is too much in this country when people do not agree and they do not want to listen!

## Prepare for Voter ID in 2016

Photo ID law is now place for 2016. Anita Johnson works with Citizen Action of Wisconsin. It's urging people, not to become complacent. "Because we do not have the pressure of the election on us, it does not mean you should not get a Voter ID. If you don't have a Voter ID, by all means you still should get one, because I cannot promise what will happen in February 2016 and you need to get an ID in case we have to show that for the February 2016 election," Johnson says.

Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, passport, military ID or state-issued ID. In order to get a state card for voting, people must visit a DMV office and bring along supporting documents – such as a birth certificate. The agency will process the necessary paperwork, free of charge.

Back in 2014, when it appeared Wisconsin would enforce its Photo ID law, Patricia Ruiz was swamped with calls, from people needing assistance. She works with the South Side Organizing Committee. Now, Ruiz says, her phone barely rings. So, she's urging members of the Latino community to start the process now, if they want to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

"We know life happens and there are a lot of things that happen around our lives. Somebody could get sick, we might not have transportation, we might not have documentation so we have enough time now to get the documents we need for the ID, then we can find ways to get to the DMV," Ruiz says.



The
League
of Women Voters
of Wisconsin
plans to
tackle the
ID issue

on another front. Executive Director Andrea Kaminski says it will lobby the Legislature to modify the law. She says, for instance, lawmakers could

## **Know Your Legislators** and ....



Just to complain at work, at home, at church, at a bar, or anywhere does no good if you do not express your opinion to your elected representatives. A simple note sent to him/her really means something. Here is how you can find out who is your state representative.

To find them online: http:// maps.legis.wisconsin.gov. Once this is up you choose assembly or senate in the upper left corner. Then you type in your address in the search field located in the upper right hand corner.

**Or you can call** 1-800-362-9472. You will need to give your address; then ask who is your state senator and or assembly person; and ask what district you are in.

Once you get the contact information go ahead and give them your opinion but be polite.

expand the forms of acceptable identification.

"Or, we'd like to see them add a clause that allows people to sign an affidavit, something that says I don't have an ID, one of your short list of IDs, but I swear I am the person I say I am knowing that if I'm lying I'm committing a felony with severe consequences that would be up to three years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine," Kaminski says.

In court battles over Wisconsin's photo ID requirement, opponents estimated the number of registered state voters without acceptable identification – at



Our Republican controlled legislature and our Republican Governor Scott Walker restructured how Wisconsin helps business's create jobs. That was through combining state agencies in what is now call the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC); where Walker has the sole appointment power.

As was noted in the September 20, 2015, Wausau Daily Herald the Kohl's

Corporation was given \$62,000,000 package of tax credits for creating jobs but after three years has failed in that promise.

The deal allowed tax credits for each \$30,000 a year job that was created even if that same job disappeared after a year! For each job that Kohl's has created over the three year period has cost us Wisconsin tax payers \$14,000.

It should be of great concern for us Wisconsin taxpayer that under the Republican Scott Walkers' controlled quasi-public

Kohl's Employees Economic Well Being

- Milwaukee area cashier makes \$9/hr
- 1,232 employees and their children are on BadgerCare Plus
- 558 employees receive subsidized state-run health care

WEDC the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau found there are NO procedures for recovering previously awarded tax credits.

Kohl's though is only 1 or 28 companies awarded such tax credits v

companies awarded such tax credits with no formal review by the WEDC agency of the financial viability of the projects and the soundness of the companies.

We are lucky that the Kohl's corporation has until 2023 to claim all of its tax credits.

Editors note: but of course, Republicans want Wisconsinites receiving any type of government help to go through drug screening?



A donor who has contributed \$3,000,000 to Republican Scott Walker campaigns has reached a deal to purchase 1.75 acres of prime state owned lakefront property on Rest Lake in Vilas County. It just so happens that Elizabeth Uihlein, the donor, owns a 11 unit condo complex adjacent to this land but without lake access?

The 'selling of prime shore land on a northern Wisconsin lake is a terrible precedent,' said George Meyer, who is executive director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.



### See, Hear & Speak No Evil

This maybe something good to follow but in the case of Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos ... it is pure evil and will ruin our open & fair Democratic type of Government.

He is once again making every effort to propose legislation to gut Wisconsin's Open Records Law so no matter what you will have no legal right to figure out what special interest groups proposed or influence legislation.

In July 2015 he did fail but almost immediately he had his aids work on a new draft of legislation to give legislators and other individual lawmakers a special status negating your rights under the Open Records Law.

A complete disdain for all Citizens of Wisconsin.



#### Did The Republicans Plan?

Remember the high-speed rail project canceled by Republican Governor Scott Walker. Well in September 2015, it was reported that Wisconsin Tax Payers will have to pay out \$9,750,000 for cancelling the contract. Does that mean Republican Walker did

not balance the state budget?

The history of this project is that Wisconsin would have received a \$810,000,000 stimulus grant from the federal government to build a high-speed rail line between Milwaukee and Madison. Talgo, a Spanish firm, would have build the cars right here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *Republican Walker said no*.

This project was actually part of a Midwest rail project in the works for years since Republican Governor Tommy Thompson championed such a project.

It was put into effect by Democrat Governor Jim Doyle *but partisan Republican Walker thought better*.

#### Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

#### **President Obama**

The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500 www.whitehours.gov

#### Senator Ron Johnson, Republican

386 Senate Russell Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-5323 www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact

#### Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

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#### Representative Sean Duffy, 7th District, Republican

1208 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515 202-225-3365 https://duffy.house.gov

Governor Scott Walker, Republican 115 East Capitol Madison, WI 53707 608-266-1212

#### **Seniors Corner**

## Alliance Elects Robert Roach as President, Joseph Peters as Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Roach, Jr. of the Bronx, New York, was elected on Monday as the new President of the Alliance, succeeding Barbara Easterling. Joseph Peters of Rochester Hills, Michigan was elected Secretary-Treasurer, following Ruben Burks. The votes occurred during a meeting of the Alliance's Executive Committee and take effect on October 1, 2015. Richard Fiesta will continue to serve as Executive Director.

"I am honored and excited to be joining a strong organization with a critical mission," said Roach. "Educating and mobilizing retirees is more important than ever."

Roach started his career as a ramp serviceman for TWA in 1975 and was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Local Lodge 1056 in New York. He was elected to and held several union leadership positions including serving as the General Secretary-Treasurer of the IAM from 2012 until his retirement in July 2015. He currently serves as an Auditor for the International Trade Union Confederation and is a board member of the Pension Rights Center.

Richard Trumka, President of the AFL-CIO, conveyed his full confidence in Roach. "With retirees such a key part of the labor movement, we need strong leadership at the Alliance for Retired Americans. With Robert Roach, we will continue to have exactly the right people in place to fight to keep Social Security and Medicare strong for both current and future retirees."

AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Shuler, who is also Executive Vice President of the Alliance, expressed thanks to Easterling and Burks for their years of service to the organization, saying, "They have been terrific leaders and critical to the Alliance's success defeating many efforts to privatize Medicare and cut Social Security benefits over the years."

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- Redesigned Website and compatible to cell phone and tablet—TRY IT!
- Videos are at www.youtube.com/badgerlodge.
- Machinists Union William W. Winpinsinger Education and Technology Center class schedule for 2015 is available (<a href="http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist">http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist</a>) or at your Union office. Or come to any Union meeting and just ask. This center is open to all members, you just need to be active and want to be the future leader at your worksite or at United Lodge 66.



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