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December 2015

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**December 8, 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 January 2016 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is December 20.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled  
by your Business Agent at District  
10. *See last page.*

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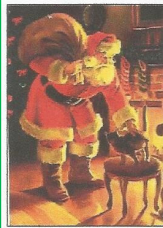
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CHRISTMAS PARTY



It's that time of year for the United Lodge 66 Christmas Party  
and the Christmas Cash Raffle to be held on **December 12th**

There will be a Children's Party from **10am to 1pm.**

There are different guidelines for the children's party this year.

- Your children or grandchildren must be pre-registered with the  
Lodge this year. Call the Lodge 414-671-3800 with your name,  
the attending child's name, age and the company name where the  
member works.

The deadline for signing up is November 20th.

- We must restrict the children to be accompanied by only 2 adults.  
The Children's Party is for the children.



The Adult Christmas Party will be held the evening of **December 12th** from 6pm 'til 10 pm.

There will be refreshments and a buffet set up by the Executive Board.

Door prizes will be awarded every hour and the **Christmas Cash Raffle** will start at 9pm

(you do not need to be present to win but you must purchase a ticket to win.)

Come and celebrate the Holidays with fellow Union brothers and sisters and take a chance on  
walking away with one or more of the thirty-one \$100.00 cash prizes! **See you there.**

<http://www.goiam.org/retirees>

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



The WIARA held its quarterly board meeting on October 28, 2015, at United Steel Workers Hall in Menasha. There were 17 members present and 3 were on the phone. The board represents various Unions and community groups in our state for the benefit of all retirees/seniors. Only two or three of the board

members while the others are retirees and doing this on their own time and budget because they have that fire in the belly.

The agenda followed included:

1. A president/executive director report to develop a committee structure to put forth the WIARA programs and allow better interaction between members. The newly formed committees are: Fundraising; Education; Political; Legislative; and Membership. Board members volunteered to serve and develop them.
2. It was agreed to have a board retreat to develop and follow through for strategic planning.
3. The Education Committee was assigned the task to work with Senator Baldwin's office to develop a program on Medicare and Social Security and how people can access help with these programs for the benefit of all citizens.
4. The Legislative and Political to work on a Transpacific Trade Program (TPP); coordinating with the Wisconsin AFL-CIO; getting the power point presentation out on the TPP; to get local units of government sponsoring resolutions against the TPP.
5. For the Legislative and Political Committee to coordinate with the Wisconsin AFL-CIO and the spring elections.

There was discussion on the new website for our Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans. It will be user friendly with smart phones with info from our National ARA.

There was discussion on the contract talks for the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals at Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo. There were 30 years of good contract talks until the hospital was merged into Aspirus.

The next board meeting will be on January 13, 2016.



The Alliance for Retired Americans is a nationwide organization, launched in May 2001, with now over 4.3 million members working together to make their voices heard in the laws, policies, politics, and institutions that shape our lives. For 13 years, we have enrolled and mobilized retired

union members and other seniors and community activists into a nationwide grassroots movement advocating a progressive political and social agenda that respects work and strengthens families.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Alliance for Retired Americans is to ensure social and economic justice and full civil rights for all citizens so that they may enjoy lives of dignity, personal and family fulfillment and security.

- Alliance members visit the polls in record numbers. We use the power of our membership and our Congressional Voting Record to educate and mobilize seniors to elect leaders committed to improving the lives of retirees and older Americans.
- We are effectively warding off cuts to our most important social programs like Social Security and Medicare. Our Human Chain Against the Chained CPI events in the summer of 2013 took place in more than 50 cities and mobilized support for stopping this cut to earned Social Security benefits.
- We blocked the privatization of Social Security with our Social Security "Truth

## What is the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans?

The WIARA is a voice for retirees and older Americans. Our goal is to educate, energize and mobilize Wisconsin seniors to make a difference through activism. We work to ensure social and economic justice for all citizens so that they may enjoy dignity, personal fulfillment and family security as senior citizens.

A primary objective of the Alliance is to enroll and mobilize retirees, seniors and community activists into a nationwide grassroots movement advocating an agenda that respects work and strengthens families. The long-term goal of the Alliance is to become the voice for all older Americans. By engaging in important political battles to protect and preserve programs vital to the health and economic security of older Americans, the Alliance will gain recognition as the country's leading grassroots senior organization.

The Wisconsin Alliance fights for:

- A strong Social Security system that provides guaranteed benefits & protects families for life.
- Health care seniors can depend on through Medicare
- Affordable and accessible prescription drugs
- Strengthen Pension laws
- Affordable and accessible long term care
- Continuation of the Wisconsin SeniorCare Prescription Drug program. (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/index.htm>)

**Complete information at:**  
**[www.wisconsinara.org](http://www.wisconsinara.org)**

Truck" delivering 2.1 million petitions to Members of Congress and other tactics.

- The Alliance makes its voice heard on the issues that matter not just to current retirees, but to all Americans who hope to retire one day. We were a leading voice in recent debates considering changes to Medicare, like replacing guaranteed benefits with a voucher system, and remain so in 2014.

## VIDEOS GALORE

After you have read the hard copy from our **2015 Machinists Union Retiree Conference** remember there are videos at the following locations:

- [www.unitedlodge66.org](http://www.unitedlodge66.org)
- [www.youtube.com/badgerlodge](http://www.youtube.com/badgerlodge) (almost 10 years worth)
- [www.facebook.com/unitedlodge66](http://www.facebook.com/unitedlodge66)



## 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.



**Brother Joe Reilly** at our 2015 Machinists Union Retiree Conference.

At 94 years old *he puts us all to shame* for his Union Activism, for his Political Involvement, and his Veteran status as Paratrooper with 12 jumps during WWII and at Normandy.

A member of Lodge 1266 from Janesville, Wisconsin; he moved some 25 years to San Diego, California. He is as sharp as ever about events 60 years ago when most of us are lost at what took place last week.

*Joe is trying to carry the burden if you are not involved!*



**A big and great full thanks** for allowing me to attend in October the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans luncheon and in November the 2015 Machinists Union Retiree Conference. All this while living some 200 miles north in rural Langlade County but being able to put into print or videos online so all members are kept informed. **There are 14 videos from the Machinists Union Retiree Conference** online and three pages of written print.

It has always been my belief that if a member attends any event sponsored by the United Lodge 66 we owe communications, not only a thank you at the next membership meeting, but a written piece to be shared in our newsletter, for all members to read. The Badger Lodge News newsletter that is now 18 years old and during the periods I was/am editor, there was only one month it did not come out.

**The single most rewarding moment, at the Retiree Conference, came from Brother Sam Beekman, a member with ALS. As he was being pushed in his wheel chair one day to a session we met in the hallway. We both made eye contact and he repeated three times how he appreciated the video I did upload of him telling his story.**

**With this simple exchange I knew I had done my job and nothing else did matter!**



# 2015 Machinists Union Retiree's Conference

November 15 - 20, 2015

by Doug Curler



The conference was well attended by some 300 Machinists Union from all over America as well as Canada. **Diane Babineaux**, General Vice President started the conference with our national anthem as well as that for Canada. She spoke about the changes for the conference agenda as well as the attacks on Unions and how it affects all families.

**Representative Dina Titus**, 1st of Nevada, did welcome the attendees and thanked the IAM for bringing the conference to her district. She talked about her labor record and the war against working families and against Unions. The reactionaries in Washington, DC did try to change the Davis Bacon law by inserting it in un-related legislation but it was fought and removed. She talked about the priorities of Rep. Paul Ryan, WI, to privatize Social Security and to voucherize Medicare. Congress was able to reduce some of the increases those on Medi-

care will have to pay in 2016. There is still the fight to remove or reduce the excessive tax on the better health insurance plans negotiated by Unions for its members. This excessive tax is part of the Affordable Health Care Act.

**Gary Allen**, Western Territory General Vice President, talked about how corporations are running wild by attacking our culture and society. Also from 2005 to 2011 about \$2.5 billion in taxes were not paid by corporations. Boeing in that time frame actually got a \$23 million in refunds. The fact that women still earn only 75% of men for the same work is an issue which causes women to earn less in retirement. Their Social Security will be less and a no-nonsense Equal Pay Act needs to be passed. Last he stated that the basic rights for food or shelter or health care should not be for those who can afford it.

**Mark Blondin**, Southern Territory General Vice President, talked about the fallacy of all the lower paying jobs are just starter jobs. The rate of \$15 is a good start and it should be indexed to inflation. He stated that Governor Christy is wrong to base Social Security based on income. If you have paid into Social Security all your work life you have the right to it in your retirement life. Next he will want those with good pensions not to collect the Social Security they earned.

**Rick de la Fuente**, Director Machinists Non-Partisan Political

League, spoke on the political landscape and what may happen in the 2016 elections. The 2014 election turn out of

35%, the 2nd lowest in history; for this reason voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election is most important. Right now the Republicans governors control 32 states and the Democrats control 17. This is a reason making for now 25 right to work states. While Wisconsin went right to work it was defeated in Missouri and New Mexico but once the legislation is introduced the proposals do not go away.

The Democrats are five short to control the senate and in 2016 the republicans have to defend 24 seats while the Democrats have 10 seats to defend. Working families have nothing to be hopeful for until the next census. Since the republicans were in control in most states they controlled re-districting and were able to develop safe districts.

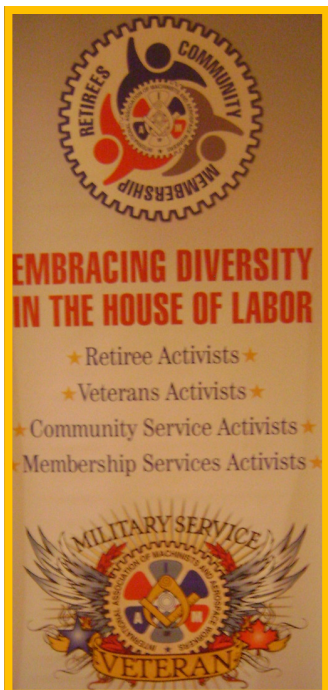
Wisconsin has a good chance to get Russ Feingold back as a senator. In 2010 Ron Johnson spent his money to buy the seat but this year he will not use his own money. Johnson was a past CEO, in his wife's company, and is more use to being in control but now he is part of a legislative process. He does not know how to negotiate.

While Bernie Sanders may be a good person, he is only a one person issue. We endorsed Hillary Clinton because she has been with us. She is with us on defense spending and there are many Machinists Union jobs is defense and Bernie keeps voting against these jobs. Clinton also came out against the TTP and this, if passed, will cost a projected 700,000 jobs. Clinton came out against the portion of the

## Online Videos

Members can video videos from the Retiree Conference on our Facebook page and youtube site:

- <https://www.facebook.com/United-Lodge-66-793718930726922/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/BadgerLodge>



Affordable Health Care Act (Obama Care) to put on the excessive tax on Union negotiated health care plans.

Seniors are the biggest voting blocks and they need to vote in their best interest and against those wanting to privatize Social Security and voucherize Medicare. The poorest voting block is those aged 18 to 34, of which only 11% vote but they seem to be the most vocal.

Republicans say they love this country but they all have nothing good to say! We need to turn out Machinists Union members and their family and need to get out the facts and not the sound bites which will not make a better life for our members.

What has come out as a fact is that 80% of the persons getting a subsidy under Obama Care do not vote! The recent vote in Kentucky is a good example. Now the new governor is proposing to get rid of their state health care exchange to force those citizens onto the federal exchanges.



*Many available at Lodge's  
youtube site (like 10 years worth)  
or facebook page*



*Sam*

**Brother Sam Beekman**, from Local Lodge 63, spoke about his condition of *Living With Life Threatening Disease*. He spoke how his life was normal until in 2013 he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or known as Lou Gehrig Disease). With ALS there is a 2 to 5 year life expectancy.

He talked about his 31 years as a Machinists Union member at Boeing, his 69 days on strike and the support he has been given.

Once diagnosed and also being a military veteran, he found out that veterans are twice as subject to getting ALS. It is also considered a 100% military disability, where a lot of his help is coming as well as Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The Ice-Bucket fundraisers has raised over \$115 million going for ALS to help find some cure.

The most moving statement from Same was, 'I am not dying from ALS but living with ALS.'

**Cheryl Bradas and Victoria Bowde** are two Clinical Nurse Specialists with our 45 years of experience in health care for seniors talked about many issues affecting a seniors life. They did talk about falls by seniors and for those who live alone and they can if they are not able to get up a persons organs are affected. If bones are broke some seniors never get back to a normal life. Some seniors have a deadly fear of falling and this affects their activities.

The average senior takes 10 medicines and these need to be monitored. A doctor may not have the expertise but a pharmacist has been trained to know then inter reactions. Seniors even need to realize that over the counter and even vitamins and minerals may affect reactions with other drugs. It is best to use one pharmacy otherwise they can not look at interactions.

At [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) there is good information for seniors and about preparing a check list before a persons doctor's visit. Prepare for a doctor's visit by: have list of allergies; updated medication list; what are your symptoms; bring along any monitoring info done at home; any changes in your medical record.



*Anthony, Charlie, Susan, William*

There was a panel discussion: **Retired from Our Jobs - Not from Our Union**. The panel was led by Charlie Micallef with participants William Caldwell, Anthony Padilla and Susan Taylor.

**Question: Is Social Security Broke?**

**Answer:** It is not broke but a crisis invented in congress. Rep. Paul Ryan leads the republicans to privatize and increase the age for retirement to at least age 70. **Actually the Social Security Trust fund has a \$2.8 trillion surplus** and can continue to pay retirees 100% for the next 20 years. If the cap on taxable income while a person works would be removed then the fund could pay 100% for the next 75 years. From 2008 to 2011 the fund did pay out

more than was coming in but our country did have the economic down turn and many workers on layoff. Starting in 2012 the fund has received more than paid out.

**Question: The largest voting block of those > age 65 is turning more conservative?**

**Answer:** There is truth that our labor movement has lost touch with our senior members and they are more mobile than ever before. The issue is that the Machinists Union has failed to keep track of this group. We can not simply work place leaflet. If retirees do not keep in touch we have to go after this group. We need to talk about the important economic issues and get away from the hot button and single issues.

**Question: IAM fight not to allow pension trustees to reduce present or future pensions.**

**Answer:** Because of legislation and rule changes to allow multi-employer pension plans to reduce present pension amounts being paid out; some pensioners are already suffering a 20% cut and this seems like a crime. This is only a start and could lead to cuts in any types of pensions. This could affect by families if retirees have pension cuts and who then will help support them. This passage has led to new alliances like with AARP.

**Question: How to mobilize retirees for political purposes?**

**Answer:** We need to start working the neighborhoods where we live and look at the voting lists and track any new persons moving in. We need to network better and explain the affects of any legislation. Each person has to find their own niche. For some to explain what happens when a person does not vote, like letting the elected representative to choose the next supreme court justice and how then this affects interpretation of laws.

**Question: How are families affected by the manufactured crisis to change Social Security, Medicare and Pensions?**

**Answer:** The most simple but hard way is to talk to your family. The days of not talking about issues is like our congress not talking but simply staking out a position. **Social Security is not an entitlement** but something which every worker pays into for their retirement. The neo-conservatives did start to use this phrase once the Social Security funds went into the general budget (by President Johnson) so as our government did not have to propose new taxes to pay for the Vietnam Police Action.



Tom

Machinists Union International President **Tom Buffenbarger**, started with a little mind teaser but got serious by saying, 'the Koch brothers want us to go away.' The republican candidates are such a sad sight and we could not support Bernie Sanders, because he is a one issue candidate; we had very early support Hillary Clinton because she has been with us. He told a story of when Hillary first became Secretary of State and had a meeting with the business community and our Machinists Union trade representative was in attendance. She went around the room and shook each business persons hand but when she came to the Machinists Union representative she gave him a big hug! Afterwards when someone asked her why? **Because he is my brother.** Hillary is one of three persons given the distinction of being a honorary Machinists Union Member.

Hillary is the only one who is talking about the importance of Unions and she has come out against the big banks and the Trans-Pacific Trade Partnership.

He would like to see an early endorsement by the National AFL-CIO because the fight in 2016 is so important because of the assault on working families. **There is an assault on health care** and Obama Care. While we do not support the excise tax on the Union

negotiated health plans there are many other good things which republicans simply want to repeal the whole. We are the only industrial nation without a universal health care plan. Even China and Mexico have universal health care. **There is an assault on public education** and the republicans want to privatize education, to voucherize education. Private education is not held to the same standards and do not have to provide education programs for the handicapped. **There is an assault on pensions** with the changes to the multi-employer pension plans. Some pension plans are already being cut and this affects more than 100,000 retirees who will have less money to spend on their necessities. Because the Machinists Union has fought these and more proposed changes we have developed new partnerships with organizations like AARP. Some politicians are proposing changes to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), which was put into affect in 1974 to protect pensions and funding rules. It was put in affect at this time because of all the airline bankruptcies. It seems we can bail out corporations but not what helps persons.

We need to support the goals of the Alliance for Retired Americans and stand with them protecting retirement for all Americans. *(editors note: you should have read page 2 on ARA)* Social Security is not broke and it is not an entitlement but something we all paid into for our later years. A health care program was envisioned when Social Security came out (in 1935) but not as the Medicare program passed in 1965.

Over the last 30 years the education into our history and civics has been almost erased from our schools. If a person does not know where we came from they will not realize where we are going. A report came out showing that the top 100 CEO's own 41% of the total retirement money in America. It is actually worse since many CEO's jump from one company to another and keep this money. Baby boomers should have a big effect in the next election if they vote and they support a candidate supporting the best economic package for their future.

Tom finished by talking about the book '*Lights Out*' by Ted Koeppel and how the US is still based on three grids with the hope

if one goes out that the other two survive. Imagine a blackout lasting not days, but weeks or months. Tens of millions of people over several states are affected. For those without access to a generator, there is no running water, no sewage, no refrigeration or light. Food and medical supplies are dwindling. Devices we rely on have gone dark. Banks no longer function, looting is widespread, and law and order are being tested as never before. Let us hope no terrorist is contemplating!

**Robert Roach**, President of the Alliance for Retired Americans, read the preamble: *‘We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.’* From this he went on with the contract Americans had with Social Security and how the rules were changed without a vote from the people. Governor Christy wants to change the rules for receiving Social Security based on your income.

Politicians need to remove the Social Security from the general budget and put it back by itself as a trust, as it was. Then those politicians need to really figure out how to pay for the projects.

**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:

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|------------|------------|
| Elitist    | Racists    |
| Sexist     | Classist   |
| Homophobic | Xenophobic |

**United Lodge 66 Hosts Milwaukee LCLAA Conference**

*By Pepe Oulahan*

On October 23 and 24 the Milwaukee Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) held its third Wisconsin Latino Labor Conference at LL66 Union Hall in Milwaukee.

Thirteen Unions and representatives of over seventeen Locals along with representatives from Wisconsin Construction Trade Councils, several community groups and the Mexican Consulate of Chicago participated in the two-day event.

As in 2011 and 2013, the 2015 the first day of the conference consisted of information, workshops and discussion by union leaders focused on methods and strategies to more efficiently engage Latino members in their respective unions. All presentations and discussions on day one were conducted in English with simultaneous translation into Spanish.

Day two, conducted in Spanish with simultaneous interpretation into English, focused on worker rights, organizing, the power of the Latino Community in our current political environment and leadership opportunities for Latino union members.

Among the Keynote speakers at the event were former Wisconsin State AFL-CIO President David Newby, LCLAA National Executive Director Hector Sanchez, Angel Gonzalez from UFCW and Former UW Board of Regents Member and founder of the agricultural workers organization Obreros Unidos (United Workers), Jesus Salas.

Both Sanchez and Newby stressed the importance of outreach and education to Latino union members as imperative to strengthening our movement and electing politicians who truly have worker’s best interest in mind.

Gonzalez gave an extremely informative presentation on the connection of unions to immigration law, worker political power and President Obama’s executive orders for deferred action on deportation of parents of citizens and early arrival youth.

“I am glad to see that LCLA Milwaukee is working to engage Latino workers in the labor movement, this is very important work,” said Salas.

The Milwaukee Chapter of LCLAA is very pleased to hear that the Executive Board of IAMAW has appointed Robert Martinez as International President beginning in January of 2016.

Along with being an outstanding leader for our Union Martinez is also a Vice President of the LCLAA National Executive Board.

Milwaukee LCLAA has a long history with LL66. Three current officers of the group are LL66 members.

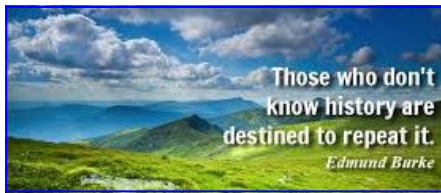
LCLAA Milwaukee would like to thank Lodge 66 for their continuous support and give a special note of gratitude to those members of Lodge 66 who took the time to attend the conference and to those who helped to recruit members for this conference.



**Robert**



**David Newby**



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

by Mike Oettel, from Ocean Spray

Friedrich Gustav Emil Martin Niemöller (14 January 1892 – 6 March 1984) was a Protestant pastor and social activist.

"First they came..." – The origins of this poem first have been traced to a speech given by Niemöller on January 6, 1946, to the representatives of the Confessing Church in Frankfurt. According to research by Harold Marcuse, the original groups mentioned in the speech were Communists, the incurably sick, Jews, and people in occupied countries. Since then, the contents have often been altered produce numerous variants. Niemöller himself came up with different versions, depending on the year. The most famous and well known alterations are perhaps those beginning "First they came for the Jews" of which this is one of the more commonly encountered:

- ⇒ First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.
- ⇒ Then they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.
- ⇒ Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade Unionist.
- ⇒ Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.

*(Editor: hopefully what is going on in our Country is not a repeat of the worse mankind has been; whether in Europe or in America's earlier years!)*

My trip to the Winpisinger Center was extremely informative and eye opening at the same time. I would like to thank the lodge for sending me there for Leadership 1.

There are five different classes that I attended in the week of training; they include politics, history, parliamentary procedure, human rights and how to be a steward.

There were many things that I took away from the classes. Like how we've gotten to where we are today from the times of the robber barons, and how if we don't learn from history we are bound to repeat it. This class also taught me that everything that is happening now is the exact same thing that happened back then; the upper class bought the politicians and made the laws to benefit themselves, and their agenda of concentrating their wealth.

There is also how everything is tied into politics. When we first started the class we were asked to rate where politics ranked in how we service our membership. Every group ranked politics last; it was amazing to see how politics affects everything. If you think about it laws like right to work, workman's comp, overtime pay, and the EPA, all affect us. If we become complacent and don't badger our lawmakers, the only voice they will hear is that of the company or their super PAC.

The parliamentary procedure class was very informative because before I was in the class, I had no idea of how to conduct a proper meeting. They also had us look up different passages in the union constitution.

The role of the steward taught me to think outside of the box, and find different ways to help out my fellow union members. It also taught me that the company has a contract to buy toilet paper, so why should they not have a contract with their employees.

There is also the issue that affects all of us which is union density. When unions were strong we had a density of about 40% the middle class was strong and employers respected their employees. Now we have a union density of about 11% and companies are treating their employees poorly, and moving job overseas to exploit their workers. So the way to turn the tide is to get our union membership up, because a rising tide lifts all boats, so even non-union workers will reap the benefits of our collective bargaining.

The human rights class delved into how foreign workers are being exploited by these multinational companies that move factories to their countries and exploit the cheap labor and lax environmental laws all in the name of making an extra dollar on the backs of the workers.

The classes were extremely informative, but I think I learned just as much from the other members that were attending Leadership 1. It is nice to see that the problems you encounter with your employer aren't just happening at your job, and sometimes your problems pale in comparison to other places. The camaraderie in spending an entire week with fellow union members is great and gives you a feeling that together we can and will make a difference.

I look forward to attending Leadership 2 and sharing those experiences with my fellow members as well.



The Winpisinger Center teaches what it is to be a trade unionist. By studying labor history and the role unions play in our society, students learn that unions are more than service organizations. We are part of a larger movement toward economic and social justice with dignity on the job.

This is a benefit for all Machinists Union members who want to be better informed and further their education in the Labor Movement; to become better activists at work, in United Lodge 66 and in their community. **The 2016 Schedule is now available at :** <https://winpisinger.iamaw.org/>

# Urge Congress to Vote NO on the Trans-Pacific Partnership

From Citizens Trade Campaign



Here's just some of what the just-released text confirms about the TPP:

- If the TPP is approved by Congress, this awful deal would offshore good-paying American jobs and drive down wages in the jobs that are left, increasing inequality by forcing Americans into competition with workers abroad paid less than 65 cents an hour. The pact is so poorly written, it would also enable products assembled from parts made in "third party" countries that aren't subject to any TPP obligations to enter the U.S. duty free. It also includes language that effectively bans "Buy American" and "Buy Local" preferences in many types of government purchasing.
- The TPP would hand corporate polluters new tools for attacking future climate policies, including controversial investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) provisions that enable them to challenge U.S. laws, regulations and court decisions as "regulatory takings" in international tribunals that circumvent the U.S. and any other country's judicial system.
- The TPP would also increase health care prices and reduce access to medicine through language designed to delay the introduction of low-cost generic medications and that enables pharmaceutical companies to challenge Medicare, Medicaid and other public health programs' cost-saving mechanisms. The TPP actually rolls back some of the hard-fought protections for access to medicine in trade agreements that were secured during the George W. Bush administration.

Unfortunately, this is the all-too-predictable result of negotiating a trade deal in secret with notorious human rights abusers like Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei through a rigged process in which hundreds of corporate lobbyists had privileged access to the texts, while the American people were forbidden from even reviewing what negotiators were proposing in our names.

The bottom line is that, while the TPP is sure to benefit some Wall Street executives and other corporate elites, it would be a disaster for working families in the United States and throughout the world.

The only good news about the TPP is that we can still stop it. The timing on this beast is actually in our favor. A Congressional vote on the TPP can't be scheduled until next year — at which point we'll be in the heart of election season. With your help, we can make sure a majority of elected officials listen to constituents rather than the corporate lobbyists on this issue.

## IAM Deplores Missed Opportunities in TPP Trade Pact

The IAM today expressed grave concerns over details of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which were released today by the White House after months of secret negotiations.

"The IAM's worst fears about the TPP materialized early this morning when the U.S. Trade Representative released the TPP text," said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "While we are still reviewing this document, on nearly all matters of immediate relevance to American working families and their communities, this agreement fails to deliver."

"Not only are the labor provisions warmed over language



Tom

from failed past agreements, but the agreement actually takes a giant step backward, with the inclusion of Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia and Mexico. Additionally, investors and corporations can still challenge basic worker and environmental protections while rules of origin are weaker than even the ones found in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and there are no provisions to bring currency manipulation under control."

The IAM will immediately activate its grassroots network of political activists at more than 800 locals and districts across the U.S. to call on legislators to oppose this failed trade deal.

## Educate Yourself on the TPP

<https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/trans-pacific-partnership/tpp-full-text>

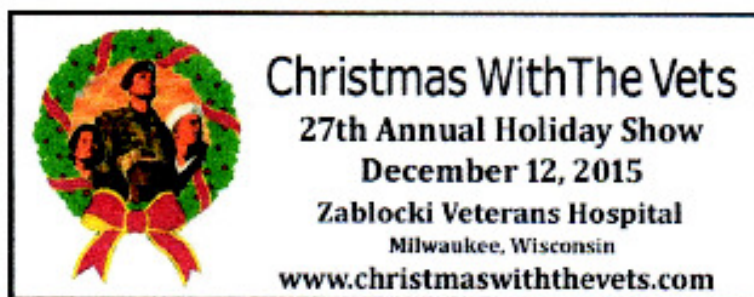
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## Tell Congress to Save Jobs, Vote NO on the TPP

*Machinists Union members at least speak up; copy and paste:*

<http://www.congressweb.com/goiam/106>



**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

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

On The Check Memo Line

We Will Make Pickups  
December 11th Last Day  
8am - Noon

Jeff Dentice: 414-218-3030  
docdentice@wi.rr.com

**We  
Have  
Enough  
Volunteers  
At This  
Time  
Thank  
You**

**Non Perishable Items**

**Start October 1st**

**Fresh 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**

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## **Attn: High School Students**

Wisconsin Labor History Society  
Announces 2015-2016 ...

**Win Cash Prizes!**

# **Labor History Essay Contest**

**Win cash prizes up to \$500**

**For essays of about 750 words on the topic:**

***"Unions have been important to my family and my  
community because ..."***

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its High  
School Essay Contest for the 2015-2016 School Year.

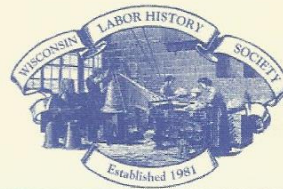
Wisconsin high school students (grades 9-12)  
are eligible to participate.

Students are urged to interview family members, neighbors,  
friends or others for their stories about work and unions.  
Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

*(For more information, including examples of past winning essays, go to our web-  
site: [www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org))*

### **TOP PRIZES!**

- ◆ First Prize: \$500
- ◆ Second Prize: \$300
- ◆ Third Prize: \$200
- ◆ Honorable Mention:  
\$100 (Up to five  
awarded)



**Rules:** Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They 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 you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. (Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable.) If you have any questions, contact: Harvey J. Kaye (920-465-2355 or [kayeh@uwgb.edu](mailto:kayeh@uwgb.edu)). **Submissions must be postmarked Feb. 13, 2016 or before.**

**Send completed essays to:**

**Prof. Harvey J. Kaye, Center for History and Social Change  
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay WI 54311**

Wisconsin Labor History Society, 6333 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee WI 53213  
414-771-0700 (ext. 20) Email: [info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org](mailto:info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org)

## **Send Your Thoughts,** *To those who should be working for you!*

### **President Obama**

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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202-224-5323  
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**Governor Scott Walker, Republican**  
115 East Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707  
608-266-1212

## **Seniors Corner**

### **Trans-Pacific Partnership Text Proves Seniors Are Right to Worry About Higher Prescription Drug Prices**

After months of secret negotiations, the Obama Administration released the text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal on Thursday.

"Now that the final wording has been made public, we know that seniors are right to be worried about the agreement's effect on prescription drug prices," said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance. "Prescription drug prices grew by 13% in the United States last year even without this impediment to affordability."

The deal provides numerous opportunities for drug firms to contest medicinal purchasing and pricing decisions. It would keep lower cost generics drugs off the market while also lining the pockets of pharmaceutical industry executives.

"Alliance for Retired Americans activists will join with others fighting this bad deal, including working families, public health advocates and environmentalists, to defeat the TPP," Fiesta added.

### **Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter**

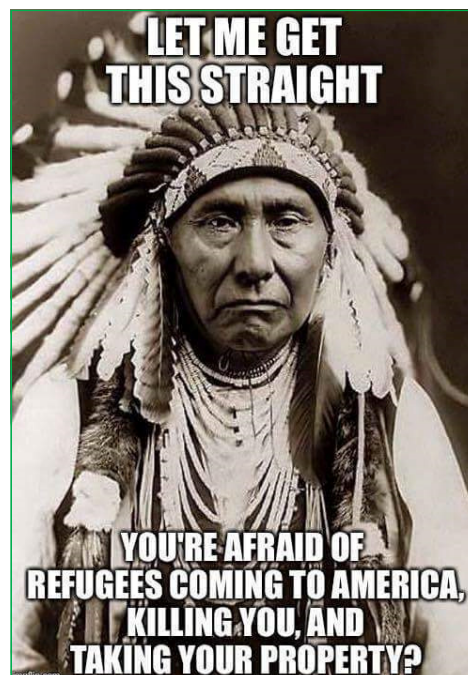
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<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

### **Alliance for Retired Americans**

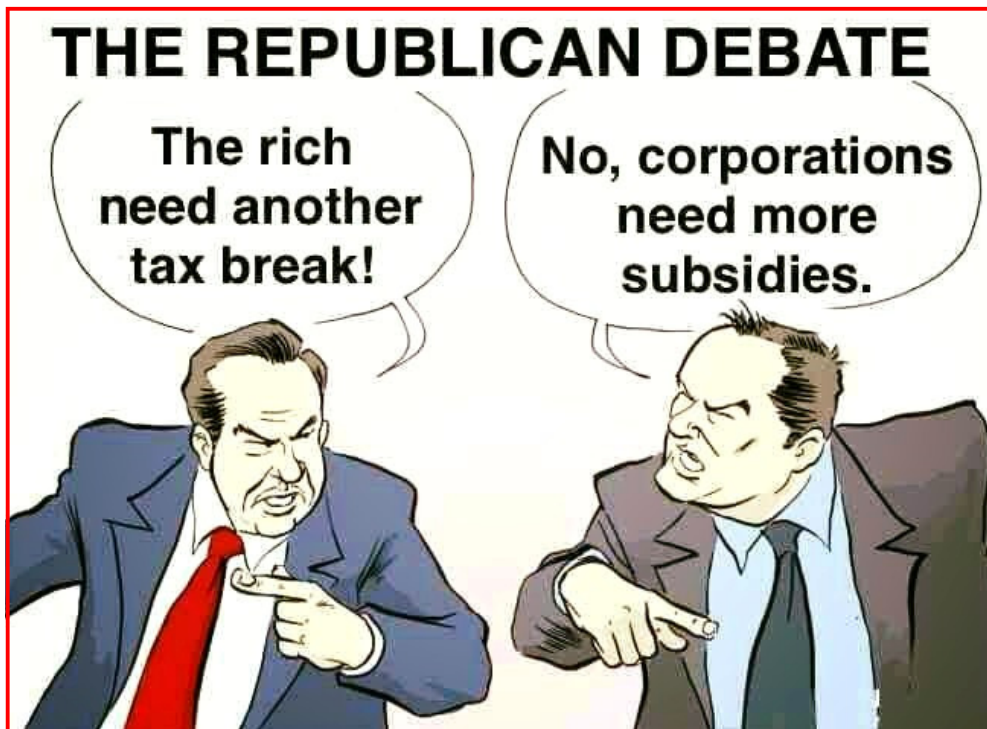
888-16th Street, NW Suite 250  
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[www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)



## Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **December 3, 2015** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Redesigned Website and compatible to cell phone and tablet—**TRY IT!**
- Videos are at [www.youtube.com/badgerlodge](http://www.youtube.com/badgerlodge).
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2015 is available (<http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist>) 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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