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March 2016

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

March 8, 2016

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 April 2016 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is March 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST be settled** by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Extremism?

Extremism by republicans has gotten out of hand. And unfortunately, it's encroaching on all levels of government.

Nationally, Republicans in the House haven't made a move to address the student loan crisis because they are too wrapped up in their crusade to repeal the Affordable Care Act and defund Planned Parenthood.

Here in Wisconsin, it's even worse. Governor Walker and the Republican-controlled state legislature are chipping away at our state's integrity and threatening the future of our democracy. Not only have they weakened state workers' rights, they passed measures that essentially strip our state government of its transparency and accountability.

Our state had basic protections in place to check the power of those in office. We had a law that helped prosecutors investigate political corruption. We had an independent agency that oversaw our elections and campaign finance laws. We had a civil service system in place that ensured state workers would get jobs based on what they know, not who they know.

Governor Walker changed that. He signed a bill making it more difficult to prosecute political corruption. He got rid of the government accountability board, and he is expected to end Wisconsin's civil-service test system.

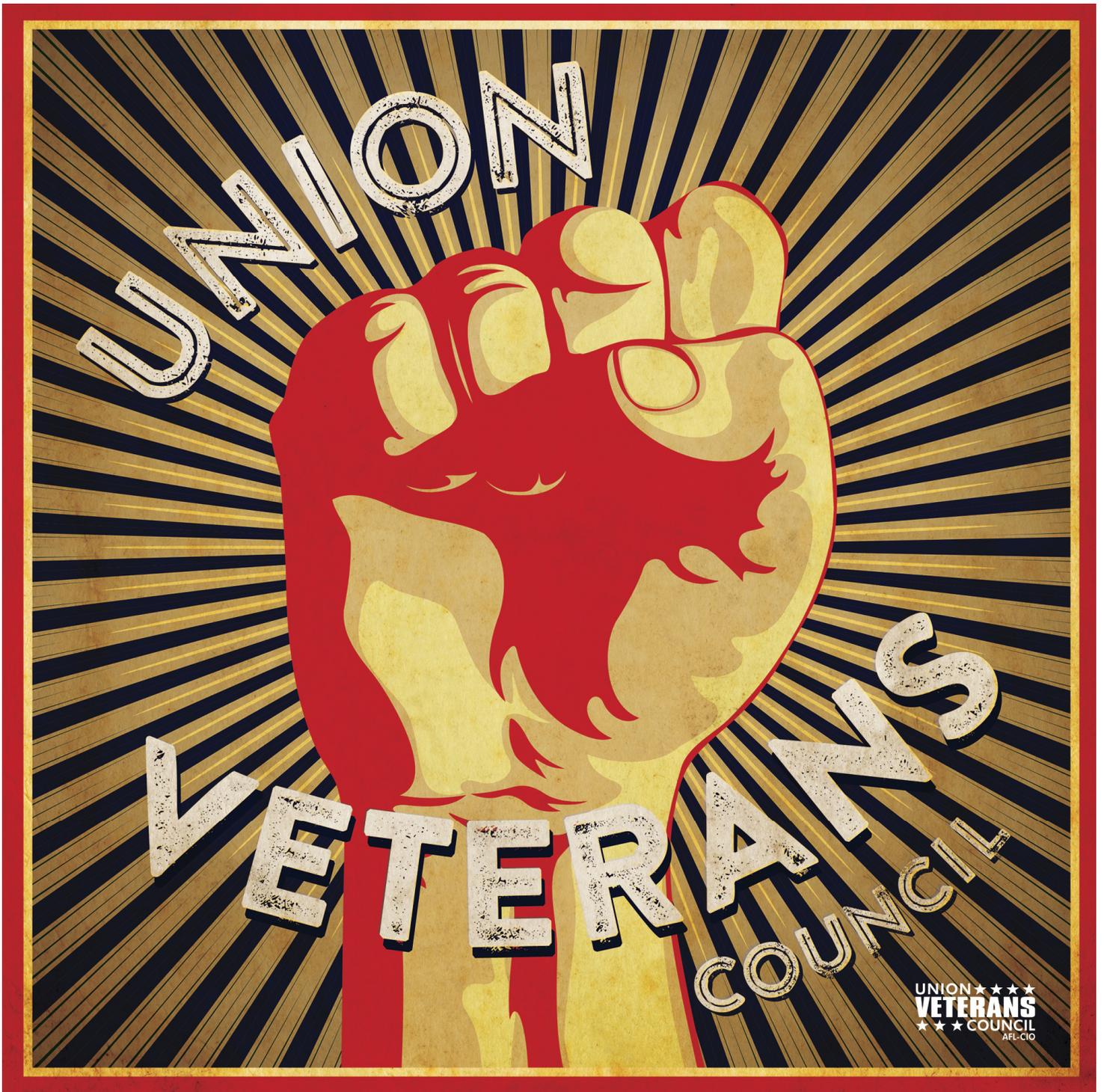
Governor Walker did, however, manage to increase the amount of money corporations could give to political funds -- conveniently leaving a loophole that allows these same

corporations to keep their contributions a secret.

For the sake of Wisconsin's hard-working families, we need to stand together and combat republican extremism at all levels of government.



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



www.unionveterans.org

<https://www.youtube.com/BadgerLodge>

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

NEW videos at both these sites
on the February 2016 Wisconsin State
Council of Machinists Conference.

13 NEW VIDEOS





Our International will be holding our Grand Lodge Convention in September 2016 and United Lodge 66 will hold the nomination of delegates to the convention at the April Business Meeting and the election of delegations at the May Membership Meeting.

Clean Water ... republicans Do Not Privatize!

On February 18, 2016, Republicans added a last-minute addition to their calendar to push a bill to privatize our water in hope that the bill would be rushed through with little discussion.

In 12 hours, Union members and supporters sent over 1,200 messages to Senators urging them to vote against the **Fast Path to Water Privatization Bill AB 554**. As Senators were getting a flood of emails and messages from constituents opposing the bill, their Republican votes started to fall apart. Because of our quick action, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald was forced to pull a vote on the bill.

Together, Union members and environmentalists, local cities, municipal water and sewer operators and concerned citizens raised our voices and sounded the alarm to let our legislators know that Wisconsin water is not for sale.

The bill was introduced at the request of Aqua America, a private water company that has faced complaints of mismanaging the delivery of clean water across the country.

Wisconsin should not be the next Flint, Michigan. Clean, safe drinking water for our communities is essential. We've seen what has happened to the entire city of Flint, a community poisoned because of undemocratic, secretive decisions to cut costs.

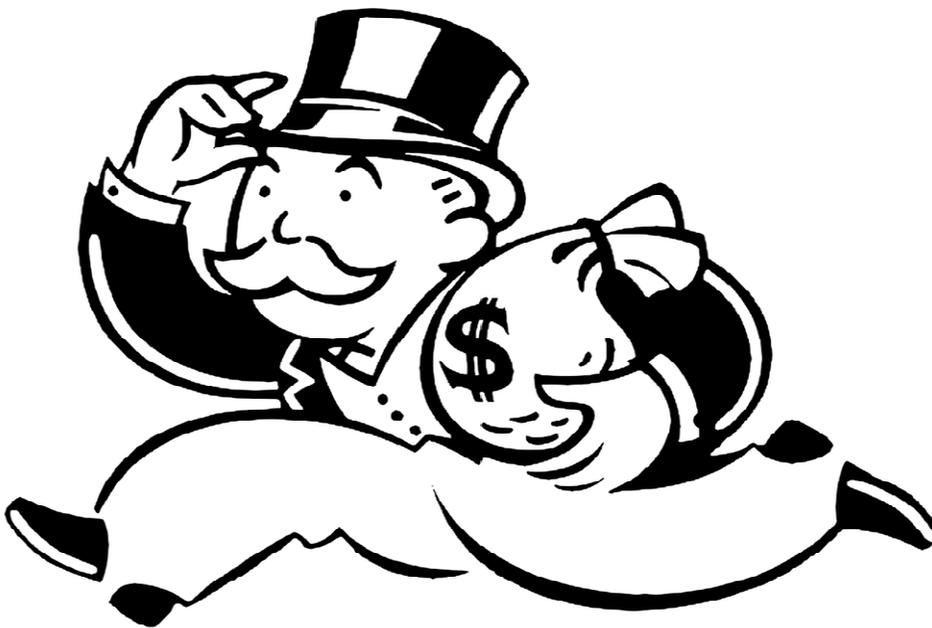
We stand ready to protect the health and safety of public goods such as affordable access to clean drinking water.



Are You Concerned?

We'll write to your state senator and tell them to keep their dirty hands off our clean water.

This Week, Millionaires Stop Paying Into Social Security for the Rest of 2016



**It's Time for the Wealthiest to Pay
Their Fair Share. Scrap the Cap!**



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/>

IAMAW United Lodge 66 Education Night



Please join us to hear a presentation on:

Workers Compensation

by:

Jack Davila
Attorney, Peviant Law Firm

**Thursday, March 17 2016
7:00pm to 8:00pm
2609 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215**

The first comprehensive Workers Compensation law in the USA was passed in Wisconsin in 1911. Since that time it has stood as the primary protection for workers injured or experiencing illness related to their work. Under our current State Legislature this important system is under attack. Please plan to attend this session and learn:

- How Workers Compensation works
- How to file a claim and avoid pitfalls
- Changes to the system

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided

This presentation is open to the public!

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

President Obama

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Seniors Corner

Trump Misleads About Social Security Fraud

Donald Trump is misleading people about the level of Social Security fraud. At the Republican presidential debate in Greenville, South Carolina, candidate Trump said, “‘Thousands and thousands of people’ over the age of 106 are receiving Social Security benefits, even though they don't exist.”

A report from the Social Security Administration's inspector general last year did find that there were an estimated 6.5 million Social Security number holders age 112 or older who are not listed as deceased but nearly all of these 6.5 million Social Security number holders weren't receiving benefits.

“As a leading candidate for the Republican nomination, Mr. Trump has a responsibility to get the facts right,” said Alliance President Robert Roach, Jr. “His declaration is exactly the kind of misstatement that undermines the public's support for the Social Security program.”

Social Security lifts 21 million Americans out of poverty. It has made a dignified retirement possible for the broad middle class. Before the creation of Social Security, poverty among older Americans was pervasive. In 1934, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Committee on Economic Security estimated that at least one-half of all Americans aged 65 and older were poor. Social Security has never missed a payment; it has paid every dollar of earned benefits, on time and in full.

Mr. Roach continued, “We need to expand our earned Social Security benefits. Any argument that leads the public to believe the program is wasteful and inefficient is dangerous. Social Security fraud is rare, and the public should know the truth.”

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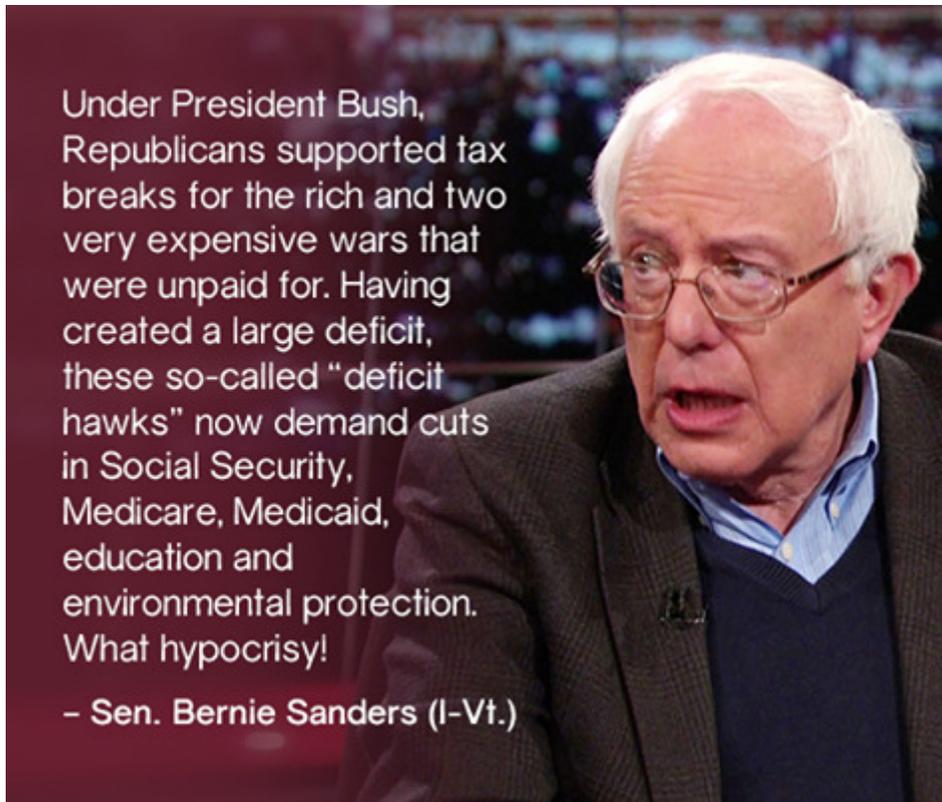
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888-16th Street, NW Suite 250
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www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **March 2, 2016** 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.
- **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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