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April 2016

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

April 12, 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 May 2016 edition of the “*Badger Lodge News*”, is April 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Wisconsin State Council of Machinists

To my Brothers and Sisters of Local Lodge 66:

I want to start by saying thank you all for sending me as your Delegate to the Wisconsin State Council of Machinists conference that was held from Feb. 28th – March 1st, 2016 in Madison. I noticed that the Editor of Badger Lodge News has posted videos of every speaker and guest on our YouTube page at www.youtube.com/user/BadgerLodge ...

This in turn makes my report a tad shorter. I want to encourage you all to take the time to view these videos in their entirety. You as a member can see exactly what is being done and discussed at our State Council meetings. We are extremely lucky to have Doug Curler diligently serving our local lodge in the capacity that he does with his dedication to our website and newsletter as our Communicator! It cannot and should not be taken for granted just how lucky we are to have Doug Curler in our family of LL66! Thank you again Doug for all that you do for the members of this lodge! (I know you are the editor but I challenge you to keep this letter in its entirety!!)

To summarize some key points of the meeting...**Rick de la Fuente** (IAM Political Director) reminded us that nationally there are now 26 “Right to work” states. If that statistic alone doesn’t show the attack on Unions and the working class you need to check your pulse! As for the IAM endorsing Hillary Clinton for President...Rick reminded us of all the jobs in our union that are in the Defense industry. Bernie Sanders wants to cut defense spending and that would mean a potential loss of jobs for our workers. It’s a simple matter of what is best for the working men and women of our Union.



Rick

The Trans-Pacific Partnership is still a bad deal for American workers. I encourage you all to visit the following webpage...www.goiam.org/index.php/imail/latest/15386-iam-to-congress-dont-call-us-if-you-vote-for-tpa. It should be noted that this is an area in which our Union stands with many republicans against President Obama. In my opinion our Union is not so one-sided politically, that it ignores what’s best for American workers in order to stand with a democratic president. It is a credit to the leaders of our Union to support what’s best for our members first, even if it means standing in opposition to democrats on certain issues.



Phil

Phil Neuenfeldt (President WI State AFL-CIO) reminded us that Unions need to take the current opportunity to “fight and make lives better for the people of this country.” He said we are never going to be able to “outspend” the other side. We need to get out and mobilize. We need to get out to vote and we need to organize and educate our members.

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**Vote on
April 5, 2016**

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



Mark

Congressman Mark Pocan discussed the TPP. He said November elections should be about who's going to help the Labor Unions and who's not? We should judge people by their actions and not just their words at campaign time. We should hold people accountable and "if you can't change people's minds then sometimes you have to change their faces." Mark also talked a little bit about a "Brokered Convention" and the Republican debates. I encourage you all to look up exactly what it is and how things could play out this year in elections.

Marty St. Peters (Grand Lodge Rep. Midwest Territory) quoted Martin Luther King... "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Russ Feingold (Democratic Candidate for US Senate (WI)) is busy listening to what really matters in the lives of people of Wisconsin. People are continuing to have a hard time making ends meet. He says raising the minimum wage is long overdue. He says more money made means more money people have to spend which in turn is better for business. He discussed the problem with

the debt graduates have from college, and how education needs to be more affordable. People want assurances that Company's will stay in Wisconsin and not pull up stakes to go overseas

with our jobs. Russ opposed NAFTA from the beginning and opposes the TPP. He calls on Ron Johnson to declare where he stands on the TPP because Wisconsin voters have a right to know. He said that Ron Johnson has supported every trade agreement that has crossed his desk during his term.

Stephanie Bloomingdale (WI State AFL-CIO Sec. Treasurer) said the Machinists are an example for other Unions to follow when it comes to retaining its members. The AFL-CIO has endorsed Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She also stated that the AFL-CIO is against the TPP as well. Stephanie reminded us that we need to hold our politicians accountable for their actions.

Tom O'Heron (IAM Collective Bargaining Director)...check out Doug's video on YouTube!

Steve Kluender (Attorney Previat Law Firm) discussed in length the attack on the Workers Compensation Act and the relationship with the Workers Compensation Advisory Council.

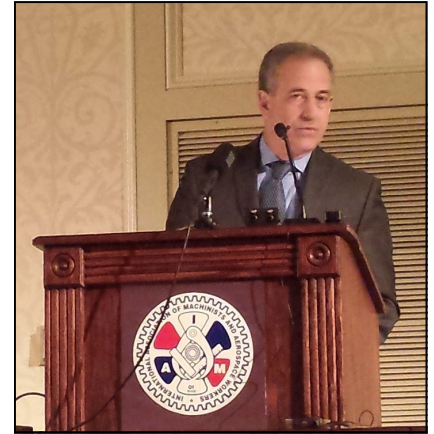
He reminded us that who you vote for really does matter! He stated that even though he is a devout Christian you simply cannot vote based simply on "GOD, guns and gays... those issues alone have led us to Act 10, Right to Work, repealing the prevailing wage laws, and an attack on the Workers Compensation Act. The only way to voice your opposition is to contact your Legislature. That is what democracy is all about."

In conclusion to my report the WI State Council of Machinists has endorsed JoAnne Kloppenburg for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and Russ Feingold (Democratic Candidate for US Senate Wisconsin). Thank you for reading.

Respectfully,

Ron Simmelink

Local Lodge 66 delegate to WI State Council of Machinists



Russ



Stephanie

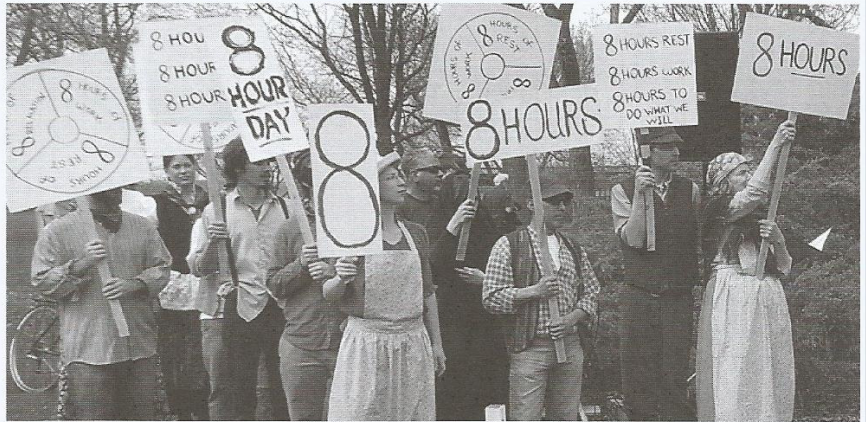
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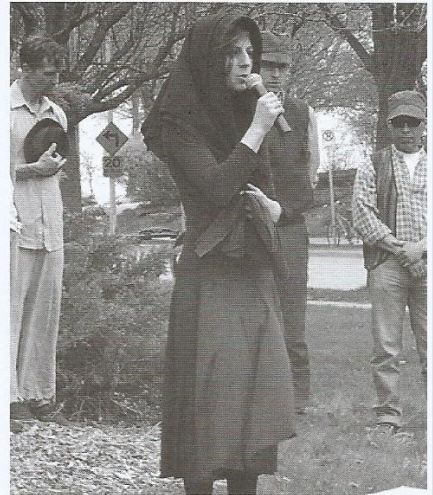
NEW videos at both these sites
on the February 2016 Wisconsin State
Council of Machinists Conference.

13 NEW VIDEOS





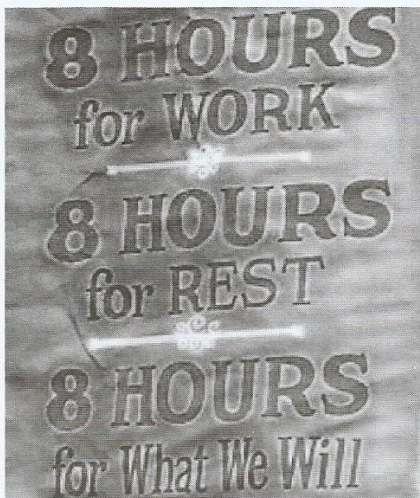
Honoring courageous workers who died in Wisconsin's most historic labor incident



130th Anniversary Commemoration

Bay View Tragedy

Remember the seven killed in march for the eight-hour day on May 5, 1886.



3 p.m. - Sunday, May 1, 2016

Bay View Rolling Mills Historical Marker Site

S. Superior St. and East Russell Ave., Milwaukee

Public Welcome - Free

- View Re-enactment of 1886 incident with Milwaukee Public Theater, Milwaukee Puppet and Mask Theater
- Work Songs by Craig Siemsen
- Prof. Will Jones, UW-Madison, labor, civil rights historian

WISCONSIN LABOR HISTORY SOCIETY, 6333 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee WI 53213 - 414-771-0700 x20 info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org



Wisconsin Labor History Society—35th Annual Conference

A Historical Look at Immigration and Unions: Lessons for Today

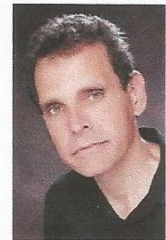
Saturday, May 21, 2016 — UAW Local 72 Hall, 3615 Washington Road, Kenosha WI

Look beyond today's headlines about immigrants to examine the history of immigration and the promises and challenges faced by newly arrived workers. A conference for unionists, historians and others interested in workers and union history.

Conference Registration — 8:30 a.m. Program — 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Keynote Address: Immanuel Ness

Professor of Economics, City University of New York, Author, Activist



Presentation: Michael Rosen

*Professor of Economics, Milwaukee Area Technical College
President AFT Local 212*



Stories of Today's Immigrant Workers

Personal testimony from workers, their experience in today's workplaces



Presentation and Responses: Neidi Dominguez

*Director of Worker Centers Partnerships
Deputy Director of Community Engagement, AFL-CIO*

DIRECTIONS:
UAW Local 72 Hall is located about five miles east of I-94. Use Exit #340 (Highway 142)

SPECIAL EVENT: Beginning at 3:30 p.m. In cooperation with Illinois Labor History Society, we will show "Brothers on the Line," highly regarded documentary. Producer-director Sasha Reuther, grandson of Victor Reuther, will be present for discussion. **NO CHARGE.** Reception to follow.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Go to: www.wislabor.eventbrite.com

WLHS 2016 Conference—REGISTRATION FORM

Registration -- \$35.00(Includes Luncheon, Materials) _____ Reservations @ \$35.00 Amt. \$ _____

Unemployed, students - \$10.00 _____ Reservations @ \$10.00 Amt. \$ _____

Name

Union/Org.

Address

City State Zip

Email Address

Phone

Issue Check to: Wisconsin Labor History Society
Wisconsin Labor History Society

Mail by May 17, 2016 to:
Wisconsin Labor History Society
6333 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee WI 53213

Informational Only: All members in good standing was sent this nomination and election notice to their address on file at United Lodge 66, 2611 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215

LOCAL LODGE 66 , IAMAW NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE FOR DELEGATES TO THE 39TH GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF LOCAL LODGE DELEGATES TO THE 39TH GRAND LODGE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOCAL LODGE IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016.

**DATE: April 12 , 2016 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 2609 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215**

ALL NOMINEE'S MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR OF THE LOCAL LODGE AND WORKING AT THE TRADE FOR SIX (6) MONTHS PRIOR THERETO.

- ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR BY A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.
- MEMBERS MAY NOMINATE THEMSELVES.
- NOMINATIONS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING.
- MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT MAY BE NOMINATED, BUT THEY MUST HAVE A LETTER ON FILE WITH THE RECORDING SECRETARY PRIOR TO NOMINATION STATING THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR DELEGATE TO THE 39TH GRAND LODGE CONVENTION.

ELECTION

THE ELECTION OF LOCAL LODGE DELEGATES TO THE 39TH GRAND LODGE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOCAL LODGE IN THE MONTH OF MAY, 2016.

**DATE: May 10 2016 POLLING TIME: 7:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.
PLACE: 2609 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215**

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

1. ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING.
2. RETIRED OR EXEMPT MEMBERS AND MEMBERS ON INDEFINITE LAYOFF.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS WILL BE ISSUED AND VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 OF THE IAM CONSTITUTION.

MEMBERS WHO RESIDE IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS MORE THAN 25 MILES FROM THE DESIGNATED BALLOTING PLACE, MEMBERS WHO ARE EITHER CONFINED BECAUSE OF VERIFIED ILLNESS OR ON LEAVE QUALIFYING UNDER U.S. AND CANADIAN FAMILY LEAVE LAWS, OR ON VACATION, OR ON OFFICIAL IAM BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE LOCAL LODGE OR DISTRICT LODGE OR GRAND LODGE, OR ON AN EMPLOYER TRAVEL ASSIGNMENT, OR RESERVE MILITARY LEAVE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL BE FURNISHED ABSENTEE BALLOTS. MEMBERS APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON THE BASIS OF RESIDING IN AN OUTLYING DISTRICT MORE THAN 25 MILES FROM THE DESIGNATED BALLOTING PLACE, SHALL HAVE THEIR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT DETERMINED BY THE RECORDING SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARY TREASURER BEFORE THE BALLOT IS MAILED. MEMBERS FOUND NOT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT WILL BE SO NOTIFIED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THEIR APPLICATION. BEFORE THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE OPENED AND COUNTED, THE INSPECTORS OF ELECTION SHALL DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS TO VOTE BY THAT METHOD, AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION WITH THE EXCEPTION CITED ABOVE. ANY MEMBER ENTITLED TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL MAKE WRITTEN REQUEST THEREFORE TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE LOCAL LODGE BY DELIVERING IN PERSON OR MAILING SUCH REQUEST NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. THE REQUEST MUST CONTAIN THE MEMBERS FULL, CURRENT ADDRESS, IF THE RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION, THE RECORDING SECRETARY OR SECRETARY TREASURER SHALL WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE CLOSE OF THE NOMINATIONS, MAIL THE ABSENTEE BALLOT; IF IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARY TREASURER THE MEMBER IS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE MEMBER WILL BE NOTIFIED, IN WRITING, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. THE RECORDING SECRETARY SHALL MAIL THE BALLOT IF THE RECORDS OF THE LOCAL LODGE INDICATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION. MEMBERS VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL EXECUTE AND MAIL THEIR BALLOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE. AFTER MARKING AN (X) OPPOSITE THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE(S) FOR WHOM THEY WISH TO VOTE, AND AFTER FILLING IN THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON THE DETACHABLE PORTION OF THE BALLOT FORM, THE MEMBERS SHALL THEREUPON DETACH SUCH PORTION OF THE BALLOT AND THEN FOLD AND PLACE THE UPPER BALLOT PORTION IN A PLAIN ENVELOPE WITHOUT AFFIXING ANY SIGNATURE, NUMBER, OR OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION THEREON. AFTER BEING SECURELY SEALED, THIS PLAIN ENVELOPE SHALL THEN BE PLACED, TOGETHER WITH THE DETACHABLE STUB BEARING THE NAME OF THE MEMBER, ADDRESS, LODGE NUMBER AND CARD NUMBER, IN AN OUTER ENVELOPE BEARING THE WORD "BALLOT" ON ITS FACE. AFTER BEING SECURELY SEALED, THIS ENVELOPE SHALL THEN BE RETURNED BY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MAIL TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE ABSENTEE MEMBER'S LOCAL LODGE SO THAT IT WILL BE RECEIVED BY OR PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME OF THE POLLS SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF ELECTION. THE RECORDING SECRETARY SHALL TURN OVER TO THE INSPECTORS OF ELECTION ALL SUCH ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNOPENED.

POSTED/MAILED MARCH, 2016

**Elizabeth Falkowski _____, RECORDING SECRETARY OF LOCAL LODGE 66
2609 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53215**

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM ~ LOCAL LODGE 66

COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS SHALL NO LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION BE MADE BY DELIVERING IN PERSON OR MAILING SUCH REQUESTS TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE LOCAL LODGE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE:

I, (PRINT NAME) _____ A MEMBER OF LOCAL LODGE 66, AM REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR LOCAL LODGE DELEGATES TO THE 39TH GRAND LODGE CONVENTION ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MAY, 2016 FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(Mark one of the reasons listed below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I reside more than 25 miles from the designated polling place where the election is to be held. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am confined because of verified illness or on leave qualifying under US and/or Canadian leave laws. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will be on vacation on the day of the election. | <input type="checkbox"/> I will be on official IAM business, which is approved by the Local Lodge, District Lodge or Grand Lodge on the day of election. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will be on employer travel assignment on the day of the election. | <input type="checkbox"/> I will be on reserve military leave on the day of the election. |

Signature _____ Address _____

Election Date: May 10, 2016

Date Received: _____ by Recording Secretary _____ Local Lodge 66, IAMAW.



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.



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/>

Vote on April 5, 2016



What Editorial Have You Written?

Send them to the editor for publication in the *Badger Lodge News*.

What People Say

Voting on April 5 in the school referendum here is essential

To the Antigo Daily Journal:

As parents or simply concerned citizens of our area would you ever consider leaving your children or any children behind or fending for themselves? Hopefully not and it should never enter our minds. This needs to be part of the thought process in the April 5, 2016 vote on our school referendum.

Whether we are parents with children in our present public school system or those retired, and enjoying a good life, what do we owe?

While we may not be able to afford a Taj Mahal we do need the best for the children, which is the future for our area. We must not keep them in out dated schools not meeting the technological needs of the present and the next decade. We can not think so small.

For those citizens who may not be able to attend the open informational events on the April 5, 2016 school referendum I have taped a recent session at <https://youtu.be/8Mxq0-4b4i0>. It is just over one hour long and is a good explanation of how the school board came to the present decision.

At the end are two very hard questions citizens did ask and reasonable answers. Simply copy and past the link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/8Mxq0-4b4i0>. If you do not have a computer at home then visit our Antigo Public Library.

As a person stated at the above information event, 'just doing nothing is not a reasonable response.' Staying at home and not voting on April 5, 2016 is not a reasonable response...especially since there are two many political forces within our state government discouraging voter participation.

Go and vote.

Doug Curler
Langlade County
Alliance for Retired
Americans
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CONTACT INFORMATION

WRTP/BIG STEP at 414-342-9787
Ask for Manufacturing Representative



Ver: 2/26/15

Wisconsin AFLCIO Community Services Conference

March 10 - 12, 2016

by doug curler

This conference is held yearly and in 2016 more than 80 attended from various Unions throughout Wisconsin. All three days had plenary/general sessions and there were workshops on the other portions of a day.

Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary Treasurer for the Wisconsin AFLCIO, gave an opening presentation on ‘Solidarity in Action. As we know the middle class was made by the rise of Unions and working families have suffered with the loss of Union concentration. There is no other organization so important. She talked how the republicans have pushed through some 500 bills in the last few weeks with little discussion or public input. One bill which did not proceed was to allow the easy privatization of the public water services. This was only being proposed because of a corporation called Aqua America. The global economy has made labor a commodity causing a race to the bottom for the cheapest labor. It has been very clear over the last 20 years that CEO’s of American Corporations have no loyalty to America but only for profit at all cost. There has never been a trade deal from NAFTA to the TPP that has benefited labor because none has contained any labor or environment standards with any real enforcement provisions. Two items that TPP will now change if it is passed is: (a) reduce the percentage of origin for products to be called Made in America from the 65% after NAFTA to 45% as allowed by TPP; (b) it will allow countries to challenge in a world court any trade policies of another country. (Stephanie’s complete presentation, copy and paste in browser: <https://youtu.be/Ul6mm58gXhM>)



JoAnne

Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg, AFL-CIO Endorsed Candidate for the Wisconsin Supreme Court talked about her past experience of serving on four Wisconsin Attorney Generals for 23 years and in 2012 she was elected to the 4th Circuit Court. She also did Department of Justice enforcement under Republicans. Her opponent has only been appointed to all of her judicial positions and never elected to office. While this election is for a non-partisan position her opponent last week left her job at the Wisconsin Supreme Court to attend a partisan fund raiser event set up by Walker. (Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg’s complete presentation: copy and paste in browser: <https://youtu.be/A-ClJ1BfDD0>)



Phil

Phil Neuenfeldt, President of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, addressed the conference on “What’s Next for Labor?” Right now life does not look good since Walker under the guise of balancing the state budget passed Act 10 five years ago, which took away all the bargaining rights of public workers; then a year ago he passed Right to Work for Less legislation, attacking private employer Unions; then he changed the Prevailing Wage Law, which undermines public contract. We need to look at what we need to do in the transition period of labor and not where we were. Unions, once again, are forming Solidarity Round Tables, across the state. With these meetings are new alliances between Unions which may not had existed. The Round Tables are meant to improve the relationships. Now Walker wants to privatize the public water works around the state simply because Aqua America requested and not because of a better plan or to lower rates.

Labor has two major issues to fight: (a) the economy and what type of wage and benefits we need and not allow what we have to be taken away; (b) the rights we have at the workplace and stop the divide and conquer used by employers and encouraged by our state government.

While the Republicans came to power wanting to control Big Government, they have done just the opposite. Since 2011 they have passed 99 pieces of legislation taking away local control on as many issues. (editors note: this information is available from your Union office.) (Phil’s complete presentation: copy and paste in browser: <https://youtu.be/xmD4fylaSD4>)

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

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NEW videos at both these sites
on the March 2016 Wisconsin AFL-CIO
Community Services Conference.

5 NEW VIDEOS

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You Tube™

The two workshops for my participation was: (a) Our Fight in Wisconsin; (b) Racial Equity and Social Justice.

- The workshop on Our Fight in Wisconsin had us first watch a video ‘Wisconsin Rising’ by Sam Mayfield (www.wisconsinrising.org) detailing the largest sustained workers resistance movement in American history, the 2011 Budget Repair Bill, having the Act 10 legislation, and all the activities in our state. It was followed by some testy discussion what was done, who really brought out the workers and activities and was this video a fair depiction.
- The other workshop on Racial Equity and Social Justice also had us watching the video, (*copy and paste online version at: <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/martin-luther-king-memphis-river-i-stand>*). There was discussion on the continuing disparities in how people are treated, especially in employment and housing. There was some exploration of strategies to eliminate racial and social inequities. Since the Union Movement believes ‘an injury to one is an injury to all’ then what possible role is their in achieving a more fair and just community for all?



**Take the time and
Vote on April 5, 2016**



A big thanks for allowing my attendance at the community services conference and *I feel the best way to present the information is through the videos*, which allow an unfiltered presentation.

Four Special Presentation from The Previant Law Firm at Wisconsin AFL-CIO Community Services Conference



Steven

Filing a Successful Worker’s Compensation Claim by Attorney Steven G. Kluender on how to navigate through the in and outs of a worker’s compensation claim. The presentation did point out common pitfalls and will also address recent changes to the legislation.

Social Media and the Workplace: No Boundaries by Attorney Erin F. Medeiros spoke on the social media affects at the workplace, even when it’s not used at work. She discussed the protections that works have when using social media and the effective use of social media in Union and non-Union workplaces.



Erin

Getting Paid: Filing a Wage Claim in Wisconsin by Attorney Nathan D. Eisenberg provided a step by step procedure for getting unpaid wages under Wisconsin’s wage claim laws. Misclassification and being focused to ‘work off the clock’ are just two ways this happens.

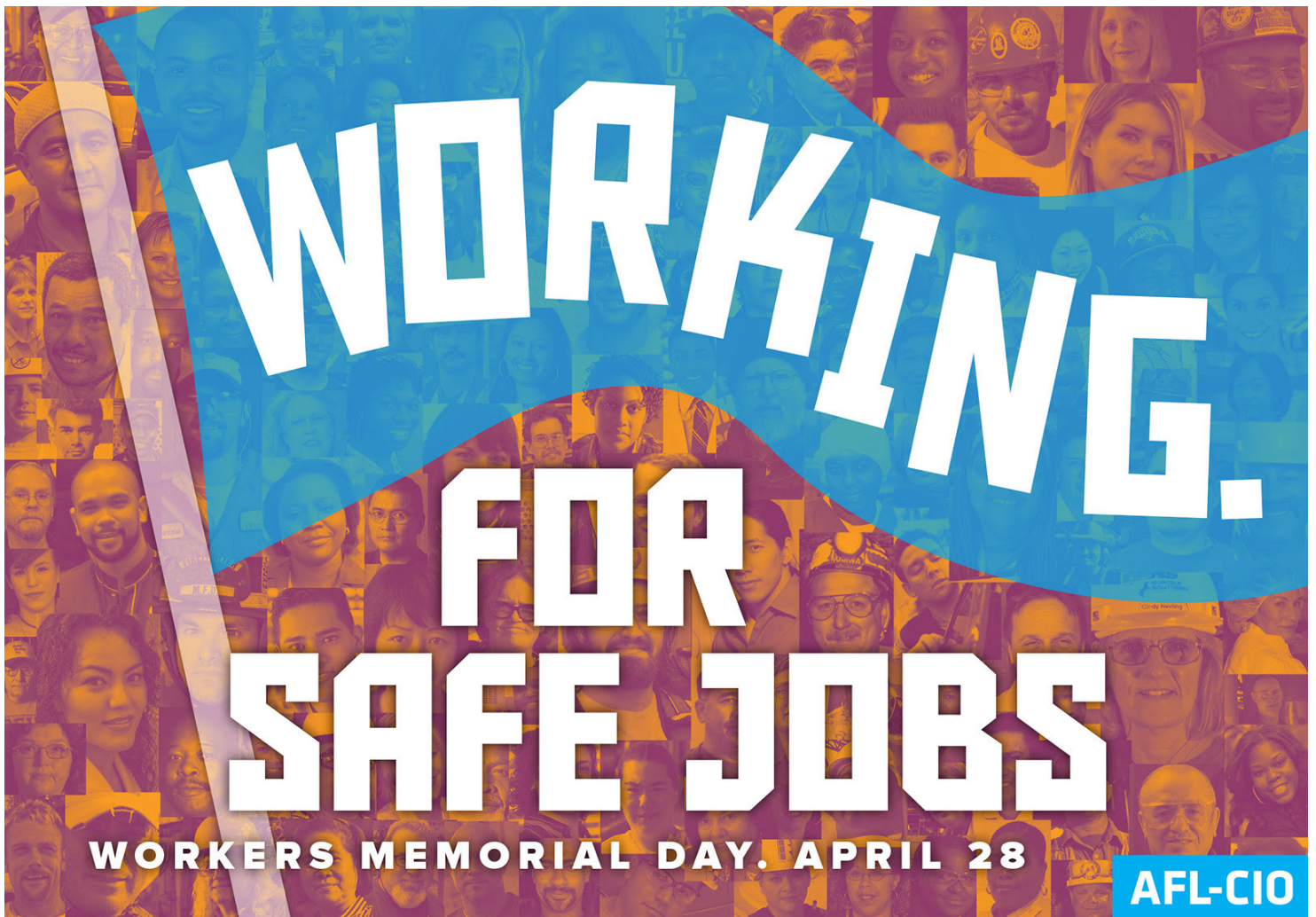


Nathan



Jill

The Family Medical Leave Act After More Than 20 years: What Has Changed and Where Do We Go Wrong by Attorney Jill M. Hartley. She examined the FMLA by noting recent case decisions and modifications to state and federal regulations. She explored the common mistakes made and simple steps you can take to avoid them.



The event is on Workers Memorial Day: Monday, April 28, 5:00 PM at Workers Memorial Square, Zeidler Park, Milwaukee.

On April 28, the Unions of the AFL-CIO observe Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job and to renew the fight for safe jobs. This year we will come together to call for work in this country that is safe and healthy and pays fair wages. We will celebrate the victories won by working people and commit to fighting until all workers have safe jobs and the freedom to form Unions without the threat of retaliation.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act and Mine Safety and Health Act promise workers the right to a safe job. Unions and our allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality—winning protections that have made jobs safer, saved hundreds of thousands of lives and prevented millions of workplace injuries and illnesses.

But our work is not done. Many job hazards are unregulated and uncontrolled. Some employers cut corners and violate the law, putting workers in serious danger and costing lives. Workers who report job hazards or job injuries are fired or disciplined. Employers contract out dangerous work to try to avoid responsibility. As a result, each year thousands of workers are killed and millions more injured or diseased because of their jobs.

Business groups have launched an all-out assault on working people, seeking to roll back existing protections and rights, and to block new safeguards. We have fought back, joining with worker centers, local activists and other partners to defend and advance these hard-won gains. We have worked to win a stronger coal dust standard for miners and a new rule to protect workers from deadly silica dust, which soon will be finalized, along with stronger anti-retaliation protections for workers who report job injuries.

Please join us on Workers Memorial Day as we continue the fight for safe jobs. **Bring yourself and family for some solidarity in safe work places.**

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

President Obama

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

Senator Ron Johnson, Republican

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www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact

Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

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www.baldwin.senate.gov/contact.cfm

Representative Paul Ryan, 1st District, Republican

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www.paulryan.house.gov

Representative Ron Kind, 3rd District, Democrat

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https://kindforms.house.gov/contact

Representative Gwen Moore, 4th District, Democrat

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Representative Glen Grothman 6th District, Republican

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Seniors Corner

Affordable Care Act's 6th Anniversary

Alliance activist Ken Pease spoke at a news conference Wednesday on the steps of the U.S. Capitol marking the sixth anniversary of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) (called by detractors as Obama Care). Also speaking were Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, other members of Congress and consumers who have benefitted from the law. Pease is a retiree from Fairfax, Virginia.

The ACA has been a life-saver for Pease and millions of seniors, providing essential preventative care and lowering the cost of medicines. The ACA has also helped seniors save over \$20.8 billion in prescription drug costs since 2010.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, seniors are eligible for **free** flu shots, mammograms, prostate cancer and cardiovascular disease screenings as well as a **free annual wellness exams.**"

Watch and read his full speech on our website: <http://retiredamericans.org/affordable-care-act-6th-anniversary/>

The Alliance for Retired Americans Praises Senate Special Committee on Aging

Richard Fiesta, executive director of the Alliance, wrote to the Senate Special Committee on Aging this week and urged them to continue working to lower high prescription drug prices. The Committee has held a series of hearings exposing egregious practices that are causing the price of certain drugs to skyrocket.

"While I am thankful for the support Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Claire McCaskill (D-MO) have shown in combating sky-high prescription drug prices, it is not enough," said Fiesta, "Congress must take concrete steps in combating prescription drug prices for all Americans."

In the letter the Alliance praised S. 2615, the Increasing Competition in Pharmaceuticals Act (S. 2615), which would allow the FDA to speed up the process of getting generic medications to the market. If passed, the legislation would be a first step in combating high drug prices and to address the shortage that exists for many off-patent drugs.

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Activities for You and Your Family

- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **April 6, 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.

Facts confuse some ... educate those who are confused.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING:



Justice Pitney	Justice Brandeis	Justice Clark	Justice Cardozo	Justice Murphy	Justice Kennedy
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