

# Badger Lodge News



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June 2016

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

**June 14, 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 July 2016 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is June 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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This is our support and celebration to our Labor Move-

ment and United Lodge 66 will be part of this event. Ours is held on September 5, 2016 and begins at 11am at Zeidler Union Square, 4th and Avenue, Milwaukee.

The lodge will provided a limited amount of food and refreshment tickets and T-shirts for those that march in the parade.

**There is a July 1, 2016 cutoff date** for which to order you T-shirt. If you do not submit your information to United Lodge 66 then do not expect a T-shirt. To order call the lodge at 414-671-3800 or send in by mail your name and sizes of T-shirt.

**A victory for working people**  
*The path to restoring overtime rules*

President Obama and the U.S. Department of Labor will issue a new rule, which raises the overtime salary threshold from \$23,660 to \$47,476—strengthening 12.5 million workers' rights to receive overtime pay and to earn a fair living.

This victory is a direct result of your hard work and shows the positive economic impact government can have on the lives millions of middle- and working-class families.

*(PS ... no republican President would have done such a rule change ... who you vote for is private and more important than you think!)*

## Workers Memorial Day Observation, in Rhineland, WI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6U66k7JSPdY&feature=youtu.be>

## Bay View Tragedy Memorial 2016, Milwaukee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDtwVMMen7w>

**(Copy and paste the video into your browser)**



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

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

## Hello Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Andy Hainzinger I would just like to share with you some of the great experiences I had at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center Leadership 1.

First, the property is amazing, the staff treats you like family and everything there is for the members to enjoy their stay. Including basketball courts, golf, bikes to use to explore the property, and the food is just top of the line.

Secondly, the knowledge and resources that come out of the education center to teach and guide us is just hands down incredible. All the members in the classes just work together on scenarios which are based on real experiences in our own shops. This helps us think of new and better ways to improve our leadership roles at work. That can be anything from harassment issues or just improving our shop steward roles. For me, hands on learning and feedback from different members from all across the country not only improve me but also everybody that asks me questions as well.

I encourage everybody to go, even the people that think they don't need to learn anything more. And even if that is the case, maybe you can share some experiences that can improve a fellow brother or sister in their own shops.

Finally, I would like to say I appreciate the opportunity to be able to attend leadership 1. The focus on educating our members is one of a kind and makes our union strong. I take pride in that every day. I am a loud and proud machinist member.

Sincerely,  
Andy Hainzinger



*Andy & Machinists Union International  
President Robert Martinez, Jr.*

**Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2016 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.

## Do You Know Where Your Oreos Come From? Support IAM Jobs by 'Checking the Label'

Last summer, Nabisco/Mondelez announced plans to lay off some 600 union workers at its plant on Chicago's south side and move those jobs to Mexico. The Chicago bakery employs nearly 100 IAM members. The IAM estimates the layoffs could affect some 15 to 20 IAM-represented workers.

The Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union and International Union of Operating Engineers also represent workers at the Chicago location.

"Nabisco's actions represent a full-on assault on the middle class," said IAM International President Bob Martinez. "This is a company that would rather pay its CEO more than \$180 million over the last 18 years than respect the workers who made its profits possible. The time has come for American to reinvest in our communities."

Support American jobs: **Do not buy Nabisco products made in Mexico** and tell your grocery store manager to stock American-made Nabisco products only.

How can you tell if your Nabisco snack is made in America? Check the label. There are two ways to tell:

- Check for the words "Made in Mexico."
- Check the plant identification code next to the product expiration date.

**Do not buy if the letters MM or MS follow directly behind the product expiration date.**

## Notes from Your Secretary-Treasurer

### Reminders and information for members

Every year around the Badge Night Mailing we have questions asked about why members don't have as much time as they think they should.

The service time for Union Membership is considered continuous membership. That means members have remained in good and continuous membership through the years. There are a couple ways your membership can be interrupted and your time starts over.

1. You get a withdrawal card because of layoff or a job change, illness, going back to school are some examples. Withdrawal cards have to be applied for within 60 days or your membership will lapse.
2. You lapse your membership because of not paying the required dues for some reason. In this instance you have to reinstate and that is the date when your membership starts over.

A couple other reminders for members to pay attention to are.

1. It is your responsibility to keep the union informed about times when you may be off work for illness or leave of some kind. We have no way of knowing if you don't let us know. You also need to let us know when you go back to work.
2. You need to let us know when you have a name change, address change or any other things that change that we would use to communicate back and forth with you.

On a personal note:

Every member is the Union. The elected leadership is here to assist you and help you. The members are the strength behind the union. Your participation and input is very important to the strength and effectiveness of the Union.

Members are encouraged to become involved in the operation of their Union. We are always looking for members to be on committees, give input on what they would like to see going on in the local and come to membership meetings.

This is going to be a very busy year. We have State AFL-CIO Convention at the end of August. The IAMAW Constitutional Convention Over the week of Labor Day.

This is also going to be a very active political year. We encouraged everyone to pay attention to the people running for office and become familiar with what they would do for your job and families. Become an educated voter look past the political commercials and follow the real issues. The main thing to realize is anything we get in contracts can be taken away laws passed by someone that doesn't even work where we do.

Please remember to check the website often [www.unitedlodge66.org](http://www.unitedlodge66.org). There is a wealth of information and contact information on the website. Please keep address and membership information up to date. The Companies and the pension fund do not update the local with your information.

In Solidarity,

*Ivan Collins*

Secretary-Treasurer IAM Lodge 66



*Ivan*

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## Alliance Leaders Meet with Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management

Earlier this month, President Roach, Alliance Executive Director Richard Fiesta, and Alliance Legislative Representative Eva Dominguez met with several top leaders of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), an independent agency that protects workers' and retirees' private sector defined benefit plans. The group discussed a wide range of issues related to protecting the retirement incomes of the more than 40 million American workers and retirees with private pensions.

The PBGC insures both single-employer and multi-employer pension plans. Multiemployer plans provide retirement security to more than 10 million people and their families and are portable: workers won't lose their benefits if they change jobs within the same industry. However, PBGC needs additional tools in order to protect multiemployer plans.

If a single-employer plan fails and PBGC becomes responsible for it, the agency directly pays benefits due to retirees (and future retirees) up to legal limits. PBGC does not directly pay the benefits of people in failed multiemployer plans. Instead, the agency provides financial assistance to the plans themselves, which continue to pay retirees.

In 2015, PBGC paid for monthly retirement benefits, up to a guaranteed maximum, for nearly 826,000 retirees in 4,800 single-employer and multiemployer pension plans that cannot pay promised benefits. For more consumer info on PBGC, including the resources it provides, go to <http://www.pbgc.gov/about/factsheets/page/pbgc-facts.html>.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to work together with PBGC to protect retirees' pensions and to ensure that defined benefit plans remain a key part of Americans' retirement security," said President Roach. "We need to make sure that the PBGC has the right tools now and in the future to ensure it meets its obligations and protects the pensions of millions of people."

## Send Your Thoughts,

*To those who should be working for you!*

### **President Obama**

The White House  
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Governor Scott Walker,  
Republican  
115 East Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

## Seniors Corner

### **Hillary Clinton Supports Letting People Over 50 Buy into Medicare**

At a recent campaign stop in Virginia, Hillary Clinton announced a proposal that would let people over the age of 50 buy into Medicare.

Secretary Clinton's proposal would benefit older adults and employers, who pay the majority of health insurance costs for workers in the 50 age category. Given that many areas of the United States are severely limited in the number of health insurance plans available to them, this would provide another option. An added benefit: since Medicare is more efficient at keeping healthcare costs down, including adults under 65 would help slow the growth of overall healthcare expenditures.

The new proposal will build on what the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has achieved so far, making up for the lack of a public option from the ACA.

"While the Affordable Care Act has helped many Americans obtain health insurance coverage for the first time, rising costs are still a major concern," said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. "We need a president with realistic and specific solutions.

### **Donald Trump is a Threat to Social Security and Medicare**

A person is known by the company he keeps, and among Donald Trump's top advisors are two people who have long track records advocating for privatizing and/or cutting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Sam Clovis, Trump's senior policy advisor, recently said that a Trump administration would 'look at' privatization of Medicare and Social Security after a year or two. And he isn't the only Trump team member to advocate cutting off support for seniors. John Mashburn, Trump's policy director, recently likened the disability program to a welfare program.

"Donald Trump has Social Security a 'ponzi scheme' but is hoping that voters will forget that when it comes time to vote," said Joe Peters, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "He's surrounding himself with people who have an anti-senior agenda. Retirees should be wary of someone who lacks a core commitment to retirement security and the sanctity of our earned benefits."

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

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Milwaukee, WI 53213  
414-771-9511

<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

### **Alliance for Retired Americans**

888-16th Street, NW Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20006  
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497  
Fax 202-974-8256

[www.retiredamericans.org](http://www.retiredamericans.org)

## Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **June 1, 2016 at 6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2016 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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**Business/Membership Meetings are -  
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