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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

May 10, 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 June 2016 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is May+ 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 Movement 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 provide 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 your 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.



Labor Day

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors

the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend and it is considered the unofficial end of summer.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade Union and labor movements grew, trade Unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty U.S. states officially celebrated Labor Day.



Canada's Labour Day is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. More than 80 countries celebrate International Workers' Day on May 1 – the ancient European holiday of May Day – and several countries have chosen their own

dates for Labour Day.

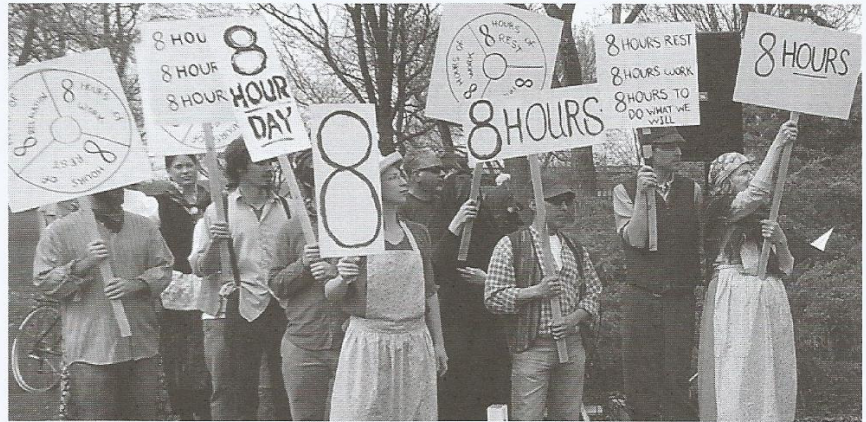
Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade Union and labor movements grew, different groups of trade Unionists chose a variety of days on which to celebrate labor. In the United States and Canada, a September holiday, called Labor or Labour Day, was first proposed in the 1880s. In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a Machin-



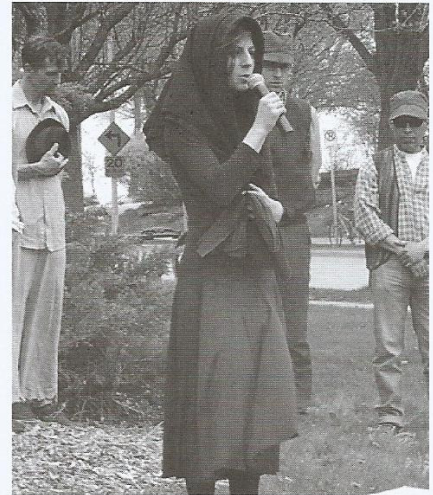
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"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union."



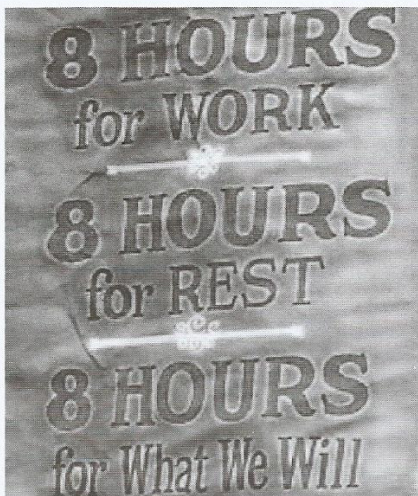
*Honoring courageous workers who died
in Wisconsin's most historic labor incident*



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 -
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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.

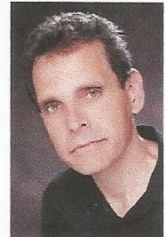
Keynote Address: Immanuel Ness

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. \$ _____

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Yet Another Walker Outsourcing Scandal or Why I (Scott Walker) Could Not Produce 250,000 Jobs I Promised!

On April 28, 2016, it was revealed that yet another multinational corporation receiving public dollars for job creation actually sent more jobs overseas than it created in Wisconsin. This is only the latest example of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Governor Walker's semi-privatized jobs agency, paying companies to create jobs which in turn outsource more jobs.

According to a report by Greg Neumann of WKOW TV in Madison, W.W. Grainger company outsourced jobs from Janesville to Panama. The corporation created no jobs in Wisconsin, despite receiving WEDC tax credits.

Citizen Action of Wisconsin has repeatedly called on WEDC to close loopholes which allow companies receiving state economic development dollars to outsource Wisconsin jobs. In the State Senate and State Assembly this legislative session Democrats introduced bills to limit economic development support to companies engaged in outsourcing. The bills were defeated on party line votes.

Earlier this month, Citizen Action of Wisconsin called on WEDC to release outsourcing records. In late 2014 WEDC's board adopted a policy of requiring reports within 30 days by corporations receiving state job creation dollars of any net job reductions or the outsourcing of jobs out of Wisconsin. These reports have not been publicly released, nor has Citizen Action been able to obtain them by contacting WEDC staff. It is also Citizen Action of Wisconsin's understanding that such reports are not being shared with WEDC's board of directors.

WKOW TV's report yesterday was based on outsourcing data compiled by the federal government, not WEDC. According to WKOW, WEDC is seeking repayment of tax credits given to W.W. Grainger because the corporation created no jobs, not because it outsourced jobs to Panama. Outsourcing was a dominant issue in the Wisconsin presidential primary, and in the U.S. Senate race. "Wisconsin voters are on to the fact that political and corporate establishment are committing economic treason against Wisconsin workers," said Robert Kraig, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin. "The public is also increasingly realizing that if the economy can be rigged against workers, it can also be re-rigged in our favor through policies that expand economic opportunity."



(from: <http://www.citizenactionwi.org>)

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ist, first proposed a Labor Day holiday while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York. Some maintain that Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor put forward the first proposal in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labour festival held in Toronto, Canada. In 1887 Oregon became the first state of the United States to make Labor Day an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty U.S. states officially celebrated Labor Day. Thus by 1887 in North America, Labor Day was an established, official holiday.

Following the deaths of workers at the hands of United States Army and United States Marshals Service during the Pullman Strike of 1894, the United States Congress unanimously voted to approve legislation to make Labor Day a national holiday and President Grover Cleveland signed it into law six days after the end of the strike. Cleveland supported the creation of the national holiday in an attempt to shore up support among trade Unions following the Pullman Strike. The date of May 1 (an ancient European holiday known as May Day) was an alternative date, celebrated then (and now) as International Workers Day, but President Cleveland was concerned that observance of Labor Day on May 1 would encourage Haymarket-style protests and would strengthen socialist and anarchist movements that, though distinct from one another, had rallied to commemorate the Haymarket Affair in International Workers' Day.

All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories have made Labor Day a statutory holiday. The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: A street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations", followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the *American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the Labor movement.*

(editors note: from <https://en.wikipedia.org>)



Wisconsin State AFL-CIO

...the voice for working families

Phil Neuenfeldt, President
Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer

Wisconsin is no longer a Right to Work state! Wisconsin workers' rights are being restored with a circuit court ruling that Gov. Walker's anti-union Right to Work law is unconstitutional. On Friday, April 8, 2016, the court put a needed check on Scott Walker's attacks on working families by ruling that Wisconsin's Right to Work law is in violation of our state constitution.

Right to Work has always been unjust, now it's been proven unconstitutional as well. Right to Work goes against the Wisconsin principles of fairness and democracy and hurts all of Wisconsin by eroding the strength of our middle class.

Restoring the full right of working people to have a meaningful voice in their union to improve wages, better workplace conditions and lift up our middle class is a victory for us all.

The Wisconsin AFL-CIO, together with the United Steelworkers and the Machinists Union, filed a lawsuit to challenge the constitutionality of Wisconsin's Right to Work law last year. Our case was argued and presented by Frederick Perillo of the Previant Law Firm. Fred's work, along with the entire Previant Law Firm's careful, exceptional and thoughtful legal expertise, gave working people a victory.

This decision is the first time in 70 years that a challenge to a statewide Right to Work law has been sustained in a court.

Judge Foust agreed with the Unions that the Right to Work law forces unions to provide services to non-members who are not required to pay anything for the costs of such representation. The Court calls this situation "the free-rider effect of Act 1 on Wisconsin organized labor." "Free rider" captures the unfairness of letting some workers "ride the bus" without paying the fare—in this case, their fair share of the costs of their own representation.

We know Scott Walker and his allies will file legal maneuvers to appeal the decision so further litigation may ensue. But make no mistake, we, along with each and every one of you, will continue to fight to advance the rights of working people to have a full and powerful voice in their union so that everyone who gets up and goes to work in the morning can have a shot at the American Dream.

In Solidarity,
Phil Neuenfeldt, President
Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer

Career Madison Politicians Continue To Take Away Local Control

Truthfulness is admitting our state government is about big government!

On Monday, April 25, 2016, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker signed SB533, a bill that blocks counties throughout Wisconsin from using their own resources to provide local identification cards. The bill stops Milwaukee's city-county partnership to create local ID cards, the first such partnership in the nation. The Milwaukee Common Council and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed legislation creating the Milwaukee ID overwhelmingly in October and November of last year.



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/>



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!*

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Seniors Corner

President Obama Signs Older Americans Act Reauthorization into Law

On April 26, 2016 Tuesday, President Obama signed the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act of 2016, a law that reauthorizes grant programs and other services to seniors. The new OAA will fund a variety of well-known programs aimed at easing the difficulty seniors and their families face in navigating the aging process. Some of the services included in the law are Meals on Wheels, support for family caregivers, and transportation assistance. Other provisions are aimed at reducing scams and elder abuse.

The final bill that Congress sent to the President increases specific funding levels for the programs by 6% over the next three years. The bill also adjusted the formula for allocating funds to states to ensure that states with growth in their 60 population would receive more support

"The Older Americans Act helps seniors live in dignity," said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. "By signing this law, President Obama will enable millions of older Americans to improve their health, independence, and quality of life."

"For more than 50 years, the Older Americans Act has helped people live the lives they want, with the people they choose, throughout their lives," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee stated.

She noted that more than 77 million people will soon be over the age of 60, and more than 34 million people – mostly family and friends – will be supporting a loved one who is over 60. These numbers will continue to grow for the next several decades.

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **May 4, 2016** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpingsinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule for 2015 is available (<http://winpingsinger.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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