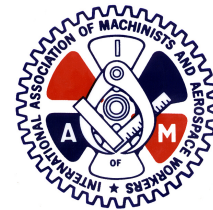


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October 2016

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

October 11, 2016

7:00 PM

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*ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.*

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To My Brothers and Sisters of United Lodge 66

By Ron Simmelink

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as a delegate for the Lodge at the 2016 IAM Grand Lodge Convention that was held in Chicago, IL from September 4th thru September 9th. Highlighted Speakers included the following:

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, Michael Madigan- Illinois Speaker of the House, Steve Cotton-GST International Transport Workers Federation, Marc Perrone- President United Food and Commercial Workers, Hassan Yussuff- President Canadian Labour Congress, Phil Neuenfeldt- President Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, US Representative Tammy Duckworth (IL), Rich Trumka- President AFL-CIO, Dennis Williams -President United Auto Workers, Rev. William Barber II - President North Carolina NAACP, Rock Alley- President IAM Maine Lobstering Union Local 207, along with members of the IAM Grand Lodge Executive Council.

If you are interested in what they each had to say I would like to encourage you all to visit

www.goiam.org and see the **Convention videos**. I would encourage all readers of this article to check out the following speakers for certain...Richard Trumka, Rev. William Barber II, Phil Neuenfeldt, and Tammy Duckworth.



Delegates from United Lodge 66

The following is copied directly from the website..."Miss a speech or panel from the 2016 IAM Grand Lodge Convention? We've got you covered. Go to Convention.GoIAM.org for complete coverage—recaps, photos and videos—of the IAM's historic week in Chicago. Visit our Grand Lodge Convention YouTube Playlist for exclusive videos..."

The IAMAW is the most diversified Union in North

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

America. The purpose of the Convention is to set the course of the IAMAW for the next 4 years. Delegates voted on 44 Resolutions and numerous propositions to the constitution. The theme for this year's convention was "Forward Together".

I would be lying to you all if I reported that the political circumstances in this country did not have a major role at this convention. The differences between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton were made quite clear. To summarize I will say this...Mr. Trump believes wages are too high for workers, supports Right to Work legislation, and believes that outsourcing creates jobs. Hillary Clinton believes Right to Work is wrong for America, and feels we need to have an economy that works for EVERYONE. Both candidates are against the TPP trade

agreement. I would ask you all to do your own research on the candidates including their character.

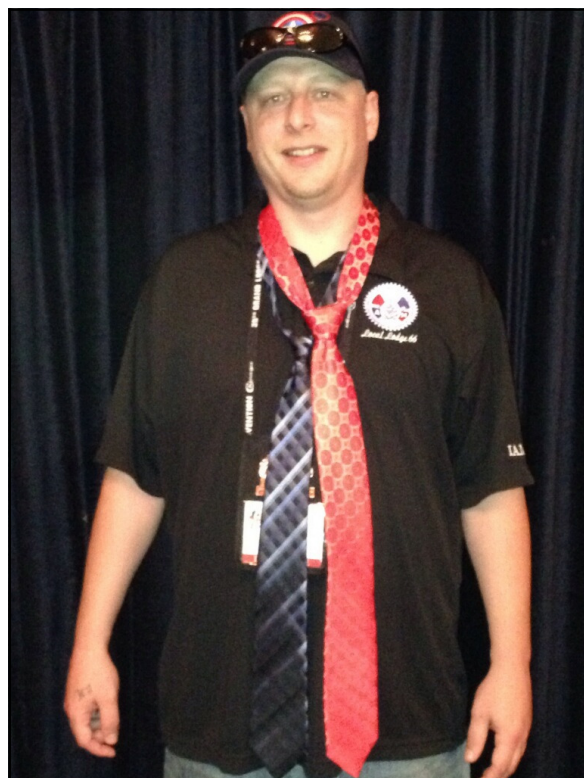
Vote for the person you think will truly represent the American Worker.

Regardless of the outcome, our Union Leaders, International President Robert Martinez, Jr. and our Executive Council have pledged to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions! They had better make due on their promises to American Workers or any future support from the IAM will cease.

This convention provided me with a great opportunity to get to know some fellow brothers and sisters of our Union, and specifically Local Lodge 66. I can honestly say that I am very optimistic about the future leadership of our Union and our Local Lodge. This was the first convention for nearly 75% of the delegates. The outpouring of generosity of those in attendance was incredible. Our very own Hunter Scott, along with Sister Helen Lynch of Mercury Marine organized an "after party" outside of the elevators on the 15th floor of the hotel and generated some serious cash for Guide Dogs of America. I appreciated the opportunity

to better get to know each of the delegates that Lodge 66 sent. New friendships have been formed and old ones were re-energized. Prior to attending this convention I found myself wondering who is going to have my back and lead this Union once the current leadership retires, and or steps down. After this convention I can say with all honesty that our younger generation of machinists will be able carry the load and move us into the future. It is clear to me that they will have our back!

In 2020 the Grand Lodge Convention will be held in San Diego, California. I would encourage members to come to the Lodge Meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month and get involved. You may find yourself packing for California to help set the course of our great union for the next four years after that!



Scott Hunter, United Lodge 66 delegate from Ocean Spray, with the ties he collected at Hospitality Event to raise money for Guide Dogs of American. The delegates attending this event donated a total of \$2500 for GDA. The ties were those from International Machinists Union President Bob Martinez and Machinists Union Midwest General Vice-President Phil Gruber.



Registration line at the convention



Rev. William Barber

Christmas Party United Lodge 66

by Ivan Collins

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the Lodge 66 Christmas Party which will be held on December 10th, 2016.

As usual the Children's Party will be earlier in the day following for adults in the early evening.



The deadline for signing up your children is November 18. **Please respect this date to allow us to plan and your children to be a part of this event.**

Convention Videos

**IAM2016 Convention with
Rev. William Barber**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMVhJLy1NBI>

Keynote Speech: International President Robert Martinez

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLJ6SJCpDBWOqp0CKcfEa0u0HqIa8mbrH6&v=tkJYt3oAJKE>

Convention Closing Remarks by Robert Martinez

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkKytHH_0d0

**2016 IAM Grand Lodge Convention
playlist of all video:**

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IAMAW NEWSLETTER CONTEST

NEWSLETTER—GENERAL EXCELLENCE

LOCAL LODGE

1st Place: *Badger Lodge News*, Local Lodge 66, Doug Curler, Editor

A down to earth, trenchant explanation of how the machinations of Scott Walker and the right wing have derailed justice in Wisconsin highlights one edition of this lively newsletter. Overall, this publication does a great job of serving members' needs for news that they cannot get anywhere else as well as vital information on the activities of their union. Nice work.

NEWSLETTER—BEST LAYOUT AND DESIGN

LOCAL LODGE

2nd Place: *Badger Lodge News*, Local Lodge 66, Doug Curler, Editor

Use of white space keeps readers from getting overwhelmed; images really capture the purpose of the content; typestyle helps headlines stand out.

NEWSLETTER—BEST FEATURE

LOCAL LODGE

1st Place: *Badger Lodge News*, IAM Local Lodge 66, Doug Curler, Editor

“The Most Dangerous Woman in America”

Plaudits to Local 66 and former Local President Pat Elizondo for bringing labor history to life with a one-woman show on the long life and hard times of Mary Harris, popularly known as “Mother Jones.” The labor movement owes a great deal to Mother Jones and her courageous work on behalf of mine workers, and Badger Lodge News, to its credit, used its pages to reproduce Ms. Elizondo’s narrative verbatim—spreading the message well beyond the members who actually attended the Local’s Education Night.

WEBSITE CONTEST

WEBSITE—SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

LOCAL LODGE

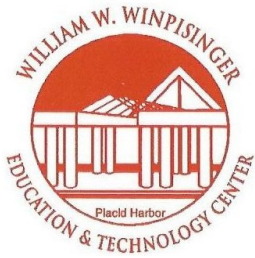
1st Place: Local Lodge 66 www.facebook.com/UnitedLodge66, Doug Curler, Editor

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I wanted to thank the membership for sending me to Leadership 2 at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center at Placid Harbor, located in Hollywood, MD. My trip started out with a 13 hour drive, which was a two day drive with little side stops to the Harley stores in each state with my sister. I have never seen such a lush, green county side before and it was amazing, I would encourage anyone to take this trip. The scenery was just amazing, and arriving at the Winpisinger grounds and seeing the staff was just as I remembered. The grounds were perfectly manicured and the staff was very welcoming, kind, and helpful. The classes consisted of Collective Bargaining, Issues and Lobbying, Organizing, Advanced Steward Training and Labor History. The classes are very informative, they run from seven in the morning to seven at night and the staff supplies you with all the tools needed to share with brothers and sisters back home, which I find is very helpful.

This year we went to Washington D.C and went lobbying, but there weren't any big groups holding up signs, like I had assumed there were would be. We made appointments with our respective representatives from our states and discussed current issues and concerns we have that effect our family, friends and co-workers. At the time there were so many thoughts running through my head, what am I doing, what did I get myself into and will I be able to talk to the professionals we were going to face before the day was over.

We had a mere two days of classes set up for us as preparation for this event, but nonetheless the teachers did an amazing job in supplying us with the information that they could in the small amount of time given. Offices were set up for practice meetings, where the teachers would take on the role of our representatives and run us through what would exactly happen in the next couple of days.

There were five constituents from Wisconsin who all made appointments with Paul Ryan, Ron Johnson, and Tammy Baldwin. Unfortunately, there was a recess and the representatives were not in the U.S. House of Representatives, but we did seize the opportunity to go speak with their staff. During this time I had spoken to them about the issues the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and The Right to Work and how these problems effects not only us, but our family and economy as well. The staff of the Representatives were very attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable. They took notes on what was presented before them, thanked us for our time, and apologized for the Representatives not being there. The staff had also encouraged us to find a local office if we get a chance to express any more issues or concerns that we have.

After our meetings, I was able to spare some time to go see a few of the monuments before the bus came. I visited the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and finally the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Even if a small amount of time was spent there, I still appreciate being able to get to do that and would love to go back to spend even more time there if possible. The Organizing class I found myself in was very interesting, even if I couldn't see myself doing this at first. However, after the practice runs and classes, I had gained more confidence in myself and was ready for anything else the class had to throw at me. The Advanced Steward training had always been fun to me, but if you were late to the class, a donation to the Guide Dogs of America had to be paid and it would have to be more than you had already originally donated. We focused a lot on the Principles of Grievance Investigation, Grounds for a Grievance and the Grievance Process. "The Fighting Machinists: A Century of Struggle", by Robert G. Rodden in Labor History class was a very good book that held multiple stories and the history of our union in there.

On aside note there is a new website where you can buy apparel, IAM APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES. The site is **MachinistsGear.com**

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to our organization for giving me this opportunity and I'd like to thank my brothers and sisters as well for helping to make this possible.



Wendy

*By Wendy Greene
Ocean Spray*

Voter ID Law – “Don’t be Intimidated”

by Pepe Oulahan

On September 13th, Wisconsin Citizen Action Organizer Anita Johnson addressed IAM Lodge 66 Membership regarding the details of the Wisconsin Voter ID Law and other important election technicalities. Ms. Johnson told members that the Voter ID Law will be in effect for the November 8th elections, but she emphasized that voters should not be intimidated. There is assistance available for those who need it, and that getting the correct information to all those who want to vote is extremely important.

Regarding the voter ID law Ms. Johnson stated that voters in Wisconsin must present one (1) form of photo ID at the polls in order to vote.

She went through the various forms of acceptable ID and discussed how Wisconsin residents can obtain a free State ID if needed.

She also stated that the address on your ID does not have to match the address on your voter registration. If your ID is questioned based on this issue you should ask to talk to the Poll Captain to resolve the issue.



Wisconsin Citizen Action organizer Anita Johnson addresses members at United Lodge 66 September 2016 Monthly Membership meeting

In addition, Ms. Johnson talked about residency requirements and the need for more poll workers in Milwaukee County.

Details on all this information can be attained at: info@VoteRiders.org or call: (414) 882-8622.

Tell Congress to Say No to So-Called 'Composite' Pension Plans

from our IAM Action Alerts

The IAM and a coalition of union and retiree groups stand adamantly against legislation introduced in the House of Representatives that would make it even easier for multiemployer pension plans to cut benefits. Retirement security for working Americans should be strengthened, not weakened.

The proposed legislation would allow multiemployer pension plans to transition to so-called “composite” plans, reducing the amount they are required to pay into the plan and weakening the financial base for all plans. Reducing contributions would make them vulnerable to market downturns and inevitably result in deep benefit cuts to retirees.

This is a raw deal for American workers. Tell Congress to reject this pension-killing scheme and protect our retirement security.

Republicans from Wisconsin in the House of Representatives support this proposal and are not our friends or friendly to your family. We need a secure retirement income. **Write to your representative ... now.**



“I strongly urge you to publicly reject recently-released legislation in the House Education and Workforce Committee that would create so-called “composite” multiemployer pension plans.

Defined benefit pension plans are supposed to provide guaranteed lifetime income to retirees. This composite legislation would greatly increase the risk of reduced benefits for millions of hardworking Americans, especially in periods of market volatility.

The legislation would provide inadequate funding for composite plans and weaken the funding base for all plans. This would result in unprecedented cuts to retirees' benefits.

The proposed legislation does not even contain the few procedural protections for composite plans participants offered to traditional and legacy plans by the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act (MPRA). Additionally, composite plans, unlike traditional and legacy plans, are not protected by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC).

While I don't oppose the concept of new forms of retirement plans, I do oppose legislation that changes pension funding rules in a way that harms retirement security.

This is a raw deal for American workers, and I urge you and your colleagues to reject this deeply flawed proposal.”

WISCONSIN LABOR HISTORY SOCIETY

Preserving and promoting the study of worker history

High School Students! Win Prizes In Labor History Essay Contest

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2016-2017 School Year for Wisconsin high school students (Grades 9-12).

Win cash prizes up to \$500. Write essays of about 750 words on the topic:

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

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.

Up to eight students could win cash prizes: First place, \$500; second place \$300; third place: \$200; honorable mention (up to five) \$100.



LOTS TO LEARN ABOUT WISCONSIN'S WORKER HISTORY!

One of the memorable moments in the state's history occurred in 2011 when massive rallies involved thousands of workers and their families in protesting the enactment of legislation that would end collective bargaining rights for public employees.

More information about this and other important events in Wisconsin's worker history can be found on our website:

www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org

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 email address, 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).

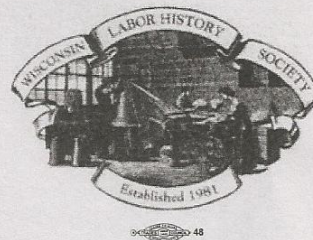
Submissions must be postmarked Feb. 15, 2017 or before. Send completed essays to:

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

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October Voter Contact Blitz!

Fall in Wisconsin generally means three things: Football, change in the color of leaves, and Elections!

October 2nd is a bye weekend for Green Bay. With only 5 weeks until Election Day, we are going to maximize the bye weekend with a **Voter Contact Blitz!**

Join us for **two days of a voter contact blitz with door knocking and phone calls** to help elect our endorsed candidates: Hillary Clinton, Russ Feingold, and other pro-working family candidates on the ballot!

What: October Voter Contact Blitz

**When: Saturday, October 1 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Sunday, October 2 - 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

Location: Milwaukee Area Labor Council- 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee

As part of the Voter Contact Blitz, a volunteer who completes a 3-hour shift of doors or phones during the October 1st and 2nd blitz, will be entered into a drawing for **two tickets for the December 4th Green Bay vs. Houston game** in Green Bay. Every shift a volunteer completes earns another entry for tickets (maximum of 4 entries for the weekend).

***For more information, please contact Emily Mueller at 414-745-8343
or emueller@wisaficio.org***

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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www.whitehouse.gov

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Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat

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Governor Scott Walker,
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Seniors Corner

Alliance Launches “Protect Social Security Campaign” Urging Key Elected Officials to Come Clean

Alliance members held press conferences in several states this week to announce a campaign demanding that Senators and Senate candidates pledge to protect Social Security for the retirees who depend on the system for their retirement security.

“We will be working to educate elected officials about the importance of Social Security for retirees,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. “Our members want public commitments to oppose cuts in benefits and privatization for current and future retirees. We will host multiple events and actions to educate and inform our members and the public about officials’ records on this most important issue.”

Sen. Pat Toomey (PA) claimed in the Philadelphia Inquirer this week that he “didn’t remember” his privatization stance on Social Security. The Pennsylvania Alliance responded during a news conference at the state Capitol in Harrisburg noting that Sen. Toomey has advocated for Social Security privatization since at least 2001 and even wrote a book outlining his views. He supported transforming guaranteed benefits into savings accounts modeled off 401(k)s. Sen. Toomey has insisted that these private accounts would not apply to retirees or Americans close to retirement, but it would impact millions of younger workers’ benefits.

Events were also held in North Carolina, Wisconsin, Arizona, Florida and Nevada. In Columbus Stanley Gates, a student at Ohio State University, sent a powerful message to Senator Rob Portman (OH) about Social Security and what it means to his family and his future.

We’ll be posting photos and videos from this effort to our Facebook page – check it out here.

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Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **October 5, 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 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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