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June 2017

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

June 13, 2017

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
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**ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.**

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS -
Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to
4:30PM.**
- The deadline for articles for the
July 2017 edition of the "*Badger
Lodge News*", is June 20.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled
by your Business Agent at District
10. *See last page.*

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13 New Volunteers to Bring New Energy to LL66 Organizing Committee

Thirteen members attending the LL66 membership meeting in May signed on to be part of a new effort to re-energize the local's standing organizing committee.

In a pre-meeting presentation, Lodge 66 Member, Ann Wiberg spoke to attendees about the importance and constitutional obligation of each Machinist Local to maintain an active organizing committee.

"The reason for organizing has never changed," said Wiberg. "And can it can be easily described in a five-letter word: P-O-W-E-R!"

Wiberg, who spent several years working as a Machinist Union Organizer and then moved on to become an Instructor at the Winpisinger Training Center told members that now it is more important than ever for each member to think of themselves as an organizer and to do what they can to ensure that their Lodges are doing everything possible to get the word of union organizing out to their communities and their personal networks.

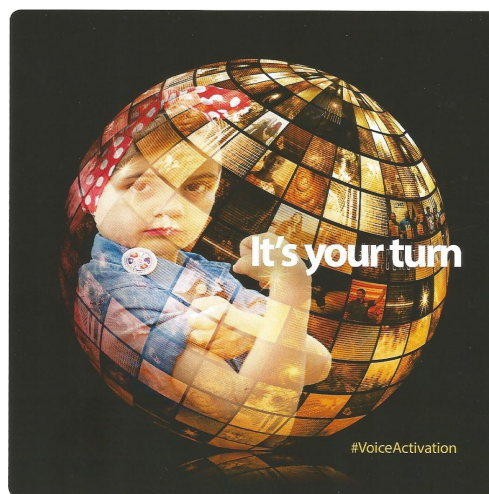
"I will not say that it is easy, because it is not", stated Wiberg. "But there are many things that we can do to make a difference, and together I am sure we can be creative," said Wiberg.

Through a follow up email to new volunteers the committee agreed to hold a short meeting after the June membership meeting to discuss logistics and initial ideas for action.

You do not have to have signed up in May to attend this meeting. Any and all members are welcome!



*Ann and part of her family,
Get involved and be with your Union family*



Members at the May meeting recognized that things have been very difficult for unions recently, and that we face many obstacles. In response LL66 Member Dave Margelofsky put it very clearly, "we don't know what will happen if we make this new effort. But, we do know what will happen if we don't."



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United Lodge 66 at: [@lodge_66](https://twitter.com/lodge_66) or
from Doug Curler at: [@nevataater](https://twitter.com/nevataater)

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

VOICE ACTIVATION

The 2017 IAM Communications Conference
#VOICEACTIVATION



There is
Doug
Curler!

More than 100 IAM Communicators from across the U.S. and Canada are in Austin, TX this week to strategize and learn how to amplify the IAM's message.

Follow along on Twitter with #VoiceActivation.

So far, the 2017 IAM Communications Conference has featured trainings on video, social media and messaging, as well as discussions on communication tactics in organizing and editorial cartooning.

A thanks to the Lodge for allowing me to attend this conference and see the changes to the way we communicate. When I first got involved it was all about setting up the website and putting out flyers. There was no allowance for a facebook.

Now it has all changed where the facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/United-Lodge-66-793718930726922/>) and twitter (**United Lodge 66** and **@lodge_66**) is the main communications to our members as seen by our International. We have to change for the quick and easy and fastest way to get our message out.

Here is a series of videos I did and can be viewed at your leisure:

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Meeting Hall for conference

<https://www.goiam.org/imap/>
<https://www.goiam.org/news/machinists-activate-voices-2017-communications-conference/>
<https://twitter.com/IAMBobMartinez/>
<http://www.goiam.org/retirees>



Communications To United Lodge 66 Machinists Union Members

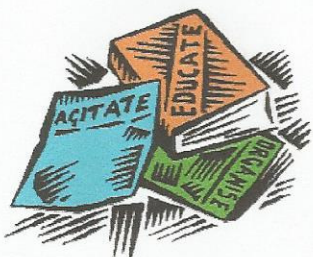
We do want to communicate to all members on issues and matters important to Union Members and all workers.



For this reason we are asking for you to share your email with United Lodge 66 by sending it to dougcurler@gmail.com. I am the Communicator for your lodge.

Over the years members have changed emails and have not kept current with United Lodge 66.

Please take the time to share your email directly to the Communicator at: dougcurler@gmail.com



The Lodge does a *monthly email* to all members regarding the Lodge meeting, Badger Lodge Newsletter, or other matters.

United Lodge 66 does have a **website** at: www.unitedlodge66.org; a **facebook** page at: <https://www.facebook.com/United-Lodge-66-793718930726922/>; and a **youtube** site at: <https://www.youtube.com/BadgerLodge>

Thank you,

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Yes! I'd like to join the IAM Voice Activation Team!

The IAM **Voice Activation Team** is a brand new initiative by the IAM Communications Department to amplify and streamline our collective voice, particularly on social media.

☐ I agree to receive email communication from the IAM Communications Department and other members of the IAM Voice Activation Team.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Territory _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____ Local _____

Do you have a personal Twitter account?

Yes, my handle is @ _____

☐ No, but I'd like to **receive training** on how to set one up

Does your Local or District have a Twitter account?

Yes, our handle is @ _____

☐ No, but we'd like to **receive training** on how to set one up

Does your Local or District have a Facebook page?

Yes, at Facebook.com/ _____

☐ No, but we'd like to **receive training** on how to set one up

Comments or suggestions:

☐ Yes. I wrote them on the back. ...

When you're done, please return to a member of the IAM Communications Team. —Thanks!



Here is a list of videos and presenter, simply **copy and paste in your browser**:

- Opening session with Invocation by Cornel Dunmore and welcome message by John Patrick, President Texas AFL-CIO, <https://youtu.be/2tQNsPelWGQ>
- Dynamic presentation by Thomas Frank, “**What Happened to the Democratic Party**”, <https://youtu.be/kXYkNU78Las>
- Keynote address by Robert Martinez, Jr, International President, <https://youtu.be/bnD2E0gxbHo>
- Cameron Conaway, Journalist, spoke on ‘**Why Our Work Matters**’, <https://youtu.be/BWOWe-SkNHs>
- This is a presentation by the communicators from the Midwest Territory on “**The Right to Work for LESS**,” <https://youtu.be/>

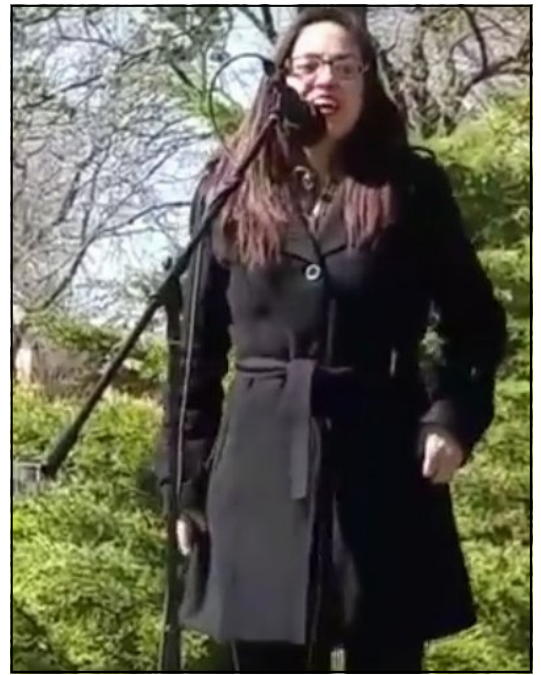
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- The Communications Representatives introduced themselves at the conference through a series of videos on themselves: <https://youtu.be/tDHvawUODCs>
- Robert Wood, Director of Communications Department, spoke on the changes in our communication techniques and the future we need to address: https://youtu.be/oA7GpA_Kl6Y
- There was a panel discussion by a few international communication representatives: <https://youtu.be/WIEaRcNhyHw>

131st Bay View Commemoration

Luz Sosa's speech at the Bay View 131st Anniversary Commemoration of the massacre by a Wisconsin state militia of seven workers among 1,500 people struggling to enact a eight-hour work day on May 5, 1886 in Wisconsin. Sosa is the union Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers in Wisconsin and Community Organizer for Acción Ciudadana de Wisconsin. More than 300 people attended Sunday's event in Bay View. -- *From H. Nelson Goodman of Hispanic News Network*

Copy and paste to hear: <https://youtu.be/McAMLoXA0xw>



Luz



Thomas Frank

Bottom Line: Members need to be signed up by email, facebook, twitter or other venues to be informed AND our Union needs to reach out to the general public.



Midwest Communicators finalizing their presentation

Seasoned Milwaukee Personal Injury Lawyers Stand by Your Side

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At The Previant Law Firm, S.C., S.C., we are committed to providing quality legal counsel and advocacy that secures financial compensation for seriously injured people. With more than a century of legal service and a multitude of verdicts and settlements to our credit, we have earned a reputation for aggressive representation when negotiating with insurance companies and in the courtroom.



After a personal injury, you may be shaken and confused about what exactly happened at the time of the accident. Our dedicated Milwaukee personal injury lawyers help you recall important information and develop a legal strategy to walk you through the case from beginning to end. If you deserve compensation, we fight tenaciously to get it.

What is a personal injury?

When someone's careless actions led to your being hurt or to the wrongful death of a loved one, you may be able to recover compensation through a personal injury lawsuit. A successful lawsuit can help ease the burden of medical bills, lost wages and more. The elements of a personal injury are:

- Another person
- Negligence or recklessness
- Causation linking negligence to injury
- Serious physical harm or injury

Examples of common personal injuries

Our Milwaukee lawyers handle a variety of personal injury cases, including:

- Car accidents. Incredibly common, car accidents are usually caused by a defect in the car or a negligent or reckless driver. Operating a car unreasonably includes speeding, swerving and driving while intoxicated. Your auto accident lawyer is here to help.
- Motorcycle accidents. Motorcyclists require a special license. If they act unreasonably while operating their motorcycles and an accident results, there could be personal injury liability.
- Premises liability. The law requires homeowners and shopkeepers to offer a reasonably safe environment for visitors and business customers. Examples of common premises liability issues are broken stairs, slippery floors and poor lighting.
- Product liability. The manufacturer of a product has a duty to provide a safe product or to properly warn consumers about a potential danger. Product liability ranges from toys to car parts.
- Medical malpractice. Medical malpractice cases involve any action or omission by a health care provider that leaves the patient worse off because of the treatment, misdiagnosis, incorrect prescription or omission.
- Catastrophic injury. Catastrophic injury includes brain and spinal injuries. These cases usually involve a large financial award because of the significant effect on the victim's quality of life.
- Wrongful death. If someone you love passed away because of another person's negligence or recklessness, you may be entitled to compensation in the name of your loved one. We have years of experience successfully pursuing wrongful death claims.
- Nursing home negligence and abuse. If you entrusted your elderly relative to the hands of a nursing home and injury resulted, we want to hold the institution accountable for their actions.

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COALITION OF BLACK TRADE UNIONISTS

CAMP UNION

Mon, June 19 - Fri, June 23, 2017

8 am to 3 pm

Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO
633 S. Hawley Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53214

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN THE

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) Milwaukee Chapter
and the **Milwaukee Area Labor Council Community Services**
for a *five day* look at the History, Purpose, and Relevance
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Explore how **Labor is connected to**
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Human and Civil Rights • and so much more.

Lunch and snacks provided. AND...

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Contact



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information. Limited number of places available.

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TrumpCare Congressional Budget Office Score

So sad to see Speaker Paul Ryan and other Wisconsin Republicans celebrating the passage of **Trumpcare** earlier this month. Now we know with certainty that 23 million Americans will potentially lose their care—including 14 million who would lose it thanks to Republicans' more than \$800 billion cut to Medicaid.

According to a report released by the CBO and JCT, Wisconsin Republicans voted to kick 23 million Americans off of their health insurance by the year 2026 and to raise premiums on their own constituents to the tune of a twenty percent hike starting just next year.

Wisconsin Republicans should be ashamed of celebrating higher costs for seniors. They should be ashamed of celebrating health plans without essential benefits like mental health services and addiction treatment. They should be ashamed that they sold-out their own constituents for a massive tax giveaway for millionaires and billionaires like Donald Trump.

The cost of **TrumpCare**:

- 14 million to lose insurance by 2018
- 19 million to lose insurance by 2020
- 23 million to lose insurance by 2026
- 51 million people under age 65 uninsured by 2026
- Increased premiums by 20 percent in 2018
- Increased premiums 5 by percent in 2019
- \$600 billion in tax giveaway to millionaires and billionaires

If **Trumpcare** becomes law, **older Americans will pay more, people with pre-existing conditions become subject to expensive high-risk pools**, over \$800 billion will be cut from Medicaid, states can opt out of the Affordable Care Act's essential benefits clause, and millions of women will face even higher hurdles to accessing critical health services - all in the name of tax giveaways for the super-rich.

I'm proud of Democratic members of Congress who continue to fight against this disastrous bill and stand up for our shared value that every American should have access to affordable, quality health care.

Send Your Thoughts,
To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

Medicaid Cuts Endanger Ability of Seniors to Age at Home

The Paul Ryan-Donald Trump backed American Health Care Act (AHCA) would significantly harm the health coverage of millions of Americans, including retirees. While much of the media attention has been on the loss of protections for people with pre-existing conditions, the bill also puts the health and well-being of seniors at risk. The practice of allowing Medicaid to be used to provide home health care and support services to seniors in their homes rather than a nursing home may be curtailed if the bill passes the Senate in its current form.

For the first time in 2014, a larger percentage of Medicaid's long-term care dollars were spent on home- and community-based long-term care rather than institutions. Remaining in one's home, also called 'aging in place,' can be the best alternative from both a health and financial perspective. Leonardo Cuello of the National Health Law Program has studied the issue and found that many nursing home residents do not need to be in long-term care institutions and could have their needs met with in-home supports.

States have used provisions in the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid to fund a range of eligible seniors' needs, from home health aides to medical or sanitary supplies. The \$880 billion in Medicaid cuts included in the House-passed AHCA put these programs at risk.

"Living in the comfort of your own home is one way to keep your quality of life high as you age," said Robert Roach Jr., President of the Alliance. "It can better emotionally and financially, and these cuts will hurt patients and taxpayers."

2018 Budget Blueprint Slashes Social Security and Medicaid, Breaks Campaign Promises

The White House released its budget blueprint for 2018 on May 23, and it received a chilly reception for many reasons, including its betrayal of retirees. Despite President Trump's campaign pledge not to cut Social Security, the budget slashes Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) by \$72 billion over 10 years. The cut weakens the earned benefits that millions have paid for during decades of work; disability insurance provides benefits to those who are injured on the job or are otherwise disabled.

The budget targets other programs that assist older Americans. In addition to moving ahead with the \$800 billion in Medicaid cuts included in the House-passed American Health Care Act (AHCA), the budget proposes an additional \$600 billion in Medicaid cuts, for a total of \$1.4 trillion. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had already estimated that the Trumpcare bill could end Medicaid's health care and long term care benefits for about 10 million people – including millions of seniors, the disabled, veterans and children. The 2018 budget will affect even more.

The plan decimates the Community Development Block Grant, which provides funding to states and communities to fund home-delivered meals for home-bound seniors through organizations such as Meals on Wheels. Trump's proposal would also cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by more than 25 percent, taking benefits away from the 45 million citizens, especially seniors, who need basic nutrition.

All of that is in addition to slashing the earned pension benefits of current and future federal workers.

"This budget is an attack on seniors' health and economic security," said Robert Roach Jr., President of the Alliance. "Seniors are being sold out for tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires. We will not stand for it, and we will work tirelessly to see that it never sees the light of day."

"At a time when 10,000 Americans are turning 65 every day, slashing Medicaid funds for elderly health care is wrong-headed and cruel," added Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance.



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Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: **June 7, 2017** at **6:30pm**, is at 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee.
- **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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