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November 2017

## United Lodge 66 Business Meeting November 14, 2017

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 December 2017 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is November 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 (Sept. 21-23)

To the members of LL66: Please accept the following as my report on the fall meeting of the Wisconsin State Council of Machinists (Sept. 21-23) Manitowoc, WI.

The Conference opened with a fantastic dinner for the delegates followed by reports from IAM Midwest Territory Chief of Staff: Steve Galloway and President of the WI State AFL-CIO: Phil Neuenfeldt. Steve discussed the restructuring of the Territory and how it is trying to save money wherever possible to help generate more resources for our members. Marty St. Peters has been assigned to service District 10. Organizing continues to be the top priority in the Midwest Territory. He stressed the importance of having an active Educator and Communicator at every District and Local Lodge. IAM HELPS (Honoring, Engaging, Lifting, Providing, Servicing), a program dedicated for planning community service events. Creating a footprint in the communities we serve. The goal is that should an opportunity to organize a specific shop arises in a community our positive reputation will precede us. Resource packets have been provided to each district.

In case some of you are unaware, Steve discussed the fact that once again the Dept. of Labor demands that we "re-run" the election of the Executive Council. I will further report on this at the membership meeting.

**Phil Nuenfeldt** addressed the delegates stressing that "We need to come together in unity and solidarity". We must fight for the future of our families and our children's future. Change is never easy he said, but the "status quo" is no longer an option for the future of Unions. Speaking about how companies have described unions as somewhat of a "special interest", Phil stated..."All we want is an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. If that makes us a special interest, then yes we are a special interest!"

Phil went on to say the 61% of Americans support the right to have a union. That is the highest level in over a decade. 2018 is a political year. When deciding on who to vote for ask the candidates this question..."Do you want to make America great again for working families, or for millionaires and billionaires? We need to fight for politicians that really support the working class."-stated Phil.

On Friday, **Marty St. Peters** from the Midwest Territory thanked the membership for supporting both the Guide Dogs of America and also the MNPL. He then went on to say the cost of re-running the election is estimated at 4-7 million dollars. This money could have been spent on organizing and better servicing our members. Marty then showed a video of the 2017 Planning Committee Report of the Midwest Territory to the IAM Executive Council. This report was given by Kevin Murch and should be available for our members. Highlights included the fact that the IMAAW needs to develop a clear message as to why a piece of legislation is either good or bad for our members. He stressed that **NO ENDORSEMENT** of Candidates should ever be given until primaries are over in any and all races! Marty then reminded the delegates that a Legislative Committee is needed in each Local Lodge.

**Bill LePinske** (Organizing Leader of the Midwest Territory) gave a presentation on the FREE COLLEGE benefit to members and their families. <https://freecollege.goiam.org>

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

# CASH PRIZES!

## 2017-18 ESSAY CONTEST ON LABOR HISTORY

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2017-2018 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.

### Eight students could win cash prizes:

First place, \$500; second place \$300; third place: \$200;  
honorable mention (up to five) \$100.

## WHAT TO WRITE ABOUT . . .

Here's what winners in recent contests chose to write about . . .

- ◇ A Shorewood HS freshman told how his father's labor union helped his family with an immigration problem.
- ◇ A Monona Grove HS senior wrote that her grandfather's union work taught his family the value of supporting others.
- ◇ A Milwaukee Rufus King HS senior learned that Latinos gained great support for their work in the United States through unions.
- ◇ A Madison West HS junior found links between the 1894 Pullman Car Strike and those who marched against Wisconsin's Act 10.

All Wisconsin high school students have ready access to labor history. Check with parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. Also, neighbors and family friends. Ask to interview them and then write your essay. Only 750 words. Also you may do independent research on topics of labor history. Check the Wisconsin Labor History website ([www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org)) for resources and other ideas.

## EASY TO ENTER

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](mailto:kayeh@uwgb.edu).

Submissions must be postmarked **Feb. 15, 2018** or before. Send completed essays to:

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UNITED LODGE 66  
ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY



It's that time of year for the United Lodge 66 Christmas Party and the Christmas Cash Raffle to be held on **December 9th**. There will be a Children's Party from **10am to 1pm**.

**The children must be under 13 years old.**

- **Your children or grandchildren must be pre-registered with the Lodge this year. Call the Lodge 414-671-3800 with your name, the attending child's name, age and the company name where the member works.**

**The deadline for signing up is November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

- **We must restrict the children to be accompanied by only 2 adults.**  
**The Children's Party is for the children.**



The Adult Christmas Party will be held the evening of **December 9th from 6pm 'til 10 pm**.

There will be refreshments and a buffet set up by the Executive Board.

Door prizes will be awarded every hour and the **Christmas Cash Raffle will start at 9pm**  
**(you do not need to be present to win but you must purchase a ticket to win.)**

Come and celebrate the Holidays with fellow Union brothers and sisters and take a chance on walking away with one or more of the thirty-one \$100.00 cash prizes! **See you there.**

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It's the U and I in  
**UNION**  
that makes us  
**STRONG**

## Deportee

(Plane Wreck at Los Gatos)

The skyplane caught fire over Los Gatos Canyon  
A fireball of lightning, and shook all our hills  
Who are these friends, all scattered like dry leaves?  
The radio says, "they are just deportees."

-- Woody Guthrie

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRCyps1Lwyc>



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Use the Eastern Gateway College Code: 007275.

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To talk with our union-represented assistants, call toll-free (888) 590-9009.

# Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans

by Doug Curler

As a retiree of United Lodge 66 and a board member of the WIARA, a thank to United Lodge 66 for sponsoring by attendance at this years Power Luncheon, which is a fundraiser for the WIARA. We are the state organization representing all retirees to protect our interest and to educate all retirees regarding all legislation affecting retirees.



You can find out more about this organization at: <https://wisconsin.retiredamericans.org/> and join from the website. The national organizations website is: <https://retiredamericans.org/>

A good resource is to sign up for the Friday Alerts: <https://retiredamericans.org/friday-alert-archives/> On a weekly basis it is sent with helpful retiree information.

## Qualities of a Steward

The skin of an alligator, the patience of Job  
and the general temperament of a rabid pit bull.

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This is a benefit that is available only to Union Members. Non-union members in each shop will not qualify for this benefit. It is an Associate Degree a member or their family can obtain through Eastern Gateway Community College. Credits are transferable.

Bill shared that there are almost 7,000 “freeloaders” in the Midwest Territory alone. Workers who receive the same benefits as dues paying members without paying their fair share, resulting in loss of revenue to the IAM which could be used to better service our membership! He went on to stress the importance of each Local Lodge having an active Organizing Committee.

**Dan Kohl** (Congressional Candidate for WI 6th District) met with the delegates to share his views. He is running against Glen Grothman. Mr. Kohl is the nephew of Herb Kohl. Dan has a very strong support of 2nd Amendment rights, and feels we need to aspire to a Universal Healthcare.

**Stephanie Bloomingdale** (WI State AFL-CIO S/T) discussed the Wisconsin Budget that recently passed. The budget includes \$4 million for building an airport in central Wisconsin. It repeals the prevailing wage for construction workers, and is a direct attack on wages and quality in Wisconsin. The bill also weakens licenses required by the state.

**Randy Bryce** (Candidate for 1st Congressional District) shared his views with the delegates. He is trying to unseat Paul Ryan. Lodge members should remember from Sept. business meeting.

**David Newby** discussed NAFTA and trade agreements. Over 1 million jobs have been lost in this country because of NAFTA. He said we need to have open negotiations so that we can make reasonable decisions as to whether the agreements are actually good for America or not. Agreements need to contain strong labor and environmental standards, and they need to be enforceable. Canada is proposing that Right to Work laws are repealed in the United States. Dave also discussed the importance that food that is imported in this county meet the same standards as food grown here in order for us to be competitive.

**Jill Hartley and David McCormick** from Previant Law Firm discussed both FMLA and Workers Compensation to the delegates.

In closing we heard the DBR reports. Members on Facebook are encouraged to Like IAM District 10. It was reported that the IAM and the Steelworkers that work at Harley Davidson are doing away with their partnership agreement. In Solidarity,

*Ron Simmelink*

Delegate IAM Wisconsin State Council of Machinists LL66

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Machinists and  
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October 10, 2017

RE: 2016 Newsletter & Website Contest  
Winners announced on Activate LIVE!

Doug Curler  
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Milwaukee, WI 53215

Dear Brother Curler:

We are excited to let you know that you're a 2016 Newsletter & Website Contest winner, and we are going live to tell everyone about it! We will be announcing your award on Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. ET on a special, live awards show on our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube channels. Don't worry, the show will also be available for replay if you are unable to view it live.

This will be an IAM awards event like we've never done before. We're calling it the Wimpys, named after our late, great International President, William W. Winpisinger. Look out, Oscars, Emmys, and Tonys!

Tell all your family, friends and fellow IAM members to login to see the show live on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube at:

Facebook: MachinistsUnion  
Twitter: @MachinistsUnion  
YouTube: IAMA WGrandLodge

Also, be sure to watch Activate Live!, our weekly hosted show on all three social Media platforms, every Wednesday at 3 p.m. ET. Join our host Tanya Hutchins for the latest labor news and interesting and informative guests.

Congratulations on your hard work, and be sure to log in and watch the Wimpys. It will be an internet sensation!

In solidarity,

Robert E. Wood  
Communications Director

cc: GVP Gruber  
TCR Egwuekwe-Smith

African American  
Community  
Summit 2017



# Pathways to a Job

Saturday, Nov. 4th, 2017

@ Milwaukee Area Labor Council

633 S. Hawley Rd., Milw. 53214

9 am to 1 pm



Presenters include:

- WRTP/BIGSTEP
- United Way GMWC
- MICAH, and more



Contact Jay Reinke at [jay@milwaukeeelabor.org](mailto:jay@milwaukeeelabor.org)  
or 414 771 7070 x16 with any questions

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## A Union Steward's Prayer

Grant me, O Lord, the genius to explain to my brothers and sisters the policies and plans of our great union even though no one explains them to me.

Give to me the understanding that I may forgive the apathetic member, curb the over-ambitious member and accept the views of the member who does nothing until I have done something, and then tells me how I should have done it and what I should have done.

O Lord, make me formidable in debate, logical in argument, fearless in confrontation. A lawyer, actor, mathematician, sage, philosopher, sociologist and economist; pleasing, cajoling, threatening, belaboring so that I may make the best of a good case and a good case from no case at all.

Teach me, O Lord, to stand at all times with both feet firmly on the ground -- even when I haven't got a leg to stand on.

Lord, I am a union steward.

In your infinite wisdom see my need for all these things and, in your great mercy, grant them to me.

And when I have them, Lord -- move over!

*(from the United Paperworkers International Union before they merged with the United Steelworkers)*



## Union Night @ United Lodge 66

October 16 was a first for the newly formed Organizing Committee at United Lodge 66. This was certainly not a top down event, but what the committee members wanted to try. And try they did not knowing who, if not anyone would show up. As it turned out it was a success.

Coming out of this night of good, good music as well as good dialogue regarding why they were here and what is happening in a few shops.

Unionists are always asked to volunteer, to get out and help in organizing those working as employees at will. The Organizing Committee said their first task is to make sure those already organized truly realize why they are Union.

During the night 10 videos were taken and are posted on our youtube site and should be viewed and will be viewed by those who really care. You need to really care you want to stay Union and make sure you can explain to others why you are Union.

The Organizing Committee is already planning for another event in early 2018, so make sure you are part of the online communications. ***If you want to be personally informed that get back to me*** ([dougcurler@gmail.com](mailto:dougcurler@gmail.com) or text 414-378-1597) and I will forward your information to the committee. Make sure you give the information regarding who you are and where you work.



**Make sure you view** the video of Ron Simmelink and what he does for all members and new employees in his shop to explain **WHY it pays to belong to OUR Union.**

Every shop chair needs to have such an internal organizing piece.

### United Lodge 66 Online:

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## Send Your Thoughts,

*To those who should be working for you!*

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## Seniors Corner

### **House Votes for a Budget that Will Lead to Massive Medicare and Medicaid Cuts While Providing Tax Breaks for the Wealthy**

The U.S. House voted 216-212 on Thursday to pass the same destructive 2018 budget that the U.S. Senate approved last week. Representatives did not offer any amendments to the resolution.

The budget will lead to cuts of nearly \$500 billion from Medicare and more than \$1 trillion from Medicaid over the next 10 years, and paves the way for massive tax breaks for the rich. It will also add \$1.5 trillion to the federal deficit.

“The government’s disregard for citizens, particularly older Americans, is palpable in this budget. Gutting much-needed safety nets for average Americans so that billionaires and corporations can line their pockets is beyond cruel,” said Richard Fiesta, executive director of the Alliance.

With passage of the 2018 budget, Republican leaders say this will turn to so-called tax “reform.” House Republicans will release their tax bill on November 1, but some details have already emerged, and many middle class taxpayers will pay more.

### **2018 Social Security COLA will be 2.0%; Not Enough to Offset Medicare Part B Premiums**

The Social Security Administration announced Friday that next year’s Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA) will be 2.0%. That means an increase of \$25 per month for the average beneficiary.

According to the nonpartisan Kaiser Foundation, however, this will not be enough to offset the rise in Medicare Part B premium costs for 2018.

Coverage for Medicare Part B is optional, but 91 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are signed up for it. The program covers physicians’ care, outpatient care, certain medical equipment, laboratory tests, some health home services, and other care for patients. According to a Senior Citizens League study, retirees have lost one-third of their buying power since 2000 because COLA increases haven’t been able to catch up with skyrocketing health care and housing costs. Researchers expect Part B premiums to increase an average of 5.4 percent each year between 2017 and 2024.

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

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

## Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **August 2, 2017**, is at 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee.
- **Machinists Union William W. Winpinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule is available (<http://winpinger.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.

**(202) 224-3121**

Call Congress and demand they take action **IMMEDIATELY** to ensure **Trump can't interfere** in Mueller's investigation.



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