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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting January 9, 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 February 2018 edition of the *"Badger Lodge News"*, is January 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST be settled** by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page*.

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I'm Just Saying...

by Pepe Oulahan

I recently took part in a panel discussion with fellow Union activists regarding Power through Participation. In preparing for this event I was reminded of how vital this idea is to maintaining a strong and vibrant labor movement. It also occurred to me that one major difference between the days of great gains for Union members in our country and today is how we view participation.

By this I mean that in recent decades we have come to look at participation as merely attending a meeting, going to a rally or voting for labor endorsed candidates.

Don't get me wrong, these actions are very important, but taken by themselves they are tactics and only serve a temporary purpose. They do not hold up in the long run. And I am convinced that our opponents know this.

I was talking to a fellow LL66 member last month and he related to me that one of his coworkers had encouraged his son to take a temporary summer job at the factory where they work so that he would see what "he doesn't want to do with his life".

This statement concerned my friend and it really drove home to me how we have been brain washed into down-playing our value. During the decades of great gains for Unions in this country, having a good-paying job in a Unionized company was highly valued. Many considered these jobs and their participation in their Union as a badge of honor. And they wore it with pride and respect.

For those who fought for the rights and benefits that we now take for granted, participation was a strategy. In other words they didn't participate because a Union leader asked them to. They did it because they understood that it is fundamental to keeping what they had fought for.

Participation was a part of their everyday life. It was part of who they were, and companies came to realize that if push came to shove (which it often did) they would not hesitate to band together and defend their livelihoods.

When participation is accepted as only a tactic, it leaves us easy to distract and manipulate. When it is viewed as a strategy, attending meetings, going to rallies, voting for candidates that are collectively selected as the best ones to represent our interests is not a one and done affair, it conveys a much stronger message, it is who we are. It is how it rolls.



For The Badger Lodge News

"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 (<u>www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org</u>) 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:

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

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I know a guy...

I know a guy that is roughly 5'6" tall (perhaps even a bit shorter), but he gets the respect of all my co-workers. He also gets the utmost respect from me. I have seen his work ethic and it is second to none. He's an excellent communicator and always makes sure that as shop chairperson I am aware of what is going on with the members of our shop. This man has a heart for his co-workers and wants nothing more than for them to have enjoyable and successful lives outside of work, and for them to be treated fairly and with respect inside the shop.

I know a guy that is wise beyond his years. He is getting closer and closer to retiring, but his wisdom shows in the way he carries himself. I see the way his coworkers approach him for advice and the way that his supervisors seek out his opin-

ions of things contractually related when needed.

I know a guy who keeps me informed of the "heartbeat of the shop". If the moral is good, he knows it. If things are going "south", he knows it. He puts his own desires and needs on hold in order to first take care of his coworkers.

I know a guy that when times are really stressful he seeks me out as his Shop-Chair just so he can vent. In return, I am able to approach him at any given time day or night, at work or at home, even if he is on vacation he has always taken time out of his day just to hear what I have to say. He is an excellent listener, slow to judge.



This guy has stood beside me the entire length of the contract (3 years) and also stepped up to the plate when I appointed him to serve as my shop-steward the last year of our last CBA as well. This was never an easy task for him as his wife works in the "Office" of the shop. Somewhat of a conflict of interest was his concern at the time. I assured him I had his back, and I never would ask him to do anything that would compromise the position his wife was in.

Mark Herman (Shop Steward), you have served your members well the past four years. I applaud you for all you have done for our shop, for our co-workers, and for me. You have been a true friend, a leader in every way. You have strived and succeeded in professionally and faithfully serving your fellow Union brothers and sisters in a way they most likely will never truly understand. You are a man of integrity, and a true friend. You are man I am proud to call my brother and my friend. You are a person that I am happy to just sit and drink a beer with discussing life. I know the long hours you have put in preparing for negotiations; I know how tirelessly you have worked alongside our members and represented them in grievance procedures and disciplinary actions. Mark I wish to thank you for the way we have always been on the same page when it came to protecting our workers and enforcing our contract. You are a living example of what it truly means to be a "Fighting Machinist".

I salute you my friend! It has truly been my pleasure working alongside you these past four years. My wish for the shop is that the next elected leaders will have the same relationship that you and I have shared. Solidarity,

Ron Simmelink (Shop-Chair Kieffer / Starlite)

Labor and Community Stand Against Fascism and White Supremacy

Young Workers Committee Statement:

Organized labor and community groups will gather Monday to condemn the contractor working for American Sewer Service who displayed the KKK logo on 25th and Wells on Friday while working on a project for the City of Milwaukee.

No worker can be both a unionist and a fascist, white supremacists are the enemy of organized labor and the entire multinational working class. The KKK is a white supremacist terrorist group responsible for killing African Americans, LBGTQ people, trade unionists, and others.

Unions stand for economic and social justice, and we condemn and actively fight against white supremacy and fascism in the workplace and society.

We call on the City of Milwaukee to demand accountability from American Sewer Service for the actions of their employees, and if standards are not met to cancel City contracts with the company. And we call on union brothers and sisters to build the trade union movement to smash bigotry, fascism, and economic and racial oppression.

Jacob Flom, Chair Tracey Schwerdtfeger, Co-Chair



From Protest to Power

Trump is hosting a huge celebration at the White House today for Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell and GOP Members of Congress. They passed the biggest wealth transfer in American history -- from the poor, working and middle classes to the super rich. Trump and the GOP are emboldened.

The rich and big corporations are about to get what President Donald Trump called "a big beautiful Christmas present." GOP politicians have sold their souls to pay back their billionaire donors. Wall Street is about to have a party at our expense even though two thirds of people know that the tax scam will help the rich instead of working and middle class families and the poor.

We call this a tax scam because the vast majority of tax cuts go to the wealthiest people and corporations. Meager tax cuts for working and middle class families will expire in 2025. The tax scam will starve the government and soon the GOP will come for your Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. It will drive 13 million people from their health care plans.

This is a disaster from top to bottom. The tax bill pays for corporate tax cuts by increasing individual income taxes on poor and middle-class Americans in the long run.

(from People Power)



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Statement on the display of KKK and confederate flag symbols:

The Milwaukee Area Labor Council opens each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and this moment always feels sacred to me as we stand together in honor of our country and its ideals. The heart of the American dream is that through hard work a better life is available to all, regardless of color or creed.

Symbols of hate and division have no place at the worksite. The KKK is an abhorrent organization that fosters hate and violence, and it is shocking that someone would feel it is okay to display support for white supremacy on the job. Likewise, the confederate flag is NOT the flag that represents liberty and justice for all.

You can't swear allegiance to two flags. For those of us who believe in the real America, where we stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity as workers and as human beings, stand with us we decry hate and division.

Fam Fendt, President

Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO





Well, they did it. Republi-

cans finally passed their massive tax scam. Those handwritten scribbles hastily thrown on paper are about to become law. Let's talk about the winners and losers of this bill, since the Republicans sure don't want to.

Winner: The Trump Kids. They just got an enormous tax break on their future inheritance. While America is supposed to be built on equality of opportunity, the GOP has no problem with a modern-day aristocracy, allowing wealthy heirs to take up to a \$22 million inheritance, now tax free.

Winner: Massive Corporations. These giant corporations are earning recordbreaking profits, and soon, they'll get to pay historically low taxes. The Republican legislation brings the corporate tax rate to 21%, the lowest rate since the Great Depression.

Winner: Paul Ryan. From special loopholes inserted last minute to giveaways for multi-millionaires across the board, Paul Ryan is likely to make hundreds of thousands of dollars off of the legislation HE wrote into law.

Unfortunately, for those of us not named Trump, Ryan, or "Inc.", the winning stops there.

Loser: People who rely on Social Security and Medicare. The bill triggers a \$25 billion automatic cut to Medicare, and Paul Ryan is already talking about cutting Social Security to pay for the \$1.5 trillion hole he just blew in the deficit.

Loser: Working people. While millionaires, billionaires, and large corporations get large, permanent tax cuts, the help Republicans wrote into the bill for working people is both small and temporary. In fact, by the time the bill is in effect for 10 years, everyone making less than \$75,000 will, on average, see a tax increase.

Loser: Sick people. By including a measure to repeal the Affordable Care Act's Individual Mandate, the GOP Tax Scam will drive up prices and make health insurance more expensive for the sickest among us.

Paul Ryan claims that today is "our moment," and he's right. Today is the day that guarantees our victory over him in November 2018. Help us make sure Paul Ryan regrets this bill. Chip in \$3, or anything you can, to our campaign now.

How Should I Manage My Retirement Plan?

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Employer-sponsored retirement plans are more valuable than ever. The money in them accumulates tax deferred until it is withdrawn, typically in retirement. Distributions from a tax-deferred retirement plan such as a 401(k) are taxed as ordinary income and may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty if withdrawn prior to age 59½. And contributions to a 401(k) plan actually reduce your taxable income.

But figuring out how to manage the assets in your retirement plan can be confusing, particularly in times of financial uncertainty.

Conventional wisdom says if you have several years until retirement, you should put the majority of your holdings in stocks. Stocks have historically outperformed other investments over the long term. That has made stocks attractive for staying ahead of inflation. Of course, past performance does not guarantee future results.

The stock market has the potential to be extremely volatile. The return and principal value of stocks fluctuate with changes in market conditions. Shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Is it a safe place for your retirement money? Or should you shift more into a money market fund offering a stable but lower return?

And will the instability in the markets affect the investments that the sponsoring insurance company uses to fund its guaranteed interest contract?

If you're participating in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you probably have the option of shifting the money in your plan from one fund to another. You can reallocate your retirement savings to reflect the changes you see in the marketplace. Here are a few guidelines to help you make this important decision.

CONSIDER KEEPING A PORTION IN STOCKS

In spite of its volatility, the stock market may still be an appropriate place for your investment dollars, particularly over the long term. And retirement planning is a long-term proposition.

Since most retirement plans are funded by automatic payroll deductions, they achieve a concept known as dollar-cost averaging. Dollar-cost averaging can take some of the sting out of a descending market.

Dollar-cost averaging does not ensure a profit or prevent a loss. Such plans involve continuous investments in securities regardless of the fluctuating prices of such securities. You should consider your financial ability to continue making purchases through periods of low price levels. Dollar-cost averaging can be an effective way for investors to accumulate shares to help meet longterm goals.

DIVERSIFY

Diversification is a basic principle of investing. Spreading your holdings among several different investments (stocks, bonds, etc.) may lessen your potential loss in any one investment.

Do the same for the assets in your retirement plan.

Keep in mind, however, that diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against investment loss; it is a method used to help manage investment risk.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT

A guaranteed interest contract offers a set rate of return for a specific period of time, and it is typically backed by an insurance company. Generally, these contracts are very safe, but they still depend on the security of the company that issues them.

If you're worried, take a look at the company's rating. The four main insurance company rating agencies are A.M. Best, Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings. A.M. Best ratings are based on financial conditions and operating performance; Fitch Ratings, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's ratings are based on claims-paying ability.

PERIODICALLY REVIEW YOUR PLAN'S PERFORMANCE

You are likely to have the chance to shift assets from one fund to another. Use these opportunities to review your plan's performance. The markets change. You may want to adjust your investments based on your particular situation.

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Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. - Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

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Wisconsin State AFL-CIO

... the voice for working families

Phil Neuenfeldt, President Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer

The Koch Brothers are pulling the strings of Wisconsin GOP legislators yet again. Ideological Republican legislators in Wisconsin have picked-up and pushed multiple bills developed by the Koch Brother network to attack, weaken and undermine safe professional and occupational licensing standards in Wisconsin. De-licensing proposals have been backed by the Koch Brother organization Americans for Prosperity and the anti-worker Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty.

Reckless proposals, outlined below, will intentionally undermine our state licensure system which protects both workers and consumers.

Value of Licensing: State licensing provides the critical link between the customer and professional. Wisconsinites have come to trust that we will receive high quality work by licensed professionals. Whether it is electricians, plumbers, barbers, radiology technologists, or welders, the public can rest easy knowing that these workers have been adequately trained, tested and licensed by the state to ensure high-quality, safe service for all consumers as well as a safe, stable workplace for every worker.



When someone enters an exam room, turns on the air conditioning, or takes a drink from a bubbler, they can rely on the state licensure of the worker behind the service because that licensure means that the professional has been trained and tested for the job.

Licenses also protect the safety of the worker and the integrity of the industry. Wisconsin's trained workers rely on the value of their licenses, ensuring that their colleagues and co-workers have also received training and appreciate high safety standards, as well as ensuring a consistent work product. State licensing protects the industries within Wisconsin as the industries have been built by trained employees and therefore ensure the skills are high, so that consumers don't question entire industries or their skilled workforce.

Weakening or eliminating licensing standards will lower wages and lower quality.

What You Can Do: As you go about your daily life this holiday season, think about how many people you come into contact with occupational licenses that provide you and your family with a safe service or reliable good. Think about the value behind the license you have come to expect and appreciate. As you are reconnecting with family and friends, talk about safe licensing standards and the systematic attacks on safe professional licensing standards currently in the legislature.

A lot is happening behind closed doors in our state capital and flying under radar. Many people may not be aware these bills are out there to weaken whole industry standards.

Make a call to your legislators at 1-800-362-9472 and tell them you support safe licensing standards and oppose any legislation (outlined below) that calls into question safe, quality services that consumers have come to expect in Wisconsin.

Attacks on Safe Licensing Currently in State Legislature:

Undemocratic De-Licensing Review Council Bill

AB 369 / SB 288

Summary: This destructive bill will create an undemocratic Occupational License Review Council and require it to examine each and every occupation and profession currently requiring a state-issued license, work permit, registration, or certification from the Department of Safety and Public Services. Under the bill, the Council will unilaterally decide whether a license could be, in their opinion, eliminated or whether the licensing standards could be weakened. If the bill is passed, the Council will be stacked with 4 members appointed by Governor Walker, 2 members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Fitzgerald), and 2 members appointed by the Assembly Speaker (Rep. Vos), with the Governor's appointed Secretary of DSPS as Chair. The bill does not call for the Council to hold any public hearings.

Authors: Sen. Kapenga (R- Delafield) & Rep. Hutton (R-Brookfield)

Eliminating Local, Democratic Control of Licensing Standards

SB 634

Summary: This bill would make eight sweeping changes to how working people can make change at the local level to increase consistency and quality in products and services and fairness and justice at work. Among the eight restrictions on local government is a prohibition on local governments from enforcing license regulations that are more strict than the state standards for that license. The bill would end an opportunity that allows local governments to set a minimum wage for employees who are contracted to perform work for the local government; prohibit local governments from enacting or enforcing their own employment discrimination standards; prohibit local governments from forcing contractors to agree to a mandatory labor peace agreement in order to receive a license or permit; prohibit local governments from creating agencies to handle wage claims, or complaints about wage theft; prohibit local governments from passing an ordinance to prohibit employers from asking about salary history and prohibit local governments from passing ordinances relating to regulating employee scheduling of hours and overtime regulations.

Authors: Sen. Kapenga (R- Delafield) & Rep. Hutton (R-Brookfield)

CNAs: Lowering the License Educational Requirements AB 432 / SB 341

Summary: This bill reduces the required educational hours to become a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). In Wisconsin, CNAs must obtain 120 hours of classroom instruction and 32 hours of clinical training. This bill would lower the educational training for CNAs by nearly half: CNAs would only have to obtain 75 hours of instructional training with 16 hours of clinical training.

Authors: Sen. Hardsdorf (R-River Falls) & Rep. Petryk (R-Eleva)

Assistant Child Care Providers: Eliminating License Requirements LRB 4686

Summary: This draft bill eliminates the license necessary as well as the standards for anyone to be employed as an assistant childcare provider for school aged children. Currently, one must be at least 18 years old and have a license, demonstrating one course or training completed as required by the Department of Children and Families. This bill would completely eliminate the training, age, and license requirement to be employed as an assistant child care teacher in a school-aged child care center. Author: Rep. Cody Horlacher (R-Mukwonago)

Destabilizing Occupational Licenses SB 616 / AB 733

Summary: This bill could destabilize licenses by undermining the administration, monitoring, and enforcement of occupational and professional licenses by allowing certain waivers of fees. In fact, this bill would eliminate the fees, without replacing the funding, for initial occupational credentials for a person whose family income is below 180 percent of the federal poverty line. Authors: Sen. Feyen (R-Fond du Lac) and Rep. Novak (R-Dodgeville)

Privatizing the Administration of Licenses AB 370 / SB 296

Summary: This bill would create a privatized model to diminish our State's occupational & professional licensing system. The bill would allow for organizations that are professional or occupational in nature to apply to the State to be a "state certified" organization. Members of that organization could then apply to the organization to pay for and use the title "state certified." If the bill is signed into law, then the State would start the privatization our licensure system by certifying up to five organizations the first year.

Authors: Sen. Darling (R-River Hills) & Rep. Hutton (R-Brookfield)

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



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MEMBERS OF LODGE 66

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- * Keep your address current at your Union office.
- * Let us know if you are on a medical leave.
- * Let us know if you have been laid off.
- * Let us know if you have quit.
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- * Let us know if you have retired.

For contract issues, call your Business Representative at District No. 10. Lodge 66 only handles your membership information. District No. 10 is located at 1650 S. 38th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215 (414) 643-4334 then extension:

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We need the above information from you!

Communicate your work status to your Union office. It saves time and money!

It's best to send updates via regular mail or e-mail.

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Have you been LAID-OFF? Are you on SICK LEAVE? Have you been TERMINATED?

If you do not work during a substantial portion of the time available in any given calendar month and suffer total or a proportionate loss of earnings, you may be entitled to:

A \$2.00 OUT OF WORK STAMP (within two months of the occurrence)

or

A \$1.00 HONORARY WITHDRAWAL CARD

If the Lodge does not receive dues for you and you do nothing, your Machinists Union membership will lapse after two months and the reinstatement fee is four times the dues for your shop.

Remember, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to notify the Lodge of your work status.

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To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

Sen. Marco Rubio: GOP will cut Social Security and Medicare

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) acknowledged that the Republican drive to cut taxes for the wealthy is the prelude to a larger attack on Social Security and Medicare. On Wednesday, he told a group of lobbyists that hiking the deficit with the GOP tax bill is the first step in dismantling the programs.

Responding to a question from Politico interviewers about how to address the federal deficit, he replied, "We have to do two things. We have to generate economic growth which generates revenue, while reducing spending. That will mean instituting structural changes to Social Security and Medicare for the future."

"Sen. Rubio may have just told a secret that he was not supposed to spill," said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "The GOP strategy of increasing the debt and then saying we need to cut Social Security and Medicare usually flies under the radar.

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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. Winpinsinger Education and Technology Center class schedule is available (<u>http://winpisinger.iamaw.org/courselist</u>) 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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