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February 2018

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

February 13, 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
March 2018 edition of the "*Badger
Lodge News*", is February 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled
by your Business Agent at District
10. *See last page.*

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Solidarity Forever

By Pepe Oulahan

It is a no-brainer for any Union member living in this country these days to realize that workers are under severe attack. We have all felt the stagnation of wages, weakening of protections and harsher treatment that accompany the on-going anti-worker environment we are being subjected to.

As we look at this situation many of us tend to assume that something out of our control has changed from decades ago when cost of living adjustments, guaranteed pensions and attractive wage increases were the norm. We seem to take it for granted that there is nothing we can do about it. This could not be further from the truth.

Yes, we have gone through major economic and political changes in the last few decades such as increased foreign competition, the effects of globalization and an extremely well-financed political power grab by the wealthiest persons on earth.

These changes have definitely served to weaken our movement. But, in reality, they should be no more difficult to overcome than the obstacles we faced in other periods of our long and rich history of worker struggle.

In my opinion the opportunity to revive our movement and gain ground toward the respect, dignity and economic security that we deserve is, and has always been, in our own hands.

We never got anywhere thinking that we can leave it to our leaders to bring us prosperity. We only achieve gains when each one of us buys in to the idea that we deserve better, we are proud of the work we do and we recognize that it is our responsibility to protect, preserve and constantly sharpen the only truly effective tool we have ever had, solidarity.

At the end of the day, the words of Mother Jones still hold as true as ever, when she said "the boss can't win a fight unless we let him, for the work that he needs done, he cannot do alone"!

If you agree, totally or in part with the ideas outlined above, or even if you disagree and want to add to the discussion, please consider joining our newly re-activated LL66 Organizing Committee.

This committee is dedicated to identifying ways to strengthen and grow our union and the labor movement and putting those ideas into action. We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Union hall. Our meetings are also available via Skype. For questions or more information please call:

Pepe at (414) 736-7287.



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What is a Union?

An organization of workers joined together for a common purpose, for mutual aid and protection, to engage in concerted activity and collective bargaining, to elevate their conditions of life and labor; an organization by which ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Well what are we/you willing to do?

"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) 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.

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

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Democracy versus totalitarianism

• Democracy

- Government is by the people, exercised either directly or through elected representatives (representative democracy)
- Elected representatives are held accountable through safeguards

• Totalitarianism

- One person/party exercises absolute control over all spheres of human life (competing political parties are banned)
- Communist totalitarianism
- Theocratic totalitarianism
- Tribal totalitarianism
- Right wing totalitarianism

Message of the Day — Justice for Working Women

The fight for justice in the workplace took a major step forward nine years ago. But our work is far from over. Today, women continue to face discriminatory pay practices—and the problem is even worse for women of color:

- Women overall make 80 cents on the dollar.
- African American women make 63 cents.
- Native American women make 59 cents.
- Latinas make 54 cents.

This outrageous pay disparity doesn't just hurt women. Some 40% of working women in the United States are the sole breadwinners for their families. When they face discrimination on the job, their loved ones suffer as well.

The first step is collecting and releasing data on gender pay discrimination. When employers can't hide their despicable actions, we can effectively fight to end them.

Kitchen Table Economics: \$700,000–\$2 million: The cost of the wage gap for the average full-time U.S. woman worker over the course of her career.

United Lodge 66 Organizing Committee meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting will be February 6th 2018 at 7:00.

We are currently looking for people to join us on the committee.

PLEASE JOIN US!

We need you!

Strength In Numbers!

Meant internally, in your shop and then as well as to make us stronger to help others; your ideas are important.

**STRENGTH
THROUGH UNITY**

HANDS OFF OUR MEDICAID.

On, January 11, 2018, the Trump administration issued guidance allowing states to include work requirements in their Medicaid programs, the biggest change to the program since its inception in 1965. The administrator of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), Seema Verma, tweeted, “Our #TransformingMedicaid efforts will strengthen the #Medicaid program and help people find work, participate in community engagement and rise out of poverty.” But don’t fall for this façade of helping people find jobs. This change in policy is specifically designed at further stigmatizing those who rely on government benefit programs, such as Medicaid, and painting the poor as “lazy” or “welfare queens.”

What’s the reality? Sixty percent of nonelderly Medicaid recipients are already working. For the vast majority of those who aren’t working, it’s not for lack of wanting to or trying to find a job. 33 percent are not working due to a disability or severe illness; another 28 percent are caring for family members; and, 18 percent are enrolled in school. There is another 8 percent of Medicaid recipients who are looking for work, but have been unsuccessful thus far, and 8 percent who are retired. This plan won’t help people rise out of poverty—it will kick those who need it the most while they’re down.

Evidence shows that work requirements aren’t effective at reducing poverty or increasing employment, but Trump isn’t letting facts get in the way of his crusade to undermine struggling Americans. This incredibly cruel policy is most likely the first of many plans to attack benefit programs that help millions of Americans. And don’t be surprised if they use the cost of the tax bill--\$1 trillion—to justify these cuts.

Proud Union Home



Brother Andy Hainzinger here and I would like to say hello to all my brothers and sisters out there. Stay strong folks I know a lot has been going on the

last several months.

All over news feeds, every social media site about politics. We are all bumping heads but yet want the same things for our family. We work hard and we take care of our communities together. These politicians do not teach our kids in schools, they do not coach our kids baseball team. It is up to us as men and women to stand up fight for a great future for the next generation.

We as a people are the only ones setting examples for the next generation. I know it is hard to agree with one on the other side sometimes but **I URGE** my brothers and sisters to run for a position to bring on your own ideas.

We need working men and women making the decisions for the working man and women. We need to come together for the greater good and make sure there is a future for them not just the 1% pulling the strings and shaping our next generation.

I write this in solidarity and beg us as a people stop voting against ourselves and open your eyes. Turn around and help the next one in line.

Stay Strong ... Stay Union
Thank you

Andy Hainzinger



You Screwed Us Over

(Tune: Hey, Look Me Over)

by Julie McCall

You screwed us over
You're gonna pay
We're with the Union
And here we're gonna stay
So don't push your luck, Boss
Don't feel secure
We're gonna get you in the end
Of that you can be sure
We know our strength is in numbers
You know it's true
Hang on to your ass, Boss
We're comin' after you
And here is the lesson to learn from this
On it you can rely --
When we're screwed we multiply!

You screwed us over
We've had enough
We're organizing
It's time for gettin' tough
So get off our backs, Boss
Show some respect
We're gonna kick a few behinds
And yours will be the next
And it's our rights on the job
That we're fighting for
We're ready for action
We know we're gonna score
And here is the lesson to learn from this
You'd better realize --
When we're screwed we organize!

For over 20 years Julie McCall wrote hundreds of songs for rallies, picket lines, strikes and other labor struggles. Julie worked as a unit clerk at the Washington (DC) Hospital Center where she served on the executive board of SEIU Local 722. Her two decades of working at the Hospital Center gave her seniority, but, when she refused to cross the picket line of the striking DC Nurses Association, the Hospital Center fired her. Julie wrote song parodies. In the tradition of Joe Hill and Woody Guthrie, she poked fun at the boss and built solidarity among workers. She founded the Conference on Creative Organizing at the Great Labor Arts Exchange. Julie worked, briefly, at the non-profit Labor Heritage Foundation office. In 2004 she resigned for health reasons.

2018 IAM Scholarship Application Deadline Nears

Applications must be completed and postmarked by February 23, 2018 for the 2018 IAM Scholarship Competition. This valuable program offers the opportunity for awards of up to \$2,000 a year towards a college degree.

Check here to get application information and important details.

- Official Call Letter | Official Call Letter in French
- The Scholarship Competition
- Eligibility
- How to Apply
- General Information
- Alternate Resources

All the above information is at links at: <https://www.goiam.org/news/2018-iam-scholarship-application-deadline-nears/>

The competition is open to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada under procedures and rules of eligibility explained in this announcement. The delegates of the 1960 IAM Grand Lodge Convention established the IAM Scholarship Fund, which is used exclusively to make possible these awards.

The February 23, 2018 deadline is fast approaching so act now.

Feel Left Out & Not Getting Timely Information!!

Then sign up for Machinists Union IMAIL at:

<https://www.goiam.org/subscription-services/>



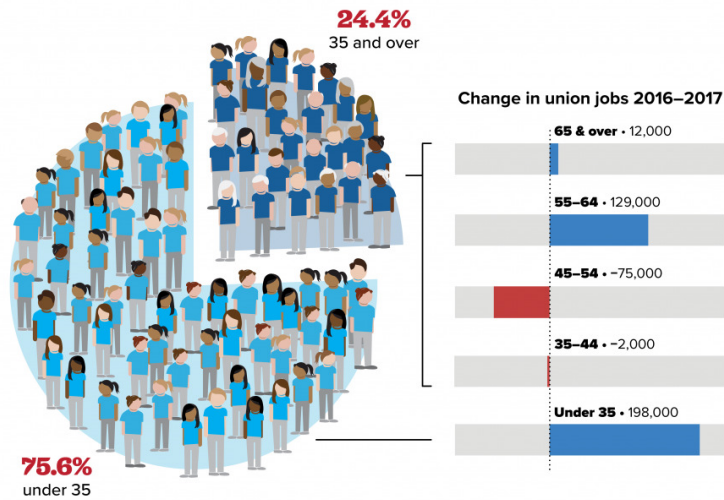
Walker cut classrooms to the bone.

This is no secret to the million Wisconsinites who have voted to increase their property taxes to keep the lights on in their communities' schools. Walker has made some of the deepest, most damaging cuts to our classrooms during his tenure, to the tune of \$2 billion in cuts. Teachers are fleeing the state and the quality of our education in the state has deteriorated thanks to Walker's bad policies.

Walker can't cover up his neglect of our students and classrooms with some last-minute funding. It's too little too late. Wisconsinites want a leader who will fully fund our schools from day one, and Walker's record shows that he will go right back to gutting our schools if re-elected.
(editor: elections have consequences)



The total number of union members grew by 262,000 in 2017. Three-fourths of those gains were among workers under 35.



Source: EPI analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey
More at go.epi.org/unions

Economic Policy Institute



*trumpy Dumpty sat on his wall
trumpy Dumpty had a great fall
All of his billions and all of his men
Couldn't put trumpy together again!*

Workplace violence is an assault or other violent act that entails a substantial risk of physical or emotional harm. In an effort to identify patterns of violence and preventative solutions for incorporation into a prevention standard, we have developed a Workplace Violence Survey. Please complete either the English or French version

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 15,980 workers in the private industry experienced trauma from nonfatal workplace violence in 2014. Twenty-three percent required 31 or more days away from work to recover and 20 percent involved three to five days away from work. A frightening statistic is that 409 workers in private industry and government were workplace homicide victims in 2014.

The goal of the IAM Health and Safety Department is to identify and understand the scope of the problem that IAMAW members face when it comes to workplace violence.

- Increase training and education
- Advocate policy changes to protect members
- Advocate changes in laws to increase workplace safety
- Advocate for increased security to protect members
- Strengthen communications on workplace violence problems related to IAM workplaces
- Labor/Management committees collaborating on workplace violence prevention efforts
- Reduce injuries from workplace violence
- Reduce lost time resulting from workplace violence

Any questions or concerns about the survey can be directed to IAM CREST Project Coordinator/Instructor Michael Oathout at 301-967-4707 or moathout@iamaw.org



Wisconsin Labor History Society—37th Annual Conference

Women and the Labor Movement:

The Quest for Gender Equity and Lessons for the Future

Saturday, April 7, 2018 — Laborers Local 113 Hall, 6310 W. Appleton Ave., Milwaukee

Conference Registration — 8:30 a.m.

Program — 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Keynote Address: Annelise Orleck

Professor of history at Dartmouth College and the author of five books on the history of US women, politics, immigration, and activism, including Storming Caesars Palace: How Black Mothers Fought Their Own War on Poverty.



Overcoming Workplace Inequities—Panel

Testimonies of women union workers from industrial plants, the building trades, the public sector and law enforcement

The Road to Gender Equity in the Workplace

Kim Kohlhaas, President AFT-Wisconsin

**Pam Fendt, President, Milwaukee Area Labor Council*

**Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO*

**Invited*

Annual Awards Presentations: Lifetime Achievement, Student Honors

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WLHS 2018 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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____ Check here if you wish a vegetarian lunch

Reservations may be made online. Go to: <http://wislabor2018.eventbrite.com>

BLANKETING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY 2018

AFL-CIO Community Services of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council and United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County are collecting new and gently used blankets to be distributed to homeless shelters and community agencies throughout the community.

When: January 8 - February 2, 2018

**Drop-off
Locations:**

Milwaukee Area Labor Council
633 South Hawley Road, Suite 110
Milwaukee, WI

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (Main Office)
225 West Vine Street
Milwaukee, WI

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (Waukesha Office)
1717 Paramount Drive
Waukesha, WI

Any City of Milwaukee Firehouse

Village of Sussex Fire Department
N63 W24335 Main Street
Sussex, WI

NOTE: Used blankets must be washed before being dropped off.



For more information contact: Jay Reinke at 414.771.7070 ext. 16 or jay@milwaukeeelabor.org

Also, tax deductible financial donations may be made to "Labor Community @ Work." (Please indicate "Blanket Drive" in memo of check.) Please mail or drop off checks at the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, 633 S. Hawley Rd., Milw., WI 53214.

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

President trump

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Seniors Corner

Trump's Pick for Health and Human Services Secretary Confirmed, Despite Opposition

On Wednesday, the Senate confirmed former Eli Lilly executive Alex Azar as the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by a vote of 55-4. All but one Republican - Sen. Rand Paul (KY) - voted in favor of confirmation.

During his time at Eli Lilly, Azar was responsible for increasing drug prices, leading to incredulity when he pledged to lower prices if confirmed as Secretary. He remains opposed to allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices and to drug importation. During his tenure, Eli Lilly more than tripled the price of the life-saving medication insulin.

"This confirmation is a travesty," said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "We need a Secretary who will take on the drug corporations, not put profits ahead of patients' health."

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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. 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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