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March 2018

United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

March 13, 2018

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
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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 April 2017 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is March 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Proud Union Home

by Joseph Oulahan

As the 3rd contributor in our series of articles from LL66 Members offering pictures of their "Proud Union Home" signs with statements as to why we display these signs I have to say that I am proud to be in the company of such dedicated Union Members as the first submitter Ron Simmelink and the 2nd submitter Andy Hainzinger.

In addition I would like to add that Andy is the creator of the "Stay Strong - Stay Union" IAM T- Shirt design that has attracted much attention at recent Labor Day-Labor-fest Marches.

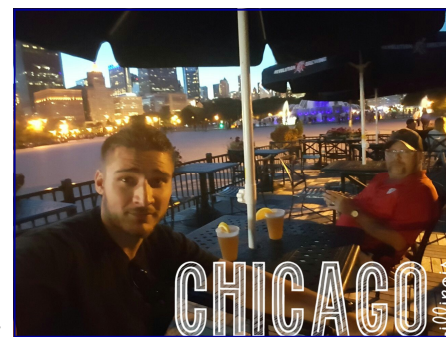
Speaking for myself and for my family, we display "Proud Union Home" signs in front of our house because we want our neighbors and those passing by to know that we understand the important value that unions bring to the well being of the working class and our society in general. We also want to advertise that we are glad to be identified as union members.

In my lifetime I have seen significant damage inflicted on the image of unions, to the point that working people in Wisconsin and our country in my opinion were duped into voting for candidates who openly oppose the right to unionize and actively pursue policies that hurt those of us who rely on a paycheck for our survival.

In displaying our signs we are saying loud and clear that we believe strongly in our right to organize, work collectively to protect and promote our interests and that this value is well worth standing up for!

Hello Brothers and Sisters

there's a guy by the name of Ron Simmelink. Some of you might know that name and some of you might not. Well, let me tell you what that name means to me. I've been a machinist for 4 years now and from the first day I walked on the shop floor at my new job Ron was right there showing me the ropes and teaching me the do's and don'ts. That was not only just for me. I've seen him do that for everyone that walked in that door. He treats everybody with respect and everybody equally and that is hard to find in a person. I just



Andy & Ron

wanted to share that with all of you reading this. I think that is the first step; to organize the disorganized and I believe he's done that in my shop. Ron has been the shop chair for the last 18 years. Now I'm taking over his shop chair position which is a great honor. One thing I know for sure "is" I'll never be able to fill that man shoes but I will certainly try.

Thank you to Brother Ron Simmelink for being my friend and always having my families and my back.

by Andy Hainzinger

NO MATTER HOW
EDUCATED, TALENTED,
RICH, OR COOL YOU
BELIEVE YOU ARE,
HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE
ULTIMATELY TELLS ALL.
INTEGRITY IS
EVERYTHING.



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

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

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Go to: www.wislabor2018.eventbrite.com

WLHS 2018 Conference—REGISTRATION FORM

Registration -- \$35.00(Includes Luncheon, Materials)

Unemployed, students - \$10.00

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___ Check here if you wish a vegetarian lunch

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

I'm Just Saying...

by Joseph Culahan

When our country's current President was elected I commented that I thought it was a big mistake for union leaders to be giving him praises like they did in a meeting at the Whitehouse shortly after the election and, that I was bothered that many of our leaders were telling us that we should "wait and see what he will do", before making a judgement. I also said that we need to be very thoughtful because he has a lot of breathing room in the economy he inherited and that he is known for spending his brains out to make himself look good in the short term when he really is up to no good.

Oh yes, and I also mentioned that at the same time as he was accepting the presidency he was instructing his lawyers to deny union recognition to the employees of his hotel in Las Vegas. Wow, what a protector of American workers, hey?

Well, I hope we are no longer waiting to see what he will do. Because his one year track record is in, and though at a casual glance it might not seem too bad, the slightest look beneath the surface reveals a hard core devious set of actions that will hurt working people for years to come. And it displays the rich-man, worker be damned, arrogance that has been his profile throughout his shady and unscrupulous career.

But don't take my word for it. Let's look at some examples of the actions that this man who said he would "protect and fight" for American workers has taken.

Appointments:

- Secretary of Labor: Andrew Puzder. This appointment was repealed due to his history of labor violations. In his place # 45 appointed Alexander Acosta. As our Secretary Mr. Acosta was one of the main celebrities at the annual gathering of the American Legislative Exchange (ALEC). This organization is a major developer of anti-worker legislation and strategies that have helped puppet lawmakers to weaken unions in many states including Wisconsin. If you haven't heard of them, please look them up.
- Deputy Secretary of Labor: Patrick Pizzella. Former employee of the National Right to Work Committee and former lobbyist against raising sweat-shop wages.
- Assistant Secretary of Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA): David Zatezalo. Former CEO of mining operation that has serious mining violations.

On the health and safety front the administration of # 45 has:

- Repealed the OSHA rule requiring employers to keep accurate injury records
 - Removed the count of work-related deaths from the OSHA website, (No reason to advertise that ugly statistic, hey?)
 - Repealed the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces rule requiring federal contractors to follow safety and labor laws
 - Withdrew OSHA policy allowing workers in non-union workplaces to participate in OSHA inspections
 - Scrapped more than a dozen rules from the OSHA and MSHA regulatory agenda including standards on combustible dust
- He has also used his executive authority to block expansion of overtime eligibility and propose a rule allowing restaurant owners to keep tips given to their wait-staff

In addition, 45's appointments to the National Labor Relations Board have records of opposing worker's rights to organize. In

December of 2017 alone this new NLRB group:

- Reversed a 2004 decision supporting the right of workers to organize free from unlawful employer interference
- Reversed a 2016 decision safeguarding unionized workers' rights to bargain over changes in terms of employment
- Overturned a 2015 decision making employers responsible for bargaining with workers if they have direct or indirect control over these workers' employment. This is directly related to stopping workers in fast food and other franchises from organizing.

These are literally just a few of the moves the administration of # 45 is doing that directly have a negative impact on workers in our country.

Most importantly to me is that we recognize the philosophy that is driving these actions. They are all geared to give full decision making ability to employers and remove their responsibility for safety and working conditions. This leaves us powerless.

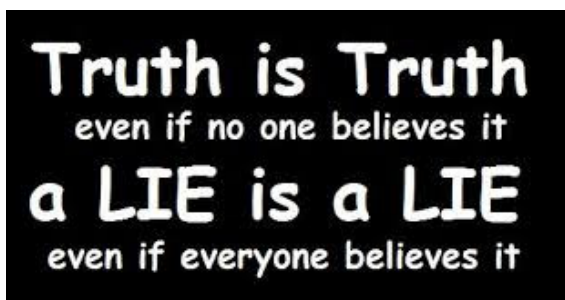
I would not be surprised if # 45 and his supporters would argue that these changes are good for business and we should be glad. My answer to that is that a quick look at history or a visit to countries that do not have strong



worker organizations clearly demonstrate that left to their own devices, companies will exploit their workers to the fullest. If this wasn't true there would never have been a labor movement in the first place.

We should not let ourselves be fooled. If nothing else # 45 is a slippery operator. He will in all certainty continue to suck the treasury dry to reward all his oligarch friends and in the process he may throw us a few crumbs, but in the meantime through appointments, regulatory changes and laws passed with the help of willing anti-union republicans he will strip us of our power so that we become mere tools for the rich with no voices or dignity.

This is a crucial election year that offers a chance to regain some worker power we have lost. I know I will be actively doing what I can to make that happen. I hope you will too!



Hi Everybody, Brother Andy Hainzinger here ...

I just want to share some exciting news. One of our brothers competed in some pretty awesome and aggressive motorcycle racing Friday night Feb 23 at the Bradley center in Milwaukee. I attended with my 9 year old.

Let me tell you it was an amazing night, not only hanging out with my son at the event, but him knowing a fellow Union Brother Randy Ostermen I work with side by side some days was on a bike in the arena. And while he was racing he was representing the Machinists Union with two decals of the Machinist Logo on his motorcycle. It made me feel good supporting a Union Brother while he's supporting me back.

I would like to show some love thanks for reading everyone, awesome job out there Randy Ostermen #37.



Domestic Abuse

trump with 14 or 19 women sexually abused by him –
but he said he is innocent

rob porter, Staff Secretary to trump with 2 ex-wives and one girl friend
accusing him of domestic abuse – but he said he is innocent

david sorensen, speech writer for trump, accused of domestic abuse –
but he said he is innocent

corey lewandowski, campaign chair to trump faced criminal charges of
violence against a woman – he resigned

steve bannon, future Trump campaign chair was charged with three misdemeanor counts of domestic violence by the Santa Monica police – left White House position

75% of trump voters still support him even while he refuses, for good reason of self incrimination, to support the women in domestic violence ... **trump has no empathy.**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_qSW96a2aKY

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313
800-333-3333 or 920-494-7300

REGISTRATION:

\$100.00 per attendee, which includes a buffet luncheon on Friday. Check, made payable to the **Wisconsin State AFL-CIO**, must be included with registration form (enclosed) and received by **Wednesday - March 28th, 2018**. *[Please note the mailing address below!!]*

QUESTIONS:

If you have questions concerning the conference or need additional information/clarification, please contact Ann McNeary, AFL-CIO Labor Liaison and Conference Chair, at either labor@uwdc.org or 608-246-4355.

SEND FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE TO:

2018 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference
c/o Ann M. McNeary, AFL-CIO Labor Liaison
2059 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

CONFERENCE/HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay **until Wednesday, March 14th, 2018**. After that date, the rooms will be released to the general public. To receive the rate listed below, be sure to inform the hotel staff that you are attending the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference.

ROOM RATES: [The hotel reservation deadline is March 14th so please act soon!]

The standard guest room rate is \$109 per night, for single or double occupancy. **ALL** registered overnight guests receive a complimentary buffet breakfast!

NOTE: Rates shown do NOT include the current applicable state and local taxes of 15.5%.

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2018 Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference
April 05, 06, and 07
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center - Green Bay

REGISTRATION FORM

Submit One Form per Conference Participant - Photocopy as Necessary
Receipt/Acknowledgement Will NOT Be Sent - Please Keep Copy of Completed Form for Your Records

Registration Fee: **\$100.00** per attendee
Make check payable to the WI State AFL-CIO!
Fee and Registration Form must be submitted by **Wednesday - March 28, 2018** to:

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Madison, WI 53704

Please print or type:

Labor Organization or Affiliation: _____
[International Union and District Council or Local Number OR Central Labor Council OR Labor Organization]

Participant's Full Name: _____

Name as It Should Appear on Badge: _____
[first name] [last name]

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

The tentative overall conference agenda, with approximate times, is as follows:

Thursday, April 5th	10:00 a.m.	registration opens and display tables available
	1:00 p.m.	conference begins/first general session
	3:15 p.m.	workshops - choose one from the four offerings below
	5:00 p.m.	hospitality provided by the Coalition of Labor Liaisons
Friday, April 6th	8:30 a.m.	morning/second general session
	10:15 a.m.	workshops - choose one from the four offerings below
	11:45 a.m.	buffet luncheon (included in registration fee)
	1:00 p.m.	afternoon/third general session which includes legal updates from The Previant Law Firm
	5:00 p.m.	hospitality sponsored by The Previant Law Firm
Saturday, April 7th	8:30 a.m.	final/fourth general session
	11:00 a.m.	conference adjourns

Thursday Afternoon, 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. [select one workshop for this session]

- ☐ The Forgotten Key to Getting Members Involved
- ☐ Labor History - Building Solidarity by Learning from the Past
- ☐ The Multi-Generational Workforce ... What Do We Look Like Today?
- ☐ Silent Colors - A Fun Workshop Designed to Identify Your Personality "Color"

Friday Morning, 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. [select one workshop for this session]

- ☐ Common Sense Economics - Focus on Immigration
- ☐ Community Services - Building Coalitions
- ☐ Maneuvering Through the Medicare Maze
- ☐ Personal Finances Have You Flustered?

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WI STATE AFL-CIO 2018 COMMUNITY SERVICES CONFERENCE

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Common Sense Economics - Focus on Immigration

Join Jay Reinke, AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison from Milwaukee, in examining myths and facts about immigration and understand the AFL-CIO's position on the issue. This workshop provides the opportunity to participate in the AFL-CIO's Common Sense Economics module which helps identify how the broken immigration system drives down wages and standards for all working people.

Community Services - Building Coalitions

This workshop, delivered by AFL-CIO Labor Liaison Ann McNeary, will demonstrate how to expand the reach of your community services committee by building coalitions in your community. Practical advice will be given to Locals and Central Labor Councils on how to reach out to increase capacity and results - whether it involves a collection/drive, a community services project, voter registration event, or an educational forum on a local issue.

The Forgotten Key to Getting Members Involved

It's a familiar story: your local union has a small, core group of people who do most of the work. Meeting attendance is poor, members seem apathetic, and they sometimes ask, "What's the union done for me lately?" How do we reverse this and get more members involved in the union? How do we draw on our "strength in numbers" to increase our union's capacity to succeed? We've heard about "internal organizing," but there's one key thing that most unions overlook: building a layer of natural, "organic" leaders in our workplaces. With more than 20 years of organizing experience, Don Taylor from the UW School for Workers will teach you how to find these "organic" leaders and incorporate them into your capacity-building process.

Labor History - Building Solidarity by Learning from the Past

Wisconsin's exciting labor history will be told in this interactive session. Find out how workers and their unions helped to make the state a great place to live. Discuss how labor history may be used to build stronger unions and build public awareness of the contributions of labor. Presentation will be done by Ken Germanson, President Emeritus of the Wisconsin Labor History Society.

Maneuvering Through the Medicare Maze

John Parr, a Licensed Employee Benefit Plan Administrator with National Benefits Consultants, will cover information about Part A Hospital, Part B Medical, Part C Hospital and Medical, Part D Prescription Drugs, Medicare Supplements, and Enrollment Rules. This overview will help Medicare retirees become better purchasers of plans in the market place.

The Multi-Generational Workforce ... What Do We Look Like Today?

Is ageism in the workplace causing generational tension? How can we communicate effectively across the generations? Our workplace today is one of challenge, change, and diversity. Cindy Kiesling, LETC's Executive Director, will discuss the generational landscape of today's workplace. Join in to learn about how each generation approaches work and life in our unique workplace environment.

Personal Finances Have You Flustered?

Whether you're planning for retirement, saving for college for children or grandchildren, or just trying to protect the financial future of the ones you care for the most, this workshop - presented by a certified financial advisor from the Green Bay area - will help you develop specific strategies to assist you in achieving your goals.

Silent Colors - A Fun Workshop Designed to Identify Your Personality "Color"

This workshop, presented by Jay Reinke, AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison from Milwaukee, will assist attendees in learning how to identify the four personality groups and how to improve interactions with other people. Although not intended to be an in-depth self-analysis or analysis of others, it could be a helpful facilitation tool. It provides a nice overview and allows participants to have fun in the meantime!

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Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

President trump

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Governor Scott Walker,
Republican
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Seniors Corner

Budget Deal Reopens Government after Brief Shutdown

The deal was originally struck in the Senate by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (NY). It removes the caps imposed by the 2011 sequestration law that forced automatic spending cuts across the board if Congress could not agree to them independently. Republicans had wanted to lift the caps only on military spending, but Democrats insisted they be lifted on domestic priorities as well.

The legislation passed the Senate 71-28 and the House 240-186. It contains several provisions affecting retirees.

Medicare

The deal closes the Medicare Part D “doughnut hole” gap in prescription drug coverage for seniors in 2019, a year earlier than expected.

“The money for prescription drugs will provide a welcome bit of relief for more than 5 million older and disabled Americans and save taxpayers money,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance.

The package restores eight tax breaks known as “Medicare extenders,” including eliminating the Medicare funding cap on physical therapy, a long-sought health policy priority.

The deal extends a number of special payment bonuses for different Medicare providers, many of which were once intended to be temporary, but get regularly continued. Those include extra payments for rural hospitals, a higher payment rate for ambulances, and increased payment rates to certain Medicare doctors. It preserves loan repayment programs for health providers who choose to work in underserved areas.

The package expands pilot programs meant to test the value of in-home care for some Medicare patients. It would allow Medicare providers who are part of an accountable care association to offer patients cash bonuses as incentives for healthy behaviors.

Funding for the Social Security Administration

There is an agreement in place to give the Social Security Administration (SSA) a bump in funding in the omnibus, which will come later, so that seniors and other beneficiaries get better services from regional offices. However, details remain sketchy.

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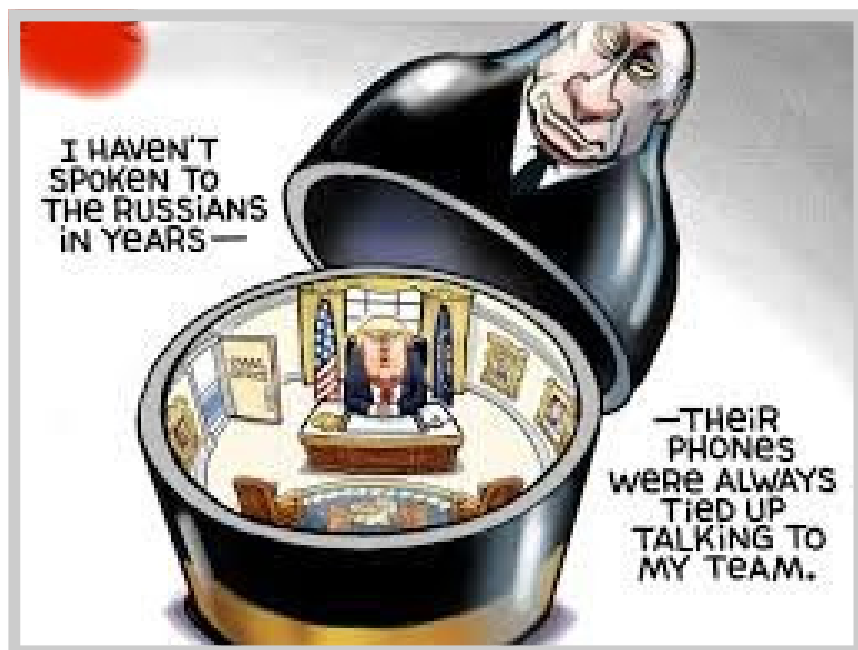
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888-16th Street, NW Suite 250
Washington, DC 20006
202-974-8222 or 888-373-6497
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www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **March 7, 2018**, 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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