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Leadership I at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center

by *Don Aiello*, from Ocean Spray

I would like to take the time to thank the membership for sending me to the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center for Leadership I training in April.

The facility, teachers and staff were great. The classes were very educational and inspiring. Although the CD's in the jukebox at the Feedback Inn could use some updating, it was just background noise, as I and my Union brothers and sisters from locals across the US and Canada gathered and conversed about everything Unionism. The same issues that face our local are the same issues that face all locals.

My first class each day was Labor History. It was eye opening on the struggles that workers went through in the early days of unions. Workers often met in secret for fear of being jailed, beaten or even killed - all for things that nowadays we take for granted. Although we are not meeting under those conditions, the struggle for our workers' rights is still going on. And what people don't seem to understand; is non-Union and even supervisory-management level workers reap the benefits that unions fight for.

Human Rights was my second class. As I learned in this class, with such a diverse workforce, it is often easy for multinational corporations and politicians to exploit these differences and divide us. Smaller groups are weaker than the whole and as we fight amongst ourselves, it keeps us distracted from the bigger fights we need to be concentrating on.

My next class was Parliamentary Procedure & Organizational Administration. In this class we learned how to conduct a proper meeting. We learned about the IAM constitution and bylaws. Then we finished off the week with a mock meeting.

Government and Politics started off the afternoon classes. Lots of times I hear people say, "Keep the Union out of politics." – but you can't. Politics is involved in everything. You can't go to the store; buy a case of your favorite beer without money from that sale being used to lobby politicians in some way – either from the beer company, the grocery store or both. Although, in the first class we collectively ranked politics as the least important, throughout the week we came to realize politics affects everything.

Role of the Steward finished out the day as the classes all started to tie together. One thought: We have contracts for our mortgages, our car loans, our health insurance, auto insurance and the list goes on. Why should we not have one for our jobs? CEO's realize the importance of having a contract, so as workers, why shouldn't we have one too.

I hope I will be able to use the knowledge I have gained to help the union as I look forward to attending Leadership 2 and continue my training.



Dan



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

2017-18 Labor History Essay Winner

Second Place
Grace Parlier
12th Grade
Dominican High School
Milwaukee
Father -
Milwaukee Teachers
Education Association



I was thirteen years old when my father took a few days off work to travel to Madison. My mother didn't let on about it, but told me he was marching in Madison for the recall election. My father has been an MPS teacher and Union member at High School of the Arts, Vincent High School and now Riverside University High School for twenty-seven years, teaching math and computer science courses. He was head coach of the varsity baseball team at Riverside for fifteen years and walks to work every day with his laptop and papers in tow. That was all I knew of my dad and his work, until he went to Madison. I didn't watch the news and knew little of politics at the time, but knew that if my dad took off work and drove to Madison with his coworkers, this was something serious.

My father is not incredibly outspoken on his political standpoints. He has always encouraged my siblings and I to be open minded, but to stand up for what we believe in, that every individual counts in a democracy, and that when necessary, one must act on their beliefs and work for change. When Act 10 was passed, my father's benefits were slashed after years of working within the public school system, the voices and power of labor Unions within Wisconsin were being challenged and muffled, and he firmly believed that such actions were unsubstantiated and undemocratic. He marched alongside thousands of other teachers and civil servants for the Recall Walker protests, and although unsuccessful in the recall election, I was reminded the power of one voice when alongside like-minded individuals.

My grandfather provided for my father's family of nine children on an eighth grade education and firmly instilled the importance of academics and integrity in their work. I am one of seven children myself and while teaching does not afford the highest paying salary, my father was inspired to teach as he saw education as the main equalizer of society. He believes that education separates the voiceless from the heard, positing and equilibrium of power and inspires the individual to participate in a democracy long fought for. Thus the collection of educated minds, seeking political assurance and power in a sometimes skewed society, labor Union are also a great equalizer of society. My dad is a proud Union member because the teachers' Union gives him a greater voice in democracy. In the current political climate, teachers are asked to take on more positions in child development than ever before and just recently, when arbitrarily forced to employ the newest grading system, my father stood alongside his fellow MPS teachers and the Union to ensure the standards of students' education are upheld, no matter the political dictation of the time. The grading change was overturned, and my father came home from school that day with a sense of control and ease. I had not seen in a while. He takes pride in his work and wants to ensure his students are receiving an education that enlivens a democracy and creates independent and positively participating members of a society. The current running of schools is turbulent at best and I know my father and his coworkers feel a sense of security in the strength and maintenance of their Union.

Democracy is in its essence to be the equal contribution of all parties to formulate a just society. Labor Unions provide the political power to ensure proper representation of the working class. My father's involvement in the teachers' Union ensures that his voice is heard, the integrity of schools is upheld by those running them, and therefore every child's best interests are made a first priority in the education system. So, yes indeed Unions have positively impacted my community and my family life. They are the ultimate defense lawyers of the working class and though historically our government has tried to suppress the voice of the Unions, the fortitude and patriotism for them maintains their power in keeping political leaders in check.

Looking at my thirteen year old self, I wish I had had the curiosity and courage to march with my father, but knowing that I do not, I have a greater respect and confidence in the work of our Union to ensure democracy flourishes and tyranny keeps at bay.



Happy Birthday IAM

by Mike Oettel

On Saturday May 5th United Lodge 66 had a birthday party to celebrate 130 years of the IAM. The Organizing committee at the Lodge set up a wonderful day of games and celebrations. Pepe Oulahan started us out with some wonderful music. Wendy Greene led the festivities with a game of union jeopardy that had some really tough questions about the union's history, politics, parliamentary procedure and some other rather tough categories. That seemed to be the highlight of the day with a guest of Jesus Gonzalez from Chicago coming away with the top prize of a Local 66 t-shirt. There was also a great game of bags played out



in the parking lot and darts in the back room of the lodge. We had snacks beforehand and pizza from Ned's then to top it off there was cake and ice cream after singing happy birthday to the IAM.

Being the first Saturday of the year with decent weather, the turnout wasn't as great as we would have liked, but there were still plenty of people that showed up for the birthday party. There were a few new faces that we hadn't seen around the local before, and that is what the purpose of these events actually is, to get more of our membership involved with the local lodge. Speaking of faces we haven't seen before, I would like to personally thank Jesus Gonzalez for bringing his guest. She is from a local out of Chicago, like I stated before, but the best part is they met out at the W3 center earlier this year in Leadership 1 class. We would also like to thank DBR Alex Hoekstra, and Jeremy Terlisner for taking the time to travel down and cele-

brate with us.

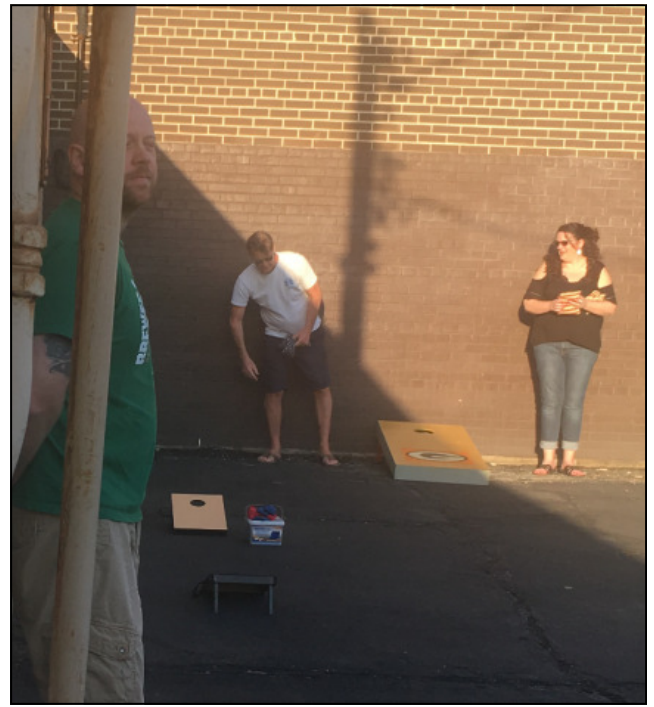
We would encourage anyone that reads this publication to attend our next event, we're not sure what or when it will be but it is looking like we are getting ideas together for Labor Fest in September. We would also like to encourage everyone to attend the Organizing committee meetings, they are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the union hall.



Birthday continued



Birthday & outside fun



*& of course some music from Pepe,
a member of UnioNation*



President Martinez, Representative Pocan and Senator Sanders Stand Up for Workplace Democracy

On May 10, IMAAW International President Robert Martinez joined House and Senate sponsors, Wisconsin Representative Mark Pocan and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders at a Capitol Hill press conference organized in support of the introduction of the Workplace Democracy Act.

This bill is designed to empower workers and strengthen the middle class by restoring workers' rights to bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions.

"The Workplace Democracy Act will restore the right of every American to join together in Union – weather you live in Vermont, Wisconsin, North Carolina or Texas," Martinez declared. "Unions strengthen democracy. Unions mean freedom and a better life for our families," said Martinez.

Some of the provisions of the Workplace Democracy Act include:

- **Ending Right to work for less laws by repealing Section 14(b) of the Taft Hartley Act, which has allowed 28 states to pass legislation eliminating the ability of Unions to collect fair share fees from those who benefit from Union contacts and activities.**
- **Mandating that unionization be established through a majority of workers signing valid authorization cards. Thus eliminating tactics now used by companies to intimidate workers into changing their vote before certification elections.**
- **Prohibiting delaying or denying first contracts with workers who have signed on to have a Union.**
- **Giving workers to right to know when their companies spend millions of dollars running anti-Union campaigns.**
- **Stopping employers from ruthlessly exploiting workers by misclassifying them as independent contractors or denying them overtime by falsely categorizing them as "Supervisors."**

"Republicans like President Trump and Governor Walker continue to crack down on Unions and push a special interest, corporate-driven agenda that makes it harder for middle-class families to get ahead. And while they stack the deck against the American worker, Unions are fighting to expand economic opportunity and strengthen the middle class," said Pocan.

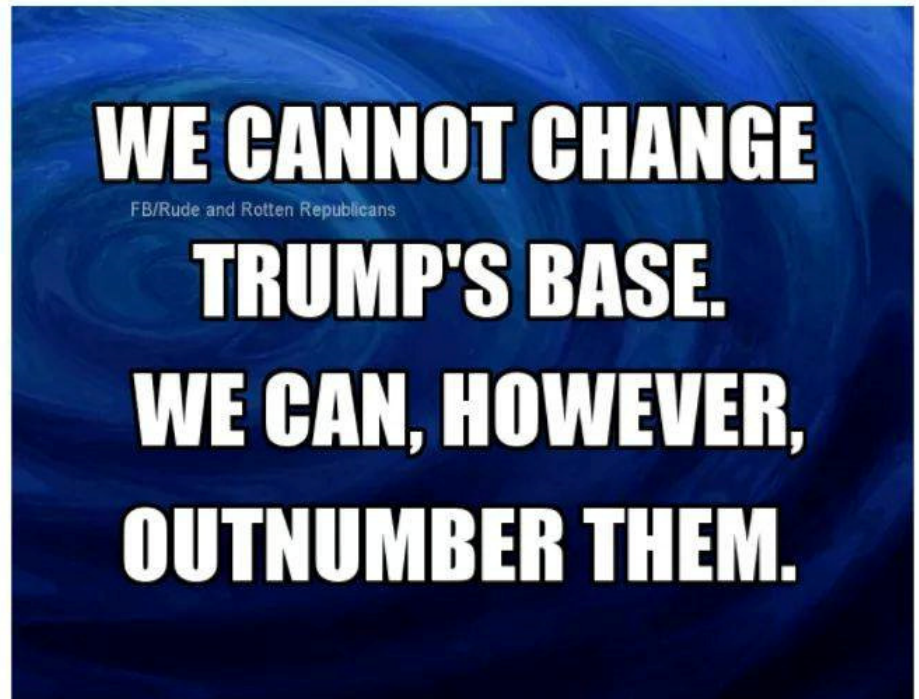
Unfortunately, with the current tight republican control of congress it is understood that introduction of this bill is mostly symbolic. But, in the minds of many of us who understand the importance of Unions and the severity of the assault we are currently under the symbolism is very much welcomed!



Pepe

Pepe Cushman

Educator, IMAAW Lodge 66



Remembering Hazel Dickens (1935-2011)

*Born in Montcalm, West Virginia, the 8th of 11 children.

*Supported herself since she was 16. Three of her brothers died from mining-related illnesses.

*Moved to Baltimore in the 1950s and worked in factories there.

*She and former singing partner, Alice Gerrard, identified with the women's movement of the 1960s with such songs as "Don't Put Her Down, You Helped Put Her There" and "Working Girl Blues."



*A pioneering woman of bluegrass
and hardcore country music.*



*Born on
June 1, 1934
Mercer County
West Virginia.
Grew up in poverty.*

*Her songs were featured in Barbara Kopple's *Harlan County, USA* (1976) and John Sayles' *Matewan* (1987)

*A friend of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) she often appeared at union rallies and benefits for striking miners.

*First woman to receive the International Bluegrass Music Appreciation's Merit Award (1994)

*Recipient of Labor Heritage Foundation

Joe Hill Award (2003) and recipient of a National Heritage Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts (2011)



*Working Class People,
I've always said that if I have a religion,
it's the working-class experience and what I feel for
working-class people.*

Copy and Paste to Listen:

Hazel Dickens - Fire in the hole: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiGPbHnpQks>

They'll Never Keep Us Down (Hazel Dickens): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7nclwcsXmg

"Hazel Dickens: It's Hard to Tell the Singer From the Song" Excerpt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYCJU4rbygo>

Where There's a Will...

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A 2017 survey found that only 42% of U.S. adults — and only 36% of those with children under age 18 — had a will or a living trust.¹ (A living trust can serve some but not all functions of a will; you should have a will even if you have a trust.)

The most common reasons given for not taking this simple step are procrastination and not having enough assets.² In fact, creating a will does not have to be difficult or time-consuming, and everyone should have one regardless of his or her assets. Here are three good reasons.

Distribute property. A will enables you to leave your property at your death to anyone you choose: a surviving spouse, a child, other relatives, friends, a trust, or a charity. Transfers through your will take the form of specific bequests (e.g., heirlooms, jewelry, or cash), general bequests (e.g., a percentage of your property), or a residuary bequest of what's left after your other transfers. It is generally a good practice to name backup beneficiaries.

Your spouse may have certain rights with respect to your property, regardless of the provisions in your will. Also, assets for which you have already named a beneficiary pass directly to the beneficiary (e.g., life insurance, pension plans, IRAs).

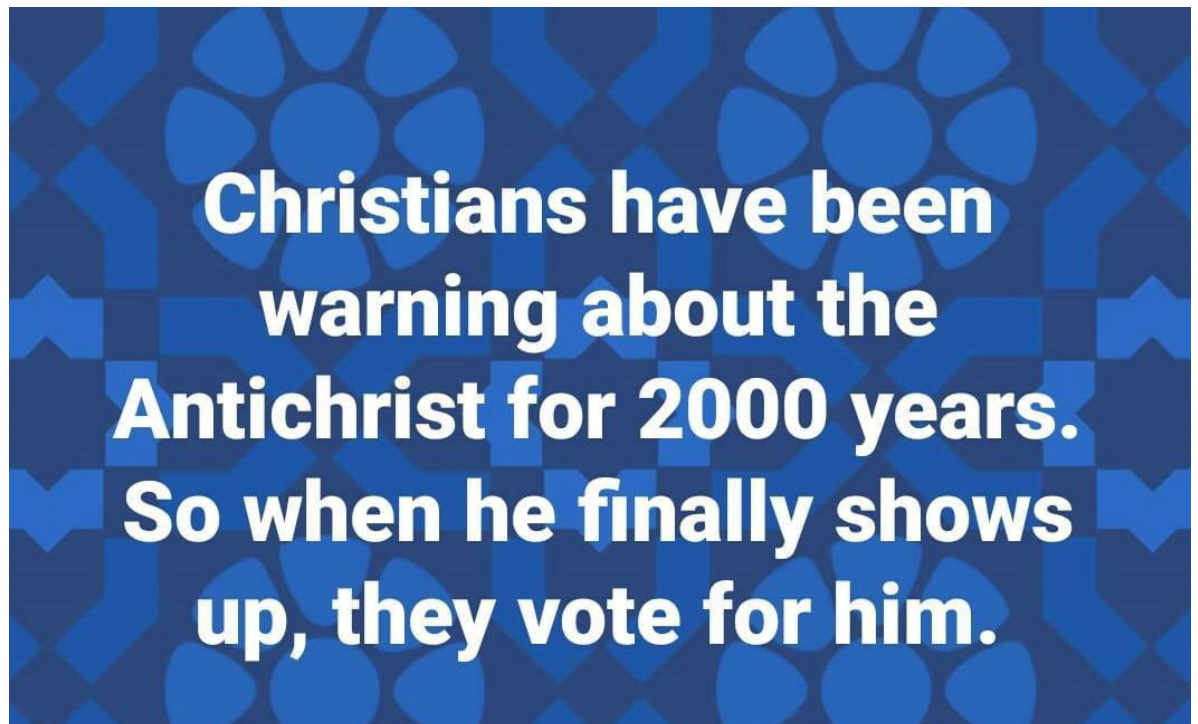
Appoint a guardian. In many states, a will is the only way to specify who you want to act as legal guardian for your minor children if you die. You can name a personal guardian, who takes personal custody of the children, and a property guardian, who manages the children's assets. This can be the same person or different people.

Name an executor. A will allows you to select an executor to act as your legal representative after your death. An executor carries out many estate settlement tasks, including locating your will, collecting your assets, paying legitimate creditor claims, paying any taxes owed by your estate, and distributing any remaining assets to your beneficiaries.

Though it is not a legal requirement, a will should generally be drafted by an attorney. There may be costs involved with the creation of a will or a trust, the probate of a will, and the operation of a trust.

1-2) *Caring.com, 2017*

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Seniors Corner

Drugmakers Cost U.S. Taxpayers Billions by Blocking Generics

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Scott Gottlieb released a list of drug corporations that are accused of engaging in “shenanigans” to block generic products from entering the market and charging less. Drug corporations have raised their prices by double-digit percentages between 2012 and 2016, costing Medicare, Medicaid and consumers billions.

The FDA requires generic corporations to prove their drug is equivalent to the brand name in order to gain approval. Generic drug makers are accusing the companies on the Commissioner’s list of not allowing them to purchase drugs that allow them to make their alternative. The report cites 164 requests by generics asking the FDA for help in obtaining access to over fifty brand name drugs.

Blocking generics access to drugs allows pharmaceutical companies to hold a monopoly and raise prices as high as they want, guaranteeing an increase in profit. Listed in the report are the chemotherapy drug Revlimid and hypertension drug Tracleer, both of which have seen price hikes of over 40%.

The FDA’s report is part of the Trump administration’s attempt to lower prescription drug prices by increasing transparency and the numbers of generic options available to consumers. Congress is also considering numerous pieces of prescription drug legislation aimed at lowering prices, some with bipartisan support. A major aspect missing from the discussion, however, is allowing Medicare to negotiate with drugmakers directly, a campaign promise that has since been broken by the president.

“People need these prescriptions to survive,” said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “This out-of-control price gouging is hurting older Americans more than ever, and we need a real fix that includes allowing more generic options and Medicare to negotiate directly for reasonable prices.”

Proposed Trump Administration Rescissions Would Be a Disaster for Retirees

President Donald Trump plans to submit up to \$25 billion in federal spending cuts to Congress later this month. According to administration sources, he will take aim at rolling back parts of the budget enacted in February and mandatory spending items, including Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. If these so-called “rescissions” are approved by Congress, Republicans will be able to renege on elements of their budget deal and take the opportunity to slash “entitlements.”

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Head Mick Mulvaney already confirmed as much when he said that “Democrats proba-

bly won’t like” the mandatory spending adjustments included in the proposal. This could increase the likelihood of a government shutdown and diminish an already frayed relationship between lawmakers and the public.

Adding insult to injury, non-obligated agency funds from previous years will be the chief source for cuts. This would be particularly devastating for the Social Security Administration, which is already struggling with inadequate funding.

“It is absolutely appalling that the Trump administration and GOP leaders would pass a tax bill for the one percent and then try to clean up their fiscal mess by cutting seniors’ hard earned benefits,” said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance.

Luckily, the president won’t be able to fast-track the rescissions through Congress because he plans to include “mandatory benefit programs” as part of the package.



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Seniors Corner

Sen. Bernie Sanders Introduces Legislation to Strengthen Unions Dramatically

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced the Workplace Democracy Act on Wednesday, legislation that would remove several of the major barriers to organized labor's growth. The bill would ban "right to work" laws, which cause the "free-riding" that lets employees opt out of paying Union dues even though the Union must still bargain on their behalf. Right to Work laws have been enacted in 28 states.

"Sen. Sanders understands the importance and strength of Unions to ensure a secure retirement," said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance, who spoke at an event, on May 9, 2018, Wednesday on Capitol Hill introducing the legislation. "The Workplace Democracy Act is a major step in securing the rights of workers and Unions to provide for their members."

Inspired by the grassroots efforts of the teacher walkouts in recent weeks, Sen. Sanders said the walkouts show that more workers would like to band together in Unions if only the law made it easier. He emphasized that workers who are Union members earn significantly higher wages compared to those who are not. Only 6.5% of private sector workers belong to a Union.

The legislation aims to lessen the burden placed on Unions and workers looking to unionize at a time when collective bargaining rights are constantly under attack, despite high public approval ratings. In doing so, it allows "card checks," which guarantee workers the right to form a Union after a majority in their workplace have signed cards saying that is their desire. In addition, the bill permits mediation during the first round of labor negotiations.

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- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **June 6, 2018**, is at 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee.

www.milwaukeeelabor.org

- **Machinists Union William W. Winpingsinger Education and Technology Center** class schedule is available (<http://winpingsinger.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.



Ryan Knight
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Donald Trump:

- "Grab em by the pussy"
 - "I moved on her like a bitch"
 - "Blood coming out of her wherever"
 - "I would bomb the shit out of them"
 - "If she wasn't my daughter I'd date her"
 - "African countries are shithole nations"
- Republicans:
- "Michelle Wolf was over the top"

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