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

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Laborfest

- September 3, 2018, starts at Zielder Union Square Park
- Starts at 11am
- March with other members of United Lodge 66 and other Machinists Union Locals
- For your family and friends
- At the Summerfest Grounds will

- be live music, games and activities for your children
- Food and beverages will be available
- More information will be coming and start to call United Lodge 66 at 414-671-3800 and let them know you plan on marching and being in the parade.



Since its inception I have nursed the Badger Lodge News, our Website and Facebook Page. That has been for twenty years, except when someone else tried for two years and I came back in 2013 and keep it going from Deerbrook, WI.

I have informed President Tim Schwartz I will only do this until June 1, 2019, and my time will be done. There will be no third time.

It was been enjoyable and rewarding, especially with the recognition which fills the east wall of United Lodge 66.

The most rewarding was at the 2008 Grand Lodge Convention and receiving the Robert J. Kalaski Special Performance Award; given out to only one communicator in our Machinists Union. It was a wonder how the Executive Board of United Lodge 66 and some members of Ojibwa Bowhunters shared facts about me with our Grand Lodge and kept it a total secret!!!

So long and hopefully any members who strayed to Emperor trump ... come back and vote in their families best interest. And do not forget.

In Solidarity,

Doug Curler



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

What is Taft-Hartley?

We as Union members do not have to be experts on labor law, but hopefully we have at least some understanding of the major laws that govern our relationships with employers. The most important of these of course is the **National Labor Relations Act of 1935** and its' implementing body the **National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)**. In general this Act gives unions the right to legally act collectively for our benefit, organize Unions and to strike.

Another law that is often heard in Union work, but is not as well understood is the Taft-Hartley Act. Enacted on June 23, 1947 this law amended the NLRA to restrict the activities and power of labor Unions in this country. And, it is still effectively doing this today.

In 1947, World War II was over and so was the unwritten commitment of Union members not to engage in strikes that hurt the war effort. At that time 25% of the workforce in the USA was Unionized (approximately 14.8 million workers).

In response to this growing worker movement and post-war influx of workers, employers pushed hard for a law that would "demobilize" the labor movement. Despite repeated vetoes by then President Harry Truman, they were successful in getting the Taft-Hartley Act passed.

In leveling his vetoes Truman stated that this Act was a "dangerous intrusion on free speech," and would "conflict with important principles of our democratic society."

Some of the amendments to the NLRA in the Taft-Hartley Act include prohibiting Unions from:

- **Jurisdictional and wildcat strikes**
- **Solidarity and political strikes**
- **Engaging in secondary boycotts, and secondary mass picketing**
- **Forming closed shops**
- **Making independent expenditures to candidates for Federal Office**

In addition the Act allows states to enact "Right to Work" laws prohibiting Unions and employers from negotiating mandatory union membership in companies with Unions, (ringing any bells)?

It also removed a provision from the NLRA that required employers to stay neutral during Unionization drives. This gave employers the right to openly oppose unionization in their workplace, (captive audience meetings, hiring Union busting attorneys etc.).

It is easy to see how this Act is still rearing its ugly head to hurt Union power today. So, for what it is worth the next time you hear someone mention Taft-Hartley hopefully you will have a better understanding of what they are talking about.



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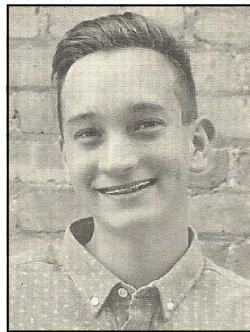
Pepe Culauan

Educator, Lodge 66



2017-18 Labor History Essay Winner

Third Place (Tie)
Jacob Theisen
12th Grade
Neenah High School
Father - Neenah-Menasha
Firefighters Association



www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org

Unions are very special and unique groups of people that are dedicated to their jobs and communities. Unions can be local, state, national or international and represent many different careers, but their ambitions are virtually identical. Not everyone understands or agrees with what Unions stand for, however, through their formation and stance on treating workers fairly, they are the reason why we have 40 hours work weeks, paid overtime, etc. Unions provide safety and justice for all employees, whether they are working for large corporations or very small business.

Many Union workers can agree that their Union is a strong collective group of dedicated employees that strive to produce the best product or service available.

My stepdad: Jeff Ellis, who is a huge role model in my life, has worked for a Union for many years now. Jeff currently works for Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Local 275. His current local was merged with the City of Menasha Local 695 in January 2003. The consolidation between the City of Menasha and the City of Neenah joined forces to better serve their citizens. Within this merger, the two public Unions smoothly transitioned to welcome and support the new group's ideas and expertise. Since the two Unions merged together, my stepdad has made many great friends and has flourished in his career. I think many can agree that Unions are crucial to peaceful relationships between employees, employers, and their community.

When it comes to our family, my step-receives good health benefits, a flexible wage all made possible through strong col-each other extends way beyond the walls of ing to bend over backward for one another ple a few years ago my stepdad and many of

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another co-worker to be with his wife and newborn baby who needed a heart transplant immediately after birth. This past summer, another co-worker lost his 15 year old son through a tragic incident that involved a firearm. While there was a lot of support for him and his family right after his death this eventually dwindles down.

Outside of work, all 63 Union members and their families go out of their way to positively impact the community every year. They teach families about fire safety and host fundraisers for many courageous foundations. One of the fundraisers that impact my family the most is the Backdraft Bike Tour. This event was created by one of the Union members, Tim Patterson, to benefit burned youth around Wisconsin. The tour promotes families around the Fox Cities to get active and to participate in a great cause.

The thousands of dollars that are raised go to uplifting kids and making them feel unique and special again. Although this event gets most of the publicity and Union participation, my favorite community involvement is witnessing the simple acts of kindness the firefighters give all year long. Some examples include the yearly Santa Float that travels throughout both cities, numerous local organizations that the local supports through monetary funds or simply driving by a local lemonade stand and getting a cold drink from a future entrepreneur.

Many see firefighters as heroes for putting out fires, education you and old people with fire prevention and saving people from distress, but I see them as heroes for all that they do for my family and our community. Individually and as a Union, they put aside many potential risks to themselves to make our community a better place, one kid, one teen, and one adult at a time.

Midwest States Conference of Machinists

by Mike Oettel and Hunter Scott

June 13, 2018

Phil Gruber (GVP Midwest Territory) - We need more wins like S.C. lost members at Electrolux, HD, and GE etc. We will cease to exist if this continues. We've lost close to 2000 members in this territory alone in the last 6 months. Machinists never go down without a fight. Extended the free college to the members affected, there have been job fairs at the HD plant. We must be proactive instead of reactive. 2 solutions elections and union density. Elections have consequences that will be felt for decades. With density companies would not be able to pit union workers against non-union workers in other states. Midwest territory was the first to go through the new organizing program at the W3. All about strategic targets for organizing. Union density would crush all of these right to work bills. 9 poorest states are RTW. Workers lose 1600 a year in RTW states. Plant closings, tax cuts, RTW all part of the plan to hurt you at work and at home. The end game is removing the union from the picture. RTW takes all of the resources from the union slowly but surely corporations will wait the unions out. Our job is to educate the folks in our community about the benefits of unions. 20 million is the cost to fight prop A in Missouri. Machinists were the first out donating 1 million right off the bat, we're not donating to politicians. We need to start flipping these states one at a time. Looking for candidates that aren't afraid to say union it's not a bad word. Workplace democracy act would help working people and tilt the scales in our favor, would force employers to negotiate a first contract, and would make RTW illegal. This bill will reveal who our friends are in congress. Midwest activities coming up: 2 Guide Dogs events coming up. Ride for Guides next week in Dubuque. Sept. 22 District 837 car show. Staff conference Sept 24-28 in New Orleans.

Rick de la Fuente (MNPL Political Director) - 2.3 million raised for MNPL last year. Our union voted at a 79-80% highest of any union. 36 governor's races this year. We're focused on governor's and state rep seats this cycle. We've got to break through with 2020 redistricting coming up. Be wary of the Blue Wave coming some of the candidates are not that great and don't have the resources needed for the long haul in the congressional contests. Through the formula Ricky uses the D's wont flip the house only 1-3 seats in California. 96% of the time incumbents win. It'll be so close some will have to flip to the other side and then the Senate kills all of the bills anyhow. Machinists have been meeting with Trump on trade so far they like what is being said right now. 70% of these farms are corporate farms that the tariffs are being levied. Janus will affect the public sector more so than the private sector, it is for scabs to not pay a fee for using union resources.

Marty St. Peters (Grand Lodge Representative) - Goal to have at least 2 sponsoring members for MNPL from each local. Illinois Wisconsin and Iowa should be 3 governors' pickups. The big one is Minnesota have to keep it Democrat, if not 2 days into session they will vote for RTW. Landis Larson is running in SD race is looking good he is a member. Wisconsin picked up another state senate seat last night, 2 away from turning state senate. Missouri RTW folks working hard. The rest of the states not mentioned you are screwed. Each State Council is requested to do one day of action bigger states should do more than one. We need to frame issues with politics/organizing/representing our members. RTW is a frame that's really bad for us we just added for less to frame it for us.

June 14, 2018

Mike Louis (Missouri AFL-CIO President) - Hands full in Missouri with RTW. Nov 2016 agenda of freedom in Missouri from the far right wing. RTW, freedom of worship if it their god, freedom of gays they want to throw them out, freedom to vote look at what happened at the supreme court this week with voter purges. People love to wrap themselves in the flag and cry freedom. 11 days of session to get RTW passed in Missouri. AFL-CIO put together a citizen's veto 121000 signatures in 3/4 of the congressional districts. Got 360000 in all of the congressional districts. This is the best thing to happen to the unions in a while as far as solidarity is concerned all groups came together. Clean Missouri is on the ballot non-gerrymandering resolution. Labor turned a seat in Kansas City that had been held for 18 years. Short 4 million for the fight in MO asking executive boards for help with the fight MO AFL-CIO. Send money to GVP's office take this as an approval to send the check no need to send a letter to GVP's office. Make check out to Missouri AFL-CIO. 8 weeks left the fight is ours to lose would be sad to run out of money at this time. Time for working people to take back these statehouses.

Julie Greene (National AFL-CIO Political Director) - Maggie Colby - Union turnout from 1996-2008 was 40%, in 2010 that fell to 26% and has stayed there. Member to member contact fell from the same period. Labor 2018 what we need to win. Increase union member support for Labor-endorsed candidates to 70%. Increase member turnout by 5%. Increase union member registration by 5%. Strategically utilize blended programs in targeted states to bolster the vote and overall turnout for Labor-endorsed candidates. Tier 1 states Florida Illinois Michigan Minnesota Nevada Ohio Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Tier 2 Arizona Colorado Iowa Missouri Montana New Mexico. June 23rd a national day of action summer kick-off Labor 2018. All 50 state federations are asked to do something on that day. They will be asking union members what their issues will be this election. Worker bill of rights was passed at the legislative council, now it's being brought to labor endorsed candidates to see how they respond, if they are not for it we should not be with them.

Breakout Sessions for worksite organizing to Build Union Power.

Psalm of Mark Janus

(The Freeloader)

The dues paying member is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He provideth me with rest days and vacations.
So that I may lie down in green pastures
Beside the still waters.

He restoreth my back pay.
He guideth my welfare without cost to me.
I stray in the paths of the non-righteous
For my money's sake.

Yea, though I alibi and pay no dues
From generation to generation
I fear no evil, for he protects me.
The working conditions which he provides
They comfort me.

He annointeth my head with the oil
of worker's compensation.
Sick pay, holidays, and a pension.
He represents me in grievances.

And my cup runneth over with ingratitude.
Surely his goodness and loving kindness
Shall follow me all the days of my life
Without cost to me.

And I shall dwell in his house forever.
And allow him to foot the bill.

The Women of Salt of the Earth



Ladies Auxiliary of
Local 890
Mine, Mill & Smelter
(1951-1952)

After eight failed negotiating sessions and the expiration of their labor contract, Mexican-American workers at the nearby Empire Zinc mine struck for higher wage and benefit equality. When an injunction prohibited union members from picketing, the women --

wives, mothers, sisters and daughters - took the union workers' places on the line.

(Back of Marker)

The "striking" women persevered despite life threatening situations, violence, incarceration and tension at home. Their determination made national news and resulted in the popular documentary film, Salt of the Earth. These courageous women not only survived in solidarity until the strike ended, but they commanded recognition as well as respect.

-- New Mexico Historic Marker
(at the intersection of NM 152 & 356)

Salt of the Earth -- Official Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6Ro8dvYpsM> (copy and paste)

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To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

Administration's Refusal to Defend Coverage of Pre-Existing Conditions Faces a Backlash

The Justice Department has decided not to defend two key provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), asking a District Court judge to strike the provisions and declare them unconstitutional. In response, the insurance industry trade group America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) is among those splitting with the administration on the issue.

The provisions protect patients with pre-existing conditions from losing their coverage and ban insurance companies from raising premiums for those patients. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra is leading an effort by 17 attorneys general from California, other states and the District of Columbia to defend the ACA against a lawsuit filed by 20 Republican state attorneys general last February. They argue that Congress' changes to the law in last year's tax bill rendered the entire ACA unconstitutional.

AHIP signaled it will file an amicus brief in the case, officially siding with the states that have stepped in to defend the law's constitutionality.

Insurance protections for pre-existing conditions are extremely popular. Among people ages 55 to 64, 84 percent had at least one pre-existing condition in 2014. Numerous polls conducted in the last year have shown that over 70% of Americans support the protections.

"People are much more likely to have a pre-existing condition as they get older," said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. "This is a very serious issue, particularly for those who are not yet eligible for Medicare."

"Efforts to repeal the ACA during the tax debate laid the groundwork for this latest attack on access to insurance," said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance. "We must support elected officials who have pledged to protect those who would either be priced out of the insurance market or denied coverage altogether."

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Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **May 2, 2018**, is at 633 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee.

www.milwaukeeelabor.org

- **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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