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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

October 9, 2018

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
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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 November 2018 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is October 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Can't Rain On Our Parade

by Jon

Labor Day 2018 got off to an early start as members of our Lodge 66 Executive Board and Organizing Committee made their way to Zeidler Square to get set up for the day's festivities. Food, snacks and drinks were all on hand to feed our brothers and sisters not only from Local 66, but other locals in our District as well as any and



rain

all other Union's that happened to walk by. Along with the fellowship of food and drink the kids enjoyed themselves playing bags as well as drawing on the sidewalks with chalk. We had a rousing time leading up to the parade with a visit and photo with Randy Bryce, who is running to take the seat vacated by Paul Ryan in District 1. As we began to pack up and stage for the parade the sky's began to darken. We knew it was coming, the rain was here. Some of us were prepared and others of us were not. Standing shoulder to shoulder as we were getting drenched the parade commenced and we made our way through the streets of downtown Milwaukee passing out Craisins to those in attendance. We waved, we smiled. We chanted, making sure our voices were heard. "Union! Power! Power! Union!" "Stand strong stay in the Union" "Hey, hey, ho, ho, right to work has got to go" could all be heard coming from our brothers and sisters walking behind the Lodge 66 banner. This years Labor Fest was different. An increased level of solidarity, heightened sense of Unity could be felt as we banded together with all the other great Unions in this area as we know we are under attack. Our rights in our workplaces, on our job sites are being looked at closely by a government that cares only about the rich, that is pro employer and wants to tip the scales in their favor. They can try as hard as they want but the voice of Labor is stronger than ever. We won't let rain wash out our parade.



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

How to deal with a work place injury

- The FIRST thing to do is call your steward or committee person. Say nothing this in not the time to give statements (you are not in your right frame of mind at this point). The steward is there to be a witness on your behalf.
- You have a right to a steward even if they say you don't.
- The company does not have to drive you or ride in the ambulance with you if you say no. They will use that drive time to ask questions and use them in their statements.
- The company does not have the right to talk to your doctor or be in the exam room at any time.
- You have the right to choose your doctor and where you get treated. You don't have to use their doctor for treatment. You will have to see them later.
- When you see the company doctor remember they work for the companies insurance. They are not your friend.
- Medical authorizations. Never sign blank authorizations. Workers comp is only allowed to get medical records about the injured body part – nothing else. You should only sign the State approved authorizations, and NEVER check "Box B" unless your injury involves mental health issues.

Sisters and Brothers,

*This should be a helpful document on how to deal with work place injuries. I had the law firm look over the notes I took so they are accurate. It would be nice to get them in the hands of our members.
hscott@wi.rr.com*

Giving statements

- Have a steward present. Don't say anything till they arrive to take notes on your behalf.
- Don't give recorded statements in person or on the phone. The company or anyone else.
- Don't let the company film you doing what you did when you get hurt. No two people do the job the same.
- Don't talk to anyone about what happened. This could come back to hurt you in the long run.

Follow up visits

- Nurse Case Managers (NCM). At some point you will show up to a doctor's appointment and someone will tell you they were sent there as your case manager or something like that. They are there working on the company's insurance behalf not yours. Do not let the NCM into the exam room with you. They can talk with the doctor afterwards.
- If they send you to any doctors make sure it's on you own hours. This means on work hours you are getting paid for.
- Schedule doctors appointments at your convenience. That way you get 100% not 66%

IME (Independent medical examiners)

- They work for the companies insurance. Not your friend.
- They will ask you to send in medical history. Don't do their job for them. Also ignore the letter asking you to bring copies of recent x-rays, MRI's, etc....
- If they schedule a visit you have to go or else they will stop paying you. However, they have to give you a mileage check before the scheduled exam. No check, no exam.
- Record the IME. Ask them if it's ok to record them. If they are not willing then say "you are not willing to conduct the examination".
- Paperwork. If you are asked to fill out paperwork, fill out your name and that's it.
- If the IME denies you. You have the right to run the surgery through your own insurance and they will have to repay when you win. This will get you back to work sooner hopefully.

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Know Your Officers



Trustee: Doug Staniszewski

Doug works at Veolia Water North America. In January of this year he was elected to the position of Trustee on the Executive Board of our Union.

Those who regularly attend meetings know Doug as one who asks many questions regarding our finances and expenditures. This dedication to transparency and accuracy in our local is always welcome and fit well to the duties of a trustee.

In addition Doug is one who can be counted on to show up for volunteer opportunities and events such as the Labor Day March and Festival.

When asked why he decided to run for Trustee Doug sated, "I came to a point in my life where I to start working for the betterment of all, instead of just myself."

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Any questions?

Please call any attorney that deal with these matters for a living your stewards and committee people make juice for a living not practice law.

The IAMAW district 10 law firm is Previant law firm S.C. and the contact is:

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Know Your Officers



President: Tim Schwartz

Tim works at Lakeside Manufacturing. Prior to his election as Lodge President in January of this year he held the offices of Shop Committee Member, Shop Chairperson (still holds this office) and Trustee.

"When I first started coming to Lodge meetings I didn't know any of the people or anything about how meetings were run, but I kept attending and eventually it started to make sense" said Tim.

Tim completed all the Leadership Classes offered through the IAMAW William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center. According to Tim, these courses were very helpful and "really sparked my interest in what being a unionist is all about."

Tim is quick to mention that he has learned much from other "seasoned" union leaders from our Union at all levels and that this sharing of knowledge and solidarity has helped to shape him as a leader.

"It has been a struggle at times trying to educate members in the workplace, but I will continue to do so, as long as I am able," said Tim.

Remembering Alice Hamilton



Pioneer of Industrial Medicine

Alice Hamilton was born in New York City on February 27, 1869. She grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana and spent many summers with her family on Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Inspired by a science high school teacher in Fort Wayne, Alice enrolled at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1892. After graduation she completed hospital internships in Minneapolis and Roxbury, Mass.



Alice Hamilton, 1893
Hospital Intern

In 1897 she became a professor of pathology - the study of disease and its causes - at Northwestern University where she joined Hull House, a settlement community in Chicago founded by Jane Addams. She would live at Hull House from 1897-1919, becoming Jane Addams' personal physician.

Hamilton witnessed the occupational injuries and illnesses of workers in Chicago. She documented the effect that exposure to carbon monoxide and lead had on workers' health. She worked to identify the causes of typhoid and tuberculosis and she publicized the high mortality rates of workers exposed to industrial poisons.

In 1910 her work in public health and workplace safety was recognized when Governor Deneen appointed her to the newly-formed Illinois Commission on Occupational Diseases.

In 1919 Hamilton accepted the position of assistant professor at Harvard Medical School, making her the first woman appointed to the Harvard faculty in any field. "Yes, I am the first woman on the Harvard faculty," she said, "but not the first one who should have been appointed."

During World War 1, at the behest of the U.S. Army, she investigated a mysterious ailment among munitions workers in New Jersey. She identified the chemical exposure and recommended protective clothing and the washing of clothes at the end of shifts.

She authored studies on carbon monoxide poisoning among steelworkers, mercury poisoning of hatters and hand injuries experienced by workers using jackhammers. A passionate defender of workers' health, she criticized the ignorance and bad faith of management - and her own colleagues - regarding the suffering and disease of

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*Maya Angelou
(1928-2014)*

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw some things back.

Life can only be understood
backwards;
but it must be lived forwards.

Soren Kierkegaard

Alice Hamilton continued

workers.

Besides crusading for public health, she advocated for women's suffrage, birth control, civil liberties, workers' compensation and peace. In 1925 Alice wrote the textbook *Industrial Poisons* in the United States which established her as one of the world's leading authorities on the subject.

She retired from Harvard in 1935 and, in 1943, published her autobiography, *Exploring the Dangerous Trades*.

She died on Sept. 22, 1970 in Hadlyme, Connecticut at the age of 101. Three months after her death the U.S. Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

[Thanks to on-line sources, including direct quotes: Wikipedia, Linn's Stamp News, 1995, OCAW Reporter, Nov.-Dec., 1992, print copy.]

First Female President and Renewed Vision for Winning Together Mark the 2018 WI State AFL-CIO Convention

by Pepe

In a smooth transition of leadership the delegates to the 2018 Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Convention made history by unanimously electing former Secretary-Treasurer Stephanie Bloomingdale as the first female President of the state federation.

In addition, Dennis Delie from the USW was elected by unanimous ballot to serve in the vacated Secretary-Treasurer position and all open executive board member seats were filled.

Aside from internal elections the convention provided a full agenda of very informative and inspiring presentations by endorsed political leaders, candidates and labor experts who made the case clearly and powerfully that this election cycle is crucial to the well-being of working people in our state, and that the outcome will depend on each and every one of us getting active.

As could be expected Lodge 66 members Hunter Scott, Mike Oettel, Joe Nicosia and Pepe Oulahan joined with fellow union delegates from throughout Wisconsin and many other politicians and dignitaries to honor and give well-deserved tribute to retiring President Phil Neuenfeldt. Taking office just a mere two months before the bombshell of Act 10 hit Wisconsin, Phil lead the state-wide organization through some of the most difficult times Wis-



Stephanie

consin labor has ever faced. This tribute culminated in an evening Roast event held at the top of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. A great time was reported to have been had by all, but as the saying goes, “what happens at the Roast stays at the Roast”.

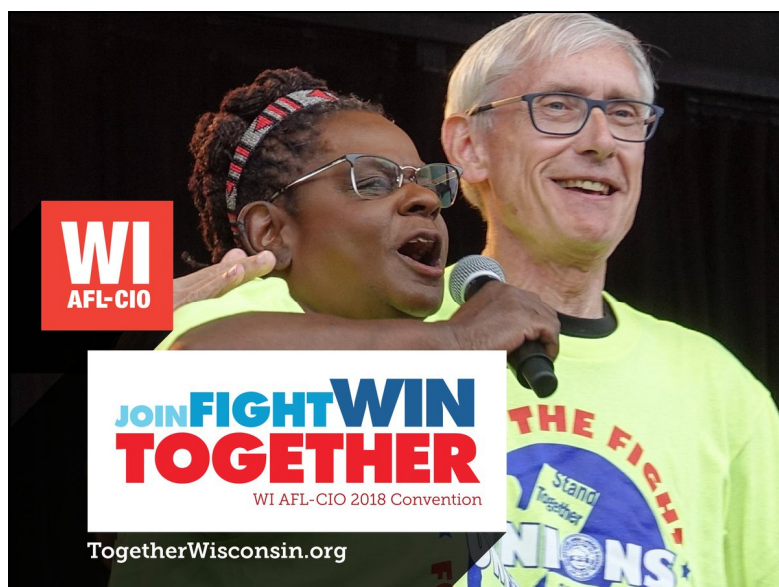
For more detailed information regarding the convention, please visit: togetherwisconsin.org



Pepe and Mike listening to proposal



Senator Tammy Baldwin presents outgoing President Phil Neuenfeldt with a Proclamation for his service to Wisconsin workers. #WinTogether



Heard from both Congresswoman Gwen Moore and gubernatorial candidate Tony Evers at the Join Fight #WinTogether 2018 convention

Come One! Come All!
to
Brewery Workers Local 9 UAW
Community Services Committee
Holiday Card Party



When:: Sunday, October 21, 2018
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Brewery Workers Local 9 UAW Union Hall
9618 W. Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI

\$5.00 Admission Fee includes popcorn, a brat w/chips and a beverage

Raffles! Raffles! Raffles!
Top Prize - \$100

This event is run by volunteers
All Proceeds Will Be Donated To Local Charities

Don't Miss The Fun!
Make Plans Now To Join Us!

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Administration Nominates a Social Security Privatizer as a Trustee

The administration announced the nomination of James Lockhart to be one of the two public trustees for the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds. If confirmed by the Senate, he would serve for four years.

Lockhart served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration under President George W. Bush. During that time, he advocated for privatizing Social Security benefits into personal accounts, and suggested investing Social Security in the stock market during a congressional hearing. He also served as the Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) under President Ronald Reagan.

In addition to his long history of support for privatization of earned benefits, Lockhart has also proposed raising the retirement age and making cuts by slowing the growth of benefits. He is now co-chair of the Bipartisan Policy Center, which promoted "back door privatization" in the form of benefit cuts and expanding subsidies for private savings. The commission's latest report suggests creating retirement savings accounts through a third-party for employers who don't want to offer pension plans, raising the age of eligibility for receiving benefits, and shifting responsibility from the government and employers to individuals.

"It is crucial that we fight to protect Social Security and its beneficiaries," said Joseph Peters Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "James Lockhart's nomination is another step in the misguided strategy by many of our leaders to raise the Social Security retirement age, privatize it and take away earned benefits for which retirees worked their entire lives."

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND
VOTE - Woody Guthrie
WoodyGuthrie.org

Hope has two daughters.
Their names are Anger and Courage.
Anger at the way things are
and
Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.
-- Saint Augustine

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

President trump

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Seniors Corner

Reps. Linda Sanchez and Mark Pocan Introduce New Social Security Expansion Bill

Reps. Linda Sanchez (CA) and Mark Pocan (WI) introduced legislation on Thursday that would not only bring increased monthly Social Security benefits for beneficiaries but also strengthen Social Security by guaranteeing its solvency for future generations.

Aptly called the "Strengthening Social Security Act," H.R. 6929 would guarantee that cost-of-living adjustments



Rep. Sanchez



Rep. Pocan

(COLAs) keep pace with rising health care costs and would increase benefits for all current and future retirees. The bill also phases out the taxable cap of \$128,400, ensuring that millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share. Additional co-sponsors are listed here.

“With these improvements, tens of millions of seniors and Americans with disabilities will see a noticeable increase in their monthly earned benefits,” said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “Not only would the bill include a more accurate cost-of-living increase, but it will increase benefits.”

The bill replaces the CPI-W (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) with the CPI-E (Consumer Price Index for the Elderly) for the purpose of calculating COLA's.

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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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REPEAT AFTER ME:

Tax loopholes for the filthy rich are

ENTITLEMENTS.

Social Security and Medicare are

EARNED BENEFITS.

I PLEDGE TO VOTE AGAINST

any incumbent representative,

Republican or Democrat, that

votes for cuts to Social

Security or Medicare.



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