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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting December 11, 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 January 2019 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is December 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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You are cordially invited to the annual:

LODGE 66 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at 6pm

Food

Fellowship

Refreshments

Prizes

Christmas cash raffle will begin at 9pm with a chance to win 1 or more of the thirty one \$100 prizes.

Ticket purchase is required and you don't need to be present to win.

This event is open to members in good standing
and their non member family and guests

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

CASH PRIZES!

2018-19 ESSAY CONTEST ON LABOR HISTORY

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2018-2019 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.

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 . . .

- ◇ An Oregon HS senior's essay traced his family's union background and provided insight on how forces are seeking to weaken labor.
- ◇ A Milwaukee Dominican HS senior wrote about how the passage of Act 10 inspired her family to become active unionists.
- ◇ A Neenah HS discussed how his father's union has become involved in improving their community.
- ◇ A Menomonee Falls HS senior told his family's experiences and the union's value in overcoming racial discrimination.

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!

CONTEST RULES

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, 2019 or before. Send completed essays to:**

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José Martí

his ideas and personal example were a universal inspiration for the world as well as the Cuban people.



In 1492 Christopher Columbus landed in northeast Cuba. He later explored the southern coast on his second voyage in 1494. Spain's sovereignty over Cuba ended in 1898 following the War for Cuban Independence.



Martí spoke in Tampa, Ybor City, and Key West, urging workers in the Cigar Makers International Union to support the war for independence.



Central Park statue of a reeling yet resolute Martí after being wounded atop his horse.



José Martí Park
Tampa, Florida

A genuine man goes to the roots.
To be a radical is no more than that
-- to go to the roots.
José Martí

José Martí

Poet, Journalist Freedom Fighter (1853-1895)

- *Born in Havana, Cuba.
- *A precocious writer, he published his first poems at age 15, including the patriotic *Abdala*.
- *In 1869, at age 16, he was arrested by colonial authorities for writing letters in which he criticized a friend for volunteering for the Spanish army. He was imprisoned and exiled to Spain.
- *He earned a degree in Law from the University of Madrid and Philosophy and Letters from the University of Zaragoza. He published an expose of the Spanish political system which he experienced firsthand.
- *Martí published poetry, plays, a novel, a children's magazine and a newspaper, *Patria*, which became the rallying cry for the Cuban War of Independence from Spain.
- *As a journalist he visited Venezuela, Guatemala, Jamaica and New York City, which became his base for over a dozen years. His articles appeared across Latin America and he commented extensively on the American labor movement. He defended Chicago's Haymarket Martyrs who were executed for participating in an 8-hour day demonstration on May 4, 1886.
- *Martí's book of poetry, *Versos Sencillos* (Simple Verses) included the poem *Guantanamera*, which would later be set to a traditional Cuban folk melody and become the unofficial anthem of Cuba.
- *On May 19, 1895 during a skirmish in Dos Ríos, Cuba José Martí undertook what amounted to a suicidal charge against amassed Spanish troops, which has been speculated upon by generations of historians.
- *After he was shot dead his body was thrown onto the back of a mule and then buried by the Spaniards. Later his fellow mambises (rebel fighters) exhumed his body and reburied him as he mentioned in a poem -- with his body facing the sun.

Report of the Wisconsin Labor History Society

By Steve Cupery, President

During 2018, the Wisconsin Labor History Society has intensified its activities in preserving and promoting the proud worker and union history in Wisconsin. One of our strongest efforts has been to assure that Wisconsin school children are taught about the contributions of the labor movement to this state and its people.

We have been most encouraged by the response we have had from the state's unionized workers; despite the terrible challenges facing Wisconsin unions, our support has remained strong and our membership has shown steady growth.



Annual Conferences: Our annual conferences, held each year in April, have been well-attended and enthusiastically received by the participants. Our 37th Annual Conference in Milwaukee this year featured Historian **Annelise Orleck**, of Dartmouth and highly regarded author of books on women workers. She set the stage for compelling discussions on women in the labor movement. Some 140 participants heard

testimonials from women workers on their experiences and realistic recommendations from women labor leaders about the future of women in the workforce, including Stephanie Bloomingdale, then secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, and Pam Fendt, president of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council. Retired Milwaukee Area Labor Council Chief Operating Officer **Sheila Cochran** received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Bay View Tragedy: More than 300 attended the 132nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Bay View Tragedy, held on the first Sunday of May. This popular and traditional event honors the seven who were shot and killed on May 5, 1886 by the state militia while in a rally for the eight-hour day. Professional actors team up with volunteers to stage dramatic re-enactments of the tragic incident. The event also highlights that the fight for the eight-hour-day was a bloody one and continues today.

Labor in the Schools: Since our founding in 1981, we have recognized the importance of educating our children who one day will be entering the workplace. They must be made aware that workers need collective action to gain decent standards of living and safe and humane working conditions. We sponsored:

- **Labor History Essay Contest** with generous cash prizes for high school students in the state;
- **National History Day** contests with prizes to encourage state middle and high school students to create projects with a labor history theme.

We are most grateful for the donations we have received from some 70 local unions and labor councils to pay for the cash prizes in each contest, totaling some \$3,000 each year.

Frank P. Zeidler Academic Awards: Thanks to donations made to our Legacy Fund, the Society was able to provide again in 2017 a \$1,000 award for a graduate academic paper. The award went to Pamela Sted, a graduate student at the University of Iowa for her paper on an 1898 strike of Oshkosh match workers. This award is made for undergraduate and/or graduate papers to encourage academic research in labor history. The Zeidler Awards have been ably and enthusiastically handled by our Vice President, Laurie Wermter of Madison, a retiree of AFSCME Local 2412 who retired this year from many years as research librarian at the University of Wisconsin.

Give yourself a present of education and join the Wisconsin Labor History Society, Information on page 2.

Labor History in the Schools Law: The Society was instrumental in getting the State of Wisconsin to pass Act 99 in 2009, calling for the inclusion of labor history topics in standards covering our school curriculum. In early 2018, Society leaders participated in reviewing the draft state school standards to assure labor was given sufficient recognition in the standards, expected to be published by the Department of Public Instruction soon.

Communications and Media: Our online newsletter comes out monthly – more often when news requires it – and has won a high percentage of “opens.” We also publish our printed newsletter on a quarterly basis. We are revamping our website to make it even more accessible as a valuable resource for our members and other interested parties. View the website at:
<http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org>.

Outreach Programs. We are pleased for opportunities to tell about Wisconsin’s important labor history at various events and forums, such as the Educator’s Network for Social Justice, the annual State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference, before the Milwaukee Area Labor Council and several other groups. To request our participation, contact us at info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org.

Membership is Growing: We are gratified for the loyalty of our members (individual and organizational), as indicated by the high renewal rate each year. For our needed operational income, we rely almost totally on membership dues and donations.

Thanks and Congratulations: We wish to thank the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO and its officers for its continued support in providing us with office space and other key logistical assistance. We wish to thank outgoing President Phil Neuenfeldt for his many years of wise counsel and his leadership, and congratulations to Stephanie Bloomingdale on her election in September to the presidency.

The Future: We are committed to building the organization to an even better future. We will be organizing our archives to assure that they will be accessible for historians and others, as well as to up-grade our website. The WLHS Board agreed to take over the online mapping project that was developed by the members of the South Central Federation of Labor and has begun to complete that project.

Labor’s heritage is a story of struggle; it’s a story of both defeats and victories; it’s a story of how working people have gained better standards of living, safer and healthier working conditions and dignity for themselves and their families through numerous examples of courage and solidarity. Labor’s history gives us the inspiration to move forward and the Wisconsin Labor History Society is proud to play a role in preserving and promoting that history.

Your support: If you would like to support our work of passing on labor’s message to future generations, you can do so by going to this page on our website: <http://www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org/membership/>

Oct. 10, 2018



Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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Someone Else

The Union was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valuable members -- Someone Else. Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else had been with us for many years and for every one of those years Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Whenever there was a job to do or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list -- "Let Someone Else do it."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human; but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now, Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do?

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow? Who is going to do all the things that Someone Else did?

So if you have an opportunity to participate in the affairs of your union or your community, remember -- we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

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. 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.

**There are those who wonder
what happened,
those who watch it happen and
those who make it happen.**

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