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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

April 9, 2019

7:00 PM

1650 S. 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800

**ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.**

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- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.**
- The deadline for articles for the May 2019 edition of the “*Badger Lodge News*”, is April 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Last Membership Meeting of United Lodge 66 at 2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue, was on March 12, 2019



Lodge 66 is officially sold been sold. We are in earnest negotiations with District 10 to buy the District Building at 1650 South 38th street. There are other lodges that are looking to rent offices and have their meetings there also.

Ivan, Secretary Treasurer

What is an American/Unionist?

An American/Unionists is one who puts aside their individual needs and individual self interest for that of the Country/membership.

An American/Unionists forgoes their personal agenda for that of their fellow Country/members.

An American/Unionists is not an:

Elitist	Racists
Sexist	Classist
Homophobic	Xenophobic



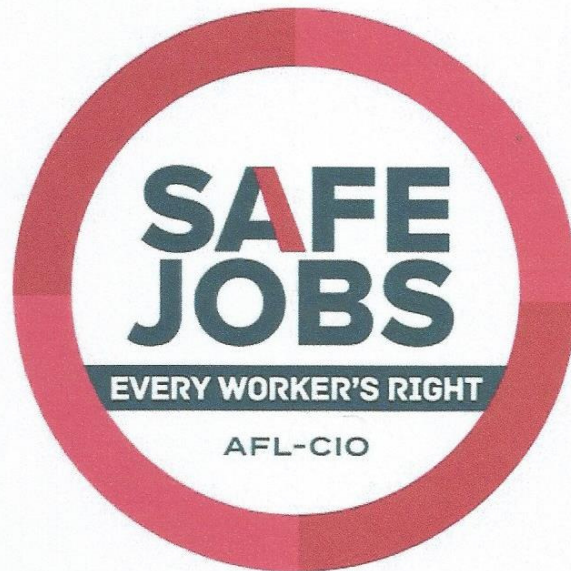
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“The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union.”

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

**Sunday, April 28th at 2:30pm
Zeidler Union Square Park
4th Street and Michigan Street**

Join the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, the Waukesha County Labor Council and WisCOSH at our ceremony commemorating Workers Memorial Day



Every year on April 28, the unions of the AFL-CIO observe Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have been injured and killed on the job and to renew our efforts for safe workplaces. This year the struggle continues to create good jobs in this country that are safe and healthy and to ensure the freedom of workers to form unions, to speak out and bargain for respect and a better future. It's time for our country to fulfill the promise of safe jobs for all.

Join WisCOSH at the Postal Workers' Hall starting at 1:00p.m. for brunch prior to the ceremony. There will be a memorial procession from the hall to the park.

APWU Hall ~ 417 N. 3rd Street

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How Labor Can Win Again:

'Direct Action' strategies of history offer promise for the future

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 13, 2019, Madison Labor Temple, 1602 S. Park St., Madison

8:30 a.m. Registration / Refreshments - Program Starts at 9 a.m.

Opening Address: Dan Kaufman

Author of "The Fall of Wisconsin: The Conservative Conquest of a Progressive Bastion and the Future of American Politics." A Wisconsin native, Kaufman is a contributor to the New York Times and has written extensively about the state's political history and occurrences since the 2011 Wisconsin Uprising.



Panel Discussion: Direct Action events, past and present

Listen to activists who have helped develop winning strategies for workers. Among the presenters will be organizers for the "Day Without Latinxs & Immigrants" march; a substitute teacher whose hunger strike won benefits; a young worker who has found new strategies, and a leader of a recent organizing victory.

Moderator: Jillian Jacklin, Lecturer, University of Wisconsin—Madison

Discussion: Strategies for the future

*Union activists and academic experts discuss winning strategies for the future, including Kevin Gundlach, President, South Central Federation of Labor
Rachel Buff, Professor of History, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee*

Moderator: Jon Shelton, Democracy and Justice Studies, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Open Discussion: Your Time to Sound off!

WLHS 2019 Conference—REGISTRATION FORM

Registration -- \$35.00

Unemployed, students - \$10.00

_____ Reservations @ \$35.00 Amt. \$ _____

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Check here if you wish a vegetarian lunch

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Reservations may be made online. [Click Here.](#)

Why NAFTA 2.0 Doesn't Work for Working People



Mother Jones
(1837-1930)

I will teach you how not to be afraid.



Despite some modest labor improvements, NAFTA 2.0 maintains the fundamental flaws carried over from past trade agreements, writes IAM Chief of Staff and Director of Trade and Globalization Owen Herrnstadt for the Economic Policy Institute.

Hundreds of thousands of jobs have been outsourced to Mexico since NAFTA was enacted in 1994. "One year ago, we were hopeful that renegotiating NAFTA represented the first real opportunity in 25 years to finally rewrite the labor template currently relied on for trade agreements," writes Herrnstadt.

Numerous recommendations for improving and enforcing labor standards have been made during the renegotiations. "Unfortunately, none of these essential changes have yet to be made to **NAFTA 2.0**," writes Herrnstadt.

These changes would explicitly obligate countries to honor ILO Conventions and Reports concerning the right to organize and bargain collectively and prohibitions against discrimination. The recommendations also include provisions for effective enforcement and monitoring of these and other labor rights.

"Without incorporating the recommendations mentioned above, NAFTA 2.0's labor standards and enforcement remain weak and Mexico's workers will still struggle to enjoy fundamental human rights," writes Herrnstadt.

Read Herrnstadt's **[piece for the Economic Policy Institute](#)**.

DIRECT QUOTES FROM HAGEDORN'S "APPLICATION FOR JUDGESHIP":

EXPERIENCE

Chief Legal Counsel
Office of Governor Scott Walker, Madison, WI

- Member of Governor's executive management team for communications, and strategic direction.

I began assisting in the drafting of Act 10 not long after the Governor was inaugurated.

Sample litigation includes nine separate cases challenging Act 10 in Wisconsin and federal courts.

including four different cases challenging the Motor ID law in Wisconsin and federal courts, a challenge to a law we signed reforming administrative rules (pending), and the recent constitutional challenge to the state's new right to work law (pending).

Wisconsin State Supreme Court Candidate

BRIAN HAGEDORN:
SCOTT WALKER'S LAWYER

Irish Yeast in the Unions



James Connolly
(1868-1916)

***Born into an Irish working-class family in Edinburgh, Scotland he emigrated to the United States in 1903, already a well known Irish republican and socialist leader.

***He became active in the American labor and political movement. Returning to Ireland in 1910, he joined James Larkin in establishing the Irish Transport and General Workers Union. In 1912 he founded the Irish Labour Party as the political wing of the Irish Trade Union Congress.

***Connolly commanded the Dublin Brigade during the Easter Rising of 1916. He was captured and sentenced to death by firing squad but was so badly injured during the rebellion he was unable to stand. So the British troops tied him to a chair and shot him.



Sung by
Joe Glazer

In the Bronx, at an outdoor rally on a warm summer evening in 1908, James Connolly and his neighbors - Elizabeth Flynn and her husband - gathered to hear a fiery old Irishwoman scold her audience for failing to help the Western miners in their strike.

The speaker was Mary Harris "Mother" Jones and her tongue was so sharp, and she described the bloodshed and violence so vividly that Flynn - then pregnant - fainted. Luckily Connolly caught her as she was about to fall.

Mother Jones interrupted herself to command "somebody get that poor girl some water." Then she continued her scold.

"Irish immigrants escaping to the United States from famine and oppression in their native land came, not only to nourish their hunger, but also out of thirst for freedom and independence. Mostly poor, they filled the ranks of unskilled labor but quickly began organizing to protect their rights as workers and advance their wages and working conditions."

Story & quote by L.A. O'Donnell in *Talkin' Union*, no. 16, Sept. 1987, "Irish Yeast in the Trade Unions."

It is not those who can inflict the most but those who can endure the most who will prevail.

-- Terence MacSwiney, a playwright and IRA member who, while interred by the British, died following a hunger strike in 1920.

We Were There

by
Bev Grant
and

The Brooklyn Women's Chorus

[Click here.](#)
(4:45 video)



Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

The only people whose names are recorded in history are those who did something. The peaceful and indifferent are forgotten.



[Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition](#)

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133rd Anniversary Bay View Tragedy Commemoration Set for Sunday, May 5

A re-enactment of the massacre of seven persons marching for the 8-hour-day on May 5, 1886 in the Bay View neighborhood of Milwaukee will be celebrated on the 133rd Anniversary at **3 p.m., Sunday, May 5.**

Professional actors will participate in the Bay View Tragedy event that has been held annually at the Bay View Rolling Mills Historical Marker site at S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave. in Milwaukee. Jon Shelton, associate professor of history at University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, will speak. See details and downloadable flyer.

Have You Heard? A Valuable Benefit for Alliance Members

Alliance members and their extended families can take advantage of discounts up to 70% off the manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price on hearing aids purchased through the Alliance's partnership with Hear In America. Three years of follow-up care and loss-and-damage coverage are included.



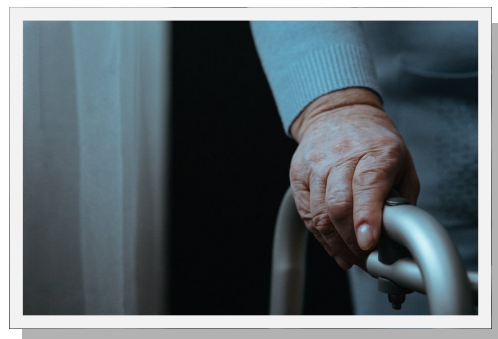
Many gerontologists and senior advocates consider hearing aids necessary medical treatment. Recent studies have found that hearing loss is linked to dementia and cognitive decline, making it more important than ever to have your hearing checked. Past studies have also shown that untreated hearing loss is directly related to faster brain shrinkage, depression, and falls.

Research conducted by the Johns Hopkins School for Public Health found that older adults with untreated hearing loss pay much more in total health care costs over time, averaging 46% more in expenses than people who did not have hearing loss.

To arrange a FREE hearing screening and evaluation, contact Hear In America today and find out if hearing aids would benefit you. For more information or to register, call 1-800-286-6149 or go to www.hearinamerica.com/ara.

Administration Cuts The Size Of Fines for Health Violations in Nursing Homes

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently changed how it punishes nursing homes that have endangered or injured residents. The average fine for such violations dropped by over \$10,000, not including discounts for immediate payment, since 2016.



HHS also implemented an eighteen-month grace period from fines for violating any of the eight recently implemented health and safety rules. Experts say the changes followed lobbying from the nursing home industry.

"People turn to nursing homes for critical long term care," said Executive Director Fiesta. "The federal government should hold nursing home operators accountable for putting patients at risk, not protect the industry's profits."

Earlier this month, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announced settlements with seven nursing homes facing allegations of systemic failures leading to five residents' deaths and several injuries. The settlement included fines ranging from \$30,000 to \$200,000 and required the owners to improve their training and policies. One company was banned from operating any taxpayer-funded nursing homes in the state.

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

New Treasury Department Policy Allows Employers to Buy Out Pensions

The Treasury Department quietly implemented a new policy, reversing a 2015 guideline that effectively prevented employers from offering lump-sum payments in lieu of pensions to individuals or their survivors who are already receiving a monthly pension. The Obama Administration banned the practice, which shortchanges retirees and threatens retirement security for workers and their spouses.

The number of Americans with a pension has been shrinking even before this change. According to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, in the 1980s, 62 percent of workers had a traditional defined benefit pension. By 2017, that figure had dropped to 17% of workers.

Many people with defined benefit pensions are also at risk of losing them, including public employees, workers whose companies have filed for bankruptcy, and workers in multiemployer pension plans that face the possibility of becoming insolvent.

“These companies are offering what may seem like large amounts of money as a one-time payment, but it is actually far less income for the average retiree compared to a traditional pension,” said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. “Employers are manipulating Americans out of their earned benefits, leaving them financially unprepared for retirement. The continued war on pensions must end.”

****WISARA Convention is May 15, 2019****

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **April 3, 2019**, 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.



for the 2% who serve their Country vs trump a coward

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