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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

March 12, 2019

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 April 2019 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is March 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST** be settled by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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In the very near you will be hearing that United Lodge 66 will move it's office out of the Oklahoma location.

We have been there for 50 years but the right circumstances and the new location (at the District 10 office) will allow better parking.

Join Steve Watrous (AFT 212) and the United Nations Association - Greater Milwaukee for an International Women's Day Celebration on **Saturday, March 9th at 10am**, Redeemer Lutheran Church on 19th and Wisconsin Ave (rear door).

**GETTING TO
EQUAL**
International Women's Day 2019

Hear from great speakers on the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women and global women's issues including employment discrimination based on gender.



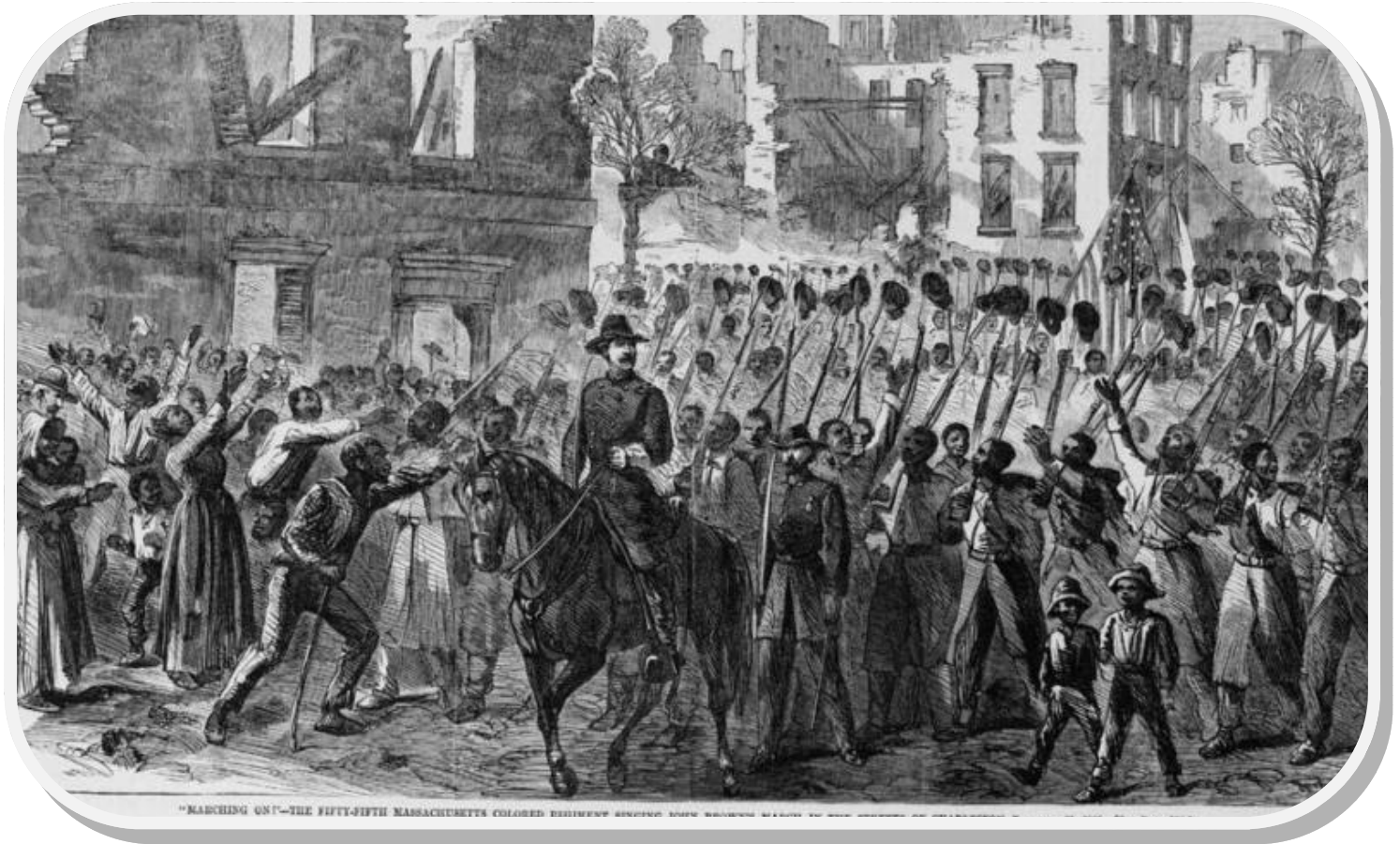
Who Is In Charge?



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

**Jubilee of Freedom
Charleston, South Carolina
March 21, 1865**



On Feb. 18, 1865 Union soldiers, including divisions from the United States Colored Troops, liberated Charleston, South Carolina.

The Civil War (1861-1865) was the bloodiest conflict in American history. It began on April 12, 1861 when Confederate artillery opened fire on Fort Sumter, a federal garrison in the Charleston Harbor.

- Before the war, Charleston had been the capital of American slavery. Nearly half the slaves transported to what would become the United States first stepped foot on American soil on nearby Sullivan's Island, "the Ellis Island" of black America. After the international slave trade was closed in 1808, Charleston continued to be a vibrant market for slaves traded locally, as well as for those sold to the burgeoning cotton plantations of Mississippi and Louisiana.
- And it wasn't just the buying and selling of human beings that made slavery so central to the city. For much of its early history, Charleston had a black and enslaved majority and, in the decades leading up to the Civil War, most white households owned at least one slave. This history was no doubt on the minds of black Charlestonians as they observed the liberation of the city four years later.

-- When Freedom Came to Charleston,
by Blain Roberts and Ethan J. Kytle,
New York Times, Opinion Pages, Feb. 19, 2015.

Following his "March to the Sea" Gen. William T. Sherman turned his Union armies northward towards the Carolinas. On Feb. 17, 1865 his troops captured Columbia, SC - the state capital. The Confederate Army saw no way to block his arrival in Charleston so the city was evacuated and surrendered on February 18, 1865.

The first union troops to enter Charleston were soldiers of the 21st Infantry Regiment and the 55th Massachusetts Infantry, divisions of the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT).

- The Union soldiers were welcomed with open arms as thousands of former

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

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MARCH 29TH

NATIONAL WELCOME HOME
VIETNAM VETERANS



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TO OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS WHO PROUDLY SERVED



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slaves "cheer us, bless us, dance for joy when they see our glorious flag -- pray for us, fight for us, 'can't love us enough', as they beautifully express it. Old men wept, young women danced and jumped, and cried and laughed."

-- James Redpath, *New York Tribune*.

Harriet Tubman, Abolitionist (1820-1913)



(Born a slave on a Maryland plantation, she escaped to the North in 1849 and became the most renowned conductor on the Underground Railroad.)

**At the age of 12 Harriet was seriously injured by a blow to the head inflicted by an overseer for refusing to help restrain a young man who was trying to escape. She never recovered and experienced seizures or "spells" for the rest of her life.

**She escaped to Philadelphia in 1849; returned the next year to help guide away her family members. As an official conductor on the Underground Railroad she helped guide fugitives to Canada.

**For the next decade Tubman returned to Md.'s Eastern Shore, rescuing some 300 slaves, many of whom settled in Canada. She became known as the "Moses of her people."

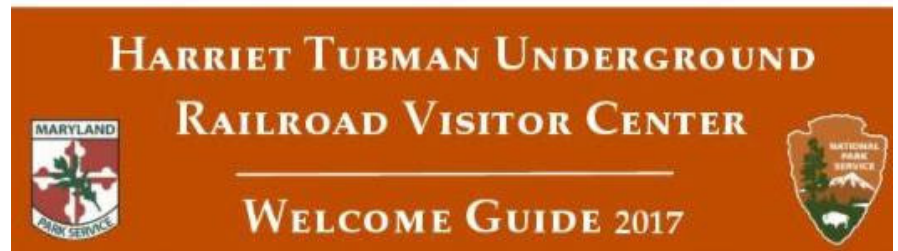
**During the Civil War she enlisted in the Union army. She served as a nurse, a spy and a scout and fought against the Confederacy in Virginia and South Carolina.

**In 1857 she settled in Auburn, New York joining a community of sympathetic Quakers and other abolitionists. Her brick house was provided to her by her friend, Senator William Seward. She met with John Brown whose course of action at Harpers Ferry she supported.

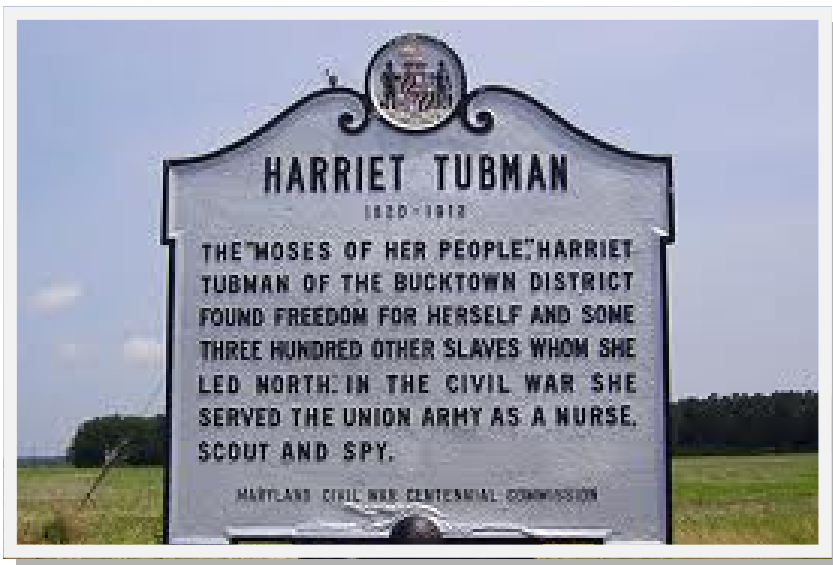
**After the war she returned to Auburn and, in 1869, married Nelson Davis; they spent the next 20 years together.

**A strong supporter of women's suffrage, Harriet worked alongside Susan B. Anthony and, in 1896 was the keynote speaker at the first meeting of the National Association of Colored Women.

**At the end of her life she became heavily involved with the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Auburn and lived in a home for elderly African Americans that she had helped found years earlier. Harriet Tubman died on March 10, 1913



<http://harriettubmanbyway.org/visitor-center/>



Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert sing

Harriet Tubman

(3:38 min)

-- words & music by Walter Robinson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6MpN2GfBCQ>

Happy 53rd birthday, Medicare and Medicaid! Sign now to strengthen, not cut, critical health care services.

All Members of Congress

The Trump-GOP tax scam is undermining health care for working families. To pay for their \$2 trillion tax scam for the rich and corporations, Donald Trump has proposed cutting \$1.3 trillion from Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Congressional Republicans have proposed \$2 trillion in cuts.

Their tax scam has also given gigantic tax cuts to insurance companies and big drug companies, which continue to pad their profits while raising healthcare costs for average Americans.

As a candidate, Trump promised not to cut Medicare and Medicaid. Yet, since taking office, he has tried to undermine and upend these critical programs that serve 120 million Americans each year. Trump and Congressional Republicans are also out to destroy the Affordable Care Act—costing millions their health coverage, driving up the cost of health insurance premiums across the country and endangering health coverage for anyone with a pre-existing condition.

At a time when the 10 biggest drug companies are getting a \$76 billion tax cut on profits stashed offshore, and prices for the most widely used prescription drugs have skyrocketed, we need to demand that Congress stand with the American people over corporate profits.

[Sign the petition to Congress demanding that instead of attacking Americans' health care, they strengthen Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act for working families and older Americans.](#)



Drug Companies Continue to Resist Attempts to Lower Prices

Congress may be finally taking action to lower drug prices, holding hearings and introducing new legislation at a quick pace since the beginning of the year. This week Rep. Peter Welch (VT) introduced a bill that would allow patients to import cheaper insulin from other countries, starting with Canada and including other nations after two years. The price of insulin is hurting tens of thousands of retirees every day.

The problem remains acute: sixty drug manufacturers have raised prices on more than 300 drugs in January, with more following soon after.

Drug corporations have been unwilling to discuss their practices under oath, refusing to participate in House and Senate hearings -- actions that garnered sharp criticism from Sens. Chuck Grassley (IA) and Ron Wyden (OR), chairman and ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee. Grassley and Wyden had invited representatives from seven major drug corporations to testify in front of their committee in late January. The senators promised to be "more insistent" that they show up for a February 26 hearing.

Drug corporations are also keeping prices high by exploiting loopholes in U.S. patent law, resulting in Americans paying up to five times more than their European counterparts. AbbVie, the manufacturer of Humira, filed dozens of patents to maintain their monopolies and block generics from entering the market. Humira is the most popular and profitable drug in the world due to its uses for treating conditions like Crohn's disease and arthritis.

Executives have long claimed that high prices were warranted to encourage research and development of new medicines. Now they are also shifting the blame to industry middlemen, blaming rebates in the supply chain. Research, however, points to increased advertising expenditures as the cause for price increases. Spending on marketing in the healthcare industry has nearly doubled since 1997.

"The Senate hearings certainly demonstrate a bipartisan interest in bringing prices down, but relief is far from assured and we must continue to push our elected officials for real change. In America, there are people who are choosing between food and medicine on a daily basis. It's well past time to help millions of citizens and taxpayers who are paying too much for the medications they need," said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance.

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

Sen. Sanders and Rep. DeFazio Introduce Social Security Expansion Act

On Wednesday morning, Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT) and Rep. Peter DeFazio (OR) introduced the Social Security Expansion Act at a press conference on Capitol Hill. The legislation was introduced the same week that millionaires stop paying into Social Security for all of 2019, due to the current cap on earnings that are subject to Social Security withholding.

“It is unfair and makes no sense that the wealthiest Americans contribute a lower percentage of their income to Social Security than everyone else,” said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance. “This bill will fix this by ‘scrapping the cap’ on all wages in excess of \$250,000 and require that Social Security taxes be paid on unearned income, such as investment income.”

Current and future retirees would see their benefits increase, because the legislation also requires that Social Security annual cost of living adjustments (COLAs) be calculated using the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E). The CPI-E more accurately reflects the rising cost of goods and services used by older Americans, such as health care and housing, than the current formula.

If passed, the legislation would extend the solvency of Social Security by more than half a century.

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Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **March 6, 2019**, 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.



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