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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

May 14, 2019

7:00 PM

1650 S. 38th Street
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 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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IAM Women’s Conference to ‘Unite the Fight’

I want to thank Lodge 66 membership for sending me to the 2019 Woman’s Conference.

Initially I wanted to go just to find out about women’s committees. I wanted to know what other locals and districts are doing in their committees, how they got them started and how many members they have on them.

If we do currently have any active Women’s committees in District 10 I would love to hear from you.

Many of the women I talked to at the conference said they have committees ranging from 3 to 30 members. Many of them started their committees by doing small tasks like collecting scarfs, helping school children with school supplies, participating in food drives, helping a candidate with their campaign or helping out in domestic violence in shelters.

Speakers at the conference included IAMAW International President, Robert Martinez, General Secretary Dora Cervantes, Western Territory General Vice President, Gary Allen, Director of IAM Organizing Department, Vinny Addeo and many others.

I wasn’t sure what to expect but as I listened to these speakers I was shocked by some of the statistics. From president to stewards on the floor, out of 16,000 leadership positions only 1,200 are held by women. Another one I find alarming is that it takes a woman to be asked 7 times before she takes on a leadership position or task where it takes a man only to be asked 1 time.

There are so many qualified sisters that have the ability to do the things this Union needs. We just need the courage and the voice to say, yes I can do that. We need our brothers to step up and encourage their sisters to make a stand and help where needed.

A few of the speakers also



*Wendy Greene-LL 66, DiAnn Fletcher-District 10,
Cammy Melahn-LL 1406, Marcy Purcell-LL 1406*

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

When workers died fighting for 8-hour day . . .

133rd Anniversary Commemoration

Bay View Tragedy

3 p.m., Sunday, May 5, 2019

Historical Marker Site / S. Superior St. and E. Russell Ave. Milwaukee

See Larger Than Life-sized Puppets in Dramatic Re-enactment Of Historic May 1886 Event

Producer: Barbara Leigh - Director: John Schneider

Musical accompaniment: Jahmes Finlayson

Remarks by Jon Shelton

Assoc. Prof., Department of Democracy and Justice Studies, UW-Green Bay

Music by Craig Siemsen, Folksinger

Laying of Memorial Wreath

Reading of Names, Honored Dead

Welcome to Dignitaries

PUBLIC INVITED

FREE

JOIN THE MARCH TO THE CEREMONY:

Assemble at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, at S. Bay St and E. Lincoln Av.

March steps off at 2 p.m. Musicians encouraged.

Organized by Greg Bird (414-481-7541)

FOLLOWING THE EVENT:

Refreshments and music at Beulah Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior St.

(Two blocks south of event site.)



LEST WE FORGET ...

On the Fifth of May, 1886, thousands of Milwaukee workers marched peacefully on the huge Bay View Rolling Mills as part of a nationwide effort to bring about the 8-hour day. When the marchers were 200 yards away, the State Militia fired, killing seven. This was the bloodiest labor disturbance in Wisconsin's history, and began a new struggle for a more humane workplace and a more just society. Join us now, 133 years later, as a diverse group of Milwaukeeans commemorates the story of this historic event.

SPONSORED BY: Wisconsin Labor History Society, 6333 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee WI 53213

Contact: Candice Owley, at Candice.owley@gmail.com

Thanks to: Bay View Historical Society, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, Milwaukee Area Labor Council



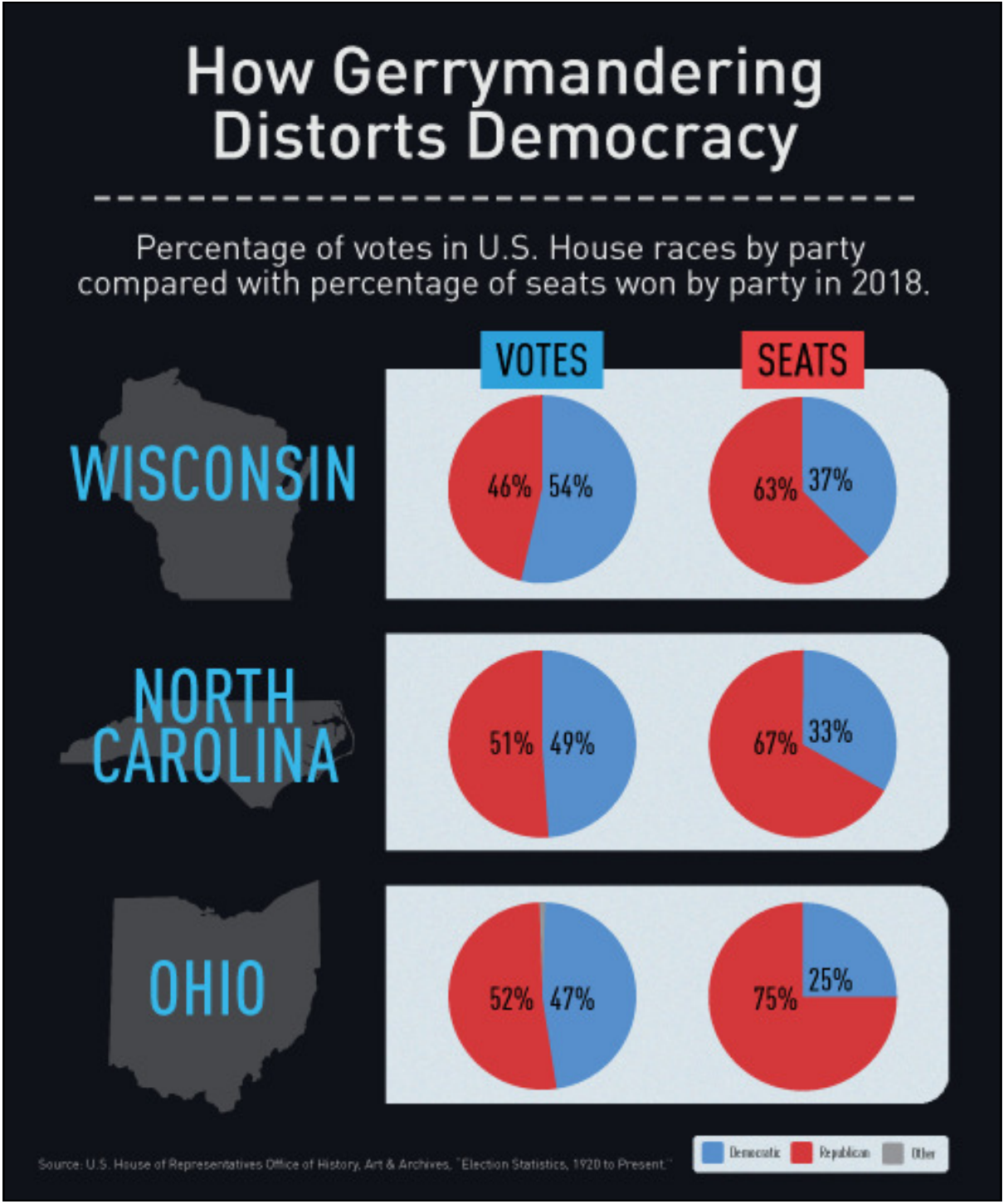
A Gay Vietnam Veteran

When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one.

Leonard Matlovich (1943-1988)

Leonard Matlovich, recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, was discharged from the Air Force in 1975 for telling his superiors that he was gay.

Photo: Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC



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touched on the importance of organizing. There are many opportunities out there to get companies organized. We as members are all organizers. We always should be looking for opportunities to organize and bring leads to our district lodge organizer. We need to "organize or die".

One of the things that impressed me the most at the conference was when a speaker asked that if we hear a brother or a sister talking negatively about a sister when they are not around, that we stop them and lift that sister up. We all need to stop fighting each other and unite!

In solidarity
Sister *Wendy Greene*
Local Lodge 66
District 10

Troy, New York
 Home of Kate Mullany
 Young Irish Immigrant Worker
 Who Organized
 the Collar Laundry Union
 the First Organized
 Women's Trade Union
 in the Nation.



350 Eighth Street, Troy, New York



While there are many historic places across the nation, only a small number - fewer than 2,500 - possess exceptional value in interpreting the heritage of the United States. These we call our National Historic Landmarks. - National Park Service -

*Like many working women in the 19th century Kate Mullany (1845-1906) was a major source of her family's income.

*Troy, New York - in the 1820's - supplied most of America's "detachable collars" employing thousands of women launderers to wash, starch and "iron" -- a local invention. Troy became known as "Collar City."

*Working 14 hour days in oppressive heat, Kate - a young Irish immigrant - organized the Collar Laundry Union (1864). This was the first female union in the United States.

*Five hundred women strong, the union immediately called a strike and won higher pay and better working conditions.

*In 1868 Kate achieved recognition when William Sylvis, president of the National Labor Union, appointed her to the union's national office - the first woman to be so honored. This came at a time when Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were becoming well established in the women's suffrage movement.

*Kate Mullany died on August 17, 1906 while living at 350 Eighth Street in Troy. She was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery; in 1999 labor and community activists dedicated a Celtic Cross at her grave site.

Source: Page Putnam Miller, Kate Mullany House, National Park Service.



Kate



**At her gravesite
 a Celtic Cross reads
 Founder of the First All Female
 Labor Union in the USA 1864**

**When a newspaper claimed that there weren't enough women in New York to be labor organizers,
 Kate Mullany said confidently:**

**"You show me the women and I'll turn them into organizers."
 And she did.**

2018-19 Labor History Essay Award Winners

First Prize - \$500 (Tie)

Alana Christen

New London
12th Grade - Appleton West
High School

Father: United Brotherhood of
Carpenters and Joiners of
America



“To be free, the workers must have choice. To have choice they must retain in their own hands the right to determine under what conditions they will work.” Samuel Gompers, *The Worker and the 8-hour Workday*.

Through the history of America, we have seen winning and losing battles on fair treatment of employees. Whether it was for the Gilded Age, or the Great Depression, workers have faced the greatest reverberance of every economic shift America has faced. Thankfully, the laborers have found a way to fight this rigged system, through the use of Unions.

Unions give laborers the unique power to have a voice, because in unity, there is strength. Unions provide workers with a powerful, collective voice to communicate to management their dissatisfaction and frustration, something my dad has used to its fullest advantage. My dad is an active member of the Carpenters Union, and finds not only his voice, but gives support to others who need one. He was involved in multiple strikes, all for various reasons. The most impactful to this day was due to the fact that there were non-Union workers performing work that should have been Union work. Because my father realizes that Unions keep our wages high and our community thriving. Otherwise, non-Union work and low wages would interpose, and our communities standard of living will go down.

Not only has the Union provided a living wage, and benefits like pension and health insurance for him and our family, the Union also gave him an education in his trade. With bringing him through trade school, and regular refresher trainings and seminars without any college debt, my dad continues to grow in his occupation. He was even promoted to foreman at age 30. The Union has also given my father a more accepting lifestyle.

**Unions
have
given
back to
others.**

Through his job, he has gotten to travel all over the country and meet people of all different races, religions and genders, to build the infrastructure of our communities, and meet the generational needs. One outstanding experience my father has had, was when he was given the opportunity to build a Center for Abused Women. This experience changed his entire outlook on equality, and allowed him to live a more inclusive lifestyle.

One thing that I've always appreciated is how throughout the years, driving through our community, my father would point out the work he's done on notable buildings, such as the PAC, Lawrence Academy, the airport, and various projects throughout the area. I appreciate being able to see my father's handprint on the community, and the fact that he has been a permanent part of the places that play a role in the vast amount of people's lives.

My dad has experience a strong connection with some of his coworkers, and leaders of his Union. The connection was founded not through similar backgrounds, but rather a shared passion towards giving back. Whether his coworkers were born in a different state or country, my dad has formed a bond through community outreach opportunities. Once, he brought up the idea of members of the Union in his area helping out the local cub scouts pack. The group of around 5 helped build tables for the campground, and pour concrete slabs for their archery range. At another time, he instructed a cub scout troop in wood working, where each boy left with a table they hand crafted. All for free. The community was shaped by the Union member's shared interest of giving back.

Unions have also shaped every contributing citizens life. For example, due to many strikes in the late 19th century, we have weekends off, and 40 hour work weeks. Child labor wasn't federally condemned till 1938, with the passing of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was created just 43 years ago. Before, it was estimated that 14,000 laborers were killed on the job every year. Within recent years, industries have hit record lows in workplace fatality. However, President Trump has moved aggressively on his deregulatory agenda, repealing and delaying worker safety and other rules, and proposing deep cuts in the budget, with elimination of worker safety, health training and other programs. This just goes to show, the every increasing need for Unions.

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Letter Carriers Food Drive 2019

We need volunteers on Saturday May 11, 2019 to pick up food. You and another member will drive around and pick up food from houses that are supporting the food drive. Any questions call Kurt Schmidt, 414-331-2429 cell. RSVP to Kurt Schmidt at kurt@milwaukeeelabor.org or my cell phone.

When May 11, 2019

Time 9am to noon ish

Location 14750 W Cleveland Ave, New Berlin, WI 53151

Despite Presidential Bragging New Trade Agreement (USMCA) Equals NAFTA Negative 2.0

by Pepe Oulahan

On August 27, 2018 it was announced that the current administration had reached a new trade agreement with Mexico. Then on September 30, after several rounds of high pressure negotiations and threats of further tariffs, Canada joined the agreement.

Referred to as the USMCA (U.S. Mexico, Canada Agreement), it has been submitted as a replacement for the current NAFTA and is now is being reviewed by congress for approval.

Initially this agreement was touted by our president as “the most important trade deal we’ve ever made, by far.” And, at first glance some progressives thought it might have actually been an improvement to the NAFTA.

Well, as is the case with many of our president’s claims to magnificence this deal has not held up to scrutiny when it comes to benefiting American workers. In fact when analyzed from a worker impact point of view this accord appears to amount to be not just NAFTA 2.0, but NAFTA negative 2.

Some of the more damaging provisions reported in a recent article in the Citizens Trade Campaign include:

- **Locking in lengthy monopolies that keep prescription drug prices high at a time when policymakers are looking for ways to lower healthcare costs**
- **Adding a new 10-year monopoly period for cutting-edge biologic medicines used to treat cancer, arthritis and more**
- **Granting additional Big Pharma handouts that block competition from cheaper generic drug makers**
- **Keeping medicines prices high at home and imposing high costs on our neighbors in Mexico and Canada**

Three other major changes in the agreement as compared to the NAFTA and their impacts are:

Dairy: The USMCA allows US dairy farmers more access to Canadian markets and Canadian farmers more access to US markets. Limited access to Canadian dairy markets has been an issue for many years, and these new provisions may help. However it is not a given that the structure of this agreement will not cost US dairy farmers domestic market share.

Automotive Manufacturing: USMCA ups the percentage of car components manufactured in North America to qualify for duty free trade from 62.5% to 75%. In addition it stipulates that by 2023 40% of automotive parts be manufactured by workers making at least \$16.00 per hour or face a 2.5% tariff.

On the surface these new requirements seem like good news for workers, but here is the rub.

As pointed out by Colorado State University Professor of Economics Steve Pressman, because of the wage discrepancy between Mexican automotive worker wages (Us workers making \$20.00 per hour more in average wage than Mexican workers) after meeting the 40% quota in low wage Mexican manufacturing plants, USA manufacturers will be incentivized to move more jobs to Mexico and pay the tariff rather than pay the difference in wages. This may account for the Mexican government’s eagerness to sign the deal says Pressman.

Future Trade Agreements: The USMCA prohibits Mexico and Canada from negotiating an independent trade deal with China under threat of losing their favored access to US markets. This move exasperates tensions between historically friendly trading partners and further isolates the USA.

As with many of the current administration’s policies this agreement is tailored to appear like a shiny lure floating in the water of economic frustration, but after a closer look once again all we find for working people is the same old painful hook.

This agreement has not been approved yet. Please call your congressperson and senators and tell them the agreement in its current form is NOT ACCEPTABLE!





One in three people relies on a blood transfusion at some point in their life. You can be a hero to your community – and beyond – by donating blood at the [IBEW 494 blood drive.](#)

Thursday, May 02, 2019

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

I.B.E.W. ELECTRICAL WORKERS THE BLOODCENTER BUS

3303 S 103RD ST

MILWAUKEE, WI 53227

To make an appointment call 1-877-232-4376 or online by [clicking this link.](#)



We will be having our vets meeting on **May 14, 2019** at 6:30pm at MALC Robert Hansen from Gwen Moore office will be joining us.

Kurt J. Schmidt
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All attempting donors will receive a coupon for 4 FREE passes to Mount Olympus Outdoor Waterpark in the Dells!

Walk-ins welcome! Contact John Zapfel at 414-327-5202 for more information.

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Because through the use of Unions we can fight the fraudulent motives of non-laborers. And we can continue to give basic human rights to the people who construct our homes and communities, and provide everyday necessities for our schools and families.

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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Seniors Corner

Trump Says he will Replace the Affordable Care Act “After the Election”

The President renewed a pledge over Twitter to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). He immediately dropped his plans after several Republican legislators spoke out against the promise. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he made clear to the president that Senate Republicans will not work on a comprehensive package to replace the health law.

Trump adjusted his goal, and said that repealing and replacing the ACA will be a priority during the 2020 campaign and after the election, stating that the GOP will become “the party of health care” once they win back the House.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer fired back on Tuesday, stating that the president has no “magic” health care plan and will simply “hold Americans hostage through 2020.” The administration continues to call for courts to invalidate the law, which U.S. District Judge Reed O’Connor declared unconstitutional in December. Last week, the Justice Department announced that it supported the ruling, but this week Republican attorneys general of Ohio and Montana urged a federal appeals court to uphold the federal health care law, saying that striking it down would be disruptive for patients, doctors, insurers and employers.

“The Republican party has no plan for a feasible replacement of the Affordable Care Act,” said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “Exhibit A is that no one in the party has explained how they will continue to cover pre-existing conditions, which affect 84% of Americans aged 55 to 64. Until and unless they come forward with a better approach, we will continue to fight both for the ACA and more affordable health care for all Americans.”

New Treasury Department Policy Allows

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

Join the Wisconsin ARA Chapter

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608-556-9521

<http://www.wisconsinara.org>

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888-16th Street, NW Suite 250
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Fax 202-974-8256

www.retiredamericans.org

Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **May 1, 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.



I would like to thank all who helped in the major task of moving Local Lodge 66. This was a really big task from the preparing to the actual move.

I had asked myself, where do you even start? Knowing that there are records that go back decades that have to be kept forever and other material for seven years and many other accumulations through the years that have sentimental value. Then there are some things that should have to go.

From the organizing committee to the executive board and families of the board we all had many hours of working together to plan this monster of a job. At the end of all of this hard work it turned out to be an outstanding success with some more lasting memories made while doing so.

So to All who helped with this major move from 26th W. Oklahoma to our new location at 38th S 38th Street. Great Job!

I Thank You All from the bottom of my Heart.

In Solidarity,

Tim Schwartz

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