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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

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

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Lodge 66 Organizing Committee Preparing for Active Summer

by pepe

Members attending the May meeting of the Lodge 66 Organizing Committee laid the ground work for several plans to continue building and growing our union in the next several months. Among the plans discussed were:

Internal organizing: Since its inception the organizing committee has felt that an important part of bringing new members into our union is to support and build strength in the units currently in our local. At the May meeting the committee agreed that a good first step toward this goal would be to create videos that explain who the committee is, how others can join us and why we as rank and file members are committed to strengthening our union. In addition it was agreed that it would be good for members to see what union members are doing by taping events and activities. These videos would be produced and made easily available to members through social media.

Labor Fest: The O.C. discussed ways to build on the very successful Lodge 66 showing at the 2018 Milwaukee Labor Fest and Parade. Jon Zancaro said he will create a new flyer for this year so that we can begin recruiting. Hunter Scott said he



*Lodge 66
Organizing Committee Chairperson
Wendy Greene*

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For a second time this will be last newsletter I started 21 years and six issues ago. The lodge president at the time said if you start it you better continue. Well during the first 14 years there was only one month there was not a newsletter. In 2011 I did retire and moved up north. A brother tried but in 2013 the board called me to take up the mission. In May of 2018 there were certain events and I told the board they had one more year and I would be gone. ... Good - Bye again.

My years were good with a activists board, a liberal board, and one involved in our community. We had a few food banks for other shops, other Unions, that either went on strike

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

2018-19 Labor History Essay Award Winners

First Prize - \$500 (Tie)

Josephine Mary Kunkle-Shoen

10th Grade
Madison East High School

Father: Madison Teachers, Inc.
Mother: McFarland Federation of
Teachers



Labor Unions have had a great impact on my family, my community, and the person I am today. In 1905, my great-great grandfather Albert left Poland to be a coalminer in Cherry Valley, Pennsylvania, where he joined the United Mine Workers of America. The labor Union began a strike in 1910 called the Westmoreland County coal strike, demanding improved conditions. The strike included 15,000 coal miners, and resulted in the deaths of sixteen workers. They fought for an eight hour work day and wages that reflected the difficulty of the work. The coal companies hired strikebreakers, or “scabs” to take over the striker jobs. They also took legal action, such as restraining orders and lawsuits, as well as intimidation methods involving police and violence. This conflict brought hunger and disease upon the families of the workers and Albert was forced to move his family to Chicago to find new work. It was his son Joseph, my namesake, met my great grandmother, Mary and fell in love.

While labor Unions have always been a part of my family history, they become a part of my life directly when I was nine years old, during the 2011 Budget Repair Bill protests. Having two public school teachers for parents, the event did not produce the blind excitement at the prospect of a few days off school as it seemed to for many of my peers in the fourth grade. At that age, teachers made up the majority of adults in my life. My parents, my uncle and aunt, and many of the people in my family’s social circles were teachers. The adults responsible for much of my growth during my five years at Lowell Elementary would also be affected by the benefit cuts and devaluation that Act 10 brought. I was incredulous that Governor Scott Walker wanted to take power and money away from teachers, knowing firsthand how hard they worked.

I am incredibly fortunate to have parents that from a

young age have not only talked to be about social justice issues in our community, but have also encourage me to develop my own opinions and ideas on these topics. So, for those three cold February days, it was my decision to join my family, my community, and the thousands of other teachers and civil servants on the capitol square.

Weeks later, in the wake of the bill being passed, what I consider to be defining moment my personal history occurred. Protests in Madison continued, among them solidarity sing-alongs held in the rotunda of the capitol building. This concept of music being used to furthers worker’s rights was not new to me. My dad had worked with other Madison blue-grass musicians for record a cover of Joe Hill’s “There is Power in a Union” as a protest to Act 10 that received national attention. Music has been used by Union activists for centuries. In the Westmoreland County coal strike my ancestors were involved in a group of women in the community were sent to jail. Led by the famous Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, the women sang all night long for five days. The protesters’ songs disrupted the peach in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and they became known as “the women

who sang their way out of jail.” It’s empowering knowing my great-great grandmother could have been one of these women. During the first solidarity sing-along I attended, I became aware of the possible repercussions

for standing up for one’s rights. I stood my ground as the man to the right of me and the three elderly women to the left of me were taken into police custody. As the number of people singing around me decreased, the louder I sang. This day produced a feeling of strength that I still carry with me as an activist and hope to carry with me as a Union member in the future.

Seven years later, I understand the value of labor Unions as clearly as I understood my call to activism that day. Labor Unions provide a necessary representation for the working class. They are essential to upholding American values of equality in the workplace. Without them, the rights of the workers would be left solely to government jurisdiction and democracy is compromised. This is not only blatant classism but a step away from democracy. The current legislation in

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Unions Essential to bring equality to workplace

Two events to stand with Veterans



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Milwaukee Memorial Day Ceremony

Public · Event · by Milwaukee VA Medical Center



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Monday, May 27, 2019 at 9:25 AM – 10:30 PM

Next Week · 54–61°F Mostly Sunny



Wood National Cemetery

5000 W National Ave, Bldg 1301, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214

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VA MISSION Act for Veterans
Your Care is Our Mission

Town Hall Meeting

Milwaukee VA Medical Center

Matousek Auditorium

The VA MISSION Act of 2018 empowers Veterans and enhances care options.

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

For more information visit: www.va.gov

MAY
29

Mission Act Town Hall

Public · Event · by Milwaukee VA Medical Center



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Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 12 PM – 2 PM

Next Week · 52–66°F Thunderstorms



Milwaukee VA Medical Center

5000 W National Ave, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53295

Veterans and the community are invited to this Town Hall on May 29th in Matousek Auditorium from noon to 2 pm. The meeting will focus on the new MISSION Act and what it means to you and the future of the Milwaukee VA.

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Wisconsin under the “right-to-work” law does not support Unions, but rather makes it harder for them to get the financial support that

they need.

Despite the issues we face today, the treatment of the working class has improved dramatically since my great-great-grandfathers’ time. This is thanks to steadfast Union members like Albert, as well as the determined Wisconsin civil servants, like my parents, that participated in the Act 10 protests. Under the new Wisconsin leadership, I find y heart hopeful of the future of worker’s rights.

What is an Unionist?

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

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

An Unionists is not an:

Elitist
Sexist
Homophobic

Racists
Classist
Xenophobic

Narcissistic
Sympathizer of neo-nazis's,

Misogynist

Demagogue

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or their employer closed the doors. The food came in, was distributed and we allowed the workers to enjoy a few beers and catch up with their fellow workers.

Before it was in style United Lodge 66, with the Carpenters Union and few more Unions had a two day work shop in Pewaukee, on the rights of un-documented workers. All workers have rights and we knew what we had to do. Some in our Union did not approve and I recall at a Machinists Union state council meeting our Midwest GVP called me out in the hospitality room. He and I sat on two chairs in the middle of the room and discussed the issue in blunt terms for well over an hour. We did not agree but as an Union Lodge we are for all workers and an injury to one is an injury to all.

I was lucky to get all the necessary training at our WWW School but it still takes that 'fire in the belly.' All those communications awards were nice and especially when others came forward with a piece from their shop and what they were doing and wanted to tell all. The most memorable event came at the 2008 Grand Lodge Convention in Florida. Unknown to me and with a very sneaky United Lodge 66 Executive Board and as well as some Officers from Ojibwa Bowhunters, my other archery club in New Berlin; they had built a communications resume of me at the lodge and the archery club. Besides getting an award I will privileged to receive the Robert J. Kalaski Special Performance Award given out by our Machinists Union to one person at each grand lodge convention. It was based on 'for distinguished and effective communication efforts promoting the mission of the labor movement.' A big thanks to that sneaky lodge.



In the last few years and hopefully in future years I have been lucky to do communications at Rib Mountain Bowmen, just north of Wausau. Doing their newsletter, website and facebook page. (www.ribmountainbowmen.com). Something else I have been doing and, not knowing I could, is put out a quarterly magazine for



the Wisconsin Traditional Archers. (<http://www.wistradarchers.com/>)

If you do not try you will never fail.

In Solidarity,

Active summer from front page

plans to attend the Milwaukee Area Labor Council's Labor Day planning meetings. Members also discussed having a Labor Day T-shirt design contest to update our current labor day t-shirts. It was reported that Don Aiello will organize members from the Kenosha area to participate in activities there. Andy Hainzinger said he would look into organizing members to participate in Sheboygan activities.

External Organizing: As Lodge 66 and District 10 are continuing to pursue new organizing leads the committee discussed getting more training so that they can be ready to assist with house calls and other activities if needed for a campaign.

Reminder: The Lodge 66 Organizing Committee meets at the Union hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Any and all members are welcome and encouraged to join.



Mary Harris was born in Cork, Ireland in 1837. While her birthday is celebrated on May 1st each year, she was baptized at St. Mary's Cathedral in Cork on August 1, 1837.

Living near the docks of the River Lee during the Great Famine (1845-1849), Mary surely witnessed food being shipped away at the nearby harbor, even as carts carried away those who were starving to death. In 1847 - when she was about 10 - Mary's father and brother left for America on the notorious coffin ships; she and the rest of the family immigrated in the early 1850s.

When she arrived her family encountered the harsh opinions about the Irish. In his book, *Expelling the Poor*, (Oxford, 2017) Hidetaka Hirota reveals that as many as 100,000 Irish fleeing the potato famine and poverty were deported by Massachusetts and New York based on the idea that they were unfit for U.S. citizenship because their poverty represented their character. These old attitudes were incorporated into the 1882 immigration law; prejudice against the impoverished Irish would set the stage for future federal policy, which Trump's current immigration policy exemplifies.

Maybe that's why Mary's family fled to Canada, an insular Irish community in Toronto. Enrolled as a student in public school one of her teachers made "some slighting remark about the Irish; Mary wanted to 'lick' the teacher then and there." She claimed it was her first rebellious incident.

Mary would experience two major personal tragedies, all part of an experience of the hard immigrant life. Living in the Irish "Pinchgut" area of Memphis, between the two forks of the Bayou Gayoso, a swampy open cesspool that became stagnant in the summer and flooded in the rainy season, disease was common. She lost her 4 children and her union-organizer husband, George Jones, to yellow fever in 1867. Four years later, she lost everything again in the Chicago Fire of 1871 and joined the homeless. There, in the midst of a radicalizing Irish labor community, she "began to read and think of some plan to relieve the suffering which I saw everywhere about me."

"My Irish spirit had the fight in it," she said years later, when she had become known as Mother Jones, the mother of the fighting American working class. Journalist Herbert Corey remarked: "her voice is low and deep, with an enticing tang of Cork about it." He noted, "she avoids reopening the sorrows of the past," but identified with the future that she and the working class could create.

"The day is coming slowly when even the poorest shall have full protection by law," Mother Jones said. "And it is coming surely."

By Rosemary Feurer.

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[The Great Labor Arts Exchange](#)

2019



**Pray for the dead and
fight like hell for the living!**

The only way for a worker to get a
fair shake
is to fight, fight and
keep on fighting.



**Our job is to comfort the
afflicted and afflict the
comfortable.**

The Union is the school, the college.
It's where you learn to know and love
each other and learn to work with
each other and bear each others' bur-
dens, each others' sorrows, and each
others' joys.



**Struggle and lose,
struggle and win.
It is the story of the ages.**

The only way for a worker to get a
fair shake is to fight, fight and keep
on fighting.



I asked a man in prison once how he
happened to be there and he said he
had stolen a pair of shoes. I told him
if he had stolen a railroad he would
be a United States Senator.

*(editor's note: In 2016 we elected him
president)*



On **July 13th, 2019**, United Lodge
66 will be having an Open House at
1650 South 38th Street, Milwaukee
from 1-5 P.M.

This is to show case our new home
and all mem-
bers are en-
couraged to
attend.

**More Info
COMING SOON**

In the next newsletter.

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

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Senior Corner

Alliance Releases 2018 Annual Congressional Voting Record

On Thursday the Alliance released its [2018 Congressional Voting Record](#) scoring each U.S. Senator and Representative's votes on critical retirement security issues.

"Most politicians say they care about seniors on the campaign trail, but our Voting Record shows whether they keep the needs of retirees front and center after they are elected," said Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. "The Voting Record will help our 4.4 million members and all voters hold their elected officials accountable for the votes they take."

The annual report reviewed 10 key Senate and House votes affecting the health and well-being of retirees. It includes votes affecting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, provisions of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, prescription drug prices, election security, protections for the disabled, and tax cuts that disproportionately harm seniors.

Forty-two members of the U.S. Senate and 123 members of the U.S. House of Representatives achieved perfect scores of 100% in 2018. Since the Voting Record covers votes in 2018, newly elected members and senators are not included.

"The last Congress took little action to ensure retirement security for all Americans," said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance. "Retirees, who vote in the greatest numbers, helped elect a new majority to the U.S. House of Representatives. Retirees will be watching to see if pro-retiree policies are championed with a new party in the majority."

The voting records for each of the 50 state Congressional delegations can be downloaded [here](#).

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Activities for You and Your Family

- **Milwaukee Area Labor Council** delegate meeting: is **June 5, 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.



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