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**All lodge members are
encouraged to attend**

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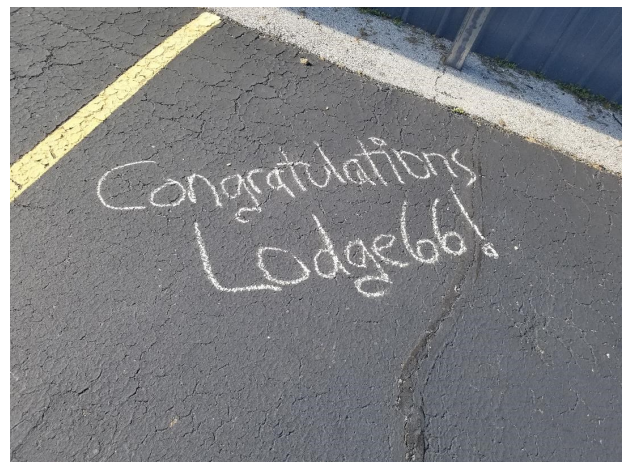
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Lodge 66 Open House

The Lodge held its Lodge Warming/Open House on Saturday July 13th. An event to celebrate our new building, it was open to all members including their families and friends as well as all the other Lodge's that have offices in our building and other IAM representatives. The weather was hot but the Lodge was cool and the food, fun and festivities were plentiful.

The executive board and organizing committee put together a great event that offered a lot of amazing food and plenty of activities for our guests. There was a full spread of brats and hotdogs, burgers, chips, salsa, fruit and veggie platters for everyone that came hungry. We had plenty of activities to keep the children entertained including sidewalk chalk, bubbles, tic tac toe, a mini golf game and arts and crafts. Everyone that attended was able to take some buttons, keychains and the highly desirable IAM pocket protector. Those that signed up for communications from Lodge 66 received a raffle ticket for some Lodge 66 swag as well as 2 special gift bags donated by Grand Lodge Representative Kevin Murch, our new Grand Lodge Representative. Short addresses from GLR Kevin Murch and District 10 Directing Business Rep Alex Hoekstra had plenty of well wishes and congratulations for the hard work that Lodge 66 has come to be known for. DBR Hoekstra remarked that Lodge 66 is his favorite lodge to attend meetings at noting how well our Lodge is run and the amount of dedicated activism we have. President Tim Schwartz addressed everyone thanking the volunteers that helped put the Open House together and added we would look to make the Open House an annual event. Vice President Hunter Scott also thanked everyone for coming and those that dedicated their time to help with the Open House. Overall the Lodge Open House was a huge success and everyone that attended remarked on how smooth the event went and how much fun they had. An event like this takes a lot of planning and coordinating and it couldn't have happened without the help of the following dedicated members: Don Aiello, Secretary Treasurer Ivan Collins, Adam Dudenhofer, Wendy Greene,

Andy Hainzinger, Recording Secretary Mike Oettel, Conductor/Sentinel and Educator Pepe Oulahan, President Tim Schwartz, Vice President Hunter Scott, Anne Wi-berg and Communicator Jon Zancano. Thanks to everyone that contributed to make the Open House a huge success! Thanks to everyone that came down and joined us for a great day celebrating our new Lodge!



Reflections on the Lodge 66 Open House

By Ron Simmelink

Saturday July 13th, 2019

To my brothers and sisters of Local Lodge 66, I wish to address the topic of today's "open house" event put on by the Organizing Committee and leadership of the Lodge.

Some of you close to me know a little bit of my life situation and how I took it upon myself as an activist to take a step back from attending lodge meetings as well as stepping down from the organizing committee to deal with personal issues more effectively in my life at the moment. I confess I haven't been to a lodge meeting since before the sale and move to the new property. I even took a semester of the free college at Eastern Gateway Community College off in order to get my life better organized on a personal level. So, this is the first time I have had any physical presence with the leadership of the lodge since January I believe. What did I find in my attendance at the open house?

It really did my heart good to hug my brothers and sisters, share details of my life and how I am progressing as well as re-connect with those whom I have missed for many months. I felt welcome, respected, loved and cared for. That truly to me is one of the positive benefits of being a member of the Union. I want the leadership of Local Lodge 66 to know that for me, you truly are family, and I am grateful to have you all in my life. President Tim Schwarz, V.P. Hunter Scott, R.S. Mike Oettel and S.T. Ivan Collins—great seeing you all again. Thanks for your leadership and friendship. Other brothers and sisters I need to mention...Wendy, Anne, Pepe, Jon, along with Dave and Doug all leaders of our great union, it truly was a great day just hanging out with you all and getting caught up on life. The great thing about being a unionist and having friends who are unionists is that we all genuinely care about the welfare of others. That showed through in your kindness to me today.

Enough sap, lets get down to what I thought about the new building of local lodge 66...I confess when the idea was originally proposed in 2018, I was skeptical without knowing many of the details.

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Leadership I and a First Trip to the William W. Winpisinger Technology Center

By Mike Stark

I can't even begin to explain how great my Leadership I Training experience out at the harbor was. I definitely appreciate the members giving me the opportunity to go out there.

The instructors were all super passionate and knowledgeable on each subject they taught. From labor history, to human rights, even parliamentary procedure. You name it, and there was a wealth of knowledge being shared. The passion shared by the instructors definitely gets you fired up and inspired to bring back and share what you've learned.

Even aside from the classes, having the opportunity to talk with other members from across the states and even Canada to hear about issues they have in their shops that are the same, issues that are different, and having the opportunity to bounce ideas back and forth was great.

I'm not usually a very outgoing or a social person but the sense of solidarity and brotherhood was definitely strong. The experience added fuel to the fire to keep fighting for worker's rights and help educate our members on what is going on both in the shops and in the politics all around us.

Again, I thank the membership for giving me this opportunity and I hope to have the opportunity to go back. If round 2 is even half as informative or inspirational as leadership I, then I know it's going to be a great experience.

Thank You!



Interested in attending courses at the William W.

Winpisinger Center?

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Educator Pepe Oulahan and get signed up for future classes.

Elections Have Consequences!

NLRB Republican Majority Makes it Easier For Employers to Oust Unions

On July 3rd the National Labor Relations Board ruled that employers have more freedom to oust a union upon receiving evidence that the majority of their workers no longer support the union. The ruling allows an employer to make an anticipatory withdrawal and keeps the union from filing any unfair labor practice charge challenging the employer's findings. The move allows employers to file for the withdrawal 90 days from the expiration of their current contract and then withdraw once the agreement ends. A union that wants to reestablish a majority vote has 45 days to file a petition to hold a new election.

The 3-1 ruling continues the Republican majority NLRB's continued attacks on workers rights in their workplaces. In a statement the board stated "It ends the unsatisfactory process of attempting to resolve conflicting evidence of employees' sentiments concerning representation in unfair labor practice cases," the board said. "Instead, such issues will be resolved as they should be: through an election, the preferred method for determining employees' representational preferences."

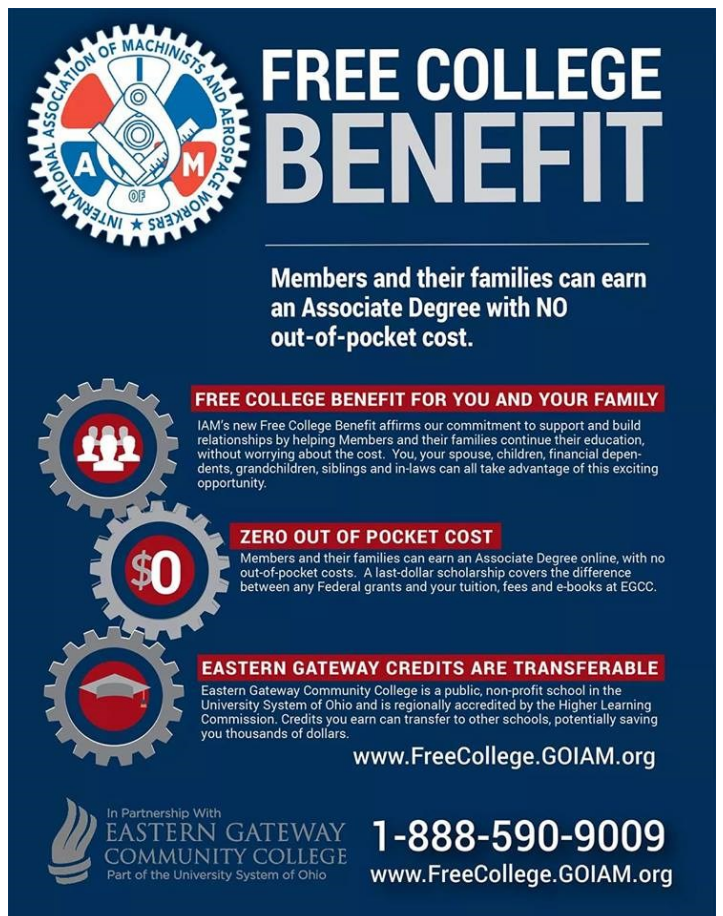
In her dissent, Lauren Mcfarren, the boards only Democrat said the decision allows an employer to withdraw recognition "In the face of objective evidence that the union has not lost majority support among the employees it represents" and instead requires a new election. She went on to state "Disregarding the union's continuing presumption of majority support and dismissing the union's rebuttal evidence as immaterial, the employer is now permitted to oust the union as the employees' bargaining representative the second the contract expires—and the union remains ousted, unless and until it seeks and wins a Board election"

Elections Have Consequences!

Opinion

In light of the July 3rd NLRB ruling it is confusing to see so many union members that have and continue to support candidates with an anti-labor agenda of strip-

ping power from workers and giving it to the employers. Every single one of us that belongs to Lodge 66 are workers. Our union in its simplest form is a special interest group whose special interest is worker's rights. Your rights and my rights. Our rights in our workplaces. Continuing to vote against labor is a slap in the face to those that came before us. Those that walked the picket lines, those that were subject to prosecution and those that gave the ultimate price for every bit of the voice we have in our workplace. They are dividing us with the ultimate goal of conquering us and those that continue to vote for anti-labor candidates are playing right into their hand. If we are to continue to have an equal voice in our workplaces we need to support the candidates that will appoint and vote for labor friendly legislation. The cards are stacked against us higher than they have ever been as corporations shell out more money than they ever have to advance their anti-labor agendas. Being mindful of where candidates stand on labor is one step to keep everything the American labor movement has given us.



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Seniors Corner: What is the WIARA?

By Danny Bell

Who are we? The Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans.

We are an alliance of advocates for all Americans. Our WIARA Executive Board consists of an eclectic mix of volunteer Attorneys, Union Leaders and retired Union Chairmen and Presidents, Directors and local Civic leaders from across the state and we are a Direct Affiliate of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO.

We advocate for you, the working tired and retired, the poor and working poor, the elderly, the infirm, children with disabilities, our Veterans, the disabled and the ill of all ages. We are non-profit, non-partisan and benevolent of time and energy.

Why do we exist? Everybody agrees that somebody needs to keep a finger on the legislative pulse. To notice and raise a red-flag when lobbyists and their benefactors slip a green weenie into the laws and regulations that negatively affect the welfare of workers and their families as they navigate financial security, healthcare, aging, illnesses, disease and the strength of current safety networks including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Pensions the ACA and all of their current pending laws and legislative litigation.

Remember, Wisconsin became a "Red State" after school teachers were targeted, shortly after that "Right-to-Work (for less) legislation" was pushed hard for with millions of dollars of "out-of state" "Dark Money" campaigning our legislators to break collective bargaining agreements. Over \$800 million in Federal Healthcare dollars was turned down by then Governor Walker to help break down the Affordable Care Act and all of Wisconsin workers and their families were harmed. Our retirees and seniors lost out, while our neighboring states continue to enjoy, Dental, Hearing and Eye care coverage. Bill HR1 would eliminate the "Dark Money" that bolstered Walker and the oligarchy that funded him.

The lobbying efforts by large pharmaceuticals, insurance companies and fossil fuel industries are

starving our government and environment, creating insurmountable debt and irrefutable climate change costs. They are stripping Americans of prosperity while those same companies and their benefactors have become insanely wealthier and more indifferent to the needs of the poor. They don't care because they'll be gone when our children and grand children are struggling for a breath of fresh air and a drink of cool clear water.

What good do we do? We try to raise the standard of expectation for the future by comprehending pending legislation and its effects on all Americans by identifying lawmakers who propose good legislation that promote a higher standard of living for all Americans and limelight the nefarious shadow snakes that would do families harm. Our goal is to make a profound impact into the future for the happiness and prosperity of all workers and their families, and for the comfort of the elderly, the infirm, including children with disabilities and the care of our Veterans in need.

Why? Because we are old enough to have seen the difference and we realize that YOU are exactly the same as we were in our not too distant past and WE are you, into your not too distant future. We saw in our lives how important it was for our predecessors, those men and women that went before us and fought hard for a larger piece of the American dream utilizing collective bargaining procedures and methods that made our lives better. They united and organized to pry a piece of their fair-share from the arrogant fingers of pomp, wealth and affluence, those that could not relate to the strife, struggles and the concerns of the bottom 90% of Americans while they controlled 90% of all the wealth.

The power of wealth has again shifted away from the average American, shrinking the working middle class into near non-existence and those with a \$15 or less wage into poverty. It now takes many of our young parents, those without decent livable jobs or without Union contracts, two or three crappy jobs just to make ends meet. They can't save for the future let alone properly provide for a family. Most of them have their hands full just trying to keep their old cars running and their noses above water so they can get to their next job. ***Continued on the next page***

They don't have the time to consider or ever understand how this has happened to them. That in itself creates a moral problem that falls on the deaf ears of the wealthy. The few of us that do know the difference because we are old enough to have lived through it or those of you that do know the difference because you were lucky enough to have been graced with the intrinsic synergy of Unionism assimilated into your lives, need to now stand-up and speak-out for others. This is not for us alone as much as for the prosperity of Americans and their families as they need to decide what paths to choose. Remember that is easier for you to defend someone else than to defend yourself. They need to hear your voice and when you finally do speak up, it brings you honor and them dignity and when you do it often enough without any sense of gain or recompense for yourself, it brings you integrity.

Those that defended and advocated for better living standards and working conditions, safety and healthcare, and pensions through all rights gained for everybody into the future and that have manifested into the lives that we as retirees live today and that we hope to preserve and build on for you, are still with us in spirit for tomorrow. But, those high standards are in flux and are constantly being chipped away at by the overreach of greed, power and influence through legislation.

We are The WIARA, and we have over 1,400 members here in Wisconsin and over 40,000 members in the ARA nationwide. Most of those members are Union People. Your WIARA membership is prepaid through our IAM. Our retired and working members need to stand strong, arm in arm and defend each other. Get involved, stay involved, fight hard, stand-up, and speak out.

"They came for the Polish, and I said nothing because I wasn't Polish. Then they came for the Unionists, and I said nothing because I didn't belong to a Trade Union. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because, I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me." Martin Neimoller

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" Edmund Burke

Danny Bell
Retired IAM Union Chairman
WIARA Executive Board



Labor Fest 2019

Join us Monday, September 2nd as Lodge 66 participates in the Milwaukee Area Labor Council Labor Day Parade.

Lodge 66 will gather near the corner of 4th and Clybourn beginning at 8 am.

The Parade to Summerfest Grounds will begin at 11 am.

Labor Fest will begin after the parade with Live Music, Children's Activities, Food and Drink!

FREE parking is available at the Summerfest Grounds and FREE shuttles will run to Ziedler Square (parade staging area) beginning at 8 am.

Monday September 2nd



Kenosha Laborfest

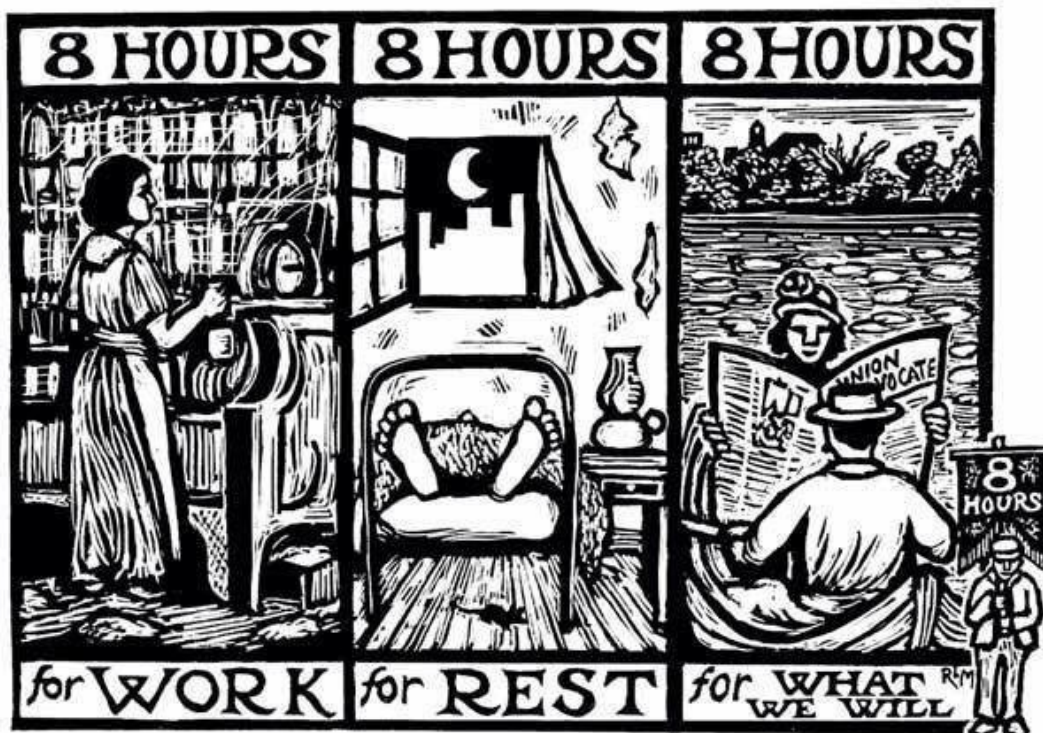
By Don Aiello

Kenosha Laborfest, sponsored by the Kenosha AFL-CIO council, will be held at the St. Therese Festival Grounds, 2020 91st street in Kenosha, from 11am to 5pm on Monday September 2nd 2019.

This year our IAM local will be participating in the event along with our brothers and sisters from the other local area unions. We will be handing out various Ocean Spray products.

The Festival will feature:

- Two Bounce Houses, Face-Painting, a Coloring Station and Fishing for Apples for the kids.
- Live music.
- Food and beverages for purchase:
Miller Lite and MGD, White Claw Spiked Seltzer in Black Cherry or Lime, Soda and water.
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Catfish, BBQ Rib Tips, French Fries, Chips, Walking Tacos, Ice Cream and the Firefighter's annual Labor Day Chili Cook-off.
- Hourly Door Prizes:
For each non-perishable food item donated, the donor will receive a chance to win a door prize.
- Labor Person of the Year presentation.
- Kenosha Police Department K-9 demonstration.



Lodge 66 Lodgewarming and Open House



Grand Lodge Representative Kevin Murch addresses the Lodgewarming and Open House on July 13th



Vice President Hunter Scott manned the check in table



Wendy Greene took home one of the raffles donated by GLR Kevin Murch



Emilia and Silvera Dudenhoefer show off the tissue paper flowers they crafted

Lodge 66 Lodgewarming and Open House



Anne Wiberg had the kids activities covered for the afternoon



The Dudenhoefer's were the big winners at the Lodgewarming and Open House



President Tim Schwartz manned the grill



District 10 Directing Business Representative Alex Hoekstra gives Lodge 66 congratulations and best wishes on our new building

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I was not present come time to vote and wasn't sure if this was a good move for the lodge or not.

What I have concluded knowing some details of the sale is that this was a homerun for the lodge. We have a much nicer facility to hold our meetings at, a significant improvement in parking as well as what I believe to be a more desirable neighborhood. Just the building alone is better updated maintenance wise which should be a cost savings to the membership long-term. The additional office space available should provide an environment in which our leadership can better do the jobs they are elected to do, and provide better service to the membership. This makes us more professional and should help to provide for us a bigger footprint in the labor movement. We currently share the building with leadership of District 10 as well as providing a place for other local lodges to hold their meetings. Remember, there is strength in numbers. Better communication throughout can also make us more efficient.

So today was 80 degrees, sunny, and great food was provided. Thanks for doing the grilling Tim! Lot's of people of whom I didn't mention volunteered to help make this day fun. Thanks to all who helped out. If you weren't able to make it, perhaps you might consider joining us the next time. It is worth the drive and might be good for your soul.

In Solidarity,

Ron Simmelink (LL66)

**50th Anniversary of
Machinists on the Moon**

From goiam.org

Fifty years ago today, the Apollo 11 crew was speeding through the 240,000-mile space flight, placing the

first man on the moon on July 20, 1969.

The Machinists Union inked its part in NASA's epic eight-day mission, which included the first-ever moon steps by astronaut and honorary IAM member Buzz Aldrin. His steps followed astronaut Neil Armstrong. In addition to Aldrin, many other IAM members in Florida and Texas were involved throughout the mission and the weeks-long quarantine process when the astronauts returned to Earth.

The July 20 lunar landing was the achievement of a goal set eight years earlier by President John F. Kennedy, who challenged the nation to place a man on the moon before the end of the decade. The 240,000-mile Apollo flight to the moon started with the July 16, 1969 takeoff of a Saturn V rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. That included the work of about 1,500 IAM space mechanics, and members of nine IAM locals in Florida.

The IAM's part in NASA's history lives on today with some of Kennedy's words hanging at the IAM's Cape Canaveral Union Hall. "Our nation is depending on everyone engaged in the space and missile programs to do all within their power to assure that work proceeds vigorously, economically and without delay," Kennedy wrote then.

The Apollo 11 splashing down in the northern Pacific Ocean on July 24, 1969 didn't stop the IAM's involvement in the mission. The quarantine and decontamination process started work for some 120 members of IAM Local 1786 in Houston, Texas. They were stationed at the Lunar Receiving Laboratory at NASA's Houston Center. The IAM members were tasked with duties such as maintaining the filtration, air conditioning, monitoring and vacuum equipment in the three-story facility.

Upcoming events and important dates

<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, September 4th At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Organizing Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 3rd at 7PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>District 10 Business Meeting Monday, September 9th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, September 10th at 7PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>
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