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United Lodge 66

Business Meeting

September 10th at 7:00 PM

1650 S 38th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53215

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All lodge members are encouraged to attend

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Office Hours:

Tuesday Through Friday

8AM to 4:30PM

All Contract issues must be settled by your Business Rep at District 10. See Last Page

IAM Free College Experience: Don Aiello

By now you should have seen an advertisement for the IAM Free College benefit. Either here in The Badger Lodge News, the Lodge’s website, Facebook page or goiam.org. Perhaps you’ve given some thought about enrolling yourself, or using it to help your children earn some college credits. You may have thought about it and have second thoughts about what the experience would be like for you. Going back to college after a number of years in the work force without schooling can be an intimidating task. There a few members here at Local Lodge 66 that have been taking courses through the IAM Free College program. Perhaps their experiences can help you decide to enroll yourself or a family member and get started working on a degree.



Don Aiello, shop steward and IAM Free College participant

We recently sat down with Don Aiello, a Steward at Ocean Spray Cranberries in Kenosha and asked him how his experience has been using the IAM Free College program. Don had gone about 10 years since his last educational experience and when we asked him about how his experience has been he said “I’ve been through 2 semesters and it’s been a little rough because I’m not used to online courses. You’re on your own since there are no classes to attend so you have to manage your time wisely. I have several hours of school work a week.” Although he mentioned having to adjust to his school workload he has enjoyed some of the courses he has taken, most notably Intro to Labor and Workplace Management. When asked what he liked most about that course he replied “I’ve learned about the history of how unions have come about, specifically the how and why” ***Continued on page 2***

and the struggles they faced to give us the things we have in our workplaces today.”

Don’s major is business management with a focus on labor relations and he has been able to apply it to his work as a steward saying “I enrolled so I could gain more knowledge in workplace laws and rules and how to apply them as a steward.”

He went on to add “It has elped me identify issues that arose in the past that I could have handled in a better way. Learning laws and precedents that have happened before is a great way to learn how to address current issues I am faced with as a steward.”

At his current pace Don will graduate with his associate degree in 4 years and has saved about \$1,860 so far by taking advantage of the IAM Free College program and the credits he earns are accredited the same as the UW System. When asked if he would recommend the IAM Free College program to other members he said “I would recommend it for one because it’s free, compared to the cost of paying for college for you, your spouse or your kids. Two, the Labor and Workplace Management class was very insightful into many issues we continually have to this day. Lastly having a degree and being able to do it at your own pace is a big help at reaching whatever goal you are trying to achieve.”

Keep an eye out for more interviews with your brothers and sisters of Local Lodge 66 as we share their experiences of The IAM Free College program.

District 10 Hires Full Time Organizer

Back in March of 2016 International President Robert Martinez put out a message to the entire IAM. The message was simple: Organize. Organizing is the most crucial thing for our union as we move forward. The amount of money being funneled into anti-union legislation is overwhelming and our only opportunity to overcome it is by organizing. District 10, here in Wisconsin has put an emphasis on that task by bringing on Local Lodge 66 Vice President Hunter Scott part time, along with 3 other part time positions that went unfilled for the last year and recently announcing the hiring of Anne Wiberg to be a full time Organizer.

Hunter had success organizing a Fields Automotive Group dealership that voted to organize in December of 2018. When we asked him about his experience as organizer he answered “I learned a lot and met a lot of interesting people. It was a very emotional job. One minute you think things are going great and the next minute it goes cold and all the work you put in was for nothing. You wonder if you did something wrong and you never really find out if you did or not.”

Although he had positive experiences organizing the mechanics at the auto group he did experience some frustrating points, most notably with those asking for help that weren’t willing to help themselves. “The reluctance of people willing to step up to make things better for themselves.” Hunter said, adding “It’s frustrating hearing people’s struggles and offering to help them but they’re not willing to step up and fight for themselves and that they would rather continue to be treated poorly in their workplace.”

Although Hunter gave 100% of himself to his position as part time Organizer for the District there was a definite need to move back to a full time Organizer. The District announced the hiring of Anne Wiberg at the Local Lodge 66 August Business meeting. Anne will begin her new role September 1st. She brings plenty of knowledge and experience to the table. “My first organizing experience with the Machinists occurred around 2003, while I worked at the HIRE Center as a case manager. I got the chance to volunteer on an organizing campaign in Elgin, IL. The organizer was looking for bilingual members to help house call on a Blitz because a majority of the workers at the machine shop they were organizing spoke Spanish.” *Continued on page 3*

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Wiberg went on to describe her next steps “About a year later I applied to become an apprentice organizer and was assigned to work with Bob Anderson, a fantastic organizer out of the Organizing Department, who is based out of Wisconsin. I assisted him in generating leads, researching, and running ‘the Blitz,’ mostly in Wisconsin and Minnesota. I travelled almost constantly, and was often assigned to help on organizing campaigns in different parts of the country. We helped with some internal organizing campaigns as well. The best way to learn how to organize is to jump in with both feet, to learn by doing.”

Anne also spent time instructing at the William W. Winpisinger Center. When asked about her time teaching she replied “I was beginning to realize that organizing and education are two sides of the same coin, and I was really excited to teach at the Winpisinger Center, where I had taken quite a few classes and loved every minute I was there. At W3 I got the chance to teach organizing classes, as well as classes in many other programs. I eventually became coordinator for the Federal Workers programs, the Women’s Leadership programs, and the Spanish Leadership programs. A couple of my favorite classes were

Union Ethics, Organizing I, and Parliamentary Procedure. While I was at W3 I was also involved in evaluating and overhauling the Center’s organizing curriculum along with other instructors, which resulted in several new programs, including several field training modules.”

Anne and Hunter both agree that Organizing is vital to the sustainability and future success of our union. Anne said “Organizing is about the kind of future we want for our kids and our grandkids. It’s not only about the survival of the IAM, it’s about the future of workers in this country. Without the labor movement, U.S. workers are left defenseless against employers who don’t always have their workers’ best interests in mind.” Hunter added “(Organizing) is the #1 issue, no doubt. We can service members all we want but if we continue to lose members and don’t replace them there won’t be anyone left to service. If the numbers fall across the country there won’t be anyone to stand up for the working men and women. Wages and working conditions will deteriorate and we will lose our voice in the workplace.”

As we look forward to the future, the importance of organizing cannot be understated. It is a must for our survival as a labor organization. As both Hunter and Anne have pointed out organizing requires a lot of involvement from our membership. Whether it be on an organizing drive, or volunteering some time for the Lodge 66 Organizing committee or through community activism every bit helps. Now isn’t the time to stand on the sidelines and watch. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and show the big money, special interest groups that the Labor Movement, that WE will not go down without a fight.



Interested in attending courses at the William W. Winpisinger Center?

Go to:

winpisinger.iamaw.org

Or contact Lodge 66

Educator Pepe Oulahan and get signed up for future classes.



IAM NATIONAL PENSION FUND

Do you have questions regarding the IAM National Pension Fund Rehabilitation Plan?

Please login at www.iamnpf.org and set up a call with the Pension Fund to discuss your specific status and situation.

Labor Day Activities Around Wisconsin

From www.wisafclcio.org

Milwaukee

Monday, September 2

Parade kicks off at 11:00am from Zeidler Union Square, 301 W. Michigan St. Milwaukee.

Parade will end at Labor Fest from 11am-5pm at the Summerfest Grounds, 200 N. Harbor Dr.

Free admission for the whole family.

Hosted by Milwaukee Area Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Kenosha

Monday, September 2

11am to 5pm, St. Therese Festival Grounds, 2020 91st street in Kenosha

Live music, food and beverage, kids area, prizes and raffles.

Hosted by the Kenosha County AFL-CIO

Janesville

Janesville LaborFest 2019 NEW LOCATION at the Town Square Pavilion, 69 S River St.

Sunday, Sept. 1 from 11AM – 9PM

Monday, Sept. 2 from 11AM at 7PM

Parade: Monday, Sept. 2 at 1 PM – 3 PM, downtown Janesville

More information at laborfest.org

Racine

Monday, September 2

9 AM – 5 PM, Caledonia-Mt.Pleasant Memorial Park, 9416 Northwestern Ave, Franksville, Wisconsin 53126

Please bring 3 nonperishable food items for the Racine County Food Bank. This will entitle you to a plate of food and 2 free drinks.

Hosted by Racine County Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Wausau

Monday, September 2

Line up for parade is at 3pm from 3rd Ave to Cherry St. along West Wausau Ave.

Parade starts at 4:00pm and will go down 3rd Ave and end at the Wausau Labor Temple.

Hosted by the Marathon County Central Labor Council AFL-CIO



For more information on Labor Day activities around Wisconsin visit

<https://www.wisafclcio.org/news/labor-day-2019-celebrate-these-great-union-made-events>

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



What is the MNPL?

From Goiam.org



The Machinists Non-Partisan Political League is the political arm of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. It was created in 1947 to allow IAM members to gather individual contributions, coordinate political activity, and elect candidates who support IAM members and their families.

Candidates we support know that the MNPL stands for economic justice, security in the workplace and equality for every member. They do not take us for granted.

The MNPL scrutinizes each candidate thoroughly. We ask tough questions such as their positions on trade, labor law reform, economic conversion, transport policies, and enhancement of the U.S. manufacturing base.

Seniors Corner

Are you interested in participating in political and organizing activities?

District 10 wants to hear from you!

The District is looking to put together a Retirees Group that would like to participate in political and organizing activities throughout the entire district. Depending on the amount of participants and their location the activities may be planned to be regionally located within District 10.

If you're interested give the District office a call at 920-219-4919

Upcoming events and important dates

Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, October 2nd At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	Organizing Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 1st at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	District 10 Business Meeting Monday, October 14th at 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI
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