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encouraged to attend**

Labor Day Celebrations Across Southeastern Wisconsin: Milwaukee

Labor Day 2019 saw Lodge 66 celebrating in multiple communities across southeastern Wisconsin, not only in Milwaukee but also in Janesville and Kenosha which you will also read about in this edition of The Badger Lodge News. The weather was absolutely perfect this year and those that participated in the celebrations had a great time in solidarity with our fellow brothers and sisters in our communities.

The Lodge 66 Executive Board and Organizing committee did a terrific job organizing the pre parade festivities in Milwaukee. Getting set up at 8 am and having prepped brats and hot dogs the night before, the Lodge 66 parade staging area was ready to go as our members began to arrive at the parade staging area. Along with the brats and hot dogs, we also had chips, juice and water ready to hand out to any and all of our union brothers and sisters that stopped by.

Before the parade began we were visited by Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale, offering us the warmest of greetings as well as wishing us a happy Labor Day. Rebecca Kiefer also stopped by to visit with us. She is running to unseat Scott Walker appointee Dan Gabler for a seat on the Milwaukee Circuit Court.

Once the parade got rolling we made our way through downtown Milwaukee beginning at Zeidler Square and ending at the Henry W. Maier Festival Grounds. It was a breath of fresh air seeing and hearing so many that welcomed us and chanted with us about the labor movement. Conductor/Sentinel and Educator Pepe Oulahan led us in chants again this year. Shouts of “What do we want? Union!!! When do we want it? Now!” and “Union! Power! Power Union” were chanted by those attending the parade along with the Lodge 66 members marching.

The parade destination was Laborfest at The Henry W. Maier Festival grounds. Once we arrived the sense of solidarity and union with all of the great unions from the Milwaukee area was overwhelming. Warm greetings, hugs of brotherhood and sisterhood were visible throughout the grounds. The entertainment, food and drink was plentiful at the festival grounds along with informational tables set up for a multitude of labor activities in the Milwaukee County area.

Laborfest in Milwaukee was a huge success and couldn't have happened without the Lodge Executive Board and members of the Lodge Organizing Committee. It takes a lot of work planning, prepping and execution to put our Labor Day festivities together and without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers we wouldn't have enjoyed a great day celebrating labor. We hope everyone in attendance had a great time and that those who didn't make it this year consider spending Labor Day with us next year.

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**Tuesday Through Friday
8AM to 4:30PM**

**All Contract issues must be
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at District 10. See Last Page**

Labor Day Celebrations Across **Southeastern Wisconsin: Janesville**

By Ivan Collins

There was a 2 day Labor Day Celebration in Janesville WI this year. There is no charge to go to the Labor Fest Activities. It Began Sunday at a new location on Festival Street in Janesville at the Janesville Town Square. The square has plenty of room to hold the festival as it was developed to hold events such as Labor Fest and other activities. The Festival was started in 1991 with support from Organized Labor and the Business Community along with many Volunteers. There are many things built into the Town Square to make it appealing to have events, there is a splash pad for family enjoyment and a pavilion for bands to play from. The city allows for the Festival Street to be closed down to vehicle traffic to hold the events, between 2 main streets that people enter the downtown area.

Sunday started with bands, kids games, a magician and face painting available for the children to enjoy. There were food vendors that made food available to attendees. The Labor Fest Committee along with many volunteers and supporters manned and sold beverages for young and old. The cost of activities at the event are kept as inexpensive as possible to make it affordable for all workers and families to enjoy Labor Fest.

Monday Labor Day starts off with assembling the Labor Day Parade. People bring their chairs and blankets to mark their favorite spots to watch the parade along the parade route early in the morning. The units start assembling at 10:00 A.M. There is a car display setup near the start of the parade route for people to observe several very nice cars and vehicles. About 20 minutes before the parade starts there is a clown unit that goes down the parade route to get the crowd warmed up for the parade. At about five minutes to 1:00 P.M. Shawn Sharp sings the National Anthem at the Start of the parade route. The route is about a mile long. The Janesville Police and Fire Department start the parade off followed by Rock County Sheriff's Department. The color guards are next. Then all the other participants come including the Janesville City Council. There are floats, marchers, both of Janesville's High School Bands, specialty units, and stilt walkers.

After the parade there was a band that played at the Town Square for everyone to enjoy. Now that we have finished the event for this year plans are already underway for next year. I hope anyone that can help with Labor Day Activities in their community will get involved to make this a true celebration for working America.



Attendees of this years Janesville Labor Fest enjoyed a unique addition. This mobile tiki bar gave patrons all over the grounds a unique way to enjoy an adult beverage as they took in all the activities at Janesville Town Square.



The Top Flight Band performs in the Pavilion at Janesville Town Square on labor Day.

Labor Day Celebrations Across **Southeastern Wisconsin: Kenosha**

By Donald Aiello

Last year I drove up to Milwaukee to join our Local in the Labor Day festivities. Afterwards I thought to myself, “I wonder if we still have a Laborfest in Kenosha?” As a kid, I remember going to huge Labor Day celebrations; but back then we had quite a few more factories, including an AMC / Chrysler plant and several thousand more union workers. It turns out Kenosha still has one – just not as big - and our local lodge donates money to help support it. So I decided if our local is donating money to it then we should have a presence at it, plus many of our members live in the Kenosha area; so I coordinated with the Kenosha AFL-CIO council, who sponsors the event, to set up a table there.

My wife helped me load and unload my truck at the St. Therese Festival Grounds Labor Day morning and our union brothers Pat Bufton and Dan Kosterman spent the afternoon helping me hand out some IAM swag (pens, pencils, buttons, etc.) along with Ocean Spray Juice and Craisins. A last minute cancellation by the original band, led to Betsy Ade, from the Voice and her band, The Well-Know strangers filling in. That, along with the nice weather, brought in a record crowd.

The Kenosha AFL-CIO set up two free bounce houses for the kids, manned the beer truck, collected donations for the Shalom Center and raffled off prizes. The Carpenters Union had little projects for the kids to build and take home - in between songs you could hear them hammering away. The Kenosha teachers union also had various kids’ activities going on. The Firefighters union had their annual chili cook off and for the first time in at least 13 years, they ran out of chili. The Police union handed out ice cream till they ran out. The VFW and the Democratic Party were grilling up brats, hotdogs and hamburgers till the end, when they ran out. And Our IAM table handed out most of our union swag and all 240 bottles of 10oz juice and 128 bags of Craisins.

There was no shortage of politicians attending including local area State Representatives, many of the city and county elected officials and U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin attended, spoke for a few minutes, congratulated our Labor Persons’ of the Year winners and eventually made their way to our table for some free juice and IAM buttons. They were all glad to see the IAM represented at Kenosha Laborfest this year.

The Kenosha AFL-CIO ended up presenting the Shalom Center with 617 pounds of food and \$528 dollars they had collected. Good music, great food and nice weather made for a perfect day, as I saw several union brothers and sisters enjoying the event with their families. I plan on participating again next year and I hope to see you there or at one of the Labor Day events in your area.



Kenosha Laborfest at St. Therese Festival grounds. Photo courtesy of the Kenosha AFL-CIO



Kenosha Laborfest attendees enjoy a great afternoon. Photo courtesy of the Kenosha AFL-CIO



Lodge 66 members (from L to R) Dan Kosterman, Pat Bufton and Donald Aiello man the IAM table at Kenosha Laborfest. Photo courtesy of Donald Aiello

IAM Free College Experience: Mike Oettel

Last month we rolled out a new series highlighting our members that are enrolled in the IAM Free College program. As we continue this series we sat down with Mike Oettel, Recording Secretary here at Lodge 66 to ask him how his experience with the IAM Free College program has been so far. Mike also works at Ocean Spray Cranberries as a machine operator, has served as Chief Steward and currently serves on the Negotiating Committee. He has completed 4 semesters of the IAM Free College program so far and has earned 13 credits. When asked why he enrolled in the IAM Free College program he responded “Because it was free. You can’t go wrong with continuing education at the low, low cost of free. I also wanted to show my daughter how easy it was to fill out the FAFSA paperwork as well as enrolling in classes.”

Mike’s major is Business management with a focus on Labor relations. When asked if it has helped him in his current roles within the union he said “It has helped me, it has taught me about the struggles of other unions/companies and the struggles unions have had organizing. I’ve learned about the lengths the companies will go to stop an organizing drive.” He went on to talk about his favorite course he has taken so far “It’s been intro to labor Studies. I learned the most pertinent information regarding labor struggles and the laws that have been passed regarding labor.”

We asked him how long it had been since his last educational experience, he replied “It’s been 20 years. The transition isn’t that bad and hasn’t been as hard as I thought it would be. Online learning is much different than in person as it’s self-directed, you’re not attending class per se but scheduling when you can complete your assignments.” He went on to add that “It takes a little bit of time but it’s not a stressful time commitment. It’s usually a couple hours per week per class.”

At his current pace Mike said he will graduate in the fall of 2022 and he has saved about \$8,000 so far by taking advantage of the IAM Free College program. The credits he earns are the same accreditation as the UW system. When asked if he would recommend the IAM Free College program to other members he said “Yes I would! I believe everyone should enroll. If you are a dues paying member it is well worth the cost of free to enroll.”

Continue keeping an eye out for more IAM Free College stories as we sit down with more members here at Local Lodge 66 that are taking advantage of the IAM Free College program and bring them to you here in the badge Lodge News.



**Mike Oettel, Lodge 66 Recording Secretary and
IAM Free College participant**



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.**

Laborfest in Pictures: Milwaukee



The United Lodge 66 banner is set up and ready for another Labor Day Parade



Members of the Lodge 66 Executive Board and Organizing Committee got down to Zeidler Square early to get set up for the Labor Day festivities.



Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale stopped by to say hello and chat for a few minutes before the parade began.



Milwaukee County Circuit Court Candidate Rebecca Kiefer took a few moments to talk with several of our members about her campaign to unseat Scott Walker appointee Dan Gabler



Laborfest in Pictures: Milwaukee (continued)



Clockwise from upper left: Lodge 66 members as the parade begins. The view looking South down Milwaukee Street during the parade. Lodge 66 Conductor/Sentinel/Educator Pepe Oulahan manned the bull horn again this year. “When I say Union, you say Power! Union! Power! Union! Power!” Lodge 66 members marching down Milwaukee Street towards Chicago Street. Danny Bell, LL66 Retiree and WI-ARA Board Member brought his Corvette to brighten up the parade



Attention: Wisconsin High School Students

Win CASH PRIZES!

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2019-2020 School Year for Wisconsin high school students (Grades 9-12). Write essays of about 750 words on the topic:

“Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . .”

Students are urged to interview family members, neighbors, friends or others for their stories about work and unions. Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

Students could win cash prizes:

First place - \$500

Second place - \$300

Third place - \$200

Honorable mention - \$100.

CONTEST RULES

Essays should be approximately 750 words in length. They will be judged on understanding, evidence of original research, writing style and significance. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, on white paper. Two copies must be submitted (One may be a photocopy.) Please be sure to provide the following information on the cover sheet: Your name, address, home telephone number, your email address, your grade in school, name and address of your school, and, if you were encouraged or assisted by a teacher, the teacher's name. (Also, list your family's union membership, if applicable.) If you have any questions, contact: Harvey J. Kaye (920-465-2355) or kayeh@uwgb.edu.

Submissions must be postmarked Feb. 15, 2020 or before. Send completed essays to:

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Hints on Writing Essays!

All Wisconsin high school students have ready access to labor history. Check with parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. Also, neighbors and family friends. Ask to interview them and then write your essay. Only 750 words. Also you may do independent research on topics of labor history. Check the Wisconsin Labor History website (www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org) for resources and other ideas.

Here's what winners in recent contests chose to write about . . . □□ An Oregon HS senior's essay traced his family's union background and provided insight on how forces are seeking to weaken labor. □□ A Milwaukee Dominican HS senior wrote about how the passage of Act 10 inspired her family to become active unionists. □□ A Neenah HS discussed how his father's union has become involved in improving their community. □□ A Menomonee Falls HS senior told his family's experiences and the union's value in overcoming racial discrimination.



OUR VOICE OUR CHOICE

Register for the IAM's U.S. presidential endorsement election.

iam2020.org



Who should the IAM endorse for the U.S. president? Don't miss the opportunity to register to have your voice heard! As you may have heard, there's a new process that gives the IAM members the opportunity to vote online for a candidate of their choice. To do so, you must register to vote in our endorsement process at iam2020.org.



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.

Save The Date!

United Lodge 66 will have it's annual Christmas party on Saturday December 7th from 6pm to 10pm.

We will also hold our Children's Party from 10am to 1pm.

Your children or grandchildren (12 years old and Under)

Must be pre-registered and we ask that the children be accompanied by no more than 2 adults.

RSVP by November 12th at the Monthly Meeting or by calling 414-671-3800. Please leave your name, the attending children(s) name(s), age(s) and the company you work for.

Seniors Corner: Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans 2019 Power Lunch

WIARA's annual POWER Lunch is just around the corner! Buy your ticket or table today at wisconsin.retiredamericans.org and join your fellow laborers in fighting for the rights of retirees.

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Ben Wikler
(Newly elected President of the Wisconsin Democratic Party)

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Contact Your Congressman/ Congresswoman on H.R. 3, Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019

On September 9, 2019 Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) introduced H.R. 3 also named Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019. This legislation comes before a report from the Committee on Ways and Means report headlining the fact that Americans pay four times more for prescription drugs than eleven similar countries that the U.S. was compared to. Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard E. Neal (D-MA) said the following regarding the report's findings: "We've long known that families across the country, including those in my home state, Massachusetts, pay far too much for their medicines. This report reveals just how unfairly high prescription drug prices are in the United States compared to prices in other, similar nations. Our findings underscore the need for Congress to pass H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, newly-introduced legislation that would allow the U.S. government to negotiate lower drug prices for American consumers based on international pricing. Americans shouldn't be paying substantially more than patients in other countries for the medicines they need to survive." Please consider visiting <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-your-member-take-action-to-lower-drug-prices> today to send a note to your representative and ask them to support H.R. 3 and vote yes to lower the prescription drug prices for all.

Upcoming events and important dates

<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, November 6th At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Organizing Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 5th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>District 10 Business Meeting Monday, November 11th at 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>
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