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United Lodge 66

Business Meeting

January 14th at 7:00 PM

1650 S 38th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53215

414-671-3800

**All lodge members are
encouraged to attend**

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Celebrating the Life of Former Lodge 66 President Patricia Elizondo

On December 8th, 2019 the world lost an incredible woman as Patricia Elizondo passed away. Pat, as she was known was a Union Activist, active member of LL66 and the first female President here at Lodge 66. She wasn't one to back away from a challenge and took her responsibilities in life and here at the Lodge seriously. She has left an impression on many with her willingness to work together and listen to any and all concerns or ideas that came her way. In this edition of The Badger Lodge News we pay tribute to her with words from those who knew her well, words that she wrote in this publication herself as well as a recount of the time she portrayed "Mother Jones" to a Lodge 66 Education Night crowd. Rest in power, Pat and we hope to keep your fire, vision and dedication to trade unionism alive and well for generations to come.

Thoughts About Pat

By Anne Wiberg

Pat was a friend and a mentor, as both a co-worker and as a union Sister. I will never forget the first time I met Pat. Not only was it my first day of work as a case manager at the HIRE Center, it was also my first time working in a unionized workplace. I was barely 23 and as green as they come out of college. As she led me back to my cubicle, which was next to hers in the farthest corner of the office, she announced "welcome to corruption corner!" Pat showed me what it meant to be a relentless advocate for dislocated workers, a compassionate and no-nonsense case manager. She always had time for my questions, to share a joke, I remember so much laughing back in our corner cubicles. Pat had high work standards, and expected others to hold those standards too. Pat was the one who invited me to my first union meeting at Lodge 66. She encouraged me to attend the Women's Leadership program at the Winpisinger Center. Pat was opinionated and wasn't afraid to tell you how she felt, and she had the biggest heart in the world.

Note from Secretary – Treasurer Ivan Collins

To all Members working, if you are off work for more than half of the working days in a month let Local Lodge 66 know. The Lodge phone number is (414) 671-3800. Please leave a message if no answer. If you would like to receive email updates let Jon Zancanaro know your email address. lodge66@gmail.com The Lodge 66 website is a great place to get information from. There are videos, links to newsletters and links to many websites that are very informative for members.

I would like to remind everyone to update the union with contact information and address changes when they are made. Most of the companies don't forward the information when members change it with them. We can only get information to you when we have accurate records. Anyone receiving lost time or a salary from the union has to have a W-4 form filed with the union. We cannot make salary payments without a W-4 on file. If you are a committee person or steward you should fill one out that way salary and lost time payments aren't delayed waiting for the forms to be completed before payment can be made.

To all committee and stewards there are new application forms for the 2020 year at the Local 66 Office. When you get the new forms make sure to get rid of the old forms. The Department of Labor makes us change forms every year. I also need the top copy of the original form returned to the office. Faxes are not acceptable. (DOL Rules) The Officers of Lodge 66 wish everyone good luck and health in the coming year.

In Solidarity,

Ivan Collins



United Lodge 66 Secretary-Treasurer Ivan Collins

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MACHINISTS UNION

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- * Let us know if you have been fired.
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Make your checks payable to IAM D10 CAS and mail to the address at the bottom of this flyer (any dues not deducted from your normal paycheck are your responsibility to pay directly - either the full amount of dues or the \$2.00 monthly out of work dues).

We need the above information from you!
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From Your President

By President Patricia Elizondo

Originally published in the October 2006 Badger Lodge News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support I received when I moved into the office of President of Local Lodge 66 after President Ben Elizondo was hired as a Business Agent for District 10 on August 1, 2006. I will try my best to continue to bring leadership and guidance to the members of Local 66, as Ben and our past president, Tom Gadowski, have done. I will look to my Executive Board for help and will not hesitate to accept their direction, assistance and constructive criticism. I am extremely fortunate to be part of an Executive Board that has so much experience and knowledge. This is a new and challenging chapter in my life as a Union member, and I ask for your continued support and patience. Local 66 has a history of being an active and progressive lodge, and I want us to keep on that path. We will have differences of opinions on many issues, but I am confident that by keeping members informed, educated and listening to each other, we can resolve these differences. We need to rid ourselves of our biases and our eagerness to accept statements of some politicians as fact. It is our responsibility to investigate and research all points of view around an issue, and look into our hearts and minds for solutions that will benefit all working people. One of the issues that seems to be dividing labor is immigration reform. I have heard many opinions on the rights of undocumented workers in the United States and will choose this article to give my view. The theme of this year's Laborfest was "Working in Solidarity". Union members were joined by thousands of immigrant workers in the parade to the Summerfest grounds. The merger of all of these workers on the parade route was sponsored by the Milwaukee County Labor Council and Voces de la Frontera (Voices of the Frontier). Before Labor Day, there were members of several Unions that would not participate in the march because they believed that Labor Day was a celebration of workers and not a day for groups to promote, what they felt, was the specific political agenda of immigration reform. Laborfest has a history of being an arena for political agendas. I lost count of the numerous politicians that were celebrating with us on Labor Day, asking for the support of labor. It was unusual to talk to a Union brother or sister without having the conversation lead to the topic of politics. For me, witnessing the coming together of union workers and immigrant workers symbolized the fight for justice for all workers. I hope that members of our Local take the time to educate themselves on immigration reform and support the rights of all workers.

(On a personal note – I was not born in the United States. I was born in France and although my mother was an immigrant to the U.S., I had United States citizenship because my father was a United States citizen, stationed near Paris, with the United States Air Force. During World War II, Nazis killed my mother's father, a Christian, when it was discovered that he was smuggling Jewish people out of France to save them from certain death. I think it's fair to say that fighting for human rights and for the oppressed, regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation, is "in my blood" and I will continue to do so and will encourage our members to do the same.)



***Former United Lodge 66 President and
Labor activist Patricia Elizondo***

The Most Dangerous Woman in America Visits Education Night

A Lesson in Unionism, Perseverance and Working Class Struggle By Sister Elizondo
Originally published by in the June 2015 Badger Lodge News

On April 23rd those attending the IMAW Lodge 66 Education Night were treated to an informative, powerful and very entertaining visit by the legendary Labor Organizer Mary Harris “Mother” Jones. Portraying the famous pioneer of the early American Labor Movement as if she knew her personally, former Local 66 President Pat Elizondo took the group through the life and times of Mother Jones’ with passion, humor and an obvious feeling of deep respect. What follows is a transcript of the performance that demonstrated how one woman with “convictions and a voice” took on the powers of greed in her time and thereby paved the way for others to live a better life.

“I was born in Cook County, Ireland to a Catholic farming family and immigrated to Canada to escape the potato famine. Folks thought my birth year may have been from 1830-1844, although the scholarly types seem to think it was 1837. My education was vocational and led me to work as a dressmaker and teacher during my early years in Chicago and Tennessee. While I was teaching in Tennessee, I married iron molder George Jones. He was active in the Un-ion. My dear husband and our four children died in a yellow fever epidemic in 1867. The Iron Molders Union paid for their funerals and held a meeting in George’s honor. Before I moved back to Chicago to take up dressmaking again, my first response to the loss of my family was service towards others who had yellow fever in quarantined houses. I moved back to Chicago and returned to commercial dressmaking. I had my own shop, which was patronized by some of the wealthiest women in town. My interest in the Union movement grew when I was sewing for wealthy Chicago families. I would look out of the plate glass windows and see the poor, shivering wretches, job-less and hungry, walking alongside the frozen lake front. The contrast of their condition with that of the comfort

of the people for whom I sewed was painful to me. My employers seemed neither to notice nor to care. I lost everything I had in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.



“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.”

--Mother Jones

After the fire, I began to travel across the country. The nation was undergoing dramatic change, and industrialization was changing the nature of work. The drastic changes in my life were accompanied by changes to the nature of work caused by the industrialization of the United States. One response to these changes was the Knights of Labor, a secret organization of peaceful workers. I became involved at the invitation of an iron molder from Tennessee who knew my husband, and any plans for ***See “Mother Jones” on Page 5***

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getting back into the dress-making business were left behind when I realized I had a knack for public speaking that I didn't know I had.

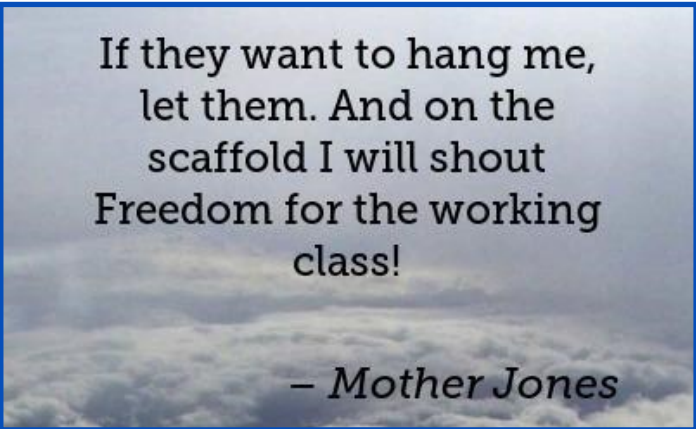
I moved from town to town in support of workers' struggles. In Kansas City, I did advance work for a group of unemployed men who marched on Washington, D.C. to demand jobs. In Birmingham, Ala., I helped black and white miners during a nationwide coal strike. I organized a massive show of support for Eugene Debs, the leader of the American Railway Union, after he served a six-month prison sentence for defying a court order not to disrupt railroad traffic in support of striking Pullman workers. My relationship with the Knights continued throughout the remainder of my life, although my active role, as a woman, was a rarity in the Knights during this time. Even before women's suffrage, I said 'I have never had a vote and I have raised hell all over this country. You don't need a vote to raise hell. You need convictions and a voice.' In June 1897, after I addressed the railway Union convention, I was called 'Mother' by the men of the Union. The name stuck. That summer, when the 9,000-member Mine Workers called a nationwide strike of soft coal miners and tens of thousands of miners laid down their tools, I arrived in Pittsburgh to assist them. I was 'Mother Jones' to millions of working men and women across the country for my efforts on behalf of the miners. I guess I was pretty good at what I did because the Mine Workers sent me into the coalfields to sign up miners with the Union. I agitated folks in the coal fields of eastern Pennsylvania, the company towns of West Virginia and the harsh coal camps of Colorado. Nearly anywhere coal miners, textile workers or steelworkers were fighting to organize a Union, I was there. I was banished from more towns and was held incommunicado in more jails in more states than any other Union leader of the time. I became known as 'the most dangerous woman in America,' a phrase coined by a West Virginia district attorney, Reese Blizzard, in 1902, at my trial for ignoring an injunction banning meetings by striking miners. 'There sits the most dangerous woman in

America', announced Blizzard. 'She comes into a state where peace and prosperity rein ... crooks her finger [and] twenty thousand contented men lay down their tools and walk out.' In 1901, workers in Pennsylvania's silk mills went on strike, many being young female workers demanding to be paid adult wages. John Mitchell, the president of the UMWA, brought me to north-east Pennsylvania in the months of February and September to encourage unity among the striking workers. I got that done by encouraging the wives of the workers to organize into a militia. Those women were wielding brooms, beating on tin pans and shouting 'Join the Union!' I said that wives had an important role to play as the nurturers and motivators of the striking men, but not as fellow workers. I knew that the young girls working in the mills were being robbed and demoralized. In addition to miners, I was also very concerned about child workers. During a silk strike in Philadelphia, 100,000 workers—including 16,000 children—left their jobs over a demand that their work week be cut from 60 to 55 hours. To enforce worker solidarity, I travelled to the silk mills in New Jersey and returned to Pennsylvania to let the workers know that the conditions I observed in New Jersey were far superior. I said that 'the child labor law is better enforced for one thing and there are more men at work than seen in the mills here.' In response to the strike, mill owners also told their side of the story. They claimed that if the workers still insisted on a wage scale, they would not be able to do business while paying adult wages and would be forced to close down. At that time even I encouraged the workers to accept a settlement. Although I agreed upon a settlement which sent the young girls back to the mills, I continued to fight child labor for the remainder of my life. When I saw that many of the children at Union headquarters had missing fingers and other disabilities, I attempted to get news-paper publicity about the conditions in Pennsylvania regarding child labor. However, the mill owners held stock in essentially all of the newspapers. When the newspaper men informed me that they could not advertise the facts about child labor because of this, I said 'Well, I've got stock in these

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little children and I'll arrange a little publicity.' Permission to see President Roosevelt was denied by his secretary and it was suggested that I address a letter to the president requesting a visit with him. Even though I wrote a letter for such permission, I never received an answer. In 1903, I organized children, who were working in mills and mines at the time, to participate in the 'Children's Crusade,' a march from Kensington, Philadelphia to Oyster Bay, New York, the hometown of President Theodore Roosevelt with banners demanding 'We want to go to School and not the mines!' Though the President refused to meet with the marchers, the incident brought the issue of child labor to the forefront of the public agenda. Several months later I was in Colorado, helping organize coal miners. Once again I was arrested, served some time in prison and was escorted from the state in the months leading up to the Ludlow Massacre. After the massacre I was invited to Standard Oil's headquarters to meet face-to-face with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a meeting that prompted Rockefeller to visit the Colorado mines and introduce long-sought reforms.



**If they want to hang me,
let them. And on the
scaffold I will shout
Freedom for the working
class!**

— Mother Jones

When there was a strike, I organized and helped the workers; other times, I held educational meetings. In 1877, I helped in the Pittsburgh railway strike; during the 1880s I organized and ran educational meetings; in 1898 I helped found the Social Democratic Party; and in 1905 I was present at the founding of the Industrial Workers of the World. I left the Socialist Party in 1911 to return to the payroll of the United Mine Workers, as an organizer. The new president, John P.

White, was an old friend who agreed that I would set my own agenda. In 1923, when I was 93 years old, I was still working among striking coal miners in West Virginia. It came to national attention in 1912-13, during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek strike in West Virginia because of the publicity resulting from frequent violence. I remembered the lessons learned from my late husband, and as I said earlier, I often involved the wives and children of miners to dramatize a situation. On September 21, 1912, I led a march of miners' children through the streets of Charleston, West Virginia; on February 12, 1913, I led a protest about conditions in the strike area and was arrested. I was convicted by a military court of conspiring to commit murder and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. My trial, conviction, and imprisonment created such a ruckus that the U.S. Senate ordered a committee to investigate conditions in the West Virginia coal-fields. However, on May 8, 1913, before the investigation got underway, newly elected governor Hatfield set me free. I was 83 years old. Later in 1913 I travelled to Colorado to participate in the yearlong strike by miners there. I was evicted from mine company property several times, but returned each time. I was arrested and imprisoned twice: first for more than two months in relative comfort in Mt. San Rafael hospital, and again for twenty-three days in the Huerfano County jail in Walsenburg, where the conditions of my semi-basement cell were appalling. I was especially touched by the 'machine-gun massacre' by the National Guardsmen of miners and their families in a tent colony at Ludlow, Colorado, on April 20, 1914, when 20 people were killed. I travelled across the country, telling the story and testified before Congress. Members of the House Mines and Mining Committee and President Wilson responded by proposing that the Union and the owners agree to a truce and create a grievance committee at each mine."

(Note: Mary Harris Jones died in Silver Spring on November 30, 1930, seven months after her one-hundredth birthday. She was buried in the Union Miners Cemetery at Mount Olive, Illinois. As per her wishes, her grave is near those of the victims of the Virden, Illinois mine riot of 1898.)

Farewell to Sister Pat – I Will Not Mourn, I Will Organize

By Pepe Oulahan

When I heard the news recently that former Local Lodge 66 President Pat Elizondo had passed away, I was of course struck by enormous sadness. Then soon after, and since then, I find my grief is accompanied by the great memories I shared with her. They are memories of laughter, creativity and above all a dedication to union activism.

I first met Pat in the early 1980s when we were both active members in AIW Local 232, the union representing over 10,000 workers at Briggs and Stratton Corporation. We had both been asked by our president to be reporters/writers for our local newsletter and like me, Pat was bewildered as to why she had been selected. Neither of us had any experience in this area but after attending a few labor newsletter writing workshops we forged ahead with our assignments.

I remember how at first, we helped each other work through getting our articles done on time and shared our mutual lack of confidence. But it wasn't long before we were competing to see who could get their articles done quickest and looking for ways to make them humorous, which led to some very hilarious and enjoyable times. During these times I noticed Pat's great writing ability and her high level of dedication to the cause of labor.

I then worked with Pat for about 18 years as Dislocated Worker Program Case Managers with WI State AFL-CIO Labor Education and Training Center (LETC) which is represented by IAMAW Lodge 66. As most of us know during this time Pat held the positions of Unit Steward, Shop Chairperson and eventually President of our Lodge.

While at LETC Pat and I, along with many of our coworkers engaged in writing and performing workplace theater skits regarding labor issues and issues facing the laid off workers we were assisting in our work. This is where I noticed another set of talents Pat possessed, this woman could act, this woman was very comedic and on top of that, this woman could sing!

Some of her performing skills were displayed at our local when she twice portrayed legendary labor heroine Mother Jones for our membership (see Badger News archives).

These great times that I spent with Pat are memories that I will hold forever and I could easily fill ten more pages with them, but at the end of the day I mostly want to bid a very fond farewell to my friend my coworker and most of all my union sister.

And I can promise her that I certainly will be sad. I certainly will remember. But as I know she would want, I will not mourn, I will organize!



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

Go to:
winpisinger.iamaw.org

**Or contact Lodge 66
Educator Hunter Scott and get
signed up for future classes.**

**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**

2019 Lodge 66

Christmas Parties

On Saturday, December 7th we held our annual Christmas parties with one for the children and grandchildren of our members and one for our adult members. The hall had been decorated and the food had been prepped by a multitude of volunteers. As attendees of the children's party began entering our hall they were greeted with Christmas music, festive decorations and plenty of snacks. We had activities to keep the kid's entertained and sang plenty of songs lead by Vice President Hunter Scott. After the songs were finished we received a phone call from Santa that he was here to meet with the kids, take their wish list for Christmas and hand out a gift bag from the Local. Shortly after Santa left the party began to wind down and the families in attendance began to leave. The volunteers on hand then began prepping the hall for the Adult's Christmas party that began around 6pm. Each person in attendance for the Adult party received a ticket for one of the 12 door prizes the Lodge put together. There was plenty of food and fellowship for those in attendance. There were 2 drawings for the door prizes, one at 7pm and one at 8pm. Everyone waited patiently for the cash raffle which kicked off at 830. With 4700\$ in prizes spread out over 31 drawings it was the most festive part of the evening as there were cheers for those that won and groans for those that didn't. Overall the 2019 Christmas Parties were a good time for those that attended. We cannot thank our volunteers enough, without them these parties would never go off without a hitch. We also want to thank the families that brought their children and grand children to the Kid's Party along with those that attended the Adult Party.



Vice President Hunter Scott Leads the children in some Christmas carols



The hall was extra festive for the Adult's Christmas Party



Members filled our hall for the 2019 Christmas Party

IAM Free College Experience: You?

Over the past 4 months we've been highlighting our members that are taking part in the IAM Free College Program. The program is open to all dues paying members, their spouses, children, financial dependents, grandchildren, siblings and in-laws. We've been able to record the stories of 4 of our members and have published them here in The Badger Lodge News, on our website unit-lodge66.org and on our Facebook page to get as much word out as possible about this amazing benefit our Union has for us.

Overall all 4 members have saved a combined total \$24,760 through the IAM Free College Program. They have shared some struggles getting acclimated to online classes and managing their time balances but all 4 would recommend the IAM Free College Program to others. There was a wide range of estimated completion, with 4 years being the earliest completion and 7 being the longest. That's the beauty of the IAM Free College Program, you can go at whatever pace you want while working a full time job and taking care of your family or any commitments you may have.

Vice President Hunter Scott approached us with the idea of this series saying "This would be a great way to advertise the program and maybe motivate anyone considering the IAM Free College Program to check it out." It is our hope with this series that it may have made you consider taking advantage of this great benefit our Union has. We would also like to share your story if you are already taking classes or if this series empowered you to enroll with the rest of our membership and give more of our members a reason to enroll in the IAM Free College Program. We will suspend this series for now and will bring you more stories as our members share them with us, soon! Thank you to those that shared their stories with us so we could share them with you.



Could you be the next person to share your IAM Free College Experience with us? Email: lodge66@gmail.com to share your IAM Free College Experience

Badger Lodge News presents:

The IAM

Free College Experience

A monthly series telling the stories of our members taking part in the IAM Free College Program

United Lodge 66

2020 Monthly Meeting Dates



January

14th

February

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March

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April

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September

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December

8th

**All Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7pm at the LL66 Hall
Located at: 1650 S 38th St. Milwaukee WI 53215**

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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University of Wisconsin—Green Bay
Green Bay WI 54311.

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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.

Adam Dudenhoefer Appointed Conductor/Sentinel

At the December business meeting President Tim Schwartz appointed Adam Dudenhoefer to the vacant position of Conductor/Sentinel. Adam will be in charge of checking members in at the monthly meetings ensuring they are entitled to attend as outlined by the IAM Constitution.

Adam has been an IAM member since April of 2007 as an employee at The Milwaukee Art Museum. He wax shop chair for 10 years and held the Vice president position within IAM Lodge 2110 prior to their merger with Lodge 66.

Adam is a familiar face in a new place for our Local so make sure to say hello when you arrive for January's monthly business meeting. We would also like to thank Adam for stepping up and accepting this nomination!



*Our new Conductor/Sentinel
Adam Dudenhoefer*

Seniors Corner: The Impact H.R. 3 Would Make For Medicare Beneficiaries

A piece of legislature in the House of representatives would give the government the ability to negotiate drug prices with manufacturers and save roughly \$456 billion dollars that would be used to expand benefits and put a cap on the sky rocketing out of pocket drug prices.

The plan outlines an expansion to provide Medicare beneficiaries dental, hearing and vision coverage and would also cap the yearly out of pocket costs on prescription drugs at \$2,000. It would also increase access to Medigap and expand the low income subsidy program.

The bill has passed the House at a vote of 230-192. It is backed by the Democratic party and opposed by the Republican Party. While the bill has yet to be taken up by the Senate supporters of the bill are hopeful that it's passage in the House will signal the changes American's would like to see. For more info and resources for retirees check out the Wisconsin Alliance for retired Americans.

Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans Chapter

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Upcoming events and important dates

<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, February 5th At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Organizing Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 4th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>District 10 Business Meeting Monday, February 10th at 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, February 11th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>
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- Educator Hunter Scott
- Editor Jon Zancanaro

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