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United Lodge 66

Business Meeting

February 11th 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

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## **District 10 IAM H.E.L.P.S. Read to Me Event**

On January 29th District 10 held their first IAM H.E.L.P.S. event at the Next Door Foundation in Milwaukee. Honoring, Engaging, Lifting, Providing and Servicing the communities is an important part of union activism. Giving time to The Next Door foundation to not only read to the students but also clean, repair and freshen up books they received through donation helps make an impact on the young minds in their program.

District had held a book drive in the months leading up to the event and had collected around 1,500 books to give to The Next Door Foundation. Upon arriving on the morning of January 29th our volunteers were welcomed and given clear and concise instructions for the day. The folks at Next Door Foundation made sure all of our questions *See IAM H.E.L.P.S. on pg. 3*



*Staff of District 10 and members of Local Lodge 66 at the IAM H.E.L.P.S. Read to Me event at The Next Door Foundation in Milwaukee*

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## **59<sup>th</sup> Annual District 10 Joint Installation Dinner**

Every year in January District 10 holds the Joint Installation Dinner, an event to install all newly elected officials and for some socializing. This year it was held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield Wisconsin. There was a hospitality room before and after the event provided by Marvin and Associates.

The event was attended by multiple Local Lodges, including LL66, LL78, DS-140, LL873, LL 1260, LL1377, LL1406, LL1916 and LL2560 as well as by GE Healthcare. Also in attendance were Grand Lodge Representative Kevin Murch, Director of Coordinated Bargaining Craig Norman from the International, The staff of D10 and AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale.



***Local Lodge 66 members with Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale***

The program began with a welcome for those in attendance followed by a short speech by District 10 Directing Business Representative Alex Hoekstra. He spoke about the trials we have faced in Wisconsin and weathered the storms of Act 10 and Right to work noting that we are “The IAM is tanding tall as one of the largest and most influential unions in Wisconsin.” While he reflected on the past decade he also looked forward to the next year and the important events that will shape our work within our Union. This year we are offered ample opportunity for victory with hard work and sacrifice. The stakes are high, a supreme

court race, the first ever member endorsed presidential endorsement by the IAM, A primary and Presidential election, a Grand Lodge Convention, a DNC national convention here in Wisconsin. Not to mention what is shaping up to be our biggest organizing year in District 10’s history. ”



***The members of Local Lodge 66 in attendance for the 59th Annual District 10 Installation Dinner***

To conclude his speech director Hoekstra drove home the importance of the hard work ahead of us “We have to be willing to sacrifice more than we ever had and I know that’s a lot to ask. We need to sacrifice our energy, or talents, our money and most of all our precious, precious time.” He went on to detail the success that our sacrifices will bring “With your help and that kind of sacrifice we can make a difference. With hard work, in 2021 we will proudly be able to say in hindsight 2020 is where the pendulum swung the other direction, where we changed the tide. Where workers and unions were first in this country and this state.”

After Director Hoekstra gave his speech the officers in attendance were installed to their positions by Grand Lodge Kevin Murch. While the program was concluded the night was not. The night was filled with music and dancing and beverages supplied by MillerCoors. The 2020 District 10 Installation Dinner was a fun event that offered a lot of socializing with other members within our District.



***IAM H.E.L.P.S. from pg. 1***

were answered and that everyone volunteering understood what to expect and how the day was going to go.



***Local Lodge 66 member Frank Riedijk reads to a student at The Next Door Foundation***

The first part of the day involved reading to the children in the program. The different age groups included 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. They were brought into the library where they sang the library song and said their names and introduced themselves. Next with the help of their teachers the children found a “friend” to sit with and read stories with. The children were well behaved and entertained as our volunteers not only read to them but also conversed about some of their favorite foods, colors and activities. Before each group of children left they were able to pick out a book from the library that they could take home and keep forever.



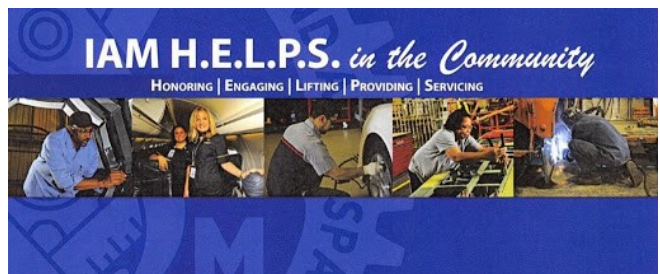
***A group of 5 year olds listen to instructions before our volunteers read to them.***

After the last group of children left the library our group was head to the second phase of the H.E.L.P.S. event to clean, repair and prepare donated books for placement in the Next Door’s library. Once again the foundation had everything laid out for our group of volunteers and gave us excellent instructions for the work we were about to do. The group spent about an hour and a half going through stacks of books repairing ripped pages, rough spines and cleaning marker stains and shining covers up to ensure that each book that makes it in the Next Door library is ready for a young mind to pick up and read or take home.



***Volunteers work hard to prepare donated books for placement in The Next Door Foundations Library***

Overall the IAM H.E.L.P.S. event at the Next Door Foundation was a big success and rewarding for our members. The staff at Next Door were very happy with the the amount of volunteers we had and the work we were able to get done in the short period we were there. We’d like to give a big thank you to District 10 for organizing and preparing us for a successful event. Keep an eye out for more IAM H.E.L.P.S. event in the future and consider volunteering your time to provide service to your community.



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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](mailto: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](http://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.



# United Lodge 66 2020 Monthly Meeting Dates



<del>January 14th</del>	<b>February 11th</b>	<b>March 10th</b>
<b>April 14th</b>	<del>May 12th</del>	<b>June 9th</b>
<b>July 14th</b>	<b>August 11th</b>	<b>September 8th</b>
<b>October 13th</b>	<b>November 10th</b>	<b>December 8th</b>

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

## Seniors Corner:

### Trump Talks Entitlement Cuts then Backtracks

In an interview while in Switzerland for The World Economic Forum on January 22nd, President Donald Trump responded when asked if entitlement programs would be on his plate by saying “At some point.” He went on to tout the economic strength of the country and tied it into possible future cuts by adding “We have tremendous growth. We’re going to have tremendous growth. This next year I-- it’ll be toward the end of the year. The growth is going to be incredible. And at the right time, we will take a look at that. You know, that’s actually the easiest of all things, if you look, cause it’s such a.... big percentage.”

His opponents took his comments and slammed the president over something he said he would never look at while campaigning in the 2016 election. In March of 2016 Trump remarked “I will do everything within my power not to touch Social Security, to leave it the way it is” but his comments in Switzerland were a stark contrast to his previous statements.

In an effort to walk back his statements in a series of tweets Trump said “Democrats are going to destroy your Social Security. I have totally left it alone, as promised, and will save it!” The Twitter universe roasted him for his claim to save Social Security by noting all of the “saves” he’s previously made including the students of Trump University and contractors for his property developments.

To further drive home the Presidents stance the White

House said in a statement "With no benefit cuts, President Trump is keeping his commitment to the most vulnerable Americans especially those who depend on Medicare and Social Security." However the Presidents actions tell a different story.

As part of the 2020 budget proposals the President has outlined regulations to the Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) program they said would save \$26 billion over the next 10 years. The rule change would change the period of retroactivity that disabled workers could recover lost wages from 12 months to 6 months. The administration has also proposed increasing the number of medical reviews for those who are receiving SSDI. It would add a new category for workers called “medical improvement likely” which would impose a re evaluation every 2 years and expect to release those individuals back into the labor pool saving the government an estimated \$2 billion dollars over 10 years but costing \$1.8 billion of the “savings.”

### Take Action Now

Consider signing the online petition at [www.actionnetwork.org](http://www.actionnetwork.org) today to tell the Trump administration to leave Social Security alone.

**Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans Chapter**

**1602 South Park Street #220**

**Madison, WI 53715**

**608-556-9521**

<https://wisconsin.retiredamericans.org/>

#### **Upcoming events and important dates**

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