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**United Lodge 66  
Business Meeting For  
April is cancelled due to the  
Safer at Home Order and  
CDC guidelines for  
Covid-19 outbreak**  
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**Office Hours:**  
**Suspended until notice due to Covid-19 guidelines. See pg. 2**  
**All Contract issues must be settled by your Business Rep at District 10. See Last Page**

## Lodge 66 Members Giving Back

Giving back to the community is a staple of unionism. Serving those who may be less fortunate, fallen on hard times or just need a helping hand is vital not only to the strength of our communities but also in bolstering our organization. By serving we are able to show the community that they can rely on us to help in a time of need. Our members have been involved in many different causes through the years and we are happy to share another story of serving the community.

We'd like to introduce you to Thomas Molitor, Lodge 66 member for 4 years at Ocean Spray in Kenosha. Tom served in the United States Army 4 years active 3 inactive and is an Iraq war veteran 2010-2011. At Ocean Spray employees have the ability to donate 10 cases of juice per year to a charitable organization of their choosing. Last year Tom asked his coworkers if they would be willing to donate their cases to Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin if he took care of the logistics.

Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin provides housing and a homelessness recovery program through James A. Peterson Veteran Village and SC Johnson Community Center. The Village offers housing consists of 15 tiny homes and the Community Center, which provides 24/7 access to bathrooms, showers, laundry room, a full-sized kitchen, group therapy area, and recreation area. Support and guidance for Veterans benefits, job readiness, and life skills is also provided. Tom was able to collect 85 cases of juice (2,016 12oz bottles) from his coworkers to donate to Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin.

When we asked Tom why he wanted to collect donations for veterans Outreach he told us "I saw them on Facebook as a local program and I wanted to do something that was closer to our community instead of national. I know a lot of donations go unused"



*Juice donations collected for Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin*

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**Lodge 66 Operations during Covid-19 Situation**

The Executive Board of United Lodge 66 has made some decisions to protect the Membership and Office Staff of Lodge 66.

First of all we would like to encourage our members and their families to stay safe during this health crisis. Following the recommendations from the Federal, State and Local Governments is advised.

To protect our members and staff the office will be closed for drop-in traffic.

The office telephone will forward to Secretary-Treasurer Ivan Collins phone. The phone number for Lodge 66 is (414) 671-3800. The Lodge email is [lodge66@gmail.com](mailto:lodge66@gmail.com). The lodge address is 1650 S 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee WI 53215. Mail can be put in the mail slot at the office. Members are encouraged to do as much as possible through the mail. Emails and communications will be monitored. If an appointment needs to be made we will try to accommodate on an Individual basis. Several of the offices within the Machinists Organization will be staffed with reduced workforce. During these critical times we want to express to the membership that we will serve to the best of our ability and you are our main concern. The Brothers and Sisters of the Machinists Union will get through this challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this major event.

In Solidarity,

*Timothy Schwartz*

United Lodge 66 President

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**Due to Wisconsin's Safer at Home Order and guidelines set forth by the CDC the April Business meeting for United Lodge 66 has been Cancelled. We will update for future months as more information and guidelines become available.**

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## *“Giving Back” from page 1*

and I didn’t want to pressure people into giving their donations to me. So I asked for anyone who isn’t going to use theirs or would like to, if I could donate for them. Some don’t know they have the ability or just don’t know how to donate.”

With the success Tom had collecting cases for Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin last year he decided to do it again this year. He asked his coworkers at the beginning of the year if they would be willing to fill their donations through him. As of now he has collected 270 cases (6,480 bottles) of juice from his coworkers to donate this year. When we asked Tom what drove him to try and make a difference he replied “I try to live by a quote from Martin Luther King ‘In the end, we will remember not

the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.’ We can stand idly by and watch or we can do something about it.” This would not be possible without the help and support of our local members that have donated with Tom or without organizations like Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin. Sometimes it is the small actions that turn into greater success. “When we think of a Union we think of a collective, a group or bond between two or more things. In this thinking we can accomplish many great things. Being a Union isn’t about just staying strong together but reaching out to others as well” Tom said about his coworkers joining in his donations. “By serving we are able to show the community that they can rely on us in time of need. Falling on hard times and needing a helping hand has become an all too common occurrence.”

You can find the slogan “Justice on the Job and Service to the Community” on flags with the IAM Logo. A twofold message of our mission as union members. We live this motto everyday as we fight to uphold our contracts in our workplaces and by offering help to those in need in our communities. Whether on a large scale or small providing service to the community is a vital part in bolstering our organization. Stories like Tom Molitor’s and his coworkers contributions to Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin show the dedication our members have to supporting and strengthening their communities. Do you or your coworkers have a story about serving your community? Would you like to share it with your sisters and brothers in The Badger Lodge News? Please contact us via email: [lodge66@gmail.com](mailto:lodge66@gmail.com) to share your stories of “Service to the Community!”



*Tom and his son Coy In front of the Tiny House Community in Racine*

**For more information on**

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## IAM EAP and Addiction Services Program Remains Available to Membership During COVID-19 Crisis

*From [goiam.org](http://goiam.org)*

The IAM recognizes this is a stressful time for many IAM members, staff and family members due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The IAM Employee Assistance and Addiction Services Program stands ready to assist members, staff and their families during this tough period.

As with any large scale event such as this we face many challenges. In conjunction with this occurrence we face the familiar list of continuing problems associated with, but not limited to; substance abuse and addictions, mental health, stress, anxiety, depression, financial hardship and socioeconomic issues. All of these are serious matters that can cause problems by worsening the situation and negatively impacting the quality of life for many of our members.

IAM EAP Services can be accessed by emailing [iameap@iamaw.org](mailto:iameap@iamaw.org) or by calling 301-335-0735.

IAM Addiction Services can be reached by calling 1-888-250-4IAM (4426).

Your [IAM EAP and Addiction Services](#) program provides confidential assistance services to IAM members, staff and family members. We stand ready to assist with prevention, intervention, assessment, directed care and follow-up services so our members can resume and maintain their quality of life and work.

We recommend making sure you are paying attention to your [eight dimensions of wellness](#), as provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Please take care of yourself, family, sisters, brothers and friends during this difficult time and remember, the IAM EAP and Retirees Department stands ready to help.

Visit the [IAM Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Center](#) for continuing updates.



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# IAM Suspends Programming at Winpisinger Center Through End of 2020

*From goiam.org*

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on our economy, our employers and our membership. For many reasons, including the uncertain nature of when it will be safe for members and staff to travel and gather in groups, the Executive Council has made the decision to close the Winpisinger Education and Technology Center for the rest of 2020, effective Monday, April 6.

If you are enrolled to attend a program at the W3 Center, you will receive a communication concerning the cancellation of your program.

The decision to close the W3 Center was not made lightly or without deliberation, as both International President Martinez, General Secretary-Treasurer Cervantes and the entire IAM Executive Council understand the critical role education plays in the IAM. The IAM, like organizations all over the world, will continue to monitor the impact of the pandemic.

“Your Executive Council is fully engaged in monitoring and responding to this crisis,” said Martinez. “I’m looking forward to reopening the Winpisinger Center at the earliest possible opportunity and resuming world-class education for our members and staff.”



*The William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center is a facility built by workers for workers. Its mission is to meet the complete range of educational needs of our members and to provide an atmosphere where they can learn undisturbed by the daily demands of the workplace. We emphasize mutual respect, shared learning, hands-on experience, and discussion inside and outside the classroom.*

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## **Seniors Corner:**

### **Corona Virus guidance for Seniors**

*From retiredamericans.org*

As the coronavirus, also called COVID-19, continues to spread in the United States, we want to share specific information for older Americans about how to stay safe and healthy. Please read this material and share it with your friends, neighbors and relatives. Older Americans and people with pre-existing health conditions are at particular risk from this virus. We hope you find the information below from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) helpful. Of course, please contact your health care provider or local health department for more specific information.

**What is the coronavirus?** The “Coronavirus disease 2019” (COVID-19) is a new (also called “novel”) respiratory illness that makes it harder to breathe. The name comes from how the virus appears under a microscope, as it appears to have “crowns” and corona is the Latin word for crown.

**How does the coronavirus spread?** The virus is mainly spread between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It is also possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes. As of March 12, the CDC says “COVID-19 is a new disease and we are still learning how it spreads, the severity of illnesses it causes, and to what extent it may spread in the United States,” so all of this information may evolve as we learn more.

**Can I get the virus from somebody who doesn’t know they are sick?** YES! The disease can be spread by infected people without — or prior to showing — any symptoms. This is why it is important to follow the public health guidelines before knowing of an outbreak in your community.

**Why are older adults at greater risk for the effects of the coronavirus?** Viruses are not equal opportunity. Early data suggest older people are at least twice as likely to have serious COVID-19 illness. This may be because people’s immune systems change as they age, making it harder for their body to fight off diseases and infection. Older adults are also more likely to have underlying health conditions (including diabetes and heart/lung/kidney diseases) that make it harder to cope with and recover from illness. If you are at increased risk for COVID-19 complications due to age or because you have a severe underlying medical condition, it is especially important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of exposure.

**How can I protect myself?** People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with simple preventive actions.

**Avoid crowded places** and steer clear of close contact with people who are sick. This entails avoiding non-essential travel such as long plane trips, and especially not embarking on cruise ships. We are seeing sports leagues, colleges, businesses and churches shut down large gatherings to avoid the spread. You should think before going to any gathering of more than a few people.

**Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

**Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you have a **fever, cough and difficulty breathing**, seek medical care early.

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Stay home if you feel unwell. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

**What extra steps can I take if I am in a vulnerable population?**

Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand. If you cannot get to the pharmacy, consider using mail-order for medications. Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms in case you become ill. Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time. Avoid crowds as much as possible. If you are in a crowded area take precautions to keep space between you and others. Stay home as much as possible. Consider ways of getting food brought to your house through family, social, or commercial networks.

**What to do if you are sick with Coronavirus Disease 2019**

**(COVID-19)** Call ahead to a healthcare professional if you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or if you live in or have recently traveled to an area with ongoing spread.

**Where can I find more information about the coronavirus?** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web page on [“People at Risk”](#) specifically addresses concerns older Americans might have.

The World Health Organization also has [an incredible amount of information](#) on the situation around the world.

**Protect yourself and others from getting sick**  
**Wash your hands**

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste

World Health Organization

Upcoming events and important dates			
Please check <a href="http://unitedlodge66.org">unitedlodge66.org</a> for any updates regarding May Meeting statuses.			
<b>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting</b> Wednesday, May 6th At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	<b>Organizing Committee Meeting</b> Tuesday, May 5th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	<b>District 10 Business Meeting</b> Monday, May 11th at 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	<b>Lodge 66 Business Meeting</b> Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI



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**Seat is Currently Vacant**

Wisconsin State District 7  
Seat to be filled by special  
Election on May 12th 2020

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Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is April 24th