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June 2020

United Lodge 66

**Business Meeting For**

**June is cancelled due to the**

**“Moving Milwaukee Forward” 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**

## **Organizing Happy Hour**

With a need to stay connected during the coronavirus pandemic District 10 held their first Organizing Happy hour on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Held on the BlueJeans platform, this virtual event allowed members across the state to confer together from the safety of their own homes. The event was well attended by Lodge 66 members and had an informational presentation from D10 Organizer Anne Wiberg.

This months topic was internal organizing and touched on a multitude of items including communication, new employee orientation and collective action. There was a multitude of recommendations on communications that included communicating with everyone in our shops including non-members, promoting and adding to the way we communicate, making the most of the union boards within our workplaces and having up to date contact information. The need for time with new hires was stressed next with the encouragement of getting language added to contracts that do not already have the provision. Talking to new employees within the first week of hire is important to share the importance of the union within your workplace. The last talking point was on collective action, stressing its importance in bolstering the unions visibility in your workplace. This creates a vision of unity not only for new employees but also to management as well.

The District Organizing Happy Hour was also a great way to socialize with other members from around the state, catching up with colleagues who haven't seen each other since the Covid 19 pandemic began as well as a platform to share our stories of getting through these difficult times.

The event was quite easy to connect to and lasted about an hour. Anne Wiberg plans on holding another Organizing Happy Hour next month on June 5th (see event flyer on page 5 for more information) and is open to all members in good standing here at Lodge 66. If you are interested in attending email Anne at [annewiberg@gmail.com](mailto:annewiberg@gmail.com) for the event invite.



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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



## **IAMAW United Lodge 66**

### **Union Meeting Notice for June and July 2020**

### **Cancelled**

All members, Due to the City of Milwaukee's "Moving Milwaukee Forward" order being extended indefinitely, and special dispensation from the International, Local Lodge 66 will be cancelling our June 9<sup>th</sup>, and July 14<sup>th</sup>, regular meetings.

Also due to the ongoing pandemic, the Grand Lodge Convention scheduled for the week of September 6<sup>th</sup> of this year has been postponed until the week of September 12, 2021. Seeing as we were to have elections at our June meeting, we have been granted the opportunity to vote for our delegates for the convention next spring. Although we have taken nominations for delegates and alternate delegates and mailed out absentee ballots, we will be postponing the elections until next year. We will be taking new nominations and doing the whole process over again next spring.

As an executive board we are looking forward to seeing all of the members of Local Lodge 66 at the regular meetings, as soon as it is safe for all of us to do so.

# When Should You Begin Receiving Your Social Security Retirement Benefits?



*As you near retirement, one of the biggest financial decisions you'll need to make is when to begin receiving your Social Security retirement benefits. With pensions disappearing, Social Security remains the major source of guaranteed lifetime retirement income for most Americans, so it's important to take the time to explore your options and make an informed, well-reasoned decision.*

## **In this seminar on Social Security Retirement Benefits, you'll learn:**

- What your full retirement age is and how your benefit is determined
- How retiring earlier than, or later than, your full retirement age will affect your Social Security benefit
- Why it's important to plan together with your spouse, and strategies you can use to boost retirement and survivor's benefits
- How working after you begin receiving Social Security could affect how much you receive

You'll also receive a free workbook created just for this presentation. The workbook contains key information, worksheets, and questions to help you remember important points from the seminar.

### **Directions:** Zoom Video

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.  
When: Jun 11, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: When Should You Begin Receiving Your Social Security Retirement Benefits?

Register in advance for this webinar:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tIPQYIFDRyWvD-yfs1-s7A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tIPQYIFDRyWvD-yfs1-s7A)

Webinar ID  
854 9749 8842

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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**When & Where**  
Thursday 06/11/20

6pm – 7pm

ZOOM Video Conference

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## *District No. 10*

*International Association of Machinists and  
Aerospace Workers*

# Retiring soon?

Your IAM National Pension Plan application can be submitted up to **180 days** prior to your retirement effective date.

Complete your application online or by phone as early as possible to ensure your pension payments start on your retirement effective date.

IAM National Pension Fund

<https://www.iamnpf.org/>

or

1-800-424-9608



## IAMAW District 10

invites you to a video conference

# *Organizing Happy Hour: Developing Leads*

Hear a brief presentation and share  
in an open discussion with members from around  
the state about how we can build our strength!

**Friday, June 5th, 7:00pm—8:00pm**

Click the **Join Meeting** link available in an email invite,  
or contact Anne at [annewiberg@gmail.com](mailto:annewiberg@gmail.com).



***BYOB! Raffle Prizes!***

## **Seniors Corner:**

### **Social Security Advance to Help Struggling Americans?**

The White House is considering a proposal that would financially help struggling Americans in the midst of the corona virus pandemic. The catch? It's an advance on your social security that you will have to repay with interest.

The plan which was drafted by American Enterprise Institute and Hoover Institution, both of which are right leaning institutions. The plan would pay Americans a \$5,000 stimulus in exchange for a delay in Social Security benefits down the road. While the White House hasn't given an official statement on the proposal, a spokesperson said "President Trump has been clear that while he is in office, the American people can feel secure without a shadow of a doubt that he will completely protect Social Security and Medicare. End of story, full stop."

The "Eagle Plan" as proposed would be an overhaul of Federal retirement programs to pay some workers today. In an opinion piece on the plan the two authors, Andrew Biggs and Joshua Rauh wrote "The loan amount would in effect be drawn from the Social Security trust fund, but the interest rate is designed to fully reimburse the trust fund for the balance of the loan plus interest," and that benefits would be delayed "at most three months" when the individual applies for the benefits.

The Eagle plan as proposed is optional and not a mandatory payment. If an individual declines the payment there would be no delay in their benefits when they apply for them. In a letter to Democratic constituents House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wrote "We must put more money in the pockets of the American people. Direct payments, unemployment insurance, rental and mortgage help and student-loan assistance are essential to relieve the fear that many families are facing."

In a statement on Sunday, May 17th Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the Trump administration is in no hurry to pass another round of stimulus checks for struggling Americans saying "What the president and I are now saying is we spent a lot of money, a lot of this money is not even into the economy yet. Let's take the next few weeks — I'm having discussions with both the Republicans and the Democrats to understand these issues. The president and I are having conversations with outside people."

### **Take Action Now**

Visit <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/eagle/> and sign the petition telling Congress to reject the Trump administration's efforts to defund and destroy our Social Security system, whether through payroll tax cuts or forcing Americans to work until they die.

Instead of trying to steal the earned benefits of families struggling to make ends meet, the government should be expanding Social Security for all current and future beneficiaries while increasing direct cash payments to all U.S. households.

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

**Please check [unitedlodge66.org](https://unitedlodge66.org) for any updates regarding May Meeting statuses.**

<b>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting</b> Wednesday, July 1st At 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	<b>Organizing Committee Meeting</b> Tuesday, July 7th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	<b>District 10 Business Meeting</b> Monday, July 13th at 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	<b>Lodge 66 Business Meeting</b> Tuesday, July 14th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI
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Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is June 19th