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United Lodge 66

Business Meeting

September 14th 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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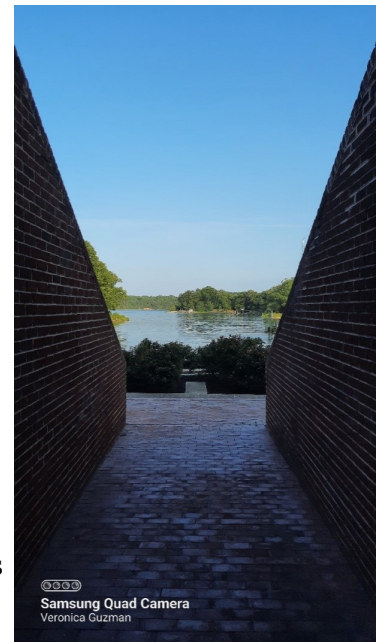
Leadership 1 at The Winpisinger Center

By Veronica Guzman

Moving from Puerto Rico 3 years ago I never imagined being part of a Union. When I started working at the Milwaukee Art Museum, I was told the job was part of the Machinist Union. I didn't understand how security guards were part of a union. Back home, that's not a thing. I honestly wasn't interested. I grew up constantly hearing that the Unions are all a bad thing. It is bad for companies who abuse their employees. Believe it or not there are still companies who do not treat their employees fairly. Unions are a big part for changes in those places. Changes that help the worker. And if we research history, lives were lost to reach those changes. It didn't magically appear, people fought for it.

I've gone from not knowing and doubting, to acquiring knowledge and understanding. Having the opportunity, thanks to the Union community, to attend classes at the Winpisinger Center has given me the tools to become a better shop steward. I feel much confident and able to guard over employees' rights and enforce employers to comply with what is stipulated in their contracts.

Getting to work at the center with people from different states, ethical, political, social and cultural backgrounds, had open space to listen to various points of view and come into a common ground. Everyone was on board with the same interest: the workers wellbeing and a fair treatment, with living wages. *See 'W3' on pg. 4*



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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. The lodge address is 1650 S 38th 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,

Hunter Scott

United Lodge 66 President

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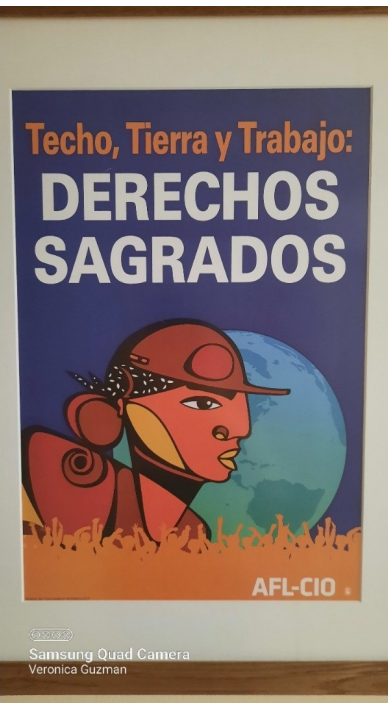
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH,
11AM TO 3PM

1650 S. 38TH STREET MILWAUKEE WI, 53215

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The view at the Winpinsinger center is relaxing. It helps analyze what's thought in class. It also inspires art.

The training I attended was Leadership 1. I had been scheduled to take it online in Spanish. I thought taking the classes in my primary language was going to be easier for me. But due to not having enough students it was canceled. Then the opportunity to go in person came up. I was nervous, had no idea what I got myself into, but I wasn't going to backout. I had moved in search of opportunities, and I will take what I can in order to progress.



The classes at the center consist of Labor History with Mary McHugh, who is an awesome historian. I was unaware of how long Unions had been around and the sacrifices people made just to be treated with dignity at their jobs.

Parliamentary Procedure & Organizational Administration was with Joe Gruber who helped me understand what was going on in the meetings, as I used to be really lost. Now I know the vocabulary used, the order and why it is that way.

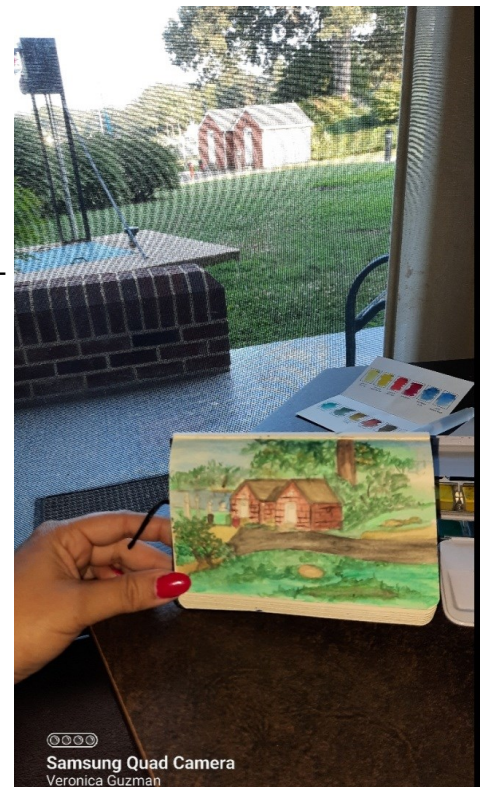
In Government & Politics with Douglas Williams I learned the importance of having a political knowledge in unions. Not my favorite subject, but now I get why government must be part of it, especially those who favor the workers.

Human Rights with Jorge Bonilla who is now Special Representative to Transportation Department and who also had a leadership class to give in Puerto Rico a week after. This class had everyone speaking up. It is very delicate subjects but one that people are passionate about, and you must learn how to bring them up with respect and com-

mon ground.

Role of the steward by Lorie Wilson, we were her first and last class as she moved on to other job in the union. Here I learned how important a steward is. We are the front line, the first face representing the Union at the shops. We must have a balance and understand equity to be fair to all. It can be a little scary to know it is up to you to help others maintain their jobs under fair treatment. You are basically their advocate.

There is still a lot of work to be done in educating communities about Unions. Open conversations with people grown into different backgrounds helps to come into understanding and common grounds. We need to continue to work. We must show that in unity there is power, and courage is contagious. For my friends at the Milwaukee Art Museum, SI SE PUEDE!



Seniors Corner: Retirees Applaud President Biden’s Forceful Call for Action to Lower Prescription Drug Prices

From retiredamericans.org

On Thursday, President Biden made remarks from the East Room of the White House to urge Congress to pass legislation that would allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, a policy the Alliance has been advocating for since its launch in 2001.

The President is also calling for a cap on out of pocket spending for Medicare beneficiaries, and spoke of his own mother’s difficulty paying for her prescriptions as she aged.

“Americans pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs and older Americans bear the brunt of it. Our [recent poll of voters age 65 and above](#) found that 87% of seniors — Republicans, Democrats and Independents — overwhelmingly support allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices,” said Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance.

“We know the pharmaceutical corporations will do everything they can to prevent Medicare from negotiating lower prices, as they have in the past,” Fiesta added. “Having President Biden so personally involved in this fight is a significant and welcome development.”

Medicare drug price negotiation was included in the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution passed by the Senate this week. The framework also includes adding dental, hearing and vision benefits to Medicare, as well as funding to expand home health care and services for seniors and people with disabilities. In addition, it increases wages and benefits for caregiving workers. The next step is for Congressional committees to work out the details and then move the full legislation for a vote this fall.

“The budget resolution not only includes Medicare drug price negotiation and expanded Medicare benefits, it means that more older Americans and people with disabilities can receive care safely at home, rather than in an institution,” said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “It would also help the caregiving workforce who provide these critical services every day.”

<h2>Upcoming Events and Important Dates:</h2>		<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM</p> <p>Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Organizing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, September 7th at 7 PM</p> <p>Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>
		<p>Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is September 24th</p> <p>Submit articles by email:</p> <p>lodge66@gmail.com</p>	
<p>District 10 Business Meeting</p> <p>Monday, September 13th At 7 PM</p> <p>Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, September 14th at 7 PM</p> <p>Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>		

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