

# Badger Lodge News

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**United Lodge 66**

**Business Meeting**

**January 11th 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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## **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**

## **2021 Lodge 66 Christmas Parties**

After a years hiatus, United Lodge 66 held their annual Christmas parties on Saturday, December 4th 2021. 2021 was a festive gathering with a party for the children and grand children of Lodge 66 members as well as a party for the adults in the evening.

The kids party featured plenty of food and snacks for those in attendance as well as an assortment of games to be played. The party was highlighted by a visit from Santa to pass out gift bags and take each child's Christmas wish list.

Later that evening we hosted the adult Christmas party with plenty of food, drinks and raffles for each one in attendance. Their was a great turnout and it was nice to share in fellowship with everyone in attendance. The night was capped off with our Christmas Cash Raffle which saw plenty of delighted winners and boisterous non-winners alike.

*See 'Christmas Parties' on pg. 9*





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of the

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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,

*Hunter Scott*

United Lodge 66 President

# United Lodge 66

## 2022 Monthly Meeting Dates



**January**

**11th**

**February**

**8th**

**March**

**8th**

**April**

**12th**

**May**

**10th**

**June**

**14th**

**July**

**12th**

**August**

**9th**

**September**

**13th**

**October**

**11th**

**November**

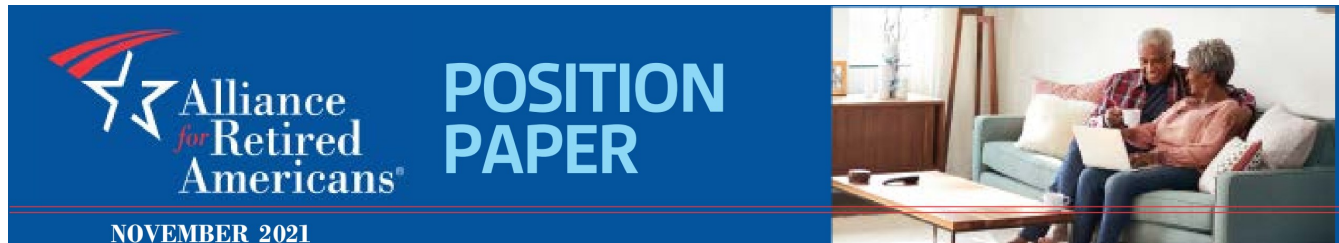
**8th**

**December**

**13th**

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

## **Seniors Corner: Social Security 2100**



### **Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust Act**

On October 26, 2021, Representative John Larson (CT) and Senators Richard Blumenthal (CT) and Chris Van Hollen (MD) introduced the Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust Act, H.R. 5723 and S. 3071. This bill expands Social Security benefits for all beneficiaries and requires that wealthy Americans pay their fair share.

#### **Alliance for Retired Americans Position**

The Alliance endorses the Social Security 2100 Act and urges Congress to pass this bill.

The bill will:

#### **Increase Benefits and Improve COLA**

The bill provides a two percent benefit increase for all current and future beneficiaries. It also adopts the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E), which would ensure seniors get an adequate cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

#### **Improve Benefits for Widow(er)s**

Widowed spouses would be able to keep 75% of the Social Security household benefits they received prior to the death of their spouse.

#### **Provide a Caregiver Credit**

The bill provides up to 5 years of Social Security earnings credit for caregivers who drop out of the workforce or reduced hours to care for a child under 12 or a dependent relative.

#### **Increase Benefits for Low Wage Workers and Older Retirees**

The bill ensures that the “special minimum benefit” for people who earned low-wages are at least 125% of the Federal Poverty Level and provides a 5% benefit increase to those who have been retired for over 15 years. The benefit increase will be gradually phased-in over five years.

#### **Grandparent Benefits**

The bill increases access to benefits for children living with their grandparents.

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### Repeal the WEP and GPO

The bill repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), which claws back the Social Security benefits of public sector workers who also receive a pension, and the Government Pension Offset, which reduces the Social Security spousal benefits of public sector workers with pensions. The WEP and GPO affect more than 2.2 million Americans.

### Lower Taxes for Some Seniors

Social Security benefits are taxed when beneficiaries have other income in addition to their benefits, if their income exceeds certain thresholds. The bill raises the threshold when Social Security income must be included for tax purposes from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for singles and \$32,000 to \$50,000 for married couples.

### Repeal the Five Month Waiting Period for Disability Insurance

The bill eliminates the waiting period (currently 5 months, except for individuals with ALS who do not have a waiting period) to receive Social Security disability benefits.

### Provide Gradual Reduction or Offsets for Disabled Individuals with Earnings

The bill gradually reduces the Social Security benefits for disabled beneficiaries who have earnings by reducing it \$1 for every 2 dollars earned above the threshold, which is currently set at \$2,190 a month.

### Extend Child Student Benefits

The bill extends child student benefits to children of deceased, disabled or retired workers up to age 25 if the child is at least a part-time student.

### Extend Trust Fund Solvency

The bill raises the payroll caps set at \$147,000 in 2022 for individuals making over \$400,000, ensuring wealthy Americans will pay their fair share. The added payroll contributions will help pay for the benefit improvement and extend the solvency of the trust fund until 2038.

### Social Security Statements

Clarifies that Social Security statements must be mailed out to all workers 25 and over who are not receiving benefits, unless they sign up for electronic delivery.

### Office Closings

Prevents the closure of Social Security hearing and field offices unless certain requirements are met.

\*Benefit improvements must be reauthorized after 5 years.

**Attn: Wisconsin High School Students**

## **Cash prizes offered for essays on Wisconsin's labor and worker history**

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its **Kenneth A. Germanson Essay Contest** for the 2021-2022 School Year for Wisconsin high school students (Grades 9-12). Win cash prizes up to \$500. Write essays of about 750 words on the topic:

**“Unions have been important to my family and my community because . . .”**

### **Students could win cash prizes!**

**First place - \$500    Second place - \$300    Third place - \$200**

**Honorable Mention (up to five) \$100.**

### **What to write about . . .**

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.

### **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 submitted by email in Microsoft Word or as PDF file. Submissions must include a cover sheet with the following information: 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 at [kayeh@uwgb.edu](mailto:kayeh@uwgb.edu).

**Deadline for submissions is Feb. 15, 2022.**

**Send your essays to the following email address: [info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org](mailto:info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org).**

**Put “essay contest” in subject line.**

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**UNITED LODGE 66  
MACHINISTS UNION**



# MEMBERS OF LODGE 66

It is your responsibility to:

- \* Keep your address current at your Union office.
- \* Let us know if you are on a medical leave.
- \* Let us know if you have been laid off.
- \* Let us know if you have quit.
- \* Let us know if you have been fired.
- \* Let us know if you have retired.



**Update your  
contact info!**



For contract issues, call your Business Representative at District No. 10.

Lodge 66 only handles your membership information.  
District No. 10 is located at 107 Warren St., Ste 2,  
Beaver Dam, WI 53916  
(920) 219-4919 then extension:

Ext.

- 1 Alex Hoekstra, Director
- 2 Scott Parr, Assistant Director
- 3 Di Ann Fechter, Business Representative
- 5 Todd Humlecker, Business Representative
- 9 Brandon Mortenson, Business Representative
- 8 Greg Pursell, Business Representative
- 6 Jeremy Terlisner, Business Representative
- 7 Joseph E. Terlisner, Business Representative

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!

Communicate your work status to your Union office. It saves time and money!

\*\*\*It's best to send updates via regular mail or e-mail.\*\*\*

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**'Christmas Parties' from pg. 1**

Our volunteers did amazing jobs putting together gift bags for the kid's party, decorating the hall and our Christmas tree, preparing food and running our Christmas cash raffle. Overall the parties went off without a hitch thanks to their efforts and we can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication to these events.

We would like to thank everyone who attended, volunteered their time and helped each party go off without a hitch. The Christmas parties are the highlight of each year as it brings more people to our hall and gives us all a chance to catch up and have some fun as a group outside of our monthly business meetings.



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

Visit: [winpisinger.iamaw.org](http://winpisinger.iamaw.org) to see available classes

and contact Lodge 66

Educator Mike Stark via email: [mikestark12@gmail.com](mailto:mikestark12@gmail.com)

and get signed up for future classes.

**Thank you all and Happy New Year from United Lodge 66!**

**Upcoming Events and Important Dates:**

Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting

Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 PM

**VIA ZOOM**

District 10 Organizing Committee Meeting

Monday, January 10th at 10:30AM AND 5PM

Local Lodge 66  
1650 S. 38th Street  
Milwaukee, WI

District 10 Business Meeting

Monday, January 10th

At 7 PM

Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66

1650 S. 38th Street

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Lodge 66 Business Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th

at 7 PM

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**Deadline to submit articles for the next**

**Badger Lodge News is**

**January 24th**

**Submit articles by email:**

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