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**United Lodge 66
Business Meeting
February 14th at 7:00 PM
1650 S 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800
All lodge members are
encouraged to attend**

Machinists Win Funding Victory for National Labor Relations Board

from goiam.org

The Machinists and our labor allies fought for and won a funding increase for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). After receiving the same appropriation since 2014, Congress funded the NLRB at \$299 million for 2023, an increase of \$25 million. The much needed boost comes at a time when cases are surging at the agency. The IAM has been on the frontlines in calling for increased funding for the NLRB.

In fiscal year 2022, the NLRB saw a 53% increase in union representation petitions from the prior year, as well as a 19% increase in unfair labor practice (ULP) charges.

The agency's 9% gain may be the first increase in years, but still is less than President Joe Biden's 16% hike request and is also slimmer than what the House and Senate budget panels proposed this summer.

"The increase in funding to the NLRB will impact millions of American workers," said IAM International President Robert Martinez, Jr. "The increase in union elections and ULP complaints should be met with the resources needed for the NLRB to process them."

The NLRB is an independent agency created by Congress in 1935 to administer and enforce the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). The agency is tasked with protecting the rights of most private-sector employees who seek to join together, with or without a union, to improve their wages and working conditions, and is responsible for enforcing the law when it comes to collective bargaining and unfair labor practices, and safeguard workers right to organize.

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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,

Frank Riedijk

United Lodge 66 President

Attn: Wisconsin High School Students

Win \$\$\$ for Essays on Labor History!

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2022-23 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) 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 a 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.

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 15, 2023.

**Send your essays to the following email address: info@wisconsinlaborhistory.org.
Put “essay contest” in subject line.**

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We Want You!!!

To share your stories with us!

Have you just won a grievance/arbitration? Have you ratified a new contract? Have you done or witnessed a fellow union member do extraordinary things?

Submit your stories, or story ideas via email to: lodge66@gmail.com

We can help turn your ideas into stories for publication here in The Badger Lodge News and on our website, www.unitedlodge66.org

Seniors Corner: White House Blasts McCarthy For Comments on Strengthening Social Security, Medicare

from thehill.com

The White House hit back after Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said he wants to “strengthen” Medicare and Social Security, arguing on Sunday that the House GOP leader and his conference actually want to slash spending on the entitlement programs.

McCarthy said in an interview on CBS’s “Face the Nation” earlier Sunday that he wants to take cuts to Medicare and Social Security off the table in talks with Democrats over the debt ceiling, even though Republicans do want commitments on spending cuts generally. Instead, McCarthy said Republicans were committed to strengthening the programs.

The strengthening of entitlement programs laid out in the Republicans’ “Commitment to America” is vague. One of the legislative recommendations made in the plan is that Congress must “must be prepared to make reforms to extend the solvency of the entitlement programs.”

The White House rebuked the Speaker’s claim, saying on Sunday that Republicans have wanted to cut earned benefits for years.

“For years, congressional Republicans have advocated for slashing earned benefits using Washington code words like ‘strengthen,’ when their policies would privatize Medicare and Social Security, raise the retirement age, or cut benefits,” White House spokesman Andrew Bates said in an emailed statement. “House Republicans refuse to raise revenue from the wealthy, but insist they will ‘strengthen’ earned benefits programs.”

The White House argues that the only option for the GOP to “save” the entitlement programs is to make cuts, as House Republicans have ruled out raising more revenue from tax increases on the wealthy.

But McCarthy was adamant that Social Security and Medicare would be off the table in the conversations around the debt limit. McCarthy is set to meet with President Biden on Wednesday in a much-anticipated get-together between the two leaders.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	District 10 Business Meeting Monday, February 13th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, February 14th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is February 24th Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com
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<u>District 10 Office Directory:</u>	Do you have any concerns, complaints or congratulations you would like to bring up to those representing you in Government? Give them a call or send them a note and let your voice be heard	
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