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United Lodge 66
Business Meeting
October 10th 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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Labor Fest 2023

Labor Day 2023 was a hot and humid one but it didn't stop the unions of the greater Milwaukee area from gathering in Ziedler Union Square for the annual Labor Day parade in Milwaukee.

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Assembly began in the familiar and welcoming space of Zeidler Union Square early on Labor Day. LL 66 set out hot dogs brats and beverages for our members and anyone else that wanted to stop by and share in the festivities of the day.

The parade had to take a different route this year due to construction and a water main break in downtown Milwaukee but culminated at Henry Maier Festival Park like the years before.

There was plenty of food and beverages for purchase at the park with tickets donated to our members. The Splash pad was a busy spot as well as every section of shade that was available.

Governor Tony Evers, State Senator Tammy Baldwin and United States Representative Gwen Moore all addressed the crowd. Each stating how important Labor was to the state of Wisconsin as well as the United States. They each thanked us all for the hard work and dedication we give to our jobs.





Office Hours:

By appointment only. Call 414-671-3800 or email lodge66@gmail.com

All Contract issues must be settled by your Business Rep

Labor Fest 2023 turned into a great day in spite of the heat. Those that came before us have felt much hotter in more trying times than we can ever imagine. It didn't stop us from celebrating their victo-

ries and won't keep us from fighting for our own.

More Labor Day photos on page 3

Past Sacrifices, Future Victories: 1912 Little Falls Strike

Welcome to the newly named segment on Labor History: Past Sacrifices, Future Victories! Many thanks to LL66 Secretary Treasurer Mike Oettel for the name. Lets go back to 1912 and a small town in New York state called Little Falls and an event called The 1912-1913 Little Falls Textile Strike. There were 2 primary textile mills in Little Falls in 1912, The Phoenix Knitting Mill and the Gilbert Knitting Mill. Both were operated by primarily immigrant workers from Europe. The workers faced poor and living conditions in Little Falls as the textile industry began to grow in the early 1900's.



Striking Workers in front of the IWW Headquarters in Little Falls

In 1912 the State government of New York passed a law, The Jackson Bill that reduced the maximum amount of hours for women and children to work in a

week from 60 to 54 hours. The goal of the law was to improve workplace safety, however it resulted in a loss of wages as the mill owners did not address any raise in income to offset these hours lost. While there were minor labor disputes resulting in some Mills raising pay, The Phoenix and Gilbert Mills did not.



"Free Speech" Meeting held in front of Phoenix Mill on the right

On October 9th about 80 workers walked out at the Phoenix Mill and were joined by 76 workers from the Gilbert Mill on October 18th. Most, if not all of the striking workers were women. By the end of October the number of workers on Strike rose to 600. It is important to note that the workers at this time were not organized or represented by a union. As the strike gained steam and more workers joined it The Industrial Workers of the World, or IWW sent organizers to the area and helped organize the striking workers and teaching them tactics to get their demands met by the Mill owners. On October 24th, the workers voted to organize into the IWW. There was a violent confrontation on October

30th between law enforcement officials and striking workers outside of the Phoenix Mill. It turned into a riot which led the police to raid the IWW Headquarters and arrest many of the strikers.

The IWW faced competition from the United Textile Workers of America, or The UTW as they organized their own Local and agreed to a contract that would bring some workers back on December 2nd, 1912. The IWW held strong to their demands and continued to persist in the strike. By December 24th the New York State Department of Labor stepped in to investigate the strike and ultimately helped negotiate a contract that both the workers and mill owners agreed to bringing workers back to their jobs on January 6th, 1913.

The contract included wage increases between 6% and 15% and depended on the piece work of the workers. It also allowed striking workers to return to work without discrimination. The IWW poured resources into the court cases of the individuals arrested and were mostly successful except for 2 organizers that were found guilty of assault and sentenced to a year in prison.

At the time it was the longest strike as a result of the Jackson Bill and was the largest strike held in New York State. While it was a win for worker pay there was still housing issues for the immigrant workers. After the contract dispute was settled The State Department of Labor investigated the living conditions of the workers and found them unsatisfactory. A "Clean Up Week" to improve the living conditions in the immigrant part of town was held and The Phoenix Mill also constructed some new homes for workers.



Caption reads "Victims of law and order. Members of the IWW in jail at Little Falls. Red Banner shown in picture made in cell"

Images from Labor Fest 2023

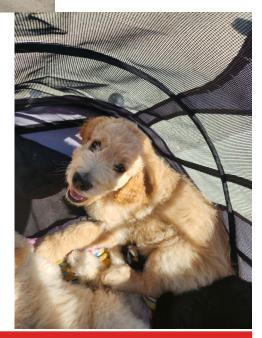


Left, right and below: Marching through Milwaukee in the Labor Day Parade





Left: Bringing up the next generation! Hunter Scott and his grandson Miles Right: the Staniszewski's brought puppies!!



IAM H.E.L.P.S. Events:

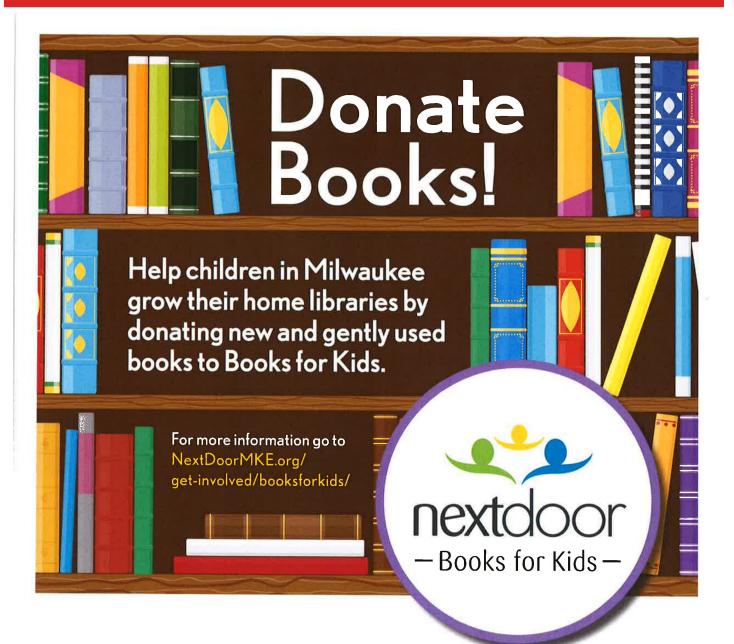


Need volunteers to
paint at
Mother and Daughter
Child Nurturing Center
a partnership program
with the
Nextdoor Foundation

Date: Friday, October 20th

Time: 9:00 a.m.

MORE INFO
Contact Reyne (920) 219-4919
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IAMAW District 10 Kid's Book Drive

Donation bins at your shop or Local Lodge

Now through November 17, 2023

Wish List

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CHRISTMAS

PARTY

RSUP at October or November Meetings or by calling the lodge at 414-671-3800 or text Secretary Treasurer Mike Oettel at 262-909-4505 by November 15th. Please leave your name, your children(s) name(s), age(s) and the company you work for.

Your Children and/or grandchildren (12 years old and younger) must be pre registered and we ask that all children be accompanied by no more than 2 adults.









DECEMBER 2ND, 2023

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM 1650 S 38TH STREET MILWAUKEE

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE AT 8:30. TICKET REQUIRED NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, RAFFLES REFRESMENTS

2024 IAM Scholarship Competition Opens for Applications on October 1st

From goiam.org



The 2024 IAM Scholarship Competition will open on October 1, 2023, accepting applications and allowing entrants to apply online. The competition is open to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada.

Application packets must be submitted online no later than February 2, 2024.

Interested parties can find a link to the online applications, rules, and general information on the <u>IAM Scholarship Competition page</u>. (https://scholarship.goiam.org)

Out of 300 applicants in 2023, the IAM awarded 16 scholarships valued at \$64,000 to members and their children. The IAM also has a vocational-technical two-year scholarship for members and their children.

The IAM Scholarship Fund, used exclusively to make these awards possible, was established by the 1960 IAM Grand Lodge Convention delegates.

You can view the call letters in English and French or online at the IAM Scholarship website.

Seniors Corner: Retirement Symposium by Alliance for Retired Americans on Oct. 17

from goiam.org

The Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) is hosting a day-long symposium called "Preparing for Retirement: Individual and Collective Efforts" at the AFL-CIO's headquarters in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

Click here to register to attend the event in person.

Click here to register for virtual attendance.

The symposium will bring together government officials, labor movement leaders, policy experts, Social Security and pension advocates, academics, economists, attorneys and people who work in retirement security and social insurance.

The event is hosted by ARA President and retired IAM General Secretary-Treasurer Robert Roach Jr.

Every day, 10,000 Americans turn 65, and our country needs to prepare for the retirement of these workers. Right now, a majority of U.S. households have no retirement savings.

This symposium is intended to educate workers about planning for retirement and how retirement security can be strengthened.

Expected speakers include AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer and ARA Executive Vice President Fred Redmond, House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y. / invited) and U.S. Rep. John Larson (D-Conn.).



Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, will present on Social Security Ins and Outs. Speakers will discuss the state of retirement security, the challenges of traditional pensions, and the legislative prospects to expand Social Security.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Council Delegate Meeting
Wednesday, October 4th
at 6:30 PM
Milwaukee Labor Temple
633 S. Hawley Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee Area Labor

District 10 Business Meeting
Monday, October 9th
At 7 PM
Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66
1650 S. 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Lodge 66 Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 10th
at 7 PM
Local Lodge 66
1650 S. 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Deadline to submit articles for the next

Badger Lodge News is

October 26th

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