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United Lodge 66
Business Meeting
November 12th 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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Office Hours:

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

All Contract issues must be settled by your Business Rep at District 10. See Last Page

How Trump's Project 2025 Would Attack Working People, Unions

from goiam.org

Trump's Project 2025 is the 920-page document, written by at least [140 Trump advisers](#) (<https://betterinaunion.org/news/trumps-project-2025>) and former (and likely future) leaders in the Trump administration, that spells out what they plan to do during a Trump second term.

[The AFL-CIO broke it down for us](https://betterinaunion.org/project-2025) (<https://betterinaunion.org/project-2025>): How would this agenda affect union members and working families?

We are deeply concerned about pro-corporate policies that would drive up costs, put people out of work, endanger people's lives and make it harder for working people to get ahead. For unions, this agenda would make it tougher for members to win gains in our next contracts and stack the deck in favor of CEOs.

Learn how Trump's Project 2025 agenda would affect:

Ability to Organize, Workers' Rights, Health and Safety, Government

Workers, Retirement Security, Civil Rights, Consumer Rights, Education, Transportation and Immigration

Visit betterinaunion.org for more information.

Here's some more specifics on how the Project 2025 agenda, via the [Federal Workers Alliance](https://www.goiam.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-10-17_FWA-Project-2025-Toolkit_DRAFT-edit.docx.pdf) (https://www.goiam.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-10-17_FWA-Project-2025-Toolkit_DRAFT-edit.docx.pdf):

- Fire federal civil servants and end their job protections in order to replace them with political partisan loyalists through "Schedule F."
- Eliminate public sector unions.
- Create company-controlled unions in the private sector (which are currently illegal).
- End exclusive representation for existing unions.
- Limit health and safety inspections of workplaces to only employers they consider "egregious offenders."

See "2025" on pg. 6

Past Sacrifices, Future Victories: The Uprising of 20,000

In the early 1900's garment manufacturing was a large industry, with roughly 600 shops and 30,000 workers in New York City alone. These workers were mainly immigrant girls and women ranging in age from 14 to 23. They were subjected to abysmal working conditions that included unsanitary restrooms, 65 to 75 hour work-weeks and were paid considerably less than the men working in the field. As such, change needed to happen and these brave workers set out to see that their voices were heard.



Workers on Strike against the Triangle Shirtwaist

The seed for the uprising was planted in September of 1909 when the workers at The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory (yes, THAT Triangle Shirtwaist Factory) went on strike. Those workers were seeking safer and cleaner working conditions, shorter hours and better pay. A day in the life at the Triangle factory started with a 14 hour day that only included 1 break. Additional restroom breaks were often denied which led workers to urinating right on the factory floor. They were paid \$2 a day, had to supply their own needles and were docked pay if they ruined a piece they were working on, which sometimes would be more than they were paid that day. All the while the industry made an estimated \$50 million dollars a year in the early 1900's adjusted for inflation

would be \$1,732,423,076.92 today.

As the workers at the Triangle factory struck other workers in New York City took notice. There was a meeting scheduled on November 22nd, 1909 at Cooper Union that was organized by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). AT the time The ILGWU was one of the largest unions in America at the time. At that meeting men of the industry spoke out against the strike and the calls for a general strike in the industry, with some estimating they spoke for 4 hours or more. Finally, Clara Lemlich, a 23 year old worker from Ukraine stood up and spoke to the workers in attendance. Saying "I have no further patience for talk. I move we go on



Clara Lemlich

a general strike!" and further declaring that should she turn her back on the cause she wished the hand she held up in the air would wither from her arm.



Workers pledge to strike the garment industry

By November 24th an estimated 15,000 Shirtwaist workers walked out on strike with 20,000 to 30,000 more joining them. They demanded a 52 hour work week, a 20% pay raise, improved safety conditions and overtime pay. The striking workers were met with hired hands that assaulted them and factory owners paid the police force to arrest them.

See "The uprising of 20,000" on pg. 6



LODGE 66 Kids christmas party

RSVP at the October or November Meetings or by November 15th by calling the lodge at 414-671-3800. 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 7TH
10AM TO 1PM**

**LODGE 66 HALL
1650 S. 38TH STREET
MILWAUKEE WI**

Open to EVERYONE covered by the collective bargaining agreements of Local Lodge 66

LODGE 66

CHRISTMAS PARTY



7 DECEMBER, 2024

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

1650 S. 38TH ST, MILWAUKEE

CASH RAFFLE AT 8:30 NEED
NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Open to EVERYONE covered by the
collective bargaining agreements of Lo-
cal Lodge 66

Attn: Wisconsin High School Students

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

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2024-2025 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 are good for my family, my community, and my nation 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 . . .

Students are encouraged to write an essay that reflects on why unions have been important in the past and why they might be important today. They can talk to their teachers, family members who have been union members, or do independent research to show how unions have fought for democracy, equality, or other important American ideals. Visit www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org for information and 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, email address, 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. Be sure to let us know how you heard about the contest! If you have any questions, contact: Harvey J. Kaye at kayeh@uwgb.edu.

Deadline for submissions is Feb. 15, 2025.

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

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“2025” from pg. 1

- Narrow the definition of what is protected concerted activity.
 - Eliminate voluntary recognition of unions.
 - Treat laws like the Fair Labor Standards Act or OSHA as “negotiable defaults” and not minimum floors of worker protection.
 - Pass legislation allowing state-level waivers from federal labor laws like the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act.
 - End Project Labor Agreements that create living-wage jobs on public contracts.
 - Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act requiring that prevailing wages be paid.
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“Uprising of 20,000” from pg. 2

The general strike brought in interest from upper class women who would become known as The Mink Brigade. Some notable women of the Mink Brigade were Anne Tracy Morgan, daughter of J.P Morgan and Alva Belmont former wife of William Kissam Vanderbilt. They organized with the ILGWU and joined them on the picket lines. They were arrested along with the workers which got considerably more news coverage than before.

The strike wouldn’t be settled until February of 1910 when the workers won better pay, shorter hours and equal treatment. It was a victory, however the owners of The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, Max Blanck and Isaac Harris did not sign an agreement with the union and ignored the calls for safer working conditions such as locked doors and unsafe fire conditions. More on that to come in this segment later. The strike also inspired the first International Women’s Day in New York City on February 28th, 1909.



Members of the Mink Brigade



Women on strike (above) A look into a garment factory in the early 1900's (right)



Seniors Corner: Biden Highlights Drug Cost Savings, Hits Trump on ‘concepts’ of ObamaCare Plan

from thehill.com

President Biden on Tuesday highlighted his administration’s efforts to lower prescription drug costs as he seeks to cement his legacy in his final months in office. At an event in New Hampshire alongside Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and other Democrats, Biden spoke about the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), including its cap on prescription drug costs and allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Biden called it a significant victory over the pharmaceutical industry. “It was a hell of a fight,” Biden said. “We beat the special interests and delivered for the American people.” The administration this year announced new negotiated prices for 10 of the most expensive drugs, though they won’t take effect until 2026. Biden also touted insulin costs for Medicare beneficiaries that are now capped at \$35 per month.

Both Biden and Vice President Harris have spoken in favor of expanding this cap to include everyone. Tuesday’s event comes two weeks before Election Day and less than three months before Biden leaves office. During his remarks, Biden went off script and praised Harris, the Democratic nominee and his would-be successor, for her efforts to help pass the IRA. “Kamala by the way, cast the tie-breaking vote,” Biden said. “Don’t tell me one vote doesn’t count.” During the event, Biden also hit former President Trump for claiming he has “concepts of a plan” to replace the Affordable Care Act.

“I’ve heard that concept of a plan now for almost eight years. A concept of a plan. What the hell is a concept of a — he has no concept of anything! No plan,” Biden said.

Biden said Trump could kick tens of millions of people off their health insurance “if we don’t elect Kamala.” Biden also called for Congress to permanently extend tax credits to tens of millions of ObamaCare enrollees to help them afford their premiums. The subsidies were set to expire in 2022, but they were extended to 2025 as part of the IRA. Now, whoever controls Congress after the November elections will be able to decide whether to let them expire or seek to extend them permanently.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Election Day: Tuesday November 5th

<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>District 10 Business Meeting Monday, November 11th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is November 22nd Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com</p>
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