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United Lodge 66
Business Meeting
January 14th 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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By appointment only. Call 414-671-3800 or email lodge66@gmail.com

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Milwaukee IAM Members Support Youth Literacy

from goiam.org

IAM District 10 successfully held its 4th annual H.E.L.P.S. book drive and volunteer event at the Next Door Foundation. This initiative aims to bolster early literacy efforts and strengthen families in Milwaukee.

In early December, more than a dozen IAM District 10 members participated in a meaningful volunteer effort. They dedicated their time to one-on-one reading sessions with children enrolled in the Next Door Foundation’s educational programs at their Capitol Drive facility. This focused reading time aims to enhance children’s literacy skills and cultivate a lifelong love for books.

The Next Door Foundation provides vital services to nearly 1,400 children annually, ranging from birth to five years old. Committed to preparing children for academic success, the organization offers center-based programs, home visitation, and partnerships across 11 Milwaukee County sites. Its comprehensive approach includes academic and social-emotional learning, behavioral support, mental health resources, and medical and dental care—all free of charge to families.

“The IAM believes in the power of education and community service as core principles,” said IAM Midwest Territory General Vice President Sam Cinelli. “The commitment from IAM District 10 members exemplifies how individuals can come together to create lasting positive change in the lives of every child. Each of our H.E.L.P.S. events, that happen throughout our Territory, reaffirms our commitment to helping each other and support for members and their families in our neighborhoods.” See ‘H.E.L.P.S.’ on pg. X



Past Sacrifices, Future Victories: The Great Molasses Flood

Molasses has a multitude of uses in industrial settings. It is a sweetener that is easier to work with than granulated sugar, it can be distilled into alcohol and it can further be made into explosives. In 1910's America, molasses was used in all 3 of these cases. The first world war had ended in 1918 and prohibition was enacted a week later. This led manufacturers to try and out pace prohibition by using up stock they had on hand for making munitions for the war effort.

In Boston, The Purity Distilling Company had built a massive tank to hold molasses in 1915 that measured 50 feet tall and 90 feet in diameter. The construction of the tank was overseen by the companies financial officer, Arthur Jell who had no engineering or architectural training. The tanks construction was raced and was not properly tested to see it's holding capacity. Jell had the tank filled with about 6 inches of water and declared it fit for use days before the first shipment was scheduled to arrive.

The tank was problematic from day one with many residents reporting hearing groans from the tank whenever it was filled. Local children would take pails to the tank to collect the sweet molasses as it leaked from the rivets. The Purity Distilling Company even painted the whole tank brown to try and hide the leaking points on and around the tank.

January was bitterly cold in Boston in 1919. The tank had received a shipment on January 14th that brought the tanks total capacity to over 2 million gallons of molasses. Molasses is warmed to improve viscosity while transferring from vessel to vessel. The new shipment of warm molasses was stored on top of older molasses in the tank, then the temperatures climbed in Boston. In 1 day the temperatures rose from single digits to over 40 degrees. The rise in temperature presented a risk of fermentation and while the tank was equipped with 1 relief valve for the fermentation pressure, it was closed due to the frigid temperatures of the winter.

On January 15th, 1919 around noon there was a large rumbling coming from the tank and the nearby areas. Witnesses said it reminded them of the sounds a train makes as it approaches or that it sounded like a machine gun being fired. The tank erupted, unleashing over 2 million gallons of molasses into the streets of Boston. It is estimated the wave was about 25 feet tall at it's highest point and moved at a quick 35 miles per hour. It levelled homes nearby, it knocked down a section of the elevated train that ran right next to the tank. It trapped people in the thick liquid that became thicker as it cooled, not allowing some to escape to safety.

After all of the molasses spilled out it was noted that there was about 2 to 3 feet of flooding in the city streets. 150 people were injured, 21 had died and several horses died as well. Some of those killed got swept into Boston Harbor and weren't found for a couple of months.



Photo of the Purity Distilling Company tank date April of 1916



A section of the tank after explosion

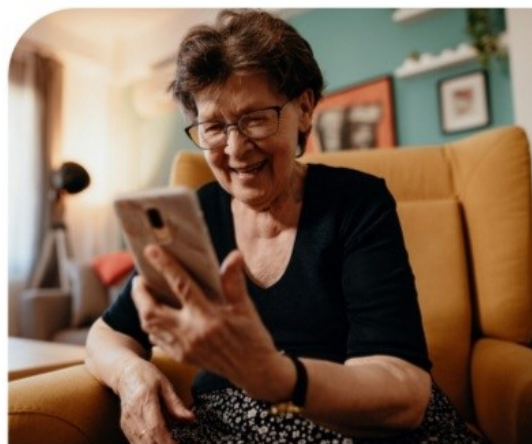
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Seniors Corner: Protect Your Wallet; A guide to Avoiding Financial Scams

From usaging.org

While financial scams and fraud happen throughout the year, the holidays are a predictable time to see an increase. More online shopping and phone or email donation appeals means more opportunities for fraud. It is also an emotional time of year for many people, especially those who may feel lonely or isolated, which scammers can exploit.

The **Eldercare Locator** can help older adults, caregivers and families to stay safe and worry free by protecting themselves and loved ones from financial fraud and scams during the holiday season.



Common Scams Targeting Older Adults

Scams targeting people age 60 and older resulted in over \$3.4 billion in losses in 2023 alone, according to the **FBI**. Here are some of the most common types of scams and fraud, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Read the complete CFPB list [here](#).

- **Charity:** Scammer pretends to represent a real or made-up organization and asks for donations.
- **Non-Delivery:** A person buys something online but never receives the item.
- **Grandparent:** Scammer pretends to be a grandchild or relative in trouble and asks for money or gift cards.
- **Tech Support:** Scammer pretends to be a computer expert offering technical support to trick people into giving access to their computers and personal information.
- **Romance:** Scammer pretends to be romantically interested in someone, develops trust and then asks for money or a loan.
- **Blackmail:** Scammer threatens to release personal information unless the victim sends money using wire transfer or gift cards.
- **Investment:** Scammer pretends to be a financial professional with urgent investment opportunities that are fake, including offers to teach you how to invest in cryptocurrency.

Contact the Eldercare Locator

 **Voice, videophone or text:**
1-800-677-1116

 **Email:**
eldercarelocator@USAging.org

 **Chat:**
eldercare.acl.gov

10 Tips to Avoid Scams

Here are some of the things you can do to prevent getting scammed or becoming a victim of financial fraud. Learn more from the FBI and CFPB.

1. Be wary of someone offering you a “great deal” that seems too good to be true or pressuring you to act quickly.
2. Do not be afraid to say “no” or hang up if you feel uncomfortable or suspicious about a phone call solicitation or to ignore suspicious emails or text solicitations.
3. Never send money using a gift card or wire transfer directly to a seller or unknown person.
4. Do not click on suspicious links or attachments in text messages, emails, websites or social media.
5. Be suspicious of a company asking you by phone or email to update your password or account information. Look up the company’s phone number on your own and call the company to find out if the request is real.
6. Keep personal information in a safe and secure location that unauthorized individuals cannot access.
7. Do not share numbers or passwords for accounts, credit cards or Social Security.
8. Monitor your financial accounts by setting up alerts for unusual activity and reviewing statements more frequently during the holidays.
9. Build a strong support network and keep in touch with others to prevent social isolation. This can decrease the chances that you will experience financial exploitation and the likelihood that it goes unnoticed.
10. Stay informed about current scams and keep older family members up to date on official warnings about current scams or fraud.

Suspected Scams— What You Can Do



Reporting financial scams or fraud can feel intimidating. Here are resources you can turn to for help.

- **Eldercare Locator:** Trained staff can connect you with local fraud reporting organizations in your community.
- **Emergency 911:** If you or someone you know is in immediate danger due to suspected financial fraud or abuse, then contact the police right away.
- **National Elder Fraud Hotline:** People age 60 and older who are victims of financial fraud can contact 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311). A case manager will assist with the reporting process at the federal, state and local levels.
- **Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker:** A free tool to report or look up suspected scams which helps others avoid similar cons.
- **National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA):** Contact your state’s NAPSA office about suspected cases of elder abuse, including financial exploitation.
- **Pass It On:** A Federal Trade Commission (FTC) program with tools to share experiences of fraud and help prevent others from being victims.
- **Identity Theft:** An FTC platform allowing victims to report identity theft, develop a personal plan to recover.
- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman:** People who live in licensed nursing homes or assisted living facilities and suspect they are victims of elder or financial abuse can contact a state or local Long-Term Care Ombudsman to act as advocate and provide information about licensing, monitoring and regulatory agencies to help residents stay safe.

Additional Resources



[Click here to visit webpage with more resources.](#)



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PLEASE POST AT YOUR WORKSITE

**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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United Lodge 66

Monthly Meeting Dates



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**All Monthly Business Meetings are held
at 7pm at the United Lodge 66 Hall
Located at: 1650 S 38th St. Milwaukee WI 53215**

January 14th	February 11th	March 11th
April 8th	May 13th	June 10th
July 8th *	August 12th *	September 9th
October 14th	November 11th	December 9th

*** Subject to cancellation by membership action according to Article D, Section 3 of the IAMAW Constitution**

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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'H.E.L.P.S.' from pg. 1

As part of the H.E.L.P.S. initiative, IAM District 10 proudly donated more than 500 new and used children's books contributed by IAM members and their families from throughout Wisconsin.

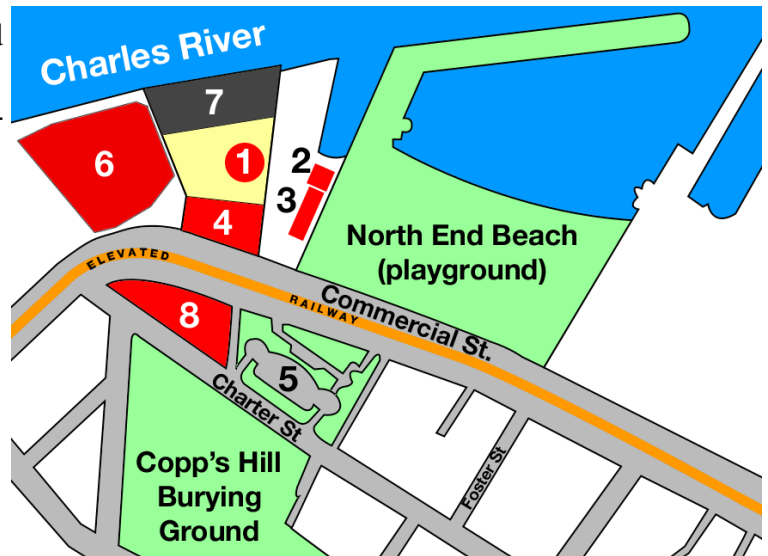
"In addition to fighting each day for fair wages and a healthy work-life balance, IAM District 10 strives to uphold the union's mission of 'Justice on the Job, Service to the Community' by giving back to the communities where its members live and work," said IAM District 10 Organizer Anne Winberg.

The IAM Midwest Territory began the "IAM H.E.L.P.S. in the Community" initiative in the spring of 2017 to provide essential assistance to residents in need. H.E.L.P.S. stands for Honoring, Engaging, Lifting, Providing and Servicing.

'Molasses Flood' from pg. 2

Clean up took months with the harbor being covered in a brown tint until summer, with residents reporting the smell of molasses for decades after the disaster.

In the aftermath there was a class action law suit filed, which may be the first one in American history but it did lead to regulation on corporations and construction for the future to ensure a tragedy like this would never happen again. The area where the tank once stood was turned into a park that features a little league baseball field. In January of 2019 to mark the 100th anniversary of the tragic event, ground penetrating radar was brought in to find the original concrete footing for the tank some 20 inches under the baseball field. Residents then stood hand in hand around the outer diameter and read the victims names to pay tribute to them.



1. Purity Distilling molasses tank 2. Firehouse 31 (heavy damage) 3. Paving department and police station 4. Purity offices (flattened) 5. Cops Hill Terrace 6. Boston Gas Light building (damaged) 7. Purity warehouse (mostly intact) 8. Residential area (site of flattened Clougherty house)

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

<p>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>District 10 Business Meeting Monday, January 13th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>Lodge 66 Business Meeting Tuesday, January 14th 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 January 20th Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com</p>
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