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United Lodge 66 Business Meeting

February 14, 2017

7:00 PM

2609 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
414-671-3800

**ALL Lodge Members are
Encouraged to attend.**

- **DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS - Tuesday thru Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM.**
- The deadline for articles for the March 2017 edition of the "Badger Lodge News", is February 19.
- Contract Issues **MUST be settled** by your Business Agent at District 10. *See last page.*

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Dear Letter to the Editor:

(appeared in Antigo Daily Journal on January 20, 2017 and Antigo Times on January 23, 2017)

The Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) you do not realize what you had until you are going to lose it!

Well after getting total control of our national government and for the 97th time the repeal of Affordable Care Act, ObamaCare, will now happen. What we have to look forward to is what we will lose after the ACA is gone.

While nothing is really perfect this is what Wisconsin Citizens of Langlade County will be losing since the Republican Controlled House of Representatives and the Republican controlled US Senate and supported by the Republican President Elect voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) with nothing of offer as a replacement.



This is what you got in the ACA or ObamaCare and will be losing: **(a)** People with Medicare can get key preventive services for free, and also receive a 50% discount on brand-name drugs in the Medicare "donut hole."; **(b)** Prohibiting Denying Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions.; **(c)** Prohibiting Insurance Companies from Rescinding Coverage. In the past, insurance companies could search for an error, or other technical mistake, on a customer's application and use this error to deny payment for services when he or she got sick.; **(d)** Eliminating Lifetime Limits on Insurance Coverage. ; **(e)** Providing Free Preventive Care. ; **(f)** Under the law, young adults were allowed to stay on their parents' plan until they turn 26 years old.; **(g)** Expanding Coverage for Early Retirees, created a \$5 billion program to provide needed financial help for employment-based plans to continue to provide valuable coverage to people who retire between the ages of 55 and 65, as well as their spouses and dependents.; **(h)** Allowing States to Cover More People on Medicaid. States received Federal matching funds for covering some additional low-income individuals and families under Medicaid for whom federal funds were not previously available. **(i)** Providing Free Preventive Care for Seniors. The law provides certain free preventive services, such as annual wellness visits and personalized prevention plans for seniors on Medicare.; **(j)** Prohibiting Discrimination Due to Pre-Existing Conditions or Gender. ; **(k)** Increasing Access to Medicaid. Americans who earn less than 133% of the poverty level (approximately \$14,000 for an individual and \$29,000 for a family of four) will be eligible to enroll in Medicaid. States will receive 100% federal funding for the first three



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"The Power of OUR Union is Directly Related to YOUR Level of Activism in OUR Union."

We Must Not Forget

"I listened as you called my President a Muslim.

I listened as you called him and his family a pack of monkeys.

I listened as you said he wasn't born here.

I watched as you blocked every single path to progress that you could.

I saw the pictures you made of him as Hitler.

I watched you shut down the government and hurt the entire nation, twice.

I watched you turn your backs on every opportunity to open a worthwhile dialog.

I watched you say that you would not even listen to any choice for Supreme Court no matter who the nominee was.

I listened as you openly said that you will oppose him at every turn.

I watched as you did just that.

I listened.

I watched.

I paid attention.

Now, I'm being called on to be tolerant. To move forward.

To denounce protesters.

To "Get over it."

To accept this...

I will not.

I will do my part to make sure, this great American mistake, becomes the embarrassing footnote of our history that it deserves to be.

I will do this as quickly as possible, every chance I get.

I will do my part to limit the damage that this man can do to my country.

I will watch his every move and point out every single mistake and misdeed in a loud and proud voice.

I will let you know in a loud voice every time this man backs away from a promise he made to you.

The people who voted for him. Yes you, the ones who sold their souls and prayed for him to win.

I will do this so that you never forget.

And you will hear me.

You will see it in my eyes when I look at you.

You will hear it in my voice when I talk to you.

You will know that I know who you are.

You will know that I know what you are.

Do not call for my tolerance. I've tolerated all I can.

Now it's your turn to tolerate the ridicule.

Be aware, make no mistake about it, every single thing that goes wrong in our country from this day forward is now Trump's fault just as much as you thought it was Obama's.

I find it unreasonable for you to expect from me, what you were entirely unwilling to give."

Kellyanne Conway believes that our constitutional system relies on the good-faith cooperation of the minority party in Washington — and that the very least that party can do is acknowledge the legitimacy of the duly elected president?

Note from Secretary – Treasurer Ivan Collins,

To all Members working, if you are off work for more than half of the working days in a month let Local Lodge 66 know. The Lodge phone number is (414) 671-3800. Please leave a message if no answer. If you would like to receive email updates let Doug Curler know your email address. dougcurler@gmail.com

The Lodge 66 website is a great place to get information from. There are videos, links to newsletters and links to many websites that are very informative for members.

I would like to remind everyone to update the union with contact information and address changes when they are made. Most of the companies don't forward the information when members change it with them. We can only get information to you when we have accurate records. Anyone receiving lost time or a salary from the union has to have a W-4 form filed with the union. We cannot make salary payments without a W-4 on file. If you are a committee person or steward you should fill one out that way salary and lost time payments aren't delayed waiting for the forms to be completed before payment can be made.

To all committee and stewards there will be new application forms for the 2017 year out soon. As soon as I get them I will let you know. When you get the new forms make sure to get rid of the old forms. The Department of Labor makes us change forms every year. I also need the top copy of the original form returned to the office. Faxes are not acceptable. (DOL Rules) The Officers of Lodge 66 wish everyone good luck and health in the coming year.

In Solidarity,

Ivan Collins



Ivan



Kellyanne

A Biography from The King Center's Resources

During the less than 13 years of Dr. King's leadership of the American Civil Rights Movement, African Americans achieved more progress toward racial equality in America than the previous 350 years. Dr. King is widely r

Martin Luther King Jr.,
Celebration in Rhinelander, WI on January 15, 2017 ...

https://youtu.be/AcK_XNVQgqc ... copy and paste this link into your browser regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

Drawing inspiration from both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King led a nonviolent movement in the late 1950's and '60s to achieve legal equality for African-Americans in the United States. While others were advocating for the freedom by "any means necessary," including violence, Martin Luther King, Jr. used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly-impossible goals. He went on to lead similar campaigns against poverty and international conflict, always maintaining fidelity to his principles that men and women everywhere, regardless of color or creed, are equal members of the human family.

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" are among the most revered orations and writings in the English language. His accomplishments are now taught to American children of all races, and his teachings are studied by scholars and students worldwide. He is the only non-president to have a national holiday dedicated in his honor, and is the only non-president memorialized on the Great Mall in the nation's capitol. He is memorialized in hundreds of statues, parks, streets, squares, churches and other public facilities around the world as a leader whose teachings are increasingly-relevant to the progress of humankind.

Some of Dr. King's most important achievements include:

- In 1955, he was recruited to serve as spokesman for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which was a campaign by the African-American population of Montgomery, Alabama to force integration of the city's bus lines. After 381 days of nearly universal participation by citizens of the black community, many of whom had to walk miles to work each day as a result, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that racial segregation in transportation was unconstitutional.
- In 1957, Dr. King was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), an organization designed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. He would serve as head of the SCLC until his assassination in 1968, a period during which he would emerge as the most important social leader of the modern American civil rights movement.
- In 1963, he led a coalition of numerous civil rights groups in a nonviolent campaign aimed at Birmingham, Alabama, which at the time was described as the "most segregated city in American." The subsequent brutality of the city's police, illustrated most vividly by television images of young blacks being assaulted by dogs and water hoses, led to a national outrage resulting in a push for unprecedented civil rights legislation. It was during this campaign that Dr. King drafted the "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," the manifesto of Dr. King's philosophy and tactics, which is today required-reading in universities worldwide.
- Later in 1963, Dr. King was one of the driving forces behind the March for Jobs and Freedom, more commonly known as the

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years to support this expanded coverage, phasing to 90% federal funding in subsequent years.; (L)

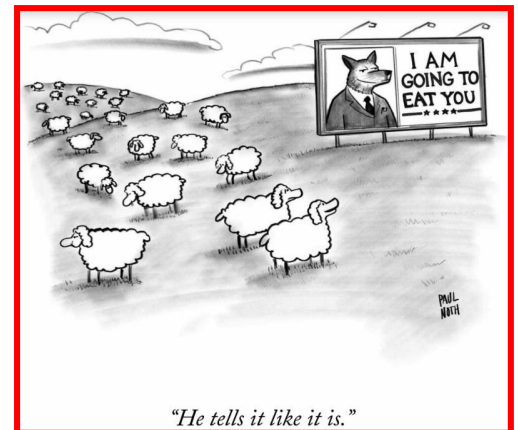
Lower costs for prescription drugs: Because the ACA is closing the prescription drug donut hole (under Part D), 90,303 Wisconsin seniors are saving \$94 million on drugs in 2015, an average of \$1,036 per beneficiary.; (M) Actually slowed the cost of health care premiums by controlling cost.

What you will get???

Trump Care!!!

Thank You,

Doug Curler
Langlade County Alliance for Retired Americans



When the members started walking the Company started talking!

Hello brothers and sisters,

We would like to share some encouraging thoughts with you regarding our recent negotiations that is jointly shared with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers with Perlick Corporation, Milwaukee, WI.

Our District 10-International Business Representative DiAnn Fechter, Boilermakers International Business Representative Dan Luhmann, Fred Karol Boilermakers LL 1503 President along with our IAMAW Bargaining Committee (Al Cissa-Chairman) LL 66 had been in a 6 week long and hard negotiations for our upcoming contract which was due to expire on October 31, 2016.

Prior to negotiations, our committee came up with the idea of deploying "Solidarity Stewards". Solidarity stewards were appointed and their mission was to keep the members informed on negotiations progress. They would then relay the progress to the members and serve as a bridge from the Bargaining Committee to the shop floor.

Our members had made it clear (through our surveys) that they did NOT want mandatory over time, and wanted to retain their rights to use "no notice" vacation for emergency purposes along with many other concessions the Company was proposing to eliminate.

The Bargaining Committee indeed was updating the Solidarity Stewards that the Company was making unreasonable demands and basically getting nowhere in negotiations. An idea was proposed from one of our members that they could show solidarity by taking a lunchtime "Walk" on Good Hope Rd, Milwaukee in front of the Company's Facility. It would be without Strike Signs or Fanfare, but would quietly (but LOUDLY) show the Company that the Bargaining Committee had the members support. The first day We had a significant number of the membership take a "Walk" on their lunch hour to show support for our cause. The second day had even greater support (even in the rain) and the third day was just as good. By this time the Company took notice and could see the Solidarity growing!

Mission accomplished! We negotiated a good contract financially, retained our vacation rights, and achieved NO mandatory weekend overtime!

On October 27th a 3 year Contract was ratified!!

We would not have achieved the success that we attained **without the members showing their SOLIDARITY!**

Submitted by

LL 66-Perlick Bargaining Committee



Shown from left to right: Kevin Rehm-IAM Committee, Jim Stillman-Boilermaker LL 1503 (Chair), Jim Boetcher-IAM Committee, Di Ann Fechter-IAM Intl Bus Rep (D-10), Fred Karol-Boilermaker LL 1503 (President), Al Cissa-IAM Committee (Chair), Roger Michaels-IAM Committee





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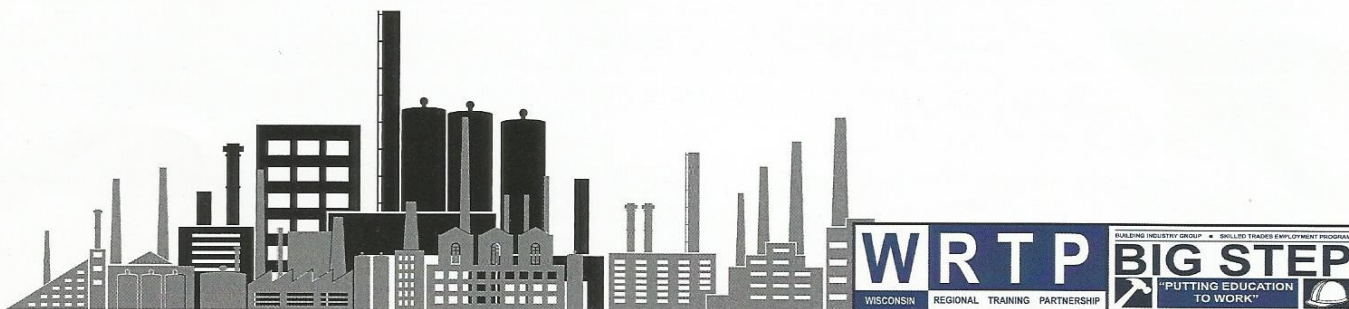
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ask for Manufacturing Representative





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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 1650 S. 38th St., Milwaukee, WI
53215
(414) 643-4334 then extension:

113	Alex Hoekstra, Director
116	Patrick T. O'Connor, Assistant Director
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125	Scott Parr, Business Representative
124	Greg Pursell, Business Representative
118	Jeremy Terlisner, Business Representative
119	Joseph E. Terlisner, Business Representative
115	Larry Morrow, Organizer

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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-REMINDERS-

Have you been *LAI*D-OFF?
Are you on *SICK LEAVE*?
Have you been *TERMINATED*?

If you do not work during a substantial portion of the time available in any given calendar month and suffer total or a proportionate loss of earnings, you may be entitled to:

A \$2.00 OUT OF WORK STAMP (within two months of the occurrence)

or

A \$1.00 HONORARY WITHDRAWAL CARD

If the Lodge does not receive dues for you and you do nothing, your Machinists Union membership will lapse after two months and the reinstatement fee is four times the dues for your shop.

Remember, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to notify the Lodge of your work status.

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Have questions?
Ask your Shop Committee or call the Lodge at (414) 671-3800.

Just Communicate and remember to keep you address current with United Lodge 66.

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Leadership I

Feb 12 - 17
Mar 26 - 31
April 23 - 28
May 7 - 12
July 9 - 14
Aug 6 - 11
Oct 8 - 13
Nov 5 - 10

Leadership II

Mar 19 - 24
May 14 - 19
July 16 - 21
Sept 10 - 15
Oct 15 - 20

**Advanced
Leadership**

Apr 2 - 7
June 18 - 23
July 30 - Aug 4
Oct 22 - 27
Dec 3 - 8

**Train-the-
Trainer**

Mar 5 - 10
June 4 - 9
Oct 1 - 6

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Cours de leadership I**

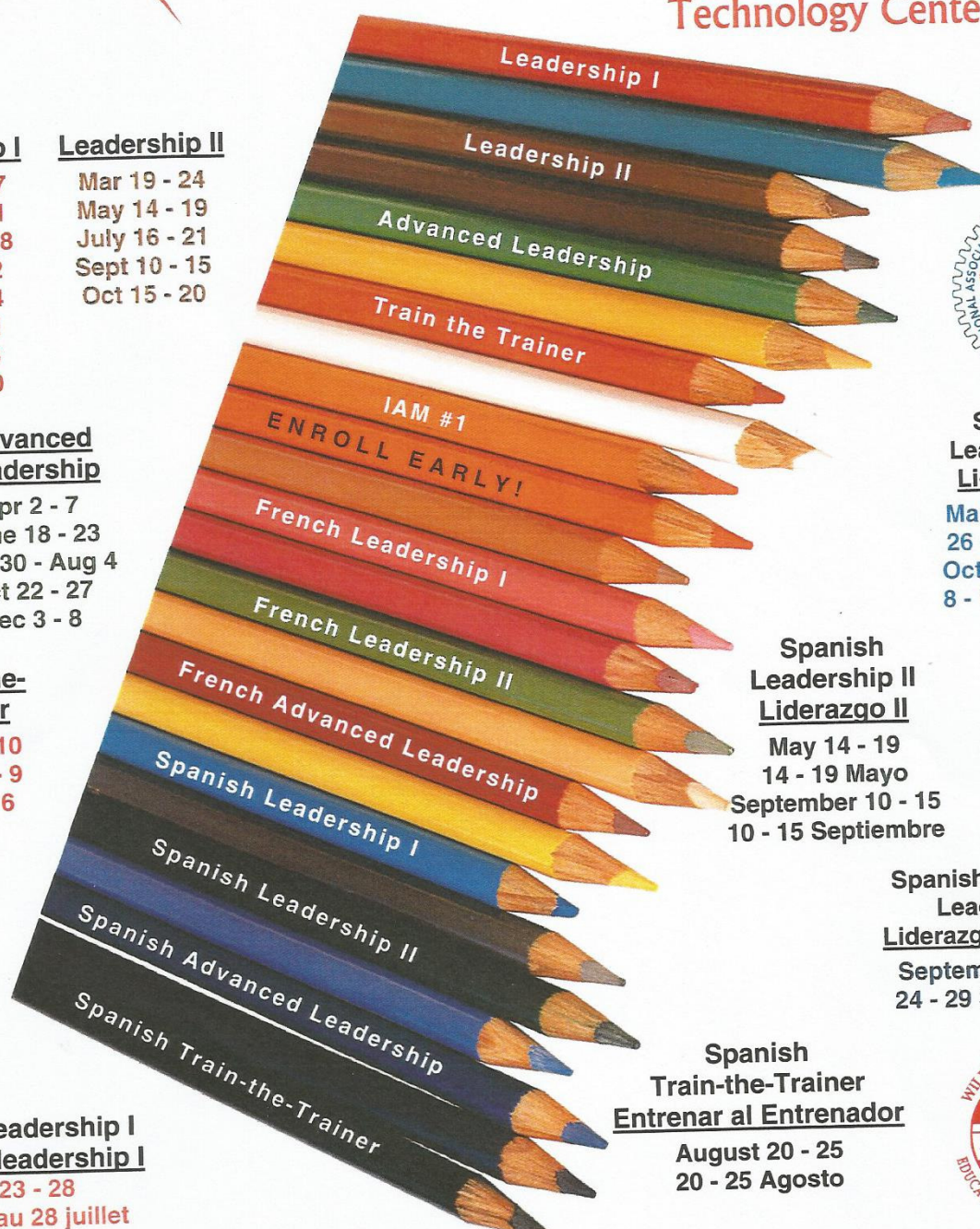
July 23 - 28
23 juillet au 28 juillet

**French
Leadership II
Cours de leadership II**

July 30 - August 4
30 juillet au 4 août

**Advanced French
Leadership
Écoles de Leadership Avancé**

July 30 - August 4
30 juillet au 4 août



**Spanish
Leadership I
Liderazgo I**

March 26 - 31
26 - 31 Marzo
October 8 - 13
8 - 13 Octubre

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Liderazgo II**

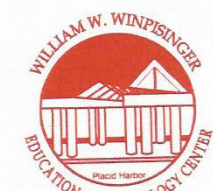
May 14 - 19
14 - 19 Mayo
September 10 - 15
10 - 15 Septiembre

**Spanish Advanced
Leadership
Liderazgo Avanzado**

September 24 - 29
24 - 29 Septiembre

**Spanish
Train-the-Trainer
Entrenar al Entrenador**

August 20 - 25
20 - 25 Agosto



**Contact your Local Lodge
President immediately to
inquire how to enroll.**

WISCONSIN LABOR HISTORY SOCIETY

Preserving and promoting the study of worker history

High School Students! Win Prizes In Labor History Essay Contest

The Wisconsin Labor History Society announces its Essay Contest for the 2016-2017 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 are urged to interview family members, neighbors, friends or others for their stories about work and unions. Teachers are urged to assist students in their efforts.

Up to eight students could win cash prizes: First place, \$500; second place \$300; third place: \$200; honorable mention (up to five) \$100.



LOTS TO LEARN ABOUT WISCONSIN'S WORKER HISTORY!

One of the memorable moments in the state's history occurred in 2011 when massive rallies involved thousands of workers and their families in protesting the enactment of legislation that would end collective bargaining rights for public employees.

More information about this and other important events in Wisconsin's worker history can be found on our website: www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org

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 typed, double-spaced, on white paper. Two copies must be submitted (One may be a photocopy.) Please be sure to provide the following information on the cover sheet: 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 (920-465-2355 or kayeh@uwgb.edu).

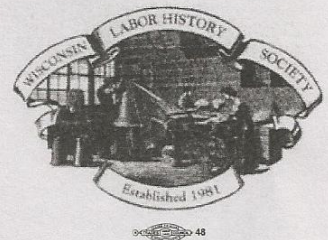
Submissions must be postmarked Feb. 15, 2017 or before. Send completed essays to:

**Prof. Harvey J. Kaye, Center for History and Social Change
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Green Bay WI 54311.**

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Alliance Stands Up for Affordable Care Act with Allies in U.S. House

The president-elect demanded on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 that Congress act immediately to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but details on a replacement bill are in short supply. On Thursday, Alliance Regional Board member Jody Weinreich responded, speaking alongside House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA) and the Seniors Task Force co-chairs Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Doris Matsui (D-CA) at a press conference on Capitol Hill.

Ms. Weinreich and other speakers reminded those in attendance that the passage of the ACA strengthened the Medicare Trust Fund, lowered prescription drug costs, offered subsidized insurance for many older workers and allowed free preventive services for all seniors. The House voted 227-198 today to approve the 2017 budget resolution that instructs committees to write legislation repealing the law. No Democrats voted for the resolution.

“How ironic that I am having my annual wellness visit, at no cost to myself, the day of the repeal vote tomorrow,” said Ms. Weinreich. “Repeal of the ACA is wrong and will put a lot of us in a terrible health and financial situation.”

“Keeping the benefits that seniors have relied on in the Affordable Care Act will require a united effort from constituents and our allies in Congress,” added Robert Roach, Jr., President of the Alliance. “We must continue to put pressure on those who are working to repeal it.”



First Affordable Care Act Repeal Steps are taken in Senate

Voting just after 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017, after hours of debate, the Senate voted in favor of a budget blueprint that would allow them to repeal the ACA without the threat of Democratic filibuster. The final, closely contested vote was 51 to 48. The budget blueprint instructs House and Senate committees to draft repeal legislation by January 27th.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) proposed a budget amendment that would prevent any legislation that cuts Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. The amendment failed, with 49 Senators voting in favor of it and 49 in opposition. It needed 60 votes for consideration.

Another amendment, put forward by Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), would have prevented legislation that cuts Medicare or Medicaid. Sen. Hirono’s amendment also failed to reach 60 votes for consideration, with the final vote being 49 yays and 47 nays.

“Tuesday’s votes tell us that we are well within striking distance of a victory on preventing cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid,” said Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “We must hold the incoming president to his promise when he said, ‘... We are not going to cut your Social Security and we’re not cutting your Medicare.’”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from page 3

“March on Washington,” which drew over a quarter-million people to the national mall. It was at this march that Dr. King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, which

cemented his status as a social change leader and helped inspire the nation to act on civil rights. Dr. King was later named Time magazine’s “Man of the Year.”

- In 1964, at 35 years old, Martin Luther King, Jr. became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. His acceptance speech in Oslo is thought by many to be among the most powerful remarks ever delivered at the event, climaxing at one point with the oft-quoted phrase “I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant.”
- Also in 1964, partly due to the March on Washington, Congress passed the landmark Civil Rights Act, essentially eliminating legalized racial segregation in the United States. The legislation made it illegal to discriminate against blacks or other minorities in hiring, public accommodations, education or transportation, areas which at the time were still very segregated in many places.
- The next year, 1965, Congress went on to pass the Voting Rights Act, which was an equally important set of laws that eliminated the remaining barriers to voting for African-Americans, who in some locales had been almost completely disenfranchised. This legislation resulted directly from the Selma to Montgomery, Alabama March for Voting Rights led by Dr. King.
- Between 1965 and 1968, Dr. King shifted his focus toward economic justice - which he highlighted by leading several campaigns in Chicago, Illinois - and international peace - which he championed by speaking out strongly against the Vietnam War. His work in these years culminated in the “Poor Peoples Campaign.” which was a broad effort to assemble a multiracial coalition of impoverished Americans who would advocate for economic change.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. less than thirteen years of nonviolent leadership **ended abruptly and tragically on April 4, 1968, when he was assassinated** at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. *(editors noted: he was there supported the city sanitation workers who were on strike)* Dr. King’s body was returned to his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, where his funeral ceremony was attended by high-level leaders of all races and political stripes.

Send Your Thoughts,

To those who should be working for you!

President Trump

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Seniors Corner

Sen. Sherrod Brown Introduces Bill to Lower Medicare Drug Costs

One of the biggest expenses for Medicare is prescription drugs, and a major reason is that Medicare is prohibited from leveraging the purchasing power of 41 million Americans to obtain lower prices on medication. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) recently reintroduced legislation to allow Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for cheaper prescription drugs to address the problem.

The bill, S.41, the **Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017**, already has the support of several Senators, including Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). The president-elect has expressed interest in addressing the rising costs of prescription medications.

“The Alliance is hopeful that there will be progress on this important issue. The current loophole is in place solely for the benefit of drug companies, to the detriment of taxpayers,” said President Roach.

Past CBO reports predict a savings of \$121 billion over the next decade, given the tremendous potential of negotiations

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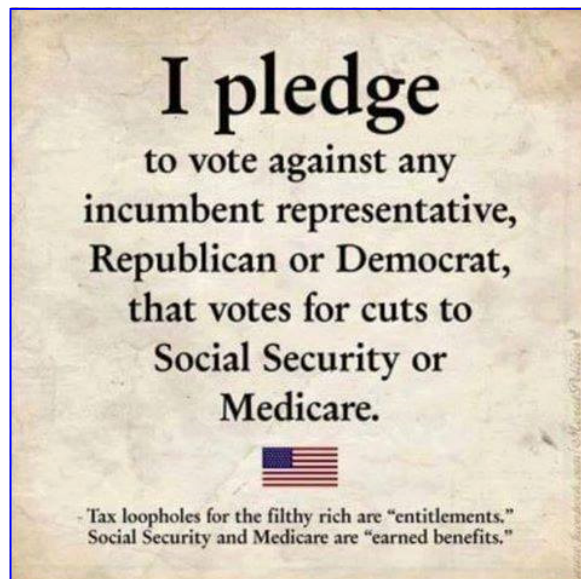
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Activities for You and Your Family

- Milwaukee Area Labor Council delegate meeting: **February 1, 2017** at **6:30pm**, new location at Juneau Complex, in auditorium, 6415 W. Mount Vernon.
- Machinists Union William W. Winpinger Education and Technology Center class schedule is available (<http://winpinger.iamaw.org/courselist>) or at your Union office. Or come to any Union meeting and just ask. This center is open to all members, you just need to be active and want to be the future leader at your worksite or at United Lodge 66.

**The very people who
demanded to see
Obama's birth certificate
don't seem at all
interested in seeing
Trump's tax returns or
care Russia hacked us.
Why?**

★★★★ POLITICAL NATION USA ★★★★★

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