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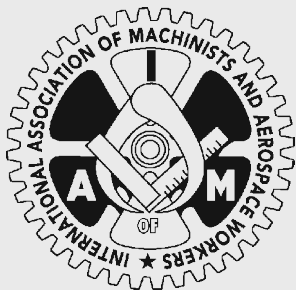
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April 2006

These are selected articles and information from the April 2006 newsletter for Local Lodge 873

MEETING NOTICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

UNION MEETING:

The monthly meeting for April will be held on Thursday **April 6, 2006**. The meeting will start a 12:00 p.m. Noon for the night shift. The recessed meeting for the day shift will begin at 3:30 p.m.

STEWARDS:

Stewards meeting for the night shift will be held on **April 6, 2006** starting at 11:30 a.m. The day shift stewards will meet at 3:00 p.m.

DISTRICT DELEGATES:

District 121 meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. This meeting will be held at Beaver Dam, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

DODGE COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL:

DCLC will hold their April meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beaver Dam Public Library in Beaver Dam.

Marla C. Ryan
Recording Sec'y.

Financial Officers Hours for April 2006

Thursday April 6	11:00am to 9:30pm
Friday April 7	11:00am to 9:30pm
Thursday 13	11:00am to 4:00pm
Friday April 21	11:00am to 4:00pm
Friday April 28	11:00am to 4:00pm

Safety Report

On the Safety Side of Things.

Best Wishes to you Wally! That being said the Safety Committee would like to thank everyone who was interested in the becoming involved in the Safety Committee. Frank Persong of the 201 line has been chosen to replace Wally. Frank is an F-200 Welder and was a member of the Safety Umbrella Team for several years. Please welcome Frank, as well as put him to work with your concerns. Frank is currently on second shift in 201.

I think the nicest way to say it is that we aren't meeting our goals. I know it is not always the easiest thing to remind your friends or co-workers to work safely. Simply, just ask yourself if you would have said something; would it have mattered, in most cases I think yes it would. I realize that we all feel it can be a pain to follow the rules, but if we change our habits, following the rules becomes automatic. Don't be part of the 10% of people that ignore the rules, just to try and prove they can, it's not worth it. We have 17 OSHA's and 158 First Aids. Please continue to report these items because we do need to know what is going on in the factory; hopefully we can learn from our mistakes.

JDW150 (Gray Disposable Assembly Gloves) – New Vendor gloves are working there way into the system. Small hands? Check out the new size six; let us know how the new vendor is working. You can tell the difference from the color band on the cuff.

D201 Fan Project - The projected completion of wiring and hanging the fans is going to be near the end of May. Additional transformers have to be added to supply all the power necessary in that area. Also power control circuits have to be installed in order to help reduce unnecessary power costs. Spring is upon us and we will all have to do our best to dress accordingly to the variety of changes in the temperature during a Wisconsin day. We've asked that the Company do there best with the Air Handling System; we have to remember that there are about 200 different opinions on what is comfortable.

201 – There are other safety concerns still being worked in your areas, please continue to coordi-

nate those items with Sam Galaviz and Frank Persong. Also when possible continue to make those CI projects so your area and line get credit for your efforts!

Lift Trucks & Cell Phones – DO NOT MIX – Let's not ruin having cell phones in the factory. I like getting messages from my family as much as anyone else. You can use them during break times and away from production lines.

Semi Tractor Traffic – If you are having trouble with Kreilkamp truck drivers, Kreilkamp needs to know when and what truck. So if you have a problem with them speeding, or missing stop signs let us know.

Tinted and NON-JD APPROVED Safety Glasses – Thank You to everyone who is complying, however; there are those who still won't comply with the Factory Safety Rules. So if we end up going back to one style in three sizes, you'll know why. That Plano eyewear was not liked at all.

Factory Safety Rules – Lift Truck – Tractor and Gator Training – In all these documents and training sessions; employees have been told not to repair, alter or disable equipment; also damage to company equipment has to be reported. That has been brought to the Committees attention that Safety Lights on Gators have been intentionally altered and destroyed. Vehicles in the factory are being modified by the truck shop so that the hazard lights flash on with the ignition. Altering or Intentionally deactivating these features; is a violation of the rules. Please do not get involved in these activities.

Hopefully we'll get your concerns answered and resolved. See you at the union meeting!

Matt Kollath x5332
Safety Committee Chairman





Mission Statement -
"To stand united & to support equality for all working families."



Collection Barrel
for April
Dodge County
Humane Society

Wish List:

Committee members-

- Cindy Haselow
- Cheryl Sigl
- Marilyn Rieman
- Yolanda Pillsbury
- Sherry Vree
- Janice Tobak
- Amber Engevoid
- Marla Ryan

Thank you for your generosity.

Fraternally,

The Women's Committee

Current Shelter Needs:

Bleach
Laundry Detergent
Stamps
Paper Towels
Latex gloves
Air Fresheners
Copy Paper
Office Supplies (pens, file folders, staplers, envelopes)
Large, plastic, see-through storage bins (for storage of food and other items)
AA Batteries
Avery inkjet labels #8160
Dog Walkers – *call for details!*
Cat socializers – *call for details!*
Foster Homes (long and short term) – *call or check out website for details!*

Kitten & Cats:

Cat/Kitten food – dry and canned
(suggested items: Diamond, Nutro Natural, Iams, Eukanuba,)
Toys
Unscented, non scoopable litter
Scoopers
Stainless steel food bowls
Cat Beds

Puppy & Dogs:

Adult and puppy dog food – dry and canned -
(suggested items: Nutro Natural, Iams, Eukanuba)
Toys (inside and outside)
New leashes and collars
Stainless steel food bowls
Peanut Butter
Kongs (Med and Large)
Pooper Scoopers
Doggie Shampoo (oatmeal base)
Flea/tick preventative

New YMCA

The Women's Committee has enclosed information about the New YMCA of Dodge County. One of the features of the New YMCA will be a Day Care offering Off-Shift capabilities along with many other family programs.

If you are in need of these services—please encourage our management to become involved as a Corporate Sponsor for this project.

Contact Dave Whan in Human Resources and let your voice be heard.

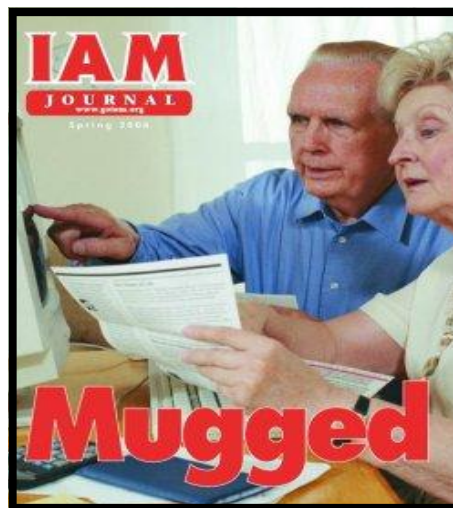
Bush Stuns Crowd at Town Hall Meeting

President Bush drew shocked gasps from a Town Hall meeting in Maryland when he told a questioner seeking help for her elderly mother under the President's new prescription drug program: "Look, I'm not going to tell you your business, but I think it's your responsibility to help your mom," said the President.

The response to Wendy Meyeroff's question stunned the hand-picked crowd at Riderwood Village, a retirement community of 2,300 residents that straddles the border of Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland.

"The suggestion that adult children aren't helping their parents with the confusing process of the new Medicare Part D Plan is outrageous," said Maria Cordone, IAM Retirees and Community Services director. "Report after report shows adult children are spending a tremendous amount of time trying to help their parents navigate the utterly confusing Medicare Part D Plan. The confusion and difficulty surrounding the new drug plan is universal, it's not just the elderly."

Meyeroff also had asked the President to consider extending the May 15 deadline for registering for the new benefit without a penalty, but Bush refused.



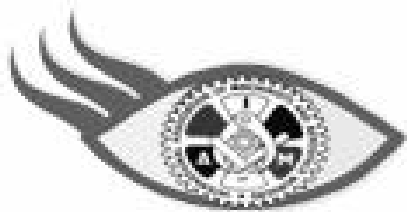
IAM Journal Profiles Seniors' Crisis

Mugged is the [cover story](#) of the latest issue of the *IAM Journal*, which details parents, grandparents and their children being plunged into poverty by a cabal of drug companies, politicians and corporate CEO's taking advantage of this nation's health care crisis.

"Corporate America and its political allies black-jacked them with higher fuel, higher drug and higher insurance costs," said IP Tom Buffenbarger in the introduction to a feature length article describing the slow motion mugging seniors have faced during the past five years.

"Privatizing Social Security and the new Medicare Part D Drug Plan were nothing less than premeditated scams to rip off an entire generation."

The article urges IAM members to protect their own retirement by fighting back. A special [website](#) serves as a companion to the article and gives readers the opportunity to "Whack a Hack" and join the fight against politicians and CEO's who "stole your pensions, mugged your parents and robbed the gold from your children's golden years."



Keeping a Watchful eye

IDENTITY THEFT

Your Good Name Gone Bad!



What is Identity Theft?

Identity theft occurs when someone obtains and uses a person's identifying information, such as name, address, birth date, social security number and mothers' maiden name to commit fraud. An imposter can open new credit card accounts, drain your bank accounts, purchase automobiles, apply for loans, open utility services and on and on.

No matter how cautious you are, you cannot guarantee that a criminal will not obtain your information. The following steps will tell you what the warning signs are, how to protect yourself, what to do if you become a victim and the resources you will need.



Warning Signs

Often, there is no warning signs that identify theft has occurred. However, some reasons for concern are:

- Your monthly credit card and bank statements suddenly stop arriving.
- You are denied credit for no apparent reason.
- You start getting bills from companies you do not recognize.
- Credit collection agencies try to collect on debts that do not belong to you.

How to Protect Yourself!

Personal Information

- Ask your bank, doctors office, other businesses and your employer if they protect your personal information.
- Never carry your Social Security card, Social Security Number, birth certificate or passport, unless necessary.
- Do not put your address, telephone number, or driver's license number on a credit card sales receipt etc.
- Identifying information should not be given over the phone or the Internet to someone you don't know or on a cellular or cordless phone.
- Social Security numbers or phone numbers should not be put on checks.
- Shred all personal documents before placing them in the trash.
- If your state uses your Social Security number as your driver's license number, ask for another number.



Financial Information

Get a credit report from the three National credit reporting agencies every year.

Keep your financial records out of sight. Burglars are just as interested in credit cards, bank accounts and investment statements as they are in your TV, jewelry and other valuables.

Check monthly credit card statements for charges you did not make. If monthly statements don't arrive in the mail, call the lender immediately.

Keep a list, in a safe place, of all credit cards and bank accounts including the account numbers, phone numbers and expiration dates. Check if your online purchase is processed on a secure server.

Shred financial or confidential information such as credit card pre-approvals, credit card receipts, etc.

If you have credit cards you do not use, store them in a safe place, Cancel the accounts if you will not use them again, cut up old credit cards before discarding.

Carry only the credit cards you plan to use.

When you have applied for a new credit card, keep your eye on the mail and the calendar. If the card does not arrive within the appropriate time, call the credit card company.

Do not use your mothers' maiden name as a password for accounts. Make one up.

Unless your mailbox is secure, mail payments at the post office and pick up new checks at your bank.



What to do if you become a victim

Despite your best efforts to protect yourself, you have become a victim. Now what? The following steps should be taken immediately and at the same time to best insure your protection.

Record Keeping

In the process of resolving the theft of your identity, be sure to keep records of all correspondence with the creditors and government agencies you contact. Include the date and name of contact. Follow up all telephone contacts with a letter and keep a copy.

Creditors

Notify all creditors and financial institutions, in writing and by phone, that your name and accounts have been used without your permission. If an existing account has been stolen, ask the creditor or bank to issue you new cards, checks and account numbers. Carefully monitor the account activity on your statements. Report fraudulent activity to the issuing company immediately. The Fair Credit Billing Act (FCBA) is a federal law that limits a consumer's responsibility for fraudulent charges to \$50.

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Local Law Enforcement

Immediately file a police or identity theft report with your local police. Provide them with as much documentation as possible. Make sure that the accounts are listed on the report. Also, get a copy of the report. Credit Card companies, banks and credit reporting agencies may require you to show a police or identity theft report to support your claim that a crime was committed.

Federal Law Enforcement

Report the crime to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC collects complaints about identity theft from consumers and stores them in a secure online database called the Consumer Sentinel that is available to law enforcement agencies worldwide. The FTC provides information on ways to resolve problems resulting from identity theft and refers individuals to various private and government agencies for further action.

F.T.C. Consumer Response Center

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20580

www.consumer.gov/idtheft

The Credit Reporting Agencies

Contact the fraud unit at one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Have a fraud alert placed on your credit report to help prevent new fraudulent accounts from being opened. The agency you contact will notify the others to place a fraud alert in their files. Keep track of when the alert expires so you can ask for another one, if necessary. However, not all creditors check your credit report every three months. This can help determine how many and which accounts listed are fraudulent. You can also identify the existing accounts that have been stolen.

Equifax 1-800-525-6285

www.equifax.com

Experian 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com

Trans Union 1-800-680-7289

www.transunion.com

Utility Companies

Ask utility companies (local and Long distance telephone service providers, gas, electric and water companies) to watch out for anyone ordering services in your name. If someone has ordered services in your name, cancel these accounts. If you are having trouble with falsified accounts, contact your state Public Utility Commission

Other Resources

United States Postal Inspection Service
(USPIS) U.S. mail tampering.
202-268-2284

www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect/

United States Secret Service (USSS)

Investigates high dollar amount financial crimes.
Notify in case it is part of a larger fraud ring.

www.ustreas.gov/uss

Social Security Administration (SSA)

Fraudulent use of your Social Security Number
1-800-269-0271 (fraud hotline)

www.ssa.gov/

Call for Action, Inc. An international nonprofit network of consumer hotlines. Will provide assistance and mediate cases on behalf of consumers and small businesses.

www.callforaction.org

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&
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Easter**

