

873 NEWS

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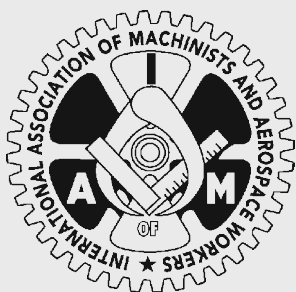
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September 2007

UNION MEETING

The monthly meeting for September will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2007. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon for the night shift.

The meeting for the day shift will begin at 3:30 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Richard Nehmer's name was drawn at the August meeting. His name was not in the register. This month's drawing is worth \$360.00. Plan now to attend. Remember it does not cost to attend the monthly meeting. It Pays!!!

Financial Officers Hours For September 2007

Fri. Aug. 31 – 11:00am to 3:30pm
Thurs. Sept. 06 – 11:00am to 9:30pm
Fri. Sept. 07 – 11:00am to 4:00pm
Fri. Sept 21 – 11:00am to 4:00pm
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Remember!!!

New hires and rehires when you find out when your last day is, remember to get a withdrawal card. It only costs a dollar. Stop by the union hall during my hours and get one. You have 60 days from the last day you worked. Otherwise you become lapsed and it will cost you \$75.00 to get reinstated when you come back.

A reminder if you are off for more than half the month, you need to get an unemployment stamp. They cost \$2.00 for each month you're off.

What's New!!!

I have raffle tickets for a Harley bike. The drawing is November 17, 2007. I have 5 tickets left at \$10.00 each.

DO YOU FEEL LUCKY???
THEN WHY NOT BUY ONE TODAY!!!!

**DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY TEXAS
HOLDEM??**

I have new decks of cards union made for \$2.00

A reminder that if you change address, phone number or get married and change your name, let me know because John Deere does not let me know. You can call 920-485-2631 ext. 23.

David Berezinski Secretary/Treasurer

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the membership for sending me to the Legislative Conference in Washington D. C. in May.

It was great to meet our state legislators in person. They are all very gracious people, and are supportive of our concerns on Health Care, Pension and the Employee Free Choice Act.

Presidential candidates, Dennis Kucinich, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards were powerful speakers, supportive of working families.

It was a great experience for me to be in company with our union and district Reps., they did a great job as spokespersons, representing our local and district.

Remember to contact our Legislators and let our voices be heard, these are the people that are working for us. Our International President Tom Buffenbarger stated at our Conference: "We need to hold our Legislators accountable"

Thank again, Yolanda

President's Report

With Presidential elections on the horizon and campaign commercials and promises soon to follow I thought I would share the IAM's idea for getting the memberships opinion on which candidate should be supported.

Beginning July 31, 2007, IAM members can visit GOIAM.org and vote for the presidential candidate they would like to see win their party's nomination.

The poll comes a month ahead of the IAM's "Conversations with the Candidates", in which both Democratic and Republican presidential candidates will appear before nearly 600 IAM leaders at the IAM National Staff Conference in Orlando.

The candidate conversations in Orlando, coupled with the new poll on GOIAM.org, will help guide the IAM leadership as they move forward in making a historic dual-endorsement in the primaries.

"We want each and every IAM member to let us know who they think should be this country's next president," said IP Tom Buffenbarger. "It is time for a fundamental change in the way this country is run and our members know the importance of electing a president who cares about jobs, health care, trade and other issues that impact America's middle class."

The IAM will make its customary recommendation for U.S. President and Vice President following input from elected delegates at the IAM Convention in September 2008.

This is an excellent opportunity for Union members to step away from partisan politics and show support for the candidate that will protect the working class. I encourage all of the members of this Local to let their choice be known.

Earlier this month I along with the other leaders of this local had the opportunity to meet with Justice Louis Butler. Justice Butler has served the Wisconsin Supreme Court since 2004. Justice Butler has gained support from the citizens of Wisconsin and the AFL-CIO by making rulings that have held corporations accountable and not allowed big business to make its own rules. In April 2008 Justice Butler will be up for reelection and as of yet no one is running against him. However there is little doubt opposition will arise. The concern is that out of state money could elect a Justice that will be loyal to big business. I will keep you informed on this campaign and what we can do to help defend justice in Wisconsin.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day. As you all take advantage of a well deserved day off please remember those who have fought and sacrificed for workers rights in this country.

For more information on these and other issues affecting Union members check out these excellent web sites.

www.wisaficio.org

www.goiam.org

Buy Union, Buy American

Alex Hoekstra

President 873

Happy Labor Day





Mission statement:

To measurably improve the quality of life of Dodge County residents by identifying and responding to human service needs.

They accomplish their mission by the following:

Help identify and create awareness of human service needs.

Raise and distribute funds to prioritize human service programs based on identified impact areas and program outcomes.

Collaborate with agencies and other community partners.

Demonstrate accountability to donors, agencies, program beneficiaries and the local community.

Recruit and maintain a diverse, vibrant, working board comprised of volunteers.

Core Values;

Leadership, Accountability, Responsiveness, collaboration, and Diversity.

History:

The United Way of Dodge County was formed in 1994 when the board members of the local United Way's in the communities of Beaver Dam, Horicon, and Mayville had a meeting to discuss the future of the United Way.

The three groups were supporting most of the agencies the local United Way's supported and a majority of the services provided were being offered to everyone in the county. Thus, a need for a county-wide United Way, with countywide support.

The United Way of Dodge County now has representatives on the board from, Beaver Dam, Horicon, Iron Ridge, Juneau, and Waupun. The United Way

board is an all volunteer organization and new board members are being sought on an ongoing basis in each city, town, village and the agriculture segment of the county until they have approximately 15-24 board members.

The United Way of Dodge County solicits funding for their agencies throughout Dodge County in the fall of each year.

One out of every four Dodge County residents (approximately 23,000) use the services provided by the 26 funded agencies.

The future success of the United Way of Dodge County will depend upon the continued support of the residents of Dodge County who are financially able to give generously during the Fall Campaign.

This year's fundraising campaign kicks off with the "Day of Caring". Day of Caring is an event involving local volunteers to help with agency community projects such as painting, cleanups, window washing, fence building and more. This event will be held on September 22. If anyone is interested please contact Alex Hoekstra or Joe Terlisner at the union hall for more details.





The following article was written by Charlotte Sund current Director of the IAMAW Human Rights Department who will be retiring at the end of the year.

Charlotte has been such an asset to the IAM and will be greatly missed



Charlotte's Final Message

Throughout recorded history, those in positions of power have systematically demeaned, demoralized, and manipulated their workforce intentionally to "divide and conquer." The only antidote to oppression and these "divide and conquer" tactics is real solidarity.

Real solidarity means reaching out to our Union brothers and sisters no matter their race, color, creed, gender, ability or sexual preference to build a united force. Real solidarity means combining our unique strengths to enhance the power of the Union. Real solidarity means being inclusive and multiplying our power to win a better quality of life through increased wages and benefits, working conditions, better jobs and more opportunities for our children.

Over time the IAM has had significant victories by encouraging real solidarity. The disparity in wages and benefits between races, sexes, and educational levels has narrowed. Not enough, of course, and the struggle continues. But, when compared with the disparity found among non-union work forces, the gap is not as great. There is more equality with a union contract.

The central tenet of the IAM is to promote the principles of equality, justice and dignity for all people. Union officers and members must cooperate and work together to end discrimination and harassment.

Our Union and our bargaining power can only be strengthened by the united force of all our members moving together in the spirit of real solidarity. With real solidarity we can confront the strategy of "divide and conquer". With real solidarity, we can eliminate the inequalities that scar a person's soul. I will never be satisfied until every vestige of inequality is erased in our society, our workplaces and our Union

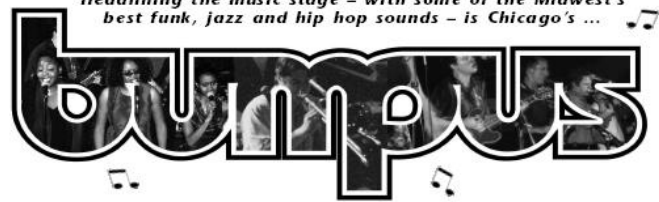
As IAM activists and leaders, we must be united in our efforts to achieve equality, justice, and dignity for all people. We cannot be racist, sexist, or elitist. We cannot allow discrimination on the basis of age, religion, or sexual orientation. We can, and we must, be respectful of our differences and recommit ourselves to achieving real solidarity.

That's how we can build a better life. That's how we show the world we are a principled and progressive trade union.

LABORFEST '07

Labor Day • Sept. 3 • Noon - 5:30 pm • Madison Labor Temple • 1602 S. Park St

Headlining the music stage - with some of the Midwest's best funk, jazz and hip hop sounds - is Chicago's ...



Opening the show, the New Orleans blues and funk sounds of...

John Chimes and the Natch'l Blues Band

Solidarity Roll-Call at 2 p.m.

Bring the kids!



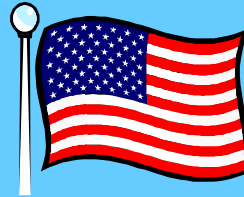
Also on tap - Lots of Good Food
Menu includes Italian sausages, corn on the cob and Louisiana-style rice and beans - along with hot dogs, soda and ice cold beer.

plus Bounce House • Face Painting • Piñata • Balloons

Sponsored by the South Central Federation of Labor

"Buying 'Made in America' is the key to our prosperity. Ever since George Washington, America's greatest leaders have promoted Made in America as the basis of our independence."

Jack Davis
Chairman
Save American Jobs
Association



"Read the label,
Ask Questions,
Buy American Made"

"There are 293 million people living in the United States. If each one would shift \$20 a month in spending from foreign made products to American made products, that would create 5 million new jobs."

AVERAGE JOE
BY B.J. COX



The Power of Change in our Wallets

Manufacturing jobs are critical to the economic security of our country. Manufacturing jobs are some of the highest paying jobs that often provide additional benefits like healthcare and retirement planning. Each manufacturing job creates 5-8 additional jobs that range from suppliers, accountants, technical support, distributors and retail personnel to sell the products, even all the way to the waitress that works in the restaurant where you take your family to dinner on Friday night.

How can we as Union Members make a difference to preserve American jobs and the American Way of Life? The answer is easy. Become a Patriotic Spender.

A Patriotic Spender is a person who buys American made product and supports companies that provide and create American Jobs.

When you shop, you need to shop with awareness. Look to see if that product is made in America. If there are two or more of something to select from, buy the one made in the good old USA. By doing this, we are making a conscious decision to support American companies and their employees. We would take back our economy and create an even stronger America.

Never before in American history has this issue been so important. All of the conditions are right for this initiative, because it really is the American lifestyle that is at stake. When we lose a manufacturing job to off-shore production, we lose all of the other jobs that were created also. We lose all of those American Dollars that are not recycled through our economy. Every dollar counts and the person with the economic power to make a difference is YOU.



made in usa

"Read the Label,
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