



International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 66

April 2024

District Lodge 66 is moving.

Recently, we were advised that the lease to our office would not be renewed on July 1, 2024. The owner of the building will be using it for his business, so we are currently looking for another location. It will be bittersweet, as we have had many memories in this building, but will hopefully find a space to accommodate the growing activities within the district lodge. I will post updates each month on this, to keep everyone informed about the move. We will need volunteers from each of the Local Lodges to help with the moving process, so if you are available when the moving days are scheduled, any and every bit of assistance is appreciated!

GROWING OUR UNION

The District Lodge 66 Organizing Committee has been busy with both external and internal organizing activities. The District Lodge 66 Organizing Committee has also been growing with our efforts, as well! This is a great opportunity to participate in Union activities, without some of the drama associated with other positions. If you enjoy talking with people and know why YOU are glad to be a member, then this might be a great way to begin your leadership journey! Come to your Local Lodge meeting for more information or to add your name to our group, as we would love to have you!

Most of our focus currently is on external Organizing activities, hoping to add members to the District Lodge, but continues to plan the Summer District 66 BBQ and create new flyers and lanyard cards for membership engagement and education. We are always open to ideas that will bring our members together to share stories and strategies for improving our workplaces and communities.



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WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY-APRIL 28, 2024

A Day of Love and Honor

As years go by and we grow old
Still feeling sad when stories are told.
Remembering those we've lost,
At such a high cost.
Our loved ones that are missed,
Never held, never kissed.
Those we remember and always love,
Who sits with God, above.
To place a cross and read their name,
And thank those who came.
To share their memories and show we care,
And let them know we're always there.
Feeling close to them while we're here,
To love and cherish and hold them dear.
To honor them in this way,
To show respect on this day.

Written by

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Workers Memorial services will be held on April 28, 2024, at 5pm, at Green Island Gazebo, in La Crosse, WI. If you have not attended one of these services in the past, this is your opportunity to participate! It is important to pause and reflect on workplace safety and honor those who lost their lives at work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wisconsin State Council meeting will be held April 7-9 in Madison, Wisconsin. Delegates will be lobbying at the Capitol to make sure that issues that are important for working families are heard.

The IAMAW National Staff Conference will be held in Washington, DC, from April 25-27th, in conjunction with former International President Robert Martinez's retirement dinner.

Negotiations between Local Lodge 1115 and Necal Corporation will continue on April 16, 2024. Initial non-monetary proposals were passed and discussed on March 13, 2024.

An arbitration hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2024, between Chart Industries and Local Lodge 2191.

Peerless Chain Company will be having a celebration for the completion of their new, state of the art in-line chain plater, in July. Peerless Chain has a great partnership with the IAMAW, and as such, has invited our International President, Bryan Bryant, MWT General Vice President, Sam Cicinelli, and MWT Chief of Staff Rick Mickschl to attend. We will enjoy a tour of the plant, presentation of the new chain plater, and lunch with the entire plant being able to participate! I am excited to participate in this, as this was my second home for twenty-seven years.

AMERICAN INCOME LIFE MAILINGS

Soon, new cards will be sent out for the free **\$3500.00 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit through American Income Life**. Please return the card, even if you have filled one out in the past, as it keeps records updated. You are



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under no obligation to purchase anything to receive this benefit, so please return the card at your earliest convenience.

In closing, I would like to invite everyone to attend their Local Lodge meetings, and encourage not only attendance, but participation in discussions and the planning of our futures. Solidarity=Strength!

Fraternally,

Jana M. Kirch