



## **International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 66**

**May 2025**

### **SPIRIT OF THE MIDWEST GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA EVENTS**

May 17, 2025- Sporting Clay Shoot, at Nilo Farms, 15025 State Highway 111, Brighton, IL 62012. Registration 8:30-9:30am. Shoot starts at 10:00am.

May 18, 2025-Classic Auto Show, at IAM District 837, 212 Utz Lane, Hazelwood, Missouri, 63042. Gates open at 8:00am.

July 19, 2025-Motorcycle Ride, at Eagle Point Park, 2601 Shiras Ave. Dubuque, IA 52001. Registration at 8:30am, Kick stands up at 9:30am.

For each of these events, there are hotel accommodation group codes available. Contact Chris Tucker at 773-505-8422, or Ronnie Gonzales, at 630-450-7723 for more information about any of the events or accommodations.

These events are open to all members and their families to attend and enjoy! As many of you are aware, the Guide Dogs of America Organization is near and dear to the IAM, and we do as much as we can to support them, fundraise for them, and spread the word of their incredible work, and the impact it has on those who receive a guide or service dog. If you can travel to any of these events, it will be a great time and you will meet many incredible people!

Every year, before the events begin, we collect sponsors and ask for basket donations for the raffles and prizes. PEERLESS CHAIN/LODGE 1030 have always been generous donors, but this year, they went above and beyond. They shipped over 1300 pounds of various products from Crosby/Peerless chain.

Lodge 21's (TRANE), Recording Secretary, Stacey Hurley-Donaldson graciously donated a basket of her homemade soaps and roll-ons. The basket includes items for men and women.

There are simply not enough thank you's to quantify our gratitude!



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Above-Crate of donations from  
Peerless/Crosby Chain



Bobbi Frisch and Becky Spande with the  
goods!



Stacey Hurley-Donaldson's homemade soaps and  
roll-ons, on behalf of Lodge 21!



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### **IAM Legislative Conference in Washington DC**

The 2025 IAM Legislative Conference was held in Washington DC, from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Delegates went to the Senate and Representative offices to make their voices heard. We joined a rally at Columbus Circle, outside Union Station to support our Brothers and Sisters of the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE). Event speakers included Representative Jamie Raskin, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Senator Van Hollen, Representative Glen Ivey, R Sydney Kamlager-Dove, as well as IAM International President, Brian Bryant, and the Executive Council and NFFE-IAM President Randy Irwin.

Ernie Domnie, Leah Smerud, and I visited Representative Derrick Van Orden, as well as Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson's offices for Wisconsin, and Angie Craig for Minnesota. We stressed the importance of keeping Collective Bargaining Rights for EVERYONE. Right now, the attack is on the Federal workers, but it won't be long before they come for everyone else's. An attack on one is an attack on all workers. We spoke on the impacts of the recent stream of Presidential Executive Orders, and how many will negatively impact daily lives for millions of people in the USA. Veterans, children, single parents, and the list goes on. We spoke of the need to support manufacturing in America. People want to work, but they need to earn a livable wage. Healthcare costs are burdensome to the Company, as well as the employee, which leaves less for other basic life necessities.

It was a great week, with many discussions, and a few surprises. Did you know that Representative Van Orden has a mini fridge with cheese and beer, that is offered to those who visit his office? Bernie Sanders was able to speak at the Conference, and I got a selfie with Representative Jamie Raskin!

Until next month!

Fraternally,

Jana Kirch



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Representative Jamie Raskin!!



Bernie Sanders stands with  
workers!