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LABOR DAY 2013: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

The District Delegates approved the expenditure of funds to provide a District Lodge 66 T-shirt to our members who march in this year's Labor Day parade. As we have for many years we will be providing candy for the kids along the parade route and refreshments for our marchers. We had a really good turn out last year and hope for the same in 2013. Labor Day is your day, a day set aside to celebrate those who labor in this country. I encourage you to come march in the parade and join us at the Labor Day festivities to follow in Copeland Park.

MNPL: THE MACHINISTS NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL LEAGUE

We are currently conducting a direct mail appeal for the MNPL. As members of the IAM, we can work together to support the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League, our Political Action Committee (PAC) that speaks for working men and women across the country. The MNPL is our NON-PARTISAN political action committee, committed to supporting those who support the issues of workers, **regardless of party affiliation**. MNPL annual sponsoring memberships cost only \$25.00, a small price to pay for full time representation of your interests. Donations to the MNPL are voluntary, not tax deductible, and can be made only by members of the IAMAW. We will be including a donation envelope with the letter you will be receiving that you can return to your steward or to the District Lodge office. If you would prefer to make your donation on line you can also find the link to do so on our District Lodge Website, www.iamdistrict66.org.

The first letter in the appeal went to Local Lodge 1115 members employed at Crown, Cork, and Seal. As a Crown employee, you have the opportunity to sign up for payroll deduction for MNPL in addition to Guide Dogs of America, the main charity

sponsored by our Union. The language in your contract that allows for this has been in place for a long time but has never been well utilized. I am asking you to please consider doing so. If you don't have the form that was sent for you to enroll with, check with Danielle in the front office. A buck a week in support of MNPL is not a lot but can make a huge difference when pooled together with the contributions of others from around the nation.

The middle class in this country is under attack from all sides. Being a member of organized labor enables us to work with our employers towards a more secure future. But no union, regardless of size, can hope to repel the attack on those striving to maintain or achieve a spot in the Great American Middle Class while the political establishment continues to undermine the rights of average people across this nation. Only by electing and supporting people who will fight for the common good of EVERYONE as opposed to the privileged few will we have any hope of securing a brighter future for all.

I am asking everyone in District 66 to join the fight for a better future for you, your children and grandchildren by becoming an MNPL sponsoring member today. Watch your mail for my letter because **Together, We Can Make a Difference!**

Senate Votes for Fully-Staffed NLRB

The U.S. Senate has confirmed all five National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) nominees, giving the country's top governing body for labor disputes a full slate of nominees for the first time in a decade.

President Obama's two replacement nominees – Kent Hirozawa, the former top counsel to NLRB Chairman Mark Pearce, and past AFL-CIO Associate General Counsel Nancy Jean Schiffer – were both approved in 54-44 votes. The Senate voted 59-38 to extend Pearce's term as chairman, while confirming by voice vote two Republican nominees: Harry I. Johnson III and Philip A. Miscimarra.

The confirmations mean the Board's decisions won't face the legal challenges it has dealt with since the conservative D.C. Circuit Court ruled Obama's January 2012 recess-appointed nominees invalid.

"But with this victory comes another battle – House Republicans are now targeting critical funding for the NLRB, the Labor Department and other agencies," said IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger. "Even with a full

five-member board, the NLRB would be unable to function as it should if the GOP gets their way.”

An appropriations bill put forth by House Republicans that was scheduled for a July 25 markup would have cut funding for the agencies by \$32 billion, a 22 percent decrease. Republicans suddenly pulled the measure, and now the Labor-Health and Human Services appropriations markup will have to wait until after the five-week August recess.

“Shame on them for putting forward this façade of a budget,” said Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). “Shame on them for gutting funding for education, health and labor programs to such a low level that they cannot even defend their own proposals.”

The Senate Appropriations Committee, meanwhile, has already approved funding at higher levels than the House allocation of \$122 billion for all agencies covered by the bill.

The information above is from iMAIL, which is available to all at www.goiam.org

Justice For JELD-WEN Campaign

Join the IAM campaign for the workers of Jeld-Wen. Do you Face Book? Like us at Justice for Jeld-Wen! The workers of Jeld-Wen need your support!

Support For Striking Belshaw Adamatic Workers

IAM members are urged to “like” the “[IAM Local 79 on Strike at Belshaw Adamatic Bakery Group](#)” Facebook page. For more information, visit the Local Lodge 79 website through www.iam160.com. The members of Local 79 are now entering their fifth month walking the picket lines. Please take the time to visit the District Lodge 160 website to see what you can do to help!

District Lodge 66 Delegate Meeting

As I mentioned last month none of the Locals or the District had any regularly scheduled meetings in the month of July.

We had the opportunity at the District to put together a group of our members who volunteered to participate in training and education that will help prepare our District for the future. All of these individuals gave up time over 4 days including evenings and a weekend to represent our District. This was a diverse group; men and women, younger individuals along with those a bit more “mature”, some active in the Union for a long time working side by side with others doing this for the first time. Together they received training and the opportunity to work with members from all over the Midwest Territory. I would like to thank all who participated and I urge everyone to do the same when you see them. I would also like to thank the Employers of all these people for their cooperation.

Local Lodge 21, Trane Company: Rich Hauser, Brad King, Curt Hanson, John Davis, and Denise Grover.

Local Lodge 2191, Chart Energy: Dennis Gerke, Tracey Taylor, and Cole Herold.

**Local Lodge 1115, Crown Cork & Seal: Ernie Domnie BSA/LBB: Marcus Stetzer and
Crown Retiree: Milt Tyler**

Local Lodge 1771, Necal: Scott Morgan

Local Lodge 1030, Peerless Chain: Neil Kamrowski, Jana Kirch, and Ron Kamrowski

In addition to these folks, we had a large group of people from outside of the District who joined us. I would like to send a thank you to the following: From the Grand Lodge: GLR’s Billy Anderson, Greg Beckham, Frank Hannigan, and Mike Evans. From the Midwest Territory: GLR Luther Williams and SR Paul Urbanczyk. From District 10: Larry Morrow and Local 873 retiree Dean Thomas. From District 5: John Buchanan. From District 6: BR Gary Papenheim. From District 9: Dwight Terry. From District 837: ADBR Steve McDerman. From Local 778: BR Leo Berroteran and Dwayne Cook, and from District W3: BR Brian Jarvensivu, with special thanks to GLR Bob Anderson from the Grand Lodge. The information and guidance provided to the group from our District will serve us well going forward and your coming here is greatly appreciated. We are indeed one of many.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL LODGE 1771: Please take special notice of your September meeting schedule in this month’s Union Herald for your notice of Officer Elections. The September meeting has been changed from Saturday September 7th to Saturday September 14th at which time your nominations will be held; see the notice elsewhere in the paper.

Have a Happy August and until next month...