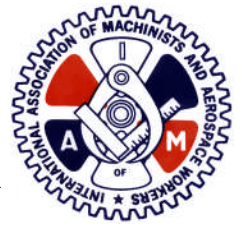




# Update IAM LL 1943

September 28, 2011



## No on Issue 2

“We Are Ohio” will be door-to door canvassing the Middletown area every weekend from now until election day with the headquarters being the LL1943 Union Hall. If anyone is interested in helping out, the days are every Saturday from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm and every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm. They will also be having phone bank sessions every Tuesday from 5pm to 8pm at the Ohio Education Association Office located at 30 Overbrook Drive, Monroe, Ohio. Come on out and show your support in the effort to repeal SB5.

## 3rd Annual Middletown Veterans Memorial Golf Outing

The 3rd Annual Middletown Veterans Memorial Golf Outing is this Saturday, October 1st at Weatherwax Golf Course. It will be a 1:30 pm shotgun start, with registration at 12:30 pm. There are still openings for teams if anyone is interested. Cost is \$75 per person and \$300 a team. Contact Neil Douglas or Andy Hounshell at the Union Hall if you would like to sign up.

## Fall Harvest Festival

Momentum is building for the Harvest Festival! Saturday October 22nd is the date to mark on your calendar! Come on out and enjoy a Saturday afternoon/evening with your Union Brothers and Sisters. There will be plenty of food, drinks, and fun. It has been confirmed that menu will consist of a pig roast, hot dogs, brats, and sausages. Not to mention all the fixings! There will also be a dessert trailer on site serving up everyone delicious funnel cakes and sugar waffles. This is going to be a party that you won't want to miss!

## Union Meeting, By-Laws, and Raffle

The October Membership Meeting will be held at the Union Hall on Thursday October 13th, at 4 pm. There will be a lot going on at this meeting, so it is definitely one you will want to attend. There will be a reading of the proposed By-Laws, then a vote to approve/disapprove. After the meeting, the Community Services Committee will be drawing for the winners of their October Raffle. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, please get with your Steward. You can also purchase tickets at the Union Hall, contact Rhonda Rogers @ 423-6573.

## MNPL

Despite what you may hear from people who do not like Union's involvement in politics, union dues can not be used for political candidates. This is why, in 1947, the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) was formed. The MNPL is the political arm of the IAM. It gathers individual political contributions, coordinates political activity, and helps elect candidates who support IAM members and their families whether they are Democrats, Republicans, or Independents. The MNPL scrutinizes candidates thoroughly, asking tough questions on trade, labor law reform, and enhancing the manufacturing base. Candidates who are elected are held accountable for their votes. As we have seen here in Ohio with Issue 2, there is a direct link between the ballot box and our economic security and basic rights to collectively bargain. Does anyone truly believe that the assault on worker's rights in Ohio will stop with the public sector?

In our last contract, we negotiated payroll deduction for voluntary MNPL contributions. You can contribute as little as \$1.00 a week. Small contributions such as these added up to over \$2 million last year among our 360,000 members. Starting next week, we will have payroll deduction forms in each Department. Sadly, money buys access in the halls of Congress. Politicians listen when contributors come calling. The MNPL has proven to be effective through lobbying, canvassing, and getting out the vote to more positively affect our lives on a national level. If you don't wish to contribute, that is fine, all contributions are voluntary. If you decide to contribute, this is a great way to pool your contribution with that of thousands of other IAM members so that it has the greatest impact.

## Grievance Report

- 266 Active Grievances with 9 Members Discharged.
- 9 Regular Arbitrations Scheduled.
- 9 Step II Meetings Scheduled.
- 2 Arbitration Answers Pending.

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