

McLean County Museum of History

Michael Matejka Collection

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Brief History

Community service and community involvement is the life mission of Michael G. Matejka. He is the Governmental Affairs Director for the Great Plains Laborers District Council, serving 13,000 union Laborers in central Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Since 1980, he has also edited the *Grand Prairie Union News*, the labor publication for local union members. He is a Laborers International Union of North America Local 362 member.

Matejka is active in community affairs. He was a founding member of the local Not In Our Town anti-discrimination movement. He is a current board member and past president of the McLean County Museum of History. With the Museum of History he has curated five exhibits and is currently working on two new displays, plus conducts "Social Justice" walking tours through downtown Bloomington and the west-side. He also currently serves on committees or boards with Easter Seals, Autism Friendly Community, Secretary of State Jesse White's Life Goes On organ donation effort, the Town of Normal's Planning Commission and the Town's 2040 Planning Commission's Humanitarian and Social Aspects subcommittee. He helped start the Children's Christmas Party for Unemployed Families in 1982 and is a Democratic Party precinct committee person. He serves the Illinois Labor History Society as a Vice-President. With Illinois State University he is on the Construction Management advisory council and on the joint ISU – IWU Stevenson Lecture Committee.

Matejka served 18 years on the Bloomington City Council and previously was on the board of the Illinois Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a founding member of the Central Illinois Food Bank, the Illinois Farm Worker Service Center, the Illinois Labor Press Association and today's Ecology Action Center. From 1995-2001 he was a "Roads Scholar" for the Illinois Humanities Council.

In higher education he completed a bachelor's degree in History at Illinois State University in 1974 and a Master's degree in Union Leadership & Administration at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 2000. He is the author of "Fiery Struggle: Illinois Fire Fighters Build a Union, 1935-1985" (published in 2000) and co-authored, "Bloomington's C&A Shops: Our Lives Remembered" with Greg Koos in 1984. He has written numerous magazine and newspaper articles. From 1978-1995 he documented and did development work in Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India, the Philippines, Grenada, Puerto Rico, Brazil and Ghana.

His life partner and inspiration is his wife, Karen (Kari) Sandhaas, who is also an active volunteer. They have one daughter.

Scope

This collection includes biographical essays, essays and journal articles, speeches, labor union materials, political campaign literature, documents from his Bloomington aldermanic experiences, correspondence, letters, government documents, newspapers, photos, VHS tapes, and cassettes

Box 1

Folder 1: Asian Adventures, 1977

- 1.1.1 “Asian Adventures,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, November 10th, 1977, 7pp.
- 1.1.2 “A Visit to Patpong,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, June 21st, 1977, 2pp.
- 1.1.3 “Fighting Cultural Destruction—The Consumers Association of Penang,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, July 16th, 1977, 2pp.
- 1.1.4 “National Heritage Workcamp,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, August 19th, 1977, 2pp.
- 1.1.5 “India—land of Myth & Mystery (impressions),” typescript by Michael G.
- 1.1.6 Matejka, September 21st, 1977, 3pp.
- 1.1.7 “Peasants Battle for Land,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, October 1977, 2pp.
- 1.1.8 “Exporting Dangerous Technologies Abroad,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka,
- 1.1.9 November 10th, 1977.
- 1.1.10 “Justice Threatened in Rape Case,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, October 16th, 1977, 3pp.

Folder 2: Normal Firefighters Strike, Chaps. 1-6

- 1.2.1 “The Normal Fire Fighters Strike of 1978,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka and Michael A. Glover, 1979, 94pp.

Folder 3: Normal Firefighters Strike, Chaps. 7-10

- 1.3.1 “The Normal Fire Fighters Strike of 1978,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka and Michael A. Glover, 1979, 108pp.

Folder 4: Normal Firefighters Strike, Chaps. 11-12

- 1.4.1 “The Normal Fire Fighters Strike of 1978,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka and Michael A. Glover, 1979, 103pp.
- 1.4.2 Flyer regarding Rally in support of striking Normal firefighters at McLean County Law and Justice Center.

Folder 5: John Brown Lennon, 1989

- 1.5.1 “Early AFL treasurer John Lennon called Bloomington Home,” *Union News*, pp. 4-5, June 1989.

Folder 6: P. H. Morrissey, 1989

- 1.6.1 “P.H. Morrissey, rail labor leader born in Bloomington,” *Union News*, pgs. 4-5, August, 1989.

Folder 7: D. W. Tracey, n.d.

- 1.7.1 “IBEW leader D.W. Tracy Bloomington born,” *Union News*, pgs. 4-5, n.d.

Folder 8: Plumbers & Pipefitters

- 1.8.1 “Remarks by Mike Matejka: Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 99 – 90th Anniversary Celebration,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka, March 3rd, 1990, 3pp.

Folder 9: Local Railroad History

- 1.9.1 "Speech to Twin Cities Christian Women's Clubs," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, March 20th, 1992, 7pp.
- 1.9.2 "What's Coming Down the Line?," flier for presentation at Bloomington Public Library which covers the impact of the railroad within McLean County and on a national scale, February 7, 2016.
- 1.9.3 "Beneath the Celtic Cross Irish Immigrants Who Built the Railroads of Central Illinois," *Labor's Heritage*, Vol. 11 No. 3 Spring/Summer 2001, pp 7-13.
- 1.9.4 Design map used by the City of Bloomington which covers Oakland Avenue of the M. & W. Railroad, displays a top down schematic view of various edifices and roads, the date is unknown.

Folder 10: Labor / Management, 1995

- 1.10.1 "Labor/Management in McLean County: Rotary Club Speech," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, September 7th, 1995, 5pp.

Folder 11: Working Class Voice, 1999

- 1.11.1 "Working Class Voice: Labor Unions in McLean County," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, 1999, 81pp.

Folder 12: Not In Our Town, 1999

- 1.12.1 "Not in our Town: a Community-wide Anti-Racism Program," by Michael G. Matejka, *Labor Studies Review*, Vol. 25 No. 1, 2000, 18pp. (Two copies included)

Folder 13: Made in McLean County, 1999

- 1.13.1 "Made in McLean County," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, November 13th, 1999, 9pp.

Folder 14: Prairie Thunder, 2005

- 1.14.1 "Prairie Thunder!," article by Michael G. Matejka, *CTC Board Railroads Illustrated*, Issue #325, pgs. 32-47, November 2005, (2 copies).

Folder 15: Local Politics

- 1.15.1 Certificate of election with envelope, outlining the format of Chapter 46, Paragraph 7-58 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, which reaffirms the election of Michael G. Matejka to the position of Precinct Committeeman of the Democratic Party for Precinct 12 in the City of Bloomington, dated March 20, 1984.
- 1.15.2 Annual Tenants Dinner, debate with Richard Godfrey typescript by Michael G. Matejka, September, 1988, 7pp.
- 1.15.3 "Proudly serving our neighborhoods," flier for Mike Matejka's campaign for City Council in Bloomington, Illinois, it features a personal message along with a picture of Matejka, the date unknown.

- 1.15.4 “Standing up for the West Side,” flyer for Mike Matejka’s campaign for City Council re-election in Bloomington, Illinois, features a personal message along with a picture of Matejka, April 13th, year unknown.
- 1.15.5 “Mike Matejka: Ward 2,” flyer for Mike Matejka’s campaign for City Council re-election in Bloomington, Illinois, features a personal message, a message from Evelyn R. Young and a photo of Matejka and his family, 10pp.
- 1.15.6 AFL-CIO letter to local union members informing them of Mike Matejka’s re-election campaign and urging them to support him with their vote, from Ronn Morehead at 2005 Cabintown Road, Bloomington, Illinois, date unknown.
- 1.15.7 Mass-sent letter for the campaign of David Sage for the position of Bloomington City Council Ward 2, the letter features the American flag, along with green stars with short phrases, this letter was received by Karen Cook at 201 Goldenrod Road, Bloomington, Illinois, the date unknown.
- 1.15.8 Flyer advocating for the election of a Republican candidate for Alderman in Bloomington, Illinois replacing Mike Matejka, the flyer mentions various quotes by Matejka along with listing potential Republican candidates, April 2007, 2pp.
- 1.15.9 Flyer from Scott Lay to various individuals that make up the population of Unit 5 school district in Bloomington, Illinois urging them to vote for David Sage in the upcoming election for the Ward 2 Council position, the letter dated May 9th, 2007.
- 1.15.10 Letter to Mayor Jesse Smart at Bloomington City Hall, 109 East Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois from Ann Ford the Regional Director of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois thanking him for sending Mike Matejka as the city’s representative during the October 10th re-organization meeting, the letter is dated November 1st, 1989.
- 1.15.11 Email from Kevin Gerrard to Angie “Likeanangel” titled: “Concern for safety [sic] of myself and others at the 12/18/2017 meeting,” the email explains that Mike Matejka’s “band of anarchists” are planning on taking a city council meeting into violent territory, the date of the letter is December 18th, 2017 and includes an explanation email to and from museum staff, 2pp.
- 1.15.12 Letter from J.W. Dorsey at 701 West Monroe Street, Bloomington, Illinois to the Mayor’s office at 109 East Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois regarding citizen’s complaints about Loretta S. Perry, dated November 3rd, 1989.
- 1.15.13 Business card for Michael G. Matejka, Second Ward Alderman for the City of Bloomington, Illinois.
- 1.15.14 Door handle flyer which displays a photo of Mike Matejka while providing information about his campaign on the back.
- 1.15.15 Business card for Mike Matejka, Director of Governmental Affairs for LiUNA!
- 1.15.16 Membership card for LiUNA, 2019.
- 1.15.17 Illinois D-1 State Board of Election form for a statement of organization which outlines a certain amount of residual funds to be utilized within the Democratic Central Committee of McLean County, the document is dated January 19th, 1989, 2pp.
- 1.15.18 Illinois D-2 State Board of Election form for a report of campaign contributions which lists out various contributions from individuals and committees to the Citizens for Matejka organization, the document is dated January 19th, 1989, 9pp.

- 1.15.19 Handout for Michael G. Matejka which outlines a brief history of Matejka's life, including: jobs, education, birth, marriage, etc., the date of the document is unknown.
- 1.15.20 Certificate election from the State of Illinois designated to Michael G. Matejka upon his election to the office of Alderman for Ward 2 in Bloomington, Illinois, the document is dated April 11th, 1989.
- 1.15.21 Letter to various individuals from Clint Curtis urging individuals to avoid picking Mike Matejka for City Council and instead choose Curtis himself, the date of the document is unknown.
- 1.15.22 "Bloomington, Illinois Ward Realignment 1991," plan which outlines a recommendation for the redistricting of a Bloomington's various wards, the packet is dated 1991, 10pp.
- 1.15.23 Second Ward *City Scope*, Summer 2005. Published privately as 2nd ward alderman.
- 1.15.24 Postcard, Vote for Mollie Ward for Ward 7, special election, February 23, 2021.

Folder 16: Workers Memorial Day

- 1.16.1 "Workers Memorial Day – list of fallen workers (2006)," typescript that lists the deaths of various union laborers in the past, by Michael G. Matejka, 2006.

Folder 17: Biographical Material

- 1.17.1 Biographical Sketch which describes Matejka as the co-recipient of the Illinois AFL-CIO's Robert G. Gibson Community Services award, notes his nomination contains a short biography about him, dated July 2nd, 2008, 3pp.
- 1.17.2 Document giving responses to questions on family background, childhood and youth, key historic events in Matejka's lifetime, etc., May 2011, 7 pp.
- 1.17.3 Document describing the April 1972 Chicago peace march, written by Michael G. Matejka, May 18th, 2011, 3pp.
- 1.17.4 "Reflections on personal encounters with Barack Obama," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, May 18th, 2011, 4 pp.
- 1.17.5 "Alumni Spotlight: Michael Matejka," *Today & Yesterday*, newsletter of the Department of History of Illinois State University, Vol. 34, Summer 2010., p3
- 1.17.6 Grabill-Homan Community Peace Prize Reception program, April 24, 2017.
- 1.17.7 Flier "Help Mike Matejka celebrate his 65th birthday!!" January 21, 2018.
- 1.17.8 Laborers' International Union of North America membership card owned by Michael G. Matejka for local 362, the card is dated July 29th, 1998.
- 1.17.9 "Half Century Club keynote speaker Mike Matejka shares life of impact," 7pp, 2024; speaker's notes plus scanned photo, 3 pp.

Folder 18: Democratic National Convention, 2008—Emails

- 1.18.1 Email reports from Denver, CO, August 26-29, 2008, incl. photographs, 14 pp.

Folder 19: Democratic National Convention, 2008—Ephemera

- 1.19.1 Photo of Barack and Michelle Obama at the Democratic National convention in 2008, photo paid for by Obama for America.

- 1.19.2 CD labeled, "Turn around America: Meet Barack Obama – This is our Moment," running time, 5:45.
- 1.19.3 Democratic Party of Illinois invitation to Coors Field at Denver Colorado, for celebrating the democratic nomination of Barack Obama for the president of the United States, dated August 27th, 2008.
- 1.19.4 Photo of Barack Obama speaking to a crowd, on the back is a short thank you by the "Obama for America" foundation, thanking Michael G. Matejka for his recent campaign contribution, date unknown.
- 1.19.5 Name card for Mike Matejka to be utilized at the Democratic National Convention.
- 1.19.6 "Hike and Bike: Walking and Biking Tours," brochure from the city of Denver, Colorado which features a variety of hiking and biking trails, along with directions to them, their total distance, and landmarks along the way, 2008, 12pp.
- 1.19.7 Map of Downtown Denver Bicycle Routes, Trails and facilities, dated August 25, 2008.
- 1.19.8 "I am a delegate for PEACE," pink sticker passed out as advertisement for www.codepinkalert.org, a women's political activism group.
- 1.19.9 "Local Democrats enjoy Denver convention," *The Pantagraph*, August 28, 2008, pp 12.
- 1.19.10 Photo of Biden and Barack Obama waving to a crowd, features a message at the bottom which thanks Michael G. Matejka for his commitment to the Democratic Party, date unknown.
- 1.19.11 Flyer for the 2008 Democratic National Convention which lists the various events and their corresponding times, along with the speakers who will be present at the convention, dated August 28, 2008.
- 1.19.12 State of Illinois, State Board of Elections certificate which establishes that Michael G. Matejka was elected as the delegate to the national nominating convention for the eleventh congressional district, by the Democratic party on February 5, 2008, the document is signed by the various members of the board.
- 1.19.13 Democratic Party of Illinois statement of candidacy and pledge of support document which registers Michael G. Matejka as a supporter of the presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, document dated April 8, 2008.
- 1.19.14 2008 Democratic national convention participant information form for Michael G. Matejka, lists a variety of information including: contact information, participant classification, work information, presidential preference, political information, etc.
- 1.19.15 Correspondence from Michael J. Madigan, Illinois Democratic party Chairman to various Democratic party members, informing them of the schedule for the DNC at the Pepsi Center in Denver Colorado, correspondence dated March 14, 2008, 2pp.
- 1.19.16 "McCain versus Obama: Key Health Plan Differences," informational packet listing a variety of questions about health care and lists "yes" or "no" for the candidates position, the packet leans heavily towards supporting Obama, dated 2008, published by *FamiliesUSA*, 4pp.

- 1.19.17 "Matejka: Illinoisans, unionists plan to fan out to tell workers about Obama," *Will County Labor Record*, September 11th, 2008, pg. 23-24.
- 1.19.18 Mass sent letter by Michael G. Matejka at 112 ½ Weldon Street, Bloomington, Illinois informing the populous that another election cycle is coming up along with endorsing some candidates and providing a brief overview of considered referendums, document date unknown.
- 1.19.19 "Freewheel'n," packet which serves as a bicycle riders guide for the various Denver trails to be enjoyed by those attending the DNC in 2008, dated August 25th, 2008, 16pp.

Folder 20: Chicago & Alton Passenger Station

- 1.20.1 "Once Busy Depot Now a Memory," *NRHS Bulletin*, winter 2008, pgs. 40-43.

Folder 21: Railroad Photography

- 1.21.1 "Upon Close Inspection," *NRHS Bulletin*, fall 2009, pgs. 12-27.

Folder 22: A New Normal

- 1.22.1 "In Illinois, a new Normal," *Trains*, March 2012, p.13. (High speed rail, multi-modal station, etc.).

Folder 23: Organizing Illinois Farm Workers

- 1.23.1 "Organizing Onarga – Attempts to organize Illinois farm workers, 1980-1995," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, 1999, 53pp.

Folder 24: Miscellaneous

- 1.24.1 "The Irish in American Labor History," typescript by Michael G. Matejka and Greg Koos, March 16th, 2010, 4pp.
- 1.24.2 Overview of Buster Keaton's, "The General," by Michael G. Matejka in *The Normal Presents*, date document unknown, 2pp. (2 similar copies)
- 1.24.3 Correspondence to Jeff Woodard from Michael G. Matejka providing a text copy of his message on the WJBC Forum on May 31st, 2012, 2pp.
- 1.24.4 "Wo ist der Soundtrack? (Where is the Soundtrack?)" by Michael G. Matejka and Bucky Halker, pgs. 50-51.
- 1.24.5 Essay by Michael G. Matejka about Woody Guthrie and how he would view the Occupy Wall Street movement, date unknown, 4pp.
- 1.24.6 Email correspondence between Michael G. Matejka and Bill Kemp regarding the lifetime of "the Bee Hive," a food co-op that started in 1972, dated February 1st, 2015.
- 1.24.7 "The 2016 Presidential Debates," packet providing a variety of information on the people behind the presidential debates, the various media platforms involved, etc., additionally includes an envelope with a small invitation to the debates, 2016, 16pp.
- 1.24.8 Email correspondence between Dr. Dawn Beichner and Charlie Schlenker the Assistant News Director of WGLT Public Radio, which informs the receiving party that they are endorsing Michael G. Matejka for the 2017 Grabill-Homan Community Peace Prize, January 21st, 2017, 3pp.

- 1.24.9 Mock letter to Bill Clinton from Loretta Santejka at 112 ½ Weldon Street, Bloomington, Illinois informing him that NAFTA is “bad,” date unknown.
- 1.24.10 Membership card and monthly scrapbook for the Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union AFL-CIO, owned by Michael G Matejka who was part of the Bartenders association, covers from 1981 to 1984, 20pp.
- 1.24.11 “Free at Last,” play by Michael G. Matejka which was performed at ISU in 1989, 21pp.
- 1.24.12 Letter to Michael G. Matejka from “Ben” regarding the Entry Education building for the Miller Park Zoo, September 1st, 1989, 2pp. (two copies of this letter with the exact same message but different senders; Bryan Vandervender and Chris Blair)
- 1.24.13 Brochure for the Community Health Care Clinic in McLean County, provides information on the clinic and contains pictures courtesy of Kathi Franklin and Mike Matejka, date unknown, 6pp.
- 1.24.14 Letter to Michael G. Matejka from Leanne Schertz professor of English at Illinois Central College (East Peoria Campus), thanking him for coming to lecture, dated August 25th, 1994.
- 1.24.15 “Sustainable development,” typescript by Michael G. Matejka to be presented at Illinois Central College, October 18th, 1994, 7pp.
- 1.24.16 “MAYDAY Spring Celebration,” flier for a cultural get-together at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois on May 1st, the back of the flyer contains a variety of hand-written notes.
- 1.24.17 Transcription of item 1.24.14.
- 1.24.18 Resume for Michael G. Matejka, containing his employment history and a brief section of personal information.
- 1.24.19 Copy of item 1.24.8.
- 1.24.20 “Memories of Mike on his 65th,” typescript which acts as a short speech to be given at Matejka’s 65th birthday celebration, date unknown, 3pp.
- 1.24.21 Letter from Archana Shekara to Michael G. Matejka which proclaims the loving character of Mike and thanks him for being a good role-model, date unknown.
- 1.24.22 Multiple photos covering all sides of a house at 1218 West Olive Street, has a variety of written notes indicating a variety of issues with the home, dates of the photos unknown, four sets of photos in sleeves in total.
- 1.24.23 “Man to get Free Ride after Car Mixup,” *The Pantagraph*, date unknown, pages unknown.
- 1.24.24 Letter with envelope to Michael G. Matejka from Carolyn J. Falbert at 1406 North Oakland Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois thanking him for his actions in getting a replacement vehicle for Tom Ruskiewicz (mentioned in item 1.24.24), October 9th, 1990, 2pp.
- 1.24.25 “July 4th Sky Concert, 1991,” brochure for the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Departments Fourth of July celebration at Miller Park on July 4th, 1991, 2pp.
- 1.24.26 Letter to an editor at *The Pantagraph* from George Kroutil at 404 West Bissell street, Bloomington, Illinois lambasting newspaper for its editorially objection

- to Mike Matejka attempting to oppose funding for a union-busting law firm, dated July 29th, 1989.
- 1.24.27 Letter to an editor at *The Pantagraph* from Michael G. Matejka at 112 ½ Weldon Street, Bloomington, Illinois regarding the redevelopment of the west side rail shops site, dated April 7th, 1993.
 - 1.24.28 “Local 362’s Centennial Story,” by Michael G. Matejka, March 2019, shorter version printed in Union News.
 - 1.24.29 “The anti-mass: methods of organization for collectives,” author unknown, c. 1970s.
 - 1.24.30 “Be bold, be vocal, be united,” speech for Fire Fighters Ball, 18 Oct 2019.
 - 1.24.31 Two Christmas cards/newsletters from the Matejka family, 2006 and 2019.
 - 1.24.32 “Social Analysis (as prepared for the Newman Retreat, Oct. 13-14, 1979, Carlock, Illinois)”, 9pp.
 - 1.24.33 *In These Times*, August 2010. Entire issue. Michael G. Matejka is listed as a contributor though his name does not appear attached to any individual item.
 - 1.24.34 Materials regarding A.L.A.S. (ISU organization in support of Latino students), undated, 8pp.
 - 1.24.35 “Normal Names Mike Matejka as 2021’s Citizen of the Year,” by Charlie Schlenker, WGLT, August 3, 2021.
 - 1.24.36 Thank you card addressed to Kari Sandhaas and Mike Matejka from Design Streak Studio, December 2021.
 - 1.24.37 Two cards addressed to Kari Sandhaas and Mike Matejka from Archana Shekara.

Folder 25: Bloomington Street Car Strike, 1917

- 1.25.1 Program for the Mother Jones Walking Tour, July 5 & 7, 2017. (Three copies are included.)
- 1.25.2 Script for Walking Tour prepared by Michael G. Matejka, 7 pp.
- 1.25.3 “Bloomington’s wildest union night a century ago,” *Grand Prairie Union News*, June 2017, pgs. 1, 8-9. (Text only copy included, 2 pp.)

Folder 26: State Politics

- 1.26.1 “1990 Illinois Democratic State Part Convention and Democrats Day at the Illinois State Fair,” information packet outlines the details of the convention, speakers, and a plethora of other information pertaining to the convention, packet is dated August 16th, 1990, 7pp.
- 1.26.2 “Restoring Illinois’ Competitive Edge: The 1990 Platform of the Democratic Party of Illinois,” packet which covers the Democratic party’s platform, detailing their stances on different issues, the packet is dated 1990, 11pp.

Folder 27: WJBC Forums

- 1.27.1 Letter From Don Munson of WJBC to Matejka concerning upcoming Forum sessions. Nov. 8, 1982.
- 1.27.2 Letter from Tom Whalen of Blm to WJBC protesting removal of Forum speaker Matejka, Nov. 16, 1983.
- 1.27.3 Forum: Nov.17, 1982. Introduction. 2pp.

- 1.27.4 Forum: Dec. 1, 1982. Buying union made goods. 2pp.
- 1.27.5 Forum. Dec. 15, 1982. Holiday greeting. 3pp.
- 1.27.6 Forum. Dec. 29, 1982. Holiday charities, upcoming legislation. 2pp.
- 1.27.7 Forum. Jan. 12, 1983. Blm ward system. 2pp.
- 1.27.8 Forum. Jan. 26, 1983. Controversy about the National Council of Churches. 2pp.
- 1.27.9 Forum. Feb. 9, 1983. Movie *Das Boot* and nuclear destruction. 2pp.
- 1.27.10 Forum. Feb. 23, 1983. West side Blm grocery needed. 2pp.

- 1.27.11 Forum. Mar 9, 1983. Lessons from Gandhi. 2 pp.
- 1.27.12 Forum. Mar.23, 1983. Granada. 2pp.
- 1.27.13 Forum. Apr. 6, 1983. Proposed ward system for Normal 2pp.
- 1.27.14 Forum. Apr. 20, 1983. UAW strike at Catepillar. 2pp.
- 1.27.15 Forum. May 4, 1983. Proposed Fam Sanitation Act of 1983 & Rep. Ropp's response. 2pp.
- 1.27.16 Forum. May 18, 1983. Dora Giese retiring from Beich Candy. 2pp.
- 1.27.17 Forum. Jun. 1, 1983. El Salvador. 2pp.
- 1.27.18 Forum. Jun. 15, 1983. Special Olympics. 2pp.
- 1.27.19 Forum. Jun. 29, 1983. Poland and Chile. 2pp.
- 1.27.20 Forum. Jul. 13, 1983. Imported shoes. 2pp.
- 1.27.21 Forum. Jul. 27, 1983. Potential of war in Central America. 2pp.
- 1.27.22 Forum. Aug.10, 1983. Economic outlook and job prospects. 2pp.
- 1.27.23 Forum. Aug. 24, 1983. Labor Day. 2pp.
- 1.27.24 Forum. Sep. 7, 1983. March on Washington. 2pp.
- 1.27.25 Forum. Sep. 21, 1983. Legislation on Governor's desk. Collective Bargaining for Public Employees: Freedom of Information Act; "Buy American" Act. 2pp.
- 1.27.26 Forum. Oct. 5, 1983. Register & Vote. 2pp.
- 1.27.27 Forum. Oct. 19, 1983.00 Martin Luther King. 2pp.

Folder 28: Labor/Union Documents

- 1.28.1 "Beware of Carver Concrete," flyer which seeks to place emphasis on Carver Concrete's legal issues. Undated.
- 1.28.2 "Worker's Memorial Day," flyer for a meet-up in downtown Bloomington for the remembrance of veterans and military personal, April 28, (no year)
- 1.28.3 "Bloomington Depot remembered in new book," typescript by Michael G. Matejka, February 25, 1991.
- 1.28.4 "Labor Mural Dedication," flyer for the celebration of a completed 8'x 20' mural about Bloomington-Normal's labor history, August 31 (no year given); it features a variety of people protesting at bottom of pink page
- 1.28.5 "Nicaraguan Submarine Party," flyer for a party at 1406 West Oakland Ave. Bloomington, Illinois held by Michael G. Matejka, June 16, 1984.
- 1.28.6 "Nicolia: A musical salute to women workers," flyer for a show to be performed by the "Bound for Glory" singer, September 12, (no year given)
- 1.28.7 Flyer advertising the benefit coffeehouse for the Farm Labor Organizing Committee at the Newman Center, 501 South Main, Normal Illinois,

- March 22, (no year given.)
- 1.28.8 Flyer for the global march against child labor. Information is provided on the flyer along with Matejka's contact information: May 16, (no year given).

Items 1.28.9 through 1.28.16 refer to construction at Savannah Green, Normal.

- 1.28.9 Media release by the Town of Normal, Illinois which outlines a media conference that was called to discuss alleged rule violations pertaining to on-going construction within the Savannah Green subdivision, March 2, 2001. 6pp.
- 1.28.10 "A Future Slum," informational piece about the company "Construx" who is developing Savannah Green, with contact info for Normal officials (no date given).
- 1.28.11 Letter to Jeanne Moonan of the Normal Planning Commission from Michael G. Matejka expressing his concern at the amount of leeway that the Construx Company is receiving on the Savannah Green project. Undated. 2pp.
- 1.28.12 Letter to Normal Mayor Kent Karraker from Labor officials Bruce E. Warloe & Matejka, citing violations at Savannah Green development, February 23, 2001. 2pp.
- 1.28.13 Photocopy of Laser, Inc.'s newsletter *The Contractors Critic* Issue No. 2 on Construx February, 2000 4pp.
- 1.28.14 "Builder talks with unhappy customers," *State Journal-Register*, Jun 21, 2000.
- 1.28.15 "Comments collected from residents in Windrow Development, New Berlin, by M. Matejka, July 29, 2000
- 1.28.16 Press conference announcement from LECET to question practices emerging at job sites in Normal, for February 22, no year.
- 1.28.17 Remarks of Matejka to Plumbers' Union on their 90th anniversary, March 3, 1990. 3 pp.
- 1.28.18 Letter from United Transportation Union to all local chairman regarding status of CM & W railroad. July 26, 1989. 2pp.
- 1.28.19 Letter from Chair of Political Action Together to Painters' district council enclosing requests from business representative Mattocks of Bloomington for yard signs donations in kind, February 1, 1989 13pp.
- 1.28.20 Flier: "You Count!," encouraging voter registration for Nov 6, 1990 election.
- 1.28.21 Letter from Atty. Steven Skelton to Matejka requesting that his recent union agreement for Dustcutter Saloon be announced in the union paper, etc. Nov 27, 1985.
- 1.28.22 Letter from Matejka of Blm & Normal Trades & Labor Assn. to Atty. Steven Skelton regarding letter immediately above, Nov. 29, 198
- 1.28.23 Memo to City Council Members and City Staff from Matejka regarding Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, Oct 2, 1989. 2 sheets including attachments.

- 1.28.24 Letter to editor Rachel Sternberg from Matejka at BNTLA regarding corrections to statements published about Diamond-Star Motors, February 26, 1986 3pp. including attachment.
- 1.28.25 Mass letter to professors from Matejka at BNTLA regarding classroom presentations, January 1983.
- 1.28.26 Mass letter to professors from Matejka at BNTLA regarding classroom presentations, February 1984.
- 1.28.27 Mass letter to professors from Matejka at BNTLA regarding classroom presentations, August 1985.
- 1.28.28 Credential to the 17th Constitutional Convention of AFL-CIO October 26, 1987.
- 1.28.29 Unused Letterhead: AFL-CIO BNTLA. 5 sheets in three styles.
- 1.28.30 Unused Letterhead: McLean County Union News. 2 sheets
- 1.28.31 Unused Letterhead: Laborers' International Union of North America. Local 362 Bloomington. 2 sheets in 2 styles.
- 1.28.32 Unused Letterhead: Bartenders Local No. 245, McLean County.
- 1.28.33 Unused Letterhead: Illinois State Labor Press Assn.

Folder 29: City of Bloomington Request forms.

- 1.29.1 Eighteen requests from Matejka to city staff on behalf of residents, many concerning houses with code violations, etc. 1989-1991.

Folder 30: City of Bloomington Correspondence, 1989 – June 1991

- 1.30.1 Letter to Matejka from Janenne Scott, Oakland School teacher, about Miller Park Zoo, Sept. 1, 1989.
- 1.30.2 Inter-office memo to Matejka from Vince Quevedo about Randy Wright/1006 W. Wood problem, Feb. 13, 1990. 2pp.
- 1.30.3 Inter-office memo to Matejka about improving Morris Ave./Market St. intersection Feb. 6, 1990. Includes May 11, 1988 Engineering Dept. study of same.
- 1.30.4 Letter from Nolan C. White to Community Development Director Herb Wojahn about the City's desire to buy a parcel of White's land for Constitutional Trail. May 18, 1990. Also enclosed is a note to Council Members about same.
- 1.30.5 "Bloomington, Illinois Ward Realignment 1991," plan which outlines a recommendation for the redistricting of Bloomington's various wards, 1991. 10pp.
- 1.30.6 Letter from Plumbing Inspector Garry Hinterliter to Jim Cadle about inspecting water meter installations at Mobile Land Trailer Park, Jan. 8, 1991 2pp
- 1.30.7 Photocopy of letter from Anne McGowan to Council, et al. about curbside recycling. Feb 18, 1991.
- 1.30.8 Mass letter from Gloria McKittrick of Housing Authority to residents about illegal activities in parking lots of Holton Homes, April 15, 1991
- 1.30.9 Mass letter from Gloria McKittrick of Housing Authority to residents about conditions of Sunnyside Park, April 5, 1991. 2pp with attached newspaper article.

- 1.30.10 Letter from here residents to Bldg. Inspector Mark Huber requesting that Fred Hafner be cited and fined for violations at his parking lot. June 12, 1991.
- 1.30.11 Board packet for upcoming meeting of Blm-Normal Public Transit System, June 18, 1991. 5pp including agenda, past minutes, etc.
- 1.30.12 Letter to Alderman Matejka from Community Development Director Herbert\ Wojahn about 107 South Allin's debris problem, June 21, 1991
- 1.30.13 Memo to Mayor & Council from Staff about Ward Boundary Realignment, June 24, 1991. 3pp.
- 1.30.14 Letter to Loretta Perry from Community Development Office as final notice of eviction, June 22, 1991
- 1.30.15 Letter to City Mgr. Dirks from John McAteer of Illinois State University Research attaching Fifth Quarterly Progress Report for ISU Waste Water Project, Jun 27, 1991. 5pp.

Folder 31: City of Bloomington Correspondence, July 1991-1995 & undated.

- 1.31.1 Memo to City Manager Dirks from Township Assessor Mike Ireland attaching a recent newsletter regarding Bloomington, MN's experiences with land use, planning and traffic, July 1, 1991.
- 1.31.2 Memo from Corp. Counsel Todd Greenburg to City Mgr. Dirks providing background of events leading up to letter sent by Louis Alvey to Council Members and newspaper about ownership of an alley, Jun 28, 1001. 3pp.
- 1.31.3 Memo from George Drye of Engineering & Water Dept to Aldermen Matejka & Kroutil about West Oakland-West MacArthur one-way couple traffic study, July 23, 1991. 6 pp. including attached drawings.
- 1.31.4 Letter from Barbara Adkins of Community Development to Fairbury Federal regarding complaints about various properties they own in west Bloomington and upcoming inspections, August 20, 1991.
- 1.31.5 Letter from Linda Morton of Blm. to Pantagraph concerning issues as a landlord, December 20, 1991. 3pp.
- 1.31.6 Press release announcing public meeting on Nov 20 [1991?] to discuss if the wheel and axle shop in the west rail yard complex ought to be preserved.
- 1.31.7 Letter from Matejka to "friends" discussing progress on wheel & axle shops including cost estimates for mothballing and upcoming discussion meeting, Jan 6, 1992.
- 1.31.8 Letter from Bob & Debbie Thurmond to Matejka about escalating gang activity March 8, 1992
- 1.31.9 Reply letter from Matejka to the Thurmonds discussing long term approaches to reducing gang activity, March 10, 1992.
- 1.31.10 Handwritten letter from Harriett Campbell to Matejka concerning issues and improvements on Mill and Oakland Streets, April 26, [1992?].
- 1.31.11 Letter from Connie Griffin of Building Safety to Gary Smith about complaints on lawnmower repair business in residential neighborhood, May 7, 1992.
- 1.31.12 Letter from Connie Griffin of Building Safety to Gerald and Gerianne Pulliam regarding complaint about auto repair/sales business in residential neighborhood, May 5, 1992.

- 1.31.13 Mimeo from Police Chief Linskey to City Mgr. and Council about problems at Culture Fest in Miller Park, Sep 1, 1992. 3pp.
- 1.31.14 Memo from Community Development's Herb Wojahn to Asst. City Mgr. Tom Hamilton about graffiti abatement notice, Sep 10, 1992. 2pp incl. attached Sep 8 notice to owner.
- 1.31.15 Letter from Bldg Inspector Steve Carter to PACE Director Jim Hepperly about 1903 W. Market St. Best Inns complaint, Mar 28, 1994.
- 1.31.16 Photocopy of memo from Matejka to Geo. Drye about stop signs and parking near Oakland & MacArthur Sts., undated
- 1.31.17 Multiple photos covering all sides of a house at 1218 West Olive Street, has a variety of written notes indicating a variety of issues with the home, no date, 4pp.
- 1.31.18 Letter to the Bloomington City Council from Dr. Georganne Rundblad, Dept. of Sociology at IWU, regarding the upcoming decision regarding the human rights ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. She includes "thought papers" written by her students in response to a panel of speakers in her class in November 1995. Letter dated November 27, 1995, several papers attached.
- 1.31.19 Letter to Councilman Matejka from Randall Burggraf stating his opposition to the passage of the ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, December 13, 1995.
- 1.31.20 Letter to Mayor Jesse Smart from Curtis K. White supporting passage of the human rights ordinance referred to above, December 21, 1995.
- 1.31.21 Letter to Michael Matejka from Brian Tallant supporting passage of the sexual orientation amendment, December 1995.

Folder 32: Mobile Home Parks Tenants Rights.

- 1.32.1 Letter from Bldg Safety's James Hepperly to Brian Houchins of McLean County Manufactures Home Owners Assn. about water meter installations, Dec 19, 1991.
- 1.32.2 Packet of letters, etc. concerning permanent room additions addressed to Moore Enterprises from Blm Bldg Inspector, Nov 1995 – Jan 1996, 6pp.
- 1.32.3 "Does America Include the Trailer Parks?" fax to nationally known Michael Moore from Mike Matejka about "America's Trailer Park King James Moore" and referencing seven documents from local conflict, undated, but after mid Dec 1996, 1 sheet.
- 1.32.4 "Mobile home owners get support from city," *Pantagraph*, Dec 10, 1996.
- 1.32.5 Letter from Atty. John P. Schwulst for Jas Moore to Karen Miller of Alexander Estates Homeowners Assn demanding she cease passing out flyers in violation of park rules and considering libel suit, Dec 10, 1996. 2pp.
- 1.32.6 Photocopies of letter from Mayor Jesse Smart to Atty John Schwulst responding to his letter to Karen Miller and encouraging that owner Moore meet with residents here, Dec 12, 1996. Two copies, the second lacking the city logo but containing handwritten notes.
- 1.32.7 Photocopy of letter from James A. Moore to residents of Alexander Estates complaining that Karen Miller and Jack & Rose Robb have tried to create a

- tenant uprising, undated, 2pp.
- 1.32.8 Photocopy of letter from James A. Moore to Mayor Smart strongly disagreeing with the city's actions and threatening libel action, Dec 18, 1996.
- 1.32.9 Alexander Estates Rules & Regulations, revised for January 1997, 8 pp.
- 1.32.10 Blank resident survey for Alexander Estates, undated.
- 1.32.11 Letter from Illinois Commerce Commission Chief Engineer Gerald P. Hoppe to John Stevens of the City offering legal opinion that the revised lease agreement for Mobil-Land Mobile Home Park does not constitute a "public utility" Dec 13, 1991. Two copies with different courtesy copy recipients.
- 1.32.12 Packet of letters from John Stevens of the City to Ms. Augustin approving Moore's leases and finding that the parks are not public utilities, Dec 2-13, 1991 8 pp,
- 1.32.13 Grandview Estates offer of lease packet, Dec 16, 1991 7 pp.
- 1.32.14 Grandview Estates letter to residents about change in owners (to James & Marion Moore) and managers on Dec 31, 1985.
- 1.32.15 Grandview Estates notice of rent increases, effective Jan 1, 1987, 1989, 1990. 4pp.
- 1.32.16 Hilltop Mobile Homes letter to Sharon Butler announcing sales of park to James Moore and names of new managers, Nov 1, 1984
- 1.32.17 Letter to Hilltop Mobile Homes residents from new owner James A. Moore announcing rent increases, etc. December 15, 1984
- 1.32.18 Letter to Hilltop Mobile Homes residents offering lease, notifying of rent increase, and attaching new rules, Jan 1 1986. 1pp, no attachments.
- 1.32.19 Hilltop Mobile Homes notices of rent increases effective February 1, 1987, 1988, 1989, 3pp.
- 1.32.20 Hilltop Mobile Homes Rules & Regulations, revised for Feb 1997 plus blank lease, 14pp.
- 1.32.21 Letter from Telecable of Bloomington/Normal to "Subscribers" advising of monthly cable access charge, Oct 21, 1991.
- 1.32.22 Maple Grove Estates notice of legally required offering of leases to residents, Oct 25, 1995.
- 1.32.23 Maple Grove Estates notice of rent increase eff. Jan 1, 1996.
- 1.32.24 Letter from Atty. Tom Kilbride to "Matejka" attaching Illinois statute on Mobile Home Landlord & Tenant Rights Act, Jan 3, 1992, 6 pp.
- 1.32.25 Illinois Mobile Homes Landlord and Tenants Rights Act (765 ILCS 745) Prepared 1995. 8 pp.
- 1.32.26 Bloomington Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act, introduced January 13, 1992 by the McLean County Manufactured Homeowners Assn. 17pp.

Folder 33: Snyder/Pepper Ridge Project

- 1.33.1 Letter from Robert Bowen to Alderman Matejka expressing support for the Snyder plan for the South Square block, July 27, 1990.
- 1.33.2 Letter from Kenneth & Tamara Gentes of rural Blm to Matejka opposing Jack Snyder's Pepper Ridge project with mobile home park, Nov 12, 1990.
- 1.33.3 Letter from Christina and Peter Weber of rural BLM opposing proposed

- Pepper Ridge development, Nov 26, 1990.
- 1.33.4 Letter from Matejka to Pete & Chris Weber about Pepper Ridge development, Nov 28, 1990 2pp.
- 1.33.5 Letter from Janine Giese Dais to Matejka about Pepper Ridge development, Nov 1990, 6pp.
- 1.33.6 Letter from Matejka to Janine Giese Davis of Urbana about the Snyder project, Nov 30, 1990, 2 pp.

Folder 34: One Voice Washington Trips 2015, 2019

- 1.34.1 One Voice DC Trip Itinerary and schedule. March 3-5, 2015.
- 1.34.2 One Voice DC Trip participant list and letter from Economic Development Council, Mar-Apr 2018.
- 1.34.3 2019 One Voice Trip – Participant Information. 3pp. undated
- 1.34.4 2019 One Voice Trip – Activities – Dining – The Mayflower Hotel, 4pp. undated.
- 1.34.5 2019 One Voice Trip – 2019 Projects, 2pp. undated.
- 1.34.6 2019 One Voice Trip – About the EDC, 3pp. undated.
- 1.34.7 2019 One Voice Trip – Agency Meetings, 5pp. undated.
- 1.34.8 2019 One Voice Trip – Congressional Biographies. 5 pp. undated.
- 1.34.9 2019 One Voice Trip – BN Tech Town Whitepaper, 3pp. undated.
- 1.34.10 2019 One Voice Trip – Small Business Community Incubator, 5pp. undated.
- 1.34.11 2019 One Voice Trip – Town of Normal Railroad Underpass, 2 pp. undated.
- 1.34.12 2019 One Voice Trip – McLean County Route 66, 3pp. undated.
- 1.34.13 2019 One Voice Trip – Mental Health Whitepaper, 5 pp.undated.

Folder 35: Inauguration of JB Pritzker as Governor of Illinois, January 14, 2019.

- 1.35.1 Mike Matekja’s ticket in envelope.
- 1.35.2 Program of the Inaugural.

Folder 36: Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice, 1976.

- 1.36.1 “Many causes push walkers,” *Pantagraph*, August 17, 1976.
- 1.36.2 “Walk for disarmament, social justice” [by Michael Maetjka] date, source unknown.
- 1.36.3 The Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice Organizers Manual, 31pp.
- 1.36.4 Poster for walk at the Newman Center, Normal, August 16.

Folder 37: Unpublished Papers

- 1.37.1 “Starlight on the Rails: a Songbook” A review of Bruce “Utah” Phillips’ 4 disc set of his musical life’s work; a variation of this was published in “Starlight on the Rails: Songbook by Utah Phillips,” *Labor: Studies in Working Class History in the Americas*, Duke University Press, Vol. 3, No. 4, Winter 2006
- 1.37.2 March 1985, “The Sanctuary Movement & Catholic Tradition.”
- 1.37.3 Pete Seeger book, “Carry It On,” 1985 – three variations of a review.
- 1.37.4 “U.S. Workers left behind; Mexican exploited in border rush,” 1990, to *Commonweal* magazine, on Mexican maquiladora plants.

- 1.37.5 "Maquila Industries lure companies south of the border," May 21, 1990
- 1.37.6 "Remembering the Haymarket Tragedy," April 2, 1985 (This was spurred by a note from folksinger Pete Seeger to Library of Congress archivist Saul Schniederman, encouraging articles about Haymarket – it eventually became a 4 part series in the McLean County Union News.) with image
- 1.37.8 "To Greg Koos," 1992 – a description of Laborers International Union of North America's Bloomington Laborers Hall, where daily members would come to sign up for work assignments. Mike Matejka's office was located in the back of the hall where the workers gathered.
- 1.37.9 "Mickey Mouse Mecca," submitted to In These Times (Chicago) – a reflection of taking our daughter Loretta Santejka to Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. 1993
- 1.37.10 Article for the Illinois Labor History Society's Union Hall of Honor, December 6, 2019, Teamster City, Chicago. Edited for the program booklet.
- 1.37.11 "Pullman Prospectus," 2019 notes to the National Park Service on developing the Pullman National Historic site, in collaboration with Joe Szabos, former Federal Railroad Administrator under President Barack Obama.
- 1.37.12 "Local 308 Centennial Story," History of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308, Chicago Transit Authority elevated train workers, for a possible centennial celebration.
- 1.37.13 2002 – "Unearthing our Roots – researching Laborers History" – a document prepared for local unions for the Laborers International Union of North America 2003 centennial.
- 1.37.14 March 2020 – "Autism – the challenge & the gift; Reflections on Greta Thunberg's family's new book," *Our House is on Fire: Scenes of a Family and a Planet in Crisis*, by Greta Thunberg, Svante Thunberg, Malena Ernman and Beata Thurnman
- 1.37.15 Essay on the April 1972 Peace March in Chicago
- 1.37.16 Interview Question Sheet with Answers
- 1.37.17 Reflections on Personal Encounters with Barack Obama

Folder 38: Citizen of the Year Award Papers

- 1.38.1 Resume, Testimonials, Nomination by Mary Campbell for the IL Social Workers "Citizen of the Year Award"

Folder 39: Not in Our Town Items

- 1.39.1 Congressional Records. *Proceedings and Debates of the 105th Congress, First Session*. Vol 143. No 91. Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1997.
- 1.39.2 Card of Appreciation
- 1.39.3 Heroes 3 Postcard featuring Mike Matejka
- 1.39.4 Not in Our Town Pledge Card
- 1.39.5 Not in Our Town Equality Poster
- 1.39.6 Letter from NIOT staff, Campaign Summary Sheet, and Activity Report Form

Folder 40: Solidarity Publications

- 1.40.1 Fiery Struggle: Illinois Fire Fighters & Union Formation

- 1.40.2 Solidarity. *Winning Your First Contract*. Vol 28. No 3. March 1985 with Transmittal Slip
- 1.40.3 Solidarity. *Homework That Hurts; Dollar-an-Hour Jobs in our Own Backyard*. November 1996
- 1.40.4 Solidarity. *Keeping the Dream Alive*. January – February 1990
- 1.40.5 Solidarity. *Learning Through the Union*. December 1988
- 1.40.6 Solidarity. *Lawyers for the People*. December 1993
- 1.40.7 Solidarity. *Time to Push; Trying for a Vote in Congress*. Vol 25. No 10. November 1982
- 1.40.8 Solidarity. *Too Poor to Pay Too Young to Die*. September 1989
- 1.40.9 Solidarity. *Wheelers, Dealers, and Stealers; Company Buyouts and our Fight to Save Jobs*. January – February 1989
- 1.40.10 Solidarity. *The Longest Strike, The Strongest Strike, UAW Takes on Caterpillar*. April 1983
- 1.40.11 Solidarity. *A Contract for the Whole Family; New UAW Agreement Helps Three Generations*. October 1996
- 1.40.12 Solidarity. *Voices from the Future*. April – May 1994
- 1.40.13 Solidarity. *Organizing for Dignity*. May 1998
- 1.40.14 Solidarity. *Getting Straight; How Employee Assistance Programs are Helping Addicted and Troubled Workers*. June – July 1997
- 1.40.15 Solidarity. *Transplants with a Union Label*. November 1992
- 1.40.16 Solidarity. *How These UAW Members are Making Bad Jobs Easier*. April 1995
- 1.40.17 Solidarity. *The Union Makes Us Safe; How a UAW Contract Can Cut Down Strains and Sprains*. October 1995

Folder 41: Toy Magazine Publications

- 1.41.1 April 1994, *Grandpa's Truck*
- 1.41.2 June 1994, *Building the Future*, Kenner 1950s-60s construction sets
- 1.41.3 April 1997, *Mighty Midgets*, Rockford IL diecast toy maker
- 1.41.4 October 1993, *The Erector Set that Didn't Fly*
- 1.41.5 June 1995, *Big Daddy Roth Remembers* (interview with famed custom car designer Ed Roth)
- 1.41.6 Spring-Summer 2017, #216, Book review, *The hobo in print & film Quarterly Newsletter*, Summer 2019, Vol 39 #2 – cover photo
- 1.41.7 May 2003, *The Best Trains you've Never Heard Of* (Czech toy train manufacturer)
- 1.41.8 April 1991, *Service Station Creations* February 1998, (series on former Lionel employee Lee Price)
- 1.41.9 February 1998, *American Flyer & Lionel: Friends in The Trenches* (series on former Lionel employee Lee Price)
- 1.41.10 June 1991, *Layouts of the Rich & Famous* (series on former Lionel employee Lee Price)
- 1.41.11 Winter 1989 *Famous-Barr's wonderful Christmas* window (St Louis department store)
- 1.41.12 October 2003, Mike Matejka 112 ½ Weldon St Bloomington layout photo

- 1.41.13 November 1999, *Like Father, Like Daughter* (Mike Matejka 112 ½ Weldon St Bloomington train layout feature story)
- 1.41.14 February 1991, *Lee Price, Chicago's Windy City Go-Fer*, and *The Man Visits Chicago* (series on former Lionel employee Lee Price)
- 1.41.15 May 2019, *Make Custom window signs*
- 1.41.16 May 2005, special issue, "All-Star Electric Trains of the 1950s," *Lionel Flops & Failures*, (series on former Lionel employee Lee Price)
- 1.41.17 2011 #25, *Shop Photo Inspires Sculptor* (sculpture now in the MCMH collection)
- 1.41.18 Issue 27-28 St. Louis Union Station Centennial (1994) *Union Station: the TV series*
- 1.41.19 Fall 2011, *How far can you Travel on 15 cents?* (childhood collecting of railroad promotional item)
- 1.41.20 2008 "Railroads & World War II (special edition) *A Woman's touch during wartime – Henrietta Hanson on the B&O* (Bloomington nurse who worked on passenger trains)
- 1.41.21 2016 annual, issue 429, *A Day in North America* series of railroad photos, Amtrak train loading at Normal Uptown Station, photo
- 1.41.22 November 1990, *Train Day in Sticky Number Room* (sharing model trains with ISU Metcalf School orthopedic handicapped room)
- 1.41.23 2013 #1, Issue 284, Photo of Normal depot
- 1.41.24 Railroad History. *The Journal of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society*. No 216. Spring – Summer 2017
- 1.41.25 "Dad left no choice in the matter," illustrated essay in *Classic Toy Trains*, March 2021, pp 37-39.
- 1.41.26 Issue 145, *Bloomington's C&A Shops*
- 1.41.27 Issue 147, *Bloomington & Normal, Illinois stations*

Folder 42: Illinois State AFL-CIO Convention News 1984-1996

- 1.42.1 Nov 1 1986 page 6, photo of Bloomington Laborers Hall mural
- 1.42.2 Boilermakers/ Blacksmiths Reporter Oct 1986, page 9, photos of Bloomington Laborers Hall mural
- 1.42.3 For a decade, beginning in 1984, Matejka edited the daily report for the biennial Illinois AFL-CIO convention. These were written in one day and had to be at the delegates' tables by 8 a.m. the following morning. The 1984 editions used court reporter notes; Matejka would edit those, spend the evening at the printer reviewing layouts and then repeated the process. After the 1984 convention, these became daily newsletters, with short articles written about speakers and convention business, laid out and then proofed and sent to the printer each night for the next morning's appearance at the convention tables. Any resolutions that involved specifics changes had to followed in detail; summary 150 – 200 word stories were written about each speaker.

Folder 43: Journal and Article Publications & Contributions

- 1.43.1 VOICE of the Cement, Lime, Gypsum & Allied Workers Feb 1982 page 21
Article on the Roanoke IL non-union water tower workers
- 1.43.2 United Mine Workers Journal Sept 1986 page 23, article & photo

- 1.43.3 UA JOURNAL (United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters) August 1994
State Farm Expansion, photos pages 18 – 25
- 1.43.4 Business to Business Sept 2000, *Local Production has Rich History*
- 1.43.5 Business to Business Sept 2003, “Are we losing the gains of 70 years ago?” p. 9
- 1.43.6 Business to Business Sept 1999, *Today’s Labor Day Celebrations have deep Local Roots,* “5 minutes with Mike Matejka”
- 1.43.7 A.D. 1980 September 1980 (United Church of Christ), “Where have all the farmers gone?” page 27-29 November 1980, page 8, letter to the editor responses to “Where have all the farmers gone?”
- 1.43.8 Union Plus Spring 1995 Article on Lee Otis Brewer, City of Bloomington, AFSCME worker, about Cultural Fest (background material supplied, did not write the article)
- 1.43.9 Union Plus Winter 1996 – “Power in Numbers” pages 21-23 – Photos; background material shared. Bloomington Laborers 362 members helping organize North Carolina poultry workers.
- 1.43.10 The Laborer July-August 1985 Organizing North Carolina poultry workers; uncredited article & photos, page 6-7– July – August 1996
- 1.43.11 The Laborer Article on Bloomington Laborers 362 workers as volunteer organizers, photo supplied page 6; article written but not credited
- 1.43.12 The Laborer 2003 – 100th Anniversary Edition – researched & wrote most of the content – uncredited

Folder 44: Journal and Article Publications & Contributions Cont.

- 1.44.1 Illinois Labor History Society, Union Hall of Honor, Dec 3, 2011, essay by Matejka about John Walker, Illinois AFL-CIO President and coal miner; photo of Kari Sandhaas and the Bloomington Laborers Local 362 mural.
- 1.44.2 Clergy & Laity Concerned, New York special edition, *This Land is Our Land: Portraits of the Struggle for Land, Food & Justice*, co-edited by Jack Nelson & Mike Matejka 1981.
- 1.44.3 Illinois Central Gulf News Nov – Dec 1982, page 15 – Bloomington Miller Park Shops monument dedication (photo by Matejka)
- 1.44.4 From the State House to the Fire House, 1996 preview document for the Illinois Fire Fighter history project.
- 1.44.5 The Illinois Fire Fighter, Summer 1978, Normal Fire Fighter Strike coverage, pages 7-9, 15-16, 21; Summer 1980, pages 10- 11, Matejka receiving “best article” award; Fall 1980, pages 14, 32 & 34.
- 1.44.6 The Illinois Fire Fighter, Fall 1980
- 1.44.7 Comments, Economic Business Review, Sangamon State University (University of Illinois, Springfield), March 1987, “Labor-Management Cooperation a reality in Bloomington-Normal.”
- 1.44.8 Illinois Fire Fighters Summer 1980 Biennial Awards Presentation Article (Photos provided by Matejka)
- 1.44.9 IN Transit Amalgamated Transit Union July-Aug 1985 page 15
Article & photos on Central Catholic High students painting Bloomington Streetcar strike themed painting

- 1.44.10 AMERICAN WRITER (UAW Local 1981) Fall 1997 Page 8 – photo from Detroit Newspaper strike demonstrations.
- 1.44.11 Catholic Rural Life July-August 1980 *The Wooing of the Earth: New Perspectives on Man's Use of Nature* (book review)
- 1.44.12 September 1982, *People in Search of a Just Life* (farm workers & immigration)
- 1.44.13 Clergy & Laity Concerned, New York May 1980 *Trouble in The Heartland* notation on Bloomington IL anti-draft activities
- 1.44.14 July – August *Illinois Heritage* “Gateway to the West or the Gateway to America’s Incendiary Past?” Book Review Article
- 1.44.15 Labor Day 2020 – *Illinois Labor History Society* Publication
- 1.44.16 "Pullman National Monument now open in Chicago," *Railroad Heritage*, Winter 2022.1: 10-11, with cover email to Bill Kemp, December 9, 2021.
- 1.44.17 Book Reviews: *Fight Like Hell* and *The Disney Revolt* in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Nov 2022, pp10-11.

Folder 45: Newspaper Publications

- 1.45.1 National Catholic Reporter May 30, 1980, Vol 16 #31 *The Poor Exploited by the Rich* (book review)
- 1.45.2 The ALLIED INDUSTRIAL WORKER November 1981 Page 12
Article on poor conditions for workers fleeing the rust belt for jobs in the South
- 1.45.3 The Pantagraph; *Peace on Earth, and kepow! You're dead!* Letter to the editor, Nov 28, 1985 page A14
- 1.45.4 The Pantagraph; Article on Reaching out to the Community September 1, 1985
- 1.45.5 The Pantagraph; *Reagan ads gag us with Mom, pie in the sky*, letter to the editor, May 23, 1984
- 1.45.6 The Pantagraph; *Only Three on-the-job deaths too many*, letter, June 16, 1999, page A12
- 1.45.7 International Study days for a society overcoming domination #28, July 1980
People's Bonds Available from Grenada
- 1.45.8 Peoria Catholic Post Fall 1982 “Illegal Aliens’ Deserve Compassion.”
- 1.45.9 Peoria Catholic Post “*Dr Martin Luther King – Martyr?* (circa 1979-80)
- 1.45.10 Peoria Catholic Post *Put Our Faith in God, not in Guns* (circa 1981-82)
- 1.45.11 Peoria Catholic Post *A Holiday of dignity & justice* (c 1981)
- 1.45.12 Peoria Catholic Post *Farmworkers’ Struggle continues* (c. 1980)
- 1.45.13 Peoria Catholic Post *Economic Heresy, Solid Theology*, (c. 1981)
- 1.45.14 The Pantagraph; *Amtrak key to balanced transportation*, April 19, 2005 page 8
- 1.45.15 The Pantagraph; *Transportation: Trains, cars, planes spurred B-N Growth*, March 26, 2000 page 15
- 1.45.16 AFL-CIO News Vol 27, #41, Oct 16, 1982 page 5 – Bloomington Miller Park Shops monument dedication (photo by Matejka)
- 1.45.17 Railway Clerk/Interchange December 1982 page 14 – Bloomington Miller Park Shops monument dedication (article & photo by Matejka)
- 1.45.18 Labor Vol LXIV #16, Nov 17, 1982, page 5 – Bloomington Miller Park Shops monument dedication (photo by Matejka)
- 1.45.19 The ALLIED INDUSTRIAL WORKER August 1990 Pages 6-7 Article & photos on maquiladora workers in Mexico

- 1.45.20 Boilermakers / Blacksmiths Reporter- Oct 1986, page 9, photos of Bloomington Laborers Hall mural
- 1.45.21 The Labor Paper “*Mike Matejka*” September 17, 2020
- 1.45.22 “Too often overlooked: union apprenticeships offer career training,” *The Labor Paper*, November 19, 2020
- 1.45.23 “Editorial: Where are the civil rights republicans?” *The Labor Paper*, November 19, 2020
- 1.45.24 “BN Labor and Management brighten the holidays,” *The Labor Paper*, January 21, 2021
- 1.45.25 “Wind and Solar power – jobs and economic impact,” *The Labor Paper*, January 21, 2021
- 1.45.26 “I saw it on the Internet – sorting fact from fiction,” *The Labor Paper*, January 21, 2021
- 1.45.27 “McLean County blood drive helps with shortages,” *The Labor Paper*, February 18, 2021
- 1.45.28 “Journalism & Ethics,” *The Labor Paper*, February 18, 2021.
- 1.45.29 “Movie Review: Radium Girls” and “Ottawa, Illinois: Visit the Radium Girls memorial,” *The Labor Paper*, February 18, 2021
- 1.45.30 “B/N Labor friendly candidate endorsements,” *The Labor Paper*, March 18, 2021
- 1.45.31 “March is Women’s History Month,” *The Labor Paper*, March 18, 2021
- 1.45.32 “Book Review: Following the tracks – Mexican-Americans into central Illinois,” *The Labor Paper*, March 18, 2021
- 1.45.33 “Radium girls' close to Illinois story,” *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, May 2021.
- 1.45.34 “Museum receiving 'majestic' restoration,” *The Labor Paper*, May 20, 2021.
- 1.45.35 Book Review: *Pullman: America's Hotel on Wheels*, *Railroad History, journal of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society*, Spring-Summer 2021.
- 1.45.36 “Death on the Job: Laborer Larry Williams will be remembered,” *The Labor Paper*, April 15, 2021.
- 1.45.37 “Historic preservation keeps Plasterers busy,” *The Labor Paper*, April 15, 2021.
- 1.45.38 “What is patriotism?” *The Labor Paper*, June 24, 2021.
- 1.45.39 “Illinois Dept. of Labor fines wind farm almost \$1 million,” *The Labor Paper*, June 24, 2021.
- 1.45.40 “AFSCME stands for 'endangered zookeepers,’” *The Labor Paper*, June 24, 2021.
- 1.45.41 “Union members answer the call for help McLean County,” *The Labor Paper*, July 22, 2021.
- 1.45.42 “IBEW Local 197 mourns Bob Williams' passing,” *The Labor Paper*, August 26, 2021.
- 1.45.43 “Pullman Monument opening Labor Day weekend,” *The Labor Paper*, August 26, 2021.
- 1.45.44 “Is the strike a returning labor weapon?, “Mike Matejka named Normal 2021 Citizen of the Year,” “Senator Tammy Duckworth: Is our military prepared in a cyber, multi-national age?” *The Labor Paper*, August 26, 2021.
- 1.45.45 “History marker honors Mine Workers' John L. Lewis” and “Illinois State University graduate students ratify first contract,” *The Labor Paper*, November 18, 2021.

- 1.45.46 Book Review: *American Made: What Happens to People When Work Disappears* by Farah Stockman, *The Labor Paper*, and "Bloomington & Normal Trades and Labor swears in new officers" (photos by M. Matejka), December 16, 2021.
- 1.45.47 "Rivian subcontractors pay almost \$400,000 in back wages," "Minimum wage boosts us all," "Union volunteers brighten the holidays for twin city residents," and "Bloomington area stands up for worker organizing," *The Labor Paper*, January 20, 2022.
- 1.45.48 "Is the taxpayer subsidizing welfare for non-union contractors?" "Infrastructure Act: An opportunity for trades diversity," and Book Review: *Born in Blackness: Africa, Africans and the Making of the Modern World, 1471 to the Second World War* by Howard W. French," *The Labor Paper*, February 27, 2022.
- 1.45.49 "Pullman National Monument site shares a diverse story," *Railway & Locomotive Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter* (Spring 2022), 8-9.
- 1.45.50 "April 28 Workers Memorial Day: Marseilles market honors fallen worker" p.2
 "Trades and Labor Fest 2022: downtown Bloomington April 30" p.3
 "New AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Redmond has Illinois roots," p. 4
 Book Review of *West Virginia Miners' battle stories On Dark & Blood Ground* by Anne T. Lawrence.
 All in *The Labor Paper*, April 21, 2022.
- 1.45.51 "New IDOL Director seeks strategic, thorough enforcement," *The Labor Paper*, Jun 23, 2022. P 3
 "YMCA project is transformative for Bloomington-Normal," p. 8. *The Labor Paper*, Jun 23, 2022. P 3

Folder 46: C&A Shops Correspondence & Documents

- 1.46.1 Jan 10, 1983 – Public service announcement script to local media to promote oral history collection, with press release about the public library display
- 1.46.2 August 7, 1990 – Letter from Daniel Murray, trustee, Chicago, Missouri & Western Railway, acknowledging receipt of the C&A Shops book (with envelope)
- 1.46.3 Undated, Letter from Colin Davis, University of Alabama at Birmingham, responding to comments from Matejka about Davis' upcoming 1997 book, *Power at odds: the 1922 National Railroad Shopmen's Strike* University of Illinois Press
- 1.46.4 December 1, 1988 – letter from Art Hanford, United Transportation Union, directing Matejka to Cornell University for information about Bloomington's P.J. Morrissey.
- 1.46.5 October 18, 1988 – Letter from Katherine Vogel, George Meany Memorial Archives, noting the publication of the new magazine *Labor's Heritage*, which featured extensive articles about the Bloomington C&A Shops, based upon the Shops book.
- 1.46.6 January 25, 1988 – Letter from Janet O'Connor, George Meany Memorial Archives, asking for additional material for the article by Mark Wyman and sidebars by Matejka for the first issue of *Labor's Heritage*.
- 1.46.7 Errata page – for second edition of the C&A Shops book.
- 1.46.8 Spring 1989 – Book review of the C&A Shops Book, *Illinois Historical Journal*

- 1.46.9 January-Feb 1989 – Book Review, *The S-Gaugian* (“S Gauge” is a distinct model railroad scale)
- 1.46.10 June 1989 Book Review, *The Lexington Quarterly* (The Lexington Group is a scholarly transportation study group, focusing primarily on railroads)
- 1.46.11 June 3, 1988 – Press release about constructing the Shops Whistle monument at Bloomington’s Miller Park.
- 1.46.12 April 1, 1991 – Letter from Susan Dunton, Transportation – Communications International Union, thanking for article by Matejka about Bloomington Amtrak clerk Steve Gossard and his book on local railroad stations; copy of *Interchange*, the union’s publication.
- 1.46.13 May 13, 1988 – Letter from Jacqueline Kienzle, AFL-CIO Department of Education, offering ¾ videotape collection to Matejka. Weekly Matejka would take an AFL-CIO or other union educational tape to be played on the local cable television public access broadcast channel.
- 1.46.14 January 8, 1988 – Letter from Peter Hoefler, George Meany Memorial Archives, suggesting an article for the new journal, *Labor’s Heritage*. Matejka and Hoefler had worked together previously to catalog the documents of the Illinois AFL-CIO.
- 1.46.15 January 12, 1988 – Letter from Susan Dunton, Transportation-Communications Workers, noting article in their publication, *The Interchange*, with an article about the C&A Shops book on page 6.
- 1.46.16 April 1990 – Review of the Shops book in the *Technology & Culture* journal.
- 1.46.17 McLean County Museum of History brochure announcing the publication of the Shops book.
- 1.46.18 December 21, 1987 – letter from Cullom Davis, Sangamon State University (later University of Illinois at Springfield), to Greg Koos, congratulating on the Shops book.
- 1.46.19 December 8, 1987 – Letter from Robert Kalaski, International Association of Machinists, referring to publishing an article about the Shops book.
- 1.46.20 Undated – Summary proposal by Matejka, with Koos input, on the Shops book format.
- 1.46.21 Undated – letter to the University of Illinois Press, summarizing the Shops book as a publishing project (the University of Illinois did not accept the first edition printing, though did do the second edition).
- 1.46.22 April 24, 1984 – Letter from Walter Licht, University of Pennsylvania, acknowledging Matejka’s comments on his book and offering encouragement on the oral history collection.
- 1.46.23 April 5, 1983 – letter from *Labor* associate editor John Clark, in response to Matejka seeking vintage photos.
- 1.46.24 Undated – list of student oral history collectors, university informants, and potential interviewees for the Shops oral history project.
- 1.46.25 December 16, 1981 – Critique of the Shops oral history project by Cullom Davis, Sangamon State University, in support of the effort; part of winning an Illinois Humanities Council grant.
- 1.46.26 June 28, 1984 – Overview of the oral history project by Matejka and script for a potential video presentation, based upon the Shops stories (some video was shot, but nothing was completed).

- 1.46.27 December 17-22, 1987, 4 page article about the Shops book in *Illinois Times*, Springfield.
- 1.46.28 August 22, 1988 – Two copies of reviews of the Shops book, with note from Greg Koos; from the Railroad & Locomotive Historical Society’s Bulletin, *Railroad History* and a brief notice from *Railroad* magazine (undated; this was a monthly railfan publication).
- 1.46.29 1981 – application to the Illinois Humanities Council for the oral history project.
- 1.46.30 March 2, 1983 – letter from Sarah Button, New York State School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University, requesting information on the oral history effort.
- 1.46.31 January 12, 1983 clipping from *Labor* newspaper, asking for film that might be useful in producing a documentary on the Shops project.
- 1.46.32 March 4, 1983 – letter from G.R. DeHague, International Association of Machinists, responding to a request for steam era materials that might assist the Shops project.
- 1.46.33 April 18, 1983 – letter from Matejka to the National Archives Motion Picture division, seeking film on railroading themes.

Folder 47: MISC Correspondence

- 1.47.1 January 22, 2001 – Letter from Illinois State University student Brodie Monical, including a copy of the student’s paper on the Normal Fire Fighters’ strike.
- 1.47.2 Correspondence from Tom Long with Envelope
- 1.47.3 Nov 10, 1983 – Thank you note for hosting a “America for Mondale” Party in Envelope
- 1.47.4 Sept 29, 1995 – Thank you note from Marcia Young, Davis David Mansion; participated in a recreation of an 1860 Lincoln campaign parade and float.
- 1.47.5 January 29, 1990 – letter from Rose O’Donnell, an Illinois State University student, who was active at St. Robert Bellarmine-Newman Center, about her experiences as a Catholic Maryknoll volunteer in Nicaragua
- 1.47.6 June 2, 1994 – Letter from Peter Hoefler, George Meany Memorial Archives, with clippings about activities for people with disabilities with Envelope
- 1.47.7 October 23, 1983 – Letter from Duncan Lennon, son of Barbara and John Lennon, acknowledging Matejka’s query about the Lennon papers with Envelope
- 1.47.8 April 2, 1982 – Letter from Governor James Thompson, regretting his non-attendance at the International Year of Disabled Person conference in Chicago; the *Union News* was recognized for its coverage of Illinois Special Olympics events
- 1.47.9 Feb 23, 1984 – Letter from Clara Allain, Sao Paolo, Brazil
- 1.47.10 March 21, 1984 – Letter from attorney Thomas Kilbride about cases and activities
- 1.47.11 November – December 1983 – Letters from the Mondale for President campaign, thanking for assisting with an “America for Mondale” party.
- 1.47.12 July 9, 1990 – Letter from Tom Long, San Salvador, El Salvador
- 1.47.13 September 1992 – letter from Rose O’Donnell, an Illinois State University student, who was active at St. Robert Bellarmine-Newman Center, about her experiences as a Catholic Maryknoll volunteer in Nicaragua with Envelope

- 1.47.14 January 7, 1997 – Letter from Jim Hightower, Austin, TX, thanking for the appearance on his radio show
- 1.47.15 January 27, 1997 – Letter from Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, thanking for sending the 1997 *Union News* calendar
- 1.47.16 January 4, 2006 – Letter from Ron Batory, President & COO, Conrail, about the “Prairie Thunder” exhibit at the McLean County Museum of History with Business Card
- 1.47.17 December 21, 2005 – Christmas note from Brian Keeley Walsh, Manasota, Florida. Walsh was an Ottawa native and Laborers Local 393 member, Marseilles, Illinois. He frequently worked out of the Bloomington 362 Laborers Hall and was a regular volunteer with Illinois Special Olympics at the State Game annually; deceased in 2020 with Envelope
- 1.47.18 Feb. 16, 1990 – Letter from Jeremy Seabrook, London
- 1.47.19 March 24, 1991 – Letter from Mark Silverstein, Sherman Oaks, California, about placing the *Post-Amerikan* copies in the Museum of History collection; along with Multi-County Enforcement Group (MEG) materials Matejka had already donated
- 1.47.20 Circa early 1980s – Matejka home-made Christmas card with poems
- 1.47.21 Sept 13, 2018 – Thank you letter from Diane White, “Moms Demand Action,” (gun control group) for addressing their organization about political action

Folder 48: Photos & Associated Documents

- 1.48.1 Irwin Klass Letter with Attached Photos
- 1.48.2 Second Irwin Klass Letter with Attached Dinner Photo
- 1.48.3 Stared Finding Aid Page Naming Attached Photos Content
- 1.48.4 Stared Finding Aid Page Naming Attached Photos Content 2
- 1.48.5 Stared Finding Aid Page Naming Attached Photos Content 3
- 1.48.6 Irish Rail Worker Monument Dedication Manuscript with Photos
- 1.48.7 January 14, 1995 Wallace Letter with Negatives
- 1.48.8 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Photo Sheet 1
- 1.48.9 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Photo Sheet 2
- 1.48.10 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Photo Sheet 3
- 1.48.11 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Photo Sheet 4
- 1.48.12 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Photo Sheet 5
- 1.48.13 MISC/Unsure Associated Photos

Box 2

Folder 1: Farm Workers Documents

- 2.1.1 July 31, 1981 – Letter from Cesar Chavez, President, United Farm Workers, inviting Matejka to attend the United Farm Workers fifth constitutional convention

- 2.1.2 April 19-20, 1975 – Brochure for First East Coast Mobilization for the Farmworkers – Matejka and a group of Illinois State University and local activists caravanned to Washington DC to participate – slept in church basements
- 2.1.3 April 1975 – Tickets, fliers & program for showing the United Farm Workers’ film *Fighting for our Lives* at Illinois State University Capen Auditorium and Illinois State University Catholic Newman Center
- 2.1.4 Nov 8 1975 – Farm Worker March on Jewel leaflet – a group of Illinois State University students participated in this march
- 2.1.5 McLean County News Chicago Boycott Letters with Envelope
- 2.1.6 1981, “Walk on Jewel” article for labor & religious publications. May 15, 1981
- 2.1.7 AFL – CIO Pamphlet for Donations
- 2.1.8 February 5, 1982 UFW Calls Dole Boycott Letter
- 2.1.9 1982 articles for local publications from Matejka on the Filipino priest Fr. Edgar Saguisin touring the U.S. to discuss Filipino sugar worker organizing; article from National Federation of Sugar Workers newspaper
- 2.1.10 December 2, 1981 Washington Times Article “NFSW Strike Cripples La Carlota Mill Operations
- 2.1.11 June 15, 1981 article from Matejka about the United Farm Workers corporate campaign against Jewel Foods in Chicago
- 2.1.12 April 30, 1981 Peoria Labor News Newspaper
- 2.1.13 June 17, 1982 Letter to Affiliates of the AFL – CIO by Mike Matejka
- 2.1.14 July 1, 1993 Letter from Arturo Rodriguez to Mike Matejka
- 2.1.15 Boycott Red Coach Grower Ad
- 2.1.16 Boycott None UFW Lettuce Bumper Sticker

Folder 2: Matejka Monthly Reports

- 2.2.1 Monthly Report Summary Sheet
- 2.2.2 January 2017 GPLDC Report
- 2.2.3 Rail Passengers Association 2019 Ross Capon Advocacy Award Papers

Folder 3: Bloomington City Council & Diamond Star

- 2.3.1 September 9, 1992 Letter from the UAW Thanking Mike Matejka for Diamond Star Negotiations
- 2.3.2 UAW – DSM Special Report for August 1989
- 2.3.3 February 20, 2001 Card from Karl Blakney
- 2.3.4 July 16, 1995 Letter from Francis Irvin with Envelope
- 2.3.5 June 10, 1992 Letter to Ms. Rebman from Sadie Batson
- 2.3.6 November 6, 1999 Thank You Card from Kathy Alexander
- 2.3.7 Undated Letter from Carol Reitan to Mike Matejka about Voting Matters
- 2.3.8 “Standing in the Gap: A Race Relations Seminar” Invitation
- 2.3.9 Thank You Card from The Lyons Family
- 2.3.10 Lynn Anderson BLM Township Recipient Letters
- 2.3.11 November 28, 1995 Thank You Note from a Student
- 2.3.12 Thank You Card from The Kempin Family

- 2.3.13 July 29, 1991 Thank You Letter
- 2.3.14 September 5, 2001 Letter from James B Meek
- 2.3.15 February 11, 1983 Letter from Time Walker the Director of Bloomington's Human Relations Commission
- 2.3.16 December 16, 1992 Thank You Letter from the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington – Normal
- 2.3.17 Fire Politics Article by Hal Bruno with Letter of Explanation to Mike Matejka
- 2.3.18 May 14, 2004 Thank You Letter from a Student Named Jessica
- 2.3.19 February 2, 2003 Thank You Letter from Jim Shupe

Folder 4: Talkin Union

- 2.4.1 January 20, 1986 – Letter from Pete Seeger, introducing his “Carry It On” union songbook
- 2.4.2 One issue of “working classics” undated
- 2.4.3 Letter from David Joseph, *Working Classics*, March 18, 1986, asking about Haymarket centennial
- 2.4.4 Six letters from Saul Schniderman, only one dated, early 1980s
- 2.4.5 March 18, 1986 Letter from David Joseph about Union News
- 2.4.6 Talkin' Union Issue 4 June 1982
- 2.4.7 Talkin' Union Issue 9 April 1984
- 2.4.8 Talkin' Union Issue 10 August 1984
- 2.4.9 Talkin' Union Issue 11 December 1984
- 2.4.10 Talkin' Union Issue 12 May 1985
- 2.4.11 Talkin' Union Issue 14 Spring 1986
- 2.4.12 Talkin' Union Issue 15 December 1986
- 2.4.13 Talkin' Union Issue 16 September 1987

Folder 5: Public Talks

- 2.5.1 May 29, 1987 Thank You Note from Pete Seeger about River Cleanup
- 2.5.2 October 19, 1999 – “Illinois Labor History,” Business & Technology Week, 1999, Western Illinois University Presentation
- 2.5.3 October 1984, “The Sanctuary Movement & Catholic Tradition,” Third World Studies Conference, University of Nebraska, Omaha Presentation
- 2.5.4 1982 – “The Christian Rural Mission in the 80s,” article and slide show/lecture by Matejka for the 50th Anniversary of Agricultural Missions, NY NY, presented on April 20-21, 1982 at Stony Point Retreat Center, New York; Notations of original music “There's a New Dawn,” lyrical notes from Matejka, song sheet with chords by Marilaurice Hemlock. Ad copy, 1997 Agricultural Missions booklet from Matejka.
- 2.5.5 Mid-1990s-2000 – Railroad history slide lecture, Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corp., LaGrange, Illinois
- 2.5.6 “Healing,” In November 1999, Father Joseph J. Kelly, former chaplain of the Catholic St. Robert Bellarmine-Newman Center at Illinois State University, was

- dying of cancer. Joe asked for a “healing service” and I was asked to give the remarks
- 2.5.7 Sept. 3, 1989 – homily (sermon) given at St. Robert Bellarmine-Newman Center, Illinois State University
 - 2.5.8 Statement on the Bishop’s Pastoral on the Economy, 1985, Diocese of Peoria, Peoria, IL
 - 2.5.9 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Testimony on the merger of Banc One with First Chicago NBD Corporation, August 13, 1998
 - 2.5.10 Brochure – Illinois State University Women’s Studies – photos supplied, moderator of panel on labor, Sept 17-18, 1999
 - 2.5.11 “Building bridges to the community” University of Illinois School of Labor & Industrial Relations, Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, June 16, 1993
 - 2.5.12 “McLean County Labor History,” Bloomington Kiwanis Club, Feb 18, 1991
 - 2.5.13 “Communicating with your members,” Illinois State Council of Carpenters, July 30, 1993
 - 2.5.14 “Labor during & since World War II,” University of Illinois School of Labor & Industrial Relations,” United Steelworkers summer school, June 22, 1993
 - 2.5.15 Story interludes, written for Susan Heiser, St Robert Bellarmine-Newman Center, to document economic challenges (early 1990s?)
 - 2.5.16 “Future of Unions,” Illinois Wesleyan University Economic Club, March 15, 1995
 - 2.5.17 American Postal Workers Union, University of Illinois School of Labor & Industrial Relations – Postal Worker History (slide show) Jan 28, 1992
 - 2.5.18 PowerPoint images – “The Best Job I Ever Had – Union Construction on Wind Farms” for Illinois State University’s David Loomis’ annual Illinois Wind conference
 - 2.5.19 Curator’s Lecture by Mike Matejka November 13, 1999
 - 2.5.20 The National Third World Studies Conference Pamphlet

Folder 6: Global March Against Child Labor

- 2.6.1 June 1, 1998 Letter Thanking Mike Matejka for Contributions to the Global March
- 2.6.2 Global March Against Child Labor Presentation Speech
- 2.6.3 Global March Against Child Labor Itinerary

Folder 7: Slaughter City ISU Play Premier 1994

- 2.7.1 October 18, 1994 Letter from Marla Hughes Discussing “Slaughter City” Play
- 2.7.2 Slaughter City Promotional Pamphlet
- 2.7.3 January 16, 1998 Letter from Naomi Wallace
- 2.7.4 Review of “Slaughter City” by Mike Matejka (Never Published)
- 2.7.5 Slaughter City Playbill
- 2.7.6 September 16, 1994 News Article about Slaughter City
- 2.7.7 Card with Photo of Cast Practicing for Slaughter City
- 2.7.8 Slaughter City Promotional Items

2.7.9 Slaughter City Original Script

Folder 8: Sumter Trip

- 2.8.1 May 1983 – mimeographed article by Matejka about the Sumter trip
- 2.8.2 May 14, 1983 – “Church Restoration,” *Sumter Daily Item*, clipping with photo of the ISU students
- 2.8.3 August 30, 1993 – Celebration of life program for Albert Linton Jr. Albert was the choir director at Emmanuel Church. The ISU students loved their interactions with him and his way of intuitively bringing a choir together; he died of AIDS
- 2.8.4 Itinerary to Sumter
- 2.8.5 March 5, 1986 – Letter from Rev. Goodwin, asking when the students will be coming
- 2.8.6 Rev. Willis T. Goodwin resume
- 2.8.7 Script of a slide show, describing the Sumter trip
- 2.8.8 Undated – Biblical study guide used for discussions with students
- 2.8.9 Polaroid photo of Eartha Raford, young adult choir
- 2.8.10 November 1985 Pantagraph clipping about the Sumter choir coming to Normal
- 2.8.11 May 16, 1984 – Letter from Rev Goodwin, with clipping from the *Sumter Daily Item*, about the work on the second trip ISU students made
- 2.8.12 1985 – two-page description of Emmanuel church community outreach efforts
- 2.8.13 1985 – letters to Midwestern churches inquiring about a Sumter gospel choir tour to their congregation
- 2.8.14 1985 Press release on the choir tour in Bloomington-Normal
- 2.8.15 Albert Linton, Jr Business Card
- 2.8.16 May 8, 1983 – church bulletin, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, back page mentions ISU students arriving
- 2.8.17 November 1983, *New World Outlook*, “Making a Way out of No Way,” by Matejka, along with cover photo, article on page 31 detailing ISU students at Sumter, published by the United Methodist Church

Folder 9: Theatrical Narratives

- 2.9.1 Program booklet from the Oct 19, 2003 performance (2 Copies)
- 2.9.2 Program book from the Nov 19, 2010 performance
- 2.9.3 The Statue Speaks – 2010 Illinois Labor History Society Union Hall of Honor dinner; raising funds for the restoration of the Haymarket Statue; second draft script with notes from Lisa Oppenheim, Newberry Library
- 2.9.4 I am a Laborer, Illinois Labor History Society, Union Hall of Honor dinner, Oct. 19, 2003 Script
- 2.9.5 Strange bedfellows Illinois Labor History Society Union Hall of Honor, Illinois State AFL-CIO Convention, fall 2014; saluting public employee unionization; Performed by Actors Equity (AFL-CIO) union members
- 2.9.6 Oh Maquiladora Illinois AFL-CIO Central Bodies Conference, University of Illinois, School of Labor & Industrial Relations, December 2, 1988 Karen (Kari) Sandhaas, Mary Cluskey, Mike Matejka, Greg Coughlin, Gina Volpe & Susan Sellner

- 2.9.7 Peoria Labor Paper, December 15, 1988 – page 1 – photos of the performance
- 2.9.8 Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers Local 342 50th Anniversary, May 16, 1987. performed at a Lafayette Club banquet celebrating 50 years of the Bloomington Candy Makers local union; originally Beich Candy Company, at the time of performance, Nestle. Karen (Kari) Sandhaas, Alton “Butch” Angus, Michelle Pilon, Raechele Pope, Mary Cluskey, Melissa Carter, Mike Matejka
- 2.9.9 Strains of Solidarity Performed at the Illinois AFL-CIO Central Labor Council’s annual conference, University of Illinois School of Labor & Industrial Relations, Levis Faculty Center. Performers would have included Karen (Kari) Sandhaas, Mary Cluskey, Mike Matejka and possibly a few others
- 2.9.10 Free at Last Performed at ISU Manchester-Hewitt dorm, co- 1979-1981, at the request of Residence Assistants John Mueller and Raechele Pope, as a Black History Month” event. Performers included Marilaurice Hemlock, Karen (Kari) Sandhaas, Raechele Pope, John Mueller and Mike Matejka

Folder 10: DePue Organizing

- 2.10.1 June 8, 1988 “Hasta La Victoria” Invitation Letter with The Campbell Boycott Business Card
- 2.10.2 October 19, 1988 Thank You Letter from The Farm Labor Organizen Committee
- 2.10.3 April 22, 1986 FLOC Letter About the Baldemar Tour
- 2.10.4 September 14, 1988 FLOC Thank You Letter for Ad In FLOC 4th Constitutional Convention Ad Book
- 2.10.5 December 15, 1983 Clipping from Barb Kueny Pantagraph article, about a B-N visit from Baldemar Valesquez, founder of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee
- 2.10.6 July 13, 1983 Draft Article “Ohio Farmworkers Begin Cross-Country March
- 2.10.7 October 13, 1983, Illinois State University *Daily Vidette* editorial endorsing the Campbell Soup boycott
- 2.10.8 August 4, 1987 Letter of Inquiry to The United States Congress
- 2.10.9 April 27, 1984 “Crop Contracting & Agricultural Labor” Democratic National Committee Platform Committee Essay for Agriculture Hearings
- 2.10.10 August 3, 1991 FLOC Fifth Constitutional Convention Booklet Union News Ad
- 2.10.11 March 19, 1988 – Peoria Journal Star clipping, “Labor council backs Princeton workers’ efforts to organize,” quotes Matejka
- 2.10.12 March 24, 1988 – LaSalle News-Tribune story about DePue mushroom workers organizing
- 2.10.13 February 14, 1989 – Letter from Richard Walsh, Illinois AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer, to the Springfield Journal Register, complaining about ignoring mushroom workers’ organizing efforts
- 2.10.14 October 21, 1987 Letter From Olgha Sandman to Juan Villegas Regarding Checks
- 2.10.15 October, 18, 1987 – Letters to and from Olgha Sandman from Juan Villegas, DePue, IL asking for financial assistance while trying to organize workers there with organization pamphlet
- 2.10.16 November 9, 1988 Letters from Dan Simmons, Rev Joseph Kelly, and John Penn to Ralph Scott Regarding Concerns on Workers Conditions

- 2.10.17 May 10, 1988 *Peoria Journal Star* clipping about Princeton Farms mushroom organizing
- 2.10.18 August 6, 1988 Farm Labor Organizing Committee fourth constitutional convention, ad from the Union News saluting the Princeton Farms mushroom workers
- 2.10.19 October 24, 1987 Letter to Matejka from Juan Villegas, DePue, Illinois, Farm Labor Organizing Committee grass-roots organizer
- 2.10.20 FLOC For Justice Pamphlet
- 2.10.21 August 26, 1988 – letter from Jeff Zacharakis-Jutz to Baldemar Valesquez, Farm Labor Organizing Committee President, offering assistance from Northern Illinois University to DePue farmworkers with follow up letter
- 2.10.22 January 8, 1991 – letter of support for Jeff Zacharkis-Jutz in seeking Needmore Fund support for Farmworker project
- 2.10.23 December 26, 1990 – Letter from Matejka to Jeff Zacharkis-Jutz urging caution and community understanding when working with farmworker families
- 2.10.24 December 19, 1990 – Proposal letter from Jeff Zacharakis- Jutz to the Needmor Fund for farmworker training
- 2.10.25 April 25, 1988 – Princeton *Daily News Tribune* story about ISU student Nancy Siesel entering the mushroom plant in DePue to photograph conditions in the plant. Four Siesel photos - -3 of workers in the Princeton Farms plant, one of FLOC mushroom worker / grass-roots organizer Juan Villegas & his family
- 2.10.26 1987 – Grant application to the Crossroads Fund for the DePue Princeton Farms workers, written by Matejka

Folder 11: Onarga Organizing

- 2.11.1 January 1982 article, “One Woman’s Plea,” introduction to fund-raising article by Maria Elena Lucas
- 2.11.2 October 18, 1991 Letter From Maria Lueas to Mike Matejka
- 2.11.3 June 21, ND Post Card with Envelope
- 2.11.4 Farm Worker women speak flier, April 27, 1982 event, Kumler Methodist Church, Springfield IL
- 2.11.5 December 11, 1981 – *United Methodist Reporter of the Central Illinois Conference* quoting Matejka on the Farm Worker Service Center (2 copies)
- 2.11.6 Matejka, “Working Difficult Soil: Attempts to organize an Illinois farm workers’ union, 1981-1991.” Unpublished, paper for Masters’ degree class, October 1999, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- 2.11.7 Fargo, Charlyn, “Farmworker tells plight of produce pickers, *Springfield State-Journal Register*, report on the Kumler Methodist Church meeting on April 27, 1982
- 2.11.8 Holliday, Bob, “Cesar Chavez opens Onarga workers’ hall,” *Pantagraph*, October 1981
- 2.11.9 Miller, Susan Martins, *Maria Elena Lucas*, Zaner-Bloser, Inc. Columbus OH (Matejka cover photo)
- 2.11.10 March 7, 1983 Invitation letter to work on the Illinois Field Sanitation Act
- 2.11.11 December 19, 1983 *Pantagraph* Clipping

- 2.11.12 “Farm Workers Find Off-Season Kindness in Normal Families” Article by Barbara Kueny
- 2.11.13 1983 – Flier announcing workshop in Onarga – “Land, Food & Justice.” hand-drawn map by Matejka of Onarga, Illinois nursery operations and farmworker housing (marked as F.W. housing), used for a summer conference for tours of Onarga
- 2.11.14 Nov. 4, 1983 – hand-drawn diagram by Maria Elena Lucas of Onarga of a childcare center (which the farmworkers wished to open, but it never transpired)
- 2.11.15 Onarga Farm Worker Service Center Pamphlet
- 2.11.16 Nosotros Veneceremos Poster Copy (with paper to shield other papers from glue)
- 2.11.17 December 31, 1981 – “El Emigrante” – news sheet by Maria Elena Lucas for Onarga area farmworkers. Also, an undated 1983 edition
- 2.11.18 Testimony on “Child Labor and the Need for Unionization of Farm Workers” Presented to the National Platform Committee of the Democratic Party Agriculture Council Given by Rev David Koehler
- 2.11.19 Crop Schedule for IMC Regions
- 2.11.20 March 23, 1982 Letter from Bettie W. Story to the Editor of The United Methodist Reporter
- 2.11.21 October 26, 1981 – Article by Matejka about the opening of the Onarga Farm Worker Service Center (sent to labor & church publications). Copies of the article from “The Illinois Christian” and “Northern Illinois United Methodist Reporter.”
- 2.11.22 December 13, 1990 & January 7, 1991 – letters from Fran Leeper Buss as she is preparing the book, “Forged Under the Sun” (University of Michigan Press) about Maria Elena Lucas
- 2.11.23 June 1, 1992 – Letter from Matejka and others, inviting people to a retirement party for Olgha Sierra- Sandman, director, Illinois Farm Worker Ministry
- 2.11.24 April 20, 1983 – Testimony of Dr. Patrick T. Dowling before the Illinois House Labor Committee on the Field Sanitation Act
- 2.11.25 September-October 1983 issue of *Rural America*, “I am a Farmworker” by Maria Elena Ortega (Lucas), page 8, photo by Matejka, banner in the photo by Karen “Kari” Sandhaas
- 2.11.26 1985 (?) – Matejka article on a survey of Illinois Farmworkers
- 2.11.27 November 27, 1983, “Teatro Campesino” (Farmworker Theater), Victory celebration for the passage of the Illinois Field Sanitation Act, play by Maria Elena (Lucas) Ortega and folklorico dances
- 2.11.28 June 14, 1989 – Letter between Richard Wood (Illinois Impact -Illinois Council of Churches) and Dean Sears, Illinois Farm Bureau, on a compromise plan to include farmworkers under Illinois workers’ compensation
- 2.11.29 May 4, 1983 – article printed in the *Quincy Labor News*, copy of Matejka article about Re. Jeffy Mays of Quincy voting against field sanitation for farmworkers
- 2.11.30 Song Sheet
- 2.11.31 2014 *Daily Herald* Stories about Olgha Sierra – Sandman
- 2.11.32 October 22 & 29, 1981 – short pieces from the Onarga *Leader Review*, questioning Cesar Chavez coming to Onarga and the involvement of Bloomington supporters
- 2.11.33 *The News Gazette* Article “Farm Union Targets Illinois Migrants”
- 2.11.34 *Peoria Catholic Post* Article “Open Farm Worker Center”

- 2.11.35 Illinois Farm Worker Ministry Historical Data
- 2.11.36 March 18, 1981 Onarga Service Center Task Force Initial Meeting
- 2.11.37 October 4-7, 3-part *Pantagraph* series on migrant workers by Bob Holliday
- 2.11.38 October 26, 1981 – *Kankakee Daily Journal* “Eight-year effort by Onarga couple.”
- 2.11.39 October 26, 1981 – *Champaign-Urbana News Gazette* “Chavez Visits Onarga” story on the service center opening
- 2.11.40 March 11, 1982 – Onarga *Leader Review* story about the Service Center
- 2.11.41 July 7, 1982 Letter to Mike Matejka from Olgha Sandman Congratulating Matejka on New Chairperson Position
- 2.11.42 July-August 1983 – *Illinois Action*, pages 4-5, Maria Elena (Lucas) Ortega “I am a Farmworker” piece and Matejka article about the Illinois Field Sanitation Act passage
- 2.11.43 October 29, 1981 *The Labor* “United Farm Workers Plant Seeds in Illinois”
- 2.11.44 November 22, 1983 – Letter from Maria Elena (Lucas) Ortega to Matejka, describing plans for a Christmas Party for Farmworker children. Back of the letter – a copy of a hand-drawn nativity scene by Lucas. 8x10 photo by Matejka of participants
- 2.11.45 July 21, 1983 – story by Matejka about the Illinois Farm Worker Service Center
- 2.11.46 December 31, 1985 – Letter to Matejka from Robert Kane, Illinois Department of Public Health, regarding proposed changes in the Field Sanitation Act
- 2.11.47 1989 – Illinois Conference of Churches memo on farmworker legislation
- 2.11.48 *The Pantagraph* Article “House Panel Votes for Sanitation Act” Nd
- 2.11.49 1983 Regular Session Field Sanitation Act
- 2.11.50 Legislative Update on HB 1045
- 2.11.51 May 4, 1982 – Letter from the Illinois Vegetable Growers Association to Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch, questioning support for farmworkers and Imesch’ response
- 2.11.52 October 23, 1981 – Press Release by Matejka on the Onarga Service Center opening
- 2.11.53 Illinois Farmworkers and the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Act
- 2.11.54 April 9, 1986 – *Pantagraph* clipping about weak enforcement of the Field Sanitation Act 1986 Illinois Department of Public Health field sanitation regulations
- 2.11.55 State of Illinois Field Sanitation Act and Rules 1986
- 2.11.56 *El Emigrante* Article Nd
- 2.11.57 April 17, 1991 – Letter from Matejka to State Representative Michael Curran, objecting to changes in the overtime bill for farmworkers done without consulting advocates
- 2.11.58 April 15, 1983 – Field Sanitation for Farmworkers – background piece by the Illinois Council of Churches
- 2.11.59 July 1, 1983 – *Field Sanitation Act recognizes farm worker dignity*, article by Matejka for distribution to the labor & religious press
- 2.11.60 Senate Labor Committee Hearing on HB 1310
- 2.11.61 November 8, 1983 – Letter to Daniel Preciado, Chicago, from Thomas Kilbride, Prairie State Legal Services, Rock Island, requesting clarification of Field Sanitation Act provisions

- 2.11.62 Flier for Grand Opening of Illinois Farm Worker Service Center
- 2.11.63 Transcript from Mike Matejka Advocating for HB 741
- 2.11.64 December 11, 1981 *The United Methodist Reporter* Article "Farm Workers Center: Dream Becomes Reality"
- 2.11.65 October 17, 1983 Apology Letter to Matejka from The Illinois Central Labor Council
- 2.11.66 1981? Fund-raising flier for the Farm Worker Service Center (editing notation on the page), offering a print from Karen "Kari" Sandhaas of farmworkers (the print is pictured)
- 2.11.67 Image from Service Center Celebration

Folder 12: Newslines

- 2.12.1 *Newslines* Vol 1, No 1. Fall 1984
- 2.12.2 *Newslines* Vol 1, No 2. Early Winter 1984
- 2.12.3 *Newslines* Vol 1, No 3. Spring 1985
- 2.12.4 *Newslines* Vol 1, No 4. Summer 1985
- 2.12.5 *Newslines* Vol 2, No 1. September 1985
- 2.12.6 *Newslines* Vol 2, No 2. October 1985
- 2.12.7 *Newslines* Vol 2, No 3. January 1986
- 2.12.8 *Newslines* Vol 2, No 3. March 1986
- 2.12.9 *Newslines* Vol 2, No 4. May 1986
- 2.12.10 *Newslines* Vol 3, No 2. November 1986
- 2.12.11 *Newslines* Vol 3, No 3. January 1987
- 2.12.12 *Newslines* Vol 3, No 4. May 1987
- 2.12.13 *Newslines* Vol 4, No 1. September 1987
- 2.12.14 *Newslines* Vol 4, No 2. November 1987
- 2.12.15 *Newslines* Vol 5, No 1. August 1988
- 2.12.16 *Newslines* Vol 5, No 2. September 1988
- 2.12.17 *Newslines* Vol 5, No 3. January 1989
- 2.12.18 *Newslines* Vol 5, No 4. May 1989
- 2.12.19 *Newslines*. Vol 6, No 1. October 1989
- 2.12.20 *Newslines* Vol 6, No 2. January 1990
- 2.12.21 *Newslines* Vol 6, No 3. March 1990
- 2.12.22 *Newslines* Vol 6, No 4. April 1990
- 2.12.23 *Newslines* Vol 7, No 1. September 1990
- 2.12.24 *Newslines* Vol 7, No 2. November 1990
- 2.12.25 *Newslines* Vol 7, No 3. February 1991
- 2.12.26 *Newslines* Vol 7, No 4. August 1991
- 2.12.27 *Newslines* Vol 8, No 1. November 1991
- 2.12.28 *Newslines* Vol 8, No 2. February 1992
- 2.12.29 *Newslines* Vol 8, No 3. May 1992
- 2.12.30 *Newslines* Vol 9, No 1. October 1992
- 2.12.31 *Newslines* Vol 9, No 2. December 1992
- 2.12.32 *Newslines* Vol 11, No 2. January 1995
- 2.12.33 *Newslines* Vol 11, No 3. April 1995

Folder 13: Illinois AFL Items 1920s

- 2.13.1 Chicago Federation of Labor Flier "Vote No" on the proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution," Defend your Liberties Vote No" Lapel Ribbon
- 2.13.2 1920 Wall Poster from the Illinois AFL, telling workers how to properly file Workers' Compensation, opposing the use of prison labor to make brooms
- 2.13.3 Walker for Governor Local Campaign Committee Card, Vote for John Walker Card, Vote for John Fitzpatrick Card, Walker for Governor Ribbon
- 2.13.4 Walker for Governor Poster
- 2.13.5 October 4, 1920 Illinois AFL Brochure "Now is the Time," Endorsing John Walker (Illinois AFL President) for Governor
- 2.13.6 May 6, 1924 Illinois AFL Statement Supporting Co-operative Stores
- 2.13.7 January 29, 1924 Copies of letter from James Conway, Ottawa attorney, to Victor Olander, Illinois AFL secretary-treasurer, about conspiracy trial in Pontiac
- 2.13.8 October 25, 1920 Letter to Victor Olander about a conspiracy lawsuit against the Bloomington Building Trades with Pantagraph clipping
- 2.13.9 Bloomington Co-operative Store Letterhead
- 2.13.10 Walker for Governor Farmer Labor Candidate Sticker

Folder 14: Mexican Hostage Crisis

- 2.14.1 April 7, 1995 Letter from Mark Silverstein to Mike Matejka detailing his trip to Zapatista County where he was captured and then held hostage and precipitated an international incident!
- 2.14.2 Post Release Interview Transcript
- 2.14.3 Newspaper Clippings about the Hostage Crisis
- 2.14.4 March 27, 1995 Letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher from Elizabeth Schroeder Compelling the US State Department to look into the Hostage Crisis
- 2.14.5 Conference Papers about the Hostage Crisis
- 2.14.6 March 27, 1995 Letter to Counsel General of Mexico Jose Angel Pescador Osuna From Molly M. White Demanding the Release of the Five Human Rights Observers

Folder 15: Irish Rail Workers Monument Dedication

- 2.15.1 Monument dedication brochure
- 2.15.2 Illinois Labor History Society dinner announcement
- 2.15.3 Illinois Labor History Society dinner program
- 2.15.4 Irish *Echo*, April 26, article about Memorial
- 2.15.5 Illinois Labor History Society *Reporter*, June 2000, describing events
- 2.15.6 March 10, 2000 Amtrak letter noting all trains will whistle at 4:30 p.m. CST April 28 to mark the monument dedication
- 2.15.7 Irish Railroad Workers Monument Dedication Pamphlet
- 2.15.8 April 24, 2000 Letter to O'Sullivan From Victor Boschini Jr., Illinois State University President

- 2.15.9 April 25, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From State Representative Dan Rutherford
- 2.15.10 April 25, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Barbara J. Nathan, director, Community Cancer Clinic
- 2.15.11 April 25, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Lon Bradle, State Farm Insurance
- 2.15.12 April 24, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From John B. Meek, Felmley-Dickerson Company
- 2.15.13 April 17, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Vern McGinnis, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce
- 2.15.14 April 2000 Letter to O’ Sullivan From Bloomington Mayor Judy Markowitz
- 2.15.15 April 17, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Bill A. Gillis, CEO, the Baby Fold
- 2.15.16 April 24, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Kent Karraker, Mayor of Normal
- 2.15.17 April 18, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Karen Daudelin, United Way of McLean County
- 2.15.18 April 21, 2000 Letter to O’Sullivan From Minor Myers Jr., Illinois Wesleyan University

Folder 16: Klass – Hart Letters

- 2.16.1 Rochelle Hart Obituary
- 2.16.2 May 12, 1987 Letter to Mike Matejka from Rochelle Hart with Envelope
- 2.16.3 Rochelle Hart Christmas Card
- 2.16.4 January 11, 1986 Letter to Mike Matejka from Rochelle Hart Thanking Matejka for Retirement Letter
- 2.16.5 April 11, 1995 Letter to Mike Matejka from Irwin Klass Updating Matejka on Life
- 2.16.6 Letter to Mike Matejka from Irwin Klass about Photo Publications with News clipping
- 2.16.7 News Clippings sent to Mike Matejka from Irwin Klass
- 2.16.8 Letters from Irwin Klass to Mike Matejka Expressing Pride in His Work
- 2.16.9 Letter from Irwin Klass to Mike Matejka about Alice Hamilton with Stamp

Folder 17: Various Correspondence

- 2.17.1 October 25, 2016 – letter from Major General Michael C. Wehr, US Army Corps of Engineers, in response to Matejka testimony before the Mississippi River Commission on August 12, 2016
- 2.17.2 March 5, 1985 – letter from Matejka to Illinois AFL-CIO President Robert Gibson, with suggestion on proper storage of the Illinois AFL-CIO archival records
- 2.17.3 April 17, 1984 – Matejka letter to Katharine Vogel, AFL-CIO, asking about archiving and cataloging IL AFL-CIO records
- 2.17.4 April 25, 1984 – Letter from Katharine Vogel, AFL-CIO on the Illinois AFL-CIO records
- 2.17.5 November 30, 1984 – Letter from Katharine Vogel, apologizing for a late response

- 2.17.6 February 12, 1985 – Letter from Harl Ray, Secretary- Treasurer, Illinois AFL-CIO, about a date to review and catalog Illinois AFL-CIO records; Peter Hoefer (name misspelled in letter) came to Springfield and he and Matejka completed a catalog of the records
- 2.17.7 April 3, 1985 – Letter from Peter Hoefer, AFL-CIO, updating archival reports; Notes that the U.S. Department of Labor has microfilm copies of the Bloomington *Searchlight*, the Bloomington cooperative store effort, from 1918-1919 and 1921-1925
- 2.17.8 September 11, 1985 – Letter from Robert Gibson, Illinois AFL-CIO President, congratulating Matejka and John Penn on the 1985 Labor Day feature story in the Bloomington *Pantagraph*. Matejka also inquired about a 501c3 status for non-profit efforts and also about Illinois establishing a Labor Museum
- 2.17.9 January 13, 1986 – Letter from Peter Hoefer, AFL-CIO archivist, update on his activities
- 2.17.10 April 3, 1986 – Letter from Peter Hoefer, AFL-CIO archivist, about various research projects
- 2.17.11 June 28, 1985 – Letter from John Penn, drafted by Matejka, to Wilbur Freitag, Midwest Region vice-president, Laborers International Union, inquiring about pursuing grants and training opportunities in historic preservation, responding to a request from the McLean County Museum of History director Greg Koos
- 2.17.12 October 16, 1985 – Letter to Edward Brabec, President, Cook County Building Trades, asking about historic preservation training opportunities, similar to the June 28, 1985 letter to Wilbur Freitag
- 2.17.13 February 14, 2018 – Letter to Matejka from Larry Sillanpa, retiring editor of the Duluth labor publication, responding to a congratulatory letter from Matejka upon Sillanpa’s retirement. Matejka and Sillanpa met at the 1995 New York City International Labor Communications Association convention, preceding the national AFL-CIO convention
- 2.17.14 Feb 3, 1982 – letter from Chuck Burdeen, IL Federation of Teachers, thanks for labor history piece
- 2.17.15 April 16, 1991 – Letter from Don Turner, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor, thanking for presentation before the Federal International Trade Commission
- 2.17.16 May 15, 2002 – Thank you letter from Terence O’Sullivan, General President, Laborers International Union of North America, for a copy of the book “Fiery Struggle” and for work in pulling together the historic background of LIUNA for their 2003 centennial celebration
- 2.17.17 June 18, 1992 – Letter from musician Charlie King, thanking for concerts set up in the Bloomington-Normal area (King performed almost annually from the mid-1980s through the early 2000s in McLean County, including a concert sponsored by the McLean County Museum of History)
- 2.17.18 August 12, 2012 letter from Maurita Douglass, LeRoy, asking that her father’s name be added to the list of McLean County fallen workers for Workers’ Memorial Day (April 28)
- 2.17.19 March 11, 2010, Letter from Decatur United Way, thanking for the labor history presentation on February 2. Includes a second page of critique of the presentation
- 2.17.20 April 19, 2017, Congratulatory letter from Terence O’Sullivan, Laborers International Union of North America, on the awarding of the Illinois State University Grabill-Homan Peace Prize
- 2.17.21 August 12, 1991 Thank You Card to Mike Matejka from Jerry Lemonte

- 2.17.22 February 18, 1991, Thank you note from Sam Van Scoyoc, for the labor history presentation to the Bloomington Kiwanis Club
- 2.17.23 January 1996 – Thank you note from SPICE (Marcfirst program for young children) for obtaining Golden Books (Golden Publishing Racine, WI)
- 2.17.24 April 2, 1985 – Letter from Franklin Rosemont, Charles Kerr Publishing, Chicago, thanking for the book review of their republished version of Upton Sinclair's *The Flivver King*
- 2.17.25 Thank You Note in Newspaper Clipping to Mike Matejka, George Briton, and Veria Hall
- 2.17.26 August 26, 1992 – letter from Marilyn Collier, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 3298, Aurora, Illinois, with a poem from Pat Gillespie. Gillespie was encouraged to write while Matejka was teaching AFSCME Summer School at the University of Illinois, School of Labor & Industrial Relations
- 2.17.27 February 28, 1991 – letter from Susan Dunton, Transportation – Communications International Union, accepting the article about Steve Gossard and his book on local railroad stations, asking for a photo of Gossard on the job; Gossard was an Amtrak station attendant in both Bloomington & Normal
- 2.17.28 March 26, 1997 – Letter from Gary Leake, McLean County United Way labor liaison (also a Laborers Local 362 member), thinking for the Not in Our Town presentation at the AFL-CIO Community Services Conference
- 2.17.29 May 20, 1997 – Congratulations letter from Don Turner, Chicago Federation of Labor President, on the “Labor’s Image” conference
- 2.17.30 October 16, 1996 – Letter from Paul Korman, United Auto Workers Region 4 director, admonishing the Union News for including a photograph of a Caterpillar product during the UAW’s strike
- 2.17.31 Have a Heart – A Union Heart Card
- 2.17.32 December 19, 1996 – ISU Organizing Committee (ISU AFSCME clerical workers), eventually becoming American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 3236, thank you note for supporting their union organizing drive
- 2.17.33 Undated letter – Thanking local unions for their volunteer labor in helping prepare & restore Neville House as a Mid-Central Community Action domestic violence shelter, from Thomas Delforge and Carol Reitan
- 2.17.34 November 14, 1991 – Letter from Ron Peters, director, Labor Education Program, University of Illinois, on the Union News story about sexual harassment
- 2.17.35 December 18, 1991 – Letter from Ron Peters, University of Illinois, thanking for the presentation of media at the Central Labor Council conference and commenting favorably on the Union News 1992 calendar
- 2.17.36 1990-1991 – letters (3) from Robert Endres, head projection, Radio City Music Hall, New York, as background for a Union News article
- 2.17.37 February 26, 2004 – Thank you letter from Juliana Trautman, Consumer Sciences, Illinois State University, thanking for a presentation to Economics of Fashion students about third-world labor in the textile industry

- 2.17.38 November 20, 1993 – Letter from Illinois Wesleyan student Kimberly Hanratty, thanking for the presentation on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and bringing an ethical dimension to the discussion
- 2.17.39 May 9, 1996 – Letter from Clark “Bucky” Halker, seeking input for what became the Illinois Humanities Council’s “Roads Scholar” program
- 2.17.40 April 18, 1995 – letter from Bette Jean Bullert, Seattle, thanking for the complimentary letter about her film about her neighbor, Earl Robinson
- 2.17.41 November 6, 2010 – thank you letter from Laurie Bergner, McLean County League of Women Voters, for spending time with a delegation of women from Columbia
- 2.17.42 December 26, 2003 (?) – Holiday card from Bangladeshi textile workers
- 2.17.43 April 10, 1998 – Letter from American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 699 (City of Bloomington Public Works) member Ralph Dring, thanking for the successful effort to block the City from contracting out parks mowing
- 2.17.44 April 9, 1999 – thank you letter from Drivers’ Education teacher Neal Roach, TriValley High, for the presentation of highway safety and Laborers who flag traffic on the highway
- 2.17.45 October 30, 1998 – Thank you note from Jerri Andrews, McLean County Chamber of Commerce, for speaking to the “Job Partners” class. “I truly believed you empowered the participants and encouraged them that they do have a voice.”
- 2.17.46 June 9, 1997 – letter from Eileen Heron, Radio Ireland, for background on Mary “Mother” Jones
- 2.17.47 September 19, 2004 – Letter from Mrs. Robling, Beulah, Michigan, thanking for the publishing of her late father’s poem in the Union News
- 2.17.48 October 3, 1997 – Letter from Gary Hubbard, United Steelworkers of America, including a clipping from the September 25, 1997 *Washington Times* on President Bill Clinton’s address to the biennial AFL-CIO convention, with comments from Matejka quoted on trade issues
- 2.17.49 May 13, 2000 – Note from Mark Wyman, Illinois State University Dept of History, thanking for efforts with the Funk’s Grove Irish Workers Monument
- 2.17.50 April 27, 1998 – Thank you note from Amy Girardi, Decatur United Way labor liaison, for the presentation of child labor and global labor issues
- 2.17.51 May 25, 1990 – Letter from Don Turner, Chicago Federation of Labor, for clippings and background on Mexican maquiladora plants

Folder 18: Various Correspondence Cont.

- 2.18.1 June 21, 1983 – Letter from Pat Strand, editor, United Cement, Lime, Gypsum & Allied Workers, Elk Grove Village, IL, complimenting the Union News
- 2.18.2 Feb 14, 1984 – Letter from Carolyn Jacobson, PR, Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers, Kensington MD, complimenting the Union News
- 2.18.3 July 18, 1983 – Letter from Matejka to the Barbara Lennon Estate, asking that any John & Barbara Lennon papers be preserved – these were eventually donated to the Museum of History by their son

- 2.18.4 Feb 10, 1991 – Letter from Ada Mayer (in the name of Hank Mayer), author of “Continuing Struggle” about 1930s unemployed organizing in Central Illinois; includes clipping of Florida review of Mayer’s book
- 2.18.5 August 8, 1991 – Letter from Rick Terven, business manager, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 99, Bloomington, includes copy of letter sent to union members working at Illinois State University to refrain from sexual harassment of students
- 2.18.6 Oct, 7, 1992 – note from Mark Wyman, Illinois State University History Dept, encouraging organizing student turn-out for the coming Presidential election
- 2.18.7 April 22, 1993 – letter from Matejka to Richard Walsh, President, Illinois State AFL-CIO, Springfield, IL congratulating Walsh on being named national political director of the AFL-CIO (draft copy)
- 2.18.8 October 21, 1999 – letter from William Maakestad, Professor of Management, Western Illinois University, for a labor history presentation on campus
- 2.18.9 May 9, 1983 – letter from Karl Blakney, local union member, International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators Local 193, thanking for reprinting a 1940s photo of Local 193 members in World War II service, remembering other Local 193 members who served in past wars
- 2.18.10 December 16, 1982 – Letter from Gwenn Kelly, Labor Institute for Public Affairs, in response to a letter from Matejka; Matejka had mentioned a local labor history slide show then being used in area schools
- 2.18.11 November 3, 1982 – Letter from Paul Ornburn, Union Label & Service Trades Dept., AFL-CIO, Washington D.C. Matejka had submitted photos of what was an early 1980s effort of local unions having Labor Day weekend exhibits at Eastland Mall. This was eventually ended by Mall management
- 2.18.12 1982 (?) – Letter from Dora Giese, Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers Local 342 (Beich Candy Company), thanking for photos of her retirement and a WJBC commentary about her; Dora is featured in the 2019 “Working for a Living” Museum of History exhibit
- 2.18.13 December 8, 1983 – Letter from Les Orear, founding member, Illinois Labor History Society, inquiring about the “Strains of Solidarity” performance done at the November 1983 Illinois AFL-CIO Central Labor Council conference at the University of Illinois and also asking about the Karen (Kari) Sandhaas labor mural at the Bloomington Laborers Local 362 Hall
- 2.18.14 Undated – Letter from United Paperworkers Local 710 (at that time, Union Camp had a paper warehouse in Normal off US 150), thanking for support
- 2.18.15 December 12, 1985 – Letter from Thomas Donahue, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO, Washington D.C., thanking for clippings from the Bloomington Pantagraph about Labor Day and remarking that he used them as an example in a speech
- 2.18.16 August 29, 1990 – letter from ISU History Department Larry McBride, thanking for help with a Science & Technology Workshop and a tour of the old C&A Shops complex
- 2.18.17 Undated – Note from Joan Brucker, thanking for the article about her late husband, Ron Brucker (a Bloomington fire fighter)
- 2.18.18 June 21, 1990 – Letter from Don Turner, Assistant to the President, Chicago Federation of Labor (Turner was later President), commenting on the local Eureka plant and job losses to Mexico

- 2.18.19 Sept 4, 1990 – Letter & Song lyrics from Charlie King, thanking for advice on song lyrics. The final verse referenced the sale of the local Beich Candy Company to Nestle. Letter asks about coming to Bloomington to perform
- 2.18.20 December 29, 1994 – Letter from Bill Walsh, Illinois Wesleyan University Business & Economics Division, thanks for speaking to IWU business class
- 2.18.21 Undated (1988-1992) – letter from Dolores Rubini, Eureka Company worker, to President George H Bush, about local jobs moving to Mexico
- 2.18.22 August 25, 2014 – Note from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos thanking Matejka for setting up a visit with the Catholic Benedictine religious order’s convent in Rock Island with Envelope
- 2.18.23 December 23, 1987 – Hand-written note & letter from David Elsila, editor, United Auto Workers *Solidarity* magazine. “ILCA” is the AFL-CIO’s International Labor Communications Association and “LUPA” is the UAW’s “Local Union Press Association.”
- 2.18.24 January 10, 1986, Nov 11, 1989- Letters from Kim Fellner. Kim had left California, where she edited the Screen Actors’ Guild publications, to head the National Writers Union (United Auto Workers Local 1981) and then later worked for “Working America,” an AFL-CIO group to reach out to non-union workers. The “ILCA” in the letter is a reference to the AFL-CIO International Labor Communications Association. Fellner’s 1989 paper that is referenced in the letter: *In search of the movement: 1960s activists in Labor*. (article pages are not necessarily in order; Matejka related well to this paper)
- 2.18.25 March 2007 – Re-election endorsement letter from U.S. Senator Dick Durbin for Matejka for Bloomington City Council (2 copies)
- 2.18.26 May 12, 2009 – Letter from Illinois State Representative Daniel Brady, complaining to Matejka that Brady was cropped out of a photo featuring Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White at a “Life Goes On” organ donation promotion event
- 2.18.27 March 23, 1998 – Letter from Steve E Miles, Service Employees International Union staff, Washington D.C., thanking for the union news and information on Glenn Poshard for Governor
- 2.18.28 November 8, 2002 – Congratulatory letter from Terence M O’Sullivan, General President, Laborers International Union of North America, on receiving the Illinois Humanities Council’s “Studs Turkel Award.”
- 2.18.29 June 7, 1991 – Letter from Thomas Donahue, Secretary-Treasurer (later President), AFL-CIO, Washington D.C., thanking for information on Mexican maquiladora plants
- 2.18.30 December 22, 2003 – Letter from Denise Mitchell, Assistant to the President for Public Affairs, AFL-CIO, thanking for input on the International Labor Communications Association (ILCA)
- 2.18.31 December 17, 1991 – Letter from International Labor Communications Association secretary-treasurer Dave Elsila thanking Matejka for a diversity presentation at the recent ILCA convention
- 2.18.32 1982-1994 – Notification of national awards in various categories from the AFL-CIO International Labor Communications Association

- 2.18.33 Nov 13, 1981 – Thank you letter from Coenraad Mohr, Illinois Wesleyan U Business professor, for a classroom presentation
- 2.18.34 April 19, 1995 – Letter from Pittsburgh labor musician Anne Feeney, thanking for the review of her CD album *Heartland* and asking about a performance in Bloomington
- 2.18.35 Postcard from the Fine Arts Center at University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Folder 19: Additional Items

- 2.19.1 A postcard from the Trades & Labor to a local union whose delegate had not appeared at a meeting for three consecutive months
- 2.19.2 Vidette clippings – ISU & asbestos
- 2.19.3 “The Man who made Kathy Lee Gifford Cry.” On November 6, 1996, a talk was sponsored at Illinois State University with Charles Kernaghan, director of the National Labor Committee for Human Rights in Central America. That summer he had made national news in exposing a clothing line made in Honduras made with the tag line of Kathy Lee Gifford, a national television personality. In seeking to attract students to hear Kernaghan, rather than putting together a flier announcing a talk on sweatshops, this mock-up of a tabloid magazine cover was made, without any mention of the topic, but centering in on a celebrity. Pantagraph features/entertainment writer Dan Craft slipped Matejka a publicity photo of Gifford. A large crowd came out that night, drawn more by celebrity gossip, but hopefully exposed to the story of sweatshop clothing production for US markets
- 2.19.4 United Way of McLean County, union flier (Image on flier done by Matejka)
- 2.19.5 Irwin Klass letter to Matejka, June 21, 1996
- 2.19.6 Illinois LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust) newsletter, Vol 1 #1 1993. This was a newsletter Matejka did for this labor-management program for the Laborers office in Springfield, IL. Matejka only produced 2-3 issues of this; I was dismissed after Connell Smith, the Illinois LECET director, wanted him to change a quote from an interview; He asked the person who I quoted, and he said no, he stood by his word. Matejka let the quote stand, and that was the end of the job
- 2.19.7 A pencil sketch for the Museum of History from when the Bloomington Trades & Labor Assembly banner was being restored for donation and display. The Trades & Labor raised the funds for the restoration before it was presented to the Museum

Folder 20: John Moore

- 2.20.1 Laborer’s International Union of North America Application for Referral
- 2.20.2 John Jordan Moore Eulogy
- 2.20.3 Series of publication letter from John Jordan Moore

Folder 21: Miscellaneous Items

- 2.21.1 Laborers International Union, John Sayles, Westside Improvement Association Stickers (3), John F. Penn Buiseness Card, and Mike Matejka Buiseness Card
- 2.21.2 Kari Sandhass and Matejka Donation Slips, Matejka Delegate Credential, Illinois State Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations Credential, Firefighters Association Mini Calendar, Copy of Union Local No. 245 Agreement, and a 26th Convention Delegate's Credential Card in an Envelope
- 2.21.3 BFD 388 Bumper Sticker
- 2.21.4 Liuna Builds America Bumper Sticker
- 2.21.5 2019 – Jim Edwards hand-written notes for attorney Melissa McGrath's funeral service and memorial (Matejka organized). Melissa died Feb. 14, 2019; a small family service was held the following week and during Memorial Day weekend, 2019, a long-distance gathering of friends and a *Post-Amerikan* reunion was staged in her honor
- 2.21.6 2001 – Listing of WJBC-AM Bloomington Labor Day Parade "Laborer of the Year" recipients. Hand-written notations by the side mark a local union number
- 2.21.7 AFL-CIO Paper
- 2.21.8 March 20, 1990 – Listing of elected and appointed Democratic precinct committee people
- 2.21.9 LECET Labor Day Greetings Card
- 2.21.10 Nov 12, 2009 – *Chicago Tribune*, "A solemn weekend in honor of miners," page A4, about the Cherry Mine Centennial, by Emilie LeBeau, quotes Matejka
- 2.21.11 August 18, 1994 Illinois State University *Vidette*, "History of Bloomington-Normal, union related" by Mitch Pugh, quotes Matejka
- 2.21.12 ISU History Department Newsletter, Vol 9, No 2. April 1985
- 2.21.13 February 1981, Illinois Labor History Society *Reporter* Article
- 2.21.14 April 1987 – Illinois Labor History Society *Reporter*, photo & short article on Karen "Kari" Sandhaas and the Laborers Local 362 mural
- 2.21.15 Sept 10, 2000 – *New York Times* clipping, "Can Respect be Mandated?" about Mitsubishi Motors sexual harassment suit
- 2.21.16 August 11, 1868 – clipping from the *Chicago Workingman's Advocate*, 8-hour poem from Bloomington, sent by musician Clark "Bucky" Halker
- 2.21.17 1900s(?) – "Working Rules of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 99" (Bloomington) copy
- 2.21.18 Victory Tour Benefit Coffeehouse for FLOC Flier
- 2.21.19 May 9, 1995 – Recommendations, Organizational Task Force, McLean County Democratic Party
- 2.21.20 1980s – Holy Thursday foot washing meditation
- 2.21.21 2014 – Memorial to cousin Shirley Matejka, read at her funeral, April 18, 2015, St. John Nepomuk Parish, St Louis MO; program booklet by Mike Matejka
- 2.21.22 1980s – two letters from families asking for tickets to the Children's Christmas Party
- 2.21.23 Dec 19, 1982 – *Pantagraph*, "Party for Children has Spirit," story on the first Children's Christmas Party co-sponsored by the Chamber and Labor, with clipping of sign-up form that was in the paper
- 2.21.24 1985, 1986 & 1990 minutes from the joint McLean County Chamber of Commerce – Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly Children's Christmas Party for Unemployed Families
- 2.21.25 Mike Matejka for City Council Flier

- 2.21.26 December 6, 1985 – *Twin Cities Community News*, “Children’s Christmas Party means Holiday Cheer,” story by Matejka about the Children’s Christmas Party for unemployed families
- 2.21.27 1993-94 – Flier by Matejka used in organizing campaigns, “Why Join Laborers Local 362?”
- 2.21.28 1990s – *Progressive Lodge 1000 – International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers*. Brief history of Bloomington’s Machinists Lodge
- 2.21.29 October 1991 United Auto Workers Local 2448 (Mitsubishi) *Union Spirit* announcing the opening of their new union hall in Bloomington
- 2.21.30 A Solidarity Tour “Life Inside a Sweatshop” Poster
- 2.21.31 Election Reminder Paper
- 2.21.32 November 13, 2009 – commemorative booklet, Cherry Mine disaster centennial; Matejka aided the village of Cherry in planning the commemorative event and lining up speakers and support
- 2.21.33 June 14, 1981 Kankakee Journal *Familiar Uncle Sam wants you*, cites Matejka as a draft counselor
- 2.21.34 March 31, 1978 – photostatic copy of negotiations report, Normal Fire Fighters Local 2442 and the Town of Normal; this was just before the fire fighters were jailed
- 2.21.35 Illinois Labor History Society Pamphlet
- 2.21.36 June 1991 – Illinois Labor History Society *Reporter*, with article on the restoration of the Trades & Labor banner for the McLean County Museum of History
- 2.21.37 Children’s Christmas Party Poster
- 2.21.38 1992 – Letter from United Auto Workers Local 2488 (Mitsubishi) to Ronald Morehead, Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly, agreeing to affiliate with the Trades & Labor, under terms discussed with Matejka
- 2.21.39 1992-93? Flier for Charlie King / Sharon Perez-Abreu concert at the Museum of History
- 2.21.40 Blank Credentials of Delegate to Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly
- 2.21.41 April 1989 – Workers Memorial Day proclamations from Bloomington Mayor Jesse Smart and Normal Mayor Paul Harmon; this was the first year Workers Memorial Day was held nationally, including Bloomington; the event was held at a street corner by the former United Asbestos & Rubber Company plant site; Illinois AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Walsh attended and names were read of those who had perished from asbestos
- 2.21.42 Union Affiliation List for the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly
- 2.21.43 1989 – Bloomington & Normal Trades & Labor Assembly by-laws
- 2.21.44 April 1986 *Business to Business* on Diamond-Star groundbreaking issue
- 2.21.45 February 2000 – Midwest Regional Rail System – A Transportation Network for the 21st century, executive report, Illinois Department of Transportation and adjoining states
- 2.21.46 May 1978 – *International Fire Fighter* magazine published May 1978 on the Normal Fire Fighters strike
- 2.21.47 April 18, 1986 – Diamond Star Motors ground-breaking press kit
- 2.21.48 Seasons Greetings card from Matejka to Bill Kemp, with envelope.

- 2.21.49 *Illinois Labor History Society 2021 Union Hall of Honor*, 44 pp program booklet, edited by Matejka.
- 2.21.50 *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, May 2022. 16 pp. Edited by Matejka.

Folder 22: Miscellaneous Items – Part 2

- 2.22.1 “National rail shop workers’ strike broken by federal injunction” plus cover photos of Labor Day parade in Bloomington in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, May 2022
- 2.22.2 “The Irish U.S. labor influence” and “Buttigieg: Promoting infrastructure jobs on Lincoln’s birthday” and “AFSCME Local 1110: ISU workers without a contract,” and “IBEW Local 197 lights up Boys & Girls Club” in *The Labor Paper*, 17 March 2022.
- 2.22.3 “Vote this November for the WRA: Guaranteeing union rights” and “Unions donate to McLean WWII Memorial” and “Chocolate production expands at Bloomington Ferrero plant” and “Suicide: The hidden construction fatality” in *The Labor Paper*, 25 Aug 2022. Also quoted in “McLean County workers canvass for the Workers Rights Amendment” in same edition.
- 2.22.4 “Brutal 1922 Railroad shops fought throughout Illinois” and “Bloomington Labor Day parade draws large crowd” and “Sharon Chung: Send a union member to Springfield” in *The Labor Paper* 15 Sep 2022.
- 2.22.5 “Union Pride More than a Century Old,” pp 62-64 in *Better Together: 2022 Union Solidarity Book*. Matejka a contributor to the article.
- 2.22.6 “Normal 15th precinct Democrats” a letter from Democratic precinct committeeperson Matejka to voters recommending candidates and positions with links to more info, Oct 2022.
- 2.22.7 “The 1922 Shops Strike,” pp 48-63 in *Railroad History*, No. 227, Fall-Winter 2022. Plus book review of *Tales of the Terminal* on the Illinois Tractoins, pp 115-116.
- 2.22.8 “Primary Election time: Who protects your wallet?” and “Labor salutes fallen Marseilles Depression-era worker” in *The Labor Paper*, May 19, 2022.
- 2.22.9 “Biden administration secures troubled pension plans” and “Heartland breaks ground on Ag facility,” and “Late AFL-CIO President Trumka receives Medal of Freedom,” in *The Labor Paper*, July 21, 2022.
- 2.22.10 “17th District: Sorensen pledges to fight for Illinois families in Washington, D.C.” and “Bloomington Girl Scouts meet labor diversity,” and book review of *Fight Like Hell* in *The Labor Paper*, October 30, 2022.
- 2.22.11 “Union Hall of Honor salutes labor education” and “McLean County sends union member Sharon Chung to Springfield” in *The Labor Paper*, November 17, 2022.
- 2.22.12 “Construction Outlook: Healthy infrastructure work for years ahead,” “Trades & Labor swears in new officers” (Matejka wins Ronn Morehead Service to Labor Award), “40th Annual McLean County Children’s Christmas Party,” Book Reviews for *No room on Wall Street for Black Americans* and *White Wall: How Big Finance Bankrupts Black America*, all in *The Labor Paper*, Dec 15, 2022.
- 2.22.13 Holiday card from Obama White House to Matejka, nd.

- 2.22.14 Book Review: *War: An Excuse to Crush Labor Voices*, pp11-12., and photo spread on Union Hall of Honor 2022, pp4-7 in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Winter 2023, pp11-12.
- 2.22.15 “Build Illinois creates jobs, renovates infrastructure,” “B-N Union Blood Drive set for January 21,” and review of Adam Hochschild’s *American Midnight*, all in *The Labor Paper*, January 19, 2023.
- 2.22.16 “On-line Bloomington social justice tour highlights labor sites” and “Black History Month: The porters built the civil rights and union movement” and “Dr. Wills to speak at ISU on women’s roles in labor struggles,” and review of Kathleen McLaughlin’s *Blood Money*, all in *The Labor Paper*, Feb 16, 2023.
- 2.22.17 “School charities receive \$85,000 boost,” “McLean County makes local endorsements,” “Women’s History Month: Florence Kelley, child labor crusader,” “Migrant children child labor scandal breaks,” “Should 32 hours become the work week? Ready for an extra day off?”, all in *The Labor Paper*, March 16, 2023.
- 2.22.18 “‘The Rowdy Car’” at the train’s end?” in *Railroad History*, Spring-Summer 2023, pp 4-5. (Name for caboose; includes early local, state & national references)
- 2.22.19 “Workers victims of ‘deadly deception,’” *Pantagraph*, April 30, 2023.

Folder 23: Miscellaneous Items – Part 3

- 2.23.1 “Blood Money,”” book review, in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Spring 2023.
- 2.23.2 “Workers Memorial Day: Work Zone Safety vigilance imperative,” “McLean County labor endorsed candidates all win,” book review of *Gilded Mountain*, “Illinois workers gain paid time off with a construction exemption,” all in *The Labor Paper*, April 20, 2023.
- 2.23.3 “Bloomington and Normal Honor Guard serves the community,” “Political analysis: Historically what has happened to our two parties,” in *The Labor Paper*, Jun 22, 2023.
- 2.23.4 “Bloomington Parade history” and “Heavy and Highway construction outlook positive for 2024” in *The Labor Paper*, Aug 24, 2023.
- 2.23.5 “McLean County trades challenge city subsidies for non-union contractor,” “Newsies: 1899 children’s strike portrayed in musical,” and “IBEW Local 134 and 197 train fire departments on alternate energy responses” in *The Labor Paper*, Jul 20, 2023.
- 2.23.6 “New Children’s Book focuses on “Girls who Build” and “Bloomington’s West Side workers were victims of a ‘deadly deception’” and “Operating Engineers Local 649 member appears in music video: Trailer Park CEO” all in the *Labor Paper*, May 18, 2023.
- 2.23.7 “Glen Poshard, a true patriot’s story” book review in *The Labor Paper*. Sep 21, 2023.
- 2.23.8 “Mother Jones Dinner:” Labor should challenge capitalism” in *Labor Paper* Oct 19, 2023.

- 2.23.9 “Haymarket Monument Defaced & Restored” and “Coal Mining History in West Frankfort” and “Start them Young-Girls Who Build New Children’s Book” book review in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Summer 2023.
- 2.23.10 “Mother Jones Dinner,” “Mother Jones Statue at Chicago’s Water Tower Moving Closer to Reality,” “Illinois Miner Memorialized In Pennsylvania,” Book Review: Construction -Where We are Going, Where We Should Be,” and “A True Patriot’s Story: Glenn Poshard,” all in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Fall 2023.
- 2.23.11 “PACT Act expands veterans’ benefits for duty exposure,” in *The Labor Paper*, Nov 16, 2023.
- 2.23.12 “Martin Luther King Jr’s other agenda,” *Pantagraph*, Jan 12, 2024. Re King’s economic aspirations and union support.
- 2.23.13 “Railroads viewed as an imperialist venture,” book review of *The Racial Railroad*, in Fall//Winter 2023 *Railroad History*. 3 sheets.
- 2.23.14 “Laborer Ed Smith stands for union member everywhere,” and “Labor and Civil Rights Activist prominent in new film” (movie review) both in *The Labor*, Dec 21, 2023.
- 2.23.15 Book Review of *What Work Is* by Dr. Robert Bruno and “Martin Luther King Jr. recognized organized labor’s value” both in *The Labor*, Jan 28, 2024.
- 2.23.16 “What happened to National Brotherhood Week?” in *The Labor Paper*, Feb 15, 2024.
- 2.23.17 Book review: “What Does Your Job Mean to You?” and Movie Review “Labor & Civil Rights Activist Prominent in New Film *Rustin*,” both in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Winter 2024.
- 2.23.18 “Heartland College opening Penn Family Veterans’ center,” “Analysis: Is your Congressperson supporting your worker rights?” “Congressman Sorensen wins federal dollars for local union jobs,” Book Review of *American Anarchy*, all in *The Labor Paper*, Mar 21, 2024.
- 2.23.19 “B-N: Senator Durbin meets with trades, praises Amtrak appointment,” “Penn recognized as County History Maker,” Book Review: *Fighting Union Busters in a Carolina Carpet Mill*, and “Bloomington Workers Memorial Day: April 26,” all in *The Labor Paper*, April 18, 2024.
- 2.23.20 “Lombard Labor History Program May 2” and Book Review: *American Anarchy*, both in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Spring 2024.
- 2.23.21 “Carpenters raise awareness on tax fraud,” “Bloomington Laborer receives Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Award,” “McLean County holds Workers Memorial,” “Bloomington trades hosting candidate forum,” all in *The Labor Paper*, May 16, 2024.
- 2.23.22 “Members’ thoughts: Do we believe in our democracy,” “Exhibit marks Pullman strike 130th anniversary,” and “B-N Trades host candidates, vote on endorsements,” all in *The Labor Paper*, June 20, 2024.
- 2.23.23 Program for McLean County labor candidates’ night, Jun 5, 2024.
- 2.23.24 “Illinois AFL-CIO: Legislative update includes green jobs, child labor revisions and no captive meetings,” “Rebuild Illinois: Creating jobs,” and book review: *Strikers of Coachella*, all in *The Labor Paper*, July 18, 2024.

- 2.23.25 “New Bloomington Exhibit Exposes Asbestos Suffering,” “Exhibits Mark Pullman Strike 130th Anniversary,” “Labor; Grassroots Democracy,” “Coal Mining History” “ILHS-NPS Signing Agreement,” Bok Review: “Union Basics – Almost Like a Novel” and “A True Grass-Roots History: The Strikers of Coachella” and film review: ILHS’s Alma Washington Featured in Ghostlight- a Deeply Touching Film,” all in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Summer 2024.
- 2.23.26 “IEA officer running for Bloomington Mayor” (Cody Hendricks); “Bloomington: Local unions display their skills during Illinois Farmers Market” and “Asbestors deadly toll: McLean County Museum opens new exhibit” all in *The Labor Paper*, Aug 22, 2024.
- 2.23.27 “Election commission say your ballot is safe,” “An election issue: Project 2025 would cut union wages,” “Springfield: Lincoln Tomb renovations preserve our history,” all in *The Labor Paper*, Sep 19, 2024.
- 2.23.28 Program for “Envisioning Justice: Women and Mass Incarceration” conference of Illinois Humanities, Oct 2024.
- 2.23.29 Bloomington- Normal Philanthropists of the Year award for Karie Skandhaas & Mike Matejka introduction by Camille Taylor, 2024. 2 pp.
- 2.23.30 “Union leaders react to Trump win,” “Barnes & Noble workers fight for contract,” “Laborers International announce maternity leave policy,” “Mother Jones Foundation: Mother Jones spirit rides again,” all in *The Labor Paper*, Nov 21, 2024.
- 2.23.31 “Project 2025: Could overtime pay be a thing of the past?” “Rep Sharon Chung: a labor advocate in Springfield,” “B-N Trades endorse county candidates,” “News analysis: Will the election results be clear?” all in *The Labor Paper*, Oct 17, 2024.
- 2.23.32 “Bloomington Labor Day 2024,” “Mother Jones’s Spirit Rides Again,” CD Review: “CD-Coal Mine Echoes from Bucky Halker,” book review: “The Red Bull Shot Labor Needs,” and book review: “1930s Federal Theater Upheld Workers, Rankled Segregationists” all in *Illinois Labor History Society Reports*, Fall 2024.
- 2.23.33 “Women are finding great careers in the construction industry,” “Rally held in Springfield to fix Tier II pensions,” “Town of Normal approves Project Labor Agreements,” “ISU Faculty union holds rally with students and supporters,” “Project 2025: What could be at stake in the next presidency,” “Governor JB Pritzker: an Illinois stand-up governor,” reviews of *The Playbook* and of *The Hammer*, all in *The Labor Paper*, Dec 19, 2024.
- 2.23.34 “Illinois Labor has Served the Nation,” “Eric M. Dean,” and “Edward M. Smith” all in *Illinois Labor History Society 2024 Union Hall of Labor*, Nov 22, 2024 program.

Folder 24: Miscellaneous Items – Part 4

- 2.24.1 “African American Porters Built the Civil Rights and Union Movement,” “Illinois’ Stand-Up Governor,” and book review “Three Self-Published Books Shine with Labor Topics,” all in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Winter 2025.

- 2.24.2 “McLean County Board adopts PLAs,” “Normal Starbucks workers join national union campaign,” and “The disappearing pension blues” all in *The Labor Paper*, Jan 16, 2025.
- 2.24.3 “Trump administration takes aim at NLRB,” “New administration attacks the federal workforce,” “McLean County unions endorse candidates for April 1 election,” and “Chung backs Hendricks for Mayor,” all in *The Labor Paper* Feb 20, 2025.
- 2.24.4 Faith In Action “20 over 60” Awards, Apr 2025, includes Matejka.
- 2.24.5 “Coal Mining History” upcoming presentation including Matejka and “LaToya Ruby Frazier: Telling Workers’ Stories” by Matejka, both in *Illinois Labor History Society Reporter*, Spring 2025.
- 2.24.6 “Quincy’s Blessing Hospital nurses look to unionize with IAM,” “Last hired, first fired- can diverse communities survive Trump cuts?” and “Mike Matejka presented with 2025 President’s Medallion at Elevate Heartland,” all in *Labor Paper*, Jun 19 2025.
- 2.24.7 “NLRB firing leaves board without quorum to rule on key decisions,” “Bill could endanger central Illinois jobs,” and “Central Illinois will be loser of clean energy jobs,” all in *Labor Paper*, Jul 17 2025.
- 2.24.8 “Unions add voice to McLean County protest,” “Dr. Robert Bruno: Trump is a ‘nuclear winter’ for organized labor,” and “Gary Moore: Human understanding behind the TV lens,” all in *Labor Paper*, Mar 20 2025.
- 2.24.9 “2025 B-N Labor Day parade: Union Rights are Civil Rights,” “National Labor Relations Board upholds workers’ rights – no anymore,” “US Department of Labor looks to cut workers and workplace safety,” “The Bus is Stalled; Springfield’s transit funding dilemmas,” “Peoria native and Senate candidate Raja Krishnamoorthi challenges job cuts,” and “DeWitt chair Redman honored,” all in *The Labor Paper*, Aug 21, 2025.
- 2.24.10 “Union Buttons Proclaim Union Power,” by Mike Matjeka in Chicago Federation of Labor *2025 Solidarity* Book.
- 2.24.11 “Blessing Hospital (Quincy) nurses look to unionize,” and “Illinois State University honors union activist Dr. Ericka Wills,” both in *The Labor Paper*, May 15, 2025.
- 2.24.12 “What difference does a union make? Ask an Iowa worker,” in *The Labor Paper*, Sep 18, 2025.
- 2.24.13 “Local women trade professionals shine at Chicago conference,” and Book review of *Public Education & Social Reform* by Tom Suhrbur, both in *The Labor Paper*, Oct 16, 2025.
- 2.24.14 “Looking to Youthful Leaders,” “AASLH Award of Excellence (to MCMOH)” “Downstate Coal Mining History Presentation,” and book review of *Seven Social Movement that Changed American* by Linda Gordon, in *Illinois labor History Society Reports*, Summer 2025.

Folder 25: Miscellaneous Items – Part 5 Available for Expansion

Folder 26: Miscellaneous Items – Part 6 Available for Expansion

Folder 27: Miscellaneous Items – Part 7 Available for Expansion

Folder 28: Holiday Greetings

- 2.28.1 Matejka-Sandhaas holiday greeting card with annual family events summary, Dec 2023.
- 2.28.2 Incoming greetings, 2023: from Sonja Reece, Yench-Tong family, Highby family, Adelman family, Porter-Bergethon family, Elle Pearson & Kale & Valerie Howerton of Coffeehound in Normal.
- 2.28.3 Matjeka-Sandhaas holiday greeting cards with annual family events summary, Dec 2024.
- 2.28.4 Incoming greetings, 2024: from Sonja Reece, Archana Shekara, John & Mary Penn, and Ward-Shaw Family.
- 2.28.5 Shana Tova holiday greetings from Rabbi Rebecca Dubowe, et al, 2025.

Folder 29: 2024 White House Program

- 2.28.6 “Community activist to speak at the White House,” *Pantagraph*, Feb 1, 2024.
- 2.28.7 “White House and economic plans,” *Pantagraph*, Feb 11, 2024.
- 2.28.8 “The White House” white folder containing “Welcome to Bloomington-Normal” economic development sheets and “Investing In America” on investments in Illinois.
- 2.28.9 “Visiting the White House to talk jobs,” in the *Labor Paper*, Feb 15, 2024.

Box 3

Loose Items

- Six Assorted VHS Tapes in Black and White Cases
- Two Red Cased VHS about Mike Silverstein in Mexico
- John Swearingen Cassette Tape
- Jon Penn Cassette Tape
- Set of Constitution and By Laws and Rules of Order of the Bloomington Trades and Labor Assembly 1921, 1936, 1941, 1959
- Mike Matejka Driver’s License

