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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The summer has come to a quick and warm end and I hope you and your family are well. It was a busy third quarter for Local 130's apprentice program, membership and support of political candidates.

Congratulations to our own Wade Blocker, who is the Number One 2016 United Association plumbing apprentice. What an achievement and I am proud of his accomplishment! He walked away with the final win at the International Competition in Ann Arbor, Michigan beating apprentices from six (6) districts in the UA and Australia. This will be Local 130's second consecutive year with this honor. It is the third consecutive win at the state of Illinois level and Regional Competitions. Wade's victory comes with a united effort of his own ability, along with Instructor Frank Borkowski's consistent supervision. Also, I would like to thank the entire staff of instructors who spent endless hours preparing Wade for the competitions.

Best of luck to our own Brian M. Dunn who retired as of September 1, 2016. Brian

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has been a Business Agent with the Technical Engineering Division since 2001; however I feel fortunate that he will remain as a Trustee on the Board of the Technical Engineers Pension & Education Funds. His expertise in the field will continue to have a positive impact on Local 130 Technical Engineers.

During the week of August 1st through August 5th, the 39th Annual United Association General Convention was held in San Diego, California to review and discuss policies and procedures. As Business Manager of the largest straight line plumbing local, I spoke on several occasions representing Local 130. On Friday, August 5th, I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal and General President, William P. Hite on his upcoming retirement. I commented, "I rise before this delegation to thank our hometown hero, Billy Hite, for his years of service to the UA and all the people from Chicago and the Great State of Illinois. When you think of Bill Hite, several words come to mind: class, dignity, integrity, and professionalism. Billy, congratulations on your retirement, to your wife Pat, and your family." I want to continue my sincere congratulations to Gener-

al President-Elect Mark McManus, Patrick H. Kellett, General Secretary-Treasurer, and Michael A. Pleasant, Assistant General President, as well as to all the officers of "Team McManus."

On August 1st, we welcomed Joe Ohm to Plumbers Local 130 as the Funds Administrator. Joe comes to us with solid financial qualifications and 22 years of experience. I believe he will be an asset to our programs' future. It was important to me, as Co-Chairman of the Plumbers Pension & Welfare Funds and the Technical Engineers Pension and Education Funds, as well as to the Board of Trustees, to hire a fund administrator with great service skills for our membership. Please feel free to contact him at any time with questions regarding your benefits.

2016 has been a controversial and questionable year for political candidates who best represent the backbone of our country - the working middle class. The upcoming November election determines who will lead us in Chicago, Springfield, and Washington, D.C. As we celebrated Labor Day on September 5, I am sure many of you reminisced and acknowledged that

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Dates to Remember . . .

- ELECTION DAY - REMEMBER TO VOTE! - Tuesday, November 8th
- Turkey Raffle, Monthly Membership Meeting - November 8th, Chicago Hall
- Retiree Luncheon - Tuesday, November 22nd, Chicago Hall
- Tech Engineers Monthly Meeting - December 8th, Chicago Hall
- Plumbers Monthly Meeting - December 13th, Volo Hall

Kudos to our own...

Wade Blocker, #1 Apprentice

"I am privileged and honored to be the recipient of this prestigious award and am grateful to Plumber's Local 130's instructors and Birk Plumbing, Inc. for sharing their knowledge, support, and encouragement."

Wade Blocker

Birk Plumbing, Inc.'s apprentice, Wade Blocker began his 14-month journey in June, 2015 when he won our annual in-house Local 130 Apprentice Competition. Next he competed and won in the state of Illinois Apprentice Plumber Competition in March, 2016 and then went on to win the Regional Competition of District 4 in June, 2016. The final challenge was held from August 13th - 17th, 2016 at the UA International Apprentice Contest in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and here Wade walked away as the UA's #1 Plumbing Apprentice out of six (6) districts and Australia. Wade's wife Krystal and his three (3) daughters, Kaylee, Avery, and Shelby have been his personal fan club and supporters. He will also be recognized at the November, 2016 membership meeting.

"Wade has been mentored by all of our union brothers at Birk Plumbing, Inc. and the instructors at Local 130 UA. With Wade's drive and determination to learn from the best, he has succeeded! Congratulations to Wade, and his wife and daughters for their devotion during this time."

Jim Birk

This is an exciting accomplishment for Local 130 and for our apprentice program. Since 2007 we have placed five (5) competitors on the stage in the last eight (8) years of the international competition, and we walked away a winner four (4) times:

2008 - Nick Hahn

2010 - T.J. Albergo

2015 - Brian Lundy

2016 - Wade Blocker

We would like to commend all of our Instructors for the work they do with our apprentices preparing them to be the best 21st century plumbers. After all, they are responsible for "Protecting the Health of our Nation."





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Endorsements for November 8th Election

The Local 130 Political Action Taskforce Election 2016 Endorsement letter has recently been mailed to all members. Please check your mail to find this important letter endorsing labor-friendly candidates in the November 8th General Election. Vote for candidates who will support working families!



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the work you do, or have done, is often difficult. Sometimes it has been done under trying conditions, and was certainly not always exciting. However, the majority of the time, we recognize that our work as union members earn us a fair wage for a fair day's work, along with exceptional fringe bene-

fits. Local 130 showed support by marching with Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza at the 10th Ward Labor Day Parade on Saturday, September 3. With these thoughts, I would like to again ask our membership to vote for those candidates who are advocates of union workers.

In closing, I would again like to thank the members and their families for their support and dedication. We can succeed and thrive based on how each and every

member participates and supports Local 130. Please continue to read through the newsletter for current news and information concerning Local 130 UA. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. As always, I wish you good health and prosperity, steady employment and happiness.

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne

UNITED ASSOCIATION'S



39TH GENERAL CONVENTION

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada's 39th General Convention in San Diego, California began on August 1st and ended Friday, August 5th. This convention takes place every five (5) years with the sole purpose of setting and/or updating standards, goals, and procedures. This year's union leaders were welcomed from around the United States, Canada, Australia, and Ireland, as well as contractors, project owners, and government officials. Local 130 is the 6th largest local in the entire UA and, therefore had 60 delegates in attendance.

On Monday afternoon, Business Manger Jim Coyne was privileged to speak on behalf of Local 130's participation in a "Hillary for Illinois" rally. Jim Coyne stated, "As a Senator, Hillary Clinton stood side by side with working Americans like our UA members. She has fought against anti-union and anti-worker legislation. Secretary Clinton is the only candidate running for President who was an original co-sponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act. She also has made our apprentice programs and training a priority in her campaign and protecting workers' retirement benefits. This is vital! Hillary Clinton wants our apprentices to fill the current and upcoming jobs in the construction industry and to become members of the Building Trades like every Brother and Sister in this UA. If you have reservations about voting for Hillary Clinton, remember that at their convention in Cleveland, the Republican Party made a key part of its platform by enacting a national Right-to-Work law. We cannot allow this to happen! We must go to the polls on November 8th and we must vote to elect Hillary Clinton as our next President."

Jim Coyne also addressed the delegates regarding apprentice voting. Business Manager Coyne stated, "The issue of apprentices voting has been a controversial subject for decades. I believe it is time for a positive and progressive change. At Local 130, we have over 600 apprentices. The average age is 28 years old. Since 2015 we brought on over 300 educated and intelligent new apprentices. There are apprentices who are military reservists and veterans. Many have made a career change. After three (3) years under my leadership, I believe I have done my job to prepare apprentices through education and being involved in the union movement at Local 130. Apprentices are Local 130's future leaders and these men and women should have a voice and a vote in their union."

On the last day of the convention, Jim Coyne addressed the delegation with comments about our General President, William P. Hite and his upcoming retirement. "If you recall, Bill was last year's St. Patrick Day Parade's Grand Marshal, our hometown hero. I wish Bill good luck, good health, and a wonderful retirement. He and his wife Pat have put in their time and deserve the best."

General President-Elect Mark McManus has challenged us, the leadership and members of this United Association, from the greatest to the least, with a new rally cry: To be an organization "Built on Excellence."



– DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION –

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Dennis J. Abbott | 13 John C. Damico | 25 Donald M. Graves | 37 William E. Matthies | 49 Charles A. Seibert |
| 2 Philip J. Amato | 14 Anthony Deklerk | 26 Patrick E. Gross | 38 Patrick F. Mccarthy | 50 Michael E. Shea |
| 3 Chris S. Anish | 15 Bruce Doornbos | 27 Paul J. Hinterlong | 39 Joseph B. Mondia | 51 Kevin C. Sherlock |
| 4 Cristina E. Barillas | 16 James T. Dunlop | 28 John P. Hasty | 40 Peter C. Olson | 52 Scott C. Spangle |
| 5 James M. Bielanski | 17 Brian M. Dunn | 29 Lolita Hughes | 41 Kevin A. Phipps | 53 Sarah E. Stigler |
| 6 Frank E. Borkowski | 18 Mark A. Dwyer | 30 Steve R. James | 42 Carlos Quinones | 54 Joseph W. Strong |
| 7 Patrick Brooks | 19 Robert C. Farrell | 31 Ryan Kelly | 43 Jones L. Richmond | 55 Patrick A. Thornton |
| 8 Brendan M. Butler | 20 Michael D. Flisk | 32 David W. Kledzik | 44 Paul Rodriguez | 56 Michael T. Tierney |
| 9 Raymond D. Campbell | 21 Colm J. Folan | 33 Joseph H. Lenzen | 45 Anthony M. Rottman | 57 Paul B. Tucker |
| 10 James F. Coyne | 22 Ciro Gaimari | 34 Eric A. Lussenhop | 46 Juan Salazar | 58 Kenneth A. Turnquist |
| 11 Patrick J. Cunningham | 23 Thomas E. Gavin | 35 James M. Majerowicz | 47 Robert Schaab | 59 William Wilkens |
| 12 Dennis M. Dalton | 24 Stephen Geraghty | 36 James A. Mansfield | 48 Heinz J. Schelhammer, Jr. | 60 Brian R. Zeitz |



Welcome! Joe Ohm

The Pension and Welfare Board of Trustees have been working on hiring a Fund Administrator since the former administrator resigned in April 2016. The Pension and Welfare Trustees named Joe Ohm as Fund Administrator as of August 1. Joe was born and raised in Mattoon, IL, but currently is a resident in La-Grange with his wife Jody and three (3) children: Olivia-15 years old, Madison-13 years old, and Joshua-8 years old. Joe is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Marketing and a Master's in Business Administration. Joe comes to us with 22 years of experience with the administration of welfare and annuity funds in the multi-employer benefits industry.

In Joe's capacity as Fund Administrator, he will be responsible for the daily administration of numerous funds, including: the Plumbers' Local 130 Welfare Fund, Plumbers' Pension Fund, Retiree Welfare Fund, Retirement Savings Fund and the Technical Engineers' Pension and Education Funds.

Joe is excited to be with Local 130 and said, "I consider it a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as your Fund Administrator. I want each of you to know that I will stand by a pledge to have a first-class level of customer service to each and every member of the Plumbers' Local 130 family. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Fund Administrator and I look forward to working with each of you over the coming years."



62nd Annual Queen Contest Sunday, January 15, 2017

Looking for the New Parade Queen

James F. Coyne, General Chairman of the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade, announced plans for a city wide search for Chicago's fairest Colleen. She will represent the Chicago Irish community as the Queen of the 2017 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Entry Information

Any girl of Irish ancestry, never married, 18-28 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

Contest finals will be held Sunday, January 15, 2017, in the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

For more information see our website:
www.chicagostpatricksdaysparade.org



Erin Mulcahy
2016 St. Patrick's Day Queen

Updating & Promoting Target Fund: "Plumbers 911"

In May 2015, Business Manager Jim Coyne first introduced the "Market Recovery (Target) Fund." He explained about the need to recover not only lost work, but also members who left the union during the economic downturn. The "Target Fund" was created and is succeeding and thriving. A marketing company has been hired to promote Plumbers 911's guarantee of a 24/7 response to service calls with the best-trained, skilled, state licensed, insured, and bonded professional service plumbers.

There has been approximately \$200,000 spent on advertising for the recapture of lost market shares in residential service. You will see and hear ads promoting Plumbers 911 on billboards and radio stations, such as WGN, Cubs Radio 670 AM, WBBM 780 AM

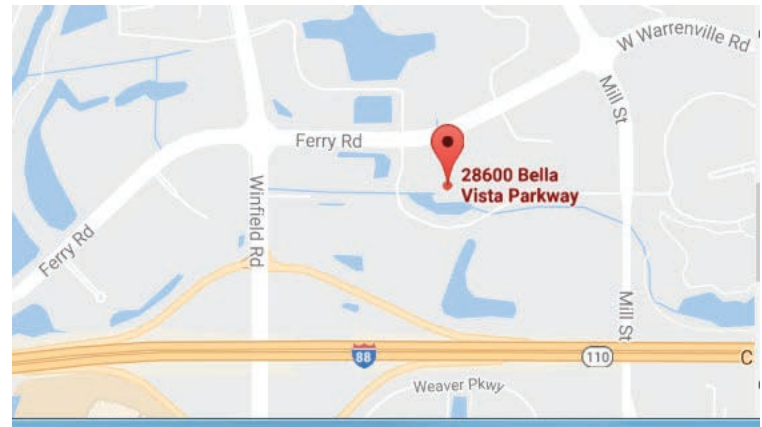
& 105.9 FM, US 99.5 FM, and WJMK 104.3 FM. We know our retirees, members, and contractors are promoting Plumbers 911, but we believe this additional media coverage will be an asset to the success of this program.



New Office Location!

The Aurora Satellite Office has relocated to Warrenville

The Local 130 West Suburban Office is now located at 28600 Bella Vista Parkway, Warrenville. The office is in Suite 2110 in the IBEW Local 701 Union Building just north of I-88 and Winfield Road. This location will be a convenience to our members residing or working in west DuPage, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb counties. You may pay your dues or pick-up referrals at this location as well as our other satellite offices in Joliet and Volo. Business Agents Paul Hinterlong, Jim Mansfield and Charlie Seibert are available for members to meet at this office. If you are in the area, stop by and see the office in this convenient new location!



10th Ward Labor Day Parade



On Saturday, September 3, Local 130 participated in the 10th Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza's Labor Day Parade. We marched with many friends from Labor Organizations as a tribute to Chicago's past, present and future. This day honored Union brothers and sisters who gave their blood, sweat, tears, and sometimes their lives to make an honest wage to support

their families. The Parade kicked off at 103rd and Ewing Avenue and ended at 104th Street. Local 130 proudly walked along with many Building Trades Unions and community organizations. The Labor Day Festival was held at Steelworkers Park located at 87th and Lakeshore Drive and offered a weekend filled with activities, good music, food and drink.

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VS.

DONALD TRUMP

LABOR RIGHTS

Right-to-Work: Clinton opposes Right-to-Work laws and strongly supports collective bargaining rights for workers.

She believes that unions are critical to providing safe, good-paying jobs for workers so they can provide for their families. She has stated time and time again: *"When Unions are strong America is Strong."*

Clinton has vowed that *"labor will always have a champion in the White House and a seat at the table"* if she is president.

Right-to-Work: Trump says, *"I love the right to work"* laws—also known as *"right to work for less"* laws—which drive down wages, undercut worker protections, and have virtually eliminated unions in some states.

Trump has built many of his projects non-union, and has said if he had his choice he would build without unions.

The Republican Party Platform proposes a national right-to-work law.