



# PLUMBERS

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## Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and Christmas with good food, plenty of conversation, and a football game or two. Of course, I have to mention and congratulate our own Chicago Cubs after winning the 2016 World Series. For Plumbers Local 130 the past year, and especially the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, has also been eventful and memorable.

As you know, many of our endorsed candidates were elected including: Local 130 member and Illinois House of Representative John D'Amico, State Senator Thomas Cullerton, Illinois State Senator Melinda Bush, Illinois State Senator Jennifer Bertino-Terrant, Illinois State Representative Frances Hurley, and Illinois State Representative Sam Yingling. Throughout their campaigns, Local 130's business agents and I worked with their campaign agents as political allies. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to our Political Director Michael Tierney. He spent countless hours coordinating the efforts to elect our endorsed candidates in the multiple districts. There were six Saturdays devoted to the

## LOOKING BACK WITH THANKS - AND FORWARD WITH HOPE

Political Action Task Force (PATF) where more than 600 members showed their support as friends of organized labor. I believe the time and effort put forth endorsing representatives who are advocates of union workers is worthwhile and beneficial.

On October 11th our monthly meeting was held in Joliet and on December 13th, we met in Volo. These meetings followed the same agenda for our Apprentices. We started the day with a Joint Apprenticeship Committee trustee meeting at 7:00 a.m. The Apprentices attended three presentations. A representative from OSHA talked about job site safety issues. The Board of Trustees invited Joe Gergley, with his team of financial advisors from Country Financial, to educate our apprentices on their own personal financial planning. Whether you are an apprentice or a retiree, taking advice from experts is a positive step towards securing your future finances. Also, Local 130's Fund Administrator, Joe Ohm gave eligibility information to apprentices on welfare benefits. The November monthly meeting was in Chicago, which hosted our annual "Turkey Raffle."

The new Plumbers Training Center is moving along smoothly and on schedule

thanks to our union contractors. This new training center will preserve our craft, offer security and standards that only a licensed plumber can provide, and assure growth and development while preserving our Plumbing License Law. On page 10 you can see a few current photographs of the construction site and I will continue to keep you updated as this project progresses.

I would like to say thank you to Bob Farrell for his years of service as an officer on the Examining Board. Bob has accepted a different work schedule which conflicts with his duties as an officer.

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*

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### At a Glance . . .

#### Dates to Remember . . .

- Parade Fundraiser, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner - January 26th
- Monthly Membership Meeting, Chicago Hall - February 14th
- Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 11th
- Daylight savings begins - March 12th
- Monthly Membership Meeting, Chicago Hall - March 14th

# November Meeting - "Turkey Raffle"

On November 8th Local 130's monthly meeting was held at the Chicago Hall. Before the meeting, ASSE setup displays for the plumbing industry. Our Hall entertained more than 490 members. Wade Blocker from Birk Plumbing, Inc. was recognized as the UA's #1 Plumbing Apprentice. He received gifts from Local 130 and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Wade commented, "I am grateful for everything - the opportunity to compete and the recognition. I am thankful to Mr. Coyne and Local 130 for their consistent support."

After business was concluded, the raffle began!

## Local 130's Past #1 UA Plumbing Apprentice Winners:

- 2008 - Nick Hahn - A-Plus Plumbing
- 2010 - T.J. Albergo - Great Lakes Plumbing
- 2015 - Brian Lundy - AMS Mechanical Systems
- 2016 - Wade Blocker - Birk Plumbing, Inc.

## Also recognized were Local 130's winners from the 3rd Year Apprentice Contest:

- 1st Place: Johntreal Wright
- 2nd Place: David Mayer
- 3rd Place: Kevin Dolan



Business Manager Jim Coyne and Wade Blocker.



First Place Apprentice Contest Winner Johntreal Wright with Jim Coyne and Bob Abbott of Abbott Industries.



Second Place Apprentice Contest Winner David Mayer with Jim Coyne and Caldwell Plumbing representative Todd Sanders.



Jim Coyne and Local 130's current and past #1 UA Apprentice Winners. Wade Blocker (2016) & wife Krystal, Brian Lundy (2015) and T.J. Albergo (2010). Not pictured is Nick Hahn.



Jim Coyne with Third Place Winner Kevin Dolan and Norman Mechanical representative Jason Noonan.



*Krystal and Wade Blocker.*



*Cliff Bruckner, Marty Bruckner and John Home.*



*Bob Schaab, Jim Coyne, Jim Coyne, Sr. and Mike Tierney.*



*Patrick McCarthy, Kevin Chambers and Joe Stern.*



*Mark Lantz and Queen Erin Mulcahy.*



# Annual Football Smoker Political Action Committee

On Thursday, October 20th Plumbers Local 130 hosted their annual “Bears Football Smoker Political Action Fundraiser” at Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. There were 1,200 tickets available and, as in previous years, all were sold. The Bears didn’t win, but what a game! Everyone enjoyed themselves, met old and new friends, and enjoyed good food.

For the 23rd consecutive year, Speaker of the House Michael Madigan pulled the winning \$10,000.00 ticket.

- **Grand Prize Winner - (\$10,000 - Tom Sommers)**
- **2nd Prize Winner - (\$2,500 - Yolanda Hardy)**
- **With an additional 20 winners receiving \$130.00 each**



*Jim & Michele Coyne.*



*States Attorney Kim Foxx, Parade Queen Erin Mulcahy, Jim Coyne, Senator Cristina Castro, Senator Tom Cullerton, Senator John Mulroe.*



*George McDoniel & Ken Turnquist.*



*Local 281 Eddie Sullivan, Kevin Connolly & UA Int'l Rep. for State of IL Bill Meyers.*



*Marty Healy & Appellant Court Justice James Fitzgerald Smith.*



*Judge Dan Duffy & Judge Anna Loftus with member.*



John Bali-Another Plumbing Company, Brian Kennedy-Gehrett Plumbing and Justo Aranda-member working for Another Plumbing Company.



Jim Coyne, IL Speaker of House Mike Madigan and Mike Tierney.



Jones Richmnd & Sarah Stigler.



Main Hall.



Patrick McCarthy & Queen Erin Mulcahy.



Katie Schuetzner, Mary Claire Reidy, Local 130 retiree Danny Boyle, Illinois State Representative Robert F. Martwick, Queen Erin Mulcahy, Madeline Mitchell and Maura Connors.



Queen Erin Mulcahy with parents, Norah & Tom Mulcahy.



Stephanie Cotey & Matt Spoden, Project Managers with O'Neil.



# RETIREES' LUNCHEON

It was a pleasure seeing more than 225 retirees and family members at the Hall on Tuesday, November 22 for our Retirees' luncheon. Members were recognized for their service years, in five (5) year increments, starting with 25 years of service. A special congratulations to Brother Leonard R. Carter and Brother Joseph F. DeGiorgio who received their 75 year service pins. A special thanks goes to Norm Sidler of National Investment Service, Inc. for sponsoring the luncheon. Joe Gergely from Country Financial attended and spoke about financial planning for retirees. It was a great afternoon and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Winner: Brother Ed Cargill won an iPad that was contributed by Country Financial.

Rosemary Hansen, wife of Brother Bruce Hansen, won a \$500.00 gift certificate.



*Jim Coyne and his father James J. Coyne, Sr. - 68 year member.*



*Nick Marella with William Smith and Craig Campeglia.*



*Patrick Koerner and Rudy Muhalik.*



*Tom and Babe Gilmore and Pat McCarthy.*



*Joe Gergely, Country Financial.*



*Douglas Meyers, George Meyers and Skip Meyers.*



*Bob Walsh, Lil and Dick Morin.*



*Ken Turnquist, John Hunt and Tom Gavin.*



Bob Klees and Tom Durkin.



Country Fin. Rep. Stephanie Southall with member Ed Cargill.



### HONOREE, GEORGE MEYERS

During the Retiree Luncheon, Business Manager Jim Coyne recognized George Meyers, a 70 year member. George was born in 1918 and at the age of 98 is still telling stories of his experiences in World War II, as well as working as a union plumber in Chicago. He said, "I enlisted in the Navy three (3) days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and I was put in a new division called the Seabees. George was in the 1st Battalion and their mission was to clear the land and build air fields in the South Pacific Islands. It was during these years that he welded steel pipe floating on empty 55 gallon drums that brought fuel from ships to shore.

After the war George became a proud Local 130 Union member. He said, "I told the men working with me to stand back and get a better look at the job before doing anything." The Seabees motto is "Can Do!" and George Meyers believed in this motto, especially on the job. As a new plumber, he worked on new and old homes, in the downtown area, and finally spent his last 20 years at the University of Illinois. Some good advice that was given to him and that he passed on many times over the years to younger plumbers, "Don't stutter and don't hiccup if someone offers you work - just say yes - you can do it!" One thing for sure, his son Skip Meyers stated, "My father is not a big fan of plastic pipe."

On October 30, 2016 the Chicago Blackhawks honored George Meyers as a World War II veteran during the National Anthem at their game. This was an incredible tribute that will never be forgotten. It also showed appreciation to the World War II generation and to all service men and women both here and abroad.



George Meyers with his nephew, Douglas Meyers. Doug is a veteran and a retired 46 year Local 130 member.

# Fund Administrator's Office

Dear Members,

As you may be aware, I commenced my tenure as Fund Administrator for the Plumbers Local 130's Benefit Funds on August 1, 2016. My pledge to you is to continue to efficiently administer the first class level of benefits that are available to you and your family members, to provide you with an outstanding level of customer service, and to provide you with timely communication with respect to any changes that occur in your plans of benefits.

Recently, the Board of Trustees made several benefit improvements to the Plumbers Local 130's Welfare Fund. Among the changes are the following:

Effective January 1, 2017

- Less Restrictive Initial Eligibility Requirements

Effective December 1, 2016

- Continued Eligibility Coverage "Lag Time" Reduction
- Increased Home Health Care Benefit

- New Surgical Assistant Coverage
- All Out-of-Network Claims Now Require Pre-Authorization (Active Plan only)

Effective June 1, 2016

- Expanded Coverage for Certain Embryo Storage (Active Plan only)

Effective October 1, 2015

- New Surviving Spouse Death Benefit

The Board of Trustees for the Plumbers Welfare Fund, Local 130 U.A. is pleased to provide these benefit improvements to you. For more details on these benefits or if you have any questions regarding the improvements outlined above, do not hesitate to contact the Fund Office at 312-226-4200.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ohm, Fund Administrator

## Boy Scouts welcomed to Volo's JAC Training Center

On Saturday, December 3rd approximately 40 boy scouts, their troop leaders and a handful of parents came to the Local 130 JAC Training Center in Volo, IL to participate in the Plumbing Merit Badge Program hosted by Plumbers Local 130. The event, coordinated by Instructor in Charge Tom Jennrich, has been very successful with the scouting community. Hundreds of scouts have gone through training over the past five years with many compliments from the scouts, their parents and leaders saying, "This is the best merit badge they've ever attended."

The scouts rotated through working stations that demonstrated and allowed hands on tool use with material identification. The scouts also drew common plumbing systems and practiced at a service station. **Under strict supervision**, scouts did pipe joining using soldered copper tubing and fittings, threaded steel pipes, and solvent welded PVC fittings and pipe.

Instructor Phil Rognich stated, "For me the most exciting part was watching our apprentices train these young scouts. Our students become the teachers and share the many things they have learned in the apprenticeship program."

I appreciate the time and effort taken by the Instructors and these nine volunteers who gave up their Saturday.

Cody Albergo

Greg Anderson

Dave Danciu

Evan Dunlap

Blaine Forsythe

Egon Naab

Bob Pontecore

Luke Portuese

Cameron Marzejon



*Cody Albergo working with Boy Scouts*



*Egon Naab*



*Blaine Forsythe*



# 2017 Educational Scholarships

## STEPHEN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

It is that time of year again when applications for the Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Awards will become available for the sons and daughters of Local 130 U.A. members graduating from high school in the spring of 2017.

If you are interested in applying for the Stephen M. Bailey Scholarship, go to our website, [www.ualocal130.org](http://www.ualocal130.org). The application is posted as a fill-in form. You can also download, complete, and mail the completed application form to:

**Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Committee**  
1340 West Washington Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60607

March 31, 2017 is the deadline date for this year's applications. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Should you have questions, please contact Carol at (312) 421-1010, ext. 112 or via email at [cgiesler@ualocal130.org](mailto:cgiesler@ualocal130.org).

## MWRD - Sloan Valve Co. & Local 130 Water Conservation - Pilot Program

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners announced a water conservation pilot program at the MWRD's main headquarters at 100 E. Erie Street that could save 585,000 gallons of water annually. Sloan Valve Company, a manufacturer specializing in plumbing valves and fixtures, has donated 15 hybrid urinals for use in MWRD's main office. "This technology not only benefits the environment but also the taxpayers of Cook County," said President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

Business Manager Jim Coyne, who attended the press conference stated, "The 15 hybrid urinals will be installed this January

by MWRD Local 130 plumbers, making the MWRD the first unit of local government in Cook County to utilize the technology. Local 130 has been at the forefront of water and gray water conservation issues, and we're proud to support this pilot program."

As mentioned before, our new Training Center is showcasing rainwater harvesting, solar energy and grey water systems. Local 130's Apprentices and Journeymen will be educated and trained with current technology.



*The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners presented a resolution to Chuck Allen (front, second from left), president of Sloan Valve, Jack Darin, director of the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, Margaret Frisbie, executive director of the Friends of the Chicago River, and James Coyne, business manager for Plumbers Local 130, for their support in launching a pilot program at the MWRD that will encourage businesses and operators of government facilities to think about conserving water every time they flush.*

# New Training Center Update



A new era began when the demolition of our 85 year old school began on April 18, 2016. As you can see in these current pictures, the new building is progressing at a steady pace with a scheduled completion date of July 1, 2017.

- Gas and water services are installed.
- The roof materials were installed the week of December 19th.
- Storm and sanitary sewers were installed mid-December.
- Masonry interior walls were scheduled to start mid-December.
- Exterior walls are scheduled to start in early January.
- Electric services will be installed in mid-January.



# Chicago River Turns Cubbie Blue



Even the Chicago River was wearing blue on Friday, November 4 to celebrate the 2016 World Series champion Chicago Cubs. Plumbers Local 130 was asked to dye the Chicago River's downtown area dumping 90 pounds of blue dye into the water before the parade and rally kicked off. The Chicago River definitely had an extra twinkle of Cubbie's blue that day.



\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

Plumbers' JAC Local 130 UA APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Local 130 will accept applications for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program starting TUESDAY, January 24, 2017 through THURSDAY, February 23, 2017:

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.; AND THURSDAYS FROM 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AT BOTH OUR CHICAGO AND JOLIET OFFICES:

1340 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 421-1028

2114 S. I-80 Frontage Rd. Joliet, IL 60436 (312) 421-1028

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 FROM 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. AT OUR VOLO OFFICE:

31855 N. U.S. Hwy 12 Volo, IL 60073 (312) 421-1028

\*REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00 Money Order or Cashier's Check payable to: Plumbers' JAC Local 130 \*\*Optional, if you wish to purchase the Test Taking Tip book for \$10.00, your money order or cashier's check should be in the amount of \$35.00 (no cash, credit cards or personal checks will be accepted)

\*REQUIREMENTS: You must apply in person. You must bring the following items: • Your valid driver's license, • Your Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport, • Your original High School Diploma OR G.E.D. equivalent OR Sealed High School Transcripts • \$25.00 non-refundable application fee

\*QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Must be able to read, write, and speak English. 2. Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. 3. Pass an aptitude test 4. Pass a drug screen 5. Pass a physical 6. Pass an agility test 7. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license

\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Applicants submitting the required documents will be given all the information where and when to appear for the aptitude test (See \*\*above to purchase Test Taking Tips book for \$10.00), drug screen, physical, and physical agility test.

- At the time of indenture you must: • Have a valid Driver's license • Have a reliable form of transportation • Pass a drug test

Affirmative Action Statement Notice of non-discrimination policy as to students

The Trust Fund for Apprentice and Journeyman Education and Training, Local 130 UA and Chicago Journeymen Plumbers' Local Union 130 UA, school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, or sex to all phases of Apprenticeship. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin or sex in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school administered programs.

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## A Parade Invitation To Retirees & Members:

***Plumbers Local 130 is the proud sponsor of Chicago's  
62<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is OUR Parade! Please join us!***

On **Saturday, March 11, 2017** the parade will kick off from Columbus Drive at Balbo North at 12:00 noon. All members and their families can ride in a coach bus from the hall to the parade, coffee and donuts will be at the hall in the morning, and food and refreshments will be at the hall upon your return. Call Marilyn at 312-421-1010, Ext. 122 and put your name on the list. At that time you will receive more information.

For retirees, "Trollies" will take you from the hall to the Parade. You will stay on your trolley through the Parade, and at the end, the trolley will return you to the hall again. Please contact Marilyn at the number listed above to reserve your seat.

