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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

For Plumbers Local 130 the past year has been significant with the opening of the new Chicago Training Center in September, the largest attended Political Fund Football Smoker in October and our ongoing organizing efforts to grow the Local 130 membership. The fourth quarter of 2017 has ended on a positive note and I feel confident that the coming year will be prosperous.

The economic downturn that began a decade ago had a significant impact on the plumbing industry. Many contractors and plumbers left Local 130 due to financial reasons. These non-union shops are a threat to our members' livelihood and success. Our mission is to organize those non-union plumbers and contractors and have them return to the union workforce. The non-union plumbing shops are a legitimate obstacle that needs to be recognized and addressed. Therefore, at the December membership meeting and with the concurrence of the Executive Board, I announced the hiring of two full-time

organizers, Patrick Brooks and Paul Rodriguez with the objective of organizing the non-union plumbers, apprentices and contractors. Both officers are young, energetic and have shown to have outstanding work ethics. Patrick and Paul are working hard along with Bill Matthies and Charlie Seibert to recruit non-union workers and contractors.

The JAC Trustees continue to be focused on attracting the best apprentice applicants as shown during the recent application sign-up. A television commercial aired on ABC-7 for six weeks during the daytime news, late-night talk show with Jimmy Kimmel, and Wheel of Fortune. This commercial informed interested candidates on the apprentice application process, as well as educate the listener about the hands-on education a union apprentice is currently receiving. The objective was to strengthen our Training Center's apprentice program by promoting the benefits of a union apprentice through the media.

In addition, the JAC Trustees have hired Dr. Robert Bruno, Professor of Labor and Employment Relations from the University of Illinois to oversee a two-phase survey for current apprentices and contractors. The purpose is to internally gather facts and data about our current educational

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program offered at the Training Center. The objective is to have the best educational program by training apprentices in plumbing for our signatory contractors.

In closing, I want to emphasize the importance of being an active union member by being involved in union activities above and beyond attending membership meetings. The Political Action Task Force (PATF) will begin in February and March to support labor friendly politicians for the March 20th Primary. On March 17th, we will again be hosting the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade and Dyeing of the Chicago River and will need plenty of volunteers. At the April 10th meeting, the June 1st, 2018 wage and benefit allocation (\$2.10) will be presented to the membership for concurrence. We will succeed and thrive based on how each and every member participates and supports Plumbers 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 . . .

- PATF - Saturday, March 10th
- Daylight Saving Time Begins - March 11th
- Monthly Membership Meeting, Chicago Hall - March 13th, 6:00 p.m.
- Local 130's St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 17th
- PRIMARY ELECTION: REMINDER TO VOTE - 1st Day of Spring - March 20th

Annual Football Smoker Political Action Committee

On Sunday, October 15th Plumbers Local 130 hosted their annual “Bears Football Smoker Political Action Fundraiser” at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. There were 1,200 tickets available and, as in previous years, all were sold. The Bears didn’t win, but it was a great game! Everyone enjoyed themselves, met old and new friends, and had plenty to eat.

For the 24th consecutive year, Speaker of the House Michael Madigan pulled the winning \$10,000.00 ticket. Congratulations to:

- **Grand Prize Winner (\$10,000 - Brackenbox, Inc.)**
- **2nd Prize Winner (\$2,500 - Pat Brady)**
- **With an additional 20 winners, each receiving \$130.00**



Business Manager Jim Coyne & IL State Representative John D'Amico.



Guests from Chicago's "Women Build Nations Convention".





From left: Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, Trea Duerson, Senator Cristina Castro, Illinois State Representative John D'Amico, Queen's Court Madeline Kaye Mitchell, Business Manager Jim Coyne, 2017 St. Patrick's Day Queen Maura Connors, Queen's Court Mary Claire Reidy, and Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan.

From right: Jim Coyne, Sr., Business Manager Jim Coyne, Mary Birmingham, Michele Scaccia-Coyne and Gerry Coyne.

November Meeting "Turkey Raffle"

On Wednesday, November 8th Plumbers Local 130's monthly meeting was held at the Chicago Hall. However prior to the meeting, at the new Training Center, vendors setup displays for the annual American Society of Sanitary Engineers Products Show (ASSE). These displays showed the most current plumbing components that are recommended to ensure the reliability and safety of plumbing systems. Then, our members went to the Hall where more than 570 members were welcomed.

Cody Albergo from Great Lakes Plumbing was recognized as Local 130's #1 Plumbing Apprentice. The State of Illinois competition will be in March 2018. Cody commented, "Thanks to all the instructors at the Chicago school and to my family for the help they have given me up to this point. I can't wait for the upcoming contests. I know we can do it!"

- 1st Place:** Cody Albergo
- 2nd Place:** Robert Welcome
- 3rd Place:** Jeremy Kosik
- 4th Place - 8 winners**
 - Roger Baird John Rogljacin
 - Matthew Foote Todd Schulz
 - Justin Kazich Patrick Sumrall
 - Adam Pavur Kenneth Tuxford



Business Manager Jim Coyne, Plumbers Local 130's Third Place Apprentice Contest Winner Jeremy Kosik, Johns Plumbing & Heating owner Bill Johns and JAC Training Director Jim Majerowicz.



Left: Anthony Albergo, Jason Albergo, Cody Albergo, Scott Albergo, Joe Albergo.



Business Manager Jim Coyne, Great Lakes Plumbing President Justin Tretelaar, Plumbers Local 130's 1st Place Apprentice Contest Winner Cody Albergo and JAC Training Director Jim Majerowicz.



Business Manager Jim Coyne, Aalders Plumbing Services Wayne Zonca, Plumbers Local 130's 2nd Place Apprentice Contest Winner Robert Welcome and JAC Training Director Jim Majerowicz.



Plumbers Local 130's 4th Place Apprentice Contest Winners with Business Manager Jim Coyne and JAC Training Director Jim Majerowicz.



Retirees' Luncheons Dedicated "To Our Veterans"

Plumbers Local 130's Chicago, Volo and Joliet locations hosted retiree luncheons that honored all veterans. Chicago welcomed 225 guests and gave special recognition to 61 veterans, on December 7th Pearl Harbor Day. Volo welcomed 102 guests and gave special recognition to 27 veterans. And finally in Joliet, 73 guests were welcomed and gave special recognition to 13 veterans. There were two guest speakers from Honor Flight Chicago, a non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices.

Honor Flight Chicago's CEO and Co-Founder, Ms. Mary Pettinato told the story of her father's regret. He said, "I wish I had gone to the Washington D.C. Memorial that was built for me and the ones we left behind." Mary had an idea to make this wish a reality for veterans. The first Honor Flight took place on June 11, 2008 and 65 veterans were invited. Ten years later, 7,436 World War II Veterans have made the trip. Mary said, "It was an honor and privilege to speak at the luncheons. Plumbers Local 130 is helping to honor senior war veterans."

Army Private First Class Irv Abramson also spoke of his military experiences and of Honor Flight Chicago. He is a recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, French Legion of Honor Ribbon, and the Presidential Unit Citation. Needless to say, in all three Union Halls, Mr. Abramson received a standing ovation.

Three retired members of Plumbers Local 130, Jim Dunne, John Glassford and Dick Morin have participated in Honor Flight Chicago. In 2018, Plumbers Local 130 will sponsor three veterans. Applications are being accepted for World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans. Contact www.honorflightchicago.org or call 773-227-8387 for more information.

At the Chicago luncheon Miguel Zarate from Marquette Associates gave an overview of the pension portfolio, and proudly stated, "Plumbers Local 130's Pension assessment is over 1 BILLION." At all the luncheon locations Joe Olm, Fund Administrator, reviewed benefit improvements that took effect in June 2017. Also, a representative from Silver Sneakers Fitness reminded retirees, as members, they are entitled to use facilities free of charge.



Business Manager Jim Coyne, Honor Flight Founder Mary Pettinato and Army Private First Class Irv Abramson.



72-year member Jim Dunne, and recipient of Honor Flight.



72-year member Dick Morin, and recipient of Honor Flight.



Midwest Plumbing Contractors Association Announces "2018" Hall of Fame Inductees



John Bojan

"I am privileged and blessed to receive this recognition. My family and I are grateful to the Plumbing Contractors Association."



James Smith

"As I've told everyone, after 44 years, I must have done something right. This is the highest honor, and I am very humbled as a recipient."

Congratulations to John Bojan, retired Plumbers Local 130 UA Pension Fund Administrator; James P. Smith, past President of C.J. Erickson Plumbing Company; and Charles S. Allen, Executive Chairman of Sloan Valve Company as the PCA Midwest 2018 Hall of Fame inductees. These men were chosen because of their personal commitment, professional dedication, ingenuity, and passion that improve the plumbing industry.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE CHICAGO AREA PLUMBERS

City of Chicago Plumbing License Test

Upcoming City of Chicago Plumbing License and Plumbing Practical Tests:

Exam Title	Exam Date	Sign-up Deadline
WRITTEN	June 13, 2018	May 18, 2018
WRITTEN	October 17, 2018	September 21, 2018
PRACTICAL	April 7, 2018	March 23, 2018
PRACTICAL	August 18, 2018	July 20, 2018
PRACTICAL	December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018

Pension and Welfare Benefit Office

By: JOSEPH OHM, FUND ADMINISTRATOR

With the New Year upon us, I would like to take an opportunity to remind you of certain changes to your Plan of Benefits. The following changes went into effect January 1, 2018:

Active Medical Plan of Benefits:

1. Increased Weekly Accident or Sickness Benefit

The Schedule of Benefits and Section 4.3 currently provides eligible employees to receive \$300 per week for up to 52 weeks during a period of being unable to work in Covered Employment due to an accident or sickness. Effective January 1, 2018, the weekly amount is increased to \$400.

Retiree Medical Plan of Benefits:

1. New Hearing Aid Benefit:

Effective January 1, 2018, the Retiree Medical Fund will provide the following hearing care benefit:

- Hearing Examinations- Up to \$125.00 with a limit of one examination in any 12-month period.
- Hearing Aids- Up to \$1,500.00 with a limit of one hearing aid instrument in any 60- month period. (Unless Bilateral Hearing aids are determined to be Medically Necessary by the Fund's Medical Advisor, in which case the benefit is \$3,000.00.)

2. Increased Initial Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Coverage:

Effective January 1, 2018, the Retiree Medical Fund will cover 100% of up to \$1,500 (up from \$500) for Medically Necessary DME, plus 80% of the Reasonable and Customary Charges or Fees of a PPO provider exceeding \$1,500.00. If the cost of any

equipment or device exceeds \$1,500.00, the acquisition must be approved in advance by the Trustees (or the Plan's Medical Advisor). The Plan will pay 70% of the Reasonable and Customary Charges or Fees of a non-network provider.

3. New Erectile Dysfunction Medication Coverage:

Effective January 1, 2018, the Retiree Medical Fund will cover up to six (6) pills per month to treat erectile dysfunction, subject to a 50% coinsurance payment.

Retiree Medical Plan – Plan Document and Summary Plan Description

Recently, a revised Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the Retiree Medical Plan of the Plumbers' Welfare Fund Local 130, U.A. was mailed to all Participants in the Plan.

The Plan Document and Summary Plan Description is a description of the Welfare benefits that are available to participants as of June 1, 2017. It outlines such items as the benefits that are available to you under the Plan, eligibility rules for participating in the Plan, and explains your rights under the Plan as a Retiree and the rights of your eligible Spouse.

If you are a participant in the Retiree Medical Plan, please read this booklet carefully and acquaint yourself with the Welfare benefits that are available to you under the Retiree Medical Plan.

If you have any questions regarding the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description, please contact the Fund Office at (312) 226-4200 and the Welfare Department Representatives will be happy to assist you.

Reminders from the Union Office

By: KEN TURNQUIST, FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER

The following are just a few items that members may not know . . .

Job Referrals – Journeymen are allowed to find their own jobs with a signatory contractor. However, it is a requirement of the Collective Bargaining Agreement that a member must get a job referral from the Union Hall before starting work at that contractor/employer even if you are returning to a previous employer. You may wonder why this is necessary. It is because employers are required to secure a bond to insure your wages and benefits. The amount of the bond is determined by the number of plumbers/technical engineers working for a contractor. It is very important that members sign a referral so that the Union can determine if an employer is properly bonded and thereby protect your wages and benefits. You can request a job referral by calling a business agent at (312) 421-1010, ext. 114.

Certifications and Continuing Education (CE) - Please inform the Union of all certifications and/or continuing education (CE) classes you take outside of the Plumbers 130 JAC program. It is especially important to report your 4-Hour Plumber CE class. The Collective Bargaining Agreement requires that all certifications and CE classes be printed on the job referrals.

Membership Cards: Many times members have lost their original UA Membership card or Local 130 ID. If this has happened to you, stop by one of the Local 130 Offices to have the card replaced. There are assigned codes on each card and used by our scanners for attendance. If you had a card replaced and subsequently find your original card, please return the original card to the Union Office and do not use it for meeting or school attendance. By not using the most recently issued card, our scanning system will not recognize the card and cause a delay in the scanning process. Please return any "found" membership or ID card to the Union office.

Social Security Disability Dues Assistance: Any member who receives Social Security Disability benefits may be entitled for membership dues assistance. If you are receiving Social Security Disability benefits, please contact me at the Union Office to discuss your eligibility for help with your monthly dues payment.

If you have any questions or require assistance with a membership matter, please contact the Union Office at (312) 421-1010, prompt 3.

2017's Women Build Nations Conference

This conference was co-hosted by Chicago Women in Trades and North America's Building Trades Unions from October 13th through the 15th at McCormick Place. Over 2,000 Tradeswomen from all over the world represented their trade. The women of Plumbers Local 130 participated in panel discussions, led workshops, gave presentations, and volunteered. It was an interactive, informative and inspiring weekend that offered an opportunity to learn from and connect with other tradeswomen. UA Members Laura Biggie and Raymond Boyd stated how impressed they were by Local 130 members.

On Friday evening, October 13th, Business Manager Jim Coyne, several officers, and the women of Plumbers Local 130 welcomed to the JAC Training Center over a hundred UA sisters from around the United States and Canada with a reception and tour of the new facility. Cristina Barillas, Lolita Hughes, and Sara Stigler have made this happen through their consistent effort to promote and identify women in trades.

"We were especially proud to kickoff this year's conference with our new Training Center. Everyone was impressed."

Cristina Barillas, Local 130 - Chicago

"Unbelievable work stations - hands on!"

Doreen Cannon, Local 55 - Cleveland, Ohio



A "Plumber" You Should Know

If you know a plumber who should be recognized for something or has an interesting story to tell, please contact Carol Giesler, Executive Assistant to Business Manager Jim Coyne at cgiesler@ualocal130.org or (312) 421-1010 ex. 112.

Douglas Meyers is a military veteran of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers (1966-1969). Doug started with Plumbers Local 130 in 1970 and retired in 2009. Along with hunting, fishing, competition pistol shooting, and teaching pistol shooting as a Certified NRA Pistol instructor, Doug discovered the unique hobby of making toy metal (lead) soldiers and props.

In 1993 Doug got the molds from an elderly gentleman in Wisconsin. This man had enjoyed making small metal soldiers for 35 years, but lost his eyesight. He taught Doug the technique from start to finish. Doug stated, "This hobby is one from the past, which very few people know about any more. It takes hours of patience. The finished product is a reminder of warriors who fought for freedom and should not be forgotten."

Doug recycles the old lead from the lead water services and old lead joints. One pound of tin to every nine pounds of lead is mixed together, which makes the lead stable. Once the lead is melted, it can be poured into individual molds and then set aside for cooling. After the molding is completed, each piece must be trimmed, cut, filed and sanded by hand. Clothes are painted on each figure and dried in a special unit. Then the intricate detailing begins, and again the figure is left to dry for 24 hours. The final coat of gloss



Douglas Meyers

lacquer is applied, and the figures are set-aside for two days. It takes approximately four hours of hands-on work per figure. The toy lead soldiers are 2.25" to 3" tall and considered 1:32 scale.

These toy metal (lead) soldiers are neither for sale, nor toys for children; but are display collectibles only. Historically, toy soldiers have been collected since the time of the Pharaohs made from wood, stone, clay and metal. Winston Churchill and H.G. Wells can be seen in old photographs with little armies of toy soldiers on their rugs and lawns. Doug currently has a collection of 800-toy metal lead soldiers and props. Several of the sets are posted on his Flickr site for viewing. <https://www.flickr.com/people/138024661@N03> (Items here are not for sale.)

"Who would have thought after all these years," said Doug, "that the old lead water services would be turned into historical military collectible figures."



2018 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 2018.

If you are interested in applying for the Stephen M. Bailey Scholarship, go to our website, 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, 2018 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.

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A Parade Invitation To Retirees & Members:

***Plumbers Local 130 is the proud host of their 63rd Annual
St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is OUR Parade! Please join us!***

On **Saturday, March 17, 2018** 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 312-421-1010, prompt #3 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 call the number listed above to reserve your seat.

If you are interested in being a "parade volunteer," please contact Patrick McCarthy, Parade Marshal at 312-421-1010 Ext. 115.