



PLUMBERS

LOCAL 130 U.A.

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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

LIVING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC – THE CURRENT NORM

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Plumbers Local 130 UA reports these past several months have been busy and productive while Covid-19 continues to threaten us. I am hoping you and your family members are staying safe by wearing masks, washing your hands and maintaining social distancing. While social distancing affects our members at jobsites, please be ever mindful by adhering to rules and safety regulations set by the CDC.

My sincere congratulations to our President Elect Joe Biden and Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris. It is with great pride that Local 130 looks forward to these next four years.

President Elect Biden is proposing plans to grow a stronger, more inclusive middle class – the backbone of the American economy – by strengthening public and private sector unions and helping all workers bargain successfully for what they warrant.

In addition to our congratulations to President Elect Joe Biden, take note of the seven individuals below – this indicates how Plumbers Local 130 UA has always been politically active on a local level as an investment in our futures.

Congratulations to Brother John D'Amico on his continuation as a Member of the Illinois House of Representatives. John has been representing the 15th District since November 2004. Brother D'Amico is our own Director of Political Affairs and was instrumental in the 2020 election. D'Amico stated, "I would like to thank James F. Coyne and the volunteers that came out

on our Political Action Days. Because of our efforts, WE MADE A DIFFERENCE. The races we were in were very, very close."

Congratulations to Brother J. Omar Williams, Member of the Illinois House of Representatives D-10th since 2019.

Meg Loughran Cappel – Illinois State Senate 49th District assumes office for the first time on January 13, 2021.

Karina Villa – Illinois State Senator 25th District, who was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives representing District 49 elected to that office on November 6, 2018 through January 13, 2021.

Maura Hirschauer – Illinois State Representative 49th District and assumes office for the first time on January 13, 2021.

Janet Yang Rohr – Illinois House of Representatives 41st District and assumes office for the first time on January 13, 2021.

Joyce Mason – Illinois House of Representatives 61st District and has served since January 9, 2019.

John D'Amico stated, "Again I want to thank James F. Coyne for his leadership and to all the volunteers for helping out."

Plumbers Local 130 did not host the annual Chicago Bears Football Smoker. Instead, we are excited to announce that the 27th Annual Raffle did take place and the lucky winners were announced on December 8th. See page 2 for the list of winners.

A thank you to Jay Lyon, Executive Director of the West Suburban Association of Plumbing Contractors (WSA), who in-

vited me as a returning Guest Speaker to their CEO Camp to discuss the "State of the Union."

The CEO Camp is an annual WSA signature educational event. I shared perspectives on the state of the industry, the impact of COVID-19, and the developments in Chicago's Department of Buildings with the new Commissioner Matthew Beaudet.

This is traditionally referred to as the "State of the Union," which reports on the affiliation between contractors and plumbers. WSA President Justin Treutelaar stated, "Having Business Manager James Coyne address our members each year during CEO Camp is invaluable. We appreciate the opportunity to have productive discussions outside of the workplace and it is a great way to hear updates with respect to ongoing projects, developments with the Union, and more."

Please read this newsletter for current updates and information concerning Local 130 UA. We are able to continue to succeed and thrive predicated on how every one of our members participate and support Plumbers Local 130. Stay safe, be healthy and as always, I wish you prosperity and happiness.

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne

Twenty-Seventh Annual Football Raffle

This year's Football Smoker looked a lot different than last year's event. We weren't able to socialize and watch a football game together, but we were happy to announce that we did have our raffle and picked the winners at the December Membership Meeting on December 8, 2020.



Kari McClowry, our 2020 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Queen, pulled the winning tickets.

First Place Winner of \$10,000.00

- MICHELLE RAINES

Second Place Winner of \$2,500.00

- TOM BRENNAN

Third Place Winners of \$100.00 - (15)

- Jeff Ambrose
- Wayne Crew
- Johnna & Jones Richmond
- Taylor Plumbing, Inc.
- Nicholas Pecora
- Jim Riemer
- Jenn Rottman
- UAW Local 551
- Waumel Gibson
- Ann McGuire
- Joe Normoyle
- Greg Daly
- Price Dobernick
- 281 PAC Fund
- Dupage County Building Trades

Authentic Autographed Blackhawks Hockey Stick of the 2019-2020 Team

- Won by Nick Cusumano

White Sox Pitcher Lucas Giolito's Number 27 Jersey and ticket to his no-hitter game on August 25, 2020

- Won by Jamie Schultz

Thank you to all of you that purchased tickets to support Local 130's Political Action Committee.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Membership Meetings
 - See website for updated information
- Rebuilding Metro Chicago
 - Rescheduled. New date to be determined
- Plumber Local 130's 125th Year Celebration - Postponed

Pension and Welfare Benefit Office

By: JOSEPH OHM, FUND ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Members:

I want to take this opportunity to advise you of a few improvements to the Welfare Plan that were recently approved by the Board of Trustees and keep you informed of various activities sponsored by the Plumbers' Welfare Fund for our Participants.

New – Lasik Surgery Benefit

Effective June 1, 2020, Lasik surgery has been added as a benefit for covered employees and their dependents under the Active and Retiree Welfare Plans, each plan will cover Lasik surgery treatment for up to \$1,000.00 in an individual's lifetime. You can find a LASIK provider in your area by following this link: <https://www.lasikplus.com/>

New – Coverage of Service Provided by Certified Nurse Midwives

Effective June 1 2020, the Active Plan will cover inpatient services provided by a Certified Nurse Midwife who is licensed to practice by the State of Illinois. Specifically, the Active Plan will cover 100% of the first \$2000.00 plus 90% of all amounts exceeding \$2000.00 from a PPO Provider. The Active Plan will pay 70% of the reasonable and customary fees or charges for covered expenses provided by a non-PPO provider.

EXTENDED!! Temporary In-Service Distribution for Coronavirus-Related Reasons

Initially the Board of Trustees offered this temporary benefit between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 but now has extended this benefit to further assist you. Effective November 15, 2020 through December 30, 2020, Plan Participants may receive a coronavirus-related distribution if:

- The Participant, the Participant's spouse, or the Participant's dependent is diagnosed with SARs-CoV-2 or COVID-19 by a test approved by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention;
- The Participant experiences adverse financial consequences as a result of:
 1. The Participant, the Participant's spouse or member of the Participant's household being quarantined because of SARs-CoV-2 or COVID-19;
 2. The Participant, the Participant's spouse or member of the Participant's household being laid off or furloughed or having work hours reduced or a reduction in pay (or self-employment income) or having a job offer rescinded or start date for a job delayed because of SARs-CoV-2 or COVID-19;
 3. The Participant, the Participant's spouse or member of the Participant's household being unable to work due to lack of childcare because of SARs-CoV-2 or COVID-19; or

4. Closing or reducing hours of a business owned or operated by the Participant, the Participant's spouse or member of the Participant's household because of SARs-CoV-2 or COVID-19.

You will be required to certify on the application form(s) provided by the Fund Office that your request for a coronavirus-related distribution meets the applicable requirements. The Fund Office may request additional information to support your certification.

You may receive up to three (3) coronavirus-related distributions between November 15, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The total combined limit of coronavirus-related distributions you may receive is \$75,000.00 (assuming you have this amount available in your Plan account). For example, a request for \$28,000 could be made on November 20th, a second request for \$30,000 could be made on December 5th, but the third and final request would need to be made by December 30th and for no more than \$17,000 (for a combined total of \$75,000.)

You have the option to repay all or part of the coronavirus-related distribution (this is not a loan, there is no interest tied to the repayments) at any time during the 3-year period beginning on the date after you receive the distribution. Repayments may be made in any amount or frequency of your choosing.

Drive-Thru Vaccination Fairs

On three successive Saturdays in November 2020, the Plumbers' Welfare Fund held Drive-Thru Vaccination Fairs in Chicago (11/7), Joliet (11/14) and Volo (11/21). Each location offered Flu, Shingles and Pneumonia vaccinations for our members, spouses and their dependent children. The Vaccination Fairs were a tremendous success with 72 members receiving a total of 100 vaccinations in Chicago, 71 members receiving a total of 90 vaccinations in Joliet and 87 members receiving a total of 119 vaccinations in Volo.

Each year the Plumbers' Welfare Fund offers free vaccinations to our membership. In total 230 individuals received a total of 309 vaccinations! Please take advantage of the Wellness benefits that are available to our Membership through the Plumbers' Welfare Fund. In addition, please keep in mind that the Plumbers' Wellness Center in Lemont offers numerous vaccines throughout the year including Flu, Pneumonia, Shingles, Varicella (Chicken Pox), MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), Hepatitis B, Meningococcal (Meningitis), Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) and Dtap (same as Tdap but for children under age 7). Remember to contact the Wellness Center at 312-421-1016 to make an appointment for your vaccinations at any time throughout the year.

General Office Information

By: *KEN TURNQUIST, FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER*

The United Association will hold its 40th Convention in San Diego, California from August 22nd through August 27th, 2021. Since the UA Constitution requires the credentials of Convention Delegates and Alternates to be filed with them at least (90) days prior to the date of the Convention, they have exercised their authority to require all Local Unions with an election of officers scheduled for June 2021 to advance the election to March 2021. Therefore, Local 130 will be holding our Officers, Delegate and Alternate Delegates, nominations at the February 2021 Union meeting, and the vote at the March Union meeting. (A special notice will be mailed to the membership accordingly)

Per the UA Constitution:

Eligibility for Office in Local Unions

SEC. 121. No member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union unless he shall be a journeyman member and shall have been a member of the United Association and the Local Union in good standing for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election.

Delegates and Alternates

SEC. 17. No member shall be eligible as a Delegate or Alternate unless he shall have been a good standing member of the Local Union which he is to represent for at least the two (2) continuous years previous to his election and he remains in good standing from the date of his election through the period of the convention.

Last April, Local 130 joined with the UA to help members who were directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic be carrying window dues. The dues carry initiative was available to those members who worked less than 40 hours in a respective month. The following represents the extent of the dues carry initiative by month offered:

- April – 248 members
- May – 701 members
- June – 481 members
- July – 309 members

Construction of Joliet's New Training Center Underway

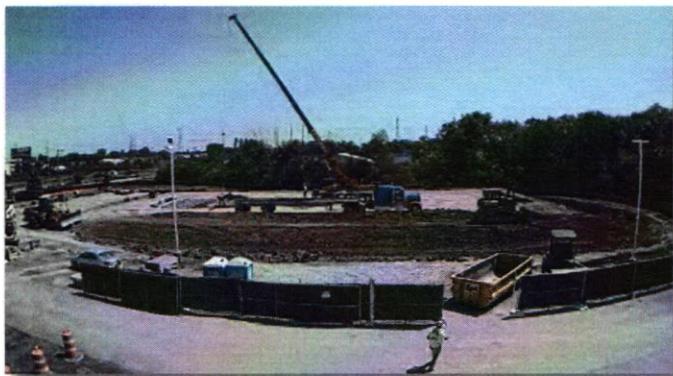


Photo taken August 20, 2020



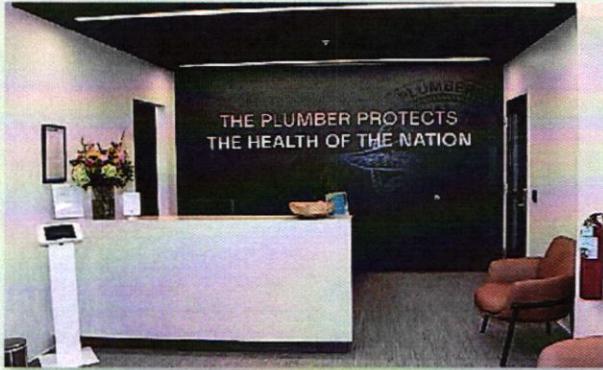
Photo taken November 23, 2020

The 33,000 square foot building is making progress. The anticipated date of completion is early summer of 2021.

Since this state-of-the-art training facility has been designed after the Chicago location it will also feature solar technology, grey water and rain water harvesting. This new facility will continue to pave the way for current and future apprentices to be the best in our industry by offering them the most advanced training possible.

New Hours for Wellness Center

- Effective November 2, 2020 -



The NEW - WELLNESS CENTER hours are as follows:

Monday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Tuesday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Effective Monday, November 2, 2020, the Wellness Center has adjusted their hours to better meet the needs of our members and their families.

The Wellness Center is now taking appointments for the Flu, Pneumonia and Shingle shots. Call to schedule your appointment today at 312-421-1016.

Here are some exciting promotions that will be offered at the Wellness Center for all Local 130 members and their families.

- January is Annual Physical Month. For anyone that completes their physical in January will be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 Visa gift card.
- February we are honoring Heart Health Month. Anyone that comes into the Wellness Center for a blood pressure check will be entered to win an automatic blood pressure cuff. There will be two winners.
- March Dr. Trevor will host a Zoom meeting to discuss healthy lifestyle habits. Anyone that calls in to view, will be entered to win a KitchenAid Blender.



The VISION CENTER hours will remain the same.

They are as follows:

Monday and Friday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday 10 AM – 7:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (2nd Saturday of each month)

Is your spouse working from home during COVID? Is your child e-learning during the pandemic? Our eyes are not designed to be staring at a blue light source 20 inches from our face. This is the COVID world in which we now live.

The largest source of blue light is the sun. For millions of years, our bodies have used the benefits of blue light at sunrise to wake. With the advent of artificial light, new blue light sources emerged in the form of fluorescent lighting, computers and hand-held devices which emit high-energy visible light. While only emitting a fraction of the blue light radiated by the sun, it has been proven that these artificial light sources can have an impact on restful sleep and cause digital eye strain. This is one of the reasons our doctors advocate device avoidance two hours before bed. If work/life balance does not allow for this luxury, we recommend the use of blue light protective lenses during computer use. Do not be fooled by poor quality options available from Amazon. Make an appointment at the Local 130 UA Vision Center. Use your eye care benefits to get the best protection for you and your family during these challenging times.

Though your excellent union benefits cover all or the majority of this protection, we will be taking an additional **\$50.00 off** of your blue light protective glasses from now until the end of February to help protect you and your family. Stay safe and be well.



The Wellness Center would like to congratulate Brian Pietryk, son of member Jeffrey Pietryk. He is the July School Sports Physical winner. Layla Mclloyd daughter of member Demetrius Mclloyd from Caldwell Plumbing is September's winner. (Not pictured August's winner Guinevere Serrano-Paredes).

Plumbers Local 130 Apprentice Program Celebrated National Apprenticeship Week

On Friday, November 13th the Plumbers Local 130 Apprentice Program celebrated National Apprenticeship week with a virtual tour of our state-of-the-art Chicago Training Center. You were able to join the celebration via Zoom to see our apprentices in training with an inside view of our hands-on classrooms, shop and work areas – all with the tools and equipment our plumbers use every day on the job. 50 people signed up in advance to take advantage of the virtual tour. The tour peaked so much interest that there were over 99 questions asked in the one hour presentation.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Local 130 will be accepting online applications soon into the apprenticeship program for 2021. Please check their website for further information at www.jac130.org. (Click on training at the top of the page, click plumbers in the drop down box and click become an apprentice.) All information will be posted there.

2021 Educational Scholarships

STEPHEN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

It is that time of year again when applications for the Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Awards are available for the sons and daughters of Local 130 UA members graduating from high school in the spring of 2021.

If you would like to apply for the Stephen M. Bailey Scholarship, go to our website, www.ualocal130.org, click on ABOUT US, on the drop down box click on SCHOLARSHIP. The application is posted as a fill-in form. You can also download and when completed, mail the application form to:

Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Committee
1340 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607
Attn: Lisa Oakes

March 31, 2021 is the deadline date for this year's applications. They will not be accepted after this date. Should you have questions, please contact Lisa at (312) 421-1010, ext. 112 or via email at loakes@ualocal130.org.

Note: Each year, various union, plumbing and construction related organizations make educational scholarships available to union members and their families. Please go to our website, click on scholarships for detailed information.



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Drive-Thru Vaccination Fairs A Huge Success!!

Whether you were at Chicago, Joliet or Volo, you experienced how easy it was to receive vaccinations without getting out of your vehicle. The vaccination fair offered Flu, Shingles and Pneumonia shots to members and their families in November.

A total of 230 members and their families attended the fair and 309 vaccinations were administered.

Did you know? *presented by*

Many members of Plumbers Local 130 UA are worried about saving for college for their kids and saving for their future. Actually, you can do both.

It may require additional savings, trimming expenses, working longer, or a hybrid-retirement where part-time employment is part of the solution. As with most of life's important goals, it's about time, setting priorities and balancing a multitude of choices.

People who reach their goals rarely do it alone. To learn more about putting together a plan for improving your financial wellness and balancing your future goals, contact your **COUNTRY Financial District Office at 815-744-2241** or call your local representative today.

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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	Exam Title	Exam Date	Sign-up Deadline
PRACTICAL	April 10, 2021	March 15, 2021	WRITTEN	January 20, 2021	November 30, 2020
			WRITTEN	June 9, 2021	May 11, 2021

Note: See additional information on Plumbers Local 130 website: www.ualocal130.org under "Training."

PLUMBERS LOCAL 130 OFFICE INFORMATION

CHICAGO OFFICE:

1340 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60607
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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Wednesday and Friday
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Thursday

WARRENVILLE OFFICE:

28600 Bella Vista Pkwy., Ste. 2110, Warrenville, Illinois 60555
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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

JOLIET OFFICE:

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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

VOLO OFFICE:

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