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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was a year ago that we ceased publication of the *Plumbers Quarterly* tabloid newspaper, largely a cost-cutting decision. Since then we have thought about alternative ways to keep members informed. Upon listening to our members and after much review we have implemented this new periodical, planned as a quarterly publication. It will begin taking on the job of communicating with our members. The new newsletter will focus exclusively on news related to the members of Plumbers Local 130, U.A. For starters, copies will arrive in the mailboxes of our retirees. We rely on our website as a news source. Digital copies of each issue will be posted online at www.ualocal130.org. Anyone will be able to download or view the newsletter online. We realize that not everyone will want a paper copy in their already overcrowded mailbox, and we want to manage the union's funds responsibly and efficiently. However, any active member who would like to get on the mailing list for a printed paper newsletter may do so by sending an email to: generaloffice@ualocal130.org.

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We Are One!

Consolidation of Locals 93, 501 & 130 Completed

Business Manager James Coyne has announced that the consolidation of former UA Local 93 and Local 501 with Plumbers Local 130 has been successfully completed. Some 1,700 plumbers from both former locals have joined the ranks of Local 130. Active and retired members are receiving the benefits they are entitled to, and all individual funds have been combined under one roof. New Collective Bargaining Agreements have been negotiated with all respective employer associations.

The consolidation was a huge task that also brought Chicago Pipefitters Local 597 into the equation as the new home of

pipefitters from Local 501, which covered DuPage, Kendall, Kane & DeKalb counties to the west. Local 93, whose territory encompassed Lake & McHenry counties to the North, was exclusively for plumbers. The addition of these 1,700 new members increased Local 130 membership to over 5,800, making it one of largest straight-line UA locals.

The year-and-a-half-long consolidation process, which began in early 2013, demanded planning, communication and coordination between Local union

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Retired plumbers gather to hear Business Manager James Coyne explain benefits package enhancements after the recent consolidation and negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement. Similar lunches were also held in June for retirees at offices in Aurora and Volo, IL. (Also see pages 4-5.)

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New Three-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement Signed

A new three-year, area-wide Collective Bargaining Agreement was completed in the spring and ratified by Local 130 members at the May 13 meeting. It covers all work done for more than 300 signatory contractors in the expanded Local 130, UA jurisdiction. They include the Plumbing Contractors Association of Chicago and Cook County (PCA), the

West Suburban Association of Plumbing Contractors (WSA), and the Kankakee and Iroquois Counties Plumbing and Piping Contractors Association (K&ICP&PCA).

The three-year Agreement, which began June 1, 2014, will add \$6.01 to the wage and benefit package of Local 130 plumbers.

The first year's increase is \$2.01 with \$2.00 per hour increases in the second and third years.

The new Agreement also made important changes to various funds that support Local 130 member benefits. For example, Plumbers 401(k) contributions are no longer deducted from paychecks. While existing 401(k) accounts will be maintained separately, members will now have \$1.00 per hour automatically deposited in a new Defined Contribution Plan (D.C.). The new D.C. plan will work in tandem with the regular Defined Benefit Pension Plan to better help plumbers prepare for a comfortable retirement. Helping to grow the new D.C. plan is money that is being re-allocated from the decommissioned Group Legal Fund.

The Welfare Plan saw a \$0.65 increase that will benefit both active and retired members. A new Political Action Fund was created, which will receive \$0.05 per hour and will be used to elect and re-elect government leaders who will help protect the plumbing license laws in Chicago and Illinois and the rights of working people. This voluntary deduction requires a signed authorization form from each member. Pick up an authorization form, if needed, from any Local 130 office or business agent from your job site. In the near future, the authorization form may also be downloaded on the Web at www.ualocal130.org. The Political Action Fund will help give Local 130 an even stronger voice in policies that affect union plumbers and their families.

Paychecks of Local 130 Journeymen Plumbers will see a \$0.65 per hour increase in take home pay bringing the hourly wage to \$46.65 (\$45.41 in Kankakee & Iroquois Counties).

For more information about the new Collective Bargaining Agreement, visit: www.ualocal130.org.



The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
Invites You to our Annual
**Halfway
To
St. Patrick's Day
Celebration**
Friday, September 19

Come Join Us From 5 P.M. to 11 P.M.
Chicago Plumbers' Hall 🍀 1340 W. Washington
Playing Live: "Hey Jimmy"
& The Shannon Rovers Pipe Band
\$ 40.00 Per Person Includes 🍀 Food, Beer, Wine & Soda



*Come Meet the
2014 St. Patrick's Day Queen's Court*

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or in Advance at
www.chicagostpatsparade.com**



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*Portion of the Proceeds
to benefit Mercy Home*

UA Contributes to Governor Quinn Re-election Campaign

United Association members are backing the re-election bid of Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn in a big way. Local 130 Business Manager James Coyne and UA Executive Vice President Rick Terven joined the Governor at a day baseball game at Wrigley Field, June 24, where they presented him with a UA check for his re-election campaign. They assured the Governor of the full support of UA members across the state when Election Day arrives on November 4.



WE VOTE!

Local 130 to Host Political Rally

POLITICAL RALLY ON UNION MEETING NIGHT

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Plumbers Local 130, UA Union Hall
1340 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60607

There is an election coming in November that will determine who will lead us at home, in Springfield and in Washington, D.C. At every level, Democrats and Republicans will be looking to protect, or regain, control. The battle lines are being drawn, and perhaps at no level are these lines more recognizable than in the race for the next governor of Illinois.

On one side, we have the Governor Patrick Quinn who promised four years ago to deliver more jobs — and has delivered programs that have helped put tradesmen back to work including plumbers to replace the city's aged water mains. On the other side, there is a big-money Republican challenger, Bruce Rauner, who has produced lots of TV commercials promising how he will solve Illinois' budget mess but virtually nothing in the way of details about how he plans to accomplish this.

However, Rauner has made it clear among his priorities will be to take on the big "union bosses" who stand in the way of creating even more low-paying jobs for working Americans. Chicago is still a union town and organized labor has a strong voice in all issues affecting their interests. Local unions and their national offices have begun to inform their members and prepare them to get to the polls on November 4 to vote.

On Tuesday evening, October 21, Plumbers Local 130, UA, will hold a Union Meeting/Political Rally gathering Democratic leaders from the federal, state and local levels to address union members of every trade. Several leaders including Governor Quinn and Mayor Emanuel have already confirmed their attendance, and many more will be added between now and then. They'll be joined by local and national labor leaders. The plan, of course, also calls for filling every seat on main floor and balcony with union workers from multiple trades and affiliations.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO BE HERE ON OCTOBER 21ST SO THAT THESE LEADERS WILL KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US. BECAUSE WE VOTE, THEY WILL LISTEN!



Upcoming Events

- Sept. 9 7 p.m.** Union Membership Meeting
- Sept. 11 7 p.m.** Technical Engineers Membership Meeting
- Sept. 19 5 p.m.** Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- Oct. 18 7 a.m.** Political Action Task Force Saturday
- Oct. 21 7 p.m.** Political Rally at Union Hall *(replaces Oct. 14 Union Meeting)*
- Oct. 25 7 a.m.** Political Action Task Force Saturday

- Oct. 26 11 a.m.** 21st Annual Football Raffle
- Nov. 1 7 a.m.** Political Action Task Force Saturday
- Nov. 4** Election Day
- Nov. 11 7 p.m.** Union Membership Meeting (Turkey Raffle)
- Dec. 9 7 p.m.** Union Membership Meeting
- Dec. 11 7 p.m.** Technical Engineers Membership Meeting

Retirees Get Together for Lunch and Update



Active working members of Plumbers Local 130, UA weren't the only ones affected by the recent consolidation of UA Local 93 and Local 501. There are now nearly 1,800 retired member plumbers, and their questions and concerns about medical and pension benefit changes and future retirement are equally important. To address these concerns and issues, Business Manager James Coyne set up a series of Retiree Luncheons during the summer and invited retirees to attend and meet face-to-face with leaders from Local 130 and the United Association. Three luncheons were held at Local 130's offices in Aurora, Chicago, and Volo, IL.

Retirees heard about challenges that were faced during the year-and-a-half-long consolidation process and how they affected retirees. They also learned about several medical benefit improvements recently made. Business Manager Coyne was joined by other officers and business agents. Curt Cade, UA International Representative for Illinois and Indiana, addressed retirees at the Volo office.

The Retiree Luncheon was not all business. Besides socializing, years of service pins and certificates were presented to members in attendance.



Curt Cade, International Representative for Illinois and Indiana (left) was joined by James Coyne, Business Manager, Local 130, UA (pictured top right) to meet with Retirees and address their questions and concerns.

Aurora Office



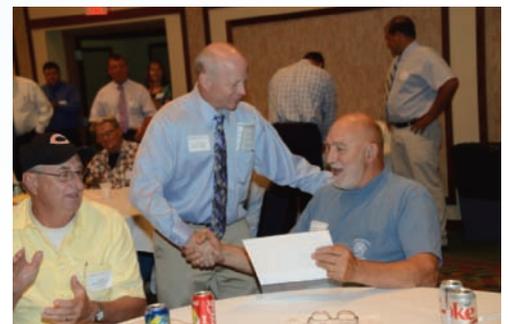
Retired members join Local 130 officers for a group photo at the Aurora office.



(Left) Retired plumbers Edwin Kruse Sr. and Richard Clark.



(Right) Business Agent Jim Mansfield presents a certificate to a retiree at the Aurora office luncheon.



(Left) Business Agent Paul Hinterlong congratulates retiree Glenn Fiala.

Chicago Office



Retirees gathered for a group photo with Union Officers at Chicago office.



Above: Retired Lifetime Member Martin Bertocchi shows off a certificate recognizing his 63 years of service as a Local 130, UA member plumber.

Above right: Retired plumber Hubert Mason was an active union plumber for 44 years and has the paper to prove it.

Right: The large Chicago meeting afforded an opportunity for many retirees to see and visit friends and bring back old memories.



Retiree Medical Plan Benefit Improvements

1. Premiums for non-Medicare self-payments are now reduced by 25%.
2. Non-Medicare eligible spouses on self-pay previously had allowance of 10 years of coverage. They will now have a maximum of 20 years of coverage.
3. Premiums for the Part A & B Medicare Supplement are now reduced by 25%.
4. A vision benefit is now provided free of charge to both non-Medicare & Medicare self-pay eligible retired members and their eligible spouses.
5. A dental benefit is now available to both non-Medicare & Medicare self-pay eligible retired members and eligible spouses for an additional monthly premium of \$44 per person per month.

Volo Office



Retired members at the Volo office pose in a group photo with Local 130 officers and UA International Representative Curt Cade (standing, far left).



Business Agent William Matthies presents a certificate of recognition to retired plumber William Sauerman.



(From left) Retired techs Roy Lawniczak, Richard Uzzell and Roger Gravin enjoy lunch at the Volo office.

Dear Jim,

What you brought to the table June 30th at the Retirement Luncheon was more than could be expected in the time you had. You and your team did an outstanding job — and again, thank you!

Richard W. Cortino, Retiree,
50 Year Life Member, Local 130, UA

Business Manager's

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The consolidation of UA Local Unions 93 and 501 into 130 was mandated by UA General President Hite in January, 2013, and the process got underway shortly thereafter. I'm happy to report that all necessary steps to integrate new members into L.U. 130 have been taken. **The consolidation of UA Locals 93 and 501 plumbers and their benefit funds into Local 130 is now complete.** New collective bargaining agreements with our three contractor organizations have been signed. I appreciate everyone's understanding, patience and participa-

tion through the long process and want to say "Thank you" and "I'm confident Plumbers Local 130 will continue to **SUCCEED AND THRIVE** as the largest straight-line plumbers local in the UA!" We have a great leadership team in place, and I am excited and ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I have appointed two new business agents and would like to introduce them once more in this column. **Paul Hinterlong**, former Local 501 B.A., replaces Thomas Sherlock, who has retired. Illinois Pipe Trades Association Organizer **William Matthies**, who was involved in the UA Residential Agreement, will work on organizing and recovering lost market share for Local 130.

Tuesday, November 4, is Election Day for the next Illinois governor and other local, state and federal officials. The days and weeks leading up to Election Day, will be busy ones not only for Local 130 plumbers but all organized craftsmen and women throughout the state. As you know, we have another republican challenger for governor who has promised to "take on the big union bosses" if elected. Our job between now and then, of course, will be to ensure that he is unsuccessful on Election Day! Here again, we will work hard to get out the vote for leaders who protect our interests — and those of all union workers. Once more, we'll ask for your help. The Plumbers Union Hall will host a huge **Union Meeting/Political Rally on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 21.** Governor Pat Quinn and other key democrat incumbents and challengers will be present. We need to fill every seat with union workers from every local union and craft, so plan to join us. On the three Saturdays preceding the election—Oct. 18, 25 & Nov. 1—our Political Action Task Force will send volunteers to help get the word out to voters in key districts. Stay tuned for more on these events. **Please get to your polling place on November 4th and vote—yourself, family and friends of labor. VOTE!**

Another big event coming in October that is connected to our political action agenda and the fall elections is our **21st annual Football Smoker.** This event will have a live broadcast of the Bears/New England Patriots game and is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26. This event helps us to raise funds for our Political Action Task Force while having fun. All members, families and friends are welcome. Tickets are \$130 and admit two people for refreshments, food, and lots of valuable prizes including a grand prize of \$10,000! Purchase your tickets from any Local 130 officers or at any of the Local 130 offices (Chicago, Aurora, Joliet or Volo).

Congratulations to **Bill Lukasik**, our **4th-year apprentice** who competed in the final round of the **UA Apprentice Contest** held in August in Ann Arbor, MI. The son of Local 130 plumber, Paul Lukasik, Bill competed against the top apprentices from four other UA regions in the U.S. as well as the Canadian and Australian champions. While he came up a little short, Bill's effort and skills were nothing short of awesome throughout the whole contest. The competition is fiercest in the final round, where as little as one or two points separate

Plumbers Local 130 Political Fund

21st Annual Football Raffle

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Game time: NOON Doors open: 11am



CHICAGO BEARS VS NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

**TICKETS ON SALE STARTING JUNE 10, 2014
@PLUMBERS' HALL, 1340 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.**

PRICE: \$130.00 per ticket (2 ADMISSIONS PER TICKET)

- **GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000.00**
- **2nd PRIZE: \$2,500.00**
- **(2) – 3rd Prizes: Flat Screen Color TV's**
- **(15) - 4th Prizes: \$130.00 each**

the top spot from the rest of the pack. Additionally, only the best from the local union, state and regional competitions make it to the finals. For these reasons, I am extremely pleased and proud of Bill's performance. His success reflects on the strength of Local 130's apprenticeship program and instructors, who prepare not only Bill, but also his fellow apprentices. Bill will be honored at an upcoming union meeting.

We have many great things planned for the coming months, and invite everyone to join us at one or more events.

Fraternally,

James F. Coyne
Business Manager

Consolidation of Locals 93, 501 & 130 Completed

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leaders and benefit fund administrators on all sides — as well as patience, consideration and fairness. The leadership team had to be increased to manage Local 130's expanded territory. Six business agents were incorporated as a result. Now labor agreements would have to be negotiated separately with three employer groups. When all new members were officially mustered into Local 130, the job of combining the benefit funds under one roof began. Even though Local 130 had completed a similar consolidation a few years earlier, this one was never assumed to be easy. It dictated its own timetable and confronted its own challenges. It was a multi-sided task that not only involved a business plan and dollar amounts but also people. The human side is harder to anticipate and appreciate until you get into it. The road had its share of bumps; however, the merger team kept the train on the tracks throughout the process.

Local 130 Business Manager James F. Coyne is now looking forward to a bright future for all members. At the time the merger got underway, he predicted that, "The consolidation will enable us to perform our work more efficiently, and the larger territory — extending our reach across the whole of northern Illinois — will open up new doors that lead us to more construction work." As the economy and local construction market continue to improve, let's hope the latter wish is also granted.

Obtaining a Referral Prior to Starting Work

Plumbers' Local 130 requires all members to obtain and sign a referral slip in order to go to work for a signatory contractor. This is as important to you as a member as it is for the Union. A signed referral slip helps ensure that your work history is recorded properly, and this will help you have a more accurate record of employment for your record keeping, whether you are filing for unemployment or adding to your resume. Additionally, it will assure that you have received all your W2's at the end of the year. Most importantly, the referral helps protect your benefits. As you may already know, a contractor is required to have proper bonding per Section 6.8 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. By having the referral before going to work, the Union can monitor the bonding requirements, which will help ensure that your benefits are being paid.

Therefore, in order to keep you and your contractor in compliance, before going to work for any contractor, even if you are going back to a previous employer, you must obtain and sign a referral slip. You can call ahead or stop in any of the four union offices to get your referral. We are working hard to make this mandatory process as convenient as possible. Local 130 is working to obtain the capability to send and receive referrals by email.

The four union office locations are:

Chicago Office:

1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Joliet Office:

2114 I-80 South Frontage Rd., Joliet, IL 60436

Aurora Office:

1295 Butterfield Rd., Aurora, IL 60502

Volo Office:

31855 North U.S. Hwy. 12, Volo, IL 60073

The office phone numbers are below.

Contact Numbers for Members of Plumbers Local 130 UA

While you may ask to be connected to any of the following offices when calling the union hall, it might save you time to call the office you want directly. Here are the telephone numbers. Please keep them for your future reference.

Union Hall - Chicago.....	312.421.1010
Apprentice School - Chicago	312.421.1028
Pension Fund	312.829.1262
Welfare Fund.....	312.226.4200
Aurora Office.....	630.692.7342
Joliet Office	815.725.0278
Volo Office	815.759.5900

Sox Park Shower Is Cool Place for Union Logo

Next time you find yourself in the left field seats at U.S. Cellular Field, you'll notice something new on the old Comiskey Park shower that moved across 35th Street more than 20 years ago. This iconic stadium attraction, a great public cooling off spot on hot summer days, now proudly displays the Plumbers Local 130, UA name and logo across the top. This summer the shower's exclusive sponsor became Local 130. The White Sox offered the sponsorship rights, and Local 130 accepted without hesitation.

Look for the shower now bearing your union logo above Section 160 behind the left field seats. It's one more way that "Plumbers protect the health of the nation."



On right: We think the new Plumbers Local 130 shower at "the Cell" is a cool place, and we're sure many fans looking for relief on a hot summer day will too.

Plumber's Union Local 130 U.A.

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////// **AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE CHICAGO AREA PLUMBERS** ////

City of Chicago Plumbing License Test

The next plumbing Written Exam is

Saturday, October 18, 2014

(Application Deadline: September 19, 2014)

The next plumbing Practical License Test is

Saturday, December 6, 2014

(Application Deadline: November 7, 2014)

Location: Best Western Chicago Hillside Hotel
4400 Frontage Rd., Hillside, IL

Location: 1400 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

For more information contact:

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Effective August 1, 2014, all applications for exams and licenses are now submitted to Continental Testing Services. Visit www.continentaltesting.net for exams, first time licenses and license renewals. Continental Testing Services can be also reached at (800) 359-1313 or by email at tradelicense@continentaltesting.net.

License renewal for Journeyman Plumber & Plumber's Apprentice will continue to be performed online at the Department of Buildings' website. For information, test dates, application fees and online application, visit:

www.continentaltesting.net/ProfDetail.aspx?Entity=1&ProfID=57