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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We had a great winter and spring is here. I hope you and your family are well. It was a productive first quarter for Local 130's members.

On Tuesday, March 14th, the Board of Trustees for the Technical Engineers' Local 130 Pension Fund adopted four (4) plan improvements. As a trustee of the Technical Engineers, I am proud to announce that our Technical Engineer retirees and surviving spouses in pay status will receive a 13th check as of June 1, 2017. The joint board of trustees is represented equally by labor and management and agreed unanimously on these changes. You can find a more detailed breakdown on page 2.

You may know that we have several collective bargaining agreements expiring on May 31, 2017. We have entered into contract negotiations with the area plumbing contractors associations as well as MARBA and NWICA that represent contractors who employ our technical engineering members working in Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana. I encourage you to attend the May 9th (Plumbers) or May 11th (Tech Engineers) meetings where we will give a progress report on our efforts to agree on the June 1, 2017 contracts.

One of the goals for the Local 130 Target Fund was to recapture market shares in

NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROGRESSING

residential service. Last April, we launched the Plumbers 911 in the Northern Illinois area to start regaining the market. We met with the participating contractors on April 25th to review the first year of the program and we worked on continued progress. UA Director of Plumbing Tom Bigley who oversees the UA's Plumbers 911 program in 13 cities throughout the US, attended as a guest speaker. "Plumbers 911" guarantees a 24/7 response from our union contractors. Advertising, in various capacities, is still on going and encourages those in need of plumbing services to call (855) 484-3911 or visit the website at www.Plumbers911Chicago.com.

On May 1st, an incoming apprentice class of approximately 140 men and women will start their plumbing careers. Over the past two years, the JAC has had a new apprentice class start in the spring and the fall due to demand from the contractors.

The new Training Center is progressing, as you will see from the pictures on page 7. General Contractor W.E. O'Neil Construction Company has given a substantial completion date of June 21.

Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago (formerly Christmas in April) was held on Saturday, April 29th. This year our volunteers helped renovate homes of disadvantaged residents in Robbins and North Lawndale communities. Thank you to all our members who volunteered their time for this community program. A special thanks to Business Agent Michael Shea and Executive Board member Paul Rodriguez

who spent several months assessing, ordering supplies and scheduling volunteers.

On Saturday, March 11th, the 62nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade kicked off at noon with the Shannon Rovers leading the front line with many dignitaries. This year's Grand Marshal was Martin Healy, Jr., founding partner of the Healy Scanlon Law Firm and the Guest of Honor, Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Chicago's Catholic Charities. Both gentlemen contribute to the City of Chicago and its communities through their affiliations in many diversified clubs, committees, and charitable organizations. Following close behind was our 2017 Queen Maura Connors and her court. Although it was a cold day, Chicagoland's families, friends, and visitors lined Columbus Drive supporting this historical event. Special thanks to ABC 7's General Manager John Idler and his team for a great job broadcasting the Parade.

In closing once again, I would like to thank the retirees, members, and families for their support and dedication. We 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 . . .

- May 1 - New Apprentice class
- May 9 - Monthly meeting - Chicago
- May 11 - Tech Engineers Monthly Meeting
- June 8 - Tech Engineers Monthly Meeting
- June 13 - Monthly meeting - Chicago

Fund Administrator's Office

Dear Members,

On March 14, 2017, the Board of Trustees for the Technical Engineers' Local 130 Pension Plan adopted four (4) plan improvements as follows:

1. All Retirees and Surviving Spouses in pay status on 6/1/2017 will receive a 13th check.
2. The accrual rate for each Pension Credit earned on or after May 1, 2017 will increase from \$105 per credit to \$125 per credit.
3. Effective May 1, 2017, a participant will earn 1/12 of a pension credit for each additional 100 hours worked in excess of 600 hours in a Plan Year, up to a maximum of 1,200 hours (1 Full Pension Credit).

4. Effective May 1, 2017, a participant will earn one-third (1/3) of a bonus credit for each additional 100 hours worked in excess of 1,200 hours in a Plan Year, up to a maximum of 2,100 hours (or 3 Full Bonus Credits). Each Bonus Credit is worth \$10.00.

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

Annual Queen's Contest AND Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Fund Raiser

More than 50 young ladies competed in the annual Parade's Queen Contest, which was held on Sunday, January 15th in the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. Families and friends of contestants

enjoyed a festive afternoon with Irish music, food and refreshments. And then, the final countdown began for 2017's St. Patrick's Day Queen and Court. Congratulations to:

Parade Queen: Maura Connors

Court: Catherine Coghlan
Theresa McDermott
Madeline Mitchell
Mary Claire Reidy



On Thursday, January 26th, the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner was served to more than 1,200 guests at Plumbers Hall. During the dinner, the Queen and her Court were intro-

duced. Also, the Grand Marshal and the Guest of Honor were officially announced.

Plumbers Local 130's – 62nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's 62nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade recognized "Irish Immigration - A New World of Opportunity." The United States of America was a "New World" for Irish immigrants and, over time, the American Dream became a reality. It was a cold morning, but ABC Channel 7 was at the Chicago River while our plumbers turned it an emerald green, and then televised the parade for two (2) hours.

For many plumbers and their families the day started at the Union Hall with coffee, juice and pastries. Chartered buses filled with members, their families, and two trollies for retirees were dropped off at the parade site, picked up at the end of the parade and returned in the same buses to the Hall where a lunch was available for everyone.

Shamrocks, flags, beads, music, Irish dancers and floats welcomed the crowds of spectators as the Shannon Rovers Pipes and Drums kicked off from Balbo and Columbus at noon sharp. The General Chairman of the Parade James F. Coyne led, along with Honorary Chairman Rahm Emanuel, Grand Marshal Martin Healy, Jr., Guest of Honor Monsignor Michael M. Boland, and other dignitaries including Governor Bruce Rauner, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Michael Madigan, Chicago's Chairman of Finance and 14th Ward Alderman Edward Burke, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Cook County Board's President Toni Preckwinkle, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Treasurer Michael Frerichs. Finally from Ireland, Local 130 and the Parade Committee welcomed Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor and Counsel General Brian O'Brien.

This year's Grand Marshal was Martin J. Healy, Jr. He is the founding partner of the acclaimed Healy Scanlon Law Firm and a loyal advocate for the workingman and woman. Healy stated, "The parade is identified with unionism. While unions are under attack today from many corners, I think unions remain a critical part of the economic framework of our country."

Guest of Honor Monsignor Michael Boland is the Administrator, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chicago's Catholic Charities since 1997. It is one of the largest private, not-for-profit social service agencies in the Midwest, serving Cook and Lake Counties in Illinois. Chicago's Catholic Charities is the largest in the country and celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2017.



Left to right: Senator Billy Lawless (Irish Senate), Ireland's Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Ireland's Counsel General Brian O'Brien, Grand Marshal Martin Healy, Jr., Speaker of Illinois House of Representatives Michael Madigan, Local 130 Business Manager and General Chairman of Parade James F. Coyne, and Mrs. Michele Scaccia-Coyne.



Left to right: Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel, James F. Coyne, Grand Marshal Martin Healy, Jr., & Guest of Honor Monsignor Michael Boland.



James F. Coyne & Senator Tammy Duckworth.



The Healy Family.



The Coyne and Scaccia Family.



From Prattville, Alabama.



Doyle and Melissa Williams & Family from Country Financial.



From McKenzie, Tennessee.



Country Financial workers.





Queen Maura Connors.

Theresa Marie McDermott & Catherine Coghlan.



Former Queens.

Mary Claire Reidy & Madeline Mitchell.



Inflatable VIP Pub.



From Knoxville, Tennessee.

From Green Bay, WI.



From Canfield, Ohio.

Women's March

On Saturday, January 21st, the historical Women's March that went global was represented by Local 130 sisters in Chicago and Washington D.C. On this national day of action, tens of thousands of people gathered in Grant Park in Chicago and our members stood in solidarity with those marching in Washington D.C.

The Women's March in Chicago was one of 600 rallies worldwide. These demonstrations brought millions of voices together. Local 130's message was loud and clear stating, "Women's rights and worker's rights are one and the same;

Members Participating in Chicago's march:

CRISTINA BARILLAS
KIM GRUNDY
VANESSA COURTNEY
KELLY PACHECO

the strength of our unions is only as strong as its diverse membership working together; and as citizens and voters, we are watching this new administration closely."

In Washington D.C., Local 130 sisters were fortunate to meet with many other U.A. sisters for the first time. They united with other building trades and made a strong impact.

Members Participating in Washington D.C.'s march:

SARAH STIGLER
INGRID WENNERBERG
SYLVIA JOHNSON
LOLITA HUGHES
ELANA JACOBS
ZAHRAH HILL
SYMONE HOLMES
MATILDE RAMIREZ
LIZ ALBERTSON



New Training Center Update



The Training Center is an incredible state of the art building, nearing completion, and on schedule.

- The floor finishes and wall paint are completed on the 2nd and 3rd floors.
- Mechanical equipment has been installed in the 4th floor mechanical room & solar panels.
- Work has started on the 2nd floor's wet lab rooms. There is quite a bit of pipe to be installed in these rooms.
- Most of the piping for the Hot Works Lab in the shop area has been installed. The installation of the wall for the booths has begun.
- Electrical - control and low voltage wiring - is in various stages of completion.
- Equipment for the Gray Water and Rain Harvesting systems has arrived and is placed in the 1st floor display/mechanical room. Piping to follow.
- Freight elevator will be in service by the end of April, and then the passenger elevator work will begin.
- Bathroom tile will start the week of April 7th.



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Upcoming Events

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 14, 2017	May 5, 2017
WRITTEN	October 18, 2017	September 15, 2017
PRACTICAL	August 19, 2017	July 21, 2017
PRACTICAL	December 2, 2017	November 3, 2017