



# PLUMBERS

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## Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is here and I hope you and your families are doing well and enjoying the warm weather, as well as a few baseball games. The second quarter has been busy and productive.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, Plumbers Local 130 installed 35 officers for the 2018-2021 term of office. These officers were elected by white ballot, with no opposition. Your officers are here to represent you in the workplace and protect your wages and benefits. Local 130's officers are the link connecting you to the union's firm foundation that was laid over 120 years ago. Our convictions have not changed; working class men and women deserve decent wages, affordable health benefits, safe worksites, and a solid retirement plan.

The participants who receive a monthly pension benefit from the Plumbers Pension Fund and the Technical Engineers Pension Fund received their bonus pension check in June. Both Funds are financially stable

which made it possible to bring this proposal to the table. Labor and Management trustees of both funds were in agreement to pay this bonus check to the pensioners.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, we received the Supreme Court's ruling in the Janus vs. AFSCME Council 31, which is an attack on organized labor. This ruling has affected the public sector, but not building trades unions, which are considered in the private sector. However, Local 130 has members working in the public sector for the City of Chicago, Cook County, State of Illinois, Chicago Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to name a few. These members are among the last publicly employed plumbers in the country to earn prevailing wage.

History tells us that Corporate America does **not** promote or protect the welfare and security of the blue collar, middle-class workers. Now more than ever, we need to band together to protect working families. We will succeed and thrive based on how

each and every member participates and supports your union.

In closing, I want to emphasize the importance of being an active union member by being involved in union activities besides attending regular membership meetings. Mark your calendar for October 9<sup>th</sup> for our Political Rally and on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Football Smoker, which will be held at Plumbers Hall (*See invitation on back page.*)

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 on September 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, I wish you good health and prosperity, steady employment and happiness.

In Solidarity,

*James F. Coyne*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Labor Day  
- September 3rd
- Plumbers Monthly Meeting, Chicago Hall  
- September 4th at 6:00 PM - **(New Date)**
- 1st Annual Red Dwyer Classic Golf Outing  
- September 7th
- Political Rally - Regular Meeting, Chicago Hall  
- October 9th at 6:00 PM
- Football Smoker  
- Sunday, November 4th

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Red Dwyer Classic

Friday, September 7, 2018

Bloomington Golf Club

181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomington, IL 60108

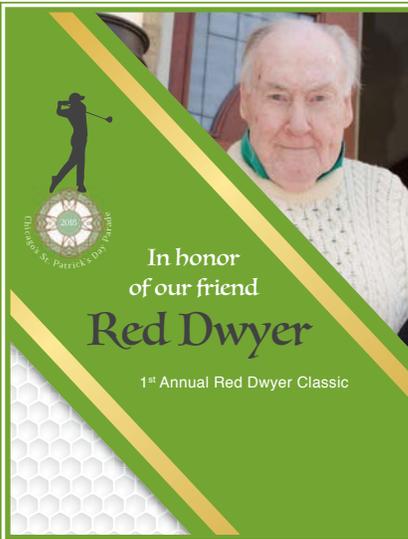
\$150.00 per golfer (\$600.00 for group of 4)

8:30 AM - Registration – 9:30 AM - Shotgun Start

Dinner: 3:00 PM

Proceeds to benefit The Red Dwyer Scholarship Fund and the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee to honor a long-time Plumbers Local 130 member, Parade Committee and Board of Directors' member.

*All members, family & friends are Invited!*



## Pension and Welfare Benefit Office

By: JOSEPH OHM, FUND ADMINISTRATOR

### RETIREE PLAN CHANGES

The Retiree Plan, which governs benefits provided to Retirees and their Spouses and surviving Spouses, has been improved as follows:

1. Increase of the Annual Maximum to the Dental Benefit.

Previously, the annual maximum paid for dental coverage under the Retiree Plan was \$1,000. Now, the new annual maximum has been increased to \$2,500.

2. Increase of the Coinsurance Rate for Dental Benefits Paid by the Retiree Plan.

Previously, the Retiree Plan would pay for 50% of the cost of basic and restorative dental coverage. Now, the Retiree Plan will pay for 80% of the cost of eligible basic and restorative dental coverage.

3. Increase of the Annual Maximum for Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses.

Previously, the annual maximum paid for eyeglasses and contact lenses coverage under the Retiree Plan was \$150. Now, the new annual maximum has been increased to \$350.

4. Elimination of Copayments for Eye Exams.

Previously, the copayment was \$10 for eye exams and \$20 for eyeglasses and contact lenses under the Retiree Plan. Now, these copayments have been eliminated.

5. Increase of the Annual Maximum for Chiropractor Benefits.

Previously, the annual maximum paid for chiropractor benefit coverage under the Retiree Plan was \$1,200. Now, the new annual maximum has been increased to \$2,000.

6. Reduction of the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Pre-Medicare Retirees.

Previously, the annual out-of-pocket maximum paid for benefits under the Retiree Plan for Pre-Medicare Retirees

was \$5,000. Now, the new annual out-of-pocket maximum for Pre-Medicare Retirees has been lowered to \$2,000.

**I. Introduction of new Hearing PPO Network (EPIC Hearing Healthcare)**

- 244 Providers of Hearing Benefits in State of Illinois.
- Typical discounts of 40% to 50% off the retail price for hearing aids.
- To find hearing providers in your area, contact EPIC Hearing at 866-956-5400 or go to [www.epichearing.com](http://www.epichearing.com).
- Any questions, please contact the Fund Office at 312-226-4200 for more details.

**II. Silver Sneakers Program**

- Free gym membership for Retirees and Spouses enrolled in the Retirees' Welfare Plan of Plumbers' Local 130
- Access to approximately 10,000 fitness centers throughout the United States including LA Fitness, Anytime Fitness, Snap Fitness and Curves sites.
- To find a participating fitness center near you, go to [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com) or contact the Fund Office at 312-226-4200.

**III. Death Benefit for Active and Retired Members**

- It's very important that you keep your beneficiary information up-to-date. You can download a copy of the beneficiary form at the Plumbers' Local 130 web site ([www.plumberslu130ua.org](http://www.plumberslu130ua.org)) or contact the Fund Office at 312-226-4200 and a new form will be mailed to you.
- The death benefit for Active participants is \$25,000. The death benefit for Retired participants is \$7,500.

# Installation of Officers 2018 - 2021

At the monthly business meeting on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Local 130's officers were sworn in and will serve a 3-year term. These officers are the backbone of "Team Coyne" and bring strength and stability to your local. UA Vice President Steven Breitlow, UA International Representative William Meyers were present to witness Thomas Bigley, UA Director of Plumbing swear in the 35 officers along with more than 800 members and guests at the hall. Illinois Senator Kwame Raoul, who is running as the Democratic Candidate for Attorney General was also present to show his support.



"It is always a pleasure to be able to attend and be a part of a UA Plumbers Local 130 event. Every time I have had the honor of attending a Local 130 meeting or event my expectations are exceeded. Local 130 is an iconic example of UA leadership, fellowship and activism. Local 130 Business Manager Coyne and the 130 team of officers and agents are an impressive, effective and cohesive group of union leaders. My experiences with Local 130 members and leaders have been enlightening and energizing. Plumbers Local 130 members' level of engagement, respect and appreciation of their union and their leadership is second to none.

Attending Plumbers Union Local 130 most recent installation of officers was another very impressive event. Pulling into the parking lot was like going to a Brewers pre-game tailgate at Miller Park. The energy and high spirits of the members of Local 130 were evident as members were engaged in pre-meeting games like bag toss and enjoying a few beverages in anticipation of the post meeting pig roast. The energy and excitement carried right into the meeting hall as the meeting came to order and concluded with the

installation of Brother Coyne and his entire leadership team. There is no better compliment to a Union Business Manager and Officers to be re-elected on a white ballot.

It is particularly impressive with such a large slate of officers to have uncontested support and solidarity. It is a true testament of the wisdom of the members to recognize and appreciate the strong and progressive leadership of Brother and Business Manager James Coyne and the Local 130 Team of Officers. I truly appreciate the opportunity to celebrate the installation and success of UA Plumbers Local 130 membership and extend my wholehearted congratulations to Brother James Coyne and the Local 130 officers and members.

**Steve Breitlow, UA Vice President of District 4**



"Being nominated by your peers and having no opposition is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a union officer. It is a vote of confidence from your members that signals they support and trust your team and leadership. The attendance and camaraderie of Local 130 members at the union meeting was truly inspiring. Congratulations to all Local 130 officers and their

members and thank you for the invitation to attend."

**Tom Bigley, UA Director of Plumbing Services**



"LU 130 did something that all would like to accomplish on nomination day, a white ballot election! As your International Representative, I am impressed with a large slate of officers running for office, that the membership has respected your leadership to reward you with all offices to go uncontested at your nominations. In this day of complicated politics, LU 130 members have

put their faith in Jim Coyne and his staff to lead for another term. Again, Jim congratulations on a job well done and I am proud to represent such a professional team of officers. Look forward to the next 3 years."

**Bill Meyers, UA Illinois International Representative**



*Democratic Candidate for Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Business Manager Jim Coyne.*



*James J. Coyne, Retired Business Agent Pat Shea, UA Director of Plumbing Tom Bigley.*



*John McEneaney, Tom McEneaney and Ed Reidy.*



*John Condon, John Bojan, Bobby Milovancevic, Dick Morin and Mike McGaughan.*



*Business Agent Charlie Seibert, Retired Business Agent Bob Seibert and David Seibert.*





*Business Agent Scott Spangle and friends from Country Financial, Jamie Bird, Stephanie Southall and Tim Van Hoof.*



*Josyf Kuzma, Muhammad Brown and Nicholas Carlson.*



*Ray Steele, Lolita Hughes and Andrew Bonaparte.*



*Cody Thiesse, Adam Boley, Ingrid Wennerberg and Derek Vaughn.*



*Bob Hunley, Jeff Steele, Silvester LaRue, Mike Stevens, Joe Taglia and Cornelius Franklin.*



*Michael Squeo, Jim & Michele Coyne, Michelle & Joe Mondia and Kevin Maloney.*

## ***Congratulations to Plumbers Local 130 UA Officers 2018 - 2021***

***Business Manager***

James F. Coyne

***Financial-Secretary-Treasurer***

Kenneth A. Turnquist

***Recording Secretary***

Patrick F. McCarthy

***Director of Political and Municipal Affairs***

Michael T. Tierney

***Special Representative***

Thomas E. Gavin

***President***

Heinz (Chip) J. Schelhammer

***Vice-President***

Kevin C. Sherlock

***Business Representatives***

Scott C. Spangle  
 William E. Matthies  
 Jones L. Richmond  
 James A. Mansfield  
 Michael E. Shea  
 Paul J. Hinterlong  
 Peter C. Olson  
 Charles A. Seibert  
 Joseph W. Strong  
 Bart F. Holzhauser

***Organizers***

Patrick C. Brooks  
 Paul M. Rodriguez  
***Sergeant-at-Arms***  
 Dave A. Thompson

***Executive Board***

James M. Majerowicz  
 Anthony M. Rottman  
 John P. Hosty  
 William A. Wilkens III

***Finance Committee***

Paul B. Tucker  
 Joseph B. Mondia  
 Patrick E. Gross

***Examining Board***

Ciro J. Gaimari  
 Christopher S. Anish  
 Stephen F. Geraghty  
 Steven R. James  
 Kevin P. Chambers  
 Carlos Quinones

***Trustee***

James W. Brooks  
 Ryan P. Kelly

# 27th Year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

**Generosity of Contractors:** Thank you to the following Contractors who generously supplied vans, trucks and materials:

Abbott Industries  
Action Plumbing  
Canyon Plumbing  
D.A.M. Plumbing  
Ewing-Doherty Mechanical

Fettes Love & Sieben Plumbing  
Great Lakes Plumbing  
Harrington Site Services  
Johns Plumbing  
V. J. Killian Plumbing

Kuhn Plumbing  
Norman Mechanical  
Power Plumbing  
Titan Mechanical

## A SPECIAL MENTION TO:

- Dinner sponsors:  
Victaulic Pipe Company, Bensenville  
Donald Courtright, William Blair Funds, Chicago
- Porter Pipe & Supply Company in Addison donated all the T-shirts for our volunteer plumbers.
- Country Financial donated a Yeti cooler.

The **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago** was held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 190 skilled Plumbers Local 130 volunteers donated their time to those less fortunate. A total of 45 homes received plumbing repairs in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago, and in the suburb of Bellwood. This project begins early in the year and our goals have been to make homes safer and code compliant. Business Agent Michael Shea and Organizer Paul Rodriguez review homes and create material lists. Many hours are spent behind the scene preparing and organizing for that one Saturday in April. Thank you to all the volunteers. Without their dedication and support, this program could not happen.

### Bellwood Foremen:

Bill Wilkins  
Pat Brooks  
John Hosty  
Michael Myers

### North Lawndale Foremen:

Carlos Quinones  
Sam Grey  
Juan Salazar  
Brandon Noble



*Business Manager James F. Coyne and ladies of Local 130.*



*Mike DeLaurentis.*



*Sean Moran, Tisa Carter, Aileen Serrano and Brendan Bourke.*



*Dave Kledzik, John Schaffer and Andrew Formas.*



*Lorena Smith.*



*C. J. Crotty and Jason Romano.*



*Terry Bishop and Jose Salgado.*



*Matilde Ramirez, Organizer Patrick Brooks and Zakiyyah Askia.*



*Chuck Pacheco, Mike Tierney, Jr., Billy Brooks and Tina Barillis.*



*Enrique Villarreal and Craig Weeks.*



*Wayne Zibell.*

# Retirees' Luncheon

The Retirees' Luncheon for all locations was held Tuesday, June 19, 2018 in the Chicago Hall. There were more than 230 retired members and guests. Everyone enjoyed the meal, talking with old friends and meeting new ones. John Howard, Cerner Corporation gave an overview of a new health clinic that is tentatively scheduled to open in the spring, 2019. Miguel Zarate, Marquette Associates spoke about the Pension Plan performance and Investment Returns. Our Pension Plan is 92% funded. Joe Ohm, Fund Administrator gave an overview of benefit improvements to the Retiree Medical Plan effective January 1, 2019. (See Page 2 with details of Retiree Medical Plan changes.)



Fabian & Audrey Zukowski.



Business Manager James F. Coyne presenting his father James J. Coyne with his 70-year member pin.



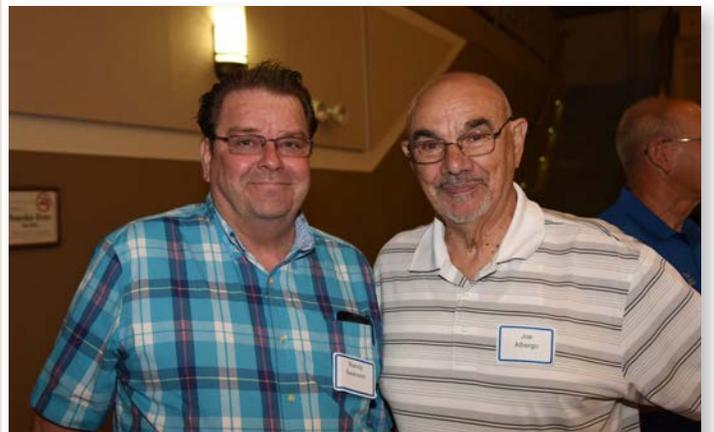
Robert & Demetress Hunley.



Dick & Lil Morin.



B.A. Scott Spangle, Miguel Zarate of Marquette Associates, Mike Kerrigan-Cochairman of Pension, Joe Ohm-Fund Adm., B.M. James Coyne.



Randy Swanson & Joe Albergo.



*Dennis Dalo, William Smith, Nicholas Mareello and Edward Larocca.*



*John Bojan, Tony DeFranco and Louis Visconti.*



*Bruce & Martha Ward.*



*Bill & Liz Bielanski.*



*Tom & Bernadette Gilmore.*



*Glen & Roberta Jensen.*



*Salvatore & Ruth Dalo.*



*James J. & Gerry Coyne.*

# 2018 Scholarship Recipients



Terrence Laverty, Hannah Laverty, Business Manager Jim Coyne, Heather Marz and Michael Marz.

## HANNAH LAVERTY

- Daughter of Terrence Laverty (Retired)
- Graduate of Lincoln-Way East High School (Frankfort)
- Will attend – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## NATHAN BERNA (Not pictured)

- Son of Paul Berna (Plumbing Professionals Co.)
- Graduate of Woodstock High School
- Will attend – University of Wisconsin at Whitewater

## HEATHER MARZ

- Daughter of Michael Marz (Hogan Plumbing)
- Graduate of Oswego High School
- Will attend – Iowa State University

## VINCENT AVINO (Not pictured)

- Son of Francis Avino (Althoff Industries)
- Graduate of Saint Viator High School
- Will attend – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Congratulations to our four recent high school graduates who are this year's recipients of the annual Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarships. They were announced at our June 12th meeting held in Chicago.

## United Association Apprentice Contest Congratulations - Cody Albergo

Plumbers Local 130's apprentice contest took place in June 2017. Cody Albergo from Great Lakes Plumbing won the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in-house apprentice contest. In March 2018, Cody took 1st prize at the UA State Apprentice Plumber Competition in Rockford, and then took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the District #4 Competition held in Minneapolis, MN.

Instructor Frank Borkowski stated, "Cody did an outstanding job representing Plumbers Local 130. He's an inspiration to his fellow apprentices. His next goal is to pass his journeyman's license exams."



Cody Albergo.



Joe Albergo - 1960 International Contestant with his grandson, Cody Albergo.



T. J. Albergo - 2010 International Winner, Cody Albergo, Joe Albergo, and Instructor Frank Borkowski.

# Irish-American Labor Council – 2018 Honorees

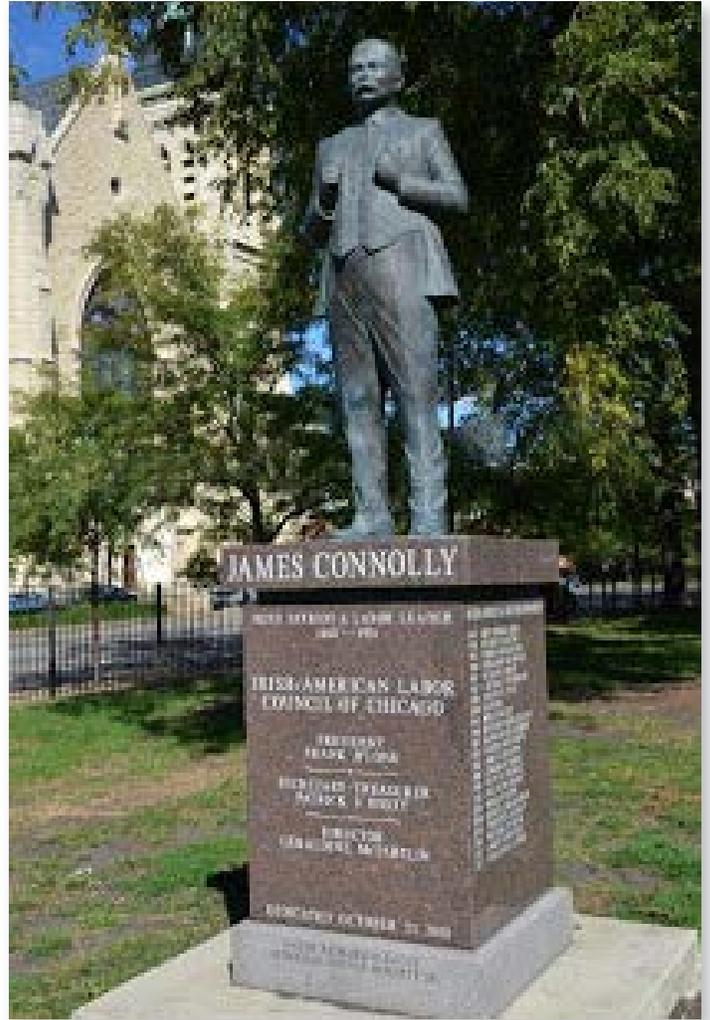


The Coyne Family.



B.A. Kevin Farley Local 502, B.M. James Coyne, Patrick Hosty Recording Secretary for Chicago Laborers' District Council.

Business Manager James Coyne was honored, along with James P. McHugh (*in memoriam*), by the Irish-American Labor Council at the Annual James Connolly Dinner on Monday, May 21, 2018. The IALC is a committee of the AFL-CIO. It was started in New York in 1987 and the Chicago chapter was formed in



1993. A statue of James Connolly was erected in Union Park. Jim Coyne's name along with the names of men and women who have devoted their lives to the union movement are inscribed on the statue.

## WaterReuse Association Applauds Chicago's JAC Training Center

Recently WaterReuse Past President Guy Carpenter traveled from Phoenix, Arizona to tour Plumbers Local 130's JAC Training Center. Commissioner Debra Shore of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago suggested that he visit the facility. Carpenter said, "When I heard that it included rainwater capture and greywater recycling in a water-rich region, I had to go see it."

There are so many people responsible for the conservation of water, which includes regulators, engineers, contractors, and facility owners and operators; however, the plumbing contractors are missing, and they are the ones installing these multiple source water systems of varying quality. Carpenter stated, "I was encouraged by what I saw and heard at the Training Center. It made me realize that the water reuse industry needs to do a better job of inviting and including architects and Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) engineers and contractors for buildings into meetings and conversations."

Commissioner Debra Shore, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago stated, "It is heartening to see that the water reuse association is recognizing the leadership and education that Plumbers Local 130 is providing our future plumbers at their Training Facility. It is through the collaboration of knowledge and expertise among the apprentices, tradesmen and women, as well as groups who represent water reuse associations that will bring success to the cause. The knowledge and expertise that each group brings is essential to the success of water conservation."

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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	August 18, 2018	July 20, 2018	WRITTEN	June 12, 2019	May 10, 2019
WRITTEN	October 17, 2018	September 21, 2018	PRACTICAL	August 17, 2019	July 19, 2019
PRACTICAL	December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	WRITTEN	October 9, 2019	September 14, 2019
WRITTEN	January 16, 2019	December 7, 2018	PRACTICAL	November 23, 2019	November 8, 2019
PRACTICAL	April 13, 2019	March 15, 2019			

# Plumbers Local 130 Political Fund

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Football Raffle  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**



CHICAGO BEARS

**Game Time: Noon**  
**Doors Open: 11:00 AM**  
Plumbers Hall  
1340 W. Washington Blvd.  
Chicago

**Tickets on Sale**  
**Starting June 15, 2018**  
**Price: \$130 per ticket**  
**(INCLUDES 2 ADMISSIONS PER TICKET)**  
Purchase at Plumbers Hall  
at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Window or  
from a Local 130 Officer.



BUFFALO BILLS

## PRIZES

**GRAND PRIZE - \$10,000** 🏈 **2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$2,500** 🏈 **TWENTY 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZES - \$130**