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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

A VOTE FOR THE JB SLATE IS A VOTE FOR THE PLUMBERS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you receive this newsletter, the cooler weather will be here. I hope you and your family are well. The third quarter has been busy making plans for the new health care and wellness center and organizing Political Action Task Force campaigns with labor-friendly candidates.

Plumbers Local 130's Health and Welfare Fund's Board of Trustees came to an agreement with Cerner Health Care on September 6th. A contract was signed giving all Local 130's membership and families' eligibility for medical needs at the new health care and wellness center. I want to give special thanks to David Ariano, Co-Chair (Ravinia Plumbing & Heating Co.), James O'Sullivan, Trustee (O'Sullivan Plumbing Inc.), Todd DeFranco, Trustee (DeFranco Plumbing), James Bruckner, Trustee (Chas. F. Bruckner & Son), Brian Burns, Trustee (C.W. Burns, Inc.), and S.J. Peters, Alternate Trustee (PCA-Midwest); as well as our Labor Welfare Trustees: Kenneth Turnquist,

Scott Spangle, James Mansfield, William Matthies and Alternate Michael Shea. Their endorsement and support of this program will positively impact the health of the plumbers and their families.

In the General Election on Tuesday, November 6th, Local 130 is endorsing JB Pritzker and his team; A VOTE FOR THE JB SLATE IS A VOTE FOR THE PLUMBERS. It is imperative to our future that we elect labor friendly officials who will help us protect the Illinois plumbing license law. This will safeguard our plumbing industry and our standard of living, which was earned through many years of collective bargaining for all the members. VOTE for those candidates who will protect the membership of Local 130 UA.

The Political Action Task Force (PATF) volunteers will be campaigning four Saturdays prior to Election Day: October 13th, October 20th, October 27th and November 3rd. We need YOU to join us. There is strength in numbers to spread the word

about our political friends. Help us support the candidates who will strengthen Prevailing Wages Rates, protect the Plumbing License Law and stop the "Right-to-Work" campaign.

Remember to mark your calendars for our 25th Annual Football Smoker, which will be held on Sunday, November 4th. (See invitation on last 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 Smoker and at our next meeting on November 20th for our Annual Turkey Raffle. We succeed and thrive based on how each and every member participates and supports Plumbers Local 130.

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:

- October 20 - PATF Saturday
- October 25 - Pre-Retirement Seminar, Chicago
- October 27 - PATF Saturday
- November 3 - PATF Saturday
- November 4 - 25th Annual Bears Football Smoker
- November 6 - General Election - REMEMBER TO VOTE!
- November 8 - Pre-Retirement Seminar, Volo
- November 20 - ASSE Product Show 3:00 p.m., JAC Training Center
- November 20 - Turkey Raffle - Plumbers and Tech Meeting, Chicago
- December 11 - Plumbers Monthly Meeting
- December 13 - Technical Engineers Monthly Meeting

JAC Training Center Welcomes BlueGreen Alliance



JB Pritzker, Democratic Candidate for Governor and Business Manager Jim Coyne.

On July 26th Plumbers Local 130 invited Richard Breckenridge, BlueGreen Alliance from Springfield to tour our Training Center. BlueGreen Alliance unites America's largest labor unions and its most influential environmental organizations to work on solving today's environmental challenges. Their agenda focuses on clean jobs, clean infrastructure, and fair trade. Political candidates, city and state dignitaries, and guests also joined us showing their support for water conservation.

Dick Breckenridge stated, "It has been an honor and a positive experience to view Plumbers Local 130's Apprenticeship program and their Training Center. I am impressed with Local 130's willingness to open their doors to all interested parties and show case their green roof, rain water harvesting, grey water capture, along with training labs that exhibit the latest in faucets, toilets, water heaters, construction and installation technologies. This eco-friendly training facility embraces the core mission of Plumbers Local 130's organization. Apprentices are



Business Manager Jim Coyne and MWRD Commissioner Debra Shore.



(From left) Business Manager Jim Coyne, State Senator Don Harmon and Director of Political & Municipal Affairs Mike Tierney.

prepared to implement clean water and waste water systems to an ever-demanding environment. The pride and enthusiasm for this training facility exhibited by Plumbers Local 130 training staff is very apparent, and I certainly can understand why."

Voting is a Privilege

John D'Amico, IL State Representative and Plumbers Local 130 member stated, "This election is one of the most important elections of our time. Unions are under attack and our plumbing licenses are under attack. We need to

get informed and involved more than ever! We need to stand together and fight back! Please encourage every single person you know to get out and vote democratic in this upcoming election."



IL State Representative John D'Amico.

Hard Hats with Heart 2018 Union Honoree



Business Manager James F. Coyne and Senior Director Amy Smith, American Heart Association.

Business Manager James F. Coyne was honored on September 6th at the Hard Hats with Heart's event comprised mostly of contractors and unions supporting the American Heart Association. Hard Hats with Heart hosted near 700 people at Wrigley Field, home of our Chicago Cubs, and exceeded their fundraising goal of \$1,000,000. Amy Smith, Senior Director with the American Heart Association stated, "Plumbers Local 130's Wellness Center plans are impressive, as well as the fact that their Apprentices' receive CPR training. Knowing how to preform CPR has been proven to save lives on the jobsite."

Also featured at the event was Bruce Doornbos, a 39-year member of Plumbers Local 130. Bruce has survived two strokes and recently had heart by-pass surgery. His success story can be attributed to the Plumbers Local 130's Welfare Benefit Package. Bruce commented, "I have sat at every union meeting since I became a member, and listened to insurance updates, etc., but it meant nothing. I never realized how valuable our Welfare Benefit Package is to a workingman and his family, until now." When Bruce became ill, all he could think about was the cost and how long it will take to pay. Bruce said, "After talking to the Fund Office, I stopped worrying."



(From left) Mike Tierney, Mike Shea, James J. Coyne, James F. Coyne, Pat McCarthy, Scott Spangle, James Hill (Hill Group), Michele Scaccia-Coyne and Jim Mansfield.



Bruce & Patte Doornbos.

Bruce believes that it is their concern for the members that pushes Business Manager Jim Coyne and the Welfare Fund trustees to look for and find better services. He said, "I am so impressed with what I have as a Plumbers Local 130 member. I hope everyone takes advantage of the new Wellness Center and be proactive with physicals."

PLUMBERS LOCAL 130 OFFICE INFORMATION

CHICAGO OFFICE:

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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

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28600 Bella Vista Pkwy., Ste. 2110, Warrenville, Illinois 60555
(630) 836-0100 • Fax (630) 393-0440

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

JOLIET OFFICE:

2114 I-80 South Frontage Road, Joliet, Illinois 60436
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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

VOLO OFFICE:

31855 North U.S. Highway 12, Volo, Illinois 60073
(815) 759-5900 • Fax (815) 759-5978

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

Health and Wellness Center

The Health and Welfare Fund Board of Trustees are turning the plans of the new Health and Wellness Center into reality. They have signed an agreement with Cerner Health to provide medical care at the facility.

Co-Chair James Coyne wants to convey to all members the importance of staying healthy. Being proactive with annual physicals can provide doctors with an early diagnosis of pre-determined conditions, and support you when various types of treatments are required. This annual physical will keep you healthier in your career and into retirement. A medical doctor will be on site, along with their staff to provide comprehensive care, including necessary treatment plans such as prescriptions, blood work, referrals for diagnostic testing and/or specialty care physicians, etc. There will be a Motion Health program on site (*including physical therapy*) to assist members with the diagnosis and treatment of ailments commonly experienced in the plumbing trades.

David Ariano, Co-Chair stated, “The trustees of your Health and Welfare plan are excited to be well on our way to opening the first Health and Wellness center for the plumbers and their families. This center will provide care on a much more personal level than you could receive through the regular healthcare industry. Unlike the traditional medical model which is focused on maximizing the number of bodies moved through their office every day, our facility is focused on providing the highest level of care to our members. It has taken your trustees an enormous amount of time and effort to find the right location, build out a space, and hire the right professionals to ensure our members receive the highest level of care. This is a medical facility designed by our members and member contractors for our members/employees and their families. We will keep you posted on our progress.”



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

The Irish Echo Labor Leader Awards

The Irish Echo honored Business Manager James F. Coyne on September 14th in New York City. *The Irish Echo*, the oldest Irish American newspaper, saluted James Coyne and Plumbers Local 130 for its consistent support and advocacy for union labor, as well as our world-famous St. Patrick's Day Parade. Also honored were Thomas A. Callahan, President and Business Manager of IUOE Local 15 and Political Activist Gerry Adams.

James Coyne thanked *The Irish Echo's* Chairman Peter Quinn, Editor Ray O'Hanlon, C.E.O. Connla McCann and Máirtín Ó Muilleoir for their commitment to labor unions. A special thanks was given to the following guests for attending: UA International Representative John J. Murphy, and from New York City Plumbers Local 1 Business Manager Michael Apuzzo, Steamfitters Local 638 President Patrick Dolan and Financial Secretary-Treasurer Robert Egan.



Ginger Rugai's 24th Annual Y-ME Softball Tournament

Plumbers Local 130's Officers arrived early on Saturday, August 25th at Mount Greenwood Park, located in southwest Chicago, to support women who have survived breast cancer and honor those who have passed. The annual tournament, hosted by Alderman Matt O'Shea of the 19th Ward, had 64 teams competing. The park was filled to capacity with over 1,200 players and spectators. Plumbers 911 Chicago was a sponsor of the event.



Local 130 Officers representing Plumbers 911 are Dave Thompson, Bart Holzhauser, John Hosty, Jones Richmond, Kevin Chambers, Sally Daly (Media Consultant) and Patrick McCarthy.

General Office Information

By: KEN TURNQUIST, FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER

Summer is over and fall is in the air. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some changes in the General Office.

The Local 130 website, www.ualocal130.org, is getting a makeover. Changes to our website's Home Page will be in place soon (*approximately mid-October*) and navigation will become easier. Coming soon, the "In Memoriam" page will contain funeral service information that we may have on recently deceased members. In the "Members Only" section, we have already implemented a couple of changes:

- **Members Notices:** Letters already sent to the members are uploaded here.
- **Signatory Contractors:** Lists all signatory contractors with a search option.

To access the Members Only Section, click on "**Member Login**" in the upper left corner of the Home Page. Check our website often for current news and activities.

Please be sure to carry your Local 130 I.D. card on you at all jobsites. Business Agents are now able to:

- Scan your card to help insure you have a current referral to your contractor.
- Check your certifications and confirm that you are current on your 4-hour Continuing Education and your plumbing license.
- Verify your current dues status. This will be helpful for those working in a building that needs to verify current membership. (*Dues stamps have been omitted on the U.A. membership card*).

If you do not have a Local 130 I.D. card, please stop in any of our offices to request one. Our Chicago office can print it on the spot. The remote offices will check to see that your picture is current and request that the Chicago office print and mail a new card to the address on file. It is a good time to verify that your address, phone number, certs, and plumbing license information is up to date.

Also as a reminder, if you take continuing education classes any place other than at a Local 130 site, you need to give that information to the Union Office so your records are accurate.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, or any other matter, call me at (312) 421-1010, ext. 117.

Pension and Welfare Benefit Office

By: JOSEPH OHM, FUND ADMINISTRATOR

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS

As many of us near retirement age, there are so many unanswered questions. The Fund Office has organized two (2) seminars that will highlight the retirement benefits that are available to members under the Local 130 Pension Plan. A representative has been invited from the Social Security Office and will be able to answer questions related to applying for Social Security benefits and review enrollment procedures for Medicare. For both seminars, doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will commence at 6:00 p.m.

- Thursday, October 25th - Chicago Hall
- Thursday, November 8th - Volo Hall

Please plan on attending and taking advantage of this informal, informational seminar. There will be sandwiches, refreshments, and snacks available. Spouses are invited to attend as well. Please contact representatives of the Pension Department at 312-829-1262 to register in advance.

BUILDING BRIDGES TO HEALTH 2018

On September 7th a letter was mailed to the membership inviting participants and spouses to visit Health Fairs referred to as "Building Bridges to Health." The following dates and locations are available at no cost to you:

- October 27th - Teamsters Local 731, 1000 Burr Ridge Pkwy., Burr Ridge, IL

- November 3rd - IUOE 399, 2260 S. Grove Street, Chicago, IL
- November 10th - Painters District Council 30, 1905 Sequoia Drive, Aurora, IL

The health fairs start at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 p.m. Among the services offered at the health fairs are a comprehensive blood test, vaccinations for flu and pneumonia, carotid artery testing, bone density testing and nutrition counseling. ***These services are available at no cost to you!!*** You select which date and location is the most convenient for you. To get the best results from this initiative, we need your support and participation. You should register and make an appointment for the blood test by emailing www.myinteractivehealth.com or by calling 1-800-840-6100. When asked for your Fund Name select "*Plumbers Local 130.*"

MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

On this website, you will obtain legal and financial information, as well as many interesting resources to review.

Go to www.ers-eap.com.

- Legal/Financial Center
- LIVECONNECT I.M.
- Your Work-life website

64th ANNUAL QUEEN CONTEST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019



Mary Kate Manion
2018 St. Patrick's Day Queen

Looking for the New Parade Queen

James F. Coyne, General Chairman of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade, announced plans for a city wide search for Chicago's fairest *Colleen*. She will represent the Chicago Irish community as the Queen of the 2019 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Entry Information

Any girl of Irish ancestry, never married, 18-28 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

Contest finals will be held Sunday, January 20, 2019, in the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607. Deadline for entries is Thursday, January 3, 2019.

For more information see our website:

www.chicagostpatricksdaysparade.org

10th Ward Labor Day Parade



On Saturday, September 1st, Plumbers Local 130 participated in the 10th Ward Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza's Labor Day Parade. The Parade kicked off at 11:00 a.m. in Calumet Park. Members marched along proudly with many friends from Building Trade Unions and community organizations as a tribute to Chicago's past, present and future. This day honors Union

brothers and sisters who gave their blood, sweat, tears, and sometimes their lives to make an honest wage to support their families.

Following the Parade was their Labor Day Festival held in Calumet Park from 1:00 until 10:00 p.m. It was a day filled with activities for children, music, food and refreshments.

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Plumbers Local 130 Political Fund

25th 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)

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at the 2nd Floor Window or
from a Local 130 Officer.



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PRIZES

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