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LOCAL 130 UA

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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The important work of Local 130 continues to evolve and thrive this quarter as we build pillars of success for our membership each and every day. This fall included a very busy General Election season across our country. On behalf of Local 130, we offer our congratulations and best wishes to President-Elect Donald J. Trump as he becomes our nation's 47th President on January 20th. Local 130 will continue to be a champion for good union jobs that include a better living wage, pensions, and a gold standard healthcare plan that includes no co-pay, no deductible and the convenience of 8 Union Wellness Centers including Union Eyes for our membership and their families. Under my leadership, we will continue to advocate for our membership at the local, state, and national level. We must all come together to find common ground to expand the rights of all workers and strive for a better future for not only our membership but for all Americans.

Our Political Action Task Force was a huge success with hundreds of members participating over three weekends this past October and November. Senate President Don Harmon and Speaker of the House Emanuel Chris Welch were very grateful for the work of our volunteers and we are pleased that the Democrats were able to maintain a super majority in the House and Senate. We also offer a special congratulations to Cook County State's Attorney-Elect Eileen O'Neill Burke on her very important win!

This past September, I also had the opportunity to attend a very informative UA

BUILDING PILLARS OF SUCCESS Each Day to Keep Local 130 Strong - Now and Into the Future -

Business Manager Seminar in Maryland. A major takeaway from this seminar is that our total number of Apprentices should equal 20 percent of membership. I will be working closely with our 3 contractor associations to increase the number of our Apprentices by approximately 7 percent in order to achieve the 20 percent metric guidelines provided by the UA.

At this time, we are currently accepting applications to our Plumbing Apprenticeship Program through February 14, 2025 or the first 2,000 submissions, whichever occurs first (scan QR Code in the right column). I am also pleased to share that we have initiatives in place to increase the number of apprentices joining Local 130. This includes a partnership with our signatory contractors and Chicago Public Schools (CPS) designed to both educate and recruit students to become our future plumbers. Together with Tony Rottman, our JAC Director of Training, we worked tirelessly with CPS to establish this exciting one-of-a kind Bridge Program. Over 90 CPS students have already completed this program and 73 of those students will be registering for our upcoming apprenticeship program.

This groundbreaking partnership is also being used as a model in suburban areas. High school students from Chicago and the suburbs are key to the Union Plumbing Industry and the 17 counties we serve in Illinois.

Our Pre-Retirement Seminar in Volo, IL on October 16th was also a great success with approximately 80 members and

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Applications available at:
www.apply.jac130.org

For Questions: 312-421-1028



2024 JAC Annual Contest Winners



1st PI - Hayden Nielsen, John's Sales & Service, Inc.



2nd PI - Nicholas Moses, Green Tech Plumbing, Inc.



3rd PI - Stephen Severson, Norman Mechanical, Inc.

The 2024 Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference

Local 130 officers and members proudly attended the Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference in New Orleans, LA on Sept 27-29, 2024. This is the largest conference of its type in North America and it brings more than 3,000 tradeswomen from every craft in the building trades together. This Conference provides opportunities for networking, learning and leadership development. Way to go Sisters and Brothers!

Here are some comments from our Local 130 members regarding their experiences at the Tradeswomen Builds Nations Conference.



"This is my favorite time of the year. It was a life-changing experience to be in the room with other woman in the field. We got to share our experiences of being on the job site in-person!"

- Alison Blumenthal, Local 130 5th Year Apprentice

"TradesWomen Build Nations- what an amazing experience! Not only was I able to meet hardworking women from all over the country—I was able to strengthen bonds with the tradeswomen techs from my local."

- Dana Wennerberg, Local 130 Technical Engineer

"I enjoy going to the conference, mainly because I can be with my sisters of Local 130. The last three years we have used this time to get together and share our experiences working in the field. Having this time together in a relaxed environment and being able to support each other has made an impact on me. The entire UA and women in the trades from all over welcomed us with open arms."

- Treasure Saunders, Local 130 Technical Engineer

"I truly appreciate the opportunity Plumbers Local 130 JAC has given us to participate in a Tradeswomen Build Nations conference of women's community & care. This conference has given us a place for idea-building & learning from each other which we Tradeswomen use to define our everyday work in the Chicagoland field. Absolutely a brilliant way to build our collective UA Union!"

- Rosemary Busky, Local 130 Technical Engineer

Local 130 Retirees Architectural Boat Tour

James F. Coyne and Local 130 staff were pleased to host the Local 130 Retirees Architectural Boat Tour this past Sept. 11th. The 75-minute Shoreline Sightseeing Boat ride was a crowd favorite for our retirees and their spouses. They all enjoyed the spectacular city views during this exciting Architectural fall boat tour!



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spouses in attendance. Among the highlights, our Local 130 Fund Administrator Joe Ohm and his team gave an overview of the Pension Plan. The Empower representative gave an overview of the Retirement Savings Fund (Annuity Fund) and the Country Financial team member provided key information related to Social Security benefits.

We are also working to recapture the market share in the residential service industry through our 911 program. To that end, this past Oct. 16th, our Plumbers 911 Meeting was attended by 9 contractors. I, along with our Recording Secretary Patrick McCarthy gave a presentation on the history of the program and provided an overview of the program's future goals includ-

ing key marketing updates. This meeting further solidified our plans to aggressively brand the 911 program to directly address non-union workers working in our industry.

Pat Gross, is now our newly appointed Business Representative for Municipal Workers and Jason Rogers, is our newest member of the Finance Committee. We wish Pat and Jason great success in their new roles!

This fall, we had a great turnout for the Family Day at Brookfield Zoo, sponsored by Country Financial on Oct. 13th. It was a wonderful Local 130 event attended by 1,000 members and their families. Photos from this event and more information can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

As the year comes to a close, I am completing my tenure as the 2024 President of

the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago (IFC). It was very special to be honored at the IFC's Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Hilton this December. I applaud the important community support that is provided by this outstanding local cultural and civic organization.

As we look to 2025, we will continue to make great strides in all that we do including increasing the number of Local 130 apprentices, and always organizing for new members! Together, we will "Succeed" and "Thrive" on all fronts for our Local 130 membership. Best wishes for a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year!

In Solidarity,
James F. Coyne

James F. Coyne

Local 130 Make A Difference Day



Under the leadership of Local 130 Business Manager James F. Coyne and in the spirit of volunteerism and giving back to the community, 21 of our members that included 14 apprentices provided free essential plumbing services to 10 homes in Chicago on Oct. 26, 2024 in partnership with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago.

"We partnered with Carpenters Local Union 10 to provide disabled and elderly Chicagoans with free labor to install ADA plumbing fixtures in their homes. It was very gratifying to pro-

vide this important assistance to residents of Chicago, said Alberto Garcia, Local 130 Executive Board Member. "I would like to thank Local 130 Officers Pat Gross, Paul Rodriguez, Robin Roccasalva for their help that day as well Local 130 Contractors, RPM and Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating. I also want to offer a special thank you to Tony Rottman, JAC Director of Training and Bill Brooks, Instructor in Charge in Joliet for providing us with the apprentices who were also onsite that day for this important community service event."

Eileen O'Neill Burke Achieves Victory in Cook County State's Attorney's Race



Local 130 offers its congratulations to Cook County State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke on her impressive win. We wish her great success in her new role! We were also pleased to host Eileen O'Neill Burke for her post-Primary election win Press Conference at the Stephen Bailey Auditorium in early April 2024. We would also like to offer our congratulations to IL Rep. Mike Kelly on winning his second term in the 15th District.

2025 Bailey Scholarship Reminder



STEPHEN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 2025.

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

The deadline is March 28, 2025 for this year's applications. 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 education scholarships available to union members and their families. Please go to our website, click on scholarships for detailed information.

31st Annual Football Smoker Political Action

On Sunday, October 27th, there was excitement in the air as Plumbers Local 130 hosted their 31st Annual Football Smoker Political Action Fundraiser at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. There were more than 1,000 people in attendance and we are proud to report that all 1,300 tickets were sold for this event. Although the Bears didn't win, it was still a great game! Everyone enjoyed themselves, with lots of great conversations and food to enjoy!



Senate President Don Harmon



UA Local 400 Business Manager Doug Dokey and his officers with Local 130 Business Manager James Coyne and Business Rep. Pete Olson



Fundraiser

The Football Smoker was attended by a number of City and State officials including: IL Senate President Don Harmon, IL Senator Cristina Castro, IL Sen. Bill Cunningham, Rep. Mike Kelly, IL Rep. Brad Stephens, Ald. Ruth Cruz, Ald. Jim Gardiner, Ald. Jeylu Gutierrez, Ald. Michelle Harris, Ald. Samantha Nugent, Ald. Nick Sposato and Ald. Matt O'Shea.



November Meeting/Turkey Raffle

The Local 130 meeting was held on Nov. 19th. Prior to the meeting, the Annual Products Show was held with vendor displays that showcased recommended plumbing components designed to ensure the reliability and safety of plumbing systems.

A meeting highlight was when Marine Vet and Local 130 4-year Apprentice James Jankowski (Birk Plumbing) shared a video of his experiences being in the Marine Corps. He also described the abundance of important life skills that he learned as a Marine which now transfers over into being a Plumber for Local 130.



Jim Jankowski Sergeant USMC, 4th Year Apprentice, Birk Plumbing



Local 130 Family Day at Brookfield Zoo, Sponsored by Country Financial

A great time was had by 1,000 Local 130 members and their families who attended the Oct. 13th Family Day at Brookfield Zoo, sponsored by Country Financial. It was a fun-filled day with lunch provided at the Swan Pavilion. Face painting and a caricaturist were also available along with the opportunity to see a host of animals up-close through the Zoo. Local 130 member Joe Gabel, was the 1st prize winner of the Yeti Cooler bag and an Annual Brookfield Zoo Family Pass and Samantha Johnson was the 2nd prize winner of the Bogg Bag and the Annual Brookfield Zoo Family Pass.



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A Message From Union Eyes

Did you know about 45 million people in the United States wear contact lenses? While contact lenses are usually a safe form of vision correction, they do not come risk free. Contact lenses are a medical device and should be cared for properly. If not, they can permanently damage your eyes.

There are many ways to wear contact lenses effectively and safely:

- 1) Wash your hands before any handling of your lenses.
- 2) Replace your contact lens case every 3 months.
- 3) Follow the recommended wear schedule. Do not overwear your contact lenses.
- 4) No sleeping, showering or swimming in contact lenses. (Unless your lenses are approved for overnight use by your doctor).
- 5) Use a sterile contact lens solution to clean and store your lenses. If you are not sure if the solution you use is okay, please ask! Some common brands are BioTrue, Opti-Free or ClearCare.

By following these instructions, you can reduce the risk of permanent vision loss.

If you do not follow these instructions, you may experience issues. If you ever notice any of these issues below, remove your contact lenses immediately. This is why backup glasses are super important! If you rely solely on your contact lenses to see and do not have glasses, you will not be able to drive/function properly. Some of the most common problems are:

- Eye pain / Irritation
- Swelling / Inflammation
- Light sensitivity
- Redness
- Blurry vision
- Watering
- Infection
- Corneal abrasion (a scratch)
- Dryness

Not sure if contacts are for you? Ask your optometrist at Union Eyes if they would be a good option!

Be sure to book your annual eye exam so that we can confirm your eyes are healthy and approved for contact lens wear. Do not wait until you are out of contacts to book an appointment. Once your prescription is finalized, we will ship a year supply directly to your door! Call 312-888-9999 or go to our website www.unioneyes.com to schedule an appointment.

Dr. Alexis Hill O.D.



JOLIET JAN 27-31
VOLO FEB 17-21
CHICAGO MAR 3-7
VOLO APR 7-11
JOLIET MAY 12-16
CHICAGO JUN 9-13
JOLIET JUL 7-11
CHICAGO AUG 18-22
VOLO SEP 15-19
JOLIET OCT 13-17
CHICAGO NOV 3-7

Cost:

- Local 130 Members \$215.00
- Non Members \$1,340.00

Members must be in good standing. This class is only for those who hold a valid Plumbing License.

CCCDI CERTIFICATION CLASSES BEING HELD IN CHICAGO, JOLIET & VOLO

Cross-Connection Control Device Inspector Certification

ADMISSION OPEN FOR 2025

Sign up by calling the JAC Office +312-421-1028

LIMITED SEATS

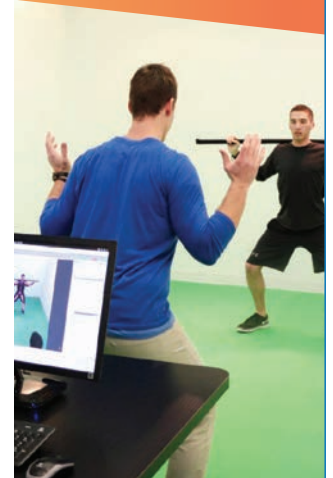
CCCDI certification classes require a four-day training course that addresses IEPA and IDPH rules and regulations, hands-on practice testing of backflow devices, and proper maintenance repair. Classes will start at 7:00 a.m. SHARP and you must attend the entire week of training.

Payment must be made at time of registration.



Complete a free Motion Health Assessment for your chance to win a prize!

At your screening, you'll complete a Motion Capture, which is a 12-movement musculoskeletal screen using marker-less 3D motion capture technology. You will be guided through each movement by a facilitator. Your Motion Results will be delivered to you, along with a corrective exercise plan that includes detailed comments explaining your unique strengths, tendencies, imbalances, and any dysfunctions. There's **no co-pay** and **no deductible**, making it easier for you to prioritize your health without added costs.



Win a Tabletop Firepit!

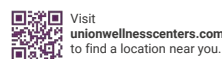
Members who complete a free Motion Health Assessment will be entered into a drawing to win a Tabletop Firepit (each location will have its own drawing). The assessment must be completed between October 1 and December 31, 2024.



Schedule an Appointment

Call 312-421-1016 or visit my.marathon-health.com.

Union Wellness Centers
312-421-1016



Mon: 8 AM – 5 PM
 Tue: 9 AM – 7 PM
 Wed: 8 AM – 5 PM
 Thu: 9 AM – 7 PM
 Fri: 8 AM – 4:30 PM



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2025

Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Important Dates & Raffle

2025 CHICAGO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

RAFFLE

1 TICKET - \$100
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\$25,000
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PRIZE

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Three winners will be
announced at the Corned
Beef & Cabbage Dinner:
Thursday, Jan 30, 2025
Plumbers Hall
1340 W. Washington Blvd

1ST GRAND PRIZE
\$25,000 cash

2ND GRAND PRIZE
4 roundtrip tickets
to Dublin, Ireland

3RD GRAND PRIZE
4 roundtrip tickets
to Dublin, Ireland

WINNERS DOES NOT NEED
TO BE PRESENT

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Proceeds to benefit the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.
Some exclusions and blackout dates apply.

QUEEN CONTEST

January 12, 2025

CORNEBEEF & CABBAGE DINNER & RAFFLE

January 30, 2025

PARADE & RIVER DYEING

March 15, 2025

ANNUAL QUEEN CONTEST - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025



Grace O'Connor
2024 St. Patrick's Day Queen

Looking for the New Parade Queen

James F. Coyne, General Chairman of the 2025 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 2025 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Entry Information

Any young lady of Irish ancestry, never married, 18-29 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

Contest finals will be held Sunday, January 12, 2025, in the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607. Deadline for entries is January 6, 2025.

For more information see our website: www.chicagostpatricksdaysparade.org

PLUMBERS JAC 2024-25 APPLICATIONS

Plumbers' JAC Local 130, UA, will be accepting applications online only for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program through February 14, 2025 OR the first 2,000 submissions, whichever occurs first.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNION MEETINGS

Jan. 9th at 6 pm (Tech Engineers)
Jan. 14th at 6 pm (Plumbers)
Feb. 11th at 6 pm (Plumbers)
Feb. 13th at 6 pm (Tech Engineers)
Mar. 13th at 6 pm (Plumbers & Tech. Eng.)

RETIREES EVENTS

Feb. 19th at 9 am - Quarterly Breakfast (Chicago)
May 21st at 9 am - Quarterly Breakfast (Volo)
Aug. 21st at 9 am - Quarterly Breakfast (Joliet)
Nov. 19th at 9 am - Quarterly Breakfast (Warrenville)
RSVP to Marilyn at 312-421-1010 ext. 122

ANNUAL EVENTS

Jan. 12th at Noon - Queen Contest
Jan. 30th at 5 pm - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Mar 15th at 12:30 pm - St. Patrick's Day Parade

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
WRITTEN	January 15, 2025*	December 4, 2024	PRACTICAL	March 8, 2025*	February 12, 2025
WRITTEN	May 7, 2025*	April 9, 2025	PRACTICAL	June 14, 2025*	May 14, 2025
WRITTEN	August 6, 2025*	July 9, 2025	PRACTICAL	September 6, 2025*	August 6, 2025
WRITTEN	October 8, 2025*	September 10, 2025	PRACTICAL	December 6, 2025*	November 5, 2025

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