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LOCAL 130 UA

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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Throughout 2025, we continue to make progress. We are Union strong! Whether we are talking about state-of-the-art training, healthcare, or retirement benefits, we are hitting the marks on all fronts. In related news, a very successful TradesWomen Build Nation event recently took place in Chicago at McCormick Place on September 19-21. UA General President Mark McManus addressed UA delegates at this largest conference of its type in North America. It's an annual event that brings 5,000+ tradeswomen from every craft in the building trades together and provides opportunities for networking, learning, and leadership development. Way to go Sisters and Brothers! (See pages 10-11).

And there is more positive Union news to share. Local 130 is pleased with the recent decision of the NLRB Judge, which vindicated the rights of workers from Reliance Plumbing, (a non-union shop) and holds that company accountable for its violations of federal labor law. We hope this court decision serves as a reminder to all non-union plumbers in Chicagoland and across the country that the Union is here for them and Local 130 will fight to defend their rights. Plumbers, including our Local 130 membership, protect the health of the nation and deserve dignity, respect, and fair compensation for their essential work.

Local 130 has always prioritized our Retirees, so I am pleased to report that on July 1, 2025, we were able to provide our retirees with a bonus check of \$1,816.00, as part of their retirement benefits. The strength of our fully funded pension plan

at the (105.8%) level, allows us to provide this additional benefit to our retirees.

In other news, the Official Podcast of UA General President Mark McManus is called PipeUp! and is now available for our membership to access any time. (Click QR code on page 4). The monthly podcast explores the stories, and the skills of plumbers and other trades. Tune in for insights, interviews, and discussions on topics vital to our membership and the trade.

Congratulations to Alberto Garcia, our new Local 130 Organizer, and Michael J. Tierney, our new Business Representative, whom I both appointed this past summer. Yuriy O. Striltschuk, is also the new Organizer for the Illinois Pipe Trades. We wish Alberto, Michael, and Yuriy great success in their new roles!

I would also like to congratulate and send our best wishes to Jerry D. Raef, who recently retired as President of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties Plumbing and Piping Contractors Association, Inc., this past August.

Building on our consistent progress, we are pleased to also announce that Union Eyes is expanding its services in Channahon, Lemont, and Warrenville for the benefit of our membership. Ironworkers Local 1 has joined the UWC as the 11th Union that is now part of the partnership for the eight Union Wellness Centers, designed for the convenience of our members with no co-pay and no deductible benefits across the board.

I also want to congratulate Local 130 Night School Instructor Danny Lenzen for

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graduating from the UA Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor this past August. What a great accomplishment!

Back by popular demand! Our one-of-a-kind Bridge Program designed to educate and recruit future plumbers, is taking place from October 6th to December 11th. We are pleased to announce that, in addition to this being offered to Chicago Public Schools, this program is now also being offered to high school students at Riverside Brookfield, Maine East, St. Patrick, and Lake County High Schools. The program will conclude with an open house for the students to meet Local 130 contractors followed by a completion ceremony on January 20th in Volo and in Chicago on January 22nd.

Our focus for our membership continues to be on providing good-paying jobs, top-notch health care plans, and retirement benefits. In this ever-changing world, the plumbing profession remains a solid career choice. We have all heard a lot of discussions about what AI can do now and into the future, but the plumbing profession will continue to require on-site problem-solving by skilled and trained Local 130 professionals, who also offer physical dexterity and hands-on adaptability that can't be replaced by automation. The bottom line is, the future looks bright for our Local 130 members. Together we will all succeed and thrive! Stay healthy and be safe!

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne

SOPEL FOUNDATION: Hockey with the Stars 2025



It was a powerful day of hockey and purpose for Plumber Local 130 on May 17th at the SopeL Foundation: Hockey with the Stars 2025 Event. Business Manager Jim Coyne along with Plumbers Local 130 membership, joined SopeL Foundation Founder Brent Sopel and other Chicagoland Union members, for an unforgettable charity hockey game in support of Dyslexia and ADHD awareness at the Willowbrook Ice Arena. The SopeL Foundation, founded by Brent Sopel, a former NHL player and Stanley Cup champion, aims to improve the lives of those with dyslexia and help them to achieve their full potential. Local 130 was proud to support this special event.

This event was enjoyed by many of our Local 130 membership including Local 130 retired Plumber John Shogren and his family. "Being able to share the experience with my family made it even more special for me and I know a lot of others felt the same way. I could go on and on about the hockey event, and the fellowship had by all. A day for sure my family and myself will not forget," said John Shogren.



Retiree John Shogren and his family

THANK YOU LOCAL 130 MEMBERS:

Samuel Atchison, Anthony Bronge, Andrew Dalbis, Michael Dennis, Sean Jacobi, Mike Kerrigan, Pat Kerrigan, Dan Laduzinski, Michael Lane, Michael Mannion, Shaun Mannion, Ryan McCollom, Hugh O'Brien, Connor O'Shaughnessy, Kyle O'Shaughnessy, Ryan Russell, John Shogren, Nicholas Smith, Quenten Smith, Nicholas M. Staab, Michael Stevens, Yuriy Striltschuk, Zachary Stubitsch, Paul Tran, Nicholas W. Treiber, Edward J. Walsh, Jacob Witek



33rd Annual Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

35 Houses Repaired in Chicagoland Area



This past April 26th, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago took place with our crew of 160 volunteers who eagerly assisted with essential home repairs for 35 homes in the Chicagoland area. A special thank you goes out to Business Agent Michael Shea and Local 130 Organizer Alberto Garcia for all their efforts on that day.

Thank you to the Project Foreman – Bill Wilkens, Pat Carey, Ryan Kelly, Jon Maher, Eric Lussenhop, Pat Gross, Paul Tucker, Jen MacDonald, Joe Mondia, Billy Brooks, Narsisio Diaz, Juan Rivera, Job Banda, Dan Lenzen, Paul Rodriguez, Dave Thompson, Miguel Estrada, Robin Roccassalva, Abel Pascual, Julian Vazquez Steve Geraghty, Eddie Nunez - and to all the members of Local 130 who participated in this important annual community outreach event. We also thank our signatory contractors for their participation and for generously supplying vans, trucks and materials for the event.



May 5th PCA Membership Meeting Update

The UA General President Mark McManus was the keynote speaker at the May 5th PCA Membership membership meeting at Harry Caray's in Lombard. The UA President covered a variety of interesting topics ranging from the union's commitment to training, strategic organizing efforts, focus on technology and workforce development and the UA's longstanding relationship with signatory contractors. Business Manager Jim Coyne also discussed the important work taking place at Local 130. PCA President Kelly Castrogiovanni (TPC) also provided remarks at this very well attended meeting.



UA Podcast - Pipe Up! WITH THE GENERAL PRESIDENT

The UA podcast can be accessed at ua.org/pipeup or scan the QR code.

Listen and Subscribe on: Spotify - Apple - Amazon - iHeart



Skilled. Essential. Union: 2025 CFL Labor Day Parade on Sept. 6th

This year, Local 130 Officers and membership participated in the 2025 CFL Labor Day Parade & Eddie Fest on Sept. 6th at the Historic Pullman District to celebrate Chicago's vibrant and ongoing labor legacy.



2025 Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to once again provide scholarships to the children of our Local 130 membership! We offer our congratulations to the four recent high school graduates who are the recipients of this year's Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarships. These scholarship recipients were announced at our Local 130 June 2025 meeting. Their parents were also proudly in attendance for this special recognition. Best wishes from Local 130 to 2025 Scholarship Recipients!



(L-R) Business Manager Jim Coyne, Elin Lappin, John Kennedy, Chloe Gadison & John Lane

1st Place Winners - \$2,500.00

- Elin Lappin, Daughter of Jason Lappin
Best Plumbing
- John Lane, Son of Michael Lane
A-Plus Plumbing

2nd Place Winners - \$1,500.00

- Chloe Gadison, Daughter of Carmichael Gadison, City of Chicago
- John Kennedy, Son of Patrick Kennedy
RPM Plumbing



Plumbers' JAC Local 130, UA will be accepting applications online only for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program starting November 17, 2025 through February 13, 2026 OR the first 2,000 submissions, whichever occurs first.

Applications available at:
www.apply.jac130.org
For Questions: 312-421-1028



UPCOMING EVENTS

UNION MEETINGS

Oct. 9th at 6 pm (Tech. Engineers)
 Oct. 14th at 6 pm (Plumbers)
 Nov. 20th (Plumbers & Tech. Eng.)
 Dec. 9th at 6 pm (Plumbers)
 Dec. 11th at 6 pm (Tech. Engineers)

RETIREES EVENTS

Nov. 19th at 9 am - Quarterly Breakfast (Warrenville)
 RSVP no later than Nov. 12th
 Dec. 11th - Holiday Luncheon (Chicago)
 RSVP no later than Nov. 26th
RSVP to Marilyn at 312-421-1010 ext. 122

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pre-Retirement Seminar
 Oct. 23rd at 6 pm (Warrenville)
**RSVP to the
 Pension Department at
 312-829-1262**

June 10th Meeting/Patio Party at the Local 130 Union Hall

IL Speaker of the House Emanuel Chris Welch, Business Manager Jim Coyne and Brent Sopel, Founder of the Sopel Foundation, spoke to the membership at the June 10th Union meeting. Following the meeting, hundreds of members, including Tech engineers, apprentices and guests at the Hall enjoyed their time at the annual onsite Patio Party right outside the Union Hall. The event included delicious food prepared by Local 130 officers, refreshments and giveaways provided by Country Financial, Union Wellness Centers and Union Eyes. Dave Henry, Local 130 member, was also the DJ for the event. We would also like to thank 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Cara Walsh and her Court for attending this event!





A Message from Union Eyes

Most people would assume that as an optometrist, we only focus on what pair of glasses might help you see more clearly. In reality, as optometrists, we work closely with your healthcare providers at the UWC to help manage both eye health and systemic health. We actually use changes in glasses prescriptions as a clue to how overall eye health is performing. I had a recent case in which I did just that.

At the Crestwood location, a new patient walked in for a normal comprehensive eye exam. I learned that they had uncontrolled Type 2 Diabetes—an issue with controlling blood sugar in the body. I used the newest technology that was provided, the Optos Monaco machine to take pictures and scans in the back of his eye. Upon reviewing the photos, things looked relatively normal. However, when I looked at his prescription and his overall health history, I decided why not use this amazing piece of equipment to make sure nothing was hiding there. To my surprise, I found an area where diabetes was truly impacting his vision—by a small amount? Yes, but nonetheless important to keep an eye on. Without this new technology, it most likely would have gone unnoticed.

Why is this important? Well, most people are used to hearing the same old, “your eyes just change when you get older” when in reality patients with a similar health history are having vision changes because of their physical health. Diabetic changes in the eye often go undiagnosed. It is estimated that around 50% of individuals with diabetes may not be aware they have these issues in the eye. **It is important to manage blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar to ensure no changes like this occur in the back of the eye.** Patients should call if there are any changes to vision throughout the day, blurriness, sudden loss of vision or new diagnosis of diabetes or high blood pressure. An initial eye exam here at Union Eyes, with our latest technology, can provide huge insight not only to physical eye health but physical health in general. I and my fellow providers are happy to see anyone at any time. We are able to provide a deeper and more comprehensive eye exam due to the latest technology provided.

*Julianna Babich, O.D., Union Eyes
Lemont, Warrenville, Crestwood*

Complete your Motion Health Assessment for a chance to win!



Motion Health

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 PT.

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.

Three individuals who complete each quarterly Health Challenge in 2025 will have a chance to win \$250, \$500, or \$1,000!

Complete your Motion health Assessment with a UWC Physical Therapist by December 31st for a chance to win one of eight \$100 gift cards!



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Local 130 Retirees Enjoy Volo and Joliet Breakfast Events & Architectural Boat Tour

Business Manager Jim Coyne and Local 130 staff were pleased to host a Retirees' Breakfast at Volo on May 28th and in Joliet on August 21st. The Local 130 Retirees and their spouses enjoyed starting their day at these Breakfast events that included presentations given by the Fund Office, Humana and Retiree First.

VOLO BREAKFAST



Volo Retirees



*L-R Front: Ed Cargill, Sue Cargill, Bill Bielanski
L-R Back: Business Manager Jim Coyne, Don Graves, Bob Stob*



Dennis & June Kucia

JOLIET BREAKFAST



L-R: Robert Huntley & Earl Jackson



Joliet Retirees



L-R: Jim Coyne, Jim & Kathlene Wolf

LOCAL 130 RETIREES ARCHITECTURAL BOAT TOUR

The Local 130 staff were pleased to host the Local 130 Retirees Architectural Boat Tour on Sept. 11th. Retirees and their spouses enjoyed the 75-minute Shoreline Sightseeing boat ride that included great weather, conversations and city views!



TradesWomen Build Nations Conference in Chicago in 2025

Our Officers and membership proudly represented Local 130 at the TradesWomen Build Nations Conference in Chicago on September 19-21, 2025. UA General President Mark McManus also addressed UA delegates at the largest conference of its type in North America. It was an inspiring weekend at this annual Conference that brings together more than 5,000 tradeswomen from every craft in the building trades. The Conference provides opportunities for networking, learning and leadership development. Way to go Sisters and Brothers!



Our Local 130 members shared comments from their experiences at the TradesWomen Build Nations in Chicago! (See page 11).



Local 130 Women and our Officers: Jennifer MacDonald, Robin Roccasalva, Alison Blumenthal, Deidra Brassfield, Lorena Smith, Carla Payne, Ingrid Wennerberg, Mary Ellen Birmingham, Melanie Giermek, Carrie Hoza, Abigail Almanza, Nicole Anderson, Valorie Gallo, Rebecca Hamlet, Kayleigh Jensen, Samantha Johnson, Sarah Kircos, Kristin Lukasik, Olivia Madden, Alyssa Radoicic, Alondra Ramirez, Juliet Silvestre, Kaitlyn Truty, Dannah Williams, Malika (Charlie) Willoughby, Laura Sanchez, Dana Wennerberg, Kristin Bush, Treasurer Saunders, Stephanie Quinn, Katelyn Cimaglio, Jillian Lipa, Carol Otarola, Business Manager Jim Coyne, Financial Secretary-Treasurer John Hosty, JAC Training Director Tony Rottman, JAC Instructors Billy Brooks and Paul Tran.



Carrie Hoza: 4th Generation Local 130 Plumber/Signatory Contractor

Brother Jim! Thank you so much for the amazing opportunity for TWBN 2025! It was something I never knew I needed. My heart is full and my cup runneth over!



Kristin Lukasik: UA Local 130, 5th Year Apprentice

TradesWomen Build Nations in Chicago was a very humbling experience. The leadership, mentorship, sisterhood, and tools gained from this weekend are incomparable and give me an amazing sense of pride for what we are doing as women in the trades. To be able to share that experience with my fellow brothers and sisters from Local 130 makes it even better, and I appreciate the dedication, support, and opportunity Local 130 has provided.



Samantha Johnson: UA Local 130, 4th Year Apprentice

TradeWomen Build Nations is a revitalizing experience where passion and practicality converge. You are graciously welcomed by the women who have paved the path ahead and continue to strive for a better future. Through the outlook of your peers a safe space to navigate obstacles is illuminated, sharing both the highs and lows of our journeys is a powerful tool that should be cherished.



Treasure Saunders: UA Local 130, Technical Engineer Journey Person

I look forward to this conference every year. I love being with my sisters of Local 130 and sisters from all over the country. I leave rejuvenated, and I am excited to continue with my career as a tradeswoman.



Jillian Lipa: UA Local 130, Technical Engineer 1st Year Apprentice and TWBN 2025 Sargent At Arms

I am thankful for the opportunity to spend the weekend with my dedicated and strong sisters of Local 130. You can't deny the power of 5,000 tradeswomen from all over North America, I look forward to the coming years!

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Exam Title	Exam Date	Sign-up Deadline	Exam Title	Exam Date	Sign-up Deadline
WRITTEN	January 14, 2026	December 3, 2025	PRACTICAL	December 6, 2025*	November 5, 2025
WRITTEN	May 6, 2026	March 25, 2026	PRACTICAL	March 7, 2026*	February 13, 2026
WRITTEN	August 5, 2026	June 24, 2026	PRACTICAL	June 13, 2026*	May 22, 2026
WRITTEN	October 7, 2026	August 26, 2026	PRACTICAL	September 5, 2026*	August 14, 2026
			PRACTICAL	December 5, 2026*	November 13, 2026

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

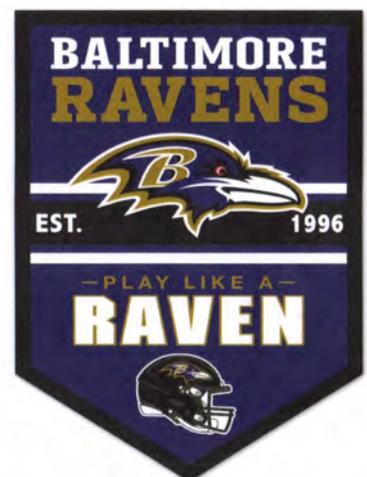
Plumbers Local 130 Political Fund 32nd Annual PAC Fundraiser Sunday, October 26, 2025



Kick-off at Noon
Doors open at 11am
Plumbers Hall
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Tickets on Sale
Starting 6/10/25

Price: \$150.00 per ticket
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PER TICKET)
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Local 130 Officer



PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE - \$15,000 🏆 **2nd PRIZE - \$5,000** 🏆 **3rd PRIZE - \$2,500** 🏆 **Ten 4th PRIZES - \$150**

FOOD & BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED