



# PLUMBERS

## LOCAL 130 UA

SPRING 2026



### Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The second quarter of 2026 at Local 130 continues to be successful with positive momentum on all fronts. On the financial front, with the June 1, 2026, Wage and Benefits allocation, I am pleased to report we are able to provide competitive wages and benefits for our members (see pg. 2 for specific details). According to our Actuarial Consultant, the Segal Group, effective June 1, 2026, our defined benefit pension is also funded at 105.5% level, allowing us to now be able to reallocate .79 cents per hour to the Retirement Savings Contribution Rate. This added membership benefit is for participants working on the PCA and WSA Agreements. This is great news that represents Local 130's commitment to ensuring long-term financial well-being for our membership now and into the future.

Myself along with Local 130 officers recently attended the North America's Building Trades Unions Legislative (NABTU) Conference in Washington D.C., on April 19-22, where UA General President Mark McManus, and other Union officials from across the country were also in attendance. This was a significant in-person opportunity to ensure that Local 130's voice is part of the broader conversation on jobs, training, increasing apprenticeship programs, and the future of the union plumbing industry.

On behalf of Local 130, I also want to congratulate UA General President Mark McManus for receiving the George Meany Award from the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans (NCCMP). This well-deserved award honors his leadership in strengthening multiemployer plans and union jobs.

## LOCAL 130: Achieving Success with Positive Momentum on All Fronts

Convenient on-site health and wellness is coming to Plumbers Hall! I am excited to share the news that the opening of our 9th Union Wellness Center and Union Eyes is now planned for the first-floor retail space at our Local 130 parking garage on Randolph Street. The new planned facility will offer the same high-level services and amenities as well as no deductible, no co-pay that is also available at the eight other UWC facilities located in Illinois and Indiana. In addition, Saint Anthony's Hospital (SAH) is officially opening its Physical Therapy facility on the first level of our retail space of the Local 130 Garage this Spring. We welcome SAH as our new tenant!

I offer my congratulations to Joe Cuttie, for his second place win at the 2026 UA Apprentice State of Illinois Contest. In other member news, a group of Local 130 Plumbers/Apprentices from O'Sullivan Plumbing recently worked on the Bally's Casino project (see page 4). This project will be featured in the upcoming edition of UA Journal. I also want to congratulate Carrie Hoza for being honored with the Addie Wyatt Emerging Leader Award at the Chicago Federation of Labor's 2026 Women's Celebration on March 3rd. (see pg. 3).

I want to thank the 200 Local 130 members who volunteered their time and talents at our 35th Annual Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago on April 25th, and also thank the twelve signatory contractors for generously supplying vans, trucks, and materials for the event. A special thank you to Mike Shea and Alberto Garcia for leading the efforts for this event. (see pg. 11).

I want to congratulate Phil Roknich on his retirement and thank him for his 18

years of service as a full-time Local 130 Instructor. I also want to welcome Tony Hileman as our new full-time Instructor at Volo. We also welcome the new 155 Apprentices who are now going through our JAC program.

We had great participation at the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Open House in Chicago on May 7th and we look forward to the Open House in Joliet on May 21st.

The 2026 Parade Season was once again a great success! Local 130 was proud to sponsor the 71st Annual Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as the iconic river dyeing on March 14th! The Parade and river dyeing was enjoyed by tens of thousands of Parade enthusiasts and was also televised in a two-hour telecast on ABC7 Chicago. I want to congratulate our 2026 St. Patrick's Day Queen Clarie Cahill, and thank the more than 800 volunteers and their families who volunteered or marched in the Parade with Local 130. Together, our membership worked together to present a very successful Parade and river-dyeing for all to enjoy!

As we continue to build on this year's momentum, we remain focused on providing our membership with good-paying jobs, gold standard health care plans, and retirement benefits. We will continue to work together with our talented team of Plumbing professionals along with our Union contractors, to succeed and thrive on all fronts today and into the future! Stay healthy and be safe!

In Solidarity,

*James F. Coyne*

# June 1, 2026 Wage & Benefit Allocations

## PLUMBERS

Local 130 UA members received their annual wage and benefit increases on June 1, 2026. The amount of the increase depends on which signatory contractor association represents your employer (see tables below). For the plumbers, the amounts were negotiated as part of a four-year agreement between Local 130 and three associations. The journey person plumber's wage rate (on the check) is \$62.00 per hour if working for a PCA or WSA employer and \$56.75 if working in Kankakee/Iroquois Counties (KICPPA).

<b>PCA and WSA Agreement</b>		<b>K&amp;ICPPA Agreement</b>	
Wages (Journey person)	\$1.50	Wages (Journey person)	\$1.35
Welfare Fund	\$1.25	Welfare Fund	\$1.00
Retiree Fund	\$0.50	Retiree Fund	\$0.30
Pension - DB to DC Fund Reallocation	-\$0.79	Pension - DB to DC Fund Reallocation	-\$0.79
Pension DC Fund	\$0.06	Pension DC Fund	\$0.01
- DB to DC Fund Reallocation	+\$0.79	- DB to DC Fund Reallocation	+\$0.79
JAC Training Fund	\$0.19	JAC Training Fund	\$0.19
<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$2.85</b>

## SCHEDULE A & RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS

For the plumbers working under the Schedule A or Residential Service Agreements, the amounts were negotiated as part of a four-year agreement between Local 130 and three associations. The Journey person Plumbers wage rate (on the check) is \$54.40 per hour if working under the Schedule A Agreement and \$51.00 if working under the Residential Service Agreement.

<b>SCHEDULE A Agreement</b>		<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICE Agreement</b>	
Wages (Journey person)	\$1.15	Wages (Journey person)	\$1.05
Welfare Fund	\$0.70	Welfare Fund	\$1.00
Retiree Fund	\$0.25	Retiree Fund	\$0.25
Pension-DC Fund	\$0.05	Pension-DC Fund	\$0.05
JAC Training Fund	\$0.10	JAC Training Fund	\$0.12
<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$2.25</b>	<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$2.47</b>

## TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

For the Technical Engineers who work in Illinois, this is the second year of a five year agreement that was negotiated with Mid-America Regional Bargaining Association (MARBA) and Plumbers Local 130. The Journey person's rate for those members working in Illinois has increased to \$60.00 per hour. For the Technical Engineers who work in Indiana, this is the second year of a five year agreement with Northwest Indiana Contractors Association (NWICA) which began on June 1, 2026. The Journey person's rate for those members working in Indiana Zone 1 & Zone 2 has increased to \$51.50 per hour. Listed below please find the allocation of the hourly increase for 2026.

<b>MARBA Agreement</b>		<b>NWICA Agreement Zone 1</b>		<b>NWICA Agreement Zone 2</b>	
Wages (Journey person)	\$1.55	Wages (Journey person)	\$1.50	Wages (Journey person)	\$1.50
Welfare Fund	\$1.10	Welfare Fund	\$1.00	Welfare Fund	\$1.00
Retiree Welfare	\$0.30	Retiree Welfare	\$0.30	Retiree Welfare	\$0.30
Pension-DC Fund	\$0.55	Pension-DC Fund	\$0.50	Pension-DC Fund	\$0.50
		JAC Training Fund	\$0.02	JAC Training Fund	\$0.02
<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$3.32</b>	<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$3.32</b>

# Carrie Hoza Honored at Chicago Federation of Labor's 2026 Women's Celebration

On March 3rd, 4th Generation Local 130 Plumber /Signatory Contractor, Author, and Army Vet Carrie Hoza, was the recipient of the Addie Wyatt Emerging Leader Award. The 2026 Women's Celebration was presented by the Chicago Federation of Labor at IBEW Local 134 and the event was also attended by Local 130 Officials and members.



L-R: Business Manager Jim Coyne and Carrie Hoza



*“I am very humbled,” said Carrie Hoza. “This was unexpected, if you look at all the things that Addie Wyatt did, I am honored to be considered worthy of representing her name.”*

Here are some excerpts from Carrie's inspiring remarks from the 2026 Women's Celebration on March 3rd:

*“As I reflect on the truly remarkable women, I have recently met through the Tradeswomen Build Nations and the Sisters of 130 Group, I am reminded of the extraordinary professionalism, work ethic, and strength that defines the sisterhood. Strengthening not only one another but all of our local unions.*

*Because of this inspiring community of women, I am deeply honored to be the first recipient of The Addie Wyatt Leadership Award. The work she did to create opportunities and foster respect within the workplace has shaped my entire professional life, from working in the machine shop of Harley Davidson to serving in the U.S. Army as a Convoy Commander...and rounding out my career working alongside some of the greatest Plumbers in this town. I can see how this path was being built long before I fully understood it.*

*As a fourth-generation plumber, I know that Walter Bratschi would be proud to see his legacy continue. As the Chicago Federation of Labor reminds us, our strength as a labor movement comes from the unity and solidarity of our affiliated organizations and their members. What Addie understood so long ago and what the CFL continues to champion, is that we are stronger when we stand and work together.*

*... I am truly grateful, and I share this recognition with every tradeswoman who shows up each day with grit, excellence, and pride in her craft.”*

# Women In Construction Week: Local 130 Proud - Bally's Casino Project

We are proud of our Local 130 Women's members who worked on the Bally's Casino project in Chicago. During WIC (Women in Construction Week), March 1-7, 2026, the women of O'Sullivan Plumbing, Inc. completed the layout, prefabrication, and installation of the cast iron hub-and-spigot piping for this raised bar project at the Casino.

Local 130 and O'Sullivan Plumbing, Inc. were very proud to support and celebrate WIC Week and the talented women in our industry.

## Local 130 Women Working on Bally's Casino share their thoughts:

### **Ruby Barnes 1st Year Apprentice, O'Sullivan Plumbing**

"The Bally's Casino Project represents a transformative investment in the City of Chicago, bringing thousands of construction and permanent jobs while creating a world class entertainment destination on the river front. Being a part of the Bally's project with O'Sullivan is an honor to be able to contribute through layout, prefabrication, and installation of cast iron for the raised bar! This doesn't only reflect the precision and skill we have learned in the trade from our fellow Journeymen and experience, but also strength and capability of women in the trades industry!"

### **Juliet Silvestre: 2nd Year Apprentice, O'Sullivan Plumbing**

"Bally's has been an exciting project to work on. It's a massive operation with many opportunities to learn from. I feel fortunate to work with other women and it's not as common as some may think. Moments like this show how far women in the trades have come, while also reminding us there's still more room to grow. To have our team recognized during Women in Construction Week makes it even more meaningful. It's a reminder of how important representation, mentorship, and opportunity are in helping grow the next generation of journeywomen. I'm grateful to be part of a company like O'Sullivan that continues to support and invest in that growth."

### **Valorie Gallo: 3rd Year Apprentice, O'Sullivan Plumbing**

"Being apart of the O'Sullivan team and Bally's casino has been quite the experience. I have never been on a job of this magnitude and I love seeing all the trades working together to make this masterpiece! When its all said and done I would love for all of us women to get together, enjoy a well deserved cocktail, and admire the bar we built. Being a Plumber is not an easy job but I hope I inspire other women to take chance on a very rewarding career no matter their age because I took the leap at 40 and if I can do it, anyone can do it! I am proud to be apart of the Local 130 family!"

### **Rebecca Hamlett: 2nd Year Apprentice, O'Sullivan Plumbing**

"I'm extremely proud that our team is being recognized for Women in Construction Week. Working with many other tradeswomen on this project has been a unique opportunity. I'm grateful for the support and training I've received from Local 130 and O'Sullivan Plumbing because it has set us to show what tradeswoman are capable of."

### **Kaitlyn Truty 2nd Year Apprentice, O'Sullivan Plumbing**

"It was pretty cool to be a part of the raised bar project and for our team to be recognized during Women in Construction Week. It was my first time putting together a bar's "underground" piping above ground and supported in concrete. It was fun to see something new and it was awesome to work next to my fellow hard working women. The project went quick, I went to working on 15" Cast Iron next. This job is all lead & oakum so I am becoming closer friends with my hammer every day (lol)."



*Pictured (R-L) Ruby Barnes, Juliet Silvestre, Kaitlyn Truty, Valorie Gallo, Rebecca Hamlett*

*This photo was taken by Paul Gonzalez, Project Superintendent.*

# UA General President Mark McManus Receives George Meany Award

This past March, UA General President Mark McManus received the George Meany Award from the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans (NCCMP). This prestigious award recognizes his leadership in strengthening multiemployer plans and supporting millions of UA members including Local 130 and their families.



*Pictured L-R Paul Hinterlong, John Hosty, Scott Spangle, Ryan Brown, UA General President Mark McManus, Business Manager James Coyne, Pat Brooks, Mike Tierney and Chris Anish.*

## UNITED ASSOCIATION APPRENTICE CONTEST



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The 34th Annual Plumbers Local 130 UA JAC 3rd Year Apprentice Contest took place in February 2026. Eleven apprentices took part in this year's Contest.

A special thank you to our instructors and apprentice volunteers that made this all possible.

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### Congratulations to the winners:

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**1st Place – Quinn P. Gainer**  
Great Lakes Plbg & Htg Co.



**2nd Place – Robert A. Suwalski**  
FJ Kerrigan Plumbing



**3rd Place – Anthony F. Pena**  
Prairie Piping, Inc.

# 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Was A Crowd Pleaser

The 2026 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by Local 130, celebrated its 71st Anniversary on March 14th in Chicago! The exciting Parade featured on Columbus Drive and the popular river dyeing coordinated each year the morning of the Parade by a team of Local 130 Plumbers are activities greatly enjoyed by all! Thousands of locals and out-of-town visitors from across the country and from around the world enjoyed every minute of the festivities from beginning to end.

This year's Parade theme was Faith, Peace & Unity. Parade General Chairman James F. Coyne, kicked off the festivities along with Grand Marshal Father Thomas R. McCarthy and the Guest of Honor, the Shannon Rovers, celebrating their 100th Anniversary (1926-2026) and the 2026 Parade Queen Claire Cahill. IL Governor JB Pritzker, IL Lieut. Gov. Juliana Stratton, IL Speaker of the House Emanuel Chris Welch, IL Senate President Don Harmon, IL Sec. of State Alexi Giannoulias, and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson also marched in the Parade's Frontline.

ABC 7 featured a two-hour telecast of the Parade that included close to 100 entries with such favorites as the Shannon Rovers, the Trinity Irish Dancers, and a wide range of colorful floats including high school marching bands from Illinois and as far away as Alabama.

Thank you to the more than 800 members and their families who either volunteered their time as Parade Marshals, Security or marched in the Parade for Local 130. We could not have done it without you!





# PCA Board Installation for 2026-27 Term

The full roster of Officers and Directors for the PCA Board for the 2026-27 term were officially installed at the PCA's Winter Social on Jan. 23. The event took place in Oak Brook and welcomed over 160 attendees. Business Manager James F. Coyne administered the oath to the Officers and Directors of the PCA Board for the 2026-27 term.



L-R: PCA Past President Kelly Castrogiovanni, Business Manager Jim Coyne, PCA President Rick Kuhn and MCAA CEO Timothy Brink



L-R: Business Manager Jim Coyne, PCA President Rick Kuhn, PCA First Vice President Paul Aleck and PCA Second Vice President Matt Erickson



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Get your mental health screening done by June 30th for a chance to win one of eight \$100 gift cards!

Did you know almost one in five people struggle with mental health issues? It's totally normal to find it tough to talk about, but remember, your brain is just as important as your body. Let's take care of both.

Three individuals who complete each quarterly Health Challenge in 2026 will have a chance to win \$250, \$500, or \$1,000!



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## UNION EYES: A Message from Dr. Julianna Babich

### Vision Therapy Program Now Offered at Union Eyes

Over the last several months, Union Eyes has initiated a program to better serve coalition members and their families. Research shows that 15-20% of people suffer from binocular vision issues which is the inability of the eyes to work together. In addition, up to 30% of young athletes have suffered from or continue to suffer from conditions like post-concussion syndrome which primarily effect the visual system. This condition can wreak havoc on a student's focusing system or ability to function efficiently in school.

This new vision therapy program at Union Eyes focuses on servicing members and dependents of all ages struggling with various conditions that affect how their eyes work together as a team. Some of those conditions include focusing system issues, eye turns, traumatic brain injury, sports vision issues. These programs are normally offered at an out-of-pocket cost at \$3000 or more at many offices but are available at Union Eyes at NO charge!

What is Vision Therapy? Vision therapy is a subspecialty of optometry that has been around for almost 150 years. It is essentially physical therapy for our eyes. In sessions, we teach patients how to accurately utilize their eye muscles to provide optimum eye teaming skills. We have two eyes and they need to work together!

How Can I Take Advantage of This Service? I recommend that all patients who are interested start with their compre-

hensive eye exams. Comprehensive eye exams are crucial in detecting any areas of improvement not only for our visual system but overall eye health. If any issues are detected; our team will then schedule a visual efficiency exam where I can further assess the findings. After this, I will craft a plan for the patient, providing them with home therapy equipment, weekly sessions and progress checks approximately every 8 weeks.

Is there any additional cost to myself or my family? Again, there is no additional cost to any union members or dependents! Prior to this program, my fellow doctors and I have had to refer many of our cases to other fantastic providers, however these programs are quite expensive. Therefore, many of our patients may not have gotten the help they truly needed. It is truly a blessing that we can now serve our union community even more through this specialty service.

Currently vision therapy is being conducted out of our Lemont and Crestwood locations. Patients enrolled have made excellent progress in just a few weeks.

I am passionate about vision therapy and the benefits of this new service. There are so many kids and even adults that think seeing double, having eyestrain, headaches or visual discomfort are all normal things to experience, but they can be fixed. It is my goal to alleviate these symptoms and provide better quality of vision. If you are interested, please contact the Union Eyes Team at 312-888-9999.



### UA Podcast - Pipe Up! WITH THE GENERAL PRESIDENT

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## Retirees Holiday Luncheon was a Great Success

The Retirees Holiday Luncheon on December 11th was a great success enjoyed by all in attendance. Approx. 300 retirees including spouses, enjoyed delicious holiday fare and plenty of good cheer and conversations at this special annual event! Plumbers Local 130 was proud to provide transportation to the event from our Volo and Joliet locations. Jeff Joniak, Radio Commentator for the Chicago Bears was also the Guest Speaker for the Event. Local 130 Business Representative and US Marine Corps Veteran Ted Opiola spoke to the retirees regarding his experience in the U.S. Army.



L-R: Business Manager Jim Coyne, Retiree Ted Opiola and Business Representative Jim Mansfield

## Retirees Enjoy Quarterly Breakfast with ABC7's Ryan Chiaverini's Presentation

Business Manager James F. Coyne and Local 130 staff were pleased to host a Retirees' Breakfast on February 10th at the Union Hall. The Local 130 Retirees and their spouses enjoyed starting their day at the Breakfast event. The event included a guest presentation by Ryan Chiaverini, ABC7's Lead Sports Anchor and co-host of *Windy City Weekend*. There were also presentations by Country Financial, UWC, Union Eyes, Humana and Labor First.



L-R: Business Manager Jim Coyne, Mike McGaughan, ABC 7 Lead Sports Anchor Ryan Chiaverini and Tom McGaughan

# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago on April 25<sup>th</sup>

We thank our 200 Local 130 members who volunteered their time and talents at our 35th Annual Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago on April 25th and assisted with home repairs for 35 homes in the Chicagoland area.

We also thank the following twelve signatory contractors for generously supplying vans, trucks, and materials for the event: AMS Mechanical, Airys Inc., Clearview Plumbing, Climatics, Fettes, Love & Sieben, Great Lakes Plumbing & Heating, Helm, John Baethke Plumbing, Johns Plumbing, Norman Mechanical, Premistar and R. Carrozza.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UNION MEETINGS

June 9th (Plumbers & Tech Eng.)  
Patio Party immediately following  
Union Meeting  
July & August – No Meetings  
September 8th (Plumbers)  
September 10th (Tech Eng.)

### RETIREES EVENTS

August 27th Breakfast (Joliet)  
September 10th – Architectural Boat Tour  
November 5th Breakfast (Warrenville)

**RSVP to Alice at 312-421-1010 ext. 100**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

July 11th Mulligan Club Golf Outing  
More details to follow

## 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	May 6, 2026*	April 8, 2026	PRACTICAL	June 13, 2026*	May 22, 2026
WRITTEN	August 5, 2026*	June 24, 2026	PRACTICAL	September 5, 2026*	August 14, 2026
WRITTEN	October 7, 2026*	August 26, 2026	PRACTICAL	December 5, 2026*	November 13, 2026

Note: See additional information on Plumbers Local 130 website: [www.ualocal130.org](http://www.ualocal130.org) under “Training.”