



# PLUMBERS

## LOCAL 130 UA

SPRING 2023



## Business Manager's Letter

*From James F. Coyne*

## STAYING ON TARGET WITH PROGRESS AND POSITIVITY IN 2023

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

The second quarter of 2023 is on track with much progress and a sense of optimism for the future at Local 130. This year, we were able to maintain competitive wages and benefits for members (see pg. 2 for specific details). As we look forward, the man hours continue to trend in a positive direction and our 8th Union Wellness Center complete with (no copay-no deductible benefits) is set to open this quarter in Merrillville, Indiana. In May, we also welcomed a new class of 166 Apprentices. They will have the opportunity to be immersed in a complete Local 130 experience including attending three training centers and getting hands-on experience working with our members on job sites. Best of luck to our new class of Apprentices.

This Spring brought us much news to share. I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the City of Chicago's new Mayor Brandon Johnson, who is a friend of labor and understands the importance of our 6,000+ skilled Local 130 labor force to our city. We look forward to working with our newly-elected Mayor Brandon Johnson!

In other news, our membership and contractors joined in with other local trades to lend their talents for the 31st Annual Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago event on April 29th. Our crew of 180 volunteers eagerly assisted with essential home repairs for those in need in the Chicago-area. Congratulations to all who participated

in this community partnership event that Local 130 has proudly been involved with since 1992! And in Retiree News, at our May Union meeting, Local 130 membership approved The Retirees Club which will organize future events. This initiative will be led by Mike Tierney, Scott Spangle and John Rottman.

Congratulations to Nick Lollino, our 2023 Third Year Apprentice Contest Winner. The JAC Board was proud to proclaim that Nick won 1st place in the UA's Plumbing Division in March of 2023 in Rockford IL. Nick works for Holiday Sewer & Water Construction, Inc., and is now headed to the District Contest in June. We want to thank our JAC Instructors and our Journeymen who were mentors to Nick on the job!

I also wanted to share four key staff changes that were recently announced. Jim Majerowicz is now Director of Codes & Standards for Local 130. Tony Rottman is now Training Director for the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Chris Anish is our new Field Representative of the Pension and Welfare Funds and Bill Brooks is now a Full-Time Plumbing Instructor at the Chicago Training Center. Congratulations and best wishes!

This past March, Local 130 was also proud to once again sponsor the 68th Annual Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade including the very popular tradition of dyeing of the Chicago River green! It's more than 60-year-old Chicago tradition that is marveled worldwide and thousands of

people also came out for the river dyeing and the Parade. This year's Parade theme was "Recognizing Workers' Rights." In a post-pandemic world, the Parade Committee was also pleased to hold the Queen's Contest in-person this past January 15th. In addition to the contestants, there were plenty of family and friends in attendance to watch the process of selecting our 2023 Queen. After a series of extensive interviews with an impressive slate of candidates, the Committee voted to crown Casey Doherty, a Lawyer who works in Data privacy to become the city's 2023 St. Patrick's Day Queen. Casey, who is a native of McHenry, IL has been busy with all the Queen's activities so far this year along with her Court. Congratulations to Queen Casey and her Court!

The Parade which was televised on ABC7 was once again a crowd favorite and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who worked together to present a very successful Parade for all to enjoy!

We will continue to work together to make positive progress by achieving our goals, preserving the integrity of our trade and continuing to enhance the safety standards, and maintain competitive wages and comprehensive benefits for all of our members.

Stay healthy and be safe,

In Solidarity,

*James F. Coyne*

# June 1, 2023 Wage & Benefit Allocations

## PLUMBERS

Local 130 UA members will receive their annual wage increase on June 1, 2023. 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 Journeyman Plumber's wage rate (on the check) is \$56.80 per hour if working for a PCA or WSA employer and \$51.95 if working in Kankakee/Iroquois Counties (KICPPA).

<u>PCA and WSA Contractors:</u>		<u>K&amp;ICPPA Contractors:</u>	
Wages (Journeyman)	\$2.00	Wages (Journeyman)	\$1.55
Welfare Fund	\$0.30	Welfare Fund	\$0.30
Pension-DC Fund	\$0.25	Pension-DC Fund	\$0.25
JAC Training Fund	\$0.15	JAC Training Fund	\$0.15
<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$2.70</b>	<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$2.25</b>

## SCHEDULE A & RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Local 130 UA Plumbers working under the Schedule A or Residential Service Agreements, the amounts were negotiated as part of a two-year agreement between Local 130 and three associations. The Journeyman Plumbers wage rate (on the check) is \$50.25 per hour if working under the Schedule A Agreement and \$47.45 if working under the Residential Service Agreement.

<u>SCHEDULE A Contractors</u>		<u>RESIDENTIAL SERVICE Contractors</u>	
Wages (Journeyman)	\$1.25	Wages (Journeyman)	\$1.25
Welfare Fund	\$0.22	Welfare Fund	\$0.12
Pension-DC Fund	\$0.25	Pension Fund	\$0.17
JAC Training Fund	\$0.13	Pension-DC Fund	\$0.25
		JAC Training Fund	\$0.13
<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$1.85</b>	<b>Total Hourly Increase</b>	<b>\$1.92</b>

## TECHNICAL ENGINEERS

The economic increases for both Illinois and Indiana Technical Engineers have not been ratified by the membership. Once the wage and allocations have been ratified, we will share this information with you.

# New Pension Benefits

The following benefit improvements were recently adopted by the Board of Trustees for the Plumbers' Pension Fund. These benefit improvements are effective June 1, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Fund Office at 312-829-1262.

- **60 month guaranteed payments upon a Single participant's pre-retirement death** – If a Single participant dies before retirement, 60 monthly payments are guaranteed to be paid to the beneficiary. The amount of the monthly pension benefit is equal to the Regular Pension amount (the amount the participant would have received at age 60). After 60 months of payments the monthly pension benefit will terminate.
- **60 month guaranteed payments upon a Single participant's retirement** – At retirement, a Single participant is guaranteed an unreduced monthly pension benefit for his/her lifetime. However, if the Single retiree

dies before receiving 60 monthly pension payments, the balance of the 60 months of payments will be paid to the retiree's beneficiary. After 60 months of payments the monthly pension benefit will terminate.

- **Early Retirement at age 58 with 2% per year reductions prior to age 60** – Participants will be eligible for Early Retirement benefits at age 58. The participant's pension will be reduced 2% for each year prior to age 60. For example, if a participant retires at age 58, the participant will receive 96% of the monthly pension benefit he/she would have received at age 60.
- **Pre-Retirement Surviving Spouse Death Benefit increased from 50% to 75% of Participant's Benefit** – If an active, married participant dies prior to retirement, his/her surviving spouse will receive 75% of the participant's Regular Pension amount (the amount the participant would have received at age 60) for their lifetime.

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Crystal Lake, IL 60014
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BY THE NUMBERS

- **UWC** – The overall usage was up 35% in 2022 from past utilization.
- **Union Eyes** – Medical and Vision cost savings from January 2022-February 2023 was **\$305,819**. Call 312-888-9999 to schedule an appointment today.
- We now have **9** Unions in the UWC Coalition with the addition of **Heat & Frost Insulators Local 17**.

# Union Eyes: A Message from Dr. Michael Nelson

This past August a patient presented to my office for new glasses. He felt his prescription from his most recent eye exam 2 years prior had been working well, but recently dropped them and multiple scratches were visible on the lenses. He reported no other vision or ocular symptoms that he had noticed.

After updating his prescription I then examined the health of his eyes. It was discovered that he was at a high and imminent risk for permanent vision loss. The retina, the innermost layer of the eye, had what is called a ‘horseshoe retinal tear.’ There are various reasons for this type of tear to occur, but what is interesting is that when comparing the general population as a whole to just those people who wear glasses, the prevalence (proportion of people that develop this condition over time) is the same. If left untreated, this type of tear has a high risk of progressing into a retinal detachment, causing irreparable vision loss. *Good thing this patient needed new glasses.*

Since patients that may not need glasses or contacts are less likely to have an eye exam, this type of thing is unfortunately found too late and the damage is already done. Although I wish that were not the case, it is. I would challenge you all to think about your eyes like you do your teeth. Do you wait to go to the dentist until you have tooth pain?

Please call 312-888-9999 or go to [unioneyes.com](http://unioneyes.com) to make your appointment for one of our seven locations. (Soon to be eight locations.)

*Congratulations!*

**2023 Illinois State Apprentice Contest Winner!**

**Nick Lollino**

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# Local 130: Tradeswomen Spotlight



*Ingrid Wennerberg*

*Dana Wennerberg*

Meet Ingrid Wennerberg and Dana Wennerberg! They are often in attendance together at the joint Plumber and Technical Engineer Local 130 meetings. Ingrid is a Plumber and Dana is a Technical Engineer and they are both members of Local 130. They are thriving at their jobs and also happen to be sisters!

These siblings are intelligent young women who enjoy working in their respective trades. Ingrid currently works for C.R. Leonard Plumbing & Heating in Joliet, IL. She originally started her journey receiving a Bachelor's degree in Ceramics & Printmaking from Grinnell College in Iowa. When she moved back to Chicago from Vermont where she was working and creating ceramics tableware, she decided to make a career change and enrolled in a pre-apprenticeship program at Chicago Women in Trades.

Ingrid said, "I always enjoyed building things." So when she began her career in the plumbing trade she felt that it was a natural transition where she would again be building things with her hands except this time for her chosen trade. She went through the 5-year Plumbing Apprenticeship program and has been working as a journeyman plumber since 2020. Ingrid shares that, "To see everything come together - it is very gratifying, for example, to see that your work was part of the effort to pipe a whole building."

Dana received her Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and Consumer Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign before pivoting from a job as an Academic Advisor to pursuing a career as a Technical Engineer. She will soon begin her 4th year as an Apprentice. In her role, she enjoys being a liaison between the structural engineer and the trades who need layout in the field. Dana works for W.E. O'Neil Construction in Chicago and is currently working on the Obama Presidential Center. She had the opportunity to meet Former President Barack Obama while on the job! Ingrid, while working on a multi-use industrial kitchen project also had the opportunity to meet award-winning American chef, Restaurateur & Cookbook Author Rick Bayless.

Ingrid and Dana both agree that it is nice to have a sibling working in the trades. "We both keep similar schedules with early morning starts, so it's nice to have someone to chat with on the way to work," mentions Ingrid. Dana concurs, "It's great having someone in your family who knows the industry." Speaking of family, their interest working in the trades began with their mother Chris. She worked as an Electrician, Foreman, and an Assistant Master Mechanic for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District before she retired in 2016. They are proud that their family represents three women working in three different trades. Ingrid and Dana love their jobs and when they are not working they enjoy heading to Lake Michigan for a swim and some relaxation. They so far have worked on one project together and hope they will be able to work on more projects together in the future! They strongly recommend working in the trades to others who are at the crossroads of making a career choice. They added that the Chicago Women in Trades' Technical Opportunities Program is a great first-stop for women wanting to explore building trades as a career.

# Plumbers Local 130's – 68<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 68th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade took place on Saturday, March 11 in downtown Chicago. The exciting festivities were enjoyed by locals and visitors from across the country and around the world. Parade goers were all smiles as they celebrated the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by Plumbers Local 130. It was a Parade like no other!

This year's parade theme was "Recognizing Workers' Rights. These rights are so important for workers in Chicago, the suburbs and across Illinois. Having a good paying job benefits and a safer workplace is good for workers and also strengthens our state and local economy.

This year's Queen Casey Doherty, a native of Mc Henry, IL, who is a lawyer and also works in data privacy. Queen Casey shared that it was truly a dream come true to wear her green cape for the first time as she became the Queen. She shared, "I am so honored to join the amazing group of women who have worn this crown before me."

The parade festivities began early that day with the very popular dyeing of the Chicago River by a team of six Local 130 Plumbers. Parade-goers lined Columbus Drive to enjoy the Parade and many area businesses were bustling with patrons who were attending the Parade as well.

ABC 7 featured a two-hour telecast of the Parade that included close to 100 entries that included such favorites as the Shannon Rovers, Irish Step Dancers, a multitude of floats, including 10 high school marching bands from 5 other states including Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Minnesota and Wisconsin as well as local and state officials and candidates.

General Chairman of the Parade James F. Coyne, kicked off the festivities along with Grand Marshal Tim Drea, Pres. of the IL. AFL-CIO and the Mayor of the County of Cork Guest of Honor Danny Collins. This year's Parade was very exciting and very well attended highlighting well known Irish traditions and fun for all to enjoy!











**Thank you to the 180+ Members who volunteered their time as a Parade Marshal, River Marshal, or as Security Detail and to the 300+ Members and their families who marched in the Parade.**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**69th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 16, 2024**

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- Crystal Lake: John Majerowicz**
- Lemont: Phillip Taylor**
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# 31<sup>st</sup> YEAR REBUILDING TOGETHER

## Local 130 Community Outreach



On April 29, 2023, our skilled Local 130 volunteer plumbers came together and donated their time and talents to those in need.

A special thank you goes out to Business Agent Michael Shea and Examining Board Member Alberto Garcia for surveying the homes and creating lists of items in need.

### ***A huge thank you to the members of Local 130:***

Bryan Acosta, Mason Ahlgrim, Jose Almaraz, Pat Amsden, Brian Andersen, Chris Anish, Zach Anish, Samuel Atchison, Job Banda, Andrew Baro, Larry Barton, Matt Bauler, Martin Berger, Brad Blankenship, Michael Blazek, Adam Boley, Deidra Brassfield, Daniel Brewster, Calvin Brooks, James Brooks, Pat Brooks, Ryan Brown, Brenden Butler, Bob Caponigro, Patrick Carey, Abel Castillo, Kevin Chambers, Ivan Correa, Ronald Crement, Jack Cummane, Pat Cunningham, Gabe Daggy, Isaac De La Vega, Alexander Dewitt, Narsiso Diaz, Richard Dolphin, Jen Donald, James Donovan, Sean Doyle, Michael Casey Drown, Evan Dunlap, Kain Dyke-Nelson, Jeff Ecker, Joe Egan, Miguel Estrada, Robert Ewing, Jonathan Flores, Rob Formella, Robert Formella, Victor Fox, Jorge Fraga, Joel Frickenstein, Kaiden Friedrich, Cy Gaimari, Rich Gaimari, Tony Gallo, Andres Gandarilla, Stephen Geraghty, Joe Gluch, Jose C. Gonzalez, John Goosby, Matthew Greenback, Pat Gross, Heriberto Guzman, Chris Hennigan, Juan Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Jr., Ricardo Herrera, Samuel Herwitt, Paul Hinterlong, Bart Holzhauser, Sean Hopkins, John Hosty, Hamaas Ibrahim, Sean Jackson, Steve James, Kayleigh Jenson, Miguel Jimenez, Ken Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Scott Johnson, Matt Kalinowski, David Keith, Ryan Kelly, Joseph Kiel, David Kledzik, Gabriel Klekoc, Adam Kornafel, James Lange, Marshal Langford, Dan Lenzen, Lorenzo Limas, III, Manny Lopez, Josh Lund, Eric Lussenhop, James Mansfield, Joseph Martinez, David Mayer, Ryan McCullum, Joe Mondia, Michael Mondia, Paul Morawski, Robert Morin, Gavin Morris, John Morzy, Nick Moses, Eddie Nunez, Max O'Dette, Alex Odisho, Kevin O'Halloran, William Oldenstedt, Pete Olson, Michael O'Neill, Joe Parisi, Abel Pascual, Vincente Pascual, Matthew Peters, Kevin Phipps, Tom Piekosz, Curtis Price, Connor Quinn, Michael Quintero, Conor Rafferty, Malachy Rahlfs, Ray Reese, Alex Resco, Marte Reyes, Ray Richter, Tony Richter, Gedi Ringys, Robin Roccasalva, Paul Rodriguez, Vic Rodriguez, Jason Rogers, Adrian Rojas, Frank Romano, Katherine Rubinas, Juan Ruiz, Erick Sacramento, Laura V. Sanchez, John Schaffer, Steven Scienski, Charlie Seibert, Stephen Severson, Erick Shea, Michael Shea, Daniel Shelley, Mark Siggemen, Benjamin Smith, Jim Stearns, Mike Stevens, Josh Stob, Yuriy Striltschuk, Joe Strong, Anthony Sykes, Mountaga Tall, Cody Thiesse, Tim Tholl, Dave Thompson, Alejandro Torres, Chris Tucker, Paul Tucker, Julian Vazquez, Francisco Villafuerte, Larry Wagner, Edward Walsh, John Wildner, Bill Wilkens, Tom Witt, Jeremy Woodward, Tristian Woodward, Kinnley Young, Ziyadeh Zahdan, Brian R. Zeitz, Maggie Zeniecki, Chris Zepeda and Gerald Zohn.



Thank you to our Contractors who generously supplied vans, trucks and materials for this annual community event!



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PRACTICAL	December 2, 2023*	October 13, 2023	WRITTEN	October 4, 2023*	September 1, 2023

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

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