



PLUMBERS LOCAL 130 UA

WINTER 2023



Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

UA General President Mark McManus Tours State-of-the-Art Joliet Training Center and Offers High Praise to Local 130

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

In 2023, we continue our positive momentum from the last quarter with the passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment, a very-well attended Football Smoker and a visit by UA General President Mark McManus to our state-of-the-art Joliet Training Center this past November.

I am happy to report that UA General President McManus was very impressed with our training facilities when he made his visit and spoke with apprentices and instructors at the Joliet Training Center. He also attended the Plumbers Contractors Association meeting where we both had the opportunity to speak with our valued and trusted partners and contractors.

The General President's positive comments from his visit really underscore the significance and level of training that we provide to our members at Local 130. General President McManus highlighted key points during his visit that included that our overall core mission is to: "supply skilled qualified manpower to signatory union contractors," and he stressed that "there is not a training facility that does it better than Local 130" across the nation. Jim Pavesic, the former UA Director of Education & Training echoed these sentiments recently when he commented that he could not recall opening up two training centers for the same Union in five years as Local 130 has done.

I am very pleased by the cohesive teamwork that we continue to experience

at Local 130. My focus has always been and will continue to be to take care of our membership and their families through important healthcare and pension benefits. These initiatives include providing three training centers with hands-on training, wet labs, classroom instruction and so much more. We also provide top-notch health care options through our Union Wellness Centers. In short, we are training and caring for our members at a very high standard and we are truly in the business of "training plumbing professionals."

Eighth UWC To Open Soon in Merrillville, Indiana

I am also excited to share that the opening of the 8th Union Wellness Center and Union Eyes will be opening soon in Merrillville, Indiana. This facility will offer the same high-level services and amenities as well as no deductible, no copay that is also available at the seven other UWC facilities that we have operational in Illinois and Indiana. These facilities are all available to the nine local participating Unions including Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17 that recently became part of this coalition as of January, 2023.

CISCO Names Local 130 Parking Garage Named Among the 2022 Project of the Year Winners.

This past December, our new parking garage was named among the 2022 Project of the Year Winners by the Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO). We were so pleased that our 500+ space

on-site parking garage structure was cited for being a top quality project in the Category of New Construction in Chicago. CISCO noted that this project's design "encourages walkability, while alleviating traffic and street parking on West Randolph and surrounding neighborhoods," and is a "long-term asset" that provides parking spaces for Union membership but is also a viable parking option for families in the West Loop. CISCO officials referred to the project as one that can be viewed as "raising the bar on the typical parking structure, the building transforms a flat parking lot into a dynamic and modern facility the neighbors can embrace." We are proud of this addition to our facility and for this special recognition from CISCO. A special thanks also goes out to our general contractor W.E. O'Neil.

Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

We are also looking forward to the annual Rebuilding Together event on April 29. It is an important day of giving back to those in need. We are expecting a great turnout once again from our membership for this great cause. See page 6 of the newsletter for more information on how to sign-up for this annual volunteer event.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Union meeting on Thursday, February 16. I wish you good health, safety and prosperity throughout the year.

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne

Annual Football Smoker - Political Action Committee



(L-R) Rep. Mike Kelly; Ald. Samantha Nugent; Ald. Michelle Harris; Plumbers Local 130 Business Manager, Jim Coyne; Mayor Lori Lightfoot; Senate President Don Harmon; State Senator Cristina Castro; Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Business Manager Iron Workers Local 63, Paul Wende.

On Sunday, November 20th, Plumbers Local 130 hosted their annual "Bears Football Smoker Political Action Fund-raiser" at the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. The 1,300 tickets were all sold and although the Bears didn't win, it was a great game! Everyone enjoyed themselves, there was lots

of great conversations and food to eat! The Football Smoker was attended by a number of City and State officials including IL Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch, IL Senate President Don Harmon and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Comments that were shared with us at the Football Smoker event:

- ◆ "I came to this event to support the Plumbers. What they do is so important to our city and state. I will always stand by the Plumbers." - **Illinois Speaker of the House, Emanuel "Chris" Welch**
- ◆ "What a great event, the Plumbers and their friends celebrating a good Chicago Bears game. It is a reminder of how far the reach of the Plumbers extends. The Plumbers will always have a friend in Springfield." - **Illinois Senate President Don Harmon**
- ◆ "I have come to deeply appreciate the work of the Plumbers led by James F. Coyne. He's a visionary leader, an incredible advocate and he has an understanding that the way forward is through collaboration. I admire that the Plumbers support member wellness, the diversity of the Union and work collaboration with other Unions to build a network and a strong organized Union across the Chicagoland region. I will always stand with the Unions." - **Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot**



November Meeting/Turkey Raffle

The Local 130 meeting was held on Nov. 8th. Prior to the meeting, the annual Products Show was held where vendors set -up displays that showed the most current plumbing components that are recommended to ensure the reliability

and safety of plumbing systems. In the spirit of the Holiday Season, the meeting also included Local 130 giveaway gift bags and gift cards that were part of a raffle.



UA GENERAL PRESIDENT MARK McMA

This past November, UA General President Mark McManus was the guest speaker at our state-of-the-art Joliet Training Center and he also attended a meeting with the Plumbers Contractors Association with Jim Coyne, Local 130 Business Manager. Together they also had the chance to speak with our valued and trusted partners and contractors. During his visit, UA General President McManus had high praise for the Local training facilities and the important work of the Local 130 plumbing professionals. To check out excerpts from his remarks from November 9 and 10, 2022 visit the Local 130 website: www.plumberslu130ua.com.



NUS VISITS JOLIET TRAINING CENTER



LOCAL 130 RETIREES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

A good time was had by all! The Retirees Holiday Luncheon on December 7th was a great success. Approx. 300 retirees including spouses, enjoyed delicious holiday fare and good cheer for the holidays! Plumbers Local 130 was proud to provide transportation to the event from our Volo and Joliet locations. Jim Coyne also had the opportunity to provide a pension update highlighting that the current funding level was at 100%!



Please Join Us!

On Saturday, March 11, 2023 the 68th Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off from Columbus Drive at Balbo North at 12:30 pm.

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES can ride in a coach bus from the hall to the parade, coffee and donuts will be at the hall in the morning, and food with refreshments will be at the hall upon your return. Call 312-421-1010, press 122 and ask to put your name on the Parade List. At that time you will receive more information.

For **RETIREES**, "Trolleys" will take you from the hall to the Parade. You will stay on your trolley through the Parade, and at the end, the trolley will return you to the hall. Please call 312-421-1010, press 122 to reserve your seat.

If you are interested in being a "Parade Volunteer," please contact Pat Brooks at 312-813-4222 or Tony Rottman at 312-841-9713.



Plumbers Local 130 UA A Look Back in History

1999 - 24 YEARS AGO

Union Plumbers are recognized for donating their time through the Richard M. Daley Plumbers for Seniors Program. This program was recognized by the Illinois Dept. of Aging for the "Unique Achievement Award." This award was designed to recognize individuals and organizations for their commitment and longstanding service to senior citizens. It was the first time the recipient was from Cook County!



Metro Chicago

Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago improves homes and neighborhoods of people in need so they may continue to live in warmth, safety and comfort. Local 130's involvement with this program dates back to 1992. This is our 31st year volunteering for this worthwhile cause. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in attending the April 29th event, sign-up sheets will be available at the March & April Union meeting.

Did you know?

You could save on home insurance. Your local COUNTRY Financial representative can share a variety of discounts that are available for our clients, but here are just a few:

- 1. Bundle coverage** – Purchase another policy (like life or auto) and you could save some money.
- 2. Install extra protection** – Monitored burglar or fire alarms help keep you safe and could lower your bill.
- 3. New roof discount** – Have you removed and replaced your roof recently?
A new roof could save you money.
- 4. Smart home discount** – You could save when you equip your house with smart home technology, like smart thermostats, smart theft systems, water leak detectors or smart fire/smoke detectors

To find out what kind of policies are available and get help finding the right policy for you, contact your COUNTRY Financial district office at 815-744-2241 or call your local representative today.

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2023 Bailey Scholarship Reminder



STEPHEN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

It is that time of year again! Applications for the Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Awards will become available for the sons and daughters of Local 130 U.A. members graduating from high school in the spring of 2023.

If you are interested in applying for the Stephen M. Bailey Scholarship, go to our website, www.ualocal130.org. The application is posted as a fill-in form. You can also download and mail the completed application form to:

Stephen M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship Committee
1340 West Washington Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois 60607

The deadline date for this year's applications is **March 31, 2023**. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Should you have questions, please contact Lisa at (312) 421-1010, ext. 112 or via email at loakes@ualocal130.org.

NEW CUSTOM AMERICAN MADE FRAMES AT UNION EYES

Ready for a new pair of glasses in 2023? Union Eyes, LLC. introduces *Forall Frameworks*, *Shuron Classic Eyewear*, and *Local 130* inscribed acetate frames to enhance your look. Less than 1% of all eyewear is made in the U.S.A. As new American made frames are released, you can be sure to find them at Union Eyes.

Forall Frameworks crafts their frames in Lubbock, Texas using a balance of traditional and modern techniques to achieve their design. *Forall Frameworks* prides themselves on functionality, comfort, and quality made right here in America. Look for custom inscribed *Local 130* frames made specially for your local coming in Spring of 2023. With many new frame styles coming in a selection of different colors, there surely is a frame for all.

Looking for a retro style? *Shuron Classic Eyewear* has been around since 1865. Today, they still use the same techniques to produce high quality eyewear frames that have stayed in demand for over 140 years. Notably, *Shuron* proudly served the US Army during World War II assisting troops with their optical needs. Today, many of their timeless classics still remain. From the originals to the newest additions, *Shuron Classic Eyewear* embodies a style that is uniquely American.

Make an appointment or stop by your closest Union Eyes location to explore the American-made frames from our newest collections.

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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	April 8, 2023*	March 1, 2023	WRITTEN	June 7, 2023*	May 1, 2023
PRACTICAL	August 5, 2023*	June 30, 2023	WRITTEN	October 4, 2023*	TBD
PRACTICAL	December 2, 2023*	October 13, 2023			

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

Join us on a journey to better health.

Ticket to Health Punch Card

Earn punches on your card for each of the wellness activities you complete before March 31, 2023.

You may also earn punches by showing proof of having completed the activities between March 31, 2022 and January 1, 2023.

When you have all 6 activities punched, visit your Union Wellness Center and present your completed ticket to enter a drawing to **win 1 of 7 YETI® Tundra 45 coolers.**

Drawing will be held the first week of April 2023.



Visit a Union Wellness Center near you to pick up your Ticket to Health.

Questions?

Contact the Union Wellness Center at 312.421.1016. Visit unionwellnesscenters.com to find a location near you.

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