

# PLUMBERS FALL 2012







### Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

November 8, 2022 will go down as a historic election for working labor. With the passage of the Workers Rights'Amendment and the election of a slate of pro-Union candidates, we could not have hoped for a better outcome! We didn't just talk the talk; we walked the walk! Together we got the vote out for Local 130 and for all workers - the backbone of Illinois.

I want to extend a huge congratulations to Governor JB Pritzker and the entire Democratic ticket for their big victories on Election Night. Pro-union Election night winners also included: Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton, U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, IL Attorney General Kwame Raoul, IL Treasurer Mike Frerichs, IL Comptroller Susana Mendoza, IL Secretary of State-Elect Alexi Giannoulias, IL Supreme Court Justice-Elect (3rd Dist.) Mary Kay O'Brien and IL Supreme Court Justice-Elect (2nd Dist.) Elizabeth Rochford.

We are all so elated that the Workers' Rights Amendment passed! On behalf of Local 130, we thank Governor JB Pritzker and the Democratic ticket for their tireless efforts to join us and other Unions in our efforts to get the WRA passed. And, a special congratulations to our Union leadership IL AFL-CIO President Tim Drea and Chicago Federation of Labor President Bob Reiter, for spearheading the WRA right from the beginning. The past six months required a carefully coordinated effort to get the vote out on the WRA.

Let's take a look at the numbers! This coordinated effort to pass WRA was massive: Members including Local 130, volunteers, and staff knocked on more than

### The Passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment: A Very Big Win for Local 130 and All Illinois Workers

80,000 doors, texted more than 330,000 households and called 1.5 million voters, which included 50,000 union households. That's impressive!

I commend you for understanding the importance of the WRA passage to our livelihoods as Union workers. You did your part. Hundreds of you came to our Political Rally in October to show your support! We asked you to tell your family and friends to vote for this Amendment right at the top of the ballot and yes . . . you did that!

Here are the facts: Illinois voters met the 60 percent threshold that was required and now the WRA will become enshrined in the Illinois Constitution! I appreciate all the efforts from our membership to get the word out on this important initiative. Your efforts made the difference!

What this means for you! The passage of this Amendment to be part of the Illinois Constitution means workers will be guaranteed the fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively, negotiate pay raises, hours, working conditions as well as to promote their economic welfare and work safety.

The WRA will add to a growing economy and help us to have stronger communities across Illinois! This is great news for Plumbers Local 130 and for so many hardworking men and women in Illinois. This is exactly the outcome we were seeking! When we all do better, it makes Local 130 members and their families stronger. The future is bright for Local 130. Yes, you did your part! Thank you.

#### **New Veterans Day Committee Unveiled**

With Veterans Day this November, this was the perfect time to make an important

and relevant announcement. We thank all the brave men and women who sacrificed so much, so that we as Americans could have a better life. In honor of Local 130 members who are veterans, I am announcing the formation of a new Veterans Committee. Please visit the Local 130's website <a href="https://www.ualocal130ua.org">www.ualocal130ua.org</a> for more information.

#### **Local 130: Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jim O'Sullivan, the new Co-Chair of the Plumbers Local 130 Welfare Fund, representing the Management Trustees. I am looking forward to working with Jim O'Sullivan for the betterment of our members and their families. The Local 130 Training Center welcomes Brian Andersen as the new Training Coordinator and Nick Soristo as the new Full-Time Instructor. Congratulations to Brian and Nick on their new roles at the Training Center!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank General President of the UA, Mark McManus for visiting the apprentices and instructors at the Joliet Training Center on Nov. 9th and at the Plumbers Contractors Association, where he and I had the pleasure of addressing our contractors.

As the passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment just showed us, when we work together and each Local 130 member participates, we all succeed and thrive together. As the year comes to a close, I wish you and your families much happiness, good health and prosperity.

In Solidarity,

James 7. Coyne

### Political Rally - October 11, 2022

Plumbers Local 130's officers and membership hosted and welcomed a packed Union Hall on Oct. 11. We thank the following for their unwavering support of the passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment. Governor J.B. Pritzker, Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton, Secretary of State Jesse White, IL Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Senate President Don Harmon, Treasurer Michael Frerichs, IL Comptroller Susana Mendoza, IL Secretary of State-Elect Alexi Giannoulias, IL Supreme Court-Elect 3rd Dist., Mary Kay O'Brien and IL Supreme Court-Elect 2nd Dist., Elizabeth Rochford were among the political dignitaries in attendance to talk to our membership.

The enthusiasm of Local 130 membership, retirees and family members was quite evident at the rally. They were all encouraged to hear about important issues like the WRA which was at the top of the list! Going to the polls and voting for specific labor-friendly politicians is another form of job protection. This November's election proved without question that OUR VOTE MATTERS!





L-R: Business Manager Jim Coyne; Gov. JB Pritzker; Political Director John D'Amico; and Iron Workers Local 63 Business Manager Paul Wende



L-R: Senate President Don Harmon; CFL President Bob Reiter; Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Ald. Samantha Nugent; Sen. Bill Cunningham and Rep. Fran Hurley



Members of Local 130



Business Manager Jim Coyne and Illinois Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch



Secretary of State Jesse White



Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea



Secretary of State-Elect Alexi Giannoulias



John Morzy and Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza



IL Supreme Court Justice-Elect 3rd Dist., Mary Kay O'Brien and IL Supreme Court Justice-Elect 2nd Dist. Elizabeth Rochford

#### Political Action Task Force Saturday's



PATF assisting Sen. Bill Cunningham & Rep. Fran Hurley



PATF assisting Rep. Mike Kelly



George Treutelaar 2022 Honoree

### Chicago Area Plumbing Industry Hall of Fame Event Takes Place on Aug. 31

**George W. Treutelaar** of Great Lakes Plumbing & Heating Co., and **Terrence M. McCarthy** of Terry Plumbing Co., were inducted into the Chicago Area Plumbing Industry Hall of Fame at the Training Center in August at Plumber Local 130. More than 125 industry well-wishers including member contractors, Association leaders, Union officers, family and friends gathered to pay tribute and provide a standing ovation to the two new inductees on August 31st.



Terry McCarthy 2022 Honoree

George W. Treutelaar with his decades of contributions to the plumbing industry, has guided Great Lakes Plumbing & Heating Co., to be one of the most successful and respected companies in the Chicagoland area. Terrence M. McCarthy continues to be very active in the plumbing industry with a career in plumbing that spans over 57 years including being at the helm of the successful Terry Plumbing Co., through 2011. Both inductees have held numerous leadership roles in contractors' organizations throughout their careers. Interestingly, both inductees share a family history with the Hall of Fame: Terry McCarthy's late brother Jay, was inducted in 2008 while George W. Treutelaar's father, George J. Jr., was also posthumously inducted in 2004 as a charter member when this industry recognition originated.





Treutelaar Family McCarthy Family



### Plumbers Local 130 UA A Look Back in History

**41 YEARS AGO (1981)** Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) was founded by tradeswomen to improve participation in trade occupations traditionally held by men.

We are proud that over the years, the partnership between Local 130 and CWIT has helped to increase the number of women in the plumbing industry.

### **New Maternity Disability Benefit - UA Members**

Plumbers Local 130 is pleased to announce a new maternity disability benefit, that became effective **November 1, 2022**. This new benefit will provide short-term disability payments to UA members in good standing who give birth to a child on or after that date.



The disability benefit will be **\$500/week** up to no more than six (6) weeks (maximum benefit of \$3,000 per birth). The benefits will be funded by the UA's general assets and will be administered out of the UA General Secretary-Treasurer's office.

This is in addition to the Local 130 maternity benefit that is already in place. For more information, please call 312-226-5000.

## Local 130 Visits Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference in October 2022

Business Manager James F. Coyne and other Local 130 officers were proud to recently attend the Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference in Las Vegas, NV on Oct. 28-30. 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. It was a unique opportunity to foster a supportive environment across the trades and provide opportunities for networking, learning and leadership development for the apprentices or an experienced journeyperson. Way to go Sisters and Brothers!



### **Mark Your Calendar**



JANUARY 26, 2023

Corned Beef &
Cabbage Dinner

Annual Parade Raffle
winners will be
announced at the dinner.

MARCH 11, 2023

Chicago St. Patrick's Day

Parade & River Dyeing

### 68th ANNUAL QUEEN CONTEST - SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023



Kelley Leyden 2022 St. Patrick's Day Queen

#### Looking for the New Parade Queen

James F. Coyne, General Chairman of the 2023 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 2023 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

#### **Entry Information**

Any young lady of Irish ancestry, never married, 18-28 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

**Contest finals** will be held Sunday, January 15, 2023, in the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60607. Deadline for entries is January 3, 2023.

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

### **LOCAL 130 RETIREES CORNER**

#### Local 130 Retirees Architectural Boat Tour

James F. Coyne and Local 130 officers were pleased to host the Local 130 Retirees Architectural Boat Tour this past Sept. 15th. The Shoreline Sightseeing Boat ride was bustling with smiling faces of our Retirees and their spouses who enjoyed stunning city views during their exciting Architectural boat tour. The river tour was followed by a nice lunch at the Plumbers Hall.





### SAVE THE DATE: RETIREES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Local 130 Retirees: Please join us for the Retirees Holiday Luncheon on **Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 11: 30 a.m.** at the Chicago facility, 1340 W. Washington Blvd. Our Retirees are encouraged to attend with their spouse to enjoy some holiday fare and good cheer. If you wish to attend and/or need a ride to Plumbers Hall in Chicago, please contact the Union office at 312-421-1010, ext. 122 no later than Wednesday, November 23rd or email MNoel@ualocal130.org.

#### **Just For You:**

The Plumbers' Local 130 Pension Fund will once again hold **Pre-Retirement Seminars** at various locations in 2023. To keep you informed, mailings on these seminars are sent to you on a regular basis.

### **UNION EYE CARE CENTERS UPDATE**

When was the last time you had an eye exam? Whether you wear glasses or not. If the answer to that question is more than one year ago then you are past due. Many people assume that a visit to the eye doctor is only necessary for people who need vision correction. Although people with contacts and glasses are most likely to return for their annual eye exams, there are many other components to the comprehensive eye examination. Both ocular and systemic diseases can be evident in the eye prior to someone experiencing symptoms.

Eye diseases like glaucoma and macular degeneration often do not affect vision until later states of progression. Typically, visual symptoms occur many years after the time period when a diagnosis can be made based on findings during a comprehensive eye exam. Many of these diseases can cause irreparable vision loss. Failing to treat these conditions early can have drastic effects on a person's future quality of life.

You are encouraged to visit any of the doctors at one of the seven Union Eyes locations. Please note that as an active union member, Union Eyes offers a no-deductible, no-copay pair of safety glasses and a pair of everyday glasses.

It is worth thirty minutes a year to assure that you are not at risk for missing out on seeing what your future years have in store for you. **Call 312-888-9999** to schedule an appointment, or go to the website www.unioneyes.com to schedule online.



### Plumbers' Joint Apprenticeship Committee Local 130 UA

### 2022-2023 APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS

Plumbers' JAC Local 130, UA will be accepting applications **online only** for admission to the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program starting on November 14, 2022 through February 17, 2023

OR

the first 2,000 submissions, whichever occurs first online.

**Applications available** apply.jac130.org

**Questions** 312-421-1028

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### **2022 Educational Scholarships**

#### STEPHEN M. BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

It is that time of year again when 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 2023.

If you would like to apply for the Stephen M. Bailey Scholarship, go to our website, <a href="www.ualocal130.org">www.ualocal130.org</a>, 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 31, 2023** 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 educational scholarships available to union members and their families. Please go to our website, click on scholarships for detailed information.

### Did you know? presented by



Life insurance isn't a one-size-fits-all product. People need it for different reasons, but here are the top five.\*

- 1. Burial/final expenses
- 4. Supplement retirement income
- 2. Wealth transfer
- 5. Pay off mortgage
- 3. Income replacement
- \*Source: 2020 Insurance Barometer Study, Life Happens and LIMRA.

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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#### 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 18, 2023*	TBD	WRITTEN	January 18, 2023*	December 1, 2022
PRACTICAL	August 5, 2023*	TBD	WRITTEN	June 7, 2023*	May 1, 2023
PRACTICAL	December 2, 2023*	TBD	WRITTEN	October 4, 2023	TBD
Note: See additional information on Plumbers Local 130 website: www.ualocal130.org under "Training.					



Contact the Union Wellness Center at 312.421.1016.

Visit unionwellnesscenters.com to find a location near you.



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