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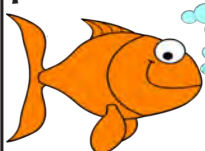
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May/June, 2018

Registration at 8:00 am
Tournament from 8:30 am to Noon
Pond east of the Main Office Building

This event is open to all
Local 157 Member's children
and grandchildren.

Prizes will be given
in each age group!
Lunch will be
provided.



Kid's Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, June 9th, 2018



Children must be accompanied by an adult!



Congratulations Jacob Clark

After winning 1st at the Local Apprentice Contest, A.J. Biggs in plumbing, Jacob Clark in welding and Tyler Montague in pipefitting, the three then advanced to the State Apprentice Contest in Merrillville where Jacob Clark once again took 1st in welding. Jacob will now be advancing to the District 2 Apprentice Contest being held in June. We wish him all the best and know that he will represent Local 157 well.

*We are proud of all three of these guys
who take pride in their work!*



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Well it is finally May and winter is gone and summer has already arrived.

On Tuesday May 1st we held our quarterly Health and Welfare meeting where we talked and voted on two items. One is the Retiree Subsidy (Page 7) that we have been talking about. You can see subsidy starts after five years of service and progresses 2.5% percent until it reaches the maximum of 75% after thirty years. The two columns on the right hand side you will see self-payment for PreMedicare (before the age of 65) and then self-payment for Medicare (after the age of 65). First column is "YOS" this is years of service that will be the same as your years of service with the Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund retirement (the UA pension). The years will work just like and be taken from our UA pension at time of retirement. The other important item that came up was our 2018 contribution increase to the Health and Welfare that we were first told would be \$0.50 cents but after a lot of discussion we arrived at \$0.40 cents.

On Monday April 30th we had our quarterly Indiana Pipe Trades Defined Contribution Pension Plan meeting with one important item coming up, the elected amounts that each member may make into their 401(k). We have adopted the following; being under 50 years of age you can contribute up to \$8.00 dollars with an annual maximum of \$18,500 and for everyone over 50 years of age you can contribute \$11.00 dollars with a maximum of \$24,500 annually.

On Friday May 4th at our monthly union meeting we had an extensive talk about a new 157 Commercial Agreement. We are going to make two adjustments to the copy of the agreement that was previously mailed out, we are adding Veterans Day to the holiday list and changing overtime language to reflect overtime pay without putting in 40 hours first. New agreements with highlighted sections will be handed out at the June meeting prior to the vote.

We want to remind everyone in the month of June we will be in negotiations for our new building trades contract. We will be putting out information as soon as possible and a date for a special meeting to vote on if needed.

Congratulations to all the Apprentices that have advanced to Journeyman status!

Piping Industry News

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 223 Journeymen and 52 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 69 members working on travel jobs. For the month of March we dispatched 114 Journeymen and 29 Apprentices with 40 call backs and 55 members to travel jobs. For the month of April we dispatched 196 Journeymen and 75 Apprentices with 30 call backs and 29 members to travel jobs.

By the time this PIN edition reaches you most of our spring outages should be wrapped up. The rest of this summer will be slow in the Terre Haute and Robinson areas.

The S&G and Tuscola projects are still working diligently to finish engineering and to sign agreements. I will keep you informed as more information becomes available. There will be plenty of travel opportunities across the country this year. If you are interested in a travel job give me a call and I will do my best to get you out to work.

The Local 157 Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held June 9th. Registration is at 8:00 am and fishing will be from 8:30 am until noon. Bring your children and grandchildren, ages 1 through 15 for a day of fun and fellowship. Food, drinks and bait will be provided.

I would like to congratulate our Apprentices that recently graduated from Ivy Tech. Great job guys!

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



I first want to start out with saying "Thank you" to all our fellow UA Local's for employing our members coast to coast.

As you all know or have heard, our work will be a little slow for the remainder of the year. That being said, certifications and licenses are a must to gain employment.

As always welding certs and/or plumbing license will get you out quicker than anything. However, the UA Rigging Certification as well as the Tube Bending are a few of the other skills local's have been in search of.

So please help yourself, continue to educate yourself and gain new skills to stay employed.

Another thing I would like to put out there is that if you served an apprenticeship and carried an apprentice plumbing license for four years, you are still eligible to take the plumbing exam in Indiana. The license in Indiana is \$15.00 a year. If you took the class, take the exam. It will pay off.

Gas Distribution continues to do well. We signed up 2 more helpers with Miller Pipeline this past month. I was able to visit jobs in and around Fort Wayne and Mishawaka. Members working for Infrasource and Miller Pipeline are staying busy with what looks like a good summer ahead. This past month distribution contractors worked 15,941 hours.

Recently the Trustee's of your Defined Contribution Pension Plan met. At that meeting we learned there is a little over 50 million dollars presently in our plan and there are approximately 193 members taking advantage of our 401(k) option, that is attached to our Defined Contribution Pension Plan.

We also learned that the IRS now allows and we voted in favor of allowing our participants to save up to an additional \$8.00 an hour in your 401(k) option if you are 49 years old or younger with a maximum of \$18,500.00 in a calendar year, and \$11.00 an hour with their 401(k) option with a maximum of \$24,500.00 in a calendar year. We were also told the \$1.30 we presently put in our Defined Contribution does not add into the 401(k) equation. So basically we just need to be mindful not to exceed the IRS limits of \$18,500.00 and \$24,500.00.

In the near future you will be receiving information about this change. Of course we will also need time to change our 401(k) option booklet to reflect these new amounts. So especially later in your career you can really start saving some serious cash.

Our 2018 Apprentice Graduation was recently held at Hulman Center, on the campus of Indiana State University. I want to congratulate all involved. Completing 5 years of school is just a tough thing to do. Especially on new young families. Brothers and Sisters welcome to your new status of "Building Trades Journeyman". Remember education in our trade never ends. If you want to compete and be successful obtain every cert and license you can.

Thank you 157 for getting out and voting! Only you and I can make change.



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Work in the Greater Lafayette Area is starting to move forward. Several projects have started to hire licensed plumbers and apprentices as the projects start to ramp up throughout the area.

The institutional work is changing from bid table to fab table as summer looms. Lafayette School Corporation has released bid packages for its Career Center just this week. Results are not in on bid award but things look good for Local 157. Several projects for LSC are underway and will be hiring in the near future. The West Lafayette School Corporation just opened bids for a new Natatorium last week. I am happy to report that Quality Plumbing and


Heating has been the apparent low bidder. Delphi Community Schools have several energy savings projects that should keep our members busy all summer.

Our industrial work still remains steady throughout the community. Work continues at Arconic on Press number 3. Freitag & Weinhardt have been working overtime getting this press online. Plant maintenance continues throughout the facility which is keeping our workforce busy. I do not see a slowdown anytime soon at this plant. Evonics is still a bee hive of activity with plant maintenance and the "make ready package" for the phosphate Waste Water Treatment Plant is making up the bulk of the work.

Subaru Industrial Automotive has plans in the works for a multi-million dollar waste water treatment holding facility. Scheduled start date has yet to be determined but I am told by my sources that SIA is pushing hard to get this going for the 2nd quarter of this year. Plant maintenance continues through the facility which in turn is keeping many of our members working. The July shutdown is starting to shape up to be rather large. I do not have a complete size and scope as of yet but I will be following this closely as time progresses.


Purdue University is another place that has abundance of work this summer and beyond. Several of our contractors have been successful in picking up projects throughout campus. The large 70 million dollar Vet building is still in flux at this time however I am told utility packages for this project are being let this month. Jischke Hall addition as well is slated for the second quarter of this year.

With primaries over it is time for the hard work to begin with this campaign season. I encourage everyone who has the ability to become involved in your local elections. This disconnect is large and we need to remind candidates that good jobs take care of a lot of social issues. Please get involved and participate in this process.



To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain.

Louis L'Amour



A special thank you to Sandy Reece who manages to coordinate an awesome Easter Egg Hunt every year. Thank you to all the members and their families who also volunteered. And it is always nice to see our Apprentices step up and volunteer their day to help handle the tasks it takes to pull this day off: Dalton Jones, Phillip Delong, Mike Cioch and Aaron Atterson, Thank you!

Rich Cheever
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Jeff Ehrlich
Welding Coordinator

www.157trainingcenter.org

Shane Alumbaugh
Accelerated Welding Instructor

On April 4th we held our first round of interviews for entrance into our Apprenticeship Program. There were 90 candidates scheduled. These 90 came out of the 300 plus online applicants who successfully met our requirements of the "WorkKeys Testing". All applications and testing are handled by the Indiana Career Connect and WorkOne. The candidates were interviewed by members of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. Invitations for the second round of interviews which was held on May 2nd & 3rd were sent to 52 candidates. Of which 30 received invitations for entry into the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 Apprenticeship Program.

We will be accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year from June 1st through December 31, 2018. All applications must go through IndianaCareerConnect.com. There is a link on the Training Center's website, 157trainingcenter.org

Plumbers Local 210 in Merrillville, IN hosted the Indiana State Pipe Trades Apprentice Contest in March. Representing Local 157 were A.J. Biggs in the Plumber discipline; Tyler Montague in the Fitter discipline and Jacob Clark in the Welder discipline. Our guys; as well as all that participated, were put through two days of continuous projects in order to determine the winners in each discipline. Congratulations to Jacob Clark for winning the Welder discipline. He will now move on to compete in the District 2 contest in Charleston, West Virginia in June 2018. Apprenticeship classes are winding down for the 2017-2018 school year. It's time to start planning the 2018-2019 school year. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



AUGUST 21ST, 2018 - 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
NEW INCOMING APPRENTICE ORIENTATION
AUGUST 22ND, 2018 - 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
INSTRUCTORS MEETING
AUGUST 23RD, 2018 - 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
RETURNING APPRENTICE ORIENTATION
SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2018 - 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
APPRENTICE GRADUATION DINNER



Illinois Plumbing Continuing Education Classes have been
scheduled for the following dates:

Danville, IL - October 17th, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm (CST)
Hutsonville, IL - October 20th, 2018 from 8:00 am to Noon (CST)

WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER

Saturday, June 16th, 2018 at 8:00 am
Saturday, July 21st, 2018 at 8:00 am
Saturday, August 18th, 2018 at 8:00 am

Please call the Training Center at (812) 877-1736 to sign-up.



**Pipe Trades Industry
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Tim Thacker
Administrative Manager

During the months of February and March 2018 your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 16,320 claims, totaling \$5,692,045.97.

In this article, I would like to state the rules for Coordination of Benefits under the Plan. Please make sure that you contact the Plan office immediately, if you or any of your dependents become covered under another health insurance plan. In addition, we must have a letter from the other insurance carrier showing the effective date of coverage and who is covered under their plan.

If an eligible individual is entitled to benefits under any other "Plan" (as that term is defined below) which will pay all or part of the expenses incurred for treatment for an Accident, Injury or Sickness, the amount of benefits payable under this Plan and any other Plan shall be coordinated so that the total amount paid will NOT exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the expenses incurred. In no event shall the amount of benefits paid by this Plan exceed the amount which would have been paid in the absence of any other Plan.

The term "Plan", as used in this section, shall include any plan providing benefits or services for or by reason of hospitalization, medical or dental care or treatment, which benefits or services are provided by: a) group, blanket or franchise insurance coverage; b) group Blue Cross/Blue Shield and other prepayment coverage provided on a group basis; c) automobile insurance policy, which provides medical payments; d) any coverage under labor-management trustee plans, union welfare plans, employer organization plans, employee benefit organization or any other arrangement of benefits for individuals or a group; and e) any coverage under governmental programs, and any coverage required or provided by any statute.

In Memoriam

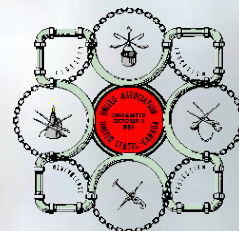
James R. Lambert, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Clinton, Indiana passed away on March 7th, 2018. James was born on August 12th, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on May 29th, 1956.



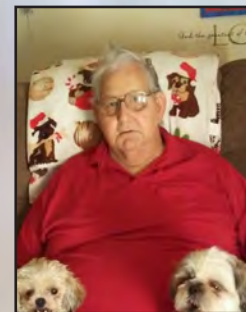
Robert A. McEwen, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Jeffersonville, Indiana passed away on April 10th, 2018. Robert was born on October 23rd, 1934 and was initiated into the United Association on December 22nd, 1953.



Donald W. O'Bradovich, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Newburgh, Indiana passed away on March 17th, 2018. Donald was born on August 27th, 1927 and was initiated into the United Association on October 21, 1952.



Daniel R. Kennedy, a retired Metal Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on April 15th, 2018. Daniel was born on January 1st, 1943 and was initiated into the United Association on July 5th, 1988.



RETIREE HEALTH & WELFARE RATES

Effective February 1, 2019 when a member retires, their monthly cost for the Health & Welfare Plan will be based on the following rates, and your "Years of Service" will be based upon your **Future Service Credits** that the **Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund** has for you. All members will be receiving through the mail notification of this change to the plan.

YOS	Subsidy	PreMedicare	Medicare
< 5	0%	1,500	800
5	12.5%	1,313	700
6	15.0%	1,275	680
7	17.5%	1,238	660
8	20.0%	1,200	640
9	22.5%	1,163	620
10	25.0%	1,125	600
11	27.5%	1,088	580
12	30.0%	1,050	560
13	32.5%	1,013	540
14	35.0%	975	520
15	37.5%	938	500
16	40.0%	900	480
17	42.5%	863	460
18	45.0%	825	440
19	47.5%	788	420
20	50.0%	750	400
21	52.5%	713	380
22	55.0%	675	360
23	57.5%	638	340
24	60.0%	600	320
25	62.5%	563	302
26	65.0%	525	302
27	67.5%	488	302
28	70.0%	450	302
29	72.5%	413	302
30	75.0%	375	302
31	75.0%	375	302
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36	75.0%	375	302
37	75.0%	375	302
38	75.0%	375	302
39	75.0%	375	302
40	75.0%	375	302

**Local 157 Golf Outing
Rocky Ridge Golf Course
Darlington, IN**

Sunday, August 19th, 2018

Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Tee-off - 8:00 a.m. Sharp!

Format - Peoria Handicap

\$45.00 per person

(Includes Green fee/cart, lunch, drinks and raffle after the round)

Hole Sponsors - \$150.00

**Please send payment no later than August 4th, 2018 to Jeff Casto
5186 Saddle Drive Lafayette, Indiana 47905**

Thank you in advance for your Sponsorship and we look forward to seeing you there!

Golf Committee Members:

**Senior Chair, Jeff Casto
(765) 477-4795, work
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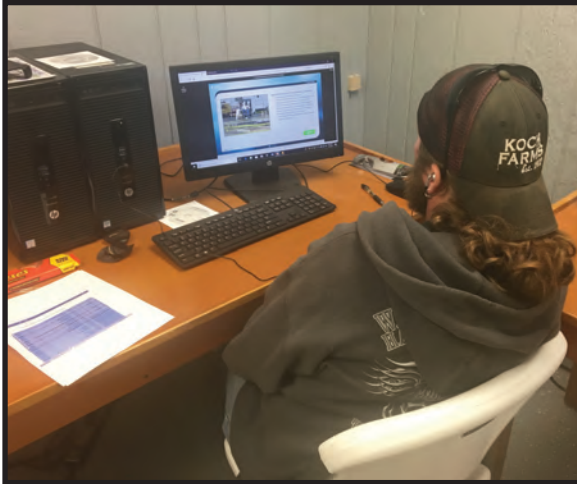
**Corey Jackson
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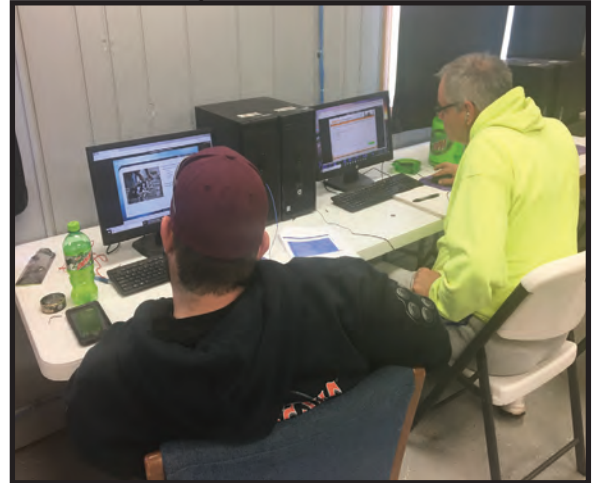


COMPUTER

LAB



Local 157 Members utilize the Training Center's Computer Lab to take the PowerSafe course online.



Things to consider regarding the Proposed Commercial Agreement.....

- This will be a stand alone Addendum to the Local CBA.
- Prebid Conferences will be held with Local 157 Officers to approve project qualifications.
- Approval will hinge on several factors. No State or Federal Dollars, No Heavy Industrial/Pharm capital dollars. This will apply only to private investment dollars of a light commercial application.
- No Market Recovery money to be used on these projects.
- It will be your option to work under this addendum on approved projects. You will not be forced to work these jobs.
- Once the members approve the addendum then a contractor interested in this market will sign this addendum for it to go into effect.
- Manpower will be supplied by Local 157 either by organizing or offering it to our qualified Building Trades Journeymen.
- 7 out of 9 UA Locals in Indiana have similar types of agreements.
- The UA has started the largest organizing campaign since WW2. If we do not act for ourselves then we will have the UA act on our behalf. This division will enable us to absorb newly organized members without affecting the Building Trades Journeymen's Out of Work standing.
- We can make bold moves like Grover Osborn did in the 1970's with the creation of Gas Distribution and Metal Trades Divisions or continue to let opportunities pass us by. The choice is yours.





2018 Easter Egg Hunt



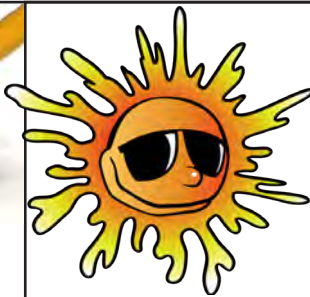
All Easter Egg pictures can be viewed and downloaded at www.ualocal157.org at the Photo Gallery link.

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  TH Retiree's Luncheon - Noon Union Meeting 8:00 pm Terre Haute Meeting Hall	2
3	4	5  Lafayette Retiree's Luncheon Noon	6	7 Danville Retiree's Luncheon Noon 	8	9 Kid's Fishing Rodeo Registration 8:00 am 
10	11	12	13	14  Flag Day June 14	15	16  UA Weld Test 8:00 am (Subject to attendance)
17  Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4  Happy Fourth of July	5	6	7  Union Meeting 10:00 am Terre Haute
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21  UA Weld Test 8:00 am (Subject to attendance)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, June 1st, 2018
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
 Saturday, July 7th, 2018
 10:00 am in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, August 3rd, 2018
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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