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Market Recovery at Work

L to R, Todd Martin and Thad Mann working for Sycamore Engineering converting the old ICON building into the new *Sycamore One Apartments* in Terre Haute



Sycamore One Apartments
Terre Haute, Indiana



St James Church
Danville, Illinois



Louie Fullen and Seth Cunningham work on the *St James Church* in Danville.



First year apprentice Scott Slider work on the *St James Church* in Danville.





Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Since the last column there have been a lot of events. First was the Union Meeting on Friday, September 1st where we talked about our Accelerated Welding Class coming to an end this month with looking like all remaining seven students will be combo welders by completion. This has been a success for our Local Union and will continue to benefit us in the future.

Next it is nice to announce that our Health and Welfare is in the black for the fifth straight month. Still early but this is a nice run and hope it is a trend.

We are bringing out Wabash Valley asphalt to give us a new price and hope to get new parking lots for the meeting hall and our training center before winter.

On September 2nd was Labor Day at the park held at Columbia park in Lafayette. This is a beautiful park and it could have not been a nicer day for the event. Steve Snyder and Lafayette volunteer apprentices put on a very nice lunch with a good turnout from our membership.

Labor Day Parades in Danville, IL, Palestine, IL and Terre Haute all had excellent participation from Local 157 membership and all three areas had strong crowds with a lot of children to throw candy to. The bean dinner after the Terre Haute Labor Day Parade that hasn't happened for a few years was surprisingly strong with a great crowd.

The last event prior to my article was our Local Union 157 Picnic on September 9th. The weather was perfect and with the experience of Ron Gibson and help from Rich Cheever and our apprentices, we had a very successful picnic. I would like to thank everyone involved with setting up serving, trash removal and cleanup. I think everyone in attendance had a good day and we appreciate a strong turnout and fellowship. That's what has always made this day worth wild.

I look forward to seeing everyone who can come out to the October Union Meeting where we will be honoring our members for their years of service to the United Association and to Local 157.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 178 Journeyman and 55 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 108 members working on travel jobs. For the month of July we dispatched 59 Journeyman and 13 Apprentices with 14 call backs and 21 members to travel jobs. For the month of August we dispatched 87 Journeyman and 18 Apprentices with 14 call backs and 33 members to travel jobs.

The Marathon Alki turnaround is tentatively scheduled to run from October 9th to November 20th. Morris should hire around 35 to 40 people to work two shifts of 6-10's.

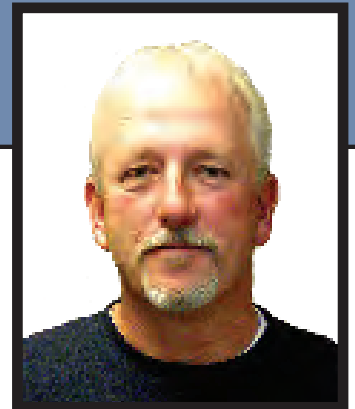
Thyssen Krupp has finally signed contract with Cronus to act as the EPC contractor for the Tuscola Fertilizer Plant. We have a meeting with Thyssen Krupp tentatively set for September 14th to discuss details concerning this project.

At this time it appears that after the fall outages work will be slow again until the spring thaw. In the spring of 2018 we will have large scale outages at Merom and Edwardsport and a short outage at Marathon with a large call for manpower.

I encourage everyone to attend the October quarterly meeting for the service pin awards. We will also be swearing in our new class of First Year Apprentices at this meeting.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



I want to start by thanking our wonderful "157" Staff. Our Local Union Officers and Member volunteers. As well as our "Benefit Club Team".

They all spend countless hours preparing for our many events in the month of September. Even though we thank them, they never really are recognized for all they do. But please know **you** are appreciated by the entire membership.

Let me start out with "Labor Day in the Park" held in Lafayette. Steve Snyder and crew did a great job. Food was great and their park is definitely one of the best in the Midwest. Car show, train ride, games and prizes were all a hit with my grandkids. Just a wonderful day!

Monday, Labor Day in Danville, Illinois was well attended and a good time was had by all. It's said Danville puts on one of the biggest Labor Day Parades (South of Chicago) in the state. Steve Snyder also helped organize along with area members. Great job Danville!

Labor Day in Palestine, Illinois was also well attended. Butch Chubril and Nick Jefferies float entry into the parade was awesome. The two spent countless hours designing and fabricating a folding rule, a pocket leve and a pipe wrench large enough to fill an entire trailer. As in years past there was a large turnout. Thank you to all our Palestine volunteers.

In Terre Haute, we also had a great group. Seems like it gets larger every year. We may have broke a record this year for the amount of trains that went through downtown Terre Haute, splitting the parade in two. There were reports of 2 or maybe 3 depending on who you talk to.

Perhaps what I spent most of my time on was the Bean Dinner at Fairbanks Park following the parade. This year the dinner was sponsored by the Central Wabash Valley Building and Construction Trades Council of which Local Union 157 is a member.

We along with several other craft people put this event on representing what union labor can do when they work together. I want to thank all the volunteers. Pony rides, bounce house, soft serve ice cream. The Teamsters Jimmy Hoffa trailer with speaking podium on the rear was a big hit. We had a large amount of local politicians who took advantage of the large crowd. The Operators Local 841 reported they cooked 800 hot dogs and went and got more. They did a great job.

Some of our other crafts had already made previous plans. But all said they plan on attending this event next year.

I know we certainly made some of the community leads throughly impressed with the turnout.

For our Local Picnic we had a perfect day with a large, large turnout. Food was fantastic. Some people I had not seen in years.

So many young families, kids smiling and laughing. We certainly are blessed. **Work Hard, Play Hard, Be Safe!**

Field Representative's Report

Steve Snyder



Projected work for the fourth quarter in our Northern jurisdiction has leveled off at this time.

The addition at Subaru Industrial Automotive is currently tracking on schedule. Completion for this project is September 24th. Work is still ongoing on the many lines and systems throughout the plant which in turn has been keeping several contractors busy with dozens of pipefitters and welders. The scheduled fall outage size and scope has yet to be determined by plant engineers. I do not believe it will be as large as the summer outage.

We still have ongoing work throughout the area of heavy industrial sector Wabash National, Frito-Lay, ADM Frankfort, General Electric, Staley's South Plant, Nucor Steel, Evonics, Arconic and Heartland Automotive just to name a few. This sector has kept several of our members busy and will continue in the months ahead. Most of the work is maintenance driven in nature and requires our skill set to complete the desired task of plant managers. This trend will continue as more and more plant maintenance engineers retire without succession plans due to the high unemployment and lack of available skills.

Purdue University construction work continues to be strong. The Animal Life Science Building is around 80% complete at this time. The Discovery Learning Building extensive remodel is finally underway. The school of engineering at Purdue has spent \$10 million of a proposed \$70 million rehabilitation restore of all the Engineering Buildings at Purdue. This work includes roof replacement, shell and core updates, and HVAC upgrades on several large buildings in the heart of campus. I will keep you posted on the next phases of these projects. Along with these projects, Purdue is in the conceptual phases of designing and building a Large Animal Hospital in the amount of \$35 million. Groundbreaking has not yet been determined.

The school work remains abundant through Lafayette, West Lafayette and Tippecanoe School Corporations. The West Lafayette new middle school is tracking on schedule. I would have anticipated a larger labor force than the current labor force at this time but several unforeseens has plagued the project from the start. Cumberland Elementary has a \$10 million remodel out to bid as well as the West Lafayette High School. Both projects are set to bid before the end of this month.

Last month I had the pleasure as the Tippecanoe Building Trades President to present a \$10 thousand dollar check to the United Way of Greater Lafayette CEO Michael Budd the money was generated from the proceeds of the 25th Annual Tippecanoe Building Trades Golf Outing. To the contractors that participated I say thanks. To those who did not. I will call upon you next year. Michael Budd is in his second year as the new CEO of the United Way of Greater Lafayette. We are truly blessed to have Michael to lead us through the most difficult and darkest places in our communities to offer help and assistance. These are the areas that are not always apparent but plague every community. To identify and quantify those types of problems coupled with solutions is truly a mind numbing task that takes leadership, perseverance and compassion, all the qualities that Michael has in abundance. The United Way of Greater Lafayette works are vast and deep. I truly believe that Lafayette is a better place because of Michael Budd.

I also had the pleasure as a Region 4 Workforce Development Board Member to finalize the strategic planning for 2018 with respect to federal dollars and programs that meet the required Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act also known as WIOA. The challenges that we as a country face with respect to the massive labor shortages that is on an emit crash course will do nothing more but put labor organizations in the driving seat for years ahead. This is great news for people both union and non-union and people who work for wages, not so great news for employers. Wage pressure has started in some sectors and competition for manpower will only bring back better wage packages and offers from employers who will be competing for local manpower. While business is in agony of the thought of paying more for labor we as a skilled labor organization are in the midst of having the best seat in the house for the years to come.

I attended the Indiana Democratic Convention last week as the Vice Chair of Tippecanoe County Democratic Party. It seemed to be well attended I did meet lots of key political figures. This is my first year and of course this was all surface exposure at this point. I look forward to learning and representing Local 157 going forward with local politics.

In closing I want to welcome all the 1st year apprentices into Local 157. You have a very bright future ahead of you and I look forward to helping you succeed not only in the trade but in life. The apprenticeship program that you are starting will teach you skills that are in high demand and will only become more and more as the years pass. Good luck to all of you.

TRAINING NEWS

Rich Cheever
Training Coordinator

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Jeff Ehrlich
Welding Coordinator

www.157trainingcenter.org

Shane Alumbaugh
Accelerated Welding Instructor

On August 23rd; the Training Department held the 1st year orientation meeting. All incoming apprentices attended and were introduced to all necessary paperwork. They were introduced to Mark Swaner, Webb Crouch, Paul Atterson, Patti Meskimen, Sandy Reece, Ivy Tech Representative Deanne Wilson, and the Training staff. There are 35 incoming apprentices this year along with the additional 7 A.W.P. graduates who will be joining the apprenticeship program when their class ends on September 29th.

On August 24th; we hosted an orientation meeting for 102 of our incumbent apprentices. They were introduced to Mark Swaner, Webb Crouch, Paul Atterson and the Training staff. They were given the 2017-2018 class schedules as well as annual paperwork required. Both of these meetings were held at our Terre Haute campus.

Our current A.W.P. program has 7 students. To date, this class has obtained 17 Weld Certifications (UA-21, 22, 41 & 63). These numbers could grow as the class nears the end of their 18 week program on September 29th.

Upcoming journeyman upgrade classes will be scheduled soon. Information and registration will be on the 157trainingcenter.org website. These will include Industrial Rigging, Signal Person, and Instrumentation Level II.

Currently there are certification classes for Indiana and Illinois Plumbing Code, OSHA 30, and Instrumentation I at our Terre Haute, Lafayette, & Danville training centers. Med Gas recertification is scheduled for November 4th. Weld tests are on the calendar for every third Saturday of the month.

For our Illinois plumbers; Continuing Ed classes are on the schedule for October 11th in Danville 6:00-10:00 p.m. CST and October 21st in Hutsonville 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CST.

Indiana plumbers – this is a renewal year. Make sure you do this by January 1 to avoid late fees. You must also notify the Training Center or the Main Office that your license is renewed so that our records can be updated.

INCOMING APPRENTICES



RETURNING APPRENTICES



WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER



Saturday, October 21st, 2017 at 8:00 am
Saturday, November 18th, 2017 at 8:00 am
Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at 8:00 am

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





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Tim Thacker
Administrative Manager

During the months of June and July 2017 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 14,516 claims, totaling \$4,857,600.86.

In this article, I would like to state the Initial Eligibility rules for active employees. Initial Eligibility shall begin on the first day of the second month following any calendar quarter during which an Employee works and is credited with three hundred (300) hours or more of covered employment for an Employer or Employers and payment for the same at the applicable rate is received from said Employer or Employers by the Plan Office.

In the event that a Participant works less than three hundred (300) hours in his/her initial calendar quarter or his/her Employer(s) make(s) payment for less than three hundred (300) hours, the Participant may pay the difference in order to meet the Initial Eligibility requirements. Payment shall be in an amount equal to the difference in the hours reported and three hundred (300) multiplied by the applicable Employer contribution rate and may only be made at the beginning of the initial Benefit Quarter.

In Memoriam

Richard L. Chrostowski, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Westville, Illinois passed away on July 17th, 2017. Richard was born on April 7th, 1939 and was initiated into the United Association on September 27th, 1968.

Mark S. Simpson, a Building Trades Apprentice from Urbana, Illinois passed away on July 19th, 2017. Mark was born on July 21st, 1988 and was initiated into the United Association on August 27th, 2012.

James L. Botner, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Dana, Indiana passed away on July 29th, 2017. James was born on August 21st, 1927 and was initiated into the United Association on November 13th, 1953.

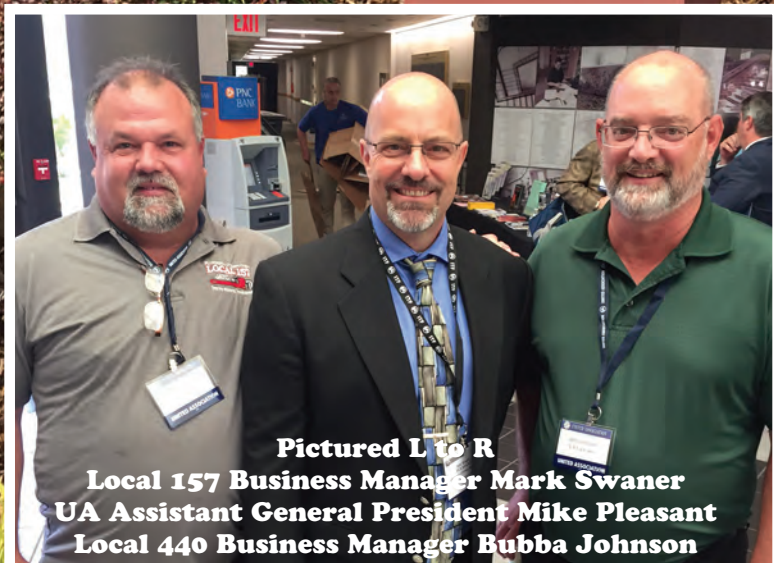
Larry L. Rector, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Staunton, Indiana passed away on August 24th, 2017. Larry was born on June 24th, 1943 and was initiated into the United Association on September 25th, 1959.

George T. Lyons, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Dana, Indiana passed away on August 31st, 2017. George was born on July 23rd, 1918 and was initiated into the United Association on January 8th, 1952.

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Pictured L to R
Local 157 Business Manager Mark Swaner
UA Assistant General President Mike Pleasant
Local 440 Business Manager Bubba Johnson



Labor Day Activities



FROM

Labor's Day in the Park
in Lafayette to.....



PARADES



Danville.....

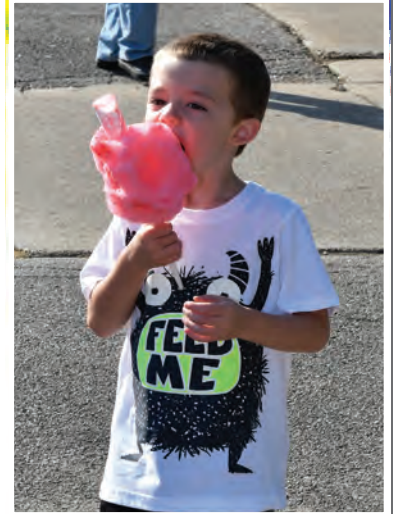


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Terre Haute.....



LOCAL 157 FAMILY PICNIC



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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAYTON MCDANIEL AND THE INDIANA JUNIOR SYCAMORES



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This team is ranked #1 in Indiana and #23 in the nation. They competed for the title July 13-16, 2017 in Rock Island, Illinois competing against teams from 7 states.

Payton is the son of member Cory McDaniel and the grandson of retired member Gary (Deacon) McDaniel.

2017 Holiday Gift Baskets

With the Holidays quickly approaching it is once again that time to send in monetary donations and requests for food baskets. Requests for food baskets must be made by Local 157 Members, either for themselves, another Local 157 Member, or for their immediate family member. However, Union Members will be given first priority. Please use the attached form to submit your request and return it to Local 157~Basket Fund Request~8801 E Milner Avenue~Terre Haute, IN 47803 or call the main office at (812) 877-1531 or toll-free at (866) 373-3157

Requests must be received in the main office by November 13th and those who are approved to receive a basket will be notified by phone.

Baskets will be distributed on November 21st and 22nd.

Basket Requested For:

Name _____ City/State _____ Number of Household Members _____

Local 157 Member who is making the request

Name _____ Phone # _____

(This section must be completed)

All donations and requests can be mailed to

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FALL RETIREE'S LUNCHEONS

NOON (EST) FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, TERRE HAUTE

NOON (EST) MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, LAFAYETTE

NOON (CST) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, DANVILLE

October 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6  Terre Haute Retiree's Luncheon - Noon	7 Union Meeting 10:00 am Service Pin Ceremony
8	9  Lafayette Retiree's Luncheon - Noon COLUMBUS DAY	10	11  Illinois Plumbing Continuing Ed Class Danville 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	12  Danville Retiree's Luncheon - Noon	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21  Illinois Plumbing Continuing Ed Class Hutsonville 8:00 am to Noon. UA Weld Test 8:00 am (Subject to attendance)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN				

November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3  Union Meeting 8:00 pm Terre Haute Meeting Hall	4
5  Daylight Savings	6	7	8	9	10	11  Veteran's Day
12	13  Final Day for Basket Fund Request	14	15	16	17	18  UA Weld Test 8:00 am (Subject to attendance)
19	20	21	22	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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Quarterly Union Meeting Saturday,
 October 7th, 2017 at 10:00 am
 in the Terre Haute Meeting Hall
 Service Pin Ceremony

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, November 3rd, 2017 at
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, December 1st, 2017 at
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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