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VETERANS DAY

★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★★★

*Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157
would like to Thank all the brave men and women
who have and continue to serve and protect.*

May we NEVER forget that Freedom is not Free!



Congratulations to our new incoming Apprentices

With hard work and dedication you will
succeed in this career.

Knowledge is power!

VISION AND OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's that time of year again, Open Enrollment for the Vision and Dental. If you are already participating, you will receive your renewal packet shortly. If not and you are interested, call the main office at (812) 877-1531 and request one. Remember this is a voluntary program and is not associated with the Pipe Trades Industry Health & Welfare. You will be required to make monthly payments or have the monthly premiums deducted from a checking/savings account. **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018**



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Since the last article things have been busy with a lot to report. First, Cronus Fertilizers has announced a lump sum turnkey contract with Thyssenkrupp. This is a major step forward in a financial commitment for the engineering and construction of the Tuscola Fertilizer project. This project was said to be on track to breaking ground in the second quarter of 2019.

On October 30th we met with Wabash Valley Resources LLC better known as Quasar Energy Partners LLC about the proposed Fertilizer plant at the old S&G facility. This project also is said to want to start revitalization of the gas tower to produce syngas early next year and breaking ground for new construction in 2019.

On October 23rd we had a Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Fund meeting in Evansville IN. The fund is still strong even with losing nearly one hundred thousand dollars last quarter and maintaining 7.8 months of reserve assets.

To inform everyone our Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) is moving forward with verbiage complete we should have a hard dollar amount for startup cost so we can start a separate account for each eligible participant. We and the staff at the Health & Welfare Fund hope to be able to start the new accounts sometime in the first quarter of 2019.

It is time again for our Voluntary Vision and Dental Open Enrollment. Everyone currently in the plan should be receiving their renewal packet shortly. If you are not currently in the plan and are interested, call the main office and request a packet. The deadline to sign up is Friday, December 21st, 2018.

On Friday November 2nd at our monthly union meeting the amended Local 157 Commercial Agreement passed on the floor by a vote of 46 to 44. We want everyone to know there is a lot of work to do to prepare long before we can even sign a contractor to bid. This will be a slow process and the membership will be informed if and when we have any progress.

One thing I don't want everyone to forget is that at our December 7th union meeting we will be voting on where to put our \$0.40 cents raise in January.

In closing I would like to thank our Veterans for their service to this country. I also would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Officers & Staff of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 would like to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season and a safe and prosperous New Year!

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III

As of this publication we have 226 Journeymen and 69 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 87 Journeymen and 10 Apprentices on travel jobs. For the month of September we dispatched 187 Journeymen and 42 Apprentices with 23 call backs and 123 members to travel jobs. For the month of October we dispatched 157 Journeymen and 48 apprentices with 24 call backs and 88 members to travel jobs.

As most of you are aware, October 1st Thyssen Krupp and Cronus Chemical signed an EPC contract for the Tuscola Fertilizer Plant. They will be starting civil and infrastructure work in the 2nd quarter of 2019. Work on this project for us will be the latter part of 2019. On November 2nd, the Wabash Valley Building Trades met with Wabash Valley Resources, formerly Quasar Energy Partners, concerning the fertilizer conversion of the old S&G plant. If they stay on schedule we should have boots on the ground the first part of 2019 for demo work and new installation on the gasification portion.

The first week of November I dispatched 53 people for the Marathon fall turnaround for Morris Construction. After the fall turnaround Morris will start the pre turnaround work for the spring of 2019. The spring turnaround will tentatively start March 6th with 100 pipefitters on days and 100 pipefitters on nights for approximately 30 days of 6-10's. If everything goes as planned there could be potential for some long term work with Morris at Marathon over the next few years.

Although our work hasn't been great this year we have been blessed that locals across the country have been willing to employ our members. We have fostered these relationships with other locals for many years and will continue to do so for the benefit of our members. I have received several phone calls from other Business Agents thanking me for sending them highly trained, highly skilled, hardworking members of Local 157. I have said it before and I'll say it again, Local 157 is second to none in the country when it comes to training, skills and production. A big thank you to everyone out there in the trenches taking care of business.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson

As I write this the trees are turning and the leaves are falling. We are still being blessed daily. As many of you know, and been part of, our sister locals have continued to keep our members employed. For that we are extremely grateful. A big thank you to Woodriver and the Evansville job at Sabic for keeping a number of our members busy the last several months.

We continue to be in contact with and meet with Cronus and Quasar about the upcoming fertilizer plants.

While slow going to us, there have been several advances made with both of these jobs. In our discussions we have talked about several scenario's. Many of those can or will depend on decisions made with our state governments. Luckily both Indiana and Illinois understand the potential both projects have for our communities.

Another positive for Local 157 is the potential announcements of a variety of improvements slated to come to the Marathon Refinery in Robinson, Illinois. Long been one of our best employers. We certainly hope the talk becomes real, not only for our members but also for the Robinson, Illinois area.

Gas Distribution continues to be busy. In September our distribution contractors worked 16,903 hours. In the month of October they worked 13,407 hours. We did sign two new contractors doing distribution work for NIPSCO in our northern Indiana area. They are Graycor and Aldridge Electric, both from the Chicago area. We also signed up two new helpers for Infrsource around the Ft. Wayne area. As always depending on weather, that's how the work will go. Let's hope for the best.

I do want to thank our members and our friends for a great midterm election. Even though Indiana did not elect very many of our choices, we do appreciate everyone's efforts. We had several people who really stepped up working countless hours and representing us all. Illinois on the other hand, I believe made a lot of inroads, especially in the election of Governor J.B. Pritzker. Hopefully he and his team can get the state back on track. I know personally I enjoyed talking with and stumping for all our candidates. I am sure we have not seen the last of some of them.

In closing I again remind our members the TWIC card is becoming a must on several jobs. Continue educating yourself and do what it takes to stay employed.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!





Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Work in our northern jurisdiction is still remaining strong throughout all sectors.

Institutional work continues to be the heaviest driving force for employment at this time. Several area school corporations continue with remodel and additions throughout the region. The work has slowed from the summer but has appeared to level off for the remainder of the year.

Purdue continues to be a hub of activity as projects keep rolling out for bid from the university architect. The \$65 million dollar 112,000 square foot STEM building has finally been bid and awarded. The results are unofficial at this time however it appears like Local 157 will be supplying skilled manpower for this project in the near future. The \$80 million dollar 160,000

square foot Agriculture Biological Engineering building (ABE) has been bid and awarded. The plumbing for this project went to North Mechanical while the mechanical systems have been awarded to Shambaugh and Son. The 144,000 5 story Convergence office building, which has been labeled as the gateway building for the future 1.2 billion dollar master development plan in Purdue's Discovery Park, has been awarded. This buildings plumbing and HVAC has been awarded to DA Dodd Mechanical. Finally the request for proposals has been returned to Purdue's Board of Trustees for two new high rise dorms located on campus. These two dorms will have a combined 1,200 bed capacity once complete for the 2021 school year. Construction for these projects is scheduled to start yet this year. The delivery method for this project will be under a Public Private Partnership (P3) with a design build assist. While the mechanical and plumbing contracts for this project have not been officially awarded, I am confident that Local 157 will be successful on this project as well.

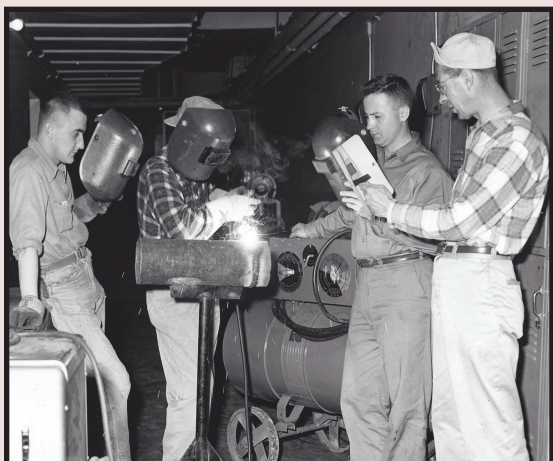
Industrial work throughout the region still remains strong. Work continues at Subaru Industrial Automotive Waste Water Treatment project with HM White starting to man up with welders and pipefitters. Evoniks Tippecanoe Labs is still maintaining a large number of our members for R&R work. I am still being told that the two new structures are still on the books for construction in 2019. The

Frito-Lay plant in Frankfort, Indiana is still planning on going forward with their \$80 million dollar expansion and recently received tax abatements from the City of Frankfort's Economic Commission.

Our Service department is booming and shows no signs of slowing down. We currently have 31 combined journeymen and apprentices working out of service vans throughout the community. This is one of the fastest growing sectors of our industry. I want to thank our Business Manager Mark Swaner for displaying the leadership and investing both the time and training required to make this sector grow.

In closing I want wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. May you and your family be blessed.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 157 HISTORY



We are in the process of updating our local's history.

Anyone with interesting stories or pictures with names (if possible) of members on the job or if you have any ideas of what you think should be included in the history book please forward that information to Patti at the main office at patti@ualocal157.org. If you would like you can bring them into the office so that we can scan or copy them.

THANK YOU! It is important to maintain the history of our local so that the new apprentices can appreciate and understand the path that has allowed them this opportunity and to create a path for those to follow.

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

Since our last article, classes are in full swing with our apprentices. OSHA Safe Shop, Instrument I, Weld II & III have been completed. During our evening classes, I take the time to visit our training facilities - that would be Terre Haute, Lafayette, Danville & Hutsonville to speak with the apprentices. As most of you know, being a construction worker is not always easy due to the unknowns of employment, harassment on the job, and personal issues. These young men and women are our future and deserve to be treated with respect and fairness with an avenue to vent their concerns to.

The training department has many duties outside of training, one of which is recruitment. When we can, we visit high schools, vocational schools and other events to talk about our program and what we have to offer future applicants. These visits are by invitation only, usually by email. If members have contact information for points of interest in recruitment, please contact the training department with details.

Some of our apprentice classes had guest trainers come in and talk to them about their products and proper installation. Eric Kaiser (ETS) talked to HVAC I class in Lafayette; Brad Schofner (Congraco) in Terre Haute and Lafayette; and Ethan Armour (Victaulic) in Terre Haute and Lafayette.

Illinois Plumbing Continuing Education classes have been completed for 2018. A Med Gas Recertification class has been scheduled for December 1st in Terre Haute. Industrial Rigging classes are in the planning stages. Please check out 157trainingcenter.org for upcoming certification classes.

UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASSES IN THE CURRICULUM

Foreman Training - 11/27/18 through 1/16/2019 - Terre Haute, Lafayette & Danville

Medical Gas - 1/22/2019 through 2/27/2019 - Terre Haute & Lafayette

Signal Person - 2/26/2019 through 3/22/2019 - Terre Haute & Lafayette

Happy Holidays from the Training Department!



WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER

Saturday, December 15th, 2018 at 8:00 am

Saturday, January 19th, 2019 at 8:00 am

Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at 8:00 am

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



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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

During the months of August and September 2018 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 15,986 claims, totaling \$6,205,926.93.

In this article, I would like to outline your plan's Wellness Benefits. Many chronic diseases are preventable so being more proactive in your healthcare results in a healthier and happier you. The following preventative services are processed at 100% as described below:

Routine Physical Exam: Age two (2) and over: Maximum one (1) visit per Calendar Year – office call paid at 100%. (All other Covered Charges in connection with the Routine Physical Exam will be paid under the Medical Benefit Provisions at 80% after the Deductible Amount has been met.)

Routine Cervical Cancer Screening (Pap Smear Test): One (1) per year.

Routine PSA Test (Prostate Specific Antigen for Prostate Cancer Screening): One (1) per year.

Mammogram (Breast Cancer Screening): Age forty (40) and over: One (1) per year.

Sigmoidoscopy (Colorectal Cancer Screening): Age fifty (50) and over: One (1) sigmoidoscopy every five (5) calendar years.

Colonoscopy (Colorectal Cancer Screening): Age fifty (50) and over: One (1) colonoscopy every five (5) calendar years.

Well-Child Exam & Routine Immunizations: From birth through age twenty-four (24) months for routine well child visits and all routine immunizations recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

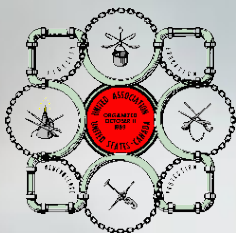
Routine Adult and Childhood Immunizations (age two (2) and over): If recommended by the Physician, excluding occupation or vacation travel necessity, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



In Memoriam

Richard L. King Sr., a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Clinton, Indiana passed away on September 3rd, 2018. Richard was born on January 14th, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on October 7th, 1970.



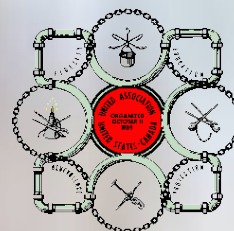
John P. Ensinger, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Stockwell, Indiana passed away on October 9th, 2018. John was born on August 28th, 1942 and was initiated into the United Association on December 13th, 1968.



Walter T. Britt, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Crawfordsville, Indiana passed away on September 27th, 2018. Walter was born on April 16th, 1932 and was initiated into the United Association on March 26th, 1957.



Robert L. Garman, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hoopston, Illinois passed away on October 21st, 2018. Robert was born on July 11th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on April 11th, 1969.



Fall Retiree's Luncheons



Lafayette

Unfortunately at the time of publication the Terre Haute photo was not available.

Danville

Retiree's Christmas Luncheons



Terre Haute ~ Friday, December 7th, 2018 at Noon

Lafayette - Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 at Noon

Danville - Thursday, December 13th, 2018 at Noon



Hi everyone, my name is Olivia Russell and my father is Chuck Russell, who is part of Local 157. About a year ago my family had a very tragic incident happen. A short time after that tragedy I had received a call from Webb Crouch saying he has a few things he needed to get to me. He took time out of his busy life to hand deliver what some of the local had put together for my dad and us kids. It really made me see that there are still selfless people out there in this crazy world. The fact that they thought about my family in our time of need meant the world to me. Not to mention all the people who reached out to my father to make sure he was doing okay and that they were there for him if needed. The union shares such an amazing bond. It's not just about people working together, they become like family and have your back no matter what. I just wanted to thank each and every one of those members that thought about my family when they didn't have to it means the world to me. Thank you all!



2018 Graduation Dinner

On Friday, September 21st the Local held a dinner for all the graduating apprentices and their families. We had an excellent turnout and enjoyed the evening celebrating these individuals major accomplishment of completing 5 years of the apprenticeship program and topping out to journeymen!

Congratulations to all!

LAFAYETTE HVAC CLASS









The Lafayette HVAC class had special speaker Eric Kaiser from ETS to talk to them about their products and proper installation.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

If your holiday is just not complete without a live tree, follow these safety precautions to keep threats at bay:

-  Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire, so look for a tree with vibrant green needles that are hard to pluck and don't break easily from its branches. The tree shouldn't be shedding its needles readily.
-  Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out.
-  Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested in a lab by the UL or ETL/ITSNA for safety, and throw out any damaged lights.
-  Any lights you use outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement, and be sure to plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter protected receptacle.
-  Keep all your holiday candles away from your Christmas tree, surrounding furniture and décor.
-  Bedtime means lights off! Don't forget to turn your Christmas tree lights off each night.

When your tree begins to drop its needles, it's time to say goodbye to your evergreen foliage until next year. So this year, follow our guidelines to avoid being another statistic in the National Fire Protection Association or United States Fire Administration report during the upcoming holiday season.



Apprenticeship Application Process

Applications for the Apprenticeship Program
are taken on line from
May 1st through December 31st.

- Step 1 Log on to our website www.157trainingcenter.org
- Step 2 At the top right click on "Application Info"
- Step 3 Click on the website <http://tinyurl.com/ycuz2aml>
- Step 4 This will take you to the Indiana Career Connect website
- Step 5 Scroll down and click on the button "How to apply for this job"
- Step 6 You will need to **Register** to get a User Name (which is your email address) and a password. A confirmation will be sent to you, then **Sign In** with your User Name and password.
- Step 7 Once you are signed in; fill out the requested information.
Be sure to include your email address.
- Step 8 Indiana Career Connect will contact you to let you know when to come in and take the required Work Keys test. All communication is done via email, so you will have to have a valid email address and update it as soon as you have any changes.
- Step 9 Check email for Work Keys test date. Meet the required scores.
- Step 10 Check mail, as a certified letter will be sent to you in March for your First Interview date. First Interviews will be in April and you must show up with High School or GED transcripts and a valid driver's license.
- Step 11 Check mail for results of First Interview and possible offer of Interview #2. Offers for the Second Interview; to be held in May, will be mailed certified.
- Step 12 Check mail for results of Second Interview and possible offer to the Apprenticeship Program. If offered, a certified letter will be sent in May.
- Step 13 A certified letter will be sent in August regarding Orientation Meeting.

Congratulations!



65 Years of Service



50 Years of Service



55 Years of Service



40 Years of Service



35 Years of Service



45 Years of Service

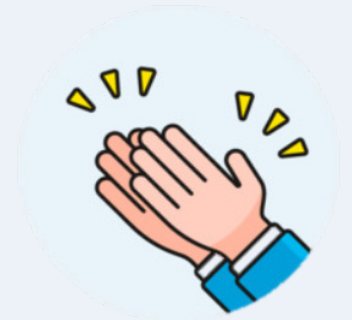


25 Years of Service



30 Years of Service

*Congratulations
to our Service Pin
Recipients!*





December 2018



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9	10	11 Lafayette Retiree's Luncheon Noon	12	13 Danville Retiree's Luncheon Noon	14	15 UA Weld Test 8:00 am
16	17	18	19	20	21 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR VISION AND DENTAL APPLICATIONS	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31 Bring on the NEW YEAR!					



January 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 UA Weld Test 8:00 am - TH
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26 Apprenticeship Contest TH Training Center 8:00 am (EST)
27	28	29	30	31		

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, December 7th, 2018
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
 Saturday, January 5th, 2019
 10:00 am in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, February 1st, 2019
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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