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## **Special Thank you to Local 157 Members for donating their time and talents to help construct the Abby & Libby Shelter in Delphi, Indiana**



Pictured L to R - Journeyman Kevin McHenry,  
Apprentice Harvey Biddle, Apprentice Anna Barradas  
and Journeyman Jared Maxwell







## Business Manager's Report

### Mark W. Swaner

November is here and the month we have been anticipating for over a year. At the time of this article the math of available votes has called the winner of the presidential election to be Joe Biden. Two Senate seats waiting on re-count in Georgia. With the presidential win so far, we have only picked up one Senate seat. This is not the blue wave we were hearing about but this does remove the chances of a national right to work, makes your social security secure for four years and adds a lot of stability to everyone's defined benefit retirement.

On November 6th Local 157 did have our monthly union meeting with the main issue of allocating our last raise of this contract. There was some discussion of what was going to be the best place or places to put our \$0.30 cents but at the end it all went on the check. This raise will put journeyman scale at \$38.68 on the check and a total package to \$58.18. I would like to thank all members that showed up for the Friday night union meeting during this growing pandemic to represent and allocate our raise. I also would like to thank the membership for their conduct during union meetings, we have had no problems with the mask wearing rule and keeping a distance for the most part. We do not know the future of this pandemic and how bad it will get before it goes but we will pay attention to Indiana CDC recommendations and if changes occur, we will robo text information as it comes.

With the unfortunate cancellation of our annual picnic, our members were unable to get their annual mugs and pens. Therefore we have ordered some and will have them available for pick up in the Terre Haute Office and Lafayette Office in December. Please call the office before coming to confirm they have been received.

We were able to maintain the same rates with Delta Dental and Anthem Blue View Vision for 2021. Anyone interested should contact the Terre Haute Office for a packet.

In closing I would like to thank all our veterans for their past and continued service and wish all members and their family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a safe but fun new year.



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## Business Agent's Report

### *Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III*



As of this publication there are 173 Journeymen and 50 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 141 Journeymen and 25 Apprentices on travel jobs. For the month of September, we dispatched 72 Journeymen and 31 Apprentices with 5 call backs and 72 members to travel jobs. For the month of October, we dispatched 84 Journeymen and 27 Apprentices with 13 call backs and 52 members to travel jobs.

By the time this reaches you, all of our fall outage work should be complete. It appears that work in our jurisdiction is going to be very slow this winter as usual.

Sycamore was awarded the bid for the new V.A. Clinic in Terre Haute and currently have 157 members on site.

The Terre Haute Casino stake holder, Spectacle Jack, is currently working to secure building permits and clearing up legal matters out of state. They are still confident of a 2021 ground breaking.

The Danville Casino gaming license hearing has been postponed for 6 months due to Covid-19. I will keep you informed when this progresses.

The Carle Clinic in Danville is on hold until the completion of 2 corridors from Gilbert St. to Logan Avenue. One of these thoroughfares is already under construction.

With our work being slow, we have been very fortunate that our siter locals have worked our members and I would be remiss if I didn't mention them. Thank you to Locals: 136 Evansville, 440 Indianapolis, 172 South Bend, 149 Champaign, IL, 597 Chicago, IL, 553 Alton, IL, 99 Bloomington, IL, 353 Peoria, IL, 776 Lima, OH, 50 Toledo, OH, 636 Detroit, MI, and 449 Pittsburgh, PA. Hopefully we will be able to repay them in the near future.

If you are interested in travel work, call the hall to make sure you are on the will travel list. Also make sure we have your current number listed as a cell number and check your phone regularly for robotexts.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Stay safe and stay healthy.

## Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

### *Paul "P.A." Atterson*



It's November and thankfully this year is almost over. As of this writing we think Joe Biden is our newly Elected President. But of course, there are threatened law suits and innuendo of wrongdoing and everything else you can think of that would fit into this crazy year of 2020. We really can't expect anything to go smoothly or anything to be simple.

There was a report that Pfizer Pharmaceutical has developed a vaccine with a 90% cure rate. I pray that it works and we can get back to a normal life.

Our work continues to do well. Thankfully our sister locals Evansville and Indianapolis have been able to put a lot of our people to work. This is what truly makes the U.A. great. When one local is without work, there always seems to be one that needs help.

We are looking forward to a New Year. We realize it will take awhile to get back to where we were. We hope we can get back to hands on learning as well as getting our members back to obtaining certifications and licenses. Whatever it is you need to stay employed. As always, we want you to hold a plumbing license as well as welding certs.

Luckily, we have members all over the country. Everywhere we go we are congratulated for our memberships work ethic and skill level. It is truly a good feeling when we hear how well our "hands" perform on a daily basis.

Another "Point of Pride" for me is how well our Gas Distribution is doing. Tom Gofourth has been doing a "Great" job. We are making inroads and relationships with our gas contractors like we have never had in the past. We are all working for a common goal. We want for Gas Distribution members, everything the rest of our membership enjoys.

In closing, I wish "everyone" great holidays. Starting with our Veterans on Veteran's Day. Thanksgiving because we all need to give "thanks" for being "blessed" every day. Christmas because I have 9 grandchildren and half are little, so I really enjoy them. And lastly the "hope" we have for a "New Year". Hopefully we forget 2020 quickly.





## Field Representative's Report

### *Stephen Snyder*

Work projections in our Northern region is starting to look up. After several weeks of uncertainty with bidding opportunities I am happy to report that our local contractor's estimating departments are very busy. The uncertainty of tax revenue to State and Municipal governments is still a factor and has started a trend of fiscal prudence that directly impacts our livelihood.

This fiscal cliff is something that our Federal Government can and should help State and Local governments overcome, however the Federal Government has been slow to act to address this issue due to gridlock and the presidential election. By the time you are reading this I hope that we have put our politics behind on a national front and have set down together in a bi-partisan fashion to address these issues. I fully expect however our work to remain tight throughout the winter. As I have stated in previous articles when works breaks help us help you, get your Indiana Plumbing License, Welding Certification, Medical Gas qualifications, Rigging and Crane Signal Certifications and OSHA 30 training. The days of sneaking by with OSHA 10 and a pair of work boots are over. The Industry demands more certifications and training then ever before. As you know your training centers are here to help you and are free to us for all dues paying members. Being a member of the best Building Trade Union is like having a membership to "Golds Gym." However, like a gym membership you only get out what you put in. Exercise your membership and become the powerlifter of the best professional trade association in the construction Industry.

We still have several projects at Purdue University that are ongoing that should last throughout the winter. These projects include the Veterinarian Pathology Building, Memorial Union Hotel demo and remodel phase 2, Date Science building, Hagel Hall (Band and Orchestra) building and several lab renovations. There are still several larger projects that have been postponed from COVID-19 that I hope to announce the first quarter of 2021. Of course, all this is depending on where this pandemic takes us in the next several weeks.

West Lafayette and Lafayette continue to make progress on capitol improvement projects throughout the region. The West Lafayette Library expansion is still tracking for a 2021 spring kick off and the Lafayette new Police Station is still in the works. The ground work and funding for these two large projects are established and should proceed pending any other problems. The West Lafayette new Fitness Facility is scheduled to open in the coming weeks putting an end to a very large construction project. These projects along with several surrounding educational projects including the Harrison High School addition and Greater Lafayette Career Academy addition should keep us busy throughout the winter.

In closing I want to congratulate all the people we supported who stepped up to put their name on the ballot for this election cycle. Win or lose it takes a tremendous amount of courage and endurance to put yourself out there for public review. As an elected public official, I know first hand the value and importance of civil service from the basic levels and beyond. Our country is a democratic republic that only works with participation. Just like the gym membership analogy I used above, you only receive growth and benefits if you exercise your membership. Our democratic process requires a long-term commitment to make change and change does occur albeit slow. However, rest assured the more we participate the quicker change can occur. For those who voted and supported pro-labor candidates I want to say thank you for exercising your freedom to do so. Please stay safe and enjoy your holidays with your loved ones, better times are on the horizon.



## MEMBERS ON THE JOB AT LOEB STADIUM IN LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Pictured Left to Right,  
Field Representative Steve Snyder, Tyler  
Cornell, Tanner Bickett, Scott McCormick,  
Roger Hogg, Dustin Tarwater,  
Matt Harvey and Greg Piercy.



**Shane Alumbaugh**  
Training Coordinator

# TRAINING NEWS

## From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

**Brad Robertson**  
Welding Coordinator

The Training Department still has most of the classes shut down. We are hoping to open back up in January. We do have the 5th year apprentices attending class so they can obtain their certifications needed to top out next fall.

We have also been doing journeyman recertification classes to keep our members from losing their certifications.

The 1st year apprentices did attend classes in order to obtain their OSHA 30 and therefore allowing them to go to work.

We will be having a Med Gas Recertification class on Saturday, December 12th. Anyone needing to recertify needs to go to our website and sign up.

Local 172 out of South Bend will be needing UA-69, UA-21 and UA 101 welders. If anyone is wanting to get these certifications should contact Brad at the welding shop to schedule to come in and weld.

# Emergency Blood Shortage

Make your appointment today



*Blood  
Drive*

COVID-19

Antibody Testing

As of Aug. 17, a COVID-19 Antibody Test will be performed on all blood donations as part of our standard testing.

**Nov/Dec**

## PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS UAL 157 DAYS OF GIVING

TERRE HAUTE DONOR CENTER-2021 S. THIRD STREET

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana is issuing a statewide emergency appeal for blood donations.

DONATE FOR UAL 157 - 11/21-12/5

Schedule your donation at the Terre Haute Versiti Donor Center on a Day 11/21-12/5 and type UAL157 in the Notes Section of your appointment, by scanning the QR Code to the right with your phone's camera



**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

**317-916-5150 or  
versiti.org/IN**





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**Stephanie Morgan**  
Administrative Manager

During the months of August and September 2020 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 12,892 claims, totaling \$5,059,945.37.

The pandemic does not seem to be letting up and the flu season is now upon us. I would like to take this time to remind you of a couple benefits offered by your plan. Part of your Wellness Benefits covers the influenza and pneumonia vaccinations at 100%. The CDC recommends a flu shot for everyone over 6 months of age, including healthy people. In a time where limited exposure and social distancing is critical, the easiest way to get your flu shot is by visiting your local pharmacy. When you do so, be sure to hand them your Sav-Rx prescription card and let them know the shot is free when processed through the card. Should you receive your influenza and/or pneumonia vaccinations at your doctor's office, they will need to bill the charges through Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Also, do not forget about the **FREE** and easy to use LiveHealth Online service your plan offers all eligible members and dependents not entitled to Medicare or other primary group coverage. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and can be accessed from any smartphone or computer with webcam capabilities. You can find the app in your carrier's App Store. For more information, please contact the fund office today. Please take care of yourselves and stay healthy.

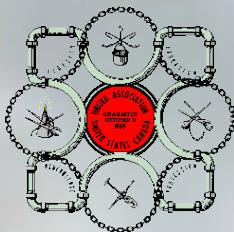
*Happy holidays to you and your families!*

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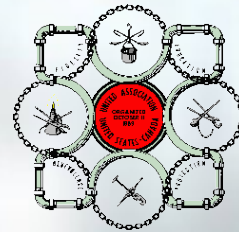


## In Memoriam

**Claude W. Certain**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Brighthurst, Indiana passed away on August 10th, 2020. Claude was born on November 16th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on December 1st, 1978.



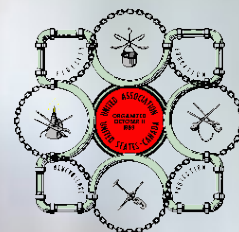
**Joseph G. Norbut**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Byrdstown, Tennessee passed away on September 12th, 2020. Joseph was born on April 27th, 1940 and was initiated into the United Association on January 11th, 1974.



**Ronald L. Cummings**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Crawfordsville, Indiana passed away on September 18th, 2020. Ronald was born on September 9th, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on April 21st, 1975.



**Ronald L. Brady**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Mobile, Alabama passed away on October 9th, 2020. Ronald was born on May 5th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on March 21, 1979.





# VISION AND DENTAL 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 letter 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 18, 2020**



## Employee Assistance Program

**CONTACT US AT (317) 962-8001**

Are you feeling down as you face the upcoming winter days? Are you in need of time away but you do not know when it will be possible?

Talking with an EAP counselor may be one thing that can assist you to move forward if you are stuck in any challenge.

EAP is available to take your call at (317) 962-8001 weekdays 8 to 5 for scheduling. After hours EAP is available at the same number for any urgent needs.

### About IU Health Employee Assistance Program

The qualified and caring professionals of the IU Health EAP clinical staff have a wide range of experience with expertise in areas such as:

- Stress
- Workplace conflict
- Family and marital problems
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Alcohol and drug abuse

Every IU Health EAP counselor is state-licensed with multiple years of experience.

**These services are free and available to all Local 157 Members and their immediate family.**



## LOCAL 157 GAS DIVISION MEMBERS ON THE JOB WITH MILLER PIPELINE



### MILLER PIPELINE



L to R - Local 157 Member Cody Chisham  
Local 157 Member Levi Jinks  
Local 157 Gas Distribution Organizer  
Tom Gofourth



Local 157 Member Jason Hodges

*The families of  
Stephen Cole Postlewait  
and  
John (Corndog) Griffin  
would like to thank  
the members of  
Plumbers & Steamfitters  
Local 157  
for their continued  
support for the annual  
Postlewait-Griffin  
OHS Scholarship Ride.*

**Contratulations to labor  
friendly Illinois State  
Senator Scott Bennett  
for his re-election.**



Pictured Left to Right:  
Business Agent Webb Crouch  
Illinois State Senator Scott Bennett



## United Way Workplace Drive Kickoff

Dear Members,



To say that 2020 has been an unusual year is an understatement. The coronavirus has completely changed our lives and the community we live in, while it continues to cast a dark cloud of uncertainties all around us. Everyday struggles in the Wabash Valley have been amplified by the pandemic and families who were already struggling to get by now find themselves in even more hardships. As members of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 and caring residents in this community, we share a common hope for the Wabash Valley to be a thriving place where everyone has the opportunity to live a safe, stable and successful life.

United Way of the Wabash Valley's new mission and Bold Goal to move 10,000 families out of financial struggles and into stability, offers us a great way to learn about and engage in meaningful philanthropy that can truly address the issues in our community. Each year, United Way reaches out to businesses like ours to advocate on a community-wide mission and seek support. Now more than ever, our participation is needed and we must **LIVE UNITED**.

Like many other things during this global pandemic, our drive for United Way will be unlike any other that has come before. Under the social distancing and infection control guidelines we have moved our resource drive to be VIRTUAL! By using a virtual platform, we hope to provide our members the opportunity to learn how United Way is using donor-resources to address real time issues in our community. In this same virtual method, you will have a chance to join their work with your donation. All members who wish to donate or learn more about United Way and their work in the community can click this link [unitedtoact.org/uwvv/plumbers-and-steamfitters-united-way-workplace-drive](https://unitedtoact.org/uwvv/plumbers-and-steamfitters-united-way-workplace-drive) to access their pledge form.

Together, our support will help United Way in their work towards their Bold Goal. Our gifts will be invested in strategies designed to break the cycle of generational poverty and support struggling working families. Great things are happening and their work is advancing thanks to our past generosity. We can't stop now. Though we do not know what the coming hours, days and weeks may hold in the face of a growing pandemic, we do know that our collaborative support aids the work of United Way in our community.

Now more than ever, let's all continue our commitment by giving generously this year.

Fraternally,

**Mark W. Swaner**



# LOCAL 157

## 125 YEAR LOGO CONTEST

Last year there were 280 United Association Chartered Local Unions in the United States and Canada. 2021 will mark 125 years of solidarity for Local 157. The History Committee is in the preliminary stages of planning all the various activities to mark this momentous occasion. Momentous is no overstatement. I am sure members will be surprised to learn that there were approximately 162 Local Unions chartered from 1889 (the year the UA was chartered) to 1896. Of those 162 Local Unions only 45 remain active today. That means Local #157 is one of 45 United Association Local Unions in the United States and Canada which has reached the milestone of 125 years of continuous activity. *(UA Research Dept. Annapolis, MD)*

From this point on leading up to and including all activities planned for our 125-year anniversary our Local Union will require a "logo" to identify and associate with the advertisements, pamphlets, prizes, and all other memorabilia affiliated with our anniversary. With that in mind, The Local 157 History Committee has decided to have a contest open to all Local 157 members including apprentices, retired, and active members, and all family members of the aforementioned. The logo will be printed, embroidered, painted, stenciled, embossed, or drawn on everything having to do with our upcoming anniversary.

### Rules:

- Any media may be used from hand drawn to using graphic arts software. Go Online for examples of other Local's Logo's Plumbers #60 Local New Orleans, Plumbers Local #58 Colorado Springs, Colorado, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #7 Albany, NY and many more.
- Applicant must mention the words *125 Years of Solidarity, Local 157 Plumbers and Steamfitters, Terre Haute Indiana, September 1, 1896 – September 1, 2021, Old and New UA Logos*

Entries must be submitted to the Terre Haute Union Hall no later than December 1, 2020 either digitally, hand delivered, or by regular mail. Contestants' entries will be placed in the *Piping Industry News* and on the Local 157 web page for viewing by the members of Local 157. Instructions for voting for best logo will be given at that time. The winner will be decided by the members of the 157 History Committee.

Mitch Poynter  
157 Historian





# December 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18  DEADLINE to submit Your dental and vision applications!	19 UA Weld Test 8:00 am - TH 
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# January 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Union Meeting 10:00 am 
3	4 APPRENTICE CLASSES RESUME 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 UA Weld Test 8:00 am - TH 
17	18  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

**MARK YOUR**

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, December 4th, 2020  
8:00 pm in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting  
Saturday, January 2nd, 2021  
10:00 am in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, February 5th, 2021  
8:00 pm in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall



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