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WORKERS MEMORIAL

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

April 28th - 5:30 to 6:30 pm

RIEHLE PLAZA
DOWNTOWN LAFAYETTE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

THEME: RENEW THE PROMISE
SAFE JOBS FOR ALL

HOSTED BY LOCAL BUILDING TRADES
AND LABOR UNIONS

MUSIC BY SCOTT GREESON

RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS

You will be receiving information within the next few weeks inviting members 40 years and up and their spouses to attend a Retirement Planning Workshop. They are currently scheduled as follows:

Saturday, May 15th at 9:00 am in the
Lafayette Meeting Hall

Saturday, May 22nd at 9:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Mark your calendars and watch your mail for more detailed information about these two workshops!



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

March 2021, the last month of the first quarter already and hopefully warmer temperatures with spring around the corner. The state of Indiana has improved immensely in respect to the COVID-19 virus. Now with the Pfizer, Moderna and the new one dose Johnson & Johnson positivity rates are down. It does appear that finally this virus is on a decline and will allow us to get back to in person union meetings and apprenticeship classes.

By the time this newsletter gets out our delegate election and the March 12th union meeting will be completed. In person events have been difficult and now we will still operate with caution and use proper protective attire to maintain safety. With the start of the in person March 12th union meeting we will start edging our way back to something that will look reasonably normal.

At this time, we still do not know if the UA Convention will be held in San Diego or some kind of virtual meeting, but as soon as we find out we will relay the information.

Here in just a few weeks we will opening discussions with the Mechanical Contractors and going into collective bargaining. We will be sending out a questionnaire to get feedback from the membership on things they would like to see us put in our negotiations. This is important to see what all parts of our jurisdiction think and want. There are a lot of places in our benefit package to put money to benefit our membership but I will talk about a few. First our HRA by now we should all know this is the only tax-exempt fund by which we can spend money and not pay any tax or assessment. Having said that at the present time you have to pay the bill turn in the receipt for reimbursement, this is difficult. So we need to think about getting our contribution up above .80 cents so we can have a debit card and pay for that health related service or item right then. Next to think about is our UA National Pension, I know this is not popular but it has not only not increased since 2000 but has decreased. This fund is a monthly paycheck and at the moment thirty five years at the rate of \$90.90 would get you a monthly benefit of \$3181.50. This in today's terms is not a lot of money but we can not get there all at once but we can start throwing twenty or thirty cents at a time until we get this up to a reasonable level. I know our Defined Contribution we will always like to add but just some thoughts for the younger generation.

In closing I want to thank everyone who stood up and ran for delegate to represent Local 157 in the 40th UA Convention. Thank you to Fred Reagin and the entire Election Committee.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III

As of this publication there are 201 journeymen and 37 apprentices actively seeking employment with 85 journeymen and 21 apprentices working on travel jobs. For the month of January, we dispatched 58 journeymen and 20 apprentices with 7 call backs and 34 members to travel jobs. For the month of February, we dispatched 58 journeymen and 14 apprentices with 14 call backs and 30 members to travel jobs.

Spring is finally here and we are starting to see some work breaking. Hoosier Energy Merom and Duke Cayuga are both having outages starting this month which should employ approximately 60 members for roughly 30 days.

Marathon has a turnaround scheduled to start in August. Morris Construction should be employing 150 to 200 people for approximately 6 weeks. We recently received correspondence from Marathon that as of March 8, 2021 our members will be paid at 100% of wages.

A&R Mechanical, out of Champaign, was awarded the bid at the Danville prison which includes a substantial amount of piping. I will be meeting with them soon to conduct a pre-job conference.

Travel work is starting to break across the country. As the vaccine distribution increases it will have a very positive impact on our work situation. I will continue to send out robo texts for travel job opportunities.

Stay safe and healthy



Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson

I want to start my article with a little hope. I am, like a lot of us very happy with the "roll out" of the several different kinds of Covid-19 vaccines available to our citizens. And how we are finally moving forward in this battle. I think we can agree we all need to remain diligent with washing our hands, wearing a mask and socially distancing. All these things along with getting vaccinated will get us back to normal sooner, rather than later.

The election to the UA's 40th Convention was held March 6th and a run off election was held on March 13th. Congratulations to those who were successful in their bid as delegate. It is a great honor to represent a great Local and to meet Brothers and Sisters from all over North America.

Friday, March 12 was our first in person Union Meeting in several months. Hopefully this marked the time to getting back to normalcy. We also will be making plans to get our Training Department open again. We certainly realize we have been hindered the last year not being able to get training or obtain certifications or licenses. I am sure this has kept several of our members from some employment. We all realize what sets us apart from other locals, is our commitment to training. So if you are interested in a certain class of certification please contact Shane or Brad for availability.

As I have said before me personally I truly believe we will see this year several of the much anticipated jobs we have waited on. I think both the Cronus job at Tuscola, Illinois and the Wabash Valley Resources job at S.G. Solutions will get started this year. I am an optimist. We are hearing a lot of positives so I am going with the glass is half full. Couple that with a Casino in Terre Haute, the Convention Center and shutdowns at Merom and Cayuga, with possibly a busy fall at Marathon, the continued good work in and around the Lafayette area and maybe later this year the start of the casino in Danville. I hope all our members are able to have a good year. We also hear good things from our Sister Locals. I think they are all anticipating needing help. As always welding certs, plumbing licenses and med gas certs will get you out the door quicker than anything. So make plans to get any training you might need.

Gas Distribution is doing great. Mark, Tom and myself recently wrote up a new Addendum for the state of Indiana and Kentucky. This is for our contract with the Gas Distribution Contractors Association. Hopefully this new addendum will be a benefit for both contractors and our members. We had 20,832 man hours in the month of February. So we continue to stay busy. Tom has continued to make inroads in both Indiana and Kentucky. Our approach has been a Tripartite one. We are trying to bring Union, Contractor and Utility together. Gaining trust takes time. But we believe from the response we have received we will get there. We have also been joined with Local 190, Ann Arbor, Michigan who have jurisdiction over Michigan and Ohio. They have helped us in our "policing" especially in the Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky tri-state area. We are definitely seeing the potential for growth.





Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

The Work outlook for the Northern area is still looking positive for the foreseeable future with the heavy demands for Indiana license plumber's journeyman and apprentices.

We still have several projects at Purdue University that are on-going that should last through-out the spring and into summer with several other projects finally being released to bid for this coming summer as well. These projects include the Veterinarian Pathology building, Data Science building, Hagel Hall (Band and Orchestra) building, Airport

renovations, Meredith hall reno and several lab renovations. Several of these projects are back logged from last year's construction plans. As always, this area will have a high demand for License Plumbers, Med Gas certified and brazing qualified members to complete these projects. At the time I am writing this article I have ran out of available 1st and 2nd year apprentices that have the means to work in the Northern area. I am concerned about having enough qualified journeyman plumbers to fill the anticipated calls for these areas future work load. I have been working with our Indiana State Pipe Trades organizer Steve Shaffer to recruit qualified individuals that will make up for the anticipated shortfall. Remember if we are not growing then we are dying.

West Lafayette and Lafayette continue to make progress on capitol improvement projects throughout the region. Quality Plumbing and Heating has picked up the multi-million dollar West Lafayette Library expansion with a summer start date. The \$55 million Lafayette Police Station is still in the works with design and permitting leading the way. As president of the Tippecanoe Building Trades myself and the Vice President met with the City of Lafayette Economic Development team to discuss the best use of our tax dollars by using local bona-fide skilled trades women and men. These conversations will continue as we move forward. A 60-day moratorium on the demolition of a historical structure that is inside the new foot print of the new building has come and went without any issues. The West Lafayette new Fitness Facility is finally open. The project was completed by North Mech and has been deemed the crown jewel of public buildings for the city of West Lafayette. These projects along with several surrounding educational projects including the Harrison High School addition and Greater Lafayette Career Academy will keep several of our members busy for weeks ahead.

In closing I want to wish everyone a happy St. Paddies day and remember to enjoy life as much as you can. I hope at the time you are reading this; COVID-19 shots have been administered to a large number of our membership. We must remember to remain diligent in our protection of the most vulnerable of our community and help when we can and when we are able. I also want to wish everyone a happy spring as the days grow longer and the grass gets greener remember better days are right around the corner. I will leave you with a recent quote.

"Every worker should have a free and fair choice to join a union. The law guarantees that choice and it's your right not that of an employer. No employer can take that right away. So, make your voice be heard. God bless you all and may god protect the workers."

President Joe Biden directed at Amazon employees in Alabama who are voting to unionize.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson - Continued

We recently had a Trustee's meeting for our Definted Contribution Plan. There we discussed different items concerning the plan. We talked about the diversity fo the plan especially after the recent elections. Probably the biggest item we learned about was the increase in the plan from 50 million to 70 million in the past year. So just an incredible gain. Of course we all must realize none of this is guaranteed. We all need to educate ourselves a little more.

Hoping for a great year! Stay safe and healthy my friends and please be positive!

Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

As everybody knows, most Apprentice classes have been shut down due to Covid. The 5th year classes have been in session since September. The first years started back up the 1st week of March and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th will start back the 1st of April and classes will run through until August.

We have had some journeymen sitting in some of our classes to obtain more skills for more employment opportunities for them. Journeymen are always welcome to sit in these classes.

I would like to thank our Instructors for teaching for us. I know with all the safety measures we take to protect our Apprentices and Instructors from spreading Covid in our training centers it can make it difficult to teach.



THE UNITED ASSOCIATION

Delegate Election Results

UA Delegate Elections were held on Saturday, March 6th, 2021.

Stephen Snyder - 107	Leonard Daugherty - 51
Justin Weger - 95	Josh Pine - 51
Todd Boland - 86	Kyle Weust - 50
Matt Melin - 83	James Giffel - 48
Jon Wooten - 76	Charlie Risley - 48
Barry Turner - 74	Dirk Porter - 40
Adam Bennett - 70	Josh Tryon - 39
Shane Alumbaugh - 66	Kevin Sheffield - 37
Aaron Atterson - 61	Josh Bowman - 30
Mike Burt - 61	Tracy McBride - 25
David Hoopingarner - 61	Levin Swinford - 22
Mitchell Swaner - 60	Gary Stanley - 21
Jimmy Lawrence - 56	Brandon Glover - 19
Matt Crouch - 51	

Due to a tie for the 14th Delegate position a run-off Election was held on Saturday, March 13th, 2021.

Josh Pine - 60
Leonard Daugherty - 35
Matt Crouch - 31

As it currently stands, we will have 17 Delegates to the 40th UA Convention. The final count will be determined by our March cash sheet. After the 3 paid officers that leaves us 14 elected delegates. Congratulations to those who were successful in their bid as delegate. Thank you to all who stepped up with the desire to represent Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 in this years convention. It is still unsure if it will be an in-person or remote convention, but everyone will be notified once that is determined.



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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

During the months of December 2020 and January 2021, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 16,044 claims, totaling \$6,448,750.80.

I would like to take this time to remind you of the current deductible and out of pocket limits that renew each January 1st. The current deductible is \$700.00 per person per calendar year with a family maximum of \$2,100.00. Please keep in mind, one person cannot meet more than the individual deductible towards the family maximum. The annual out of pocket per person per calendar year is \$4,000.00 with a family maximum of \$8,000.00. Again, one person cannot meet more than the individual limit. Noncovered expenses and expenses which exceed the Maximum Annual Benefit or other Plan maximums, **DO NOT** apply to the Deductible Amount or the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

I would also like to remind you that when claiming reimbursement from your HRA account, only receipts paid within the last six (6) months for dependents eligible under your health and welfare coverage are considered for reimbursement. No reimbursement will be made to a Participant for less than \$200 and the maximum reimbursement cannot exceed the balance in your account.

In Memoriam

Lester E. Baker, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Monon, Indiana passed away on December 28th, 2020. Lester was born on August 30th, 1930 and was initiated into the United Association on May 27th, 1966.



William J. Drisko, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Indianapolis, Indiana passed away on January 30th, 2021. William was born on September 24th, 1957 and was initiated into the United Association on June 29th, 1978.



Carrol E. McCord, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Kansas, Illinois passed away on January 13th, 2021. Carrol was born on January 8th, 1943 and was initiated into the United Association on August 7th, 1964.



Steven C. Russell, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Clinton, Indiana passed away on February 28th, 2021. Steven was born on June 22nd, 1953 and was initiated into the United Association on November 29th, 1982.



Kenneth A. Cox Sr, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on February 23rd, 2021. Kenneth was born on November 30th, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on July 3rd, 1969.



Ernest Payton, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Dana, Indiana passed away on March 5th, 2021. Ernest was born on September 30th, 1932 and was initiated into the United Association on August 6th, 1956.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Meeting Hall
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28 	29	30	



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9 	10	11	12	13	14	15 ARMED FORCES DAY UA Weld Test 8:00 am Retiree Planning Workshop 9 am Lafayette
16	17 NEW TAX FILING DEADLINE	18	19	20	21	22 Retiree Planning Workshop 9 am Terre Haute
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

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Quarterly Union Meeting
 Saturday, April 3rd, 2021
 10:00 am in the
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Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, May 7th, 2021
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, June 4th, 2021
 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

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