



Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 125th Year Anniversary

On Saturday, October 16th, Local 157 held a celebration dinner for our 125th Year Anniversary. It was good to see all who came out and enjoyed an evening of fellowship. Those in attendance received a Commemorative Coin, Lapel Pin, Tumbler and a History Book.

If you were unable to attend and would like to receive a History Book you can contact the Benefit Club or the Local 157 Office. We are asking for a minimum \$5.00 donation made payable to the Benefit Club. Anyone wanting the book mailed will need to include an additional \$5.00 postage/handling.

With the pandemic over the last 2 years most events were canceled, depleting the Benefit Club's Funds.

Help us build up those funds so that the Benefit Club can continue to assist distressed members. The Benefit Club has played a vital role in assisting our members in their time of need.

Let's support them so that they can continue!



*All photos from that evening can be seen and downloaded from ualocal157.org/photogallery
The History Book can also be viewed online at ualocal157.org/125th-history-book*

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 an informational packet. 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 17, 2021





Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Since my last column in the third quarter, we are now in the fourth quarter and 2021 is almost over. First thing to report on from last month is the turnaround at Robinson Marathon has completed and even after being undermanned Morris Construction did get the ALKI unit up without incident. This was good, but we were still unable to man the project and will take some time for Marathon to forget one. After all is over, we were assured that Local 157 members would be a part of the spring outage.

Our Health & Welfare fund is now at 12.7 months in reserve and doing well but still waiting to see the increase of elective care after COVID-19. Health & Welfare Administrator Stephanie Morgan stated she is being asked questions about our HRA and when we would get a debit card. This has been talked about a lot during our monthly union meetings and I told her as we have said when we get north of \$0.80 cents in the fund, we would pursue the card.

At our last Union Meeting we had a discussion about the subject brought up in 2014 about the need for a new apprenticeship school. I think most members recognize the need for a new Terre Haute training school but discussion comes when we talk about size and how to pay for it. For now, let's talk about paying for it, almost all local unions across the US that have built new training centers by using a checkoff and or a temporary tax to pay for a loan to construct these schools. At this time, I have not received a projected cost from Michael R. Waldbieser Engineering & Consulting Inc. so we can only speculate what an installment would be and what it would take to get there. From what I've seen other facilities cost, it would appear we will land at about 1 to 1½ % to accomplish this. As was said earlier we have been talking about this through two Business Managers and seven years but there has never been the work to support it, now it does appear Local 157 is finally going to get our turn at some in jurisdiction work and if we are serious this might be the time to get this done. In the coming months we will gather blueprints, projected cost and a reasonable path to pay for it and when we feel time is appropriate, we will come to the membership for approval.

I would like to thank everyone who came and helped us celebrate our 125th Anniversary of the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157. This was a nice evening with great food, good music and hope everyone enjoyed the commemorative tumbler, pin and coin they came out nice. The history books were supposed to be a part of the gifts but there was an issue with the printers equipment, hopefully everyone attending received a copy mailed by the printer. These books are really nice and we are making them available to anyone interested through our Benefit Club at a cost of \$5.00, you can call us here and we can add the book and postage and send out copies of this book or you can view this book on our website following the link on the main page.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who helped with our 125th celebration, Ron Gibson, Patti Szymanski, Mitch Poynter.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 210 journeymen and 62 apprentices actively seeking employment with 84 members on travel jobs. For the month of September, we dispatched 68 journeymen and 15 apprentices with 2 call backs and 23 members to travel jobs. For the month of October, we dispatched 107 journeymen and 26 apprentices with 11 callbacks and 101 members to travel jobs.

The new Danville Carle Clinic is under way and we currently have 9 members on site. As soon as all the steel is erected and the pan deck is installed Davis/Houk will be hiring more people. The Danville Prison water project was rebid and tentatively awarded to Helm Group and is scheduled to start next spring. This project is roughly 6000 man hours on the mechanical portion.

It is the time of year when work takes a nose dive and the holidays impede hiring. There are some travel opportunities out there for members that don't mind road work. I will be robo texting anything that is available.

On November 4th I attended my first ISPTA Drug Test board meeting as the newest trustee. We are in the process of moving all 6000 participants over from Disa to our new company, ITI. It has turned into a daunting task. All members will be receiving a letter in the mail concerning the new drug cards you will get from ITI. Please read it and follow the instructions to keep from hindering future employment opportunities.

It was good to see everyone at the 125th Anniversary celebration. Everything seemed to go well and I enjoyed the fellowship. I am very proud of Local 157's heritage and blessed to be a member of this great organization.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report



At the time of this writing we are days away from learning who will build the new Terre Haute Casino. We have several good candidates who each bring something unique to the table. Hopefully the "Gaming Commission" will choose a group with a strong tie to our community. One who will consider the wants and wishes of the people.

I am looking forward to the coming year of 2022. We believe several of the jobs we have been talking about for so many years will finally get going.

The old S&G Solutions (Destec) we think will get started the second half of the year. "Steel Dynamics" south of Terre Haute is slated for a 230 million expansion starting in 2022. We also hope the Casino in Danville, Illinois moves forward.

I am in the process of negotiating a new contract with the City of Terre Haute and our Wastewater Treatment Facility. We are hoping for a good result by year's end. We represent 51 Metal Trades Members at that facility.

For you who didn't know Local 157 also represents Indiana American Water in Terre Haute and Industrial Supply. These are all part of our Metal Trades Division. Each of these are an intricate part of the community providing daily services, that make a difference.

Another group I along with Organizer Tom Gofourth represent is the Gas Distribution for the states of Indiana and Kentucky. Since Tom Gofourth has come on board we have grown to 165 active members.

So all said and done our Metal Trades is near plus or minus 300 strong. So a very important part of our Local. I think anyone who has been around awhile can recognize that we are working hard to improve this group's future.

I also would like to take a moment to thank everyone who played a part in our Picnic and the 125th Celebration. As always everything was top notch. Thank you all!

December 3rd we will finally resume our Retiree's Luncheons in Terre Haute, with the 7th for the Lafayette area and the 9th for the Danville area.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to say Thank You to all the members who have stayed out on the road these last several years representing Local 157 everyday. You should be very proud of all the guys who have worked their way into positions all over the country. Superintendent, General Foreman, Foreman....everywhere we have went, we have taken leadership roles and have helped build this country. That is why our members are sought out everywhere we go. We are the Doers.



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Work continues to move forward on the bidding front with respect to the volume of construction projects in our Northern jurisdiction. I am still anticipating a full construction recovery for our trade the 1st quarter of 2022. As always, a heavy demand of plumbers and skilled pipefitters will dominate the market.

Supply chain issues continue to plague construction budgets across the region and are front and center of every discussion on developments both public and private. This problem will continue to plague not only the construction market but virtually every market that supports economic development across the region. The fortunate results of this predicament will be our

quick ability to react and deliver on demand practical solutions for real time problems that arise during this process. This will prove once again our value and place on the economic stage. We have built this country during the most trying times in history and these times will one day be a footnote on the blank pages of the past. Stay tuned sisters and brothers.

Several projects that are coming to Purdue University that will start the first quarter of next year. These projects should keep several of our members busy for the months ahead including a multi-million-dollar Mach 8 Hyper-sonic Lab. If anyone is doing the math this is 6,240 miles per hour. Rolls Royce has announced plans for a 25-million-dollar expansion. SABB is currently making design changes to their new building even before manufacturing starts. GE Labs and engine plant is still in full production and we consistently have pipefitter crews actively working on-site. Chiller number 7 has been awarded to Wilhelm Construction and is slated to start this December. The 53-million-dollar Schleman/Stewart Hall renovation which is a compromise from the pre-covid 19 Data Building plans is still under design with the RFP for CMC is still out to bid. From what I understand the Schleman/Stewart buildings are scheduled to be completely gutted with the new build out to house the planned Data Center. All of this means job opportunity for the region's largest, drug free, highly skilled team of plumbers and pipefitters. The future is bright without a doubt.

The municipal work is looking bright for the first quarter of next year. Both Lafayette and West Lafayette are still moving forward with their master plans and vision for both Cities. The 55-million-dollar Public Safety building in Lafayette has Local 157 Plumbers onsite working for Commercial Air as I type. This project is the crown jewel of the City of Lafayette. The City has been working with the Tippecanoe Building Trades to highlight the skilled women and men that are building this structure and hosted a topping out ceremony last week that was a sight to behold. The West Lafayette Library is all but under roof with final touches on this very long addition. All and all the muni-work in this region should be robust this summer.

The heavy industrial work is still moving despite the supply chain disruptions. The Tippecanoe Building Trades has held a pre-job meeting with SKANSKA about a new WWTP at the Arconic site in Lafayette. Price negotiations are complete and work has commenced. We are looking at maxing out 12-15 pipefitters this summer. We still have crews at Wabash National, Rea Magnet Wire, General Electric, Subaru Industrial, Heartland Automotive and Raybestos in Crawfordsville to name a few. Both IU Health and St. Francis Hospitals continue to use our drug free highly skilled workforce to improve and update their facilities as healthcare continues to lead the charge in life saving work. The Sisters of Saint Francis has announced plans for a \$43 million dollar Cancer Center. Tonn and Blank is currently working on scope and bid documents. Proof of CO-Vid 19 vaccinations will be required to work onsite.

Our service department is going forward at yet another record pace. Real refrigeration techs are currently in high demand as our work load continues to remain heavy in this market. The days of training in house service techs have long been removed from the budget by virtually every manufacture in our region. This work demand is a direct result of that short sightedness that so many large employers have displayed when cuts were made to train and invest in their workforce. You reap what you sow. I only expect that demand to increase as we move forward.

In closing I would like everyone to slow down, be safe and remember the person you are working next to may have problems beyond your comprehension. Be kind and be empathic.

"It is not merely acceptable to continue to help drowning people out of the raging river of life, but we must go upstream to confront and understand why they are falling in."

Desmond Tutu Archbishop of South Africa.

Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department
of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Indiana Plumbing Code Class will be on January 3rd through March 1st on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the Terre Haute Training Center and 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Lafayette Training Center.

Illinois Plumbing Code Class will be on January 8th through March 5th on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Industrial Rigging/Signal Person Recertification Class will be on Saturdays January 15th and the 22nd from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Test to recertify will be held on Saturday the 22nd.

Med Gas Recertification Class test will be held on Saturday February 26th at 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

To enroll in these classes go to www.157trainingcenter.org and click on the Certification Classes link and complete and submit the online form.

The Training Center would like to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season!



LAFAYETTE
APPRENTICES
COPPER
WALL
PROJECT

Standing left to right : Nathan Ely, Alex Wagers, Cristian Murillo,
Dalton Hardy, Jordan Anthorp, and Reece Williams.
Kneeling left to right : Tyler Wilken, Austin Church, and Jake Tapper



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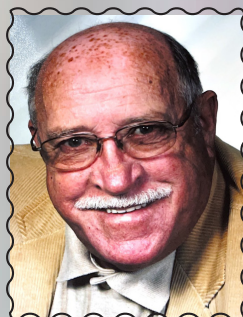
During the months of August and September 2021, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 12,880 claims, totaling \$5,843,267.77.

I would like to take this time to highlight a few advantages of the reimbursement process currently in place for the HRA benefit. The Internal Revenue Service defines qualified medical expenses as those specified in the plan that would generally qualify for the medical and dental expenses deduction when filing your taxes. These are explained in Pub. 502 and include amounts paid for health insurance premiums, amounts paid for long-term care coverage, amounts that aren't covered under another health plan, and expenses for over-the-counter medicine (whether or not prescribed) and menstrual care products. Upon receipt of a reimbursement request and proof of payment, claims are reviewed and qualified prior to processing which eliminates the possibility of any tax liability and the need to send additional IRS forms at year end. Payments can also be directed to the provider of service if the claim is unpaid OR sent back to you as a reimbursement for medical services paid out of pocket. You will find additional HRA guidelines in IRS Publications 502 and 969. You will find plan-specific information and Claim for Reimbursement Forms on the Plan's website at: <http://www.pthwplan.org/supp.asp>. As a reminder, the total of receipts submitted must equal \$200 or more and paid within the last six (6) months to be eligible for reimbursement. Please contact the fund office with additional questions regarding the HRA or to inquire on your current balance.

In Memoriam



Mark E. Gruner, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Montezuma, Indiana passed away on September 28th, 2021. Mark was born on January 22, 1952 and was initiated into the United Association on December 31, 1980.

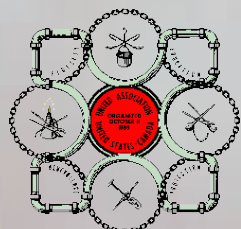


Charles A. Garner, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Long Beach, Mississippi passed away on October 22, 2021. Charles was born on May 13th, 1935 and was initiated into the United Association on October 11, 1963.

Robert L. Oswalt, a retired Division Trades Journeyman from Peoria, Arizona passed away on November 3rd, 2021. Robert was born on August 38th, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on September 1st, 1972.



John K. Sereno, a Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on November 3rd, 2021. John was born on February 16th, 1958 and was initiated into the United Association on July 10th, 1993.



Dennis C. Wade, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Decatur, Illinois passed away on November 5th, 2021. Dennis was born on June 2nd, 1942 and was initiated into the United Association on May 3rd, 1968.



Tippecanoe Building Trades held their Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser to benefit the United Way of the Greater Lafayette Area. This year they were able to raise \$10,000.00.

Awesome job!

It's great to see trades working together to better their community.

If we have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others.



Retiree's Christmas Luncheons

Terre Haute ~ Friday, December 3rd, 2021 at Noon

Lafayette - Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at Noon

Danville - Thursday, December 9th, 2021 at Noon





Congratulations to all of our 2020 and 2021 Service Pin Recipients

On Saturday, October 2nd we held our Quarterly Union Meeting where all 2020 and 2021 Service Pin Recipients were recognized.

Fred Wineland, who was unable to attend, received his 65 Years of Service in 2020.

Dennis Abernathy and Carl Blanton, who were unable to attend, received their 65 Years of Service in 2021.







Pictured to the left is Dennis Hickman receiving his 65 Years of Service Award from Business Manager Mark Swaner.

Photos from that day can be seen and downloaded at ualocal157.org/photogallery



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.





Employee Assistance Program

Contact us at 317.962.8001

How we view health and mental health often shapes our responses and our actions. The actions for health may be often preventative with a dental appointment every 6 months and an annual physical.

Most of us know the benefits of eating healthy foods and taking time for exercise. Do we do that for our mental health as well? As a leader, seeing an EAP counselor may be a great prevention tool when your workload and your stress is mounting. Consider the benefits and they will surely outweigh the cons. When we pay attention to our emotions, our thinking and our actions, we can move toward greater physical health as well.

Call EAP at 317.962.8001 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

We offer appointments starting at 7 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Susan Day

Director, IU Health EAP



Indiana Pipe Trades Defined Contribution Pension Plan Missing Participants

It is of utmost importance that you keep your address current with the Indiana Pipe Trades Defined Contribution Pension Plan. Currently we have five (5) missing participants in the Plan. These participants have been mailed information in regard to their accounts and the items have been returned as undeliverable due to incorrect addresses.

The Plan is required by law to search for missing participants and this is an added expense to the Plan and all participants. Please help to reduce this expense by reviewing the names listed below and if you know any of these participants please contact Patti Szymanski by mail at the Plan Office at P. O. Box 416, Seelyville, Indiana, 47878, by calling (812) 877-1531 x206 or by emailing patti@ualocal157.org.

According to Plan rules, if the Participant or Beneficiary cannot be located and reasonable efforts have been made to find him/her, the value of the Participant Account shall be frozen and reallocated. If the Participant subsequently returns and applies for his benefit such account shall be restored and distributed at the value of the account at the time it was frozen pursuant to the Plan document.

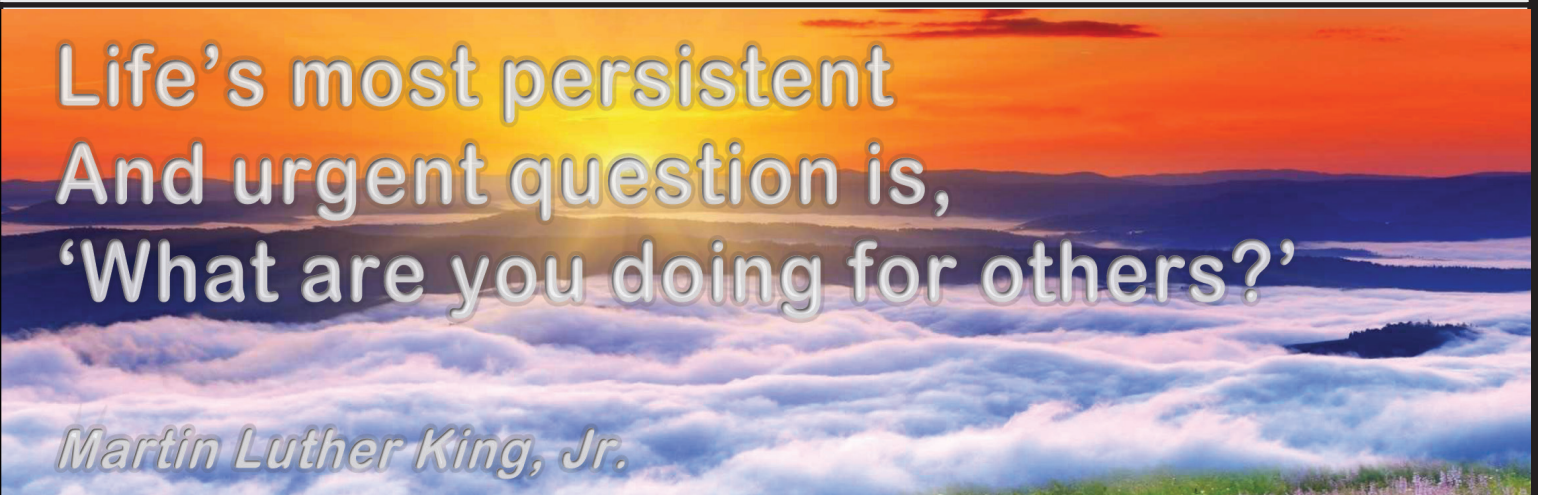
Christian Escobar ~ Jason Murphy ~ Brian Taylor ~ Kevin Roberts ~ Cedric Anderson

*The Officers and Staff of
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157
would like to wish everyone and their families
Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!*



Life's most persistent
And urgent question is,
'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King, Jr.



City of Lafayette Council at Large

Local 157 Member
Steve Snyder was voted
in by precinct committee
members to serve on the
City of Lafayette
Council at Large on
November 16th.



L to R - Retired Council member Lon Heide,
Local 157 Member Steve Snyder

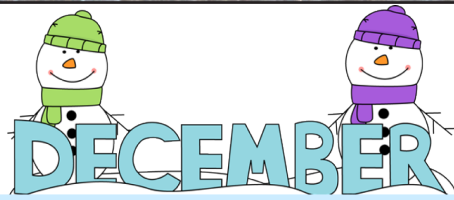
~ DUES REMINDER ~

Due by January 1st, 2022

1 Quarter is \$93.00
2 Quarters is \$186.00
3 Quarters is \$279.00
4 Quarters is \$372.00



You can pay your dues online at
www.ualocal157.org



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



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, January 1st, 2022

(Unless changed at the December Meeting)
at 10:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, February 4th, 2022
at 8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, March 4th, 2022
at 8:00 pm in the
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