

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9th

The event is open to the children and grandchildren of Members of Local 157 who are 11 years old and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration - 11:00 am
Crafts, Pictures & Lunch - 11:00 am
Hunt - 12:00 noon
Presentation of Awards - 12:45 pm
Picture of Winners - 1:00pm



AGE GROUPS

3 and under
4 through 7 year olds
8 through 11 year olds



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- Camp locations at Professional Training Facilities located in Lafayette.





Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Since my last column we have hopefully gotten through the worst part of the winter and here at March already we should be seeing spring like weather soon.

Our Pipe Trades industry Health & Welfare had a bad last half of 2022. This was expected with the COVID epidemic lessening and hospitals having room for those elective surgeries. Well, this dropped our months in reserve from 12.7 to 11.6 which which is not catastrophic but it is a loss. Again, this was expected so when the vote came to the trustees, they voted for a \$0.25 cent raise in contribution rate to the Health & Welfare.

The question was asked to the UA if Local 157 could use mail in ballots and the answer came back that yes, we could have mail in ballots but our election would be mail in or in person only. We could not have both. So at our Union Meeting on Friday, March 4th it was discussed and voted on and the members decided to continue with the in-person voting.

I'd like to congratulate the apprentices that competed and will now be representing Local 157 at the state level. It's encouraging to see our apprentices excelling at their craft. Good Luck! I know you will represent Local 157 well.

We are excited to once again be able to hold our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be on Saturday, April 9th at 11:00 am. I look forward to seeing everyone and their families there!



Members can create a login to the National Pension Fund and view their annual statements, contribution history report, beneficiary information along with the status of a pension application.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 212 journeymen and 48 apprentices actively seeking employment with 85 members on travel jobs.

For the month of January, we dispatched 54 journeymen and 10 apprentices with 8 call backs and 27 members to travel jobs. For the month of February, we dispatched 40 journeymen and 13 apprentices with 13 call backs and 22 members to travel jobs.

The mechanical package for the Steel Dynamics \$250 million expansion has not come out for bid yet. I will keep you informed as more information is available.

The new Churchill Downs Casino location has been moved to the east side of Terre Haute by Clabber Girl. They were given a variance on building height by the FAA. It will be a 190,600 square foot facility and they are currently working to get the property rezoned. They would like to start this project in early summer with a completion of December 2023.

Liability legislation for the Wabash Valley Resources Hydrogen Plant is currently being worked on at the State House. If it passes through the House, it will be a huge step in getting this project off the ground. Wilmorite, the construction manager for the Danville Casino, will be meeting with the gaming commission March 10th to request a license. They are fairly confident of receiving one and have already started installing temporary power to the building.

In closing I would like to wish all the apprentices who are in the competition at the local and state level, good luck.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



At the time of this report I am attending the UA's National Pipeline Conference. Here we meet with our other UA Locals who perform Gas Transmission and Distribution work.

Local 157 has jurisdiction for Distribution for the State of Indiana and Kentucky. Excluding five (5) counties in Northwest Indiana that belongs to Local 597 (Chicago).

In the last year and a half or so since bringing Tom Gofourth on as our Gas Distribution Organizer we have become a solid four (4) on the UA's list for man hours. We believe we have gained many in-roads with our Contractors both in Indiana and Kentucky. Making relationships, and understanding what their needs are has allowed these partnerships to grow. So as we educate ourselves and are able to provide more and more services to our Contractors we believe these man hours will continue to grow, allowing our members more opportunities for employment.

Among the many interesting topics at the conference were speakers talking about both sequestration and production of Hydrogen. Evidently somewhere in New Mexico there is a Powerhouse where they will produce electricity and sequester the by-product CO₂. There are plans to pipe in CO₂ from other plants and sequester it there. These pipelines will be built by our Gas Transmission Locals such as Local 798. As you are aware our old Destec, S&G Solutions plant now known as Wabash Valley Resources is exactly what they were talking about. I truly believe this could become a Mega Plant. Producing Hydrogen to fuel Tesla's fleet of over the road trucks. Sequestering CO₂ from the plant producing Hydrogen as well as other plants nearby. Spinning turbine to produce electricity as well as making gas into fertilizer. It's all possible.

One thing everyone agreed on is that we will need to transition to a New Green World! They all seemed to think Sequestration of CO₂ will allow us time to get there. Our infrastructure needs work. A lot of things have not been thought out to switch our long used system. Now comes along Putin and his attack on the Ukraine. Gas is skyrocketing. Just several unanswered questions.

I want to congratulate everyone who competed in our Apprentice Contest. Hopefully those moving on to the State will do well. Good luck brothers!

I also want to remind all our apprentices that the Local has paid for their apprentice plumbing license the last four (4) years for Indiana. We want everyone who is eligible to take the test. After all we are Plumbers and Pipefitters. Still \$15.00 a year to maintain in Indiana is so very cheap. Please do it. If you need any help we can get you through it.

In closing, I think you are all aware of the possibilities that are coming. Please make a plan to be successful. We are always here to help. Come on Spring!



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Better days are ahead without a doubt, and not just with the weather but with construction projects across our Northern region. While we still have unemployment within our ranks the outlook day by day continues to improve. For those of you using our training facilities to upgrade your skills and volunteer your talents for the community while unemployed I want to personally say THANK YOU. Thank you for stepping up and turning your down time into a positive by not only upgrading your skills but by helping out the community. As you all know the gift of time is the most valuable resource on the market. The gift of time that includes the use of your skilled talent is yet on another level beyond the measure.

I have great exciting news to share about Purdue University. Purdue has recently announced it is one of two colleges in the United States that have been selected by the Air Force Research Laboratory to serve as lead academic partner and headquarters for the just-formed AFRL Regional Research Hub. The AFRL says the program will help create a science and technology ecosystem. Currently several of our Local Union Contractors are budgeting for a master plan for major additions to the Aero-Space Complex at the University. This has involved contacts with engineering and construction firms from NASA. Purdue has a rich history in the aeronautic fields which makes this announcement appropriate. This is part of the masterplan that Purdue keeps pushing to lead the nation in research and development in the military industrial field of hypersonic technologies. Currently there is \$500 million dollars in funding that has been appropriated by congress but not awarded for this research division. The Hypersonic Mach 8 Lab currently under construction is the tip of the iceberg for what is yet to come. Right now, that project is scheduled to have all the steel and prefabricated walls constructed before the start of May 2022. At that time the underground process water and waste water installation will begin.

The 53-million-dollar Schleman/Stewart Hall renovation CMC RFI has been awarded to Wilhelm Construction. Some of the demolition and shell and core work has been awarded. The mechanical work is scheduled to hit the streets in the next few weeks. 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 still looking bright for the first quarter and beyond for next year. ARP monies have accelerated the design and planning of major infrastructure projects through virtually every class one, two and three Cities. Of course the largest hold up of these projects that are being planned the lag in design/engineer services coupled with the supply and demand problems that continue to plague not only our industry but the worlds industry. 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. Hiring is still forecasted for the start of April for plumbers. Major additons and renovations are scheduled for the City of Lafayette's well field and water distribution network and development of private high rise apartment buildings are back on the agenda for West Lafayette.

The heavy industrial work is still moving despite the supply chain disruptions. Our market share of this industry continues to increase as newly transitioned facility managers/board room execs. and operation managers are seeking new ways to work inside the "new normal" of America's post pandemic labor force. We now have crews at Tate and Lyle South plant out performing resident contractors by doing what we have always been doing, show up to work drug free, on time and with professionalism and skill set that is unmatched. The new norm is now based solely on performance with cost becoming secondary. It is no longer "who will do this project the cheapest" but who can show up on time meeting deadline after deadline with a local skilled labor force at the ready. Those are the questions and requirements we can answer and provide. NUCOR Steel announced a major investment into the Crawfordsville plant with a commitment to invest \$290 million dollars on a new line. No schedule has been approved however the start of this project is scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 23. Shambaugh is currently onsite working on various maintenance projects throughout the plant. We still have crews at Wabash National, Rea Magnet Wire, General Electric, Subaru Industrial, Heartland Automotive, NHK 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. No schedule information has been released yet.

Our service department is going forward at yet another record pace. 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

Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department
of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

2022 Apprentice Contest



Cody Miller
1st Place Plumber



Liam Moeller
1st Place Welder



Shawn Rahm
1st Place Pipefitter

Congratulations! Good Luck at State!



James Bolden
1st Place HVAC

Field Representative's Report *Stephen Snyder (Continued)*

from the budget by virtually every manufacture and non-union contractor in our region. This short sightedness has caused the demand for that skill set to be on the forefront with no end in sight. It is a great feeling knowing that our trade will forever remain in demand.

In closing I would like everyone to slow down and look both ways as our two wheeled friends are emerging from the cold winter into the sunlit highways and byways of our community. Save a life and look twice.

Happy St. Patties Day you Irish bums and Happy Easter my fellow Catholics!!!



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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

During the months of December 2021 and January 2022, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 17,339 claims, totaling \$7,368,564.97.

In this article, I would like to briefly touch on the most recent Summary Material Modification and Plan correspondence that was sent out at the beginning of March. The first item is the addition of coverage for virtual physician office visits. Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan will cover virtual visits to a Physician (using a computer, cell phone, tablet, or other mobile internet device) in the same manner that it covers in-person visits to a Physician's office. The current benefit for these visits (both virtual and in person) is 80% after the deductible is met. The LiveHealth Online Benefit is still available to use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 100% for all eligible, primary insured members and dependents.

The second item addresses the coverage of at-home COVID-19 test kits. There are four ways in which you can obtain your tests. 1. Request your 4 free tests through the federal government website, www.COVIDtests.gov; 2. Visit an in-network pharmacy and request that they run the tests through your Sav-Rx prescription card. These tests will be covered at 100%; 3. Visit www.savrx.com and follow the links to the Direct Shipping option and order your tests through the mail at 100% coverage; or 4. Purchase your own tests, keep your receipts and request an over the counter Covid Test Claim Form for reimbursement up to \$12.00 per test or the actual cost, whichever is less.

We are hopeful for a healthier and happier year and wish you all a happy Spring!

RETIREE'S SUMMER LUNCHEONS

**Friday, June 3rd, 2022 at Noon (EST)
Terre Haute Meeting Hall**

**Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 at Noon (EST)
Lafayette Meeting Hall**

**Thursday, June 9th, 2022 at Noon (CST)
Danville Meeting Hall**

In Memoriam

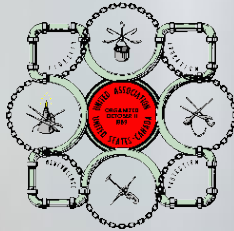


Richard S. Criswell, a Gas Division Trades Journeyman from Monticello, Kentucky passed away on January 15th, 2022. Richard was born on January 9th, 1960 and was initiated into the United Association on November 28th, 2007.



Kris E. Townsend, a Building Trades Journeyman from Russiaville, Indiana passed away on January 18th, 2022. Kris was born on August 23rd, 1968 and was initiated into the United Association on April 21st, 2008.

Douglas C. Eveland, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Tuscola, Illinois passed away on January 28th, 2022. Doug was born on April 19th, 1952 and was initiated into the United Association on October 6th, 1972.



William P. Ellinger Jr., a retired Metal Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on February 7th, 2022. William was born on August 28th, 1951 and was initiated into the United Association on October 1st, 1975.



Donald W. Norman, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hillsdale, Indiana passed away on February 26th, 2022. Donald was born on September 17th, 1942 and was initiated into the United Association on March 24th, 1967.

Those who touch our lives
stay in our hearts forever.



5TH YEAR APPRENTICES WORKING ON THEIR PRACTICAL SOLDERING TO OBTAIN THEIR PLUMBING LICENSE



2022 Apprentice Contest



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Employee Assistance Program

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LOCAL 157

Golf Outing 2022

Rocky Ridge Golf Course
Darlington, IN

Please note date change!

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Tee-off - 8:00 a.m. Sharp!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  April Fool's Day	2 Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Meeting Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9  Easter Egg Hunt Registration 11:00 am
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, April 2nd, 2022
at 10:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, May 6th, 2022
at 8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, June 3rd, 2022
at 8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall



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