

KIDS FISHING RODEO

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th, 2023

Registration at 8:00 am
Tournament from
8:30 am to 11:30 am
Pond east of the
Main Office Building

This event is open to all
Local 157 Member's
children and grandchildren.

Prizes will be given in each age group!
Lunch will be provided.

Children must be accompanied by an adult!



Bait will be provided.

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Access to our secured Participant site can be found below. Using this link, you can retrieve various UA National Pension Fund documents, including Annual Statements and Contribution History for those actively working in the trade. Pension Check History and 1099-Rs are available for those receiving a pension. Additionally, the ability to check your Application Status is available to those awaiting their first pension payment.

If you have submitted your pension application and are looking to find the status, please proceed through the log-in area. Once you have logged in you will find the most up-to-date information for your application.

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Members can now access their Annual Statement, 1099-R's, check on their pension application status, payment status and Contribution History reports and more by going to uanpf.org and creating an online account.



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Since our last newsletter we had a Pipe Trades Industry Health and Welfare meeting. Our Health and Welfare has sustained reasonably well considering the rising healthcare costs compared to other plans, and we still have just over ten months in reserve. The Trustees voted for a twenty cent (\$0.20) raise in our contribution rate which is a five cent (\$0.05) reduction from last year. Not a huge amount but in the health care environment this country is in, our plan is fairing well. Something else to report on with our Health and Welfare plan is along with our 15 week disability benefit there is a maternity benefit for any active eligible member. The benefit would pay \$500.00 a week under doctor's care with no hold week.

The United Association has also implemented a benefit to support members in good standing who have given birth. The plan provides a benefit of \$500.00 per week for up to 6 weeks immediately following delivery for a maximum benefit of \$3,000.00.

Due to upcoming work our Educational Department will be running accelerated welding in both Terre Haute and Lafayette Training Centers starting in June. To accomplish this the Training Department has brought on board Adam Bennett to recruit and teach our AWP students. Adam is an accomplished welder and Vice-President of Local 157 and is centrally located to teach in both locations. This is an apparent need for the future work in the jurisdiction of our local and Adam is a good fit to get this accomplished.

Just to let everyone know we are looking at the pros and cons of daytime school and the difficulty of making this work in our wide spread jurisdiction.

We look forward to a successful year for all. Stay safe!

Piping Industry News

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Business Agent's Report

Stephen A. Snyder



Work through out Local 157's Wabash Valley continues to improve as we move forward. Weather and material equipment supply continues to shape the "new" construction landscape. This new landscape is as volatile as I have ever witnessed in my professional construction career. This is making accurate predictions and skilled labor loading estimations more difficult then ever before.

The last few weeks as Business Agent has been very busy to say the least. The transition and assistance I have received from our elected and appointed leaders, office pros and training department has made this monumental task achievable. I want to say thank you and I look forward to this new chapter of unknowns to shape Local 157 into a new Powerhouse of skilled women and men. We will be rebuilding our communities and our neighbors.

At the time I am writing this article a new announcement was made by Steve Witt with the Vigo County Redevelopment Commission that they are actively seeking bids on 338.64 acres in the Vigo County Industrial Park formally known as the Pfizer property. The bids require an investment of greater than \$1 billion and creation of 640 permanent jobs, to be phased in by the end of 2025 through mid-2028. Further details will be released at the monthly redevelopment meeting held March 21st at City Hall. I will report on this with more information after attending that meeting. This announcement along with two proposed hotels in downtown Terre Haute are giving a boost to the region.

I am also happy to report that Freitag-Weinhardt have been awarded the second phase of construction at Hydrite facility. This project has a large abundant of stainless steel piping and equipment that will require skilled welders and pipefitters to assemble. If you are interested, please use our training facility to brush up on your welding skills for this project. Particularly UA-41 sch 10 SS welding and associated procedures.

The Queen of Terre Haute Casino is moving forward nicely as weather allows. Structure steel is tracking on schedule with the underground plumbing being performed by Sycamore Engineering subbed underneath the mechanical prime contractor Freitag - Weinhardt. This large investment will have a significant impact on work opportunities for licensed plumbers and pipefitters in the weeks ahead. Scheduled ribbon cutting ceremony is early spring 2024.

I was able to attend a pre-job with McAbee Construction to review the plans and schedule for a multi-million dollar RNG facility located at the Brickyard Landfill in Danville Illinois. This project is scheduled for 6-10s for a four-month duration. A large amount of combo welders and pipefitters with heavy industrial rigging certs will be needed. Hiring should start mid-March. The VA work, Danville Correctional facility, area high schools and the Danville WWTP will keep our Illinois licensed plumbers busy in the months ahead.

Hershey is moving forward with the expansion in Robinson. Underground plumbing has started but has been hampered with the massive amounts of rain and other construction delays. This has pushed this 80-million dollar project back several weeks. Jarrell Construction has the mechanical systems for that project with equipment hookup still pending. This project will employ several dozen of our members once kinks are worked out.

Marathon Refinery 2023 Spring TAR has already started scheduling day and night shifts with several different start dates and times. As most of you know this involves several large pieces of data that consistently moves and updates as time passes on. This is customer driven and requires us to be nimble and forth right with our skilled labor pool. I did have the pleasure to meet the leadership of Senco onsite a few weeks ago and tour their fabshop and facilities. I was very impressed with all of the professionalism and sincerity in the inner workings. If anyone has questions about working at this facility please don't hesitate to call.

A natural gas electric generation facility called Maple Creek Energy is on the way to Fairbanks Township in Sullivan County. Those involved said the \$700 million project will maintain 19-20 full-time jobs locally. Engineering, management and operations personnel will be hired. Up to 550 construction jobs will also be provided over the 2-3 year construction period which is still scheduled to start the 3rd quarter of 2023.

In closing I want to remind everyone to stay true to your craft. Know your skillset inside and out. If your heart is set on being a combo welder then be the absolute best combo welder possible knowing the different processes and procedures. If your heart is set on being a licensed plumber then be the absolute best plumber with the latest knowledge and techniques available to learn. If your heart is to be a service tech with HVAC, controls or refrigeration then be the most educated one possible. Please keep in mind that our trade is very fluid and constantly changing. We, as the best skilled labor union, must recognize and adapt to those changes or get left behind. I encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of our training centers and update your skills.

"You can dream, create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it requires people to make the dream a reality." – Walt Disney

Field Representative

Jon Wooten

The weather is slowly changing towards spring allowing more work to come out of the ground on several different projects in the Northern region. Freitag currently has as crew onsite at Zucrow Labs in West Lafayette moving the exterior utilities. This will allow the dirt work to ramp up and the building construction to begin. HMH has a small crew at Rolls Royce starting on the above ground storm system. Concrete delays have pushed this project out several months. HMH also has crews busy at IU Arnett Hospital and Subaru. Quality Plumbing and Heating should have Hypersonic Labs wrapped up by the time this article circulates. QPH is beginning their project at Schleman Hall at Purdue University and should last several months. It was announced that QPH was the low bid on the Carroll County Jail and the Clinton Central School renovations. Commercial Air is putting the finishing touches on the new public safety building in downtown Lafayette. Commercial Air also has crews installing underground at the new Klondike Middle School in West Lafayette and look to add plumbers/apprentices as weather improves. DA Dodd has completed the storm drain system at the new Cancer Center at Franciscan Health and will be continuing work there through the summer. Newjac continues to keep a crew busy at SIA and Arconic. Shambaugh added another crew at the Tempur-Sealy Mattress factory in Crawfordsville. Shambaugh continues to pick up more work there and looks to stay busy well into the summer. AA Huber picked up a project in Purdue's research park at Inari on the greenhouse additions. I look for Huber to hire a couple more hands as that job progresses. As work has been slow in 157 throughout the winter our sister locals have put many of our hands to work. Local 553 at Woodriver took 40 hands for their spring outage and should be wrapped up by the beginning of April. 440 calls weekly and we've steadily sent them hands for Eli Lilly and several other projects. 440 is currently building the largest Hospital in the world and will employ any and all plumbers and med gas techs for several years to come. 157 is a highly respected local across the nation. Every BA I call has positive things to say and we get the first calls when it comes to travel work. We've built these relationships over generations of doing the right thing. Showing up for work everyday on time, passing our gate welding tests, passing our drug tests and being the most productive and knowledgeable hands on the job.

Rolls Royce has a 200 million dollar building slated for late 2023 early 2024. Pepper Construction has been selected to be the GC and bids are currently ongoing for the MEP work. The new St Vincent neighborhood hospital is clearing trees and the dirt work is underway. Meyer-Najem has been selected as the GC for this project and bids are ongoing. This small hospital will change the landscape of West Lafayette into their future full medical campus. Many remodel projects are currently being bid for the summer including Lafayette Jeff and other surrounding schoolhouses. The need for Indiana licensed plumbers as well as Med Gas Brazers/Installers will stay at the forefront.

Local 157 will be having an accelerated welding program in June at the Lafayette Training Center. This will be an 18 week course for anyone with welding experience. We look to accept 10-15 men and women into this class with direct placement into the 157 apprenticeship upon completion. Myself, along with volunteers from Local 157, are currently recruiting at all the northern welding programs to fill these application spots. The teachers and admins for these High School programs are elated that 157 is reaching out to them with an interest in their students futures. The need for combo welders for the upcoming Skywater Chip Plant is at the front and center of our attention as a local. If you have a kid in mind that has basic welding knowledge have them call me asap to come in and fill out an application. Stay safe Brothers and Sisters!

Fraternally Jon Wooten

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Pipe Trades Industry Health & Welfare

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Indiana Pipe Trades Defined Contribution

Pension Plan (812) 877-1531 x206

**DON'T FORGET TO KEEP
THEM UPDATED!**

BENEFICIARY



Financial Secretary/Treasurer *Troy E. Bennett*

I would like to offer for the first time in our local, the option of auto withdraw, from any of your checking, savings or your vacation pay account to pay your Dues.

1. Direct withdraw from your checking account every quarter (3 months) of \$93.29, or
2. Direct withdraw from your savings account every quarter (3 months) of \$ 93.29, or
3. Direct withdraw from your vacation account every quarter (3 months) of \$ 93.29

The \$0.29 cents, is for a convenience fee, which is less than the 2% you pay online or when you call in and pay with your card. If any overdraft fees occur that will be passed along to you.

The only requirement that will be implemented to start, is that each member taking part will be required to pay 6 months (2 quarter's) of Dues. This is 100% optional for each member, it will not be a mandate for the membership. To save cost on postal services the information will only be done by email or by coming into my office to fill out the required paper work. Call the main office, or email me at troy@ualocal157.org if you have any questions.

The U.A. started a new Maternity Benefit Plan, as of November 1, 2022. Individuals must be a member in good standing of the U.A. at the time of childbirth and during the period for which benefits are paid. The benefit will be in the amount of \$500 a week for a maximum of 6 weeks, this will soon be up on the UANET.org.

As for Local 157 effective April 1, 2023 weekly disability benefit is being modified in regards to childbirth and Maternity benefits. This will be \$500 for 15 weeks. A form properly certifying that you were under the care of a Physician must be signed by your attending Physician and filed with the fund office certifying you were unable to work during the period for which you are claiming benefits. For further information please contact our Health and Welfare office at (812) 877-2581.

The first week of March I attended the U.A. Pipeline and Gas Distribution conference where it was reported that though the main pipeline work has slowed down Gas Distribution is still moving forward at a record pace. During the conference the Distribution Contractor Association (D.C.A.) representative reported that all the Local Unions in the state of Pennsylvania that have been awarded new Gas Distribution jurisdiction will be starting a new training program based on the curriculum created by Local 157 Josh Sullivan and Field Representative Tom Gofourth. The hours worked last year in our Gas Distribution jurisdiction placed us as the fourth highest in the U.A. at 336,107.25 Since the last newsletter, Josh has become Energy World Net Master Evaluator Certified, allowing Local 157 to reach more of our northern jurisdiction, along with Kentucky.

LOCAL 157 - 50 PLUS YEAR MEMBERS

The display cases and their contents in the meeting hall are there to honor those U.A. Members, past and present who have served their Local Union for at least 50 years. If you know of a member who qualifies, please contact the Hall or your Local Historian. Their name will be added along with any memorabilia such as their Years of Service Pin, an ID Card, Stamp Book, or any other item which represents those years. If they would be willing to loan or donate their 50 Year Pin, it will be kept under lock and key either in these cases on display or stored in the Local's Archives Room.

In Solidarity
Mitch Poynter
Local 157 Historian

TRAINING NEWS

Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

From the Educational Trust Department
of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Friday, March 24th we had 23 students from North Central High School here to learn about our trade. I have invited several other schools to come to our Training Center for a field trip. I have been to over 40 schools this school year talking to students about our trade and apprenticeship program. Them coming here and actually getting a hands on experience gives them a much better picture of what Plumbers/Pipefitters actually do.

We will be starting an Accelerated Welding Program up again. Our first class in Terre Haute will start on June 5th. We will also have an AWP Class in Lafayette. The start date has not yet been established.

FIELD TRIP



A group of high school students from North Central High School toured the training center where they were able to get a better understanding of the industry and what it entails.

Students were given hands on training utilizing the tools of the trade.

We hope to see these young people apply and succeed!





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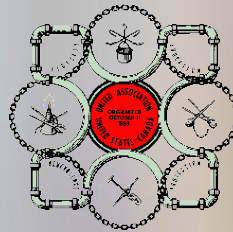
During the months of December 2022 and January 2023, your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 15,703 claims, totaling \$6,528,846.31.

The flu season is in full swing so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a couple benefits offered by the plan to all eligible insureds. The influenza, pneumonia and shingles vaccinations are covered at 100% as part of your Wellness Benefits. If your physician administers these vaccinations in their office, you will need to make sure they submit the claim to Anthem BCBS. If you receive these vaccinations at a local pharmacy, you will need to give them your SavRx prescription card. There should be no charge to you either way, so please contact the office should they try to collect a fee from you. Should the flu happen to find you, 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 will find the app in your smartphone's App Store. Since the issuance of new Anthem BCBS cards, you will need to update your insurance information so that they can find your eligibility with your new numbers. If you should be charged for your LiveHealth visit, please contact this office so that we may assist you.

In Memoriam



Tyler M. Montague, a Building Trades Member from Carbon, Indiana passed away on January 26th, 2023. Tyler was born on January 2nd, 1987 and was initiated into the United Association on August 20th, 2013.



Howard L. Bolton, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on February 11th, 2023. Howard was born on June 1st, 1951 and was initiated into the United Association on September 6th, 1974.

Melvin W. Duncan, a retired Building Trades Member from Robinson, Illinois passed away on February 20th, 2023. Melvin was born on April 24th, 1931 and was initiated into the United Association on April 5th, 1968.



Those who touch our lives
 stay in our hearts forever.





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 three (3) 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.

**Kevin Roberts
Timothy Wardlow
Raymond Sorba**



Business Agent Steve Snyder talks with CEO SkyWater Tech Thomas Sonderman about our drug free, mobile, highly skilled workforce.



Business Agent Steve Snyder signs up new contractor A Hattersley & Sons. Pictured with Local 157 Member Nick Ashby



SPRING RETIREE'S LUNCHEONS



Hutsonville Spring Luncheon 2023



Terre Haute Spring Luncheon 2023



Lafayette Spring Luncheon 2023

Summer Retiree Luncheons

Hutsonville - Wednesday, May 31st at Noon ~ Terre Haute - Friday, June 2nd at Noon
Lafayette - Tuesday, June 6th at Noon ~ Danville - Thursday, June 8th at Noon

Danville Retiree Luncheon was held after the printing of this newsletter

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LOCAL 157



Golf Outing 2023

Rocky Ridge Golf Course Darlington, IN

Saturday, August 12, 2023

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

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

Bogey is your friend — \$45.00 per person
(Includes: Green fee/cart, lunch, drinks and raffle after the round)

Hole Sponsors - \$150.00

Please send payment no later than 7/30/2023

Make checks payable to:

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Thank you in advance for your Sponsorship and
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	1	2	3	4 Apprentice Graduation Hulman Center 	5 Union Meeting 8:00 pm In TH Meeting Hall	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 USP Workers Food Drive 
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 TH Retiree's Luncheon Noon Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall	3
4	5	6 Noon (EST) Lafayette Retiree Luncheon 	7	8 Noon (CST) Danville Retiree Luncheon 	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17 UA Weld Test Kids Fishing Rodeo Reg. 8:00 am 
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24 Armed Forces Day 
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, May 5th, 2023
 at 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
 Friday, June 2nd, 2023
 at 8:00 pm in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
 Saturday, July 1st, 2023
 at 10:00 am in the
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

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