

## 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.

## HELP US, HELP YOU!



In an effort to update our database we are asking members who have the capability, to please email an updated head shot of themselves to [patti@ualocal157.org](mailto:patti@ualocal157.org).

Remember this needs to be with no sunglasses or hat and we prefer a solid background. These photos will be used to request replacement drug cards and are also uploaded to the UA's site when a member has certs and a photo is needed. **THANK YOU!**

*Make sure we have an updated cell number as well!*





## Business Manager's Report

### Mark W. Swaner

May is here and finally warming up with mushroom season coming to an end.

To bring everyone up to date on important issues upcoming. First, we have been in meetings with Michael Waldbieser Engineering to finalize design and get an updated price for the new Local 157 Training Center. This is still in the works and as soon as we have final drawings and a price, we will be bringing this to the membership. One thing that has changed is the location, instead of locating it straight across the street from our existing school it will be just east of our Health & Welfare building in the corn field that the local also owns. This will give us much more room for parking and feature expansion if needed.

We are starting a first of its kind in the State of Indiana Pre-Apprenticeship in our high schools. For now, we have partnered with Ivy Tech, Vigo, Putnam, Vermillion and Parke county schools and will expand next year. Starting at the beginning of the Junior year, students will come to our Training Center to get enrolled into Ivy Tech. Some classes will be held here at our training center. Every Friday the students will come to our training center for additional training. This will be OSHA-30, Pipefitter Math, Solder Braze, basic pipefitter and plumbing skills depending on which direction they want to go. Our Contractors can also hire them as helpers during the summer break. At the end of this process the graduates will have all of the first-year classes completed and will be direct entry into our apprenticeship as a second-year apprentice. This is a big move but we think the best to create skilled labor as soon as possible.

As for this year with accelerated welding we are looking to add to our 1st, 2nd & 3rd by 40-50 in Lafayette and 60-70 in Terre Haute. This is a big move but even this won't supply the skilled labor needed for the next eight to ten years.

Thank you to the following apprentices who represented Local 157 at the State Apprenticeship Contest; Tyson Digby - HVAC, Brandon Wagaman - Welding, Cody Dailey - Plumbing and Rikki Brewster - Pipefitting. We are proud of these young men and their accomplishments.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of the upcoming Health Fair and has scheduled their free health screening coming up Friday, June 9th and Sunday, June 11th. Call the office if you have any questions.

***Have a great summer and stay safe!***

## Piping Industry News

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## Business Agent's Report

### Stephen A. Snyder



Work opportunities throughout Local 157's Wabash Valley continue to improve as weather and schedules become aligned. The volatility of the construction market continues as new developments continue to be announced inside and outside our jurisdictional boundaries. These new announcements make it very difficult to track and analyze as information is weak and often times non-existent. This gives way to adding probability percentages to various projects based on analytics, construction metrics and networking with industry professionals. I will maintain and continue to report on projects that have a very high probability of becoming reality.

I have had the pleasure to learn that the 1.4 billion dollar Entek project, located in Vigo County, has selected an EPC (Engineering Procurement, Construct) developer known as Clayco. Clayco is a large developer with offices in St. Louis and Chicago. They have a very impressive resume and track record managing projects of this size and scope. This is encouraging news and sends a message of urgency and legitimacy to this project. As many of you already know this development will transform the Wabash Valley area for generations to come. Wabash Valley Resources continues to become more and more of a reality as the last piece of the puzzle has been put in place. On its third attempt through the Indiana General Assembly, Wabash Valley Resources has gained approval of state legislators to grant it the ability to inject carbon dioxide deep underground near West Terre Haute, as well as produce anhydrous ammonia. This momentous piece of legislation has taken 7 years to become a reality and gives Wabash Valley Resources the ability to apply for Federal grant dollars. Business Manager Mark Swaner and myself met with Senator Jon Ford R38 after the passage of this legislation to thank him for his continued efforts and work sponsoring this transformative bill. All this translates into high wage construction jobs for our members and gives this region yet another ground swell of economic prosperity. Stay tuned for time lines and construction schedules.

McAbee Construction continues to hire weekly for the fast paced 6-10s Renewable Natural Gas plant located at the Brickyard landfill in Danville, IL. This project is tracking on schedule to date and I expect hiring to continue for the next several weeks. This is a green initiative from the Biden administration to capture methane gas from various landfills across the country. VA work, Danville Correctional facility, area high schools and the Danville WWTP will keep our Illinois Licensed plumbers, pipefitters and welders busy in the months ahead.

Hershey is moving forward with the expansion in Robinson. We recently pre-jobbed the equipment final hook-ups at the Effingham Building Trades council meeting with Alberici. Alberici has elected to use Freitag and Weinhardt for this portion of the project. I am happy to report that all mechanical and plumbing work for this 80 million dollar expansion has been awarded to UA Local 157 contractors. More hiring in the weeks ahead as weather improves. Marathon Refinery 2023 Spring TAR has concluded with more than anticipated work assigned to Senco as our non-union competition packed and left for other projects in the deep south. This proves again that a transient work force outside is not invested in the community and has proven this once again by leaving the jobsite even before the job was complete. We will continue to prove to our customers that we are the best choice for on time, under budget completion with the highest degree of skill and safety every time and all the time.

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 1st quarter of 2023. More than 2/3 of the power for this station has been sold to date.

In closing I want to remind everyone that it will take all of us to address and focus on the massive opportunities that we are facing. The volume of work and investment in our jurisdiction continues to grow as ground breakings and legislation leads the way. These investments will allow Local 157 to regain its luster and reinvest in our business model across the board. These are uncharted waters that are rocky and difficult to navigate and mistakes will be made, however out of mistakes progress will be made and we will prevail. I challenge everyone to ask yourself these three simple questions during these times. Are you part of the landscape? Are you part of the problem? Or are you or part of the solution? Help your elected leaders put Local 157 back upon the rightful economic stage in our region.

*"No man is an island entire of itself; everyman is a piece of the continent part of the main."*

*John Donne*



## Field Representative

### *Jon Wooten*

During the month of April work has taken off in the northern jurisdiction. It seems like the moment the temperature hit 50 the manpower requests have been non-stop state wide. Our local contractors have had a very successful winter bidding work and the contracts are starting to be handed out. DA Dodd will have another busy year with projects slated at Zucrow Labs, Franciscan Health Cancer Center, North Vermillion High School and Whistler Hall just to name a few, along with other projects at Purdue University. DA Dodd looks to add 10-15 hands and work throughout the fall. HMH continues to keep a crew busy at IU Arnett Hospital, Subaru and various health clinics around Tippecanoe County. I will be reaching out to HMH in the coming months to set a pre-job for the East trim and final expansion as Subaru. HMH was awarded this work and will add a handful of plumbers and apprentices in late 2023. Benchmark Mechanical was successful in their bid for the Murdock Elementary project in Lafayette. With material issues that project may or may not go this year. Commercial Air is staying busy at the new Klondike Elementary School in West Lafayette. Once the new middle school is complete the existing Klondike Elementary building will be completely remodeled. Commercial Air was awarded a contract on that project as well. I'll have more details on manpower for that as we get closer to starting that work.

After attending a Top Notch jurisdictional meeting in early April, I met the Business Development Manager for BWMC. I'm happy to announce that BWMC was awarded the process piping for the new Rolls Royce building in West Lafayette. I am working with them to get manpower projections for early 2024. Stainless tig and orbital welders will be highly sought after. This project will be on Allison Road and will be a very busy area of expansion for several years. The Hypersonic Lab along with the Zucrow project are on this same road. Zucrow Lab is still moving dirt and the project is moving forward. DA Dodd has the underground package on that and will employ a few plumbers and apprentices later this year.

Travel work is booming nationwide. BA's from coast to coast call us every single day looking for manpower. This is a testament to the reputation our retirees have built in every local in this country of being the most skilled workers in the UA. If traveling is something you want to do certifications will make or break you. TWIC cards are the new norm in powerhouses and oil refineries. RSO-CStop certs are needed for most refineries on the east and west coast. Orbital welders and combo welders will be at a premium with the battery and chip plant boom we are about to enter for the next 5-10 years. Certified riggers will be the first hands hired for Columbus Ohio when they start calling out the projected 7-10,000 pipefitters they will need to complete their scheduled work over the next 5 years. Steve Snyder and I are in contact with Indianapolis Local 440 daily putting combo welders and plumbers to work. If anyone has a lead on a travel job you'd like to get on reach out to me. As always keep an eye out for your working buddy and be safe!

*Fraternally Jon Wooten*

## Financial Secretary/Treasurer

### *Troy E. Bennett*

This past March I had the privilege to attend and watch our 5th year Apprentices compete in the Indiana State Apprenticeship contest hosted by Local 440 in Indianapolis this year. I want to congratulate Brandon Wagamon - Welding, Rikki Brewster - Pipefitting, Cody Dailey - Plumbing and Tyson Digby - HVAC. These four young men did an amazing job representing Local 157, thank you for your professionalism and courtesy towards the other contestants and the judges.

Thank you to all who helped Patti with the Easter Egg Hunt, the donated time with the decorating, games, cooking the food and cleaning up after is much appreciated by all that attended. The weather was a little wet but I think all the kids had a good time.

With High School graduation in full swing some may not be certain on a career path. Don't forget that the UA offers a free online Associates Degree to all members children.

The Kids Fishing Rodeo is Saturday, June 17th, rain or shine. Hope to see you all there!

Congratulations to all the 5th year apprentices who was able to attend the Ivy Tech commencement held in Terre Haute on May 4th. I'm sure you all will be looking forward to September 1st when you officially become Journeymen. Now is the time for all Apprentices to check on your hours, book fees, initiation fees and all paper work needed in order to get your advancement in the apprenticeship program.

In the month of April we had our annual audit of the locals books, all books and receipts were found to be correct and in order.



# TRAINING NEWS

Shane Alumbaugh  
Training Coordinator

From the Educational Trust Department  
of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson  
Welding Coordinator

## STATE APPRENTICESHIP CONTEST



Thank  
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**Stephanie Morgan**  
**Administrative Manager**

During the months of February 2023 and March 2023, your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 18,306 claims, totaling \$5,085,290.51.

You should review your beneficiaries at least once per year and consider updating them when you experience a major life event. The Death Benefit is available to members eligible for coverage under the plan UNLESS they are covered under COBRA. Upon the death of an eligible member and receipt of proper proof of death, the Plan shall pay the Death Benefit as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits to the designated Beneficiary. If the deceased Employee dies without designating a Beneficiary or if the designated Beneficiary has predeceased the Employee, the amount of the Death Benefit shall be paid to the first applicable of the following surviving individuals in equal shares, in descending order: The deceased Employee's surviving Spouse; child or children; parents; siblings; or failing these, to the deceased Employee's estate. Benefits payable to minor children may be paid to the minor's legal guardian. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Employee's designation of his spouse as Beneficiary shall become null and void automatically upon divorce. Should the Employee wish to maintain the Beneficiary designation of an ex-spouse, he must fill out a new beneficiary card after the divorce. An eligible individual may designate a new Beneficiary at any time by filling out and filing a new card. A change of Beneficiary shall NOT be effective until received by the Plan provided that said change is received prior to the eligible individual's death. No Death Benefits shall be paid on behalf of a deceased Eligible Dependent, widow, or widower.

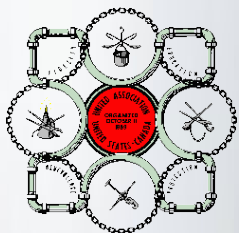
Please contact the fund office for additional information or to inquire on filling out a new Beneficiary Designation Form.



This stone plaque was attached to the front of the building at 610 North 13th Street in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1952; and proudly announced to all that entered, "This is the Union Hall for Local #157 Plumbers and Steamfitters". It hung there until 1972 when it was taken down and placed in storage at the Local's new location on Milner Avenue just south of Seelyville, Indiana. Eventually it was mounted on this stand and displayed at the entrance of the Welding Shop until May 2, 2023. It was then moved to its present location inside the Local's Meeting Hall.



# In Memoriam



**David M. Kalber**, a retired Metal Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on March 7th, 2023. David was born on March 25th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on November 5th, 1971.



**Jack E. Hornbrook**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Marshall, Illinois passed away on March 12th, 2023. Jack was born on November 23rd, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on October 9th, 1956.

**Scott L. Ogle**, a Building Trades Member from Hillsdale, Indiana passed away on March 14th, 2023. Scott was born on February 16th, 1972 and was initiated into the United Association on August 1st, 2006.



**Jerry E. Fisher**, a retired Building Trades Member from Carmel, Indiana passed away on March 22nd, 2023. Jerry was born on August 1st, 1938 and was initiated into the United Association on May 6th, 1957.



**John W. Hobson**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hutsonville, Illinois passed away on March 30th, 2023. John was born on November 19th, 1951 and was initiated into the United Association on November 24th, 1972.



**Wayne R. Keegan**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Gallatin, Tennessee passed away on April 2nd, 2023. Wayne was born on September 30th, 1927 and was initiated into the United Association on November 16th, 1948.

**Robert O. Heidenreich**, a retired Building Trades Member from Carlisle, Indiana passed away on April 5th, 2023. Robert was born on June 3rd, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on June 24th, 1968.



**Ralph L. Osborn**, a retired Building Trades Member from Robinson, Illinois passed away on May 21st, 2023. Ralph was born on August 11th, 1951 and was initiated into the United Association on October 1st, 1978.



Those who touch our lives  
stay in our hearts forever.





# EASTER EGG HUNT 2023



All photos can be downloaded  
from the union website at  
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PLUMBERS &amp; STEAMFITTERS

**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:****Adam Wright,****551 Jonathan Way, Lafayette, IN 47905**

**Thank you in advance for your Sponsorship and**  
**we look forward to seeing you there!**

**Adam Wright**  
**Chair/Treasurer**  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Hall May move to the 8th
2	3	4 	5	6	7	8  Possible Union Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15  UA Weld Test 8:00 am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30/31						



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		1	2	3	4  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Hall	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12  Local 157 Golf Outing Darlington, IN Reg. 6:30 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  New Apprentice Orientation 6:00 pm	22  Returning Apprentice Orientation 6:00 pm	23  Instructor Orientation 6:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, August 4th, 2023  
at 8:00 pm in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

**Dated Material Do Not Delay**

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