

## ~ Officers Special Election ~

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

**Terre Haute Training Center**  
**7:30 am to 2:30 pm (EST)**

**Lafayette Training Center**  
**7:30 am to 2:00 pm (EST)**



## **Nominations and Special Election**

Nominations for Officers of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 157 will be held during the regular Union Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2024, beginning at 8:00 pm, Indiana time, in Local 157's Terre Haute Meeting Hall.

No Member shall be eligible to be nominated for any office in the Local Union unless they are a "Journeyman" and have been in "good standing" for a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the Election.

The Officers to be elected are:

**Business Agent**  
**President**  
**Vice-President**  
**Executive Board (elect 1)**

Local Union By-Laws prohibit any Member from being a candidate for more than one (1) elected office at any one time.

The special election of Local Union Officers will be conducted on Saturday, June 8, 2024 between the hours of 7:30 am and 2:30 pm (EST) in Terre Haute, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm (EST) in Lafayette Training Centers.

In the event of a tie for any office, a run-off election will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the same two (2) voting locations and times.

Any member voting in Local Union No. 157 must have been a good standing member for a period of at least one (1) year immediately prior to the election.

Nominations will be conducted for each Office separately and any member nominated for an Office must be present to accept the nomination; or have a written statement on file with the Local 157 Recording Secretary stating the Office which is acceptable and their willingness to run for election to that Office. The statement must also include the reason for not being able to accept the nomination in person.

No Member who directly or indirectly owns, operates or holds stock in a plumbing, pipefitting, HVAC, or other related business employing Local 157 Members may hold an Elected Office.

**Union Dues must be paid prior to the date of Elections in order to be eligible to vote. You may check your dues status online or by calling the Local 157 business office at (812) 877-1531. Dues can be paid in the "Member's Only" section at [www.ualocal157.org](http://www.ualocal157.org).**



## Business Manager's Report

### Mark W. Swaner

It is already the first month of the second quarter of 2024 with spring arriving. Our weather is warming up and grass is growing.

There is some information that needs to be put out about changes to the upcoming election. First on March 29th there was a Robo text that went out to inform everyone that the nominations for open officers' positions have been postponed and will not happen on April 6th at our Quarterly Union Meeting. The new date is May 3rd at our Friday night Union Meeting with June 8th being our Election and June 22nd for a run-off election if needed. There will be a letter that will be going out to all members to inform everyone of the changes.

To bring everyone up to date our Health & Welfare is doing well with 11.8 months in reserve and therefore will only require a \$0.15 cent raise in the contribution rate for the year of 2024.

This brings us to the subject of our contract negotiations that will begin approximately the second week of April. We have received letters from our membership regarding their thoughts on upcoming contract and met with your elected officers and we are ready to negotiate with the MCAA for the best possible contract. We will be putting out more information on this subject as information becomes available.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had over 80 kids participate. The weather cooperated and it was a great time!

## Piping Industry News

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### PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 157 OFFICERS

Business Manager	- Mark W. Swaner
Financial Secretary/Treasurer	- Troy E. Bennett
Business Agent	- Jonathan L. Wooten
President	- Adam Bennett
Vice President	- Todd Boland
Recording Secretary	- Matt Melin
Executive Board	- Aaron Atterson, Joshua Pine, Charles Risley, Steve Shaffer
Finance Committee	- James R. Giffel, H. Jimmy Lawrence, Mitchell W. Swaner
Examining Board	- Shawn Bignell, Tom Gofourth, Brad Robertson, John Sanquenetti
Inside Guard	- Liam Moeller

## Business Agent's Report

### *Jon Wooten*



The month of March has flown by and we have been very busy in our jurisdiction. During the last 30-45 days Local 157 has gone through several tough changes but I can assure you, the house is secure and Local 157 will come out of this stronger than ever. I would first like to congratulate newly appointed Business Manager Troy Bennett. Troy will take office in July and he will do a great job of leading Local 157 into this mass amount of work that we are seeing on the horizon.

Looking back in the month of March we were able to fill the call for Senco at Marathon Oil Refinery. This 2 week outage took on roughly 40 hands and with the help of our sister locals, we were able to get them the requested manpower on time. All the work was completed with nearly 1000 extra labor hours picked up as extras during the outage. A big thank you to all the Local 157 hands who filled that call. Freitag continues to add combo welders at Hershey in Robinson. Speaking to the supervision their manpower is around 40. Continuing on the topic of outage work, Fluor will be starting an outage at Newton Powerhouse as the plant is scheduled to go down 4/18. Pre outage work will begin with crews hiring in on 4/8 working 40 hours. The outage will kick off 4/18 and move to 4-6 weeks of 7-12's. In total we will send just under 50 pipefitters. This call will be heavy with EPRI certified riggers. We will be depending on our sister locals to help us fill this call.

I attended the Wabash Valley Building Trades meeting this week. The hot topic is still the pending PLA being agreed upon by Clayco and the building trades council. I've made contact with Icon's senior PM for the project and they've assured me that the Mechanical, Plumbing, HVAC and process piping packages will be done union. The plumbing contract is still being bid and I'll continue to reach out to Entek and gather information as it becomes available. In the southern district callouts have been filled recently for HMS Mechanical, Davis Houk and Freitag. As the weather warms up work is busting loose across our jurisdiction.

In March I attended the monthly LMC meeting in Danville Illinois. The DACC will be adding a new barber shop to their college/curriculum and will be looking to take bids for some interior rough ins on a few sinks and drains. I was able to attend a job fair at Danville High School and was able to make some solid contacts with educators and students speaking on the value of a career in the skilled trades. There were no new projects announced this month for the Danville area.

Lafayette and West Lafayette are very busy as we move into spring. With projects at Rolls Royce, ZL9 Zucrow Labs and Hillenbrand Hall coming out of the ground. Our bench will be clear for the next 36 months on apprentices and licensed plumbers. On April 25th the Tippecanoe Building Trades will hold our Hands On Apprenticeship Expo. Our goal was to get 500 students signed up and we were successful in signing up 750 students from all the surrounding counties. As you can imagine this is a huge undertaking for a 1 day event. A substantial amount of \$ was raised from all our contractors and vendors. A special thank you goes out to Duke Energy and The Indiana State Building Trades as they both donated \$5000 each as our title sponsors. I have hired a video crew to come fly a drone and interview the students as they try their hands at all the different skilled trades. I will release this video on social media when it becomes available.

With the substantial amount of work we have to man in our own local if anyone is looking to come home as these long term jobs break, please call me and we'll get you home to work. As always be safe, train your apprentice and teach them everything you know!





## Financial Secretary/Treasurer

### Troy E. Bennett

This past January I had the pleasure to help with the expo in Lafayette at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, several schools with about 300 students were in attendance. We were able to acquire the U.A. Plumbing truck to set up during the expo, always an impressive way to showcase our skills to business and companies but most important to entice the next generation of skilled workers. In March I was able to attend the Pipeline Conference in Arizona, several new main pipelines in our area have been given the green light to start. Thanks to our 5th year apprentices who competed in Local 157 contest, it takes a lot of courage and confidence to accept such a challenge. For all that volunteered their time to help preplan the contest and judge, thank

you for always being there for our membership.

This years Easter Egg Hunt was a great time with over 80 kids participating and great weather this time, thanks to all that volunteered to help. And to Patti thanks for taking time out of your work schedule to plan this event every year. Hope everyone had a great Easter.

The last couple of months our E-Board has had a lot on their agenda, not only working 40 to 60 hours a week but also making time to make decisions on behalf of our membership as they were elected to do. The decisions they had to make were not easy, alot of meetings, phone calls, heated discussions and what if's which I'm sure tested their friendship and moral fiber. I want to thank you, for doing your due diligence and the professional mannerism that you all conducted during this process. I'm proud and humbled to accept the appointment bestowed upon me by the E-board to be the next Business Manager of Local 157. Thank you.



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Stephanie Morgan  
Administrative Manager



During the months of January, February, and March 2024 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 24,834 claims, totaling \$11,407,720.28.

In this article, I would like to outline your plan's Wellness Benefits. Many chronic diseases are preventable so being more proactive in your healthcare results in a healthier and happier you. The following preventative services are processed at 100% as described below:

**Routine Physical Exam:** Age two (2) and over: Maximum one (1) visit per Calendar Year – office call paid at 100%. (All other Covered Charges in connection with the Routine Physical Exam will be paid under the Medical Benefit Provisions at 80% after the Deductible Amount has been met.)

**Routine Cervical Cancer Screening (Pap Smear Test):** One (1) per year.

**Routine PSA Test (Prostate Specific Antigen for Prostate Cancer Screening):** One (1) per year.

**Mammogram (Breast Cancer Screening):** Age forty (40) and over: One (1) per year.

**Sigmoidoscopy (Colorectal Cancer Screening):** Age fifty (50) and over: One (1) sigmoidoscopy every five (5) calendar years.

**Colonoscopy (Colorectal Cancer Screening):** Age forty-five (45) and over: One (1) colonoscopy every five (5) calendar years.

**Well-Child Exam & Routine Immunizations:** From birth through age twenty-four (24) months for routine well child visits and all routine immunizations recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

**Routine Adult and Childhood Immunizations (age two (2) and over):** If recommended by the Physician, excluding occupation or vacation travel necessity, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control.

**Sword Health:** For all eligible members and dependents over the age of 18. Digital physical therapy programs combine guidance from dedicated Physical Therapists with easy-to-use technology that result in real, meaningful results—all from the comfort of home.

Please contact the Fund office should you ever have any questions!





Watch in your mail for the notice  
along with how you can schedule  
your **FREE** Health Screening!



## Local 157 is once again Hosting an Annual Health Screening To Detect Your Risk For Stroke, Heart Issues & Diabetes In Under 60 Minutes!

**Members, Spouses & Retirees screen for FREE!**

Lafayette, July 10, 2024 from Noon to 6:00 pm  
Terre Haute, July 11, 2024 from Noon to 6:00 pm  
and July 12, 2024 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Kid's Fishing Rodeo June 15, 2024

Rain or Shine!  
Registration at 8:00 am  
Tournament from 8:30 am to Noon  
Being held at the Pond east of  
the Main Office Building.  
Age groups 1-5, 6-10 and 11-15

This event is open to all Local 157 Member's children and  
grandchildren. Children **must** be accompanied by an adult!  
Prizes will be given in each age group!

Bait will be provided.

**We will have hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks!**

## 2024 RETIREE SUMMER LUNCHEONS

ROBINSON—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH AT NOON (CST)

*FOREST PRESERVE, 5886 E 1050<sup>TH</sup>, RTE 33, ROBINSON, IL*

TERRE HAUTE—FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH AT NOON (EST)

*MEETING HALL, TERRE HAUTE, IN*

LAFAYETTE—TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH AT NOON (EST)

*SUB OFFICE, LAFAYETTE, IN*

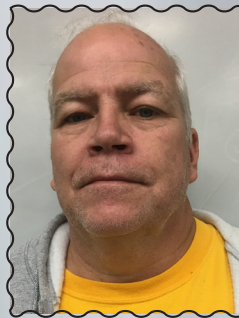
DANVILLE—THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH AT NOON (CST)

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## In Memoriam



**Stanley E. Meredith**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Oxford, Indiana passed away on January 16, 2024. Stanley was born on December 18, 1947 and was initiated into the United Association on January 12, 1976.



**Tracy M. McBride**, a Building Trades Journeyman from Blacklick, Ohio passed away on February 29, 2024. Tracy was born on June 18, 1962 and was initiated into the United Association on September 1, 1988.

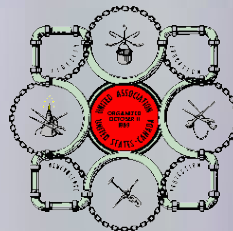
**Mark Greenwell**, a retired Building Trades Member from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on March 7, 2024. Mark was born on April 18, 1958 and was initiated into the United Association on November 21, 1996.



**Larry Bradberry**, a Building Trades Member from Robinson, Illinois passed away on March 10, 2024. Larry was born on February 18, 1989 and was initiated into the United Association on July 26, 2007.



**Clarence B. Lawrence**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on March 11, 2024. Clarence was born on May 30, 1961 and was initiated into the United Association on November 21, 1986.



**Patrick M. Siddens**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Rockville, Indiana passed away on March 15, 2024. Patrick was born on October 6, 1953 and was initiated into the United Association on October 1, 1973.

**Robert R. Kelley III**, a retired Building Trades Member from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on March 16, 2024. Robert was born on July 9, 1947 and was initiated into the United Association on March 17, 1969. Jack as he was known to all, served as Field Representative to the Lafayette area for over 14 years before his retirement.



**Zeph L. Bickett**, a Building Trades Member from Wolcott, Indiana passed away on April 8, 2024. Zeph was born on June 24, 1992 and was initiated into the United Association on August 3, 2011.



Those who touch our lives  
stay in our hearts forever.







## UA Scholarship Fund



We are pleased to announce the United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is gearing up for the 2024-2025 academic year scholarship awards. Up to 112 scholarships totaling as much as \$502,000 will be awarded this year, including 106 for students pursuing undergraduate studies and up to six for students pursuing graduate studies. Scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$7,500 each. Generally, dependents of UA members who are pursuing a post-high school education at an accredited college or university may apply for a scholarship (for more information, see eligibility requirements and award criteria in the detailed instructions found with the application). **The deadline for submitting applications is June 12, 2024.**

Applications may be submitted electronically through <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com/>. Beginning March 8, potential applicants can check that website and click on the "Login" icon at the top right corner for additional instructions to access and submit applications. Note that upon logging in, users should be sure to click on the scholarship application titled **2024 United Association Scholarship**.

Electronic submissions through the online application are encouraged. However, paper applications may also be submitted by mail to UA Scholarship Trust Fund, c/o Office of the UA General Secretary/Treasurer, Three Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21041. Paper applications are now available free of charge via request by contacting the office of the UA General Secretary/Treasurer at (410) 269-2000 or via download at [uanet.org](http://uanet.org) (UA member login required).

Awards will primarily be based on academic achievement and potential, personal achievement, and community involvement. Financial need may also be considered. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Applications will be judged by an independent and impartial Selection Committee, comprised of distinguished members of the community. The Selection Committee may request information concerning the financial circumstances of applicants and use this information in the award of scholarships. Also, note that because UA scholarships do not automatically renew each year, receiving an award in one year does not guarantee you an award in future years.

In addition, six scholarships will be given to "Second Chance" awardees. Those selected will be students whose academic achievement is not the best in their region, but who demonstrate they want another chance at an education at an institution of higher learning.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Fund and look forward to awarding our next round of scholarships to our deserving UA students.



### ROBOTEXT

Local 157 sends out informational Robotext to all members from time to time. If you have not received any and would like to make sure that you do receive any further text, please contact the hall to confirm a valid cell phone is listed in your record. We want to make sure that everyone is informed and up to date on all information.



**To make democracy work,  
we must be a nation of  
participants, not simply  
observers. One who does not  
vote has no right to complain.**

*Louis L'Amour*





# Easter Egg Hunt 2024



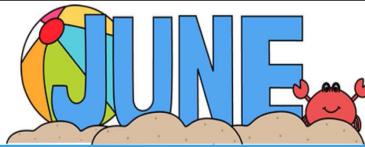
We had over 80 kids participate in this years event. To see and to download any of that days photos go to Local 157's website at [ualocal157.org/photo\\_gallery](http://ualocal157.org/photo_gallery)







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Union Meeting Nominations-8:00pm TH Meeting Hall	4
5	6	7	8	9 Apprentice Graduation Hulman Center	10	11 USP Workers Food Drive
12 HAPPY Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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2	3	4	5 Robinson Retiree Luncheon	6	7 TH Retiree's Luncheon Noon Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall	8 Elections TH - 7:30 am to 2:30 pm Laf - 7:30 am to 2:00 pm
9	10	11 Lafayette Retiree Luncheon	12	13 Danville Retiree Luncheon	14 FLAG DAY	15 Kids Fishing Rodeo Reg. 8:00 am
16 Happy Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22 Possible Run-Off if tie exists
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, May 3rd, 2024  
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute  
Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, June 7th, 2024  
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute  
Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting  
Saturday, July 6th, 2024  
at 10:00 am in the Terre Haute  
Meeting Hall

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