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VETERANS DAY

★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★★★

*Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157
would like to Thank all the brave men and women
who have and continue to serve and protect.*

May we NEVER forget that Freedom is not Free!

Retiree's Christmas Luncheons



*Robinson ~ Wednesday, December 4th, 2024 at Noon
Terre Haute ~ Friday, December 6th, 2024 at Noon
Lafayette - Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at Noon
Danville - Thursday, December 12th, 2024 at Noon*

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 one. 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 16, 2024

DENTAL

This year you will be offered
\$1,000 and \$2,000
Annual Dental Coverage Options

VISION



Business Manager

Troy E. Bennett

Thanks to everybody who helped with Labor Day in the Park held at Columbia Park in Lafayette, it was great to see all that came out to enjoy the beautiful weather, great food and good company. The Labor Day Parades that we take part in has a lot of behind the scenes that goes on that no one thinks about. The time and effort it takes is about four months of planning by Patti Szymanski, Roy Durkee, Nick Jeffries, Tood Boland and Ron Gibson just to name a few, that helps plan all of this. I greatly appreciate the turn out from our membership that was in attendance for all the Parades. We had a great turn out for this year's picnic in Terre Haute, with the addition of a chip shot contest, art exhibit and the wine for the ladies. It looked like everyone had a good time, and yes there will be more wine next year as well as the chip shot and art exhibit. The Sheldon Swope Art Museum has agreed to do an Art Exhibit Labor Day weekend for all the Trades to help celebrate and showcase the history of labor and Union's in our area. We hope everyone enjoyed our first "Trunk or Treat". For a list of events coming up you can always go to our website for more information.

The work in our jurisdiction has been fairly steady this summer, and looks to pick up the first and second quarter of 2025. With the majority of work being Entek (battery plant), Wabash Vally Resources and Marathon, please make sure to keep track of your certs and keep them current. You can do this by going to our website or call the Ed Trust office. Marathon still requires a TWIC card, hair follicle drug screen, back ground check, fit for duty and clean shaven. Entek will require a drug screen of less than ninety days prior to employment. If you have any questions please call the main office for further details. For those looking to travel for employment make sure you are on the "Will Travel List" there is plenty of opportunities out there for you. If you are or will be on the road working don't forget we must man our work in our jurisdiction and we will be calling you to come back home. The State of Indiana will need approximately three to five thousand travel hand's starting next year and could very easily sustain those numbers for three to four years.

As Gas Distribution starts to wind down in the fourth quarter, the apprenticeship class will ramp up in the first quarter. Class's will start Jan 13th, for more information please contact Josh Sullivan (Instructor) or Shane Alumbaugh (Apprenticeship Coordinator) both can be reached at (812) 877-1736 for class scheduling. The class hours and OJT (On the Job Training) hours will be required to advance in the Gas Distribution Apprenticeship program as well as obtaining a higher wage rate and classification, this includes the entire Local 157 Gas Distribution jurisdiction. The DCA and Local 157 have had many meetings on this topic and both have come to an agreement on class's that should be included and required to meet today's jobsites and contractor's requirements.

As the Holidays draw near it can become pretty stressful, on some more than others, even the normal day to day routine can be overwhelming. Just know that you're not alone, we at Local 157 are here to help. We have started a committee that is available 24/7, if you're struggling with addiction, stress or what ever the case might be, your conversations are and will be 100% confidential do not hesitate to call any of our members on the "PEER MENTOR GROUP" list (which you will be receiving in the mail). Even if you're an Apprentice and needing some advice or feel like your being abused at work, please call. Call the hall if you need to contact someone prior to receiving the list.

Wishing you all the best for the Holiday Seasons!

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Business Agent's Report

Jon Wooten



As we move into the 4th quarter of 2024 the work outlook remains strong in 157 and with our sister locals. Adam Bennett and I continue to reach out to Local 440, 136, 172 and 597. These locals have an abundance of work and have helped out tremendously keeping 157 members employed on high paying OT projects, as well as long term 40 hour jobs driveable from our jurisdiction. Keeping a good relationship with the other Business Agents in the state ensures that Local 157 will get the first call when the need for manpower arises.

Troy, Adam and I attended a site walk thru at Wabash Valley Resources in late August. Rory Chambers with WVR is just as anxious as us to get started with this \$2.4 billion dollar project. Since purchasing the plant in 2018, extensive EPA and facility inspections have been taking place. Test wells were dug and every piece of electrical and mechanical equipment has been tested. The holding tanks were all tested as well every inch of electrical wire was inspected. This has been a long and tedious process with the last rounds of permitting all now being approved. A local mechanical contractor is under contract for the constructability reviews and some initial site work. We will report more on that as information becomes available. By all signs WVR wants to be moving full steam ahead in 2025. Providing Indiana farmers with locally produced anhydrous ammonia fertilizer will alleviate the need of pumping in off shore anhydrous from the Gulf. WVR will be the United States' first ever carbon negative ammonia production facility.

Work in the Northern jurisdiction has stayed steady. HMM has added a couple of plumbers and apprentices for expansion work at SIA and other jobs around the Lafayette area. I look for them to keep their existing manpower into next spring. Fluid Technologies continues to stay busy and has added another foreman and a plumber. Fluid has contract work on the books through 2025. A&R Mech continues to hold steady at Hillenbrand Hall at Purdue. A&R will be adding the bulk of manpower for plumbers and apprentices in 2025. When Hillenbrand Hall takes off it will be fast paced and A&R will be covered up. A&R is in the middle of the project at Rolls Royce and looks to keep all their current manpower through the Spring. Freitag continues to work OT at the ZL9 project in West Lafayette. We have had a shortage of stainless combo welders and wire welders for this project. Senco continues to add manpower weekly at Marathon Oil Refinery. As we continue to provide skilled journeymen and women, more and more of the maintenance work along with new construction will be put on Senco's plate. Marathon has provided Local 157 with more manhours than any other facility in our Local's history. Thank you to every Local 157 member working to keep Marathon online.

I will be attending the new Business Agent seminar in Maryland during the second week of October at the UA headquarters. I look forward to making new contacts throughout the nation to help put our members to work.

Field Representative's Report

Adam Bennett



Moving into the fourth quarter of the year, this is usually the time we think, it's time to find a place for winter if we don't already have one. This year the work outlook seems very promising within our local and in our sister locals. Last week I attended a Tripartite meeting at Marathon Refinery which involved The Lincoln Land Building Trades, representatives from Marathon Refinery, and also contractors working at the refinery. Marathon and Senco both agreed that between capital projects, major construction and the turnaround starting in the spring of 25 that 15-25 more Pipefitters would be needed for all of 2025 and into 2026 for their projected projects of almost \$400 million dollars. The need for skilled tradesmen and women there to has not been in this demand for quite some time.

Work in our sister locals and across the country will stay strong through winter and Jon Wooten and myself are here to help with travel opportunities in any way we can. As of this writing the accelerated welding program will end this week and I would like to congratulate these young men and women on their accomplishments. The call for welders and plumbers continue to be in high demand and the AWP will help with that. With projects like Entek and Wabash Valley Resources there isn't a better time to try and get more certifications and our training department is here to help. Our recent walk through of WVR was nostalgic for me as I had some great times working there as an apprentice and initial construction coupled with future outage work will continue to keep our members employed into the future. 2025 looks to be a big year for Local 157!



Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Todd Boland

I would like to start by welcoming the new apprentices to Local 157 and to thank you for selecting our trade to grow your future. We have an excellent training, staff second to none. They will challenge you to become top-notch, well-rounded Plumbers and Steamfitters. I would also like to welcome back the returning apprentices. You are all the future of our Local and our trade.

I delivered the new contract to Indiana American Water. I have been in meetings with the City of Terre Haute Legal and Wastewater Utility Department. We just completed an addendum to their insurance coverage and are now in the process of doing an additional one. I am also working on contract language with Industrial Supply, in preparation for their new contract. There is also talk of Industrial Supply becoming an Employee-Owned Business.

Over the last few months, we have met with the JATC and Gas Distribution Contractors Association (DCA) several times. We hosted a meeting here at the hall and held multiple Zoom Meetings. The training department has been meeting with the DCA to set up modifications to the curriculum for Gas Distribution. We have been meeting with Artera, Miller Pipeline, Infrasource and Hydaker-Wheatlake to get our training in line with their needs. Thanks go out to Shane Alumbaugh, Josh Sullivan and Tom Gofourth for working on this. Tom put together a Google Form questionnaire to help determine the training and experience of our Gas Distribution members. The form has been sent out to 200 plus members in Gas Distribution in Indiana and Kentucky. We want to see what specific training needs might be lacking for the members in Gas Distribution. This information can be used to ensure we are meeting the needs of the contractors. It will also allow our Training Department to focus on that required training, ensuring we are preparing the best trained members in the Gas Distribution field. This is a work in progress. I will provide updates on this process as the data is collected and reviewed. Gas Distribution hours turned in for June were 21,296; for July were 20,171 and for August were 22,617. Tom recently signed a new contractor. Welcome NPL Great Lakes LLC, we look forward to working with you!

I had the opportunity to participate in the UA's final Organizing Blitz for 2024. Local 440 hosted the Central Regional: Indianapolis Blitz Sept. 8-13th. It was a very interesting and learning experience. I met agents, managers, organizers and UA Representatives from all over the United States. We gathered information for our Indiana Organizers to do follow up contacts on 851 workers. 332 Job Sites were visited, with contact information for 161 Non-Union Contractors who expressed an interest in what we bring to the table. At the opening kickoff for the Blitz, they asked for a show of hands as to how many organizers were in the room. A nice number of hands went up. The answer was simply this; every one of us is an organizer! It's not just those sitting in the room where the question was asked, but everyone in the UA is an organizer. It's not just by calling the hall or an Organizer about a non-union job that you know of; it is equally important to take pride in our craft and our training. We should always be examples of professionalism, which helps us gain market share.

Over the last couple of months, I have been attending meetings of the Terre Haute Sanitary Board, Board of Public Works and the Terre Haute Area Redevelopment Board. I attended the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Banquet and the 2024 Eugene V. Debs Banquet. I've briefly met with the President of the Terre Haute Economic Development Corporation. I've been making efforts to get us a seat at the table and out in front of upcoming projects that will impact our area and our membership. I also hope to get involved in and make contacts throughout our jurisdiction with other Economic Boards and Committees.

I have spoken with Donnie Bough, Business Manager of Local 440, as well as reaching out to Bob Stieneker the Business Rep. for 440 in an effort to find out more information on how 440 conducts remote meetings. I will be reporting more on this in my next report as well as the November Union Meeting. My hope is we will be able to make this happen in the not too distant future.

Thank you to all who helped make the Local Picnic and the Labor Day events a success. Special thanks to Nic Jefferies and Bill Miller who headed up the Palestine Illinois parade. Also, thanks to Roy Durkee and Kip Sullivan for handling everything for the Danville parade and finally thanks to Jon Wooten for organizing the volunteers for the Lafayette picnic in the park. Thank you also to everyone who walked and help represent Local 157 in the Labor Day parade.

Presently 2025 looks to be the beginning of 100% employment for several years to come.

In closing, many in our great Nation are divided due to our current political situations. Let us stay united as members and always work to elect those who support our members and their families.

I hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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During the months of June, July, and August 2024, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 25,681 claims, totaling \$9,422,300.14.

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.

In Memoriam



Bill E. Weems, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Olney, Illinois passed away on August 6th, 2024. Bill was born on February 19th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on June 16th, 1979.



Gary L. Stanley, a Building Trades Journeyman from Oakwood, Illinois passed away on September 23rd, 2024. Gary was born on July 19th, 1968 and was initiated into the United Association on July 10th, 2001.



Derek C. Oldham, a Building Trades Member from Logansport, Indiana passed away on September 29th, 2024. Derek was born on July 1st, 1992 and was initiated into the United Association on August 20th, 2014.

Those who touch our lives
stay in our hearts forever.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS!!



**Brother Donald Jacobs with
70 Years of Service!**



**Brother Leonard Akers with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother Robert Austin with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother Tom Buckallew with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother George Davis with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother Donnie Hughes with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother Dick Reed with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother Ben Rutledge with
55 Years of Service!**



**Brother Kenny Sanders with
55 Years of Service!**

Calendar of Events - November

Friday, November 1 - Union Meeting 8:00 pm
 Sunday, November 3 - Fall Back
 Tuesday, November 5 - VOTE
 Friday, November 8 - Apprentice Graduation Dinner 6:00 pm
 Monday, November 11 - VETERANS DAY
 Wednesday, November 13 - Final Day for Basket Fund Requests
 Monday, November 25 - Holiday Baskets Pick up - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Thursday, November 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Calendar of Events - December

Wednesday, December 4 - Robinson Retiree Christmas Luncheon
 Friday, December 6 - Terre Haute Retiree Christmas Luncheon
 Friday, December 6 - Union Meeting 8:00 pm
 Tuesday, December 10 - Lafayette Retiree's Christmas Luncheon
 Thursday, December 12 - Danville Retiree's Christmas Luncheon
 Friday, December 20 - DEADLINE to submit your Dental and Vision Applications!
 Wednesday, December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

***Photos from all Local 157 Events can be seen and downloaded from our website at:
[ualocal157.org/photo gallery](http://ualocal157.org/photo%20gallery)***

2024 Holiday Gift Baskets

Requests for food baskets must be made by a Local 157 Member, each member is limited to **2 Requests Only**. They may request one either for themselves, another Local 157 Member, or for their immediate family member only. However, **Union Members will be given first priority**. Please use the attached form to submit your request and return it to Local 157~Basket Fund Request~8801 E Milner Avenue~Terre Haute, IN 47803 or call the main office at (812) 877-1531 or toll-free at (866) 373-3157

Requests must be received in the main office no later than November 13th and those who are approved to receive a basket will be notified by phone.

Baskets will be distributed on November 25th ONLY, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Basket Requested For:

Name _____ City/State _____ Number of Household Members _____

Local 157 Member who is making the request

Name _____ Phone # _____

(This section must be completed)

All donations and requests can be mailed to
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, November 1st, 2024
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, December 6th, 2024
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, January 4th, 2025
at 10:00 am in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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