

Business Manager's Letter

By James T. Sullivan



We are reminded, day after day, of the dismal state of our economy. Not only in America are things difficult, but this time the whole world is struggling not only to fix the problem but also to understand what went wrong. The mess that

began in our financial sector is spreading. People who have lost jobs are faced with the added burden of looking for work at a time when many companies are downsizing. People who are fortunate enough to have work are hoping better times return quickly. One doesn't need to turn on the news or buy a paper; there are enough signs everywhere to demonstrate how tough things are. Some contractors win bids for projects that can't seem to get off the ground while others complain about the lack of prompt payment. Their invoices, which used to get responses in 30-60 days, are now taking 90-120 days or more before the check arrives. As the cash flow diminishes the pressure increases to reduce their workforce in order to stay in business. Construction projects planned for 2009 aren't moving ahead, as owners, who suddenly find they don't need to expand their production in a time when people are buying less, are sitting on the money instead of saving it for emergencies. When owners don't spend money on construction, it has a dramatic effect on us. It all spirals downward reaching everyone. Until something changes to reverse the spiral and the confidence in the economy returns we are going to see more difficult days ahead. Be assured we are doing everything we can to find more work for our members, but it's proving to be very difficult at this time. If you are currently unemployed, we will do everything possible to find a way through this. If you are working, please protect all the work that belongs to our trade. This is more important now than ever before. Make sure that plumbers are doing all the work that belongs to plumbers: unloading kitchen equipment, working on water mains, accessories, and backing, the lead walls in hospitals where there is X-ray equipment, bathroom mirrors – that's our work! Let's protect the work we already have. The job you protect down the road might be your job!

The statewide level competition for the 2009 UA Apprentice Contest took place March 25-27 in Mokena, Ill. This year's contest was the most competitive one yet, with more UA Local Unions involved and one of the closest finishes ever. The Plumbing category had to be the toughest race, where the margin of points between the top three finalists was razor thin. I am pleased to say that Local 130's representative, Clifford J. Bruckner, was one of the finalists. The 3rd-year apprentice, who works for Chas. F. Bruckner & Son Inc. in Chicago, took second place. How well did he perform? He missed being the first place winner by only a fraction of one point! This is our third UA apprentice contest, and I have to be pleased with our efforts and results – we've earned one first prize and two 2nd prizes in 3 years. This truly is a remarkable achievement for our union and our training program. The talent level demonstrated by all participants reflects very well on the United

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PCA Hires Green Coordinator

The Plumbing Contractors Association is proud to introduce Ron Grabski as its new Green Coordinator. With the objective to promote greater understanding and professional abilities regarding water conservation and green issues, the Green Coordinator will establish Green training programs and seminars for member contractors. He'll also work with the Plumbing Council to inform the public of conservation issues related to plumbing.

"The goal of the PCA and the Green Committee is to be at the forefront in green plumbing. We intend to make the PCA the 'go-to organization' for the newest information and innovations. This includes builders, consumers, developers and, of course, plumbing contractors," Ron said. "We expect to work closely with the city, the state and any organization that shares our goals for a cleaner environment."

"We are happy to have someone with Ron's background and experience on board as we try to expand our green initiatives," said the PCA's Executive Director, Dan McLaughlin.

Mr. Grabski is a 30-year veteran of the plumbing industry with 23 years as a senior executive with Gerber Plumbing Fixtures. As Senior Vice-President of Sales and Marketing at Gerber, Ron developed Gerber's marketing department from its inception to a position of national recognition within the plumbing industry. Currently a representative of the plumbing industry, Mr. Grabski has been frequently quoted in articles about 1.6 Gallon legislation and production in Supply House Times, Wholesaler, Kitchen and Bath Business, Reeves Journal and Plumbing Engineer, Plumbing and Mechanical, P & M Engineering, the Chicago Tribune and other publications.



Ron Grabski

Should You Pay Reduced Union Dues?

Did you know that union dues may be reduced for Plumbers Local 130, UA members who have worked less than 170 hours in the current quarter and:

- 1) are injured and cannot physically perform the duties of a plumber (must have medical documentation from a physician), or
- 2) are unemployed and actively seeking employment. A member must contact the union hall at least weekly to put their name on the out-of-work list.

Finally, reduced dues are accepted only in the last month of a quarter. Please don't assume that the union knows who is or isn't qualified to pay reduced dues. If you believe you qualify, you must request a dues reduction. For more information, contact the union hall, 312-421-1010.

Unions as America's Recession Buster

What needs to be done to turn the current recession around? *Bailout* may be the word that best sums up the prescribed remedy attempted so far. Cash by the bucketful is being thrown at the automobile, banking and credit industries to avoid the shutdown of businesses whose loss is perceived too big or devastating to the American economy. The treatment has just begun and the desired results, we are told, may not appear for months. Experts are suggesting other solutions that may be necessary to end the crisis. At least one of them sees *labor* instead big business at the center of our economic woes as well as America's future health.

Former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich believes higher wages for workers will provide a better foundation for economic prosperity than the recently collapsed "bubble-based economy of credit" workers have had to rely on for years to buy the things they need. In his Jan. 26, 2009 commentary published in the *Los Angeles Times*, Reich turned the clock back 50 years when more than one third of American workers belonged to unions. "Good pay meant more purchases, and more purchases meant more jobs," he wrote. He labeled it a "virtuous circle," and at its center were the unions. Because so many workers belonged to unions, non-union companies had to match their higher wages and benefits to recruit good workers.

In the ensuing decades, unions lost more than half their workers. The paychecks of many American workers have also declined over the years. "Smaller numbers of unionized workers mean less bargaining power, and less bargaining power results in lower wages," Reich said. Even though the American economy grew between 2001-2007, workers didn't prosper. A study by the Economic Policy Institute found that the median income of households during the same period actually shrunk. Borrowing against their home equity and using credit cards for basic purchases, consumers used debt to shore up their household budget.

A new report on unionization and wages, published by the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, stated: "One of the primary reasons why our current recession endures is that workers do not have the purchasing power they need to drive our economy. Even when times were relatively good, workers were getting squeezed.

"Debt-driven consumption is not sustainable, as we are seeing," the report further stated. More sustainable, it explained, is a situation where workers have enough income to purchase goods. And this is an ideal where the country may look to unions for help.

While millions more workers would like a union to represent them, it's nearly impossible to form one in many businesses under current law.

Researchers at MIT determined that new unions have a 1 in 5 chance of succeeding, Reich reported. For years, the unions say, it has become easy for some employers to harass and even fire those who attempt to organize other workers. The Employee Free Choice Act, now presented to the U.S. Congress, changes the rules, giving workers more decision power when it comes to organizing, make it easier to secure a labor contract, and punish employers harshly who violate workers' rights. American big business is digging in for a big fight and promising to marshal its full lobbying strength, if necessary,

to kill the Act. The new law, unions say, is needed to level the playing field. "The sooner it's enacted, the better – for U.S. workers and for the U.S. economy," Reich wrote.

"The way to get the economy back on track is to boost the purchasing power of the middle class. One major way to do this is to expand the percentage of working Americans in unions," Reich added.

Think about it.



Wear the button every day on the job.



Show you are a proud union member of Local 130, UA.

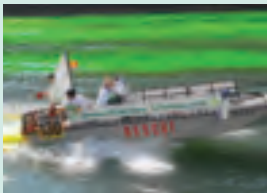
Contact Numbers

For members of Plumbers Local 130, UA

While you may ask to be connected to any of the following offices when calling the union hall, it might save you time to call the office you want directly. Here are the telephone numbers. Please keep them for your future reference.

Union Hall	312-421-1010
Pension Fund	312-829-1262
Welfare Fund	312-226-4200
Legal Services Fund	312-861-0808
Apprentice School	312-421-1028
Plumbing Council	312-263-2112
Plumbing Contractors Assn	312-563-9526

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Letter from the Chairman



Craig Thomas

Have you ever thought about how valuable your State of Illinois or City of Chicago plumbing license is? It represents much more than a piece of paper or plastic. Whether you are an apprentice, journeymen or contractor, it verifies that you have been trained, tested and have met the standards to be a plumbing industry professional. Do you know if the person doing the installation has the training and understanding of a piping system to prevent harm to you?

Contractors should check to be sure that each person working for them has a plumbing license. When an inspector approaches foremen on a project, they should present their plumbing license to the inspector and, in turn, the inspector should also present his or her license.

We need to enforce the plumbing license law and make sure it is strictly followed. Would you want an unlicensed person doing plumbing work in your business or home?

Craig W. Thomas, Chairman
Plumbing Council of Chicagoland

CMAP H₂O Symposium



The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning recently hosted an H₂O Symposium at the Field Museum of Natural History to increase knowledge of water conservation. Local students participated in lectures and other activities. The successful event was a part of the "Go To 2040" campaign, which aims to stimulate "green" thinking and conservation habits among young people. The Plumbing Council of Chicagoland distributed its informative "Water Wheel" handouts at the event.



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What Contractors Should Know About New Illinois Ethics Laws

New *Executive Order Number 3-2008*, issued by former Gov. Blagojevich in August 2008, instates new ethics requirements demanding further accountability with campaign contributions and solicitations by contractors and bidders seeking Illinois State business. It is intended to ensure that state contracts are only "awarded based on price, quality, service, and other merit-based factors."

Contractors may be required to register:

- If the annual total of their company's bids and proposals on State contracts for 2009 exceeds \$50,000
- If the annual total of their company's bids and proposals on State contracts, combined with the annual total value of State contracts they have already been awarded for 2009, exceeds \$50,000
- If the annual total of their company's State contracts already awarded for 2009 exceeds \$50,000.

However, even if a contractor isn't required to register with the State Board of Elections, it will still be required to certify that it isn't required to register.

In Sept. 2008, the Illinois legislature passed *Public Act 095-097*, containing new registration and reporting requirements for certain State vendors and bidders as well as additional limitations on campaign contributions by these entities and their affiliated entities. The new law prohibits the following political contributions:

- Any business whose annual state contracts total over \$50,000 may not make contributions to the officeholder responsible for awarding the contracts – or any other declared candidate for that office. This prohibition remains in effect for the duration of the term of office for the incumbent or for a period of two years after the contracts expire, whichever is longer.
- Contributions by registered businesses to any political committee established to promote the candidacy of the officeholder responsible for awarding contracts on which the company has submitted a bid. This prohibition remains in effect from the opening date for bids until the day the contract is awarded.

Both new laws went into effect on Jan. 1st. Failure to comply with either can result in penalties and loss of state contracts. Given the increased focus on ethics in Illinois State government, it is important to implement these new procedures for your business right away.

Registrations are issued by the Illinois State Board of Elections. Please check their website for the most up-to-date information as to how and when to register at www.elections.il.gov. In order to register and further review the new laws, go to the provided web address and click on "Business Registration" in the lower portion of the page or call the PCA office for additional information.

Mayor Daley Recognizes Plumbers For Seniors Program

Mayor Richard M. Daley introduced a resolution at the City Council meeting on Jan. 13 recognizing the Plumbing Council of Chicagoland's philanthropic work with the "Mayor Richard M. Daley's Plumbers for Seniors" program. Mayor Daley presented the following Resolution to Dan McLaughlin, Jerry Sullivan, Art Kavanaugh, and Joe Albergo on behalf of the Plumbing Council of Chicagoland.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Plumbing Council Of Chicagoland was created in 1968 to promote the use of insured and bonded plumbing contractors and licensed and well-trained union craftsmen; and

WHEREAS, In 1995 the plumbing industry, through the Plumbing Council, created the "Mayor Richard M. Daley's Plumbers For Seniors" program to work with the City of Chicago to help disadvantaged senior citizens in need of plumbing repairs; and

WHEREAS, The program has produced an impressive record of service since its inception, accumulating almost 5,000 volunteer hours with a value of over \$360,000 on more than 560 jobs in 41 of Chicago's 50 wards, and

WHEREAS, The Plumbing Council generously provided over \$140,000 in materials for those jobs, and

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber recognize and extend our deepest gratitude to the Board of Directors of the Plumbing Council of Chicagoland for its leadership in providing this worthwhile program; and

WHEREAS, We also extend our gratitude to the many plumbers, apprentices and coordinators who volunteered countless hours to help those senior citizens in need; and

WHEREAS, The Plumbing Council, together with the Plumbing Contractors Association Of Chicago And Cook County, also assisted Mayor Daley and the City of Chicago in the conservation of water through the retrofitting of Chicago's public water fountains; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of January, 2009, do hereby congratulate the Plumbing Council Of Chicagoland for their civic-minded and admirable efforts on behalf of our great City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Plumbing Council Of Chicagoland as a token of our esteem and respect.



Attending the Jan. 13, Chicago City Council meeting were (left to right): **Bob Ryan, Al Gehrke, Gerald Sullivan, Griff Gehrke, Dan McLaughlin, James Sullivan, Scott Hoffman, Ed Connelly, Mayor Richard M. Daley, Bob Nadziekjo, Art Kavanaugh, Joe Albergo, Bob Avino, James Coyne, Wally Brongiel, and Frank Raguso.**

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY

President's Message



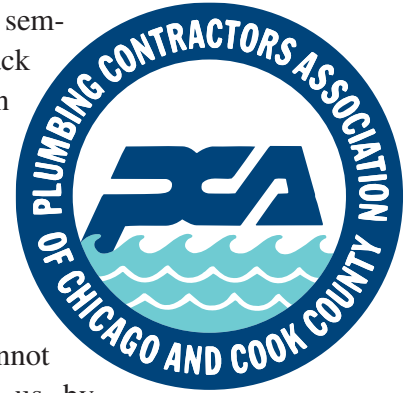
Did you know that when former president Jimmy Carter was in the White House he installed 32 hot water solar panels on the roof of the White House to help conserve energy? The day he dedicated them President Carter said that in the year 2000 the same solar water heater system behind him would be there supplying economical and efficient hot water to the White House. However, when former president Ronald Regan entered the White House he had them removed for inexplicable reasons. Personally, I don't think that was the right thing to do, but I do know that America's Environmental College received 16 of the solar panels in 1992 and currently uses them to supply hot water to their cafeteria. To this day, they are still in operation.

Jimmy Carter was definitely "going green" in the 1970's without realizing it. Only lately has the term "going green" achieved such popularity. If you haven't heard by now, the PCA has established a *Green Committee*, and Ron Grabski has been appointed as our *Green*

Coordinator. Ron's job will be to attend seminars, collect information, and report back to the committee. The Committee, in turn, will share the information Ron has gained with its members and make suggestions on what needs to be done to "go green" while continuing to be properly certified.

We, as contractors and plumbers, cannot afford to let this opportunity pass us by. Although going green will mean we have to change our way of thinking and working, it is definitely the right thing to do. We can and will accomplish this through continuing education. What has been the norm in the past will no longer apply. We have some catching up to do, but I believe that we can still become a leader in the "going green" movement.

Albert E. Gehrke, President
Plumbing Contractors Association



Presidential Inauguration

If anyone still needs convincing about the meteoric rise to political prominence of Barack Obama, these photos should help. They picture then U.S. Representative Obama speaking at a 2004 PCA meeting at the Erie Café – and plumbing industry and UA guests at Mr. Obama's Jan. 2009 presidential inauguration in Washington.



Jim Buchanan, Business Manager of Chicago's Local 597, UA General President **Bill Hite** and wife **Patti** with **Dan McLaughlin** at the Illinois Society Inaugural Ball in Washington D.C.



Jerry and Sharon Roberts, of JSR Enterprises, Inc., with **Maggie Daley** at Mayor Daley's Inaugural event in Washington D.C.

Marketing Seminar

On March 12, the PCA and Plumbing Council cosponsored a Marketing Seminar. Rudy Pamintuan, Senior Consultant, and Katie Gotaas, Project Manager, of Sherman Consulting explained how contractors may benefit from the Plumbing Council's advertising campaign and reviewed a recent market poll. They also showed attendees how to best utilize technology with e-mail and websites to promote their company's services.



Key Marketing Seminar Points:

1. Take advantage of Plumbing Council's recognition by placing its logo on as many company items as possible (trucks, uniforms, forms, business cards, and marketing materials).
2. It is important to have a website to build online presence. Customers expect it!
3. A good website doesn't have to cost a lot.
4. Things your website should include: your logo, contact information, description of services, photos, affiliations and an e-mail submission field that visitors can use to contact you.
5. Make sure your website is clean, simple and easy to navigate.
6. E-mail addresses are as important as phone numbers.
7. Build branding by including your company and Plumbing Council logos in your e-mail signature and any relative links.
8. Gather and use e-mail addresses to maintain constant communication with your customers.
9. E-mail communication is fast, free, and targeted.
10. Being licensed and experienced are by far and away the two most important attributes in hiring a contractor.

Source: *Katie Gotaas, Sherman Consulting*

PENSION FUND NEWS

Chester's "Home Away from Home"

What happens to old plumbers once they retire? Do they go fishing? Golf? Read the newspaper all morning? Travel? Visit their grandchildren? Yes, to all these and other leisure activities for which they now have the time and freedom to do. They earned it. But as far away as retirement may take them, it's never totally out of sight of Local 130.

While they may not recall all the little things of their craft as the years of retirement pass, they never forget that they were a plumber and a proud union member. Nor do they forget their union friends, as we've observed by the stream of retirees who return to the union hall at 1340 W. Washington for luncheons, meetings and social events – to keep in touch, or touch base, with a place that was their "home away from home" during their working years.

Chester E. Schmidt is one of them. Even at 94 years old, he hasn't forgotten. Chester became a plumber 75 years ago. He became an apprentice in 1934 and as a journeyman worked for the same contractor throughout his 46-year career.

Today Chester still makes each retiree luncheon and other events that he can, driving himself to the union hall from Crystal Lake, Ill. Out of 225 retirees at the meeting, Chester holds the best attendance record.



Chester Schmidt (right) visits with retired Apprentice Coordinator Peter Diamond.



Chester chats with Business Manager James Sullivan.

Pension Fund Birthday Greetings

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Our Nonagenarians

Stephen R. Reisenbuchler
95 Years
Palatine, Illinois
Birthday – April 8, 1914

Mahlon R. Miller
94 Years
Hinsdale, Illinois
Birthday – May 8, 1915

Leonard R. Carter
93 Years
Palm Harbor, Florida
Birthday – May 1, 1916

Sohayl C. Hannen
90 Years
Glenview, Illinois
Birthday – April 26, 1919

Thomas R. Osborne
90 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – May 18, 1919

Charles W. Tyler
90 Years
Clinton, Indiana
Birthday – March 11, 1919

Happy Birthday to those 85 and over

Rock Flynn
89 Years
Ft. Myers, Florida
Birthday – April 15, 1920

Ferdinan D. Fritsche
89 Years
Niles, Illinois
Birthday – April 2, 1920

Raymond J. Goralski
89 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – May 17, 1920

Irving Miller
89 Years
Skokie, Illinois
Birthday – March 19, 1920

J. B. Boose
88 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – March 9, 1921

Joseph A. Lowe, Jr.
88 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – May 10, 1921

Mario F. Mazzocchi
88 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – March 1, 1921

Thomas J. Walsh, Jr.
88 Years
Park Ridge, Illinois
Birthday – May 3, 1921

John Barrett
87 Years
Naples, Florida
Birthday – April 4, 1922

David S. Brown
87 Years
Roscoe, Illinois
Birthday – April 15, 1922

Frank S. Karl
87 Years
Alsip, Illinois
Birthday – April 11, 1922

Benedict F. Olechny
87 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – March 21, 1922

**Birthday Greetings
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New Retirees as of the Last Quarterly

January 2009
Dean B. Bozen
Douglas N. Meyers

February 2009
Wayne Buck
Lionel Hinton
Mark C. Praxmarer
James J. Walsh

March 2009
William L. Gere
Patrick Normoyle
Arnold R. Proft

The 401(k) Plan

To enroll in the 401(k) Plan, receive additional information on MassMutual's services or check on your existing account, please contact: MassMutual at 800-743-5274. Participants can also get information from MassMutual's website, www.massmutual.com.

Keep Advised of Your Pension Benefits

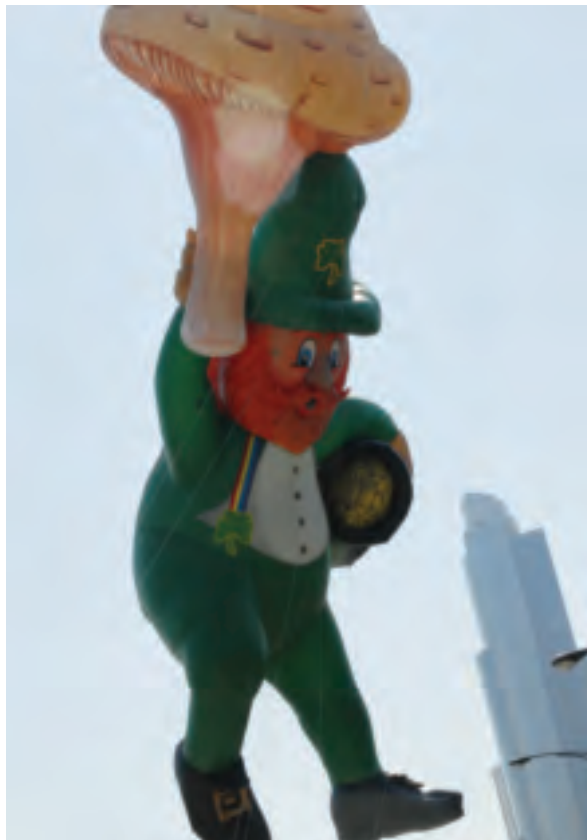
John S. Bojan, Administrator of the Pension Fund, requests that participants of the Pension Plan not yet retired, write or call the Pension Fund Office at 312-829-1262 to receive their Pension Credit Report. Please review your report and notify the Fund promptly of any errors or omissions. After reviewing, save the report for your records.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 14, 2009



Local 130's new parade float honored Mel Loftus, the long-time parade coordinator and LU 130 member.



Mayor Richard Daley and Business Manager James T. Sullivan surround Dick Devine, the 2009 parade Grand Marshal.



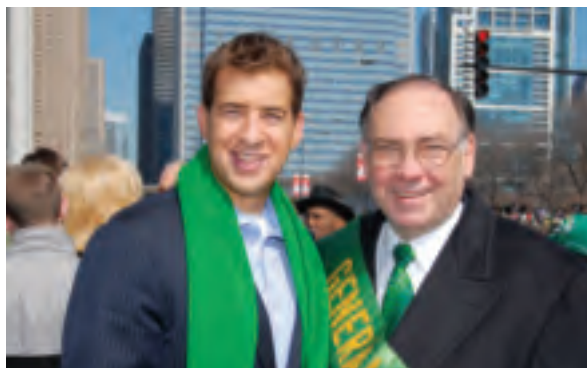
Grand Marshal Dick Devine with family members of Mel Loftus (left to right): Margo Lyons, Lorel Brunet and Mel Loftus Jr.



Dick Devine (left) with James Sullivan and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin.



Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn with James Sullivan.



Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias with James Sullivan.



Business Agent Ken Turnquist with sons Ryan (left) and Kyle.



The "Balboa Street Girls"



Retired Financial Secretary/Treasurer Bob Walsh and Katie Fadden.



Mayor Daley meets Local 130 member and photographer Dean Battaglia.



St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen (center) Julie Popp and her court (left to right) Kerry Brennan, Sara Collins, Erin Murphy, and Meghan Hayes.



Plumber Jim Duffin (4th from left) and his clan.



James Coyne, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, and James Sullivan, Business Manager, lead the marchers.

...Let's March!



Recording Secretary Tom Gavin.



Local 130's Retirees Trolley carried a full load of parade participants.



The Plumbing Council's Diane Taghon with two young float passengers (at right is the son of Local 130 member Dean Battaglia).



PLUMBERS WELFARE FUND NEWS

CuraScripts Now Used for Certain Specialty Drug Benefits

Effective Feb. 1, the Plumbers' Welfare Fund began utilizing the services of CuraScripts Inc. for self-administered, injectable drugs and certain specialty drugs. To get started with CuraScripts Inc. call them toll free at 800-848-9870, Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Welfare Fund covers the cost of needles and accessories for insulin and other covered self-administered, injectable drugs and certain other specialty prescription drugs. It also covers these drugs on the same terms as oral prescriptions, but subject to a \$20 co-payment. Therefore, the cost of the drugs is not applied to the annual coverage limit under the Outpatient Major Medical Benefits. Rather, it is paid for under the Plan's Prescription Drug Benefit, which has no annual limit.

All self-administered injectable drugs, except insulin, must be supplied by the pharmacy CuraScripts Inc. to be eligible for coverage by the Plan. CuraScripts Inc. will bill you for the appropriate co-payment. The Fund Office should be contacted if CuraScripts Inc. is not able to obtain the injectable drug, so that other arrangements can be made.

The Plan does not cover the charges for prescriptions obtained through online or Internet pharmacies.

Summary Report for Plumbers' Welfare Fund

This is a summary of the annual report of the Plumbers' Welfare Fund, Local 130, U.A., for the period June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Board of Trustees of the Plumbers' Welfare Fund, Local 130, U.A. has committed itself to pay certain health, dental, vision, temporary disability (accident and sickness), death and other claims incurred under the terms of the plan documents.

Basic Financial Statement

The value of Fund assets, after subtracting liabilities of the Fund, was \$86,053,001 as of May 31, 2008, compared to \$78,287,770 as of June 1, 2007. During the fiscal year, the Fund experienced an increase in its net assets of \$7,765,231. This increase includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of Fund assets; that is, the difference between the value of the Fund's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the fiscal year, the Fund had total income of \$47,818,214 including employer contributions of \$44,041,646, health plan premiums from retired and separated participants and their dependents of \$788,986, realized gains of \$126,586 from the sale of assets, earnings from investments of \$2,837,370 and other income of \$23,626.

Fund expenses were \$40,052,983. These expenses included \$4,842,597 in administrative expenses and \$35,210,386 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries.

Your Rights To Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. To

obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of Mr. Terry J. Musto, Fund Administrator, 1340 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607-1936, telephone number (312) 226-4200. The costs is \$6.00 for the full annual report, or 25 cents per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the Fund Administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Fund and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the Fund and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Fund Administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report.

You may also examine the annual report at the main office of the Fund.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Under federal law, group health plans, insurers, and HMO's that provide medical and surgical benefits in connection with a mastectomy must provide benefits for certain reconstructive surgery effective for the first Plan Year beginning on or after Oct. 21, 1998. In the case of a participant or beneficiary who is receiving benefits under the plan in connection with a mastectomy and who elects to undergo breast reconstruction, federal law requires coverage in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage is subject to the Plan's annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions. These provisions are generally described in the Plan's Summary Plan Description (SPD).

Notice of Privacy Practices

The Welfare Fund maintains a Notice of Privacy Practices that provides information to individuals whose protected health information will be used or maintained by the Fund. If you would like a copy of the Fund's Notice of Privacy Practices, please contact the Welfare Fund office, (312) 226-4200.

About Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The Welfare Fund has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered to active Participants, Self-Pay Participants and COBRA continuees is, on average, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is considered Creditable Coverage. Because the existing coverage is

Creditable Coverage, active Participants, Self-Pay Participants and COBRA continuees can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When can you join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from Nov. 15 – Dec. 31. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will be eligible for a two-month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What happens to your current coverage if you decide to join a Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Plumbers' Welfare Fund coverage will not be affected. Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits.

When will you pay a higher premium (penalty) to join a Medicare Drug Plan?

If you lose your current coverage with Plumbers' Welfare Fund and do not join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later. Your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay the higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following November to join.

Contact our office for further information at (312) 226-4200. For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for the telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).



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Crowning Moments

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 Union Meeting



The 2009 queen and court members pose with a future parade queen?



James Sullivan and James Coyne present a shirt and check from Local 130 members to Michael and Michelle Coughlin. The 3rd-year apprentice and U.S. Army Sergeant recently returned from his second tour in Iraq.



Bob Chambers, another military veteran returning from duty, is another Local 130 apprentice honored at the March 10 meeting. Here he is presented a union jacket and check from James Sullivan, James Coyne and Tom Gavin.



The 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen, Julie Popp, is escorted into the union hall by 3rd-year apprentice Clifford Bruckner.



Sara Collins and Local 130 apprentice Patrick Dwyer.



Erin Murphy and apprentice James Kane.



Meghan Hayes and apprentice Tony Gallo.



Kerry Brennan and apprentice Ryan Kane.



Kevin Sherlock, the parade coordinator, gets a few moments to visit with the 2009 queen and court.



Jones Richmond, Examining Board Member, with the parade court.



PLUMBERS WELFARE FUND NEWS

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Summary Annual Report for Legal Services Fund

This is a summary of the annual report of the Group Legal Services Plan Fund for the period June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008.

Basic financial statement

The value of Fund assets, after subtracting liabilities of the Fund, was \$31,535 as of May 31, 2008, compared to \$31,892 as of June 1, 2007. During the fiscal year, the Fund experienced an decrease in its net assets of \$357. This decrease includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of Fund assets; that is, the difference between the value of the Fund's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the fiscal year, the Fund had total income of \$2,874,639, all from employer contributions.

Fund expenses were \$2,874,996. These expenses included \$87,996 in administrative expenses and \$2,787,000 in payments to the legal services provider.

Your rights to additional information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. To

obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of Mr. Terry J. Musto, Fund Administrator, 1340 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607-1936, telephone number (312) 226-4200. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$2.25 for the full annual report, or 25 cents per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the Fund Administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Fund and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the Fund and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Fund Administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the Fund.

Please Notify Welfare Fund Office Of Change in Status

It is important that you notify the Welfare Fund office of any change in your status, such as marriage, divorce, births, and spouses' loss of other coverage from a previous employer. If your spouses' coverage from another group plan has termi-

nated for any reason it is necessary that you provide a "Creditable Coverage Letter" from the other group plan. Also, if your spouse has other insurance from another group plan please submit any Explanation of Benefits from the other group plan. This will expedite the processing of any claim from the Plumbers' Welfare Fund Office.

Notify the Welfare Fund office of any changes in your personal situation such as:

- 1) Change in spouse's medical coverage – requires letter from other Insurance
- 2) Student verification letters are required from the school if child is 19 years old
- 3) Newborns information. – requires new beneficiary card and copy of birth certificate
- 4) Newly married – requires new beneficiary card and copy of marriage certificate and coordination of benefits form
- 5) Divorce – requires a copy of your divorce decree

Updating this information is essential so that you and your family members' claims may be processed properly. Please assist the Fund office by updating your information.

In Memoriam

On behalf of all the sponsoring constituencies of the *Plumber's Quarterly*, we would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family members of our deceased members.

QUARTERLY DECEASED MEMBERS CHICAGO JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 130

1st QUARTER, 2009

Devine, John F.
Gohlke, Ernest W.
Holmes, Ronald B.
Hoppe, Karl H.
Jones, Sam I.
Lazzara, Anthony J.

Loftus, Melvin F.
Meade Michael J.
Oldenstedt, William B.
O'Malley, Thomas J.
Peters, Matthew I.
Salmond, Robert B.

Sarno, James
Schwien, Kenneth J.
Sheahan, Patrick F.
Szydlik, Richard N.
Young, Richard F.

City of Chicago Plumbing License Test

The next plumbing Written Exam is Saturday, June 6, 2009.
Applications are due Friday, May 8, 2009.

Note: The Plumbing Written Exam will be held at the Best Western South Hillside, 4400 Frontage Rd., in Hillside, IL.

The next plumbing practical license test is Saturday, August 8, 2009.
Applications were due Friday, July 10, 2009.

Note: The Plumbing Practical Exam is held at Local 130 Training School, 1400 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60607

The Licensing Bureau is located at:
Department of Buildings, Bureau of Licensing & Registration
120 N. Racine Ave., 2nd Floor, Chicago, Ill. 60607
Phone: 312-743-9058

Applications may be obtained online at www.cityofchicago.org. Click on *City Departments* link at top of page. Click on *Buildings* link, then on the *Trade Licensing* link. For exam schedule, click on *Exam Schedule*. For application, click on *Applications*.

TECH ENGINEERS REPORT

Summary Annual Report for TE Pension Fund

This is a summary of the annual report for the Pension Fund - Technical Engineering Division Local Union 130, U.A., for the period of June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008.

Basic financial statement

Benefits under the Fund are provided through a trust fund. Fund expenses were \$2,907,550. These expenses included \$473,052 in administrative expenses and \$2,434,498 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries. A total of 543 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the Fund at the end of the fiscal year, although not all of these persons had yet earned the right to receive benefits.

The value of Fund assets, after subtracting liabilities of the Fund, was \$45,192,780 as of May 31, 2008, compared to \$46,070,962 as of June 1, 2007. During the fiscal year, the Fund experienced a decrease in its net assets of \$878,182. This decrease includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of Fund assets; that is, the difference between the value of the Fund's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The Fund had total income of \$2,029,368 including employer contributions of \$3,007,415 and earnings from investments of (\$978,047).

Minimum funding standards

An actuary's statement shows that enough money was contributed to the Fund to keep it funded in accordance with the minimum funding standards of ERISA.

Your rights to additional information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. To obtain it, write or call the office of Terry J. Musto, Fund Administrator, 1340 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607-1936, telephone number (312) 226-5000. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$11.25 for the full annual report, or 25 cents per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the Fund Administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Fund and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the Fund and accompanying

notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Fund Administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the Fund.

Annual Funding Notice for TE Pension Fund

The Plan's "funded current liability percentage" for the Fiscal Year was 78.97 percent. In general, the higher the percentage, the better funded the plan. The funded current liability percentage, however, is not indicative of how well a plan will be funded in the future or if it terminates. Whether this percentage will increase or decrease over time depends on a number of factors, including how the plan's investments perform, what assumptions the plan makes about rates of return, whether employer contributions to the fund increase or decline, and whether benefits payments from the fund increase or decline.

Plan's financial information

The market value of the Plan's assets as of June 1, 2007, was \$46,070,962. The total amount of benefit payments for the Fiscal Year was \$2,434,498. The ratio of assets to benefit payments is 18.92 to 1. This ratio suggests that the Plan's assets could provide for approximately 18.92 years of benefit payments in annual amounts equal to what was paid out in the Fiscal Year. However, the ratio does not take into account future changes in total benefit payments or plan assets.

Summary Annual Report for the TE Welfare Fund

During the fiscal year, the Fund has a contract with Aetna Life Insurance Company to pay certain life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment claims incurred under the terms of the Fund. The total premiums paid for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2008, were \$19,186.

Basic financial statement

The value of Fund assets, after subtracting liabilities of the Fund, was \$8,901,347 as of May 31, 2008, compared to \$7,320,584 as of June 1, 2007. During the fiscal year, the Fund experienced an increase in its net assets of \$1,580,763. This increase includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of Fund assets; that is, the difference between the value of the Fund's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the fiscal year, the Fund had total income of \$5,368,384 including employer contributions of \$4,985,484, health plan premiums from retired and separated participants and their dependents of \$63,469, and earnings from investments of \$319,431.

Fund expenses were \$3,787,621. These expenses included \$582,414 in administrative expenses

and \$3,205,207 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries.

Your rights to additional information

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You also have the right to receive from the Fund Administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Fund and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the Fund and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Fund Administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the Fund.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Under federal law, group health plans, insurers, and HMO's that provide medical and surgical benefits in connection with a mastectomy must provide benefits for certain reconstructive surgery effective for the first Plan Year beginning on or after Oct, 21, 1998. In the case of a participant or beneficiary who is receiving benefits under the plan in connection with a mastectomy and who elects to undergo breast reconstruction, federal law requires coverage in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage is subject to the Plan's annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions. These provisions are generally described in the Plan's Summary Plan Description (SPD).

Notice of Privacy Practices

The Welfare Fund maintains a Notice of Privacy Practices that provides information to individuals whose protected health information will be used or maintained by the Fund. If you would like a copy of the Fund's Notice of Privacy Practices, please contact the Welfare Fund office, (312) 226-4200.

Please Report a Change in Status

It is important that you notify the Welfare Fund Office of any change in your status, such as marriage, divorce, newborn, and spouses' loss of other coverage from a previous employer. Also if your spouse has other insurance from another group plan please be reminded to submit any Explanation of Benefits from the other group plan. This will expedite the processing of any claim from the Technical Engineers Welfare Fund Office.

Lastly, if your spouses' coverage from another group plan has terminated for any reason it is necessary that you provide a "Creditable Coverage Letter" from the other group plan.



**With honor and gratitude, we salute all
Local 130, UA members for their service
to our country, past and present.**

Jason C. Maki, U.S. Army

**Elijah D. Gray, U.S. Army
National Guard**

Get home quickly and safely.

Business Manager's Letter continued from page 1

Association as a top-notch source of training for our construction industry. My congratulations go to UA Plumbers Local 63 in Peoria, which placed first in the Plumbing Division, and to all the apprentices from around Illinois who competed. I especially want to congratulate Cliff for representing Local 130 well, and for giving his best. (Read more about the contest on page 13.)

A tremendous amount of people came out for the downtown **St. Patrick's Day Parade** this year. We sent six busloads of Local 130 members and their families to march in the parade. This was one more bus than last year and, I believe, more people than ever marched (see photos on pages 6-7). Thanks to everyone who came and added to the fun. The mild, spring-like weather on March 14 surely brought out more revelers dressed in green to line the parade route. A great deal of gratitude must again go out to the multitude of volunteers who plan, organize and conduct the annual St.

Patrick's Day Parade. I am especially grateful to our two main parade coordinators, **Kevin Sherlock** and **Patty Fadden**, who had lots of help this year from her daughter Katie. We published another commemorative parade book, thanks to the hard work of **Paul** and **Mickey Boudreau** and all those who contributed to its content. They and so many other people came together again this year and did another fantastic job. Leading up to the parade, of course, was the annual **Queen Contest**, held Feb. 15 at the union hall. A big thanks goes out also to everyone and the Plumbing Council volunteers who coordinated this great event. What impact will the loss of the South Side Parade have on our downtown parade? That remains to be seen, but surely it will not be negative, as many of the marchers are participants in both parades. If anything, I would say that the downtown parade stands to pick up a few more marchers and spectators in future years.

While the March 10 union meeting introduced this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and her royal court, it also shined the spotlight on two Local 130 apprentices who have provided loyal service to our country as members of the military overseas. **Michael Coughlin** returned in January from his second tour of duty in Iraq. The U.S. Army sergeant and his wife, Michelle, were honored at the meeting. Also honored was **Bob Chambers**, who recently completed service in the U.S. Navy. Bob served aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. As has become our custom, Local 130 members passed the hat to raise funds to help both members' families get through what is a challenging time for the families of all our servicemen and women. (See Michael and Bob in the March meeting photos on page 9.) Plumbers Local 130, UA, currently has a couple more members on active duty in the military (see list on page 11). We are proud of their service and pray for their safe return home.

PENSION FUND NEWS

Pension Fund Birthday Greetings

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Joseph Pepera

87 Years
Evanston, Illinois
Birthday – March 23, 1922

George P. Verden

87 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – April 30, 1922

Joseph S. Christofanelli

86 Years
Chicago Heights, Illinois
Birthday – March 12, 1923

George W. Gibisch, Jr.

86 Years
Chicago, Illinois
Birthday – May 8, 1923

Clifford F. Kryst

86 years
Dowagiac, Michigan
Birthday – March 9, 1923

Harry L. Smith

86 Years
Port Orchard, Washington
Birthday – April 23, 1923

Raymond J. Wilkinson

86 Years
Schaumburg, Illinois
Birthday – April 24, 1923

McFarland A. Bragg

85 Years
Peoria, Arizona
Birthday – April 5, 1924

Casimir M. Malik

85 Years
Sun City West, Arizona
Birthday – April 1, 1924

Ben Reise

85 Years
Wheaton, Illinois
Birthday – May 3, 1924

Robert L. Wieder

85 Years
Mc Henry, Illinois
Birthday – May 6, 1923

Good Sports Gather at Feb. 26 Retirees Meeting

The Feb. 26 Retirees Meeting had as its special guest former Chicago Bears linebacker Jim Schwantz. He was accompanied by Nick Fiorani of WBBM-AM 780. It was a great afternoon for sports fans and everyone else who attended. Mr. Schwantz shared many memories and memorabilia from his NFL playing days. In the latter group were his Chicago Bears jersey and helmet as well as a Super Bowl XXX ring that he received as a member of the Dallas Cowboys. He also played for the San Francisco 49ers and returned for a second term with the Bears before retiring from the NFL in 1999. More recently, Mr. Schwantz turned his winning ways in his new career as a politician. On April 7, he ran for mayor of Palatine, IL, and won the election with 42% of the vote and defeated a 20-year incumbent.



(Left to right) **Jack O'Brien**, **James T. Sullivan**, Business Manager, and **Bob Ryan**, retired former Plumbing Council Executive Director.



James T. Sullivan, Business Manager; **Nick Fiorani**, WBBM-AM 780; **Jim Schwantz**, former Chicago Bears linebacker; and **James Coyne**, Financial Secretary/Treasurer.



Retirees get a close look at the Chicago Bears football helmet worn by Jim Schwantz.

JAC APPRENTICESHIP NEWS

Local 130 Sends Another Winner to UA State Contest

Is there pressure on the participants of the United Association's Apprentice Competition? Past competitors agreed there is. Not only do you have to perform challenging tasks well and within strict time limits but you also have to do them in a room filled with others selected as the best of their craft, each striving to outdo you. Clifford Bruckner felt a little extra weight on him perhaps at the 2009 Illinois State competition last month, but for him the burden was more a source of pride than pain. Everyone recognizes Local 130 as a great local from a large city, Bruckner explained. "They know 'these guys do it all.'" Sure, it can give you a feeling of pride. But it can also make you wonder if you are walking around with a "bull's eye" on your back.



Pressure, of course, underneath its unpleasantness, is energy and that is something you can use. And the 4th-year Local 130 apprentice put the pressure to work for him, scoring a very close 2nd place in the UA contest, narrowly missing the top spot by a fraction of a point. Cliff said he was one of 10 plumbers who competed in the state championship,

held March 25-27 at the Pipe Fitters Local 597 training center in Mokena. There were four other trades in the contest. (See winners listed below.) It began with a classroom session that tested their knowledge of plumbing codes, rigging and other basics of the trade. The practical skills tests carried over two days, Cliff said, and challenged contestants' layout, soldering, brazing and welding abilities on everything from plastic to copper and cast iron pipe. The three-day ordeal was tough, Cliff admitted. "You study everything you can not knowing what you might encounter. It was hard," he said, "but I felt prepared."

For all Local 130 apprentices the cycle begins again in June, when the Apprentice Training Program holds its own annual contest to pick its next champion and competitor in the 2010 UA Apprentice Competition. What is the veteran competitor's advice to his successor? "Work hard, and don't let the pressure get in your way. You come out of a great Local; others will look at your name badge and know where you come from. Just go out there and make everyone proud," Cliff said.



"We are really proud of him," said Kathy Bruckner, Cliff's mother, who also works at Chas. F. Bruckner & Son Inc. He worked very hard, she said, and just the fact that he earned the honor of being selected the best of Local 130 was a great achievement. Cliff is joined in the family business by his father, Jim Bruckner. He is a 4th generation member in the contracting firm founded in 1890 by his great-great grandfather. Cliff's two siblings, his brother Matt and sister Lauren, are both accountants.



In the three years of the UA's contest, Local 130 has won one 1st place and two 2nd place awards. It plans to continue its winning streak in each successive contest.

2009 UA Illinois State Contest Winners

HVAC

1st Place

DANIEL GLAVES

UA Local 597

Pipefitter

1st Place

MARK ALBER

UA Local 23

Plumber

1st Place

ALEX VLACHOS

UA Local 63

Sprinklerfitter

1st Place

MICHAEL OLLNAU

UA Local 281

Welder

1st Place

PETER LAROU

UA Local 597

HVAC

2nd Place

JEFFREY MILLER

UA Local 501

Pipefitter

2nd Place

TIMOTHY HAACKE

UA Local 137

Plumber

2nd Place

CLIFFORD BRUCKNER

UA Local 130

Sprinklerfitter

2nd Place

JOSEPH LOFTIS

UA Local 281

Welder

2nd Place

ANTONIO BENAVIDES

UA Local 25

HVAC

3rd Place

WILLIAM ALLISON

UA Local 25

Pipefitter

3rd Place

ZANE MOYERS

UA Local 422

Plumber

3rd Place

ROBERT SMITH

UA Local 137

Sprinklerfitter

3rd Place

GLEN KOBYLARZ

UA Local 281

Welder

3rd Place

BEN CARTER

UA Local 137

All Industry Calendar – May-June 2009

Date:	Time:	Type:	Location:
Local 130 U.A.			
May 12	7:00 p.m.	Plumbers Union Meeting: Nomination of Officers	Plumber's Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago
May 15-16		Illinois Pipe Trades Conference	Pheasant Run, St. Charles, IL
June 9	7:00 p.m.	Plumbers Union Meeting: Election of Officers	Plumber's Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago
June 19-21		UA Softball Tournament	Cincinnati, Ohio
June 11		Duffers Golf Outing	Bloomingtondale Golf Course, Bloomingtondale, IL
August 7	8:00 a.m.	All Industry Golf Outing	Cog Hill Golf Course, Lemont, IL
August 8-14		UA Instructor Training Program	Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, MI
Plumbing Council			
May 26	4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tuscany, 1425 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL
June 30	8:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Maggianos, 240 Oak Brook Center, Oak Brook, IL
July 27	9:30 a.m.	Board Meeting	Midlothian Country Club, 5000 W. 147th Street, Midlothian, IL
Plumbing Contractors Association			
May 12	4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Erie Café, 536 W. Erie Street, Chicago, IL
May 12	6:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Erie Café, 536 W. Erie Street, Chicago, IL
June 9	TBD	Membership Outing	TBD
July		Vacation	No Meeting
A.S.S.E.			
June 17	6:30 p.m.	Spring Dinner	Colletti's, 5707 N. Central Ave., Chicago, IL 60646
South Side Contractors			
May 20		Regular Meeting	Sam Buca's Restaurant, 12231 S. Harlem Ave., Palos Hts., IL
June 17		Regular Meeting	Sam Buca's Restaurant, 12231 S. Harlem Ave., Palos Hts., IL
July 17		Golf Outing	Silver Lake Country Club, 147th St. & 82nd Ave., Orland Park, IL
West Suburban Plumbing Contractors			
May 21	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Hillside Best Western, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL
June 18	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Hillside Best Western, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL
July 23	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Hillside Best Western, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL
North & West Side Master Plumbers Club			
May 5	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Superosa
May 16	12:00 p.m.	Racetrack Outing	Arlington Race Track
June 3	6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Superosa
June 10	Tee Times Will Vary	Golf Outing	Maple Meadows Country Club
July	No Meeting	Vacation	
For More Information Please Contact Jim Rack at 847-692-2799			
Triangle Plumbing Club			
May 15	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Dawson Technical Institute, 3901 S. State Street, Chicago
June 12	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Dawson Technical Institute, 3901 S. State Street, Chicago
July 17	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Dawson Technical Institute, 3901 S. State Street, Chicago

Save the Date!

Friday, August 7, 2009

Cog Hill Golf Course, Lemont, Illinois

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