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Business Manager's Letter

From James F. Coyne

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The days are getting longer and spring is here. I hope you and your family are well and looking forward to the warmer weather. This has been a busy first quarter for your Union Hall with Political Action Task Force (PATF) candidate walks, our 61st Annual Plumbers Local 130 St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the monitoring of House Bill 5913 in Springfield. I am proud to say that all three events mentioned were successful.

On February 27 and March 5, 2016, Local 130's PATF hosted political rallies at the Chicago JAC Building and the Chicago Union Hall to show our support for political candidates running for local, state and national offices. I believe these men and women are advocates for Plumbers Local 130. As you know, many of our favored candidates were victorious, including our own Local 130 member State Representative John D'Amico, Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, and his recommended candidate for District 5, Juliana Stratton.

I want to continue to create an awareness regarding the significance of voting

for political candidates who will fight for the Union worker. Having the right to vote is a privilege; it matters, and has an affect on the future of Plumbers Local 130's members.

I was informed that outside sources were trying to weaken the Plumbers License Law in an attempt to allow unlicensed individuals to teach continued education to our licensed Plumbers. As your Business Manager, my obligation is to fight for our members. Therefore, at my request, on February 11th John D'Amico sponsored House Bill 5913 that requires a licensed plumber to provide proof of completing four hours of continuing education to renew his or her annual license. These classes will be overseen and approved by the Board of Plumbing Examiners and the Plumbing Code Advisory Council. It also states that instruction will only be given or supervised directly by an Illinois licensed plumber. The classes must pertain to plumbing issues and can be taken in colleges, universities, or trade schools. Great job and many thanks to our political director Michael Tierney for lobbying this Bill in Springfield. It passed in the Senate on March 17 with overwhelming support and is now in the hands of Governor Rauner for his signature.

On Saturday, March 12, the 61st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade kicked off at noon with the Shannon Rovers leading

the front line of dignitaries. This year's Grand Marshal was Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan and the Guest of Honor Mary Dempsey. Following close behind was Queen Erin Mulcahy and her court. It was a day full of lively music, laughter, and good conversation for over a million Chicagoland families, friends, and visitors. It is truly a historical Chicago event and I hope those of you who participated, enjoyed the day.

In closing once again, I would like to acknowledge the retirees, members and their families for their support and dedication. We have strength in number and voice, which is the adhesive to Plumbers Local 130. Please continue to read through the newsletter for current news and information concerning Local 130 UA. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. As always, I wish you good health and prosperity, steady employment and happiness.

In Solidarity,

James F. Coyne



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Dates to Remember . . .

- May 10 - Plumbers Monthly Membership Meeting with yearly wage and benefit allocation
- May 12 - Technical Engineers Monthly Membership Meeting
- June 9 - Technical Engineers Monthly Membership Meeting
- June 14 - Plumbers Monthly Membership Meeting
- No July or August Monthly Membership Meetings

PCA - Plumbing Contractors Association

On January 29th, Business Manager Jim Coyne administered the oath of office to the newly installed PCA Board. Congratulations to President David Ariano and his Board, 1st Vice President Michael Kerrigan, 2nd Vice President Matt Erickson, and Treasurer Brian Kennedy.

I am looking forward to working with the Board as the Industry advances and prospers, as well as increasing future employment for members of Local 130.



From left:

Rick Kuhn (R.J. Kuhn Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc.), Brian Wilk (Bishop Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc.), Mike Doljanin (Accurate Plumbing & Heating Co.), Dick Browning (Arrow Plumbing & Heating), Mike Chapel (Canyon Plumbing, Inc.), Brian Kennedy (Gehrett Plumbing), Matt Erickson (C.J. Erickson Plumbing Co.), Mike Kerrigan (F.J. Kerrigan Plumbing Co.), David Ariano (Ravinia Plumbing & Heating Co.), Not present: David Kerrigan (Sherman Mechanical).

Queens Contest and the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Fund Raiser

More than 70 young ladies competed in the annual Parade's Queen Contest which was held on Sunday, January 17th in the Stephen M. Bailey Auditorium. Families and friends of contestants enjoyed a festive afternoon with Irish music, food and refreshments. And then, the final countdown began for 2016's St. Patrick's Day Queen and Court. Congratulations to:

Parade Queen: Erin Mulcahy

Court: Maura Connors
Madeline Mitchell
Mary Claire Reidy
Katherine Schuetzner

On January 28th, the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner was served to more than 1,200 guests at Plumbers Hall. There were tables in the main hall, balcony, and this year we used the lower hall. Here the Queen and her Court were introduced, as well as, the Grand Marshal and the Guest of Honor were officially announced.

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Parade Grand Marshal and IL Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan, Parade Queen Erin Mulcahy, Business Manager James F. Coyne, Parade Guest of Honor Mary Dempsey.



Plumbers Local 130's 61st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

“My thanks and gratitude to the many plumbers, apprentices and all the other volunteers who worked to make this another memorable and enjoyable parade. It is a celebration of Irish heritage and Chicago history.”

Jim Coyne

This year's 61st St. Patrick's Day Parade commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising in Dublin, Ireland 1916-2016. The day started for plumbers and their families at the Union Hall with coffee, juice and pastries. Chartered buses were filled with members, their families and two trolleys for retirees. They were dropped off at the parade site, picked up at the end of the parade and returned in the same buses to the hall where a lunch was available for everyone. As many commented, “It was easy and convenient.”

ABC-Channel 7 was there once again broadcasting live and spotlighting the sea of green down Columbus Drive. This year's banners hung on both sides of the drive bearing the names of companies who supported the parade. The tradition continued with the Chicago River magically turning an emerald green early in the morning hours.

Shamrocks, flags, beads, music, Irish dancers and floats welcomed the crowds of spectators as the Shannon Rovers Pipes and Drums kicked off from Balbo and Columbus Drive at noon sharp. The General Chairman of the Parade James F. Coyne led, along with Honorary Chairman Rahm Emanuel, Grand Marshal Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan, Guest of Honor Mary Dempsey, Alderman Edward Burke, Pastor of Old St. Patrick's Church Father Tom Hurley, Ireland's Minister of State Jimmy Deenihan and other dignitaries including Governor Bruce Rauner.

This year's Grand Marshal was Illinois Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan. He is certainly one of the leaders who helped shape the state of Illinois, the city of Chicago, and has always been an advocate for Plumbers Local 130. Madigan stated, “I'll be looking at the faces of the men and women participating and spectating at the Parade. They are working to build a secure future for themselves and for their children.”

Madigan has traveled to Ireland several times, but mentioned one trip in particular. He and his family visited the Madigan family town of Parteen, about 20 miles from Limerick in County Clare and said, “I could see on their faces the signs of strength and integrity. These characteristics inspired The Easter Rising, which was a turning point in the fight against oppression.”

Guest of Honor Mary Dempsey has represented Chicago in many facets as a successful lawyer, a business woman engaging in transformative social and municipal services, and a leader in public and private institutions. Her enthusiasm for Irish culture and history was shared with her late husband, Philip H. Corby of Corboy & Demetrio Law Firm. Currently Ms. Dempsey is President of the Philip H. Corboy Foundation, which is devoted to education, arts and culture, social justice, access to the courts and preserving the rights of the disabled. Recently she was elected President of DePaul College Prep, a Catholic high school servicing Chicago and surrounding suburbs.



Dempsey stated, “The 1916 Uprising signaled the beginning of democracy and freedom for the people of Ireland. Hopefully, the Uprising will remain a lesson to all of us that freedom is precious, that it is not to be taken lightly, and that it is only fully realized when the rule of law is honored and preserved.”

Both Michael Madigan and Mary Dempsey were grateful and privileged to be part of Plumbers Local 130's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Political Action Task Force

Once again Plumbers Local 130 led the way in the Chicago-land area with participation on our two PATF Saturdays. Hundreds of members met in Chicago and in Orland Park in support of our endorsed candidates.

Sincere gratitude was extended to Local 130 and its members by Speaker Madigan and his fellow members from the House of Representatives: 2nd District Alex Acevedo, 40th District Jamie Andrade, Jr., and Senator Mike Hastings in the 19th Senate District. Also, Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos-MWRD, Candidate Marty Durkin for MWRD, as well as our own, 15th District John D'Amico came both Saturdays to personally thank members for their participation.



Plumbers Local 130, our members, and their families must continue to work with and support the candidates who will work with and support us! The fate of our Nation, our State and the future of Union Labor is hinged upon this November's General Election. The PATF will be looking for volunteers in October to continue this fight to maintain working conditions for Union Labor!



Business Manager James F. Coyne, MWRD Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos, Candidate for MWRD Marty Durkin, IL House of Representative and Local 130 Member John D'Amico.



IL Senator Michael Hastings with Orland Park volunteers.

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Local 130's Plumbers Giving Back to the Community

On Saturday, March 26, Lake County Building & Construction Trades Council, in conjunction with Lake County Contractors Association & Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor handed out 100 Easter Dinners to less fortunate families in the Zion, IL community.

Zion was chosen due to the man hours that union members were able to obtain at the Zion Cancer Research Hospital's addition and decommission/demolition of the Zion Nuclear Facility projects.

With help from the food pantries in the Zion community, families were identified and dinners were distributed from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. that afternoon. There were nearly 70 volunteers from the different associations making this possible.

A salute to our own Local 130 Members:

Bryan Bareika

Bob Harrison

Kevin Jablonski

Elana Jacobs

Pete Olson

Phil Roknich

Tom Ryan

Gary Scheve

Drew Sherman

Scott Spangle

Richard Wagner