PLUMBERS LOCAL 130 OPENS NEW CHICAGO TRAINING CENTER

With hundreds of labor leaders, elected officials and even more proud members of Plumbers Local 130 looking on, the union unveiled its new state of the art 50,000 square-foot Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) Training Center on Tuesday, Sept. 12th.

During the ceremony, Business Manager Jim Coyne, who is also the JAC Chairman, presided over the introduction of eight different speakers as each took turns praising the union for establishing “a new standard of excellence in the construction industry.”

“Through the corridors of the new facility,” Coyne began, “I see hope and a bright future for all of the new apprentices that enter through these doors. Local 130 will be forever changed.”

Mixed within other remarks, Coyne mentioned many of the three-story building’s features including: Rainwater harvesting, which takes rainwater off the roof, stores it in both a 10,000 gallon underground tank and a 3,500 above ground tank and puts it back into the plumbing system to flush urinals.

In addition, he highlighted grey water harvesting used for the irrigation system of the trees and plants in the new plaza; six different wet-labs that feature 94 faucets, residential and commercial plumbing fixtures and a water heater lab; a green roof and solar panels to create hot water for the entire building.

Following the ribbon-cutting (see photo at left), Coyne invited everyone to tour the three-story facility, where current apprentices were undergoing a variety of training techniques that were visible to the invited guests.

Guests got to see plumbing apprentices undergoing training on the first floor with their instructor during tours of the facility.

To cap off the event schedule, all of the guests were invited to the third floor for food and refreshments, and a view of the city’s skyline from the rooftop patio.

LABOR & POLITICS RECEPTION 2017

The Illinois AFL-CIO sponsored its 31st Annual Reception on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at Capri Banquets in Countryside. More than 250 guests attended along with many statewide and local elected officials.

The event featured Gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker and his running mate for Lt. Governor, State Rep. Juliana Stratton (D- 5th Dist.).

Pritzker thanked all of the attendees for turning out and for their continued support, as he targets the March 2018 Primary in his hope to unseat incumbent Gov. Bruce Rauner.

RCEC CELEBRATING 50 YEARS - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

The Residential Construction Employers Council will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Thursday, October 19th from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at Venuti’s Banquets in Addison, IL. For more information, contact Cathy Kirin at 630-512-0552. To pay online, go to www.rcecsusa.org.

More news and photos on the back page.
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING.draws full house on another perfect day

If this sounds like you’ve read this story before, you’re nearly right!
The 2017 CISCO Golf Outing was spectacular again as 140 golfers enjoyed ideal September weather, great fun, a hearty lunch and some lucky winners won great prizes!

Thanks to the generosity of our golfing guests, this year’s charity - Gateway To Learning - benefited nicely as well.

The success of the donations was made possible, in part, from the “Beat The Pro” hole, sponsored by Cherry Creek Mortgage Company. Thanks to Jody Anderson and her husband Jay, the couple gave golfers a challenge that they readily accepted, and had a lot of fun - for a great cause.

Final contribution totals will be released later, but in the meantime CISCO would like to thank the many member organizations and industry friends who annually support us with their sponsorship of this great event.

This year’s sponsors included:

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There were also many additional Hole Sponsors (too many to list), but we appreciate the support of each and every one of them! See you next year!