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Paving the Way to a Bright Future: The Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarship Fund



Upcoming Meetings and Events

September 9th -Union Meeting 1:00pm at Local 773
September 29th-Retiree Luncheon-Giant City Lodge
October 2nd-Union Meeting
John A. Logan College-F Building Room 119
1:00pm Stewards/Apprentices
2:00pm Union Meeting
October 3rd & 4th Construction Re-Registration
8:00am-4:00pm
November 6th -Union Meeting
John A. Logan College-F Building Room 119
1:00pm Stewards/Apprentices
2:00pm Union Meeting
November 8th-Election Day
December 4th-Union Meeting
John A. Logan College-F Building Room 119
1:00pm Stewards/Apprentices
2:00pm Union Meeting
December 10th -Laborers' Local 773 Christmas

Pictured: Bottom L-R Laurlin Pitts, Denise Carson, Emily Ramsey, Madeline Reinhardt, Lilian Sronkowski, Diana Shepherd, Marcia Miller, Brooke Beckmann, Middle L-R Lucian Dreux, Nickole Woods, Carly Cameron, Jaylynn Will, Emily Marks, Elijah Fennell, Olivia Mueller, Dakota Norris, Business Manager Kevin Starr, President Emeritus Edward M. Smith
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Since 1986, Local 773 has awarded nearly one quarter of a million dollars to help nearly 500 college students obtain a college degree. This is our thirtieth year of awarding scholarships to children, grandchildren or members themselves who have demonstrated academic excellence, the promise of continued growth, and giving back to the community. This year, Local 773 celebrated our 30th anniversary of the CFS-HB Scholarship by raising the fund amounts and awarding over \$44,000 in scholarship grants for the 2016-2017 recipients.



Left-Olivia Mueller, nursing student at John A. Logan College recieved the Homer Brown Award
Right: Ashton Pieron, attending Missouri Baptist University recieved the Connell F. Smith Award from President Emeritus Edward M. Smith and President Matthew Smith



In Memory of Terence J. O'Sullivan

Beloved Family Man and Long Time LIUNA Labor Leader

Beloved family man and long-time labor leader, Terence J. O'Sullivan of McLean, Virginia, passed away on March 31, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Mr. O'Sullivan is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Lenora; a brother, Brendan (Diane); three children, Terry (Yvette), Kevin, and Kathleen Finnerty (Shawn); five grandchildren, Brendan, Caitlin, Connor, Keara, and Giovanna; and many other family members.

Born in Colma, California in 1930 to Irish immigrant parents, Terence J. O'Sullivan joined LIUNA Local Union 261 in San Francisco in 1947, at the age of 17. A proud Marine, he served in the Korean War, and participated in the Inchon Landing, and the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, one of the bloodiest engagements of that conflict. After his honorable discharge in 1952, he returned to California, and became one of the Local's representatives. He quickly rose through the ranks, taking on many leadership roles before being appointed LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer, the second-highest elected office in the union, in 1968.

For more than six decades, Terence J. O'Sullivan was a major force in his union, which represents nearly half a million workers in construction, health care, the public sector,

"While, like many of your ancestors, my father came from extreme poverty, our union found him, and provided my father, and three generations of O'Sullivans, a path to the middle class and the ability to achieve the American dream. He was devoted to providing the same hope and opportunities to all workers."

**LIUNA General President
Terry O'Sullivan**

and the federal government. He dedicated his life to fighting for workers' rights, and for social and economic justice. He was a lifelong advocate of training, retirement security, and health benefits for the proud men and women of LIUNA. Throughout his entire career, he worked passionately and tirelessly on behalf of LIUNA, its members, and their families.

Brother O'Sullivan traveled many times to the Local 773 area to visit the members and retirees. He presented Local 773 with the first retiree charter in 2006, as well as Safety Incentive Days, golf fundraisers, and retiree events.

2006, Terence J. O'Sullivan presents the Laborers' Local 773 Retiree Council Charter to members of the Retiree Council along with President Emeritus Edward M. Smith and LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan



Terence J. O'Sullivan 1930-2016

It is with great personal sadness, and a very heavy heart that I write to inform you of the death of my father, retired LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer and Coordinator of the LIUNA National Retiree Council, and 66-year LIUNA member, Terence J. O'Sullivan.

My father is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years and my mother, Lenora; as well as by his son, Kevin; his daughter, Kathleen; son-in-law, Shawn; grandchildren Brendan, Caitlin, Connor, Keara, and Giovanna; brother, Brendan; and numerous other family members including myself and my wife Yvette.

During a career that spanned six decades, my father left a larger-than-life legacy that will continue to benefit members of our great International Union for generations to come. He worked passionately and tirelessly on behalf of LIUNA, our members, and their families. He was a Laborers' Laborer who never shied away from telling it like it is. Quite simply, he did it the LIUNA way.

My father was a man who dedicated his life to fighting for workers' rights, and for social and economic justice. A proud Irish-American and United States Marine, his life was defined by his service to his family, to his country, to his union, and to his community. While, like many of your ancestors, my father came from extreme poverty, our union found him, and provided my father, and three generations of O'Sullivans, a path to the middle class and the ability to achieve the American dream. He was devoted to providing the same hope and opportunities to all workers.

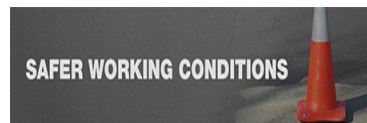
Terence J. O'Sullivan was my father, my mentor, my friend, and my hero; he will be dearly missed.

Terry O'Sullivan-LIUNA General President



Cash Awards to Local 773 Construction Craft Laborers' for Working Safely 365 Days

Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Safety Day Cash Giveaway. Construction workers were eligible to win \$100-\$500 cash gifts for working 365 days in 2015 without a workplace accident. The event was sponsored by The Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' and Employers Cooperation and Education Trust.



2016 Safety Day Winners



L-R Representing AGCI Steve Ashe, Illinois State Trooper Captain William Sons and Laborers' Local 773 Business Manager Kevin L. Starr

Getting the Word Out About Highway Safety and Our Laborers In Work Zone Areas

As our Highway construction season kicked into full force this season, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois State Police and Road Construction Craft Laborers are getting the word out about highway safety. Keith Roberts, the D9 Project Implementation Engineer joined Laborers' Local 773 Business Manager Kevin L. Starr and Captain William Sons of the Illinois State Police on April 12th during a news conference at the Wolf Creek Intersection. Motorists who violate work zone speed signs are fined \$375 the first time. If they do it again, they are fined \$1,000 with a 90-day license suspension.

And if a motorist hits a worker, the motorist may face a \$10,000 fine and up to 14 years in prison.

Last year, Roberts said, there were 21 fatal crashes in work zones throughout Illinois, one of those claiming the life of an IDOT employee.

Also joining the discussion was Doug Helfrich, an IDOT construction engineer with District 9.

Many major construction highway projects now under way, with more beginning this summer in Southern Illinois. Motorists are advised to follow advisements and instructions posted on IDOT message boards near each site. When possible, many of the highway construction projects throughout the state will be done at night during the summer after off-peak traffic hours. There will be message boards advising motorists, overhead lights and flaggers wearing full body reflective suits.



For a detailed map of Illinois workzones in the area you are driving, visit <http://embraceyourarea.com/>

Calling All Retirees...

POLITICS AND YOUR UNION WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You and your fellow LIUNA retirees worked hard and earned your right to retirement security and prosperity for your family. But across the country, extremist politicians have gained the power to attack what you worked so hard for and are putting pensions, good jobs and even the right to join a union at risk.



A Strong Highway Bill Means More Union Work and More Secure Pensions

The federal Highway Bill is the largest jobs-creating legislation in the U.S. It creates prevailing wage LIUNA work. Nearly 70% of the construction hours your fellow members work are tied to it.

The current Highway Bill expires this May and with Congress stalling on passage of a strong Highway Bill, paychecks for tens of thousands of LIUNA members will be at stake. It is an attack on the proud legacy of LIUNA members by some members of Congress to allow the roads and bridges that you built to fall into disrepair because they lack the courage and will to invest in restoring our country's infrastructure. Your pension will be weakened as work hours decline for LIUNA members who do highway work and fewer contributions are made to your pension fund.

100% UNION LABORER! LIUNA! Local 773



Protect Prevailing Wage Laws, Protect Good Jobs and Pensions

Prevailing wage laws ensure that taxpayer-funded projects pay local prevailing wages and benefits. Those are simply the wages and benefits that prevail in your community. That way government projects don't drive down local pay or benefits standards.

Immigration Reform: Citizenship Unites and Strengthens Our Union

We are a nation of citizens and citizenship can strengthen our union. LIUNA members and fellow workers are fighting for comprehensive immigration reform that helps undocumented workers step out of the shadows and stops the exploitation that erodes good jobs, wages and your pension security.

What You Can Do

- Get involved with your Local Union by participating in meetings and events.
- Sign up for email updates from your union by going to liuna.org and joining the LIUNA Action Network.
- Contribute to the LIUNA PAC and support candidates that fight for working families. Ask your Local Union for details on making contributions.

LIUNA! www.liuna.org/retirees

Rend Lake North Sandusky Plaque of recognition from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Laborers' Local 773 for support and construction of the Pavilion Project.



The following Partners are gratefully acknowledged for their generous contributions to the construction of this facility.

- LIUNA Laborers' Local 773
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 551
- Carpenters Local 634 & 636
- Operating Engineers Local 318
- IBEW Electrical Local 702
- Iron Workers Local 392
- Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' Local 143
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 268

This facility is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

More than 10,000 Illinois Union Members and Allied Coalitions Tell the Governor Rauner “Stop Destroying Our State’s Middle Class”



Local 773's Union Sister Amy Fasiq speaks to thousands about losing her arm in a jobsite accident and Illinois workers compensation laws

A message from the Illinois AFL-CIO

**TAKE IT TO THE CAPITOL
RAUNER IS WRONG.**

Illinois is in chaos: Human services devastated, universities endangered, infrastructure projects stalled, schools threatened and local governments cut. Yet Governor Rauner continues to hold our state hostage to his radical "Turnaround Agenda" and protect a tax system that favors the wealthy.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE ILLINOIS WORK FOR ALL.

FAIR BUDGET NOW	END THE ATTACKS ON WORKERS' RIGHTS
SAVE OUR STATE UNIVERSITIES	FAIR CONTRACTS FOR STATE WORKERS
FAIR HOURS & PAY FOR HOME & CHILD CARE PROVIDERS	RESTORE HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING
PROTECT PREVAILING WAGE & WORKERS COMP	MAKE THE WEALTHY & BIG CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

Join Labor, Community and Religious Allies from Across Illinois

**MARCH & RALLY
WED. MAY 18**

**11 A.M. • ASSEMBLE AT 5TH & WASHINGTON
MARCH TO THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION
RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL**

TOGETHER
AND OTHER COALITION PARTNERS

For more information, contact Illinois AFL-CIO Resource Center, Amy Raffel at amy.raffel@aflcio.org or 312-462-2633



More than 10,000 Illinois members and allied coalitions rallied in Springfield on May 18th to call on Governor Bruce Rauner to stop destroying the middle class by holding the budget hostage and to make Illinois work for all. The state of Illinois has gone almost an entire year without a budget and the residents knows Rauner is the source of the problems. Working families in Illinois are feeling the effects of Governor Rauner and his lethal anti-worker agenda with layoffs, unemployment, and construction projects at a halt.

"All of this devastation is due to one man—a mega-millionaire who thinks his huge wealth means he should be able to impose his will on an entire state, Governor Rauner is determined to ram through his extreme and harmful agenda—and he doesn't care about how much damage he inflicts in the process," says Illinois AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan. Every union in the state participated in the rally and traveling from every corner of Illinois for the same cause, to speak out against a Governor and his allies who are destroying Illinois. Other speakers at the rally included Laborers' Local 773 own Union Sister Amy Fasiq who was seriously injured on the jobsite in 2012. As Amy was a flagger on the roadside, a ladder on a truck caught her left arm, tearing it off below the elbow and throwing her 20 feet in the air. When Amy hit the ground, her right arm and her left leg was broken. Amy suffered through three surgeries, with severe trauma and now has plates and screws in her remaining arm and leg while her left arm had to be amputated. Due to the loss of her arm, Amy cannot move it and is in agony from excruciating phantom pain.

Her right arm is very weak and she has arthritis in her leg. "If we didn't have a strong workers' compensation law in Illinois, myself and my family would have lost everything. We would have been responsible for millions of dollars in medical bills. We would have had to go on food stamps and Medicaid. We would have been bankrupt. Some states don't treat injured workers as fairly as we do here in Illinois. And some people in that building over there, (the capitol building) want to join in a race to the bottom with those other states."

"They want to make it harder for workers like me - who get hurt on the job - to put our lives back together. They want to force injured workers to survive on less: less money, less medical treatment, less physical therapy," said Amy. Illinoisans are already feeling the sting of the Rauner agenda, including state employees, state programs such as foster care, education, seniors and our union brothers and sisters working just to make a living. The rally was organized by Illinois Working Together

Laborers' Local 773 Business Manager Kevin Starr along with State Representative John Bradley 118th Dist





A woman's
place is in
her
UNION!

UNION WOMEN



Women make up nearly thirty percent of the powerhouse of Local 773. They consist of improvers, activist, campaigners, reformers, and crusaders joined together in the fight for the growing women's movement. We are an army that is strong throughout our local and across 41 states as part of the most diverse local in the Laborers' International Union. Our women are building roads and cities, driving buses, protecting us as police officers, working in factories, administrative professionals, maintenance workers, and cooks along with state, county and government workers. From pouring concrete to working for child care, LiUNA women are on the frontlines of this great union.

But the benefits of the union for women began with a long, tough fight. The conflict for women's labor equality began in 1844 when women from the textile mills of Lowell, Massachusetts formed themselves into the Lowell Female Reform Association (LFLRA). Before the union was formed, the women fearlessly engaged in "turnouts" or work stoppages when employers sought to cut workers' pay and force them to live in squander and work under horrendously dangerous conditions. At a time when females seldom spoke in public, they testified courageously before the Massachusetts legislature about new requirements forcing them to tend more machines at accelerated rates which was endangering their physical well-being. The legislatures did investigate worker's health and safety and while they declared that the conditions of were deplorable while laboring 13 to 14 hours per day, confined in unhealthy apartments, and exposed to the poisonous pollutions, the petition was denied.

After a series of successful strikes stressing equal pay regardless of sex or color, organizing efforts of women such as the beloved widow, Mary Harris Jones, better known as "Mother Jones," fought vigorously not only for women's rights but for union workers across the nation. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union organized workers in the women clothing trade.

In New York, female sewers in the shirtwaist factories who were dismissed in 1909 for union activity were joined on the picket lines. Unfortunately, although women provided

the backbone of the two-month-long strike, labor leaders settled it without attention to worker safety. On March 25, 1911, Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York City engulfed in flames and claimed the lives of 146 workers. Women were crowded into lofts with the exit doors deliberately locked until they finished their shift.

The Triangle Factory was a true sweatshop employing young women who were paid a mere \$15 a week despite working 12 hours a day, every day. The Triangle Factory was a non-union shop although some of its workers had joined the union and many more were in the process. The owners of the factory, Blanck & Harris hired politicians, police and thugs to imprison and physically assault the women of the Garment Workers Union when they went on strike for better pay and working conditions. Near the closing time on March 25, 1911, a fire broke out on the top floor of the company and soon the building was engulfed in flames. The ladders of fire trucks could not reach the top floors so firefighters formed "human bridges" for the women to escape but only to succumb to the smoke and flames and fall to their deaths. Onlookers watched with horror as workers, mostly young women, leaped to their deaths from the top floors. Many of the workers were women as young as 14 who were struggling immigrants in search of a better life. Within 18 minutes, the fire was over. 49 workers had burned to death or suffocated by smoke, 36 died in the elevator shaft and 60 died from jumping to the sidewalk.

This Triangle fire atrocity has had great significance for women in labor unions to this day because it highlights the inhumane working conditions which progressed into the industrial labor movement. Women of the Triangle factory are celebrated as martyrs of the women's labor movement and as protesting voices arose, furious that lack of concern and industrial greed caused such horrific deaths. Workers flocked to the unions to offer support and mobilization and the demand that Blanck and Harris be brought to trial. The role that strong unions could have prevented the deaths of the women became clear. Workers, both men and women then began to organize in powerful unions fighting for better working conditions and fair and equal pay.

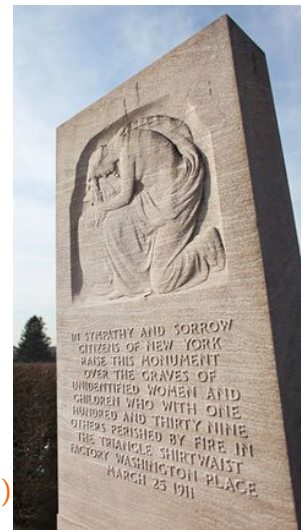
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New York Evening Journal reports on the deadly Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, March 28, 1911.

*"Pray for
the dead
and fight
like hell
for the
living."*

Mary Harris
Jones
(Mother Jones)



THE GROWING WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, EMPLOYMENT LAWS, AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE.

The following year in 1912, one of the largest strikes in US history took place in Lawrence, Massachusetts. More than 60,000 women and their families depended directly upon the payroll of the textiles mills. The pay was poor, the housing was deplorable and over crowded, the work was hard and dangerous and many of them were women and children who were earning just a mere \$8.76 per week for women and \$6.00 a week for children, for a 56 hour week. Known as the "Bread and Roses Strike" Lawrence, MA was the combat zone that resulted in mass protest. As the strikes broke out, workers cut threads, slashed power belts, and smashed windows to ensure that work could not be continued. By the end of the ten-week strike, 23,000 workers had left their job. The organization of Local 20 of the Industrial Workers of the World (the Wobblies) committed to the industrial unionism provided the facilitators for the strike. Women played a central role throughout the injustices of the strike coming face to face with fierce police



opposition. Women also took part in evacuating strikers' children to other cities. Although it was a relief effort for children, attempts were blocked as police attacked mothers and children at the train station which prompted a congressional hearing which backfired because it publicized the strikers' poor wages and working conditions.

After 10 weeks, the owners gave in and the strikers won a 15% pay hike. But it didn't stop there. The Lawrence strike led to pay hikes for over 150,000 more textile workers and touched the conscience of Americans leading to the passage of more stringent laws governing working conditions and equal pay.



By the beginning of WWII, six million new women entered labor force and took heavy industry jobs which were only available to men. More than 310,000 women worked in the U.S. Aircraft and munition industry.

In 1943, a popular song, "Rosie the Riveter" and a Norman Rockwell painting of Rosie was on

the cover of the Saturday Evening post as symbols of the leadership rolls the women took during the war. Unfortunately, the pay for women lagged far behind their male counterparts: female workers rarely

earned more than 50 percent of male wages and when the men returned the females were expected to give up their jobs to men and return to the home.

The passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 led to the creation of the Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Although discrimination cases were low on the EEOC agenda until there was urging by groups such as the National Organization for Women and by 1970, the same courts that denied protection before, gave women the ability of obtaining jobs formerly closed to them.

As time progressed, women continued to move into the working world, but not without a fight for equality and for the union. In 1979, Sally Field found the attention of many Americans when she won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her portrayal as Norma Rae Wester in a film about factory workers in a small town whose efforts to join the labor movement to unionize her shop resulted in a victory. The story is based on Crystal Lee Sutton's life as a textile worker in North Carolina where the battle for the workers union took place against a JP Stevens textile mill. Although Sutton was fired from her job, the mill was later unionized, and she later went to work as an organizer for the textile union involved and remained in the labor movement.



22 years later, women's rights and the labor movement finally began to flourish. In 1991, known as "The Year of the Woman" held a record number of women who ran for public office and won. 24 newly elected into the House of Representatives and 6 new women elected to the Senate. During the decade, the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is signed by President Bill Clinton which was enacted to provide a job-protected leave to employees who are in need of long term care for themselves or family members. Madeline Albright is sworn in as US Secretary of State, followed by Condeleezza Rice, the first African American female Secretary of State and later, Nancy Pelosi became the first woman House Democrat Leader. In 2016, a historic run for the presidency emerged. Hillary Clinton has become the first female ever to be nominated for the democratic ticket and is supported by the vast majority of union workers in the United States fighting to protect jobs, wages, pensions and healthcare.

"I will keep standing up for you.
I will keep fighting for you."

—HILLARY CLINTON



Throughout our history, women have played a significant role in changing the lives of not only women, but all American workers. Their courage and influence not only were a significant part of the labor movement but helped shape the nation. Today's leaders are inheriting strategies from the women's movement and bringing them into labor organizing. Instead of focusing on the traditional provisions over wages, safety and work hours, many of them are tackling issues that affect women today including child-care, healthcare racial and gender injustices and pay discrimination which have typically fallen outside union contracts.

"Although it is true that only about 20 percent of American workers are in unions, that 20 percent sets the standards across the board in salaries, benefits and working conditions. If you are making a decent salary in a non-union company, you owe that to the unions. One thing that corporations do not do is give out money out of the goodness of their hearts."

-Molly Ivins

RUNNING

So Children Can Walk and Talk

Charley Ferguson is a Construction craft laborer, an officer of Laborers' Local 773 and a hero.

During the February Union meeting, Charley announced that he would be setting an ambitious goal for himself. At 40 years old, he would be running the 26.2 mile Boston Marathon for the first time in hopes of raising money for The Therapy Center so children with disabilities can get the help they so desperately need. The Therapy Center (TLC) is a non-profit organization which provides services such as pediatric physical and speech therapy, and necessary medical equipment in a safe and caring environment close to home. He hoped that his journey would inspire others to open their hearts to children in need of therapy and give them the opportunity to walk and talk to lead happier, more productive lives. Charley vowed to run the marathon in honor of his uncle who suffers from disabilities as a result of an accident.

During the next two months, Charley never let up. In addition to his training for the marathon, he visited friends, colleagues and contractors

asking for their support. Each day he checked his donations on crowdrise.com and personally and publically thanked everyone who donated to his fundraiser that day.

Fast forward to April 18th, Boston Massachusetts--

Charley has found an entirely new meaning to his running. From the beginning of the race, As he pushed through the crowd of runners at the starting point, to the final miles through Boston, he fought off leg cramps, stomach cramps, heat and dehydration. With every step, every mile and every drop of sweat, Charley stayed right on pace. At 1:59pm Charley finished the race with a time of 3:31:14. Even more extraordinary, Charley raised over \$8,000 all by himself on his journey.

Charley is an example of courage and strength as well as a role model Union Brother. We commend him on such an awesome accomplishment and thank him for giving the children the opportunity to receive the therapy they desperately need.

"Finally turning onto Boylston Street and looking for my family in the grandstands. I hear my wife and kids yelling! I'm in tears at this point as I pass them. I look at them and tell them I love them and I tell my wife thank you and that I love her! What an emotional journey this has been...

WOW, I JUST FINISHED CROSSING THE MOST FAMOUS FINISHLINE IN THE WORLD!!!"



Local 773 Business Manager Kevin Starr, TLC Director Tommye Robb, Charley Ferguson along with some of the Children from the center



ULLICO-Edward M. Smith	Lee Franklin
Robin & Mike Whitehead	Tim Roseberry
Amy Fasiq	Greg and Sherry James
Woodforest Bank	Stacy Pomatto
First Southern Bank	Mary C
David Anderson-State Farm	Mike and Sarah Emerson
Blyer	Chris and Amanda Osborne
EDT-Jimmy Davis	Tobey Simpkins
Randal Ferguson	Mindy Scott
Marquette and Associates	Jerry & Lisa Womick
Kevin and Michele Starr	Crossfit Marion
Redi-Mix Drivers	Julie Whitelegde
Illinois LECET-Randy Harris	RSP Heating and Cooling
Nancy Dohm	Bethany Gingrich
AFL-CIO Investment Trust	Jason and Jamie Jackson
Jar Trucking LLC	Sandy Ridgeway
Kim and Andy Ferguson	Johnson
Mike and Cheryl Ferguson	Ralph Johnson
Lee Franklin	Linda Lyerla
Tommye Robb	Cody Gebhart
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JRay	John Caudhill Concrete
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	Anonymous
	Mindy Duncan
	Danielle
	Jacob Ferguson
	Gail McClure
	Judy Simpson

"Who have I helped today?"

Connell F. Smith-Local 773 Business Manager 1942-1976

The Edward M. Smith Scholarship Golf Tournament Raises Nearly \$60,000 for College Students

The Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 to provide members and their families by assisting them with the opportunity to further their education and obtain a college degree. For the past 30 years Local 773 has awarded 402 individual scholarships to deserving college students who otherwise wouldn't not have the opportunity to receive a college degree. Awards are based on cumulative grade point averages and financial need.

Our annual golf tournament is the organization's main source of funding provided through your generous donations. This year alone, Local 773 has raised nearly \$60,000 to help the children of members pay for college expenses.

"It's so expensive to go to school today, so this scholarship money really helps and it's one thing the union does to always try and take care of our members families and give back to the community colleges and SIU," said Local 773 President Emeritis and ULLICO President/CEO Edward M. Smith.

This year alone, Local 773 will award \$44,000 of financial assistance ranging from \$750 to \$2,000 and help 30 students with tuition and books this coming school year.



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Laborers Raise Over \$14,000 for Children of The Therapy Center

Recently Laborers and volunteers from Local 773 put on their orange therapy center t-shirts, grab their collection buckets and went to work at the annual Therapy Center Saturday Road Blocks for TLC. Roadblocks are held on Saturday mornings in May to collect money which will help provide therapy to children with disabilities in Southern Illinois. Over \$4,000 was raised to help TLC provide services free of charge.

On June 25th, Local 773 also helped sponsor The Annual Therapy Center Trivia Night and Silent Auction which was held at the Therapy Center. \$10,000 was raised that night which will also go towards the therapy that the children need to live happier, more productive lives.



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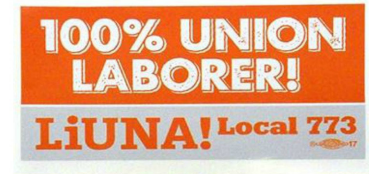
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Business Manager's Leadership Academy

In April, Business Manager Kevin L. Starr was presented with a certificate of completion at the LiUNA Business Managers' Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. from LiUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan. Topics this year included Pension Power: Follow the money Strategic Planning: Designing a Successful Game Plan Building Power through Politics. Organizing and Mobilizing for Growth in the Energy Sector.



Public Service Employees Recognition Week

Local 773 proudly represents over 1,500 Public Service workers at Universities, Hospitals and Government offices. Members Gary Casey and Stacy Ramsey are proud of their union, what we stand for and what we fight for. Public Service Recognition Week is a time when public service employees are thanked and recognized for their service and contributions toward making our country a better place.



First Student's Tom Menges Takes Home 3rd Place at the Illinois "Rodeo" in Villa Park, Illinois

First Student Edwardsville Driver Tom Menges recently competed in the First Student Illinois Rodeo in Villa Park, IL. The "Rodeo" competition allows drivers from throughout the State to test their knowledge and skills against other drivers, school bus laws and procedures as well as behind the wheel skills are tested. Tom placed third and advanced to the Illinois Association of Pupil Transportation State (ILAPT) "Rodeo" event to take place on June 15 and 16 in East Peoria, IL. First Place finishers from all State-wide events will have the opportunity to compete at the National Event later this year.



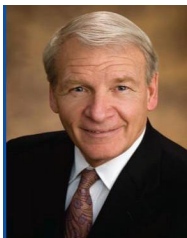
LiUNA Local 955 Business Manager Ian Bedell and LiUNA Local 773 Field Rep Regina Guevara presented Columbia, Missouri Mayor Brian Treece with a check from the Laborers Political League for his campaign.

Right Now We Have the Opportunity to Voice to Congress

How Pension Changes Will Affect Us:

for participants in the Central Laborers' Pension Fund

In this day and age, we are among the few American workers who can still say they have a pension. However, changes in the economy have led the United States Congress to make some adjustments to the way pension funds, such as the Central Laborers' Pension Fund (CLPF), operate.



One important change for CLPF comes from the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA). Among other things, this law increases the amount of the annual premium per participant CLPF is required to pay to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), the government agency that provides insurance if a pension fund goes bankrupt. In 2014, CLPF was required to pay \$13.00 per year per participant to the PBGC; in 2015, CLPF paid \$26.00 per participant and in 2016, CLPF will pay \$27.00. This is a significant burden on the operating expenses of the Fund.

However, these increases are being re-evaluated this summer, and right now we have the opportunity to make sure our representatives in Congress know how these changes affect us.

Call your congressman at 1-202-224-3121

- Give the operator your ZIP code and they can connect you with your representatives in the House and Senate.
- Tell your Representative and Senator: An increase in Pension benefit guaranty corporation premium costs would hurt the union pension fund that made it possible for you to retire.

This premium increase is unfair and burdens union pension plans disproportionately. That's why I, and your fellow Laborers, are counting on you to speak out to your elected officials.

Thank you as always for your years of service.

John F. Penn, LiUNA Vice-President
Midwest Regional Manager
Chairman of Central Laborers' Pension Fund

Helping Our Union Brothers Recover After Scaffolding Collapse at Herrin Hospital

On June 30th, two Union brothers from Local 773, Shane Hale and Devon Patterson were working on a scaffold on a portion of the surgical expansion project at Herrin Hospital, in Herrin, IL. At approximately 7:45am the center of the scaffold on the masonry wall collapsed. Both Shane and Devon fell nearly 30 feet to the ground, while the bricks and mortar crashed down on top of them. Hospital crews went right to work recovering them from the accident along with two bricklayers that were working on the project. Both Shane and Devon were airlifted from the site to St. Louis Barnes Hospital and St Mary's Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. The injuries both men endured in the accident were extensive and traumatic both physically and mentally. Devon suffers from a crushed left foot, a knee injury and a broken jaw. Shane remains at Barnes Hospital with two broken legs, broken ribs and a crushed left hand. As family members remain by their side and care for them, the costs associated with surgery, rehab and recovery can be daunting. Both will have months of physical therapy and recovery and be out of work for several months.

Union brothers and sisters have begun collecting donations for financial support from friends and extended families to assist Shane and Devon with support they need to get through this hard time. Local 773 Field Representative Jerry Womick donated his time to set up a fundraiser by smoking and selling 50 smoked bone-in Boston butts. Local 773 also set up a GoFundMe account to collect donations from our friends & union family to support our Union Brothers. If you would like to help Shane and Devon with their recovery, you can do so by going to www.gofundme.com/2casmy24. No amount is too small and the money will go directly to Shane and Devon to ease their recovery expenses.

From the Laborers family, thank you so much for your generous donation. It means so much to be a part of an organization that gives in times of need.



LiUNA
Local 773
Laborers' Retiree
Fried Chicken
Luncheon

When: September 29, 2016
Time: 12:00 noon registration
Lunch begins at 1:00 pm

RSVP to Local 773 by
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Congratulations to Dan Herila for having the winning ticket in the Yeti 110 Tundra Cooler Raffle. Dan is the President of the Local 773 Retiree Council. Dan's name was drawn on June 24th at the Edward M. Smith Charitable Golf Tournament. All proceeds from the raffle went to benefit the Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarships.



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