

# PAINTERS

## DISTRICT COUNCIL 14

UNIONS - THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT YOU WEEKENDS

SPRING 2017



### GLAZIERS 2017 ANNUAL STAR WINNERS

The Glaziers Local Union #27 celebrated their tenth annual Safety Training Awards Recognition (STAR) Banquet on Monday April 17, 2017 at Manzo's Banquet Hall in Des Plaines, IL. Eighty nine Journeymen completed the STAR requirements and attended the banquet that evening. Each participant received an embroidered Glaziers Local #27 Tool pouch-belt and Articwear Thermal Outerwear for attending.

Special congratulations to **Kyle Abrams** the Grand Prize winner of the evening. Kyle took home a new 2017 Ford Mustang GT 5.0.



2017 Glaziers STAR winner, **Kyle Abrams**, with **Mike Cook**, **Mike Mabus** and **Mike O'Donnell**.

Other winners of the evening included:

#### PRIZE

1. Fishing Kayak
2. Samsung 60" Smart TV
3. Toshiba 4K 49" TV
4. Sharp 32" TV
5. Insignia 32" TV
6. Samsung Sound Bar
7. LG Sound Bar / Woofer
8. LG Mini Hi FI
9. Protocol Galileo Drone
10. Protocol Galileo Drone
11. Denon Bluetooth Receiver
12. Samsung Home Ent System
13. Yamaha Outdoor Speakers
14. Fire Sense Patio Heater
15. Yeti Hopper Bag Cooler
16. Porter Cable Air Compressor
17. Folding Wagon
18. Chicago Cutlery Knife Set
19. Winplus Shop Stool
20. Flexilla Airhose Reel

#### WINNER

- Chris Tasic  
 Eric Roberts  
 Richard Braze  
 Jose Lopez  
 Jerry Clegg  
 Mike Sendaydiego  
 Jim Vallely  
 Scott Auberg  
 Elias Garcia  
 Bob Kopach  
 Jeff Winters  
 Jim Wedryk  
 Tim Storey  
 Kevin Osborne  
 Brian Zaleski  
 Bill Burlage  
 John Magierski  
 George Osha  
 David Staie  
 Chris Merrick

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### LETTER FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER/ SECRETARY TREASURER

Spring has sprung and so has the construction season in the Chicagoland area. This year looks to be very busy with working hours going up even further than they were last year. Along with the increased hours we will be dealing with the challenges that come with it. Things like meeting our increased Qualified manpower needs, Policing the industry for cheating contractors and non-union contractors trying to steal our unions work. These challenges can and will be met through our apprenticeship programs, Journeyman upgrade classes and, OSHA certifications. Your unions Business Representatives and Organizers due diligence will also enforce our foot print in the construction industry.

As many of you know one of the biggest challenges facing us this year is that our Current Painters and Drywall Tapers Collective Bargaining agreements are set to expire May 31st. Though difficult at times, we at District Council #14 are fully committed to the needs of the current market environment and as well as our members needs while working through negotiating those respective agreements. We are committed to secure a strong presence not only for this year but for years to come for our members and their families. This will be done by strengthening our pensions, health insurance and pushing to secure new sources of work that was lost years ago, so our members have a continuous flow of work. We don't take this task lightly and will do all we can not to go on strike. But as the saying goes HOPE FOR THE BEST BUT PREPARE FOR THE WORST.

If we are forced to have a strike, we have set up a Strike fund to help preserve our future. Picket duty pay will be paid to current members of Painters' District Council #14 that walk a line for our union. This is to help supplement out of pocket losses in wages you may have incurred during the strike.

In this newsletter, you will find a reprint of a card that has been handed out for years entitled "A GOOD UNION MEMBER". Please read it and follow the advice given for respecting your union or any union picket lines you may encounter this summer. There are over 14 unions currently in negotiations as of the printing of this newsletter. Any one of them may be forced to go on strike so be prepared.

For updated information on our contract negotiations you can contact your Local Union Representative, or check our website at [www.pdc14.com](http://www.pdc14.com). We are also offering text message alerts for our members. To sign up for text messages please call the council at (312)421-0046 or email us at [info@pdc14.com](mailto:info@pdc14.com) please include your name, cell phone number, and Local Union number.

Remember "**United we Stand, Divided we Beg!**"  
 —and We are not Begging!

John Spiros Jr.  
 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

## GLAZIERS 2017 ANNUAL STAR WINNERS

### PRIZE

21. Porter Cable Combo Tool Kit
22. Milwaukee Jobsite Backpack
23. Coleman 5 person Tent
24. TimberRidge Directors Chair
25. Magna cart Hand Truck
26. Coleman Portable Grill
27. Cubs Bag Folding Chair
28. Cubs Jersey Schwarber
29. Blackhawks Jersey Kane
30. Zeiss VR One Plus Glasses
31. JBL Portable Speaker
32. ECHO Portable Speaker
33. Kindle Fire Tablet
34. Kindle Fire Tablet
35. Razor Portable Charger
36. Bose Ear/ Headphones
37. Fitbit Blaze Watch
38. Fitbit Flex 2
39. Lodge cast iron Griddle
40. XForce Crossbow Kit
41. Specialized Bicycle
42. Callaway Golf Driver Club
43. STAR Jacket
44. STAR Jacket HiVis
45. STAR T-Shirt
46. STAR T-Shirt

### WINNER

- Jeff Franrick  
 Jeff Razzino  
 Michael Boyce  
 Chris Ludford  
 Greg Alexander  
 Terry Sweeney  
 Tim Young  
 Rick Lentes  
 Dennis Heatherly  
 Dominck Pangallo  
 Osvaldo Villegas  
 David Schaller  
 Dan Mohr  
 Jim Ignoffo  
 Jay Little  
 Alan Long  
 Steve Kriskovich  
 Mark Auberg  
 Mike Santos  
 Rob Reynolds  
 Vito DeJoy  
 Don Nielsen  
 Tom Jackson  
 Tom Tracy  
 Karl Swanson  
 Mike Ryan

The 11th year of the Glaziers STAR program is currently in progress running from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. To qualify for the STAR program banquet you must participate in only one 8 hour class. To be eligible for the STAR program prizes you must participate in one 8 hour upgrade class and one 8 hour safety class. To qualify for the grand prize drawing you must have taken welding or currently be taking welding through our program.

Choose the classes that interest you. You can enroll in the class by calling Glaziers Local Union 27 office at (708)443-9000, or register online at [www.glaziersunionlocal27.com](http://www.glaziersunionlocal27.com) or by email to [kodglaziers27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kodglaziers27@sbcglobal.net). Enrollment is required at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled class. Class sizes are limited so classes are filled on a first come first serve basis.

- All weekend classes are 8 hour credits. If weekday evening classes are given they are only 4 hours credit per night. Welding class qualifies for both 8 hour portions of the STAR program and participants are eligible for the Grand Prize. Most upgrade classes are given at our Lyons facility while most safety classes are given at CCSC in Hillside.
- Classes taken previous years are not eligible for 2017 STAR credit. You are welcome to take that class again but an additional class must be taken to receive credit.
- Beginning in 2011 if you have NOT taken the welding course you will not be eligible for the Grand Prize. If you have previously taken the welding class through our program (company programs excluded) you are free to choose any of the other classes to qualify.
- You must be a Journeyman member of Local 27 in good standing to participate.



## District Council 14 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic



*Mark your Calendars*

**SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017**

**Painters' District Council #14** would like to extend an invitation to you and your IMMEDIATE family to join us for our 13th Annual Picnic. The Picnic will be held on **Sunday June 11, 2017** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Busse Woods located on Higgins just west of Arlington Heights Road in Elk Grove Village. As usual we will provide the food, children's games, inflatables, raffle gifts, and entertainment. So grab your sunscreen and lawn chairs and enjoy the day with us.

We really want our members to enjoy the picnic; therefore we are limiting it to Current Union Members, Retirees and their IMMEDIATE family only (this includes your spouse and children only). There will be a registration booth at the front for you and your family members to receive a wrist band to enter the picnic. Remember this is IMMEDIATE FAMILY only if you have too many guests you will be turned away and not allowed to enter the picnic.

If you have not made it out to our picnic come join us and see what you've been missing. Each year we give away over \$10,000 in raffle prizes to the 1,000+ guests who come out and enjoy this event. To be eligible to win one of our many door prizes you simply have to be a current member, register in when you arrive and receive your raffle ticket. Members must be present during the raffle to win.

The Children games have always been a big hit at our family picnic so we have included a schedule of times and age groups for games that will be available. We have color coded the age groups to make it easier for the Children and Adults.

### 2017 CHILDRENS GAME SCHEDULE

HOT POTATO	12:30 P.M.	3-5 YEARS	STOP LIGHT/GO LIGHT	1:30 P.M.
DUCK,DUCK,GOOSE	12:30 P.M.	6-8 YEARS	BALLOON TOSS	1:30 P.M.
BALLOON TOSS	1:00 P.M.	9-11 YEARS	SACK RACE	2:00 P.M.
TUG-O-WAR	1:00 P.M.	12-15 YEARS	BALLOON TOSS	2:00 P.M.

All children must check-in at the Children's Game tent to receive a color coded wrist band. All the game areas will be color coded and marked for each age group. Due to large number of participants and the short period of time to run all the games each game will be starting on time. Please make sure your children are by the game area designated by the colored flags for their age group at least 10 minutes prior to game schedule. Children will only be allowed to participate if they are wearing the proper colored wristband for their specific age group.

We will be mailing out an invitation to the picnic with a response card so you can pre-register for the picnic. If you are planning to attend the picnic we are asking that you please fill out the response card and mail back (postage included) or you can call the Council and register at (312)421-0046. By sending in the response card you will be pre-registered for the picnic and receive a gift at registration. This helps us be better prepared for our members.

## Members take a day to give back

On Saturday April 22nd Painters' District Council #14 members volunteered their time and skills for their neighbors and communities to honor the second annual International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Community Day of Action.

The IUPAT along with the rest of the labor movement dedicated this day to show the world that we are more than advocates for fair wages, rights and benefits on the job. We are good neighbors who have a long tradition of building up our communities.

### *The community projects DC #14 members accomplished that day included:*

- Cleaning, reorganizing and painting the locker rooms at the greater Joliet YMCA located in IL.
- Blood drive for American Red Cross.
- Cleaning and reorganizing furniture at the Spanish Community Center located in Joliet, IL.
- Painted Front Porch and touch ups around the campus at Maryville Academy/Shrine of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL.
- Collected donations to rebuild Library, cleaned interior and exterior at two of the Kreative Kids Academy locations in Chicago, IL.
- Repainted Pope Frances Global Academy located in Chicago, IL.
- Joined the Fairmont Community cleanup project in the Lockport Township area and helped clean up the roadsides.



DC #14 members painted front porch and did touchups around the campus at the Maryville Academy/Shrine of Guadalupe located at 1170 N. River Road in Des Plaines IL

### We would like to send out a Special Thanks to the following members who came out for the day and volunteered:

Brian Edwards	Stephen Higgins
Gerardo Gomez	Marcial Acosta
Robert Gomez	Eduardo Zavala
Innacio Gomez	Chris Zappa
Edgar Corona	Cory Backus
Tom May	Jorge Orozco
Colin Wood	Andres A. Diaz
Charles Marwig	Karl Ferrell
Stanley Szczelaszczyk	Julio Gomez
Joe Cordero	Mario Navarrete
Joe Sierra	Fidel Nino
Melvin Barnes	James Studnicka
Jonas Tolefree	Jose Guzman
Paul Mize	Todd Minton
Belinda Scott	Jeff Bollie
Enrique Campos	Stephen Lloyd
Lester Rankin II	Ken Morman
Brian Reule	Mike James
Lynall Thornton	Eric Chabolla
LaTasha Powell	Denise Sanford
Darien Moody	Edgar Hernandez
Charles Brown	Angelique Bolden
Anton Council	Joe Howard
Gary Fields Sr.	Helen Chung
Marcus Mitchell	Tracy Johnson
Victor Munguia	Alejandro Salazar
Quenell Smith	Edgar Garcia
McKinley Byrd	Tom Jennings
Jose Arreola	Monique Rodriguez
Gabriel Manzo	Robert Zappa
Luis Navarrette	Anthony Lamonica
Francisco Cardenas	Derlyn Garcia
John Kiriakakis	Ed Banevicius
Victor Lagunas	



DC #14 members cleaned, re-organized and painted the locker rooms for the Galowich YMCA located in Joliet, IL.



Members helped move furniture at the Spanish Community Center located in Joliet, IL



DC #14 worked with Kreative Kids Academy, they collected donations to buy new books to rebuild their Library, also a complete clean up interior and exterior of the nursery at two of their facilities located at 26 E 79th Street, and 8236 Cottage Grove Chicago, IL



Day of Action - the members helped clean up the Spanish Community Center located in Joliet, IL



DC #14 members joined the Fairmont Community cleanup project in the Lockport Township area. They helped clean up the roadsides.



DC #14 repainted Pope Francis Global Academy located at 6040 Ardmore in Chicago IL



# Happy Mothers Day



We would like to wish our DC #14 Women's Committee, and all the other mothers a Happy Mothers' Day. For most of us these are the woman in our lives that have shown us unconditional love and guided us through life. Motherhood is one of the hardest and the most thankless jobs in life so we would like you to know you deserve this day and we appreciate you!!!



## A CLOSER LOOK AT ONE OF OUR OWN UNION MOTHERS IN THE TRADES

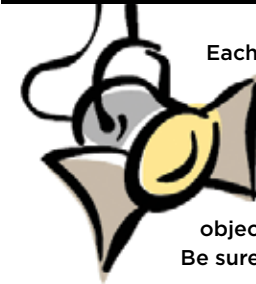
Margarita Arnold, of Local Union #191, was a single mother of two making \$60 a day cleaning houses in the suburbs far from the city where she lived. Being the sole provider for her family she had no choice but to go on food stamps until she could find another job making enough money to support her family. While waiting at the Department of Human Services for five hours she became bored and started walking around the office to pass time. She noticed a poster on the wall with a picture of a woman in a hard hat that said, "Would you like to make \$19 an hour as a construction worker?" She said to herself "What?! Of course, I do!!" As luck would have it the poster was for the Chicago Women in the Trades and they were having an orientation that day in two hours. Margarita said she was always interested in the Trades, but being a native of Mexico their culture believes that females should not work in a male dominated field. She decided to go for it and went to the orientation that day.

She enrolled in the Chicago Women in the Trades 12-week free training program where they introduce you to basic construction skills, classes to help prepare you for testing qualifications, and take you on hands on field trips to apprenticeship programs to help you choose a trade. Arnold said she chose Painters' District Council #14 Drywall Apprentice program because it was a two year program with great wages, awesome insurance for her family, and a good pension.

Now 8 years later she went from cleaning other people's homes and almost homeless, to owning her own home. Margarita has been appointed Warden at Local Union 191, is an active member of DC #14 Women Committee on Organizing, and is always volunteering for any projects through the Council or Local Union. Arnold is appreciative of the opportunity she was given and the life she earns as a Union member that is why she is willing to give back to her Union that has given her so much so it continues to grow strong and prosper. She is an awesome example of a hard-working single mother that made a difference for herself and her children.



## LOCAL UNION SPOTLIGHT



Each newsletter, Painters District Council #14 will highlight one of its affiliated locals. This will give the opportunity for each local to show their dedication to the union movement. Spotlights will include various articles of each locals history, current objectives, upcoming events and news and more. Be sure to watch for your local in future newsletters.

### Union Local 180

The Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America was incorporated on December 7, 1894. A charter from the International was issued on May 24, 1900 for our Local #180. In the beginning Local #180 members worked mainly on the west and near north-south sides of the city in apartments, homes, small businesses, and factories helping our industry to grow. We currently have members who live and work all over the city and state.

We began meeting in Oak Park, Illinois later moving to the west side of Chicago and then to Westchester, Illinois before moving to our current location in Berwyn.

Our local has always had a diversified membership with initially European and Scandinavian members and now also includes many Hispanic members. During the 1930's and 1940's our membership reached 700 members. One of our members, Ben Sniegowski, rose from Business Representative, to Business Manager Secretary Treasurer of District Council #14, and finally General Vice President of the International Union - Central District. Our local remains a small local in the complex machine of the Chicago area under the leadership of District Council #14 where we are looking forward to the future.

**ON STRIKE**

## A GOOD UNION MEMBER KNOWS HIS RIGHTS

- He has the right not to work behind any picket line.
- He has the right to decide for himself whether to walk off a job being picketed.
- He understands that this trade may be under attack next.
- He knows that a two-gate system means a picket line and he has the right not to work, no matter how many gates the employer sets up.

*Refer to this when in doubt. Know your rights, and be prepared ahead of time to react to picket lines.*

## YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORK BEHIND A DOUBLE GATE GOOD UNION MEMBERS RESPECT PICKET LINES

*A good union member is extremely careful when confronted with a picket line situation. When a picket line is established on a job where he is working:*

- He leaves. He does not talk – just leaves.
- He does not hang around near the job.
- He reads the picket sign as he leaves.
- He knows that once a picket line is established, his business agents and other union officials are legally gagged and handcuffed from giving advice pertaining to that job. They can only tell him if the picket line is authorized.
- He does not allow himself to be drawn into conversation with anyone at the jobsite.

## UPCOMING VOLUNTARY DRUG TESTING

Painters District Council 14, in agreement with the Finishing Contractors Association of Chicago, has established a voluntary drug and alcohol testing program. The program shall be open to all members of Painters District Council 14. The member will incur no cost. The testing period will run from June 1, 2017 thru August 29, 2017.

Members may voluntarily submit themselves for testing and, if they test negative for alcohol or drugs, be issued a "drug-free" card. This card will be valid for a period of two years from the date of issued. Persons who do not pass the drug and alcohol test will not be eligible to test again for

a sixty day period. Any re-test shall be at the member's own expense.

Employers may request persons holding drug free cards and request a list of members with drug free cards from the union to assure a drug free workplace. It is strongly suggested to do the voluntary drug testing to open up more employment opportunities for you.

Check your mail as more information will follow. Any questions, please contact Business Representative Andrew Perch. 312-421-0046 x184



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