



SIB Tips...

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A newsletter of ideas for UBC Sisters
Committees to use to be more effective

The ISIB Welcomes Two New Members

The International SIB Committee (ISIB) extends a warm welcome to its newest members, Samantha Okabe and Amber McCoy. Samantha will replace Brandi Thorne in the Canadian District. Amber will replace Bobbie Whitmore in the Western District.

We look forward to working with our new Sister members. They each bring years of experience as SIB Committee Chairs.

We also very much appreciate the many contributions from Brandi and Bobbie. Both have contributed greatly to our committee's success. They have our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

In Solidarity,

International Sisters in the Brotherhood Committee

Regional Updates:

Industrial Council

During May, Education & Development was the focus for several Sisters in the Industrial Council, with committee members from **Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi** attending Leadership Training at the ITC. The attendees were: Tammy Goatley, Stacy Bolden, Christy Tilmon, Devre Buxton, Laura Edwards, Betty Harper, Sandra Bester, Erica Waller, Valerie Hosey, Jennifer Graves, Laquetta Brown, and Alberta William Dart.

Way to go Sisters!

Additionally, **Florien, LA Sisters** did something special for Mother's Day – they made colorful pins for mothers to wear and they donated \$50.00 to a lucky mom.

Click [here](#) to see the pins.

Awesome Industrial Council!



Canadian District

SIB Committees in the Canadian District continue to work on women's issues such as mentoring and daycare. They are also focused on ways to ensure women maintain high visibility in trade organizations.

Good job Canada!



Eastern District

New England Regional Council Sisters continued their ongoing recruitment initiatives. They also broke new ground in several areas.

For the seventh year, **Boston SIB Committee** Sisters put their talents and skills to work for the Rebuilding Together Boston event.

Click [here](#) to read more and see the build.

Boston Sisters also sought to get women hired for a project in Somerville, MA. Specifically, 28 Sisters showed up, “ready for work”, at the jobsite of a drywall subcontractor. They weren’t successful in getting hired, but will keep trying.

Keep at it Boston!

Sisters from **Western Massachusetts** received some bigtime publicity for their ongoing initiatives to recruit girls into construction and find work for women. On April 14, 2017, Sisters held their first Girls in Trades (GiT) conference & career fair. Over 230 girls from 11 schools attended, and Channel 22 TV was there to memorialize the event.

Click [here](#) to see the girls.

On May 7, 2017, Lisa Clauson, SIB Chair, scored a huge success by being a primary contributor to a newspaper article. Titled, “Groups Toil to Draw more Females into Trades, Construction”, the article appeared on the front page of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette’s Sunday Business section.

Click [here](#) to read it.

Lisa also reached another positive milestone for her work with Mount Holyoke College. The college wrote an article about women in construction that featured three Sisters from Local 108.

Click [here](#) to read what they said.

Outstanding Western MA!

Western District

In the **Pacific Northwest Regional Council**, Sisters in **North Puget Sound** participated in Skagit Habitat for Humanity National Women Build Week on May 13, 2017. The turnout was great and everyone had a good time.

Look for pictures soon.

Excellent North Puget Sound!

In the **Southwest Regional Council**, Sisters in **Las Vegas** welcomed a new first-year apprentice into the Local and the SIB Committee. They also discussed the following issues and activities:

- The Local's effort to recruit current non-union workers from job sites into the Union.
- Provisions in contracts and legislation for new projects that target women and minority hiring.
- Challenges and changes regarding on-site hiring.
- Sisters preparedness and attitude when seeking work.
- The importance of attending monthly general meetings, as well as how Sister's should use the meetings to network and stay informed.
- The upcoming Women Build Nations Conference in Chicago and the possibility of getting sponsorship from contractors.
- The process of endorsing political candidates and what determines if and how much money they receive from The Brotherhood.
- Future meetings and potentially partnering with other committees to increase the visibility of the SIB Committee.
- The importance and positive impact of increased visibility for Sister's within the Brotherhood.

Also, click [here](#) to see pictures from their recent Ms. Fix-It Workshop.

Wonderful Las Vegas!

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Keep These Items In Mind

Have a tip?

We welcome your news for the SIB Tips newsletter. Please email your news to your district representative on the International SIB Committee.

Looking to Start a Committee?

There's a document on the Resources page in the UBC Sisters web site that will help you get started.

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