

# SIB Tips...

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

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## Sisters Embrace Union Visibility And Political Action

On every Labor Day, Sisters march in parades, participate in rallies, and showcase at events. This year is no different. In this newsletter, one example comes from the Atlantic Canada Regional Council SIB Committee, where Sisters were seen at parades and picnics.

As for Political Action, Sisters make their mark on an ongoing basis, with the latest example coming from the St. Louis and Kansas City SIB Committee. Sisters have been working tirelessly on Right to Work legislation. Read about their latest victory on getting signatures for a referendum.

These are just two of the many examples you will find on the [SIB website](#). And in every instance, the message is loud and clear – Sisters are proud to be members of the UBC and determined to fight for Union causes.

In solidarity,

**International Sisters in the Brotherhood Committee**



## Regional Updates:

### Industrial Council

Sisters in the **Louisville, Kentucky SIB Committee** did their part to help some of the many people who were affected by recent hurricanes. Specifically, they collected a couple hundred pounds of food.

Great Kentucky!

### Canadian District

Sisters in the **Atlantic Canada Regional Council SIB Committee** have been busy in several areas.

Recruiting:

- New Brunswick had information booths at three ACRC Union awareness picnics.
- Cape Breton is mentoring students at the community college level.
- Nova Scotia is volunteering at uninsured awareness picnics.

Retention:

- Several Sisters that attended the UBC Mentoring Class are now mentoring apprentices.

Education & Development:

- A New Brunswick female millwright participated in the National Apprenticeship competition. She placed third!

Community/Public Involvement:

- Sisters participated in Labor Day parades and picnics throughout Atlantic Canada.
- Lori Gaudet, Melanie Driscoll, and Annette Tremblay attended the ACRC Executive meeting and delivered a report on behalf of SIB committees.

Terrific Atlantic Canada Regional Council!

### Eastern District

In the **New England Regional Council**, the **Boston SIB Committee** had one of their Sisters, Karen Blandino, retire after 29 years as a Council member. Karen has always been active with the Sisters in the Brotherhood, appearing in outreach videos and participating in events. She has also mentored countless NERCC members, served as a steward, and worked as an apprenticeship instructor.

Click [here](#) to see Karen's retirement sendoff picture.

Congratulations Karen!

## Eastern District (continued)

In the **Northeast Regional Council**, Sisters have set a date for their Council “Leading the Way” Conference. It will be held April 13 – 15, 2018 at the newly built Edison, New Jersey training center. The SIB Committee has a goal of filling the 300-person capacity auditorium.

Click [here](#) to see the “save the date” card.

Kudos Northeast!

## Midwestern & Southern Districts

In the **North Central States Regional Council**, Sisters have been focusing on creating a pipeline for future female carpenters. Most recently, they created a “Women-Focused” marketing display at Humboldt High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. Housed in the school library, the display showcases successful Council women carpenters that have varied experiences and talents.

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

Awesome North Central States!

The **St. Louis and Kansas City SIB Committee** was busy in several areas.

### Education & Development

- Sisters participated in the second Survival Skills class at the St. Louis, Missouri training center. The eight-hour class is designed to build the confidence of new female apprentices. Participants receive coaching and instructions on the proper use of tools, safe lifting techniques, and more.

Click [here](#) to see participants in the first class.

### Political & Legislative Action

- St. Louis Sisters played a critical role in gathering enough registered voter signatures to put “Right to Work” on the November 2018 ballot. They worked tirelessly throughout the summer and even joined a march to the State Capitol in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Click [here](#) to see the large turnout after the referendum success.

Click [here](#) to see some Sisters that are involved in the “Right to Work” issue.

## Midwestern & Southern Districts (continued)

Communication/Public Involvement

- Sisters that marched in this year's annual St. Louis, Missouri Labor Day Parade wore new SIB t-shirts and displayed a new Council banner.

Click [here](#) to see them.

- Sisters participated in the fourth "Women Build for Humanity St. Charles" Habitat event. This year's project was a multi-family home (duplex).

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

- Once again, Sisters marched with Missouri Women in Trades (MoWit) in the St. Louis Pride Parade.

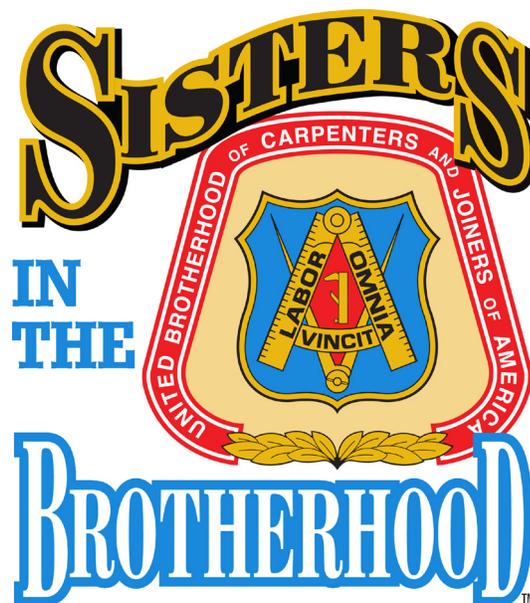
Click [here](#) to see Sisters marching with MoWit.

Fantastic St. Louis and Kansas City!

## Western District

The **Northern California SIB Committee** have been focusing on recruiting. Sisters attended meetings at Community Based Organizations (CBO) and High Schools. They also participated in a career fair in Stockton, California.

Terrific Northern California!



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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.

### **Don't Forget: Get in the Loop!**

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Get news and information about the UBC delivered straight to your mobile phone. Here's how:

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