

SIB Tips...

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

SIB Committees are Getting Jumpstarted

A new year can bring new opportunities. That's what some SIB Committees believe, and they are taking steps to turn that belief into reality. Check out Canada: several committees are re-starting, some with new chairs. Canada is also welcoming their newest committee in the British Columbia Regional Council.

Committees in the Western District are also reporting exciting initiatives. Seattle, for example, worked on three meaningful community projects that had a profound impact. Also, take a look at North Puget Sound. They are working hard to engage Sisters.

The message – the new year can be a time for renewal in many ways.

In Solidarity,

International Sisters in the Brotherhood Committee

Regional Updates:

Industrial Council

Sisters in the **Kentucky SIB Committee** saw the far-reaching effect of their "Bedz for Kids" program when the Louisville Metro Police Department sought help for a family in need. The request came after a 7-year old boy was shot and killed, which led to the discovery that the boy's entire family was sleeping on the floor.

As always, committee members were generous in their giving, with three Sisters playing key roles - Diane Atzinger, Shannon Porter, and Alecia Wells.

Click **<u>here</u>** to see how the committee helped.

Outstanding Kentucky!

Sisters in the **Haynesville, Louisiana SIB Committee** hosted their second annual Toy Drive from December 22 – 23, 2017. The kids were treated to toys, lunch, and even a visit from Santa.

Click **here** to see the heartwarming photos.

Wonderful Haynesville!



Canadian District

In the Canadian District, new committees are forming, and some are being jumpstarted. The **British Columbia Regional Council SIB Committee** has just come on board, with Julie Sawatsky as the chair. Welcome Julie!

In the **Atlantic Canada Regional Council**, Annette Tremblay is chair of the newly added **Cape Breton SIB Committee**. Melanie Driscoll chairs **Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**, and Tammy Marr is the chair in **New Brunswick**.

In the Prairie Arctic Regional Council, Martine Lacasse is the new chair in **Manitoba**, and Cathy Cayea and Brianne Langlois are co-chairs in Saskatchewan.

Awesome Canadian District!

Eastern District

In the New England Regional Council, the **Boston SIB Committee** took a break from their many recruiting activities to celebrate the holidays. They held their annual holiday party at a new restaurant that specialized in Latino cuisine. Almost 30 women attended, and everyone took away some goodies.

Click **<u>here</u>** to the photo.

Nice Boston!

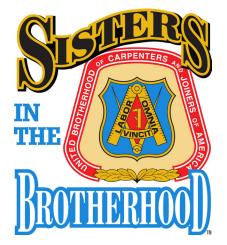
In the Northeast Regional Council, the **New Jersey and New York State SIB Committee** had four Sisters successfully complete a Concrete Floor Polishing training class. Susan Espinoza, Emily Huber, Ebony Burke, and Leondra Charleau, participated in the one-day training at the Hammonton, New Jersey Training Center.

Along with several Brothers, they learned how to operate specialized equipment involved in the floor polishing process. The training required using three machines: one to clean the debris, one to sand the concrete, and one to spray the concrete.

Ebony offered one bottom-line sentence to describe the training, "It was a remarkable and rewarding experience."

Click **here** to read more quotes from the Sisters and see the amazing photos.

Congratulations New Jersey and New York State!



Midwestern & Southern Districts **SIB Committees** in the Midwest and South continued their focus on recruitment, retention, and engagement.

Good Midwestern and Southern Districts!

Western District

In the Pacific Northwest Regional Council, several SIB Committees moved forward with initiatives that benefited Sisters and the community.

The North Puget Sound SIB Committee has been working hard at engaging Sisters. Some of their approaches include:
Mentoring new Sisters

- Desching out to Sisters via Essebash
- Reaching out to Sisters via Facebook, texts, and calls
 Encouraging Sisters to spread the word about the Em-

• Encouraging Sisters to spread the word about the Empower Women's Conference

Sisters also joined Brothers to have some fun during the holidays. On December 8, 2017, they met at the Snohomish Labor Temple to decorate for their Local's Christmas Party. It was a great bonding experience and lots of fun. The event also offered networking opportunities for soon-to-be graduates of the Association of Non-Traditional Employment for Women (ANEW): they connected with mentors and received tips for success.

Great North Puget Sound!

Sisters in the **South Puget Sound SIB Committee** joined Carpenters in Action (CIA) for the Olympia Toy Run event. At their SIB booth, they served hot drinks and distributed apprenticeship information to attendees.

Fantastic South Puget Sound!

Sisters in the **Seattle SIB Committee** completed some meaningful projects during the year. SIB Chair Ivylee Sharp worked with Sisters, Brothers, and volunteers on the following community initiatives:

• Worked with Carpenters In Action (CIA) to finish building a chicken coop at Marra Farms after a contractor abandoned the project. The Farm, which feeds the needy and educates neighborhoods about food, was desperate to build the coop before winter. Sisters and Brothers came to the rescue.

Click **<u>here</u>** to see the photos.



• Answered the call from Brother Larough Jacksons to help build a stage for the "Upon the Rock Ministries" church. The stage was needed to hold performances to raise money for their outreach and ministry program in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and Spain. Sisters and Brothers completed the stage just in time for the church to hold its first performance.

Click **<u>here</u>** to see the photos.

• Helped build a playground at The Campbell Farm, an organization that provides after-school care, helps the elderly, and feeds individuals. In building the playground, Sisters joined forces with Carpenters from the Eastern Local. Resources that made the project possible included \$850.00 from Local 41 and a donated playset. The final result, which included an attractive playground with one big playset, made everybody happy.

Click **here** to see the photos.

Marvelous Seattle!



Your International SIB Committee

Keep These Items In Mind

Canadian District: Amanda Leggette, aleggette@myparc.ca

Eastern District: Sue Schultz, sschultz@Northeastcarpenters.org

Industrial Council: Angela Pieti, apieti@cic-ubc.org

Midwest/Southern Districts: Barbara Pecks, bpecks@ncsrcc.org

Western District: Amber McCoy, AmberMcCoy@PNCI.org

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!

Join the UBC's texting program! Get news and information about the UBC delivered straight to your mobile phone. Here's how: Text UBC to 91990 (USA) for UBC info Text UBC to 52267 (Canada) for UBC info AND Get news and information about the Sisters in the Brotherhood program! Text SIB to 91990 (USA) for Sisters-only info Text SIB to 52267 (Canada) for Sisters-only info

www.facebook.com/UBCSisters

is the official Facebook page of the UBC International Sisters in the Brotherhood