

SIB Tips...

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

Sisters Connecting and Networking - One Example

The newly established Eastern Washington SIB Committee has hit the ground running. They are already engaged in political activities and have a plan to involve Sisters. The unique thing about this committee is that they cover two areas with separate co-chairs: Sloan Duncan is co-chair of Spokane and Elizabeth Delgado is co-chair of Tri-Cities. Each committee will meet separately every month, but will start each meeting with a joint discussion.

This committee model offers one way to connect women that are located in different or wide-ranging geographic areas. Read more about what Sloan and Elizabeth plan to do in this newsletter. They have found a way to connect and network – which is a positive thing for Sisters in the Brotherhood!

In Solidarity,

International Sisters in the Brotherhood Committee

Regional Updates:

Industrial Council

Sisters in the **Industrial Council SIB Committees** are preparing for, what's expected to be, a fantastic Council-wide yard sale. It will be held in September 2018, so stay tuned!

Some other committee news is equally exciting:

- Louisville, Kentucky is working to sign up new members.
- Haynesville, Louisiana is working on “new hire” packets. They are also holding fund-raising events to raise money for their committee.
- Taylorsville, Mississippi signed up 11 new members. They also helped organize a delegation of members who participated in the Memorial celebration for the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination.
- LeGrande, Oregon is doing a lot to help people in need. At work, they helped relocate displaced members to different shops. They are also working on a food drive to assist these members. In the community, they are supplying diapers and formula to a local women’s shelter.

Awesome Industrial Council!



Canadian District

In the **Atlantic Canada Regional Council**, Newfoundland Sisters held an employer networking breakfast on May 11, 2018. They shared information on workshops for managing a diverse workforce and on the new IT system being designed for apprenticeships. This event also provided an opportunity to highlight that more tradeswomen have reached Red Seal Status and obtained their Journeymen level.

Fantastic Atlantic Canada!

In the **British Columbia Regional Council**, Kristene Byers received the Doug Urquhart Humanitarian Award for her work with Habitat for Humanity. Click [here](#) to read more and see Kristene receiving her award.

Canadian District (continued)

In other news, Sisters Raven Buck and Kristene Byers donated their time to the WISH Centre, a women's shelter that helps women who live with extreme poverty and trauma. Click [here](#) to see them with other volunteers.

Terrific British Columbia!

Sisters in the **Prairie Arctic Regional Council** have been busy with retention, education, and organizing:

- One Sister completed level-4 Carpentry schooling.
- Two Sisters reached 1-year of membership; one Sister reached 5-years of membership.
- Several women participated in a pre-apprentice course designed to spark interest in Carpentry. Held in Northern Saskatchewan, women learned skills needed for success in the construction trade. Click [here](#) to see them at work.

Good Prairie Arctic!

Eastern District

Keystone Mountain Lakes Regional Council Sisters have been involved in many exciting events. In Philadelphia:

- On May 13, 2018, Sisters participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure event. Click [here](#) to see their colorful Union t-shirts and pink attire.
- On May 16, 2018, Layla Bibi participated in a panel discussion about women in construction. Hosted by NAWIC, the focus was on opportunities and challenges for women in the construction industry. Click [here](#) to see Layla and the other presenters.

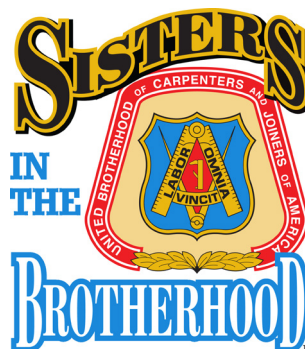
In New Jersey:

- Twenty-seven women attended an Information Session where they learned about working in the construction trade and applying for the pre-apprentice program. Click [here](#) to see the group.
- On June 15, 2018, six women graduated from the New Jersey pre-apprentice program. This was the ninth female class, which attests to a very successful recruitment program. Click [here](#) to see the graduates and their celebration cake.
- During the 2018 Asbury Park Pride Parade, Sisters helping with recruitment included apprentices recruited at the 2017 parade. They were able to offer first-hand experience and share personal insights with potential candidates. Click [here](#) to see the Sisters and their materials.

Eastern District (continued)

- Students from Hackensack High School visited the Edison, New Jersey training center for the third year in a row. While there, they participated in hands-on activities like floor laying and working in the mill cabinet shops. Click [here](#) to see some potential future Carpenters in action.
- Pictures from the Sisters very successful “Leading The Way” conference are ready for viewing. Check them out [here](#).

Outstanding Keystone Mountain Lakes!



Midwestern & Southern Districts

In the **Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio Regional Council**, Sister Doreen Barnett played a big role in helping 20 girls, ages 8 to 14, build birdhouses. Held at the Prairie Township Community Center in Columbus, Ohio, the girls wore hardhats and goggles while working on their construction projects. The event was a lot fun, and even garnered an article in the Columbus Messenger Newspaper. Click [here](#) to read it and see the girls.

Great Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio!

In the **North Central States Regional Council**, Sisters from the **Minnesota Metro SIB Committee** participated in the Cinco De Mayo parade in St. Paul.

Nice Minnesota Metro!

Sisters from the **St. Louis and Kansas City Regional Council SIB Committee** focused on education and community work. Cindy Frank, Kim Meyer, and Sharon Sitler were among the attendees at a recent Journeyman Leadership 212 Training Program. Click [here](#) to check them out.

At a recent workshop, 14 Sisters helped 35 girls build some awesome looking stools. The tasks provided many teachable moments for the girls – they had to measure, glue, hammer, and more. Click [here](#) to see the girls in action and their final product.

Wonderful St. Louis and Kansas City!

Western District

The **Eastern Washington SIB Committee** is the latest to form in the **Pacific Northwest Regional Council**. A joint committee that covers two areas – Sloan Duncan co-chairs the Spokane area and Elizabeth Delgado co-chairs Tri-Cities. Meetings in both areas will run concurrently on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM; with time devoted at the beginning for both groups of Sisters to connect and share information.

Some of their initial goals and plans include:

- Spreading the word about the Sisters Committee at Local 59 meetings, jobsites, as well as at CIA meetings and events.
- Sharing contact information among Sisters.
- Using Facebook to provide connections.
- Offering mentoring to new apprentice Sisters.

A couple of recent activities include: three Sisters attended three Spokane pro-labor candidates' meet and greet at the Local Union hall; and, six Sisters attended the Local 59 meeting in May – a record number.

Welcome and way to go Eastern Washington!

Other SIB Committees in the Pacific Northwest have been busy as well. The **Seattle SIB Committee** has started to gather school supplies for their third annual drive to benefit Carpenters' kids. The supplies will be used to fill backpacks, which will be distributed in August.

Great Seattle!

Sisters in the **North Puget Sound SIB Committee** have received some good news. Their Council will sponsor Sisters for the Women Build Nations Event at the Bronze level, which will allow for an Exhibitor table. In other news, Sisters are supporting a Brother from Local 70 who is running for House Representative of District 41.

Sisters have also been busy helping the community. They participated in the annual Skagit Habitat for Humanity Women's Build. They also helped build Tiny Houses for chronically homeless women as part of a Women 4 Women Build event in Seattle, Washington. Click [here](#) to see the photos.

Fantastic North Puget Sound!

In the **Southwest Regional Council**, Sisters from the **Las Vegas SIB Committee** are helping mobilize future projects as part of the Community Outreach Committee. They are also helping the group, Ayden's Army of Angels, with office improvement projects. And one Sister is helping with a charity named "Street Teens."

Nice projects Las Vegas!

Also from the Southwest, the **Southern California SIB Committee** is seeing continued success with their BOOTS recruitment initiative. Sister Lissette Cruz is doing great work and the ladies are quite prepared when they hit the jobsite.

Congratulations Southern California!

Sisters in the **Northern California Regional Council SIB Committee** participated in political Precinct Walks throughout the area. They also attended a rally in Sacramento.

Excellent 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.

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