

# 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 Show that Persistence has Value

Helping defeat a right-to-work law in Missouri, raising funds for SIB Committee operations, collecting funds for families of Carpenter members – these are just a few examples of successes that come from Sisters' persistence.

In some instances, Sisters have worked tirelessly and continuously for years. And they persist by staying focused on the 'bigger goal'. As you read through this newsletter, think about that 'bigger goal' perspective and consider how it helped the Sisters succeed.

In every instance, the value of persistence looms large.

In Solidarity,

**International Sisters in the Brotherhood Committee**

## Industrial Council

### Regional Updates:

Sisters in the newly formed **Columbus, Indiana SIB Committee** have been working hard. They raised \$525 from two carwash fundraisers, and \$40 from 50/50 raffles at Local Union meetings.

Currently, they are collecting furniture and clothing donations for a garage sale. Profits will be used to buy Christmas presents for under-privileged children in the Columbus, Indiana area.

Future plans include; working with churches to help feed the homeless and hosting ice-cream sundae parties at assisted-living facilities.

Great Columbus!

At the 2018 Sisters Conference, members of the **LeGrande, Oregon SIB Committee** asked and received financial assistance from other Industrial Council Sisters. Ann Copley, Katheryn Zemke, and Tina Collins collected donations to help displaced workers within their Local.

After the conference, SIB Chair, Brandy Dutton, helped committee members gain additional donations from their Council. Click [here](#) to see them at the conference.

In other news, Sisters continue work with a Women's Outreach Program. They are seeking to expand their participation by partnering with the Columbus, Indiana SIB Committee, which manufactures baby car-seats. Their joint goal is to obtain car-seats for the outreach program.

Terrific LeGrande!

Sisters in the recently established **Roseburg, Oregon SIB Committee** hosted a booth at the Pioneer Days event, raising \$500. They served brownie bombs and banana-nut bread mini-loafs. Special help came from Janell Swanson who baked 400 mini-loafs over a two-day period.

Click [here](#) to see the delicious desserts.

Fantastic Roseburg!

## Canadian District

In the Atlantic Canada Regional Council, two Sisters from the **Newfoundland SIB Committee** competed in the UBC Canadian National Apprenticeship Competition that was held in British Columbia. Kirby Mayo competed as a Millwright and Alyssa Crew competed as a Carpenter.

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

Congratulations Kirby and Alyssa!

Sisters in the **British Columbia SIB Committee** played an active role as their Council hosted the UBC Canadian National Apprenticeship Contest. They included Julie Sawatsky, Kristine Byers, Merissa Cox, and May Jeong.

Click [here](#) to see them at their SIB booth.

Wonderful British Columbia!

In the Prairie Arctic Regional Council, Sisters have much to celebrate. For instance:

- One new Sister has become a UBC member.
- Ten Sisters attended the 2018 UBC Sisters in the Brotherhood Conference.

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

- Sister Leah Peters from Manitoba placed third for Carpentry in the UBC Canadian National Apprenticeship Competition that was held in British Columbia.

Click [here](#) to see Leah and her project.

- A Sister was part of the crew that built scaffolding for the Canadian Pacific Women's Open (CPWO) in Saskatchewan.

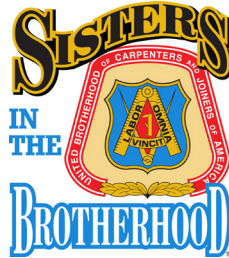
Click [here](#) to see her at work.

Congratulations Prairie Arctic and Leah!

## Eastern District

SIB Committees in the Eastern District continue their initiatives to recruit women. They are also actively involved in politics and working with their communities.

Keep it up Eastern District!



## Midwestern & Southern Districts

In the **Central South Regional Council SIB Committee**, Sisters held education meetings with apprentices to provide information about ways to succeed on the job and at the UBC.

Sisters also participated in the Pasadena School District “fill the bus” campaign. This is an annual event where school supplies are collected for students.

Excellent Central South!

The **Michigan Regional Council SIB Committee** currently has 83 members, with 12 serving as mentors. They have been actively recruiting, mentoring, and educating members. Consider these examples:

- Helping Sisters find sponsors so they can start working.
- Showcasing SIB career booths at the Women’s Empowerment Expo in Detroit and the Labor Fest in Grand Rapids.
- Implementing goals to help the UBC and the Council. This is the focus of 19 Sisters who returned from the 2018 Sisters Conference energized and excited.
- Planning for educational opportunities at two new training centers scheduled for completion in 2019 – one in Negaunee and one in Wayland.
- Developing a package to ensure that new apprentices will have consistent information.
- Supporting Gretchen Whitmer for Governor, as well as campaigning for other pro-Union candidates.
- Battling right-to-work and anti-Union government officials.

Awesome Michigan!

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Southern Districts  
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In the North Central States Regional Council, the **Minnesota Metro SIB Committee** held a joint meeting with the Apprenticeship Committee. Their guest speaker was a contractor member who discussed the apprentice program; specifically emphasizing the role that continued training played in keeping a highly-skilled workforce, securing work for contractors, and securing jobs for workers.

Nice Minnesota Metro!

In the **St. Louis & Kansas City Regional Council SIB Committee**, Sisters saw the positive impact of their many months of campaigning to defeat right-to-work legislation, with the latest initiative being to get a NO Vote on Proposition A. Over 800,000 Missouri residents were engaged during the campaign. But most importantly, working Missourians showed up at the polls, which led to success – the Vote was 67%-NO, 33%-YES!

Check out these articles to learn more about this ongoing fight for workers.

Sisters Join Brothers on Workers' Rights Issues

<https://www.carpenters.org/committee/sisters-join-brothers-on-workers-rights-issues/>

Sisters Help Make Referendum a Reality

<https://www.carpenters.org/committee/sisters-help-make-referendum-reality/>

Right to Work is Wrong for Missouri

<https://www.carpenters.org/committee/right-work-wrong-missouri/>

Congratulations St. Louis & Kansas City!

## Western District

In the Northern California Regional Council, 36 Sisters attended the 2018 Sisters Conference. Back at their Council, Sisters continued their recruitment initiatives. These involved conducting outreach at high schools and at Community Based Organizations (CBOs). They also participated in the “Women Can Build” South Bay Career Fair in Morgan Hill, California.

Very Good Northern California!

In the Pacific Northwest Regional Council, the **Seattle Washington SIB Committee** hosted a backpack give-way for families of Carpenter members. Sisters collected donations for months to obtain funds to purchase supplies for the kids.

Brothers helped as well, pitching in at the event to serve pizza and beverages.

Click [here](#) to see the kids smiling and sporting their backpacks.

Super Seattle!

Also from the Pacific Northwest Regional Council, the **North Puget Sound SIB Committee** has seen increased attendance at their meetings. They have actually moved to an outdoor location, Legion Memorial Park, which allows members to bring their families and pets.

As for the future, Sisters are planning for the Women Build Nations conference that will be held in Seattle, Washington on October 12 – 14, 2018.

Splendid North Puget Sound!



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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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