January 2026

As we look toward 2026, we are focused on the opportunities ahead and strengthened by the unity of the union community that drives real progress. At the Union Labor Advisory Network, our work is rooted in pride, solidarity, and a commitment to uplifting working families and the communities they serve.

The year ahead brings continued growth—expanding workforce development partnerships with Level Up and other organizations, strengthening CTE programs, and advancing VFW remediation efforts through the ULA Network Charitable Foundation and Vets 4 Vets Community Construction Projects, creating meaningful union work while honoring those who served.

In 2026, we will continue championing tradeswomen, guiding the next generation toward apprenticeship opportunities, supporting union veterans, and elevating conversations around mental wellness and member benefits. This work reflects who we are—a community united by purpose and dedicated to the future of organized labor.

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Hello Heart Is Transforming How Unions & Benefit Funds Are Supporting Members Heart Health

Stephanie Campbell, MBA, BSN, RN, Senior Manager at Hello Heart, discusses how unions and benefit funds can support members' heart health. With nearly 20 years in healthcare, Stephanie shares how Hello Heart's digital tools—including a free blood pressure monitor and personalized app—are empowering members, improving outcomes, and raising awareness about women's heart health.

Watch Interview

Meet Tom Nolan, Apprentice Coordinator for Local 7 Tile, Marble & Terrazzo - Future in the Trades!

Meet Tom Nolan, Apprentice Coordinator for Local 7 Tile, Marble & Terrazzo. With 90 apprentices across three trades, Local 7 combines on-the-job training with classroom instruction. Apprentices earn while learning, gaining hands-on experience and guidance from seasoned professionals. As Tom says, "We teach the craft—and professionalism. The more you put in, the more you get out."

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In The News...

- **Major Union Victory–NIOSH Employees Win Full Reinstatement After Nine-Month Fight**
- **IAM Union, NFFE-IAM Join Federal Workers Rally Urging Senate Passage of Protect America's Workforce Act**
- **Hospitals Force Nearly 15,000 NYSNA Nurses Out on Largest Nurse Strike in New York City History**
- **Nintendo Faces New U.S. Labor Complaints Over Union Rights**
- **Environmental Workers Push to Join CWA**
- **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Owners Couldn't Bust the Union, so They Shut Down the Paper**
- **Hollywood, Pro Sports Union Talks Primed to Rally Labor in 2026**

Events/Conferences

Union Strong Webinar: Smart Union Communication Strategies to Reach Every Member
January 22, 2026 | 12:00 PM ET
This **Webinar** will explore how unions can build a smarter, more effective **multi-channel communication strategy**—one that prioritizes *owning the communication channel* and ensures critical messages reach members when and where they matter most.

Teamsters Scholarship Fund Fourth Annual Reception
January 31, 2026
OMNI Boston at the Seaport | 450 Summer St, Boston, MA
Join us for the fourth annual Teamsters Scholarship Fund reception.

Association of Benefit Administrators Lunch Meeting
February 3, 2026
RWDSU | 370 7th Ave, 5th Fl Conference Room, New York, NY
Our **first lunch meeting of 2026** features two timely and informative presentations focused on healthcare trends impacting Taft-Hartley plans and benefit funds:

- ***The Shift Toward Medicare Advantage: Causes, Consequences, and Market Impacts***
- ***The Importance of Clinical Utilization Management***

Be a Champion for Heart Health Kick-Off 2026
February 10, 2026
Penthouse 45 | 432 W. 45th St, New York, NY
During this stop on our U.S. tour, senior leaders will share:

- Key findings from the **2026 Heart Health Matters Report**
- The latest innovations in **medication management and AI-driven coaching**
- Outcomes from our **preventive approach**, including clinical impact, health equity, and cost savings

National Labor & Management Conference
February 12-17, 2026
Diplomat Beach Resort | 3555 S Ocean Dr, Hollywood, FL
Join us for conversations with national leaders, leading experts and your peers about pension fund infrastructure investment, cost saving strategies for health plans and more!

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- **Apprenticeships Are Powering America's Workforce: What the Latest National Data Shows**
- **3 Reasons to Choose a Direct-to-Employer Provider Network**
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BAC Local 1 NY representing at the
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