

Retired Members of Local Union #134, I.B.E.W.

# Retiree's Newsletter

NOVEMBER



2014

Newsletter, of the Retired Members of Local union number 134, I.B.E.W. - Send all correspondence to Retiree's Club, 600 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661-2490 - The Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month except December at Boyle Temple, 600 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL - The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of brotherhood, to aid and assist each other, and to further education, economic health and welfare of its members and their families and electrical apprentices. [www.Local134chicago.com](http://www.Local134chicago.com) Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

## FROM THE PODIUM

### ANTI UNION PRO POVERTY

The South has never been America's bright spot when it comes to things like poverty and health outcomes, but recent years show that there's always room for things to get worse:

North Carolina and a handful of other Southern U.S. states saw the biggest increases in the number of people living in what are known as "poverty areas" between 2000 and 2010, according to a new Census Bureau report.

Poverty areas are places where more than 20 percent of the people live below the federal poverty line, which varies by family size. For a family of four, the poverty line in most states is an annual income of \$23,850.

Note that Southern states were five of the six biggest gainers. This should not be much of a shock, as Southern states consistently lag the rest of the country in good things like wages, economic mobility and access to health care, while leading it in bad things like poverty, obesity and general unhappiness. Another thing Southern states have in common is conservative political leaders that have spent the past decade shrinking the social safety net. It's terribly sad and kind of a blot on the entire country that such a large region of the country could have such high poverty. But what's worse is that there are those who want to expand the policies that heighten the distress in the South across the entire country.

*Mario Coletta*

## CALENDAR

- Oct 25** Annual Local #134 Benefit Fair 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Nov 3**-E-Board Meeting 10:30am
- Nov 12**-Regular Meeting Local #134 Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> & Ridgeland Alsip IL 1:00 pm
- Nov 20**-Drury Lane Play "Camelot" Luncheon served at 11:30 am
- Dec 1**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
- Dec 10**-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon
- Dec 25**-Merry Christmas

## IN MEMORIAM

\*John E Altman      John W Blank  
Bruce E Barickman Jr      Noel Cates  
Edward P Carroll      Adam J Casey  
Jerry Feinstein      Richard C Felder  
Charles J Gabbert      Mihai Gall  
Clifford Gansky      \*Wayne M Goritz  
Ernst Hofmann      Thomas Keane  
Harold Love      Raymond E Loveless  
John T Magnuson      Andrew Mendoza  
Robert E Nield      Stephen Oster  
Francis P Peterson      Alan Quiroz  
Terry D Ratliff      \*Alfred S Rogers  
\*Robert N Smedberg      Vincent Weber  
Henry Williams Jr

Our condolences to the families of John E Altman, Wayne M Goritz, Alfred S Rogers and Robert N Smedberg. Bob was the Club's previous editor and E-Board member.

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2015 or 2016 your dues are due. You can pay your 2015 dues by filling in the form below and sending it with a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Retired Members of Local 134, To the treasurer Bernard Martin at 8706 N. Olcott Ave. Niles, IL. 60714.

Here is my 2015 dues of \$20.00

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include all information so that we can double check our records for the next mailing.

Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW and mail the check with this form filled in to Bernard Martin at 8706 N. Olcott Ave. Niles IL. 60714.

If you have a second address where you spend time for several month please let us know that address and the weeks or months you will be there on another sheet of paper, so that we can send the newsletter to that place when you are there.

NOTE! Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW club are Associate Members of the club and DO NOT PAY DUES.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:

## CAMELOT

Our next play will be held on Thursday November 20th 2014 and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Show to follow 1:30 pm at the Drury Lane Playhouse in Oak Brook Terrace. Your ticket order must be in Walter Felde's hands by October 31st, 2014 with your check for \$45.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Walter Felde will have your tickets at Drury Lane at the Matradee's podium. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

### The Meal:

**First Course:** Soup of the Day, Chef's Choice

**Entrees:**

**Tilapia** \_\_\_\_\_

Tomato Bruchetta

Or

**Traditional Roast Turkey** \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Breast, Herb Stuffing, Cranberries, Turkey Gravy

All- Entrees include Chef's Selection of garden vegetables, potato, fresh baked bread, desert and choice of one non-alcoholic beverage.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Send your order to:

Walter Felde  
6543 N Oshkosh  
Chicago IL 60631

The entire community of CAMELOT awaits the arrival of Guinevere, King Arthur of England's future Queen.

Members of the audience are quickly drawn in as the legendary characters King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, Sir Lancelot and Merlyn come alive in this exciting tale of love and chivalry. Some of the enchanting musical numbers include The Simple Joys of Maidenhood, The Lusty Month of May, How to Handle a Women, I Loved You Once in Silence, If Ever I Would Leave You and What Do the Simple Folk Do? In the end it is fourteen -year-old Tom who tells the world of Camelot's quest for right and honor and justice.

## September 10th 2014 Speaker

Lisa Kirk, of the Illinois Secretary of State's office was the featured speaker. Every year we have someone from The Secretary's office come and go over the "Rules of The Road" for us.

Lisa suggested that we should go mid-week, 9am to 9:30am or right after lunch for testing and renewal. Remember as we age we are subject to different testing requirements. These begin to become more frequent after ages 75. She also reminded us that as seniors we can get a state ID that will never expire. This is free and an excellent item to have as we may come to the time when we no longer have a license.

Lisa gave us all a "crib sheet" for the test, a book with all the questions and answers. The test is comprised of 15 signs and 20 questions. I acquired several extra copies, if you need one call me and I will get one to you. I have a limited quantity (312-914-4428)

Rich Sipple

## ANNUAL JOHN CUMMINS

### MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

We had a wonderful golf outing, there were 32 players. The weather was perfect, mid sixties, partly cloudy with a slight breeze. Old Oak CC was the perfect host. The grounds were plush and the service impeccable.

Menu: Grilled chicken breast or dinner cut roast beef with gravy, garlic red potatoes with gravy and green beans buttered. The fifty dollar raffle winners were:

Jerry Elia	Frank Costello
Bill Costello	Bob Jackson
George Berry	James Martin
John Armstrong	Tom O'Neil
Bill Riggio	John McCarthy

Our thanks to Local 134 for their annual contribution and to Goldberg Weisman and Cairo for the door prizes. A special thanks to new Retiree E-Board Member Kevin Gibbons for chairing the event and Vice president Jim Fliris for all he did to make this outing a success. Past E-Board member Hugh O'Connell used to chair this event and Kevin did a fine job making this golf outing a success.

THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION #134 IBEW INVITE YOU TO OUR  
**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**AT THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER**  
4626 NORTH KNOX AVE.  
WILSON AND KNOX, CHICAGO  
AT NOON, DECEMBER 10, 2014

FOR CORNED BEEF DINNER \_\_\_\_\_

OR ROAST CHICKEN DINNER \_\_\_\_\_

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for members and their wives is \$32.50 per person  
Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their  
reservation. Mail this reservation form to: Richard Sipple  
901 Pheasant Walk  
Schaumburg IL 60193

Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW  
Please allow enough time to mail your payment. We must know the total number of  
guests by December 3rd.

## **RECIPE EXCHANGE**

I am always looking for something easy. I like to cook but when I need to get the food on the table in a hurry it is nice to have something that can be prepared in a hurry. I think this might be the right recipe.

### **PORK CHOP SKILLET DINNER**

4 pork chops, 1" thick

¼ cup beef or chicken broth

4 medium potatoes, cut into fourths

4 small carrots, cut into 1" pieces

4 medium onions, cut into fourths

¾ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

Chopped fresh parsley, if desired

Remove fat from pork chops. Spray 12" nonstick skillet with cooking spray and heat over medium high heat. Cook pork in skillet about 5 minutes, turning once, until brown. Add broth, potatoes, carrots and onions to skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling, and then reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender and pork is slightly pink when cut near bone. Sprinkle with parsley. Follow cook times for pork carefully. Today's pork is lean and requires shorter cook times.

Overcooking pork will make it tough. You could serve with a nice salad, muffins or crisp apple slices.

## **OCTOBER 25th**

This Saturday is the 12th Annual Benefit Fair from 8am the 2pm at the Union Hall. It is a good time to get your Flu shot, pneumonia vaccine and new this year your tetanus shot. Look for the Retirees' Club Booth and stop by and say "HELLO".

## **OCTOBER 29th**

We are going for a tour at the Lagunitas Brewery located at 1843 S. Washtenaw in Chicago. We will have lunch between 11:30am and 12:45pm. The tour starts at 1:00pm. I only ask that you let me know if you are coming if you would like to sit and eat with the group. You can just order what you want off the menu and we will all take the tour at the same time.

## **NOVEMBER 12th**

This meeting will be held at the apprentice school which is located at 115th and Ridgeland in Alsip.

## **NOVEMBER 20th**

We will be going to Drury Lane for lunch and see the play **CAMELOT**. Sign up sheets are attached.

## **DECEMBER 10TH**

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center.

