

# Retiree's Newsletter

February



2015

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

It's been a hectic end of the year. The passing of our Business Manager Terry Allen and soon after the passing of Irv Blaszyński The First President and founder of our retirees club. Both these men deserve our gratitude for what they did and for their legacy. This Club would not exist without the generosity of our local and those who lead it. We can't take for granted all that is given to us. So our thanks as well as what the club can do in return for all they do for us.

The IBEW retirees Clubs have become important enough to be a part of the Electrical Workers monthly newspaper. They print information and events through out the IBEW locals. Every quarter there is a Retirees section in the publication. Our Club's contributor is Louis Rodriguez. He writes about what we do through out the year. He also includes a photo in the article Thanks Lou. A new board member Kevin Gibbons took on the Annual John Commins Memorial Golf Outing. This event was chaired by Hugh O'Connell who has since moved to Florida.

Last month we sent our condolences to the families of two of our members who passed. I failed to mention that they were charter members, the Club's pioneers, Leo Barcus and Jacob H Wright. This group is getting smaller and they also deserve our thanks.

*Mario Coletta*

## CALENDAR

**Jan 14**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm  
**Feb 2**- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
**Feb 11**- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm  
**Mar 2**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
**Mar 11**-Luncheon and odd year election for three E-Board members  
**Apr 6**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
**Apr 8**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm

## IN MEMORIAM

Terry P Allen          Ralph Anderson  
Charles W Ball          Louis Berman  
Robert Brandt          Stephen J Caliban  
Joseph L Chialiva      Robert W Colby  
Michael R Eberhart  
Leonard D Engberg  
Lawrence J Fishback  
Richard Garbe          Thomas F Gavin  
Steven S Gruca          \*James J Houston  
Lawrence W Judson  
Raymond J Klecka Jr  
Reginald Leonard      Licorish Ritson  
Meyer J Marcus          Eugene M Miller  
Edward J McDonough  
Willie Ollie              Earl E Peterson  
Raymond J Schaden  
\*Wilbert Scheer      Roy W Swanson  
John M Wickum      Ronald J Winchel

Our Condolences to the families of James J Houston and Wilbert Scheer.

The founder of the Retirees Club Irv Blaszyński suddenly passed and our condolences to his wife Lucille and family.

## 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

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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.

**First things first**, I would like to thank the Retirees' Club for the very generous gift card you gave me at the Holiday Party. I do not expect it and I must admit I have enjoyed being the program chairperson all these years. I started in 2007, so I must admit I could use some fresh ideas. If you have some or would like to plan an event yourself, please let me know. Gerry White 847-635-5659 or my email address is [germainew1@aol.com](mailto:germainew1@aol.com). I also was asked at the Holiday party about my Apple Cake recipe. It seems I forgot to include the degrees at which to set the oven at to bake the cake. It is 350 degrees for 45 minutes. I am so sorry about this. It is one of my all time favorite recipes.

## **RECIPE EXCHANGE**

### **TOPSY TURVY CHICKEN**

3 lbs. chicken pieces  
1 tbsp. melted butter or margarine  
¾ cup chopped onions  
¾ cup chopped green pepper  
½ cup parsley  
1 cup uncooked regular rice  
2 tsp. rosemary  
¼ tsp. pepper  
1-1/2 cups chicken broth

1 16 oz. can diced tomatoes  
Place chicken, skin side up, in shallow greased 2-1/2 qt. casserole dish. Brush lightly with butter. Bake uncovered at 450 degrees for 30 minutes or until browned. Sprinkle with onions, green pepper, parsley, rice, and seasonings. In saucepan, combine broth and undrained tomatoes and heat to boiling. Pour over casserole. Stir. Cover and bake at 400 degrees about 30 minutes or until chicken and rice are tender.

### **FEBRUARY 11th**

I have asked someone from the HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO, to come to this meeting but as of this time I have not been given the name of the speaker.

### **MARCH 11th**

I asked Ron Wittingham if he or someone from Megent could come to this meeting to talk to us about investing. Wouldn't it be great if we knew what to invest it and when to invest so we could make a bundle of money so we could live for every as millionaires. Well I am sure who ever comes will not tell us this or believe me they would not be working. They would have made their millions.

## Christmas Party

I want to thank everyone who attended our annual Christmas party. We had an excellent turnout, and the weather co operated this year. We had slightly over 100 in attendance and a good time was had by all.

Harrington's again provided us with an outstanding meal of corned beef and cabbage and I do not believe anyone left hungry. I look forward to December 2015.

Our hearts were saddened first with the loss of Bernie Martin's wife, Betty. Then Irv and Lucille Blaszyński were not able to be with us, what we did not know is that Irv would pass away just a few days later. Irv's loss is considerable to me; he could be cantankerous but always a gentleman. The founding father of the Retiree's Club of Local 134, he will be missed by all who knew him.

I hope you will all make the effort to attend our meetings and continue the legacy that Irv began 26 years ago.

Best wishes in the New Year!

## Gift Card Winners

Deloris Mahoney	Joan Minski
Linda Herrick	Jim Eaker
Laura Felde	Christina Czemske
Will Diesel	Garrett Meade
Al White	Julia Fegan
Ron Weil	Chris Connelly
Barbara Leineweber	Mike Smyth
Mary Alice Malone	Kitty Braus
Linda Kosloski	Kathy Folena
Rich Connolly	Ken White
Martha Meyer	

Ken White and Bob Mersch were given gifts for being first and second to send in their payment for the Christmas Party.

Thanks to Rich Sipple for organizing the event, his wife Diane for all she did and to Dan and Martha Meyer for all their help.

**ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 11, 2015**

**AT NOON**

**THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH**

**MEMBER OR GUEST**

**MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

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