



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

April 2025

The Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute located at 6201 W. 115th St. Alsip, IL

(enter the multi-purpose room on the west side of the school)

In March, June, September, and December, on the second Wednesday of the month, the Club meets at the Union Hall of 134 located at 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Chicago, IL

The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of our brotherhood. To aid and assist each other as necessary, to promote the social, economic, health and welfare of its members and their families.

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From the Podium

We had a great turnout at our March meeting with over 70 in attendance. Thanks to Brother Keith Berls for taking care of the catering. We had delicious, corned beef and cabbage along with various sides. We had more people than we were expecting yet there was more than enough food, and many took home doggy bags.

Our guest speaker was Ms. Anusha Thotakura. Ms. Thotakura is the Director of Citizen Action Illinois. She enlightened us on the sad state of and the many inequities in our nation's current health care delivery system. From pharmaceutical companies jacking up prescription drug cost to the health insurance industry rejecting claims and denying care. Throughout most of the first world countries prescription drug costs are regulated. Not so here in the United States, which is why we pay so much more for the same drugs than most other countries.

We also held our odd year elections. Sister Sue Kleczka and Brother Jim Martin were reelected to the Board with Brother Bob Pitlock filling the third seat. They were sworn in by Local 134 President Tim Fitzgibbons. A big thank you to outgoing Board member Brother Jim Duffy for his service to our retirees.

We along with members of 134's ReNew group will be grilling before the April 3rd Union meeting. This is a fundraiser for both of our groups so come to the meeting, The grilling starts about 5pm and the Union meeting starts at 6pm. Our guest speaker at our April Retiree Organization meeting on Thursday April 10th will be Irene Paterno from the Illinois Secretary of State's office to inform us about the Real ID, why you would need it, and what you need to do to get it.

In Solidarity,

Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

April 1, 2025... April's Fool's Day

April 3, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 10, 2025... General Meeting 12:00 p.m. meet and greet/1:00 p.m. meeting/ IBEW-NECA Institute/ Alsip, IL

(enter the multi-purpose room on the west side of school)

April 13, 2025... Passover

April 18, 2025... Good Friday

April 20, 2025... Easter

April 22, 2025... Earth day

April 24, 2025... "The DaVinci Code" mystery

April 28, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

Save the Date:

May 8, 2025... RockABILITY 2025

June 12, 2025... Honoree Luncheon

June 26, 2025... "Always... Patsy Cline

July, 2025... Possible Paddle Boat Trip

JUNE HONOREE LUNCHEON

HONORING 50-55-60-65- and 70- YEAR MEMBERS of the IBEW

Wednesday June 11, 2025

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

12 p.m.

Send this form and your check or cash for \$1 per person to the Treasurer before June 4, 2025

Make checks payable to:

Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW

Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

Please Print:

Name _____

Guest _____

Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members Club are the guests of the club and need not send in the dollar but are asked to send in this form with your name so we know how many people will be attending.

“Always... Patsy Cline”
musical

Featuring 27 of Patsy Cline’s biggest hits, this is the ultimate love letter to one of the most celebrated and influential performers of the 20th century.

Date: June 26, 2025

Cost: \$87 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.
Play follows at 1:30 p.m.

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
630-530-8300

Information: Jim Martin Telephone: 708-848-1833
633 N. Harvey Ave. Cell Phone: 312-213-6380
Oak Park, IL 60302

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musical

First course: ___ Mixed Green Salad

Entrees: _____ Cheese Ravioli: House Made Tomato Sauce,
Mozzarella, Parmesan Cheese, and Fresh Basil

_____ Roasted Salmon: Fennel Pollen Seasoned Five-
Grain Blend, Bourbon-Glazed Heirloom Carrots

_____ Bistro Steak Au Poivre: Peppercorn Sauce,
Potato Puree, Green Beans

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Can you receive a text. Yes: ___ No: ___

Guest's names _____

I'll have your tickets. Find me in the lobby on the left side, (look for my light pole, says 134). Please arrive by 11:15am. Any special requests "can't do stairs", table members, seat locations like (wheelchair, back row.) write on the form, please.

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local Union #134.

Send to: Jim Martin 633 N. Harvey, Oak Park Il.60302

In 2024 we had some changes in our membership roll call. We said goodbye to 17 members, but we also had the *following new members join*. As you can see, we have increased our membership by an additional 28 members plus filling the spots of the 17 who left us.

Ruben Almendarez	Scott A. Halvorsen	Edward M. Reuter
Cary Bonnett	Freddie W. Herringer	Richard H. Rosenkrantz
George W. Brown	Glenn Ithal	Randy Scholtens
John A. Bruzan	David J. Kasi	Robert J. Sinnott Jr.
Patrcia M. Burch	Terry Lampson	David Slavick
Gregory F. Burns	William J. Martinus	Paul Stewart
Isreal Carrillo	Gerry McDowall	John C. Szymczak
Michael Cierpiot	William McLean	John Taylor
Byron E. Coachman	John J. Mcoughlin	Artonio Velez
Mark P. Connolly	Kenneth C. Miller	Brian J. Wagner
Dennis Cook	Mark Mills	Charles J. Walker
Barry P. Cooper	Michael D. Moran	Kenneth Watt
Johnson Davis	Robert D. Nelsen II	Kevin C. Westre
John E. Fleming	James F. Nightingale Sr.	Gregory Williams
Michael Hardiman	Daniel R. Regan	Lonnie Williams

Reminders

Union Meeting

Before the April meeting the Retirees Club along with the Renew group will be grilling. This fundraiser begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Union meeting at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to come meet new people and join in brotherhood before our meeting.

United States Flag Etiquette

The Flag should be hoisted and lowered briskly. The Flag should never be allowed to touch the ground. The Flag should always be allowed to fly unencumbered. The Flag should never be flown in inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag. The Flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night ***if illuminated properly.*** *Guidelines to display the United States Flag per the VFW.*

NEWSLETTER

If you have a change of address or email, please contact me with your corrections so we can make the necessary changes to keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

20749 Acorn Ridge Dr.

Frankfort, IL 60423

cometsparky@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Jeffrey Ball
Richard J. Behnke
Richard H. Breen
Paul M. Brendel
Frank A. Coci
Carroll F. Doden
James K. Fielding Jr
Douglas P. Hall
James P. Kane
Henry D. Kuntz
Samuel P. Loconti
William M. Lynch
Richard B. Maish
Ronald H. Marsden
Warren R. McArthur
Michael G. McAuliffe
David J. Newman
Charles R. Paul Jr
Andres R. Reyes
Luis Rodriguez
John F. Shaw
Bradley J. Smith
Emmett J. Swerdon
Ronald Zemla

RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL 134 I.B.E.W.

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

Meet Monthly at 12 p.m.

Application for Membership or Dues Renewal

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ IBEW Card # _____ Date of Retirement _____

Dues Schedule

Members Renewing Dues ----- \$20.00

New Members:

New Member Dues ----- \$20.00

Initiation Fee (*one time only*) ----- \$2.00

Total new member fees ----- \$22.00

after July 1st ----- \$12.00

after October 1st ----- \$22.00*

*all dues monies applied to the next year

Please make all checks payable to:

RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL 134 IBEW

mail to the treasurer

BERNARD MARTIN

8706 OLCOTT AVE.

NILES, IL 60714

NOTE: Your Spouse will be an associate member per section 3.01 of our by-laws.

IF ASKED, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ No _____

Recruited by _____

GATEWAY TO LEARNING Presents

ROCKABILITY₂₀₂₅

RockABILITY Fundraiser

Thursday, May 8th, 2025
IBEW 134 Hall, Chicago, IL
5:30pm - 9pm

Celebrate with supporters, community leaders, participants, alumni, staff and disability advocates at our annual fundraiser for Gateway to Learning. After celebrating our milestone of fifty years of innovation last year, we're rocking out to a bright and inclusive future. Join us in amplifying inclusion for an unforgettable night!



The evening includes a buffet style dinner, music, dancing, and honoring our Rockstar Awardees!



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TO LEARNING

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#GatewayToLearning
#ActiveInclusion



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gatewaytolearning.org/rockability2025



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SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

How to avoid a scam:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit ssa.gov/scam for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.