



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

August 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

Emma and Sarah from Gateway To Learning were our guest speakers at the July meeting. Gateway To Learning is a not for profit that offers programs to help intellectually, and developmentally disabled adults enter the work force. One of their programs is Dorothy's Sweet Shoppe located at 4925 Lincoln Av on Chicago's North Side. Our Union has a longstanding relationship with Gateway To Learning. If you are in the neighborhood do stop into Dorothy's Sweet Shoppe and have a cup of coffee and a sweet treat. You can also order online at dorthyssweets.com

Patrick Gleason Voluntary Service Chief at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center will be our guest speaker at our August meeting. He will talk to us about ways that The Jesse Brown VAMC helps our veterans. He is also our contact for the essentials for soldiers' program for which LU 134 members donate underwear for our homeless veterans. At the August meeting we will be collecting underwear for our female and male veterans.

At our August meeting you can sign up for the Chicago River and Lake Michigan architectural boat tour which is on Wednesday August 27th with a boarding time of 9:45am. The cost is \$35 per person. You can also mail a check made out to "Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW" and mail it to Brother Keith Berls.

We still have a few spots available for our Labor History presentation on September 27th from 9:00 -12:30 at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute in Alsip. Sign up at the August meeting.

Our guest speaker at our September Luncheon meeting will be from the Illinois Secretary of State's office to talk to us about consumer fraud and how to avoid scams.

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

August 4, 2025... U.S. Coast Guard Birthday /1790*

August 7, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

August 14, 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)

August 25, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

August 27, 2025.... Architectural Cruise in Chicago/ 9:45 a.m./Michigan Ave. (north of the river) / Downtown Chicago, IL

**Flag Display Day*

Save the Date:

September 10, 2025... \$1 Luncheon/ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

September 17, 2025... Annual Golf Outing/ Old Oak Country Club/ Homer Glen, IL

September 18, 2025... "Dial M for Murder"/ drama

October 6, 2025... Field Trip to Cantigny Park/ Wheaton, IL

September \$1 LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

September 10, 2025

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

12 Noon

Catering by "Country House"

Send this form and your check or cash, for \$1 per person, to the Treasurer.

Make checks payable to:

Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW

Please Print

Name _____

Guest _____

To: Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

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

Wendela Chicago-Architecture

Boat Tour

August 27, 2025



*Wind your way through the "City" and see the
Beautiful Skyline*

Boat Tour

August 27, 2025

Are you interested in Chicago? Would you like to be out in the sun on a beautiful summer day?

Learn about Chicago's internationally known architecture as you discover the city from the riverfront to shoreline.

Sign up for this 90-minute river/lake cruise and learn about Chicago's Architectural history.

9:45-10:00 a.m. boarding time. \$35 per person

Launching on the west side of Michigan Ave., north of the river. Validated parking, \$14 at 430 N. Rush St. Enter Trump tower, elevator down to pier. Walk under Michigan Ave. to west pier.

If interested contact:

Keith Berls

630-697-5398

7511 W. 109th Pl.

Worth, IL 60482

send check made payable to:

"Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW"

“Dial M for murder”

Mystery

Last Call

An affair, a fortune on the line, and the perfect murder...But what happens when it all goes wrong? Find out in this riveting adaptation.

Date: September 18, 2025

Last Date to reserve: August 18, 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

“Dial M for Murder”

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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

_____ Roasted Turkey: Potato Puree, Gravy, Stuffing,
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

**24th Annual John Cummins Memorial
Golf Outing**

Old Oak Country Club

14200 S. Parker Road
Homer Glen, IL 60491

September 17, 2025

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each Golfer

Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Tee off shotgun start 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Lunch and Prizes after Golf

Name _____

Foursome partners _____

Cost for Golf and Lunch \$85

Buffet only \$30.00... 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Make check payable to: **Retiree Members Club #134 IBEW***

Send to:

John Cummins

503 Heather Ln.

Carol Stream, IL 60188-1721

630-335-3419

Reminders

"Dial M for Murder"

August 18,2025...**Last Call**...Last day to reserve

Architectural Cruise of Chicago

August 27,2025...Wendella Boat Cruise...*See enclosed flyer*

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 changes

If you have anything that you would like to see happen or know more about, come to our meeting and voice your opinion. I am always looking for more interesting content to add to our newsletter. If you have anything, send it to me. We have more than enough room for additional pages. Any changes in your personnel status let me know so we can keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

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Frankfort, IL 60423

CANTIGNY PARK

OCTOBER 6th, 2025

Come join us for a Fall Day at CANTIGNY PARK. CANTIGNY is a 500-acre park that offers educational and recreational experiences through beautiful formal gardens, visit THE FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM (The Big Red 1), and a MILITARY TANK PARK. The VISITORS CENTER offers a 12 Minute Introductory film about the park which you may watch at any time during the day.

Arrive at 9:00 a.m.

Parking \$6.00, free parking for Military Veterans.

Lunch 11:45 a.m. \$17.99 per Boxed Lunch

Reservations due by SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Make checks payable to: **Retired Members of Local Union #134**

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest _____

Send to: Sue Kleczka
710 Sugar Creek Dr.
Joliet, IL 60433

We will be having a delicious Box Lunch which we will pick up at THE CAFÉ, located on the right-hand side of the entrance of the VISITORS CENTER, and we will have our own room just for The Retirees and their guests to have their lunch.

All boxed lunch orders are \$17.99 and come with a Chocolate Chip Cookie, with your choice of Kettle Chips, and a Non-alcoholic soft drink, coffee or tea.

PLEASE SELECT THE BOXED LUNCH ORDER:

_____ ITALIAN HOAGIE, Hickory smoked ham, genoa salami, pepperoni, fontina, shredded lettuce, fresh sliced tomatoes, onion, banana peppers, and Italian aioli on a fresh hoagie roll.

_____ HERB-ROASTED TURKEY, Herb-roasted turkey with provolone, spinach, fresh sliced tomatoes, and garlic herb aioli on herb focaccia.

_____ HICKORY SMOKED HAM, Hickory smoked ham with creamy honey mustard, fontina cheese, pickles, shredded lettuce, and fresh sliced tomatoes on a pretzel roll.

_____ AVOCADO CLUB, Avocado, coconut bacon, tomato, green leaf lettuce, and vegan mayo on sprouted whole wheat.

_____ STRAWBERRY BALSAMIC SALAD, Spinach, strawberries, raisins, red onion, chevre cheese, candied walnuts, and strawberry balsamic vinaigrette.

_____ CHOPPED SALAD, Romaine, radicchio, carrots, cucumber, English peas, watermelon radish, crumbled feta, ditalini pasta, and citrus vinaigrette.

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Robert L. Adams
Iniece Brown
Thomas A. Douse
Steven L. Ehrhart
***Terrence M. Garland**
***Frank W. Hauser**
Donald E. Heimerle
John T. McNamara
Otis J. Parker
Otis J. Parker Jr
Donald Redmond
Richard E. Robak
Charles J. Smith
Emil I. Widitz
John J. Wolfe Jr

* Our condolences to the Families of *Retiree's Club Members* **Terrence M. Garland** and **Frank W. Hauser.**

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 _____