

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

# *Retiree's Newsletter*

August 2020

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

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## *Covid-19*

*Due to the Covid`19 Pandemic the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter has been halted until further notice.*

## **From the Podium**

### Requiem

Requiem eternam dona eis, Domine;

Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Recently, past president (2009-2010) and vice-president (2013-2014) of the Retiree Club Louis Rodriquez passed away after a valiant battle against a relentless malady. Lou also contributed to the Retiree Newsletter with his Commentary as well as numerous other contributions to the Club.

What I remember most about Lou was his welcoming and gracious manner to new and existing members of the Club. At the old union hall at 600 W. Washington Blvd., I would eventually end up sitting with Lou for our luncheons and next to him at the general Retiree meetings at the Apprentice school in Alsip. We would trade humorous barbs that many times involved his thick mane of hair and my lack thereof. However, what I remember the most was Lou's insightful questions of guest speakers at the regular meetings of the Club. In fact Lou was ahead of the current virus curve when he brought up his concerns about the manufacturing of our pharmaceuticals by the Chinese and how could we determine which of our

medications were they were manufacturing. God speed Lou.

## **Gangbox Lawyer**

Post under updates. Last month in this newsletter I was harping about the dismal state of the state's unemployment system (IDES) and how unemployed workers were experiencing painful lengthy delays in accessing the system and receiving their checks. I wondered where the unions regarding this situation were and not heard anything in the news, print or television. Unbeknownst to me at the time, our local union leadership and other local unions had hooked hundreds of our active members with Union Legal Services to facilitate their unemployment claims. I asked rhetorically what Mike (Boyle) do in this situation. I do not know exactly what Mike Boyle would do, but I do know what Don Finn would do and that is help the brothers in need.

Post under corrections. I used the term amadan (Irish) in last month's newsletter but spelled it incorrectly as amadon which for the uninformed means eejit (Irish) which for the double uninformed means idiot.

May all the Retirees stay healthy and safe,

In brotherhood, Jim Jennings

## IN MEMORIAM

Ronald W Anderson

Raymond O Bell

Eugene A Bleck

Robert K Brennan

James D Bunkley

Robert A Connors

David C Doolittle

John P Gabris

Robert E Gilbertsen

John E Hand

William L Heise

Zoltan I Horvath

**\*Thomas T Ibeta**

William A Jensen

James W Kapla

Harry Mansfield

Jerry H Nixon

Thomas F O'Grady

Ronald C Ottinger

Lawrence Reid

Harry Ringo

Arthur Rode

**\*Louis Rodriguez**

Abelardo Rodriguez

Roger H Sandberg

Scott P Schreiber

Phuljit Singh

Sever Tanta

David W Wesolowski

David Williams

Our condolences to the families of the Retiree's Club Members:

**Thomas T Ibeta** was a charter member.

**Louis Rodriguez** was a past President. (2008-2010)

## **Attention Club Members:**

Please review your records and verify you are current with your club dues.

Later this year we will be printing our 2020 -2021 Roster Book.

Please up-date your information !

Many members fail to review their information in the roster book. Please review and send any changes to Bernard Martin via email or the mail the dues renewal notice.

## Dues Renewal Notice 2020

You can pay your 2020 club membership dues by filling in the form below and send it to Bernard Martin along with a check for \$20.00, made payable to the Retiree Club Local 134.

***Note: Widows of deceased members of our club are considered associate members and DO NOT PAY DUES.***

### Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill in all current information so we can update our records.

Mail to: Bernard Martin

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