



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

December 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

I hope that you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday.

Elections of Officers and Board members will be held during the March meeting. Nominations will be during the February meeting. Please start thinking about this. Our group needs people to run for these positions. We need our Sisters and Brothers to be involved.

The guest speakers at our November meeting were very well received. Brother Alex Stenner a LU 134 Journeyman is working on his Master's degree in counseling and Sister Ally Masterson is a member of IUOE LU 399, is a Pre-Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. They spoke about various topics, and we had a lively Q & A session. Alex has a weekly zoom that is open to all called Blueprints for Mental Health. The zoom is on Monday evenings from 6 to 7pm. If you would like to be put on his mailing list email Alex at alex@wolfpacktherapy.com or go to <https://wolfpacktherapy.com/blueprintsformentalhealth>

At this time of year, it is important to remember that not all are as fortunate as we and members of the Union family are. If you are able donate to a food pantry or drop off a gently used coat at a drop box near you. Check in with friends and family, the holiday blues can hit anyone so let others know that you are thinking of them. If any of you need someone to talk to please do not hesitate to reach out to me, 630-853-9056.

In Solidarity,

Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

December 4, 2025... "Sister Act" comedy/ Drury Lane/ Oak Brook, IL

December 4, 2025... Union Meeting/ 6:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

December 7, 2025... National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

December 10, 2025... Annual Holiday Party/ 12:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

December 14, 2025... Hanukkah begins

December 21, 2025... December Solstice (GMT)/ First day of winter

December 22, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

December 25, 2025... Christmas Day*

December 26, 2025... Kwanzaa begins

December 31, 2025... New Year's Eve

**Flag Display Day*

***Half-Staff*

Save the Date

February 19, 2025... "On Your Feet" musical/ Drury Lane/ Oak Brook, IL

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

12:00 p.m. December 10, 2025

Come and celebrate the Holidays with fellow retired members. As usual we will be holding this event at:

Memorial Hall

Local #134

2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Chicago, IL 60616

We must have your reservation by December 3, 2025.

The menu will be a traditional holiday meal.

NAME _____

GUEST _____

The cost for members and their guests is \$50.00 per person. Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their reservation for an accurate count. Make checks payable to:

Retired Members of Local Union 134 IBEW

Mail this reservation form to:

Keith Berls
7511 W. 109th Pl.
Worth, IL 60482

"On Your Feet"

Musical

Filled with the exhilarating music of the Miami Sound Machine, this celebration of Gloria Estefan's greatest hits will have you dancing in the aisles.

Date: February 19, 2026

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

633 N. Harvey Ave.

Oak Park, IL 60302

Home Phone: 708-848-1833

Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

"On Your Feet"

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

_____ **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

Retiree Reach Out summary

From: Kyle Westfall (kisleutility@gmail.com)

To: hale_landes@yahoo.com; cometsparky@aol.com

Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 01:20 PM CST

This is a summary of our first initial Retiree Reach Out visits.

Our first visit was for brother Hale. Hale needed the cabinets in his laundry room raised a few inches to accommodate new appliances. Alejandro and Kyle were the ReNew members that assisted. During the visit, Hale was eager to jump in and show us younger JWs a few tricks and the job was completed within a few hours. Afterwards Hale was kind enough to treat us to lunch.

The second visit was to brother Charlie, who needed a TV mounted. The ReNew members that assisted for this task were Joey and Kyle. Charlie had a TV that was not functioning properly, and he ordered a replacement. When the new TV arrived, we showed up, removed the old TV and installed the new unit. During the visit we were able to talk with Charlie about traveling and the importance of attending brotherhood nights.

Our most recent visit was to brother Keith, who reached out and asked if we could come clean his gutters. The ReNew members that assisted for this task were Alejandro and Kyle. We arrived around 9 am at Keith's house and we were able to complete the job within 3 hours. During the cleaning we were talking with Keith about how the trade has evolved over the years, and how important it is that we fight to protect what we have. This initiative is not just about helping our retirees but to build relationships and strengthen our brother/sisterhood. Our great local will only continue to improve by strengthening the bond between our younger and older members.

In solidarity,

Kyle Westfall

ReNew 134 Recording Secretary

Reminders

Club Dues

As we approach the end of the year, it is incumbent on each member to review his current *Dues Status*. If for some reason you have accidentally missed this year's dues, you can add them to next year's dues and send them in to our Treasurer: *Bernie Martin*. When paying your dues please complete the form in this newsletter and send it with your payment.

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 there are any changes in your personal status, let us know so we can keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

cometsparky@aol.com

20749 Acorn Ridge Dr.

Frankfort, IL 60423

In Memoriam

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Samuel Alvelo
Jeffery J. Boots
Robert E. Brock
Donald Cooper
Robert F. Elliott
Gilbert G. Fari
Edward A. Fitzgerald
Timothy E. Fluellen
John J. Gleason
Marcin Gnida
Joseph D. Gregoria
Irvin J. Hansen
Michael H. Harris
John Hillebold

John F. Jaeger
Paul W. Kehres
Marvin G. Lichte
Jack W. Martin
Paul W. McNitt
Theodore McSwine Jr
Ronald J. Obara
Dennis J. Ostrowski
Keith J. Parker
Billy D. Payne
Kenneth L. Ries
Paul S. Sauve
Joshua J. Saylor
William Stine

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 _____