



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

February 2026

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 holidays. Our January speaker was Mr. Ed Yohnka from the Illinois American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU is at the forefront of the fight to protect our free speech rights and all of our Constitutional Rights. They have been so very important to Unions in particular. I urge you to make a donation to them, or better yet become a member if you are able at <https://www.aclu-il.org/donate-0/> ,

Our Guest speaker for February's meeting will be Mr. Bill Bianchi from the Illinois Single Payer Coalition. He will talk about the benefits of a national single payer health insurance system, such as improved Medicare for all.

Remember at February's meeting we will be taking nominations for all officers and most board members. Please consider running.

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

February 2, 2026... Ground Hog Day

February 5, 2026... Union Meeting/ 6:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

February 12, 2026... General Meeting/ 12:00 p.m. meet and greet/ 1:00 p.m. meeting/ Nominations for Four (4) Officers & Four (4) Board Positions for the March election/ Alsip, IL

February 14, 2026... Valentine's Day

February 16, 2026... President's Day*

February 17, 2026... Chinese New Year

February 18, 2026... Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026... Ramadan, 1st. Day

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

February 23, 2026... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

****Flag Display Day***

Save the Date

March 11, 2026... March Luncheon/Annual Meeting/ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

April 23, 2026... "Father of the Bride" comedy/ Oak Brook, IL

ELECTION NOTICE
RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL UNION No. 134,
I.B.E.W

ANNUAL MEETING
&
BIENNIAL EVEN YEAR ELECTION

MARCH 11, 2026

FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
followed by the
BIENNIAL EVEN YEAR ELECTION

to be elected

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER

&

MEMBERS of the EXECUTIVE BOARD:

FOUR TO BE ELECTED

Alan H. Sindelar, Secretary

"Father of the Bride"

Comedy

Father of the Bride is the classic comedy that has touched our hearts for decades. Based on the novel that inspired the Elizabeth Taylor and Steve Martin films, this hilarious yet bitter sweet play reminds us that the greatest love a father can give his daughter is to let her go.

Date: April 23, 2026

Cost: \$95 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	Home Phone: 708-848-1833
633 N. Harvey Ave.	Cell Phone: 312-213-6380
Oak Park, IL 60302	

"Father of the Bride"
Comedy

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

_____ **Three 2oz. Petite Filets:** Parmesan Crust, Potato
Puree, Brocolini

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

March \$1 LUNCHEON/ Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY

March 11, 2026

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.

Reminders

Nominations for Officers and Board Members

At the February meeting we will have nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 4 Executive Board members.

Errors in printing

In the January newsletter there was an error in the reporting of names of raffle gift winners. The name Alan Sindelar was incorrectly spelled as Allen.

Club Dues

Here we are in the New Year, and it is time to make our *Dues current*. If for some reason you accidentally missed last year's dues, you can add them to this 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 you have any changes in your personal status, let us know so we can keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

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IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the Electrical Industry.

Charles J. Anderson
***Timothy G. Benge**
Joseph W. Bunzol
Sam S. Dal Santo
Ronald Del Page
Karl Diede
Seth Dochterman
Frank W. Frisch Jr
Jason Gillen
Kevin M. Kaitchuck
Wayne W. Kencharek
Ted Kubal
Edward N. Levine
Tim P. Lynch

Carlos Maravillas
John J. McGough
John P. McKeon Sr.
Gerald E. Mylander
John M. Norman
Gary W. Ortner
Dominick Rallo
William H. Shelby
Steven A. Sisson
Robert Smith
Edward J. Streit
Rita D. Villarreal
Solon J. Weinberg

**Our Condolences to the family of Retiree's Club
Member Timothy G. Benge.*

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 _____

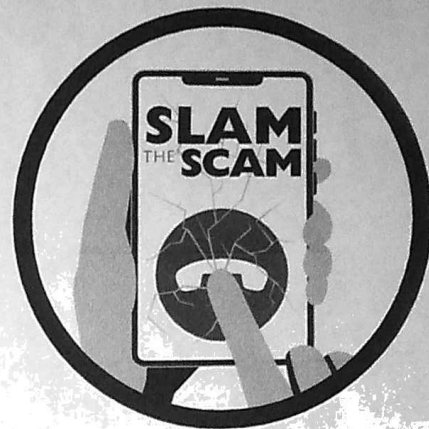
SCAM ALERT

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.