



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

January 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 everyone enjoys their holidays with friends and loved ones. We had a nice turnout for our Holiday Party where we were joined by Don Courtright and Jake Gariup from our sponsor William Blair & Company L.L.C. Thanks to Country House Restaurant in Alsip for a delicious holiday feast. Also, I want to thank Darlene and Vicki from the Sisters of 134 for the delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies!

Our January meeting will be on Thursday January 8th at the Apprenticeship School in Alsip. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Ed Yohnka. Mr. Yohnka is Director of Communications & Policy for the ACLU of Illinois.

We will have our elections in March, nominations will be at our February meeting, please consider running for an Office or Board position.

DO not forget that the regular Union meeting will be pushed back one week to January 8th.

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

The winners of the raffle at our Holiday Party were:

Art Rodriguez	Hale Landes	Kathy Sindelar
Steve Rolseth	Jeff Prendergast	Jim Martin
Keith Berls	Pete Merkle	Nancy Ohlsen
Ann Koch	Eileen Yankee	Bernie Martin
Paul Stewart	Allen Sindelar	Mario Coletta
Rusty Studenroth	Russ Ponder	Tim Tansey
Vernice Turner	Byron Coachman	

Also, two bottles of wine were given to Al Sindelar and Jerry Koch for being the first ones to pre-pay for the Holiday Party.

Important Dates:

January 1, 2026... New Year's Day*

January 8, 2026... General Meeting/ 12:00 p.m. meet and greet/ 1:00 p.m. meeting

January 8, 2026... Union Meeting/ 6:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

January 19, 2026... Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday*

January 27, 2026... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

**Flag Display Day*

Save the Date

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

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

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

Reminders

Club Dues

Here we are in the New Year and it's time to make our *Dues current*. If for some reason you have 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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"On Your Feet"

Musical

LAST CALL

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

Last Day to reserve: January 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
LAST CALL

First course: Chicken Noodle Soup

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

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.

"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 Elizabeth Taylor and Steve Martin films, this hilarious yet bittersweet play reminds us that sometimes 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:

James Martin

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Oak Park, IL 60302

"Father of the Bride"- Menu

Entrees (choice of one per person):

____ Veggie

Name _____

____ Fish

Phone _____

____ Meat

Number of Guests _____

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully acknowledge your contribution to the electrical industry.

George W. Biermann

Todd M. Collins

William J. Connors

Paul A. Dellinger

David W. Deruntz

Louis A. Hector

Garry M. Julien

Martin Sabastian

John J. Stasiuk

Arthur R. Thiele

Amy Thomas

Edward J. Vock

Roger J. Walczak

Donald J. Wesolowski

Chester J. Wiencek Jr

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 _____

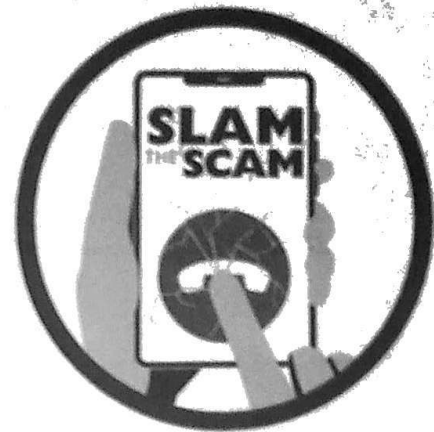
SCAM ALERT

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.