



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

July 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

Our June meeting was a success with about 100 members and guests in attendance. For the first time we had some young members from the Local's ReNew Committee there with us. Another first is that the luncheon and meeting were recorded for Powering Chicago's YouTube channel, "The Power of Better".

<https://www.youtube.com/c/poweringchicago>. I do not know when the meeting video will be added but when I find out it will be shared with you.

Also, at the meeting Business Manager Finn stopped in to congratulate the honorees tell us about how our Local is doing and answer questions. Our Local is doing very well, the outlook is bright and the books are low. We entered the final year of the current contract with an historic \$2.20 going on the check.

A question was asked about what we can do to help Organized Labor on the political front. One thing that YOU can do is make phone calls to areas, especially red districts on various topics through virtual phonebanks. Here are a couple of links.

https://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/?event_type=2&is_virtual=true

https://www.mobilize.us/aflcio/?event_type=2&is_virtual=true

Typically, all that you need to do this is a phone and a computer with internet access. Many of the phone banks offer training and most will give you a script as a guide.

Our speakers for our July meeting are with the Northside not for profit GATEWAY TO LEARNING. GATEWAY TO LEARNING provides lifelong learning for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote active inclusion at home, at work, and in the community. <https://www.gatewaytolearning.org/>

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

July 3, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

July 4, 2025... Independence Day *

***July 10, 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)

***July 26, 2025... Taste of 134/ 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m./ I.B.E.W.
Local #134 Union Hall parking lot/ Chicago, IL***

***July 27, 2025... National Korean War Veterans Armistice
Day ****

***July 28, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip,
IL***

***July 31, 2025... Renew 134 Bags Tournament/ 4:00 p.m.-8:00
p.m. I.B.E.W. Local #134 Union Hall parking lot.***

**Flag display date*

Save the Date:

August 27, 2025.... Architectural Cruise in Chicago

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

***September 17, 2025... Annual Golf Outing/ Old Oak Country
Club***

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



4TH OF JULY

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY

Taste of 134



2722 South Martin Luther King Drive

Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon of food, desserts, and camaraderie.

Saturday, July 26th 2025

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$10 PER PERSON
\$1 Food & Raffle Tickets

2nd Annual Event by:



DJ, Bags, and Facepainting for the kids
Water and Soft Drinks provided

If you would like to participate in the Taste of 134, you must bring your grill (if needed) and a 10x10 tent. Tables will be provided.



RENEW 134

**Bags
Tournament**

Thursday

July 31, 2025 - 4-8pm

\$15 Per Person - Teams will be chosen at random.

Union Hall Parking Lot
2722 S. King Dr.

Please email Renew@local134.org
to reserve your spot

Food and Refreshments
will be provided

**Bags... Also known as cornhole*

*Designed and Printed In-House

“Dial M for murder”
mystery

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

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”
mystery

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

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"

Reminders

Taste of 134

July 26, 2025...2nd Annual Taste of 134... *see enclosed flyer*

Bags Tournament

July 31, 2025...Bags at the Hall...*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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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.

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

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.

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Joseph D. Beljung

Anthony W. Mazzaia

Thomas J. Boyle

Thomas J. McInerney

Kenneth E. Brousil

***Harry Mitronis**

James A. Carlsen

Steven R. Mohseninia

Joseph F. Chaput

James P. Morris

Donald W. Cullerton

James B. Murphy

Donald G. Daniels

Theodore R. Nicolai Jr.

William R. Dee

Peter T. Ohehir

Joe A. DiMartino

Louis Perillo

Matthew P. Doyle

Robert E. Piper

Karen M. Evitt

Gerald Razowsky

Robert L. Glorch

George J. Roguljic

James J. Hlebek

Terry A. Timmerman

James M. Jacob

Bradley V. Venturelli

Timothy J. Lynch

Jerry B. Whitley

Nancy C. Mader

Tim R. Zindrick

Our condolences to the family of Retiree's Club Member **Harry Mitronis*

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 _____