



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

March 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

This is my final "From the Podium" of my term as the President of this fine and important organization. I thank all of you who participate in our meetings and outings. Without all of you who pay dues this organization may not exist. More important though, without those who participate there would be no reason for our organization to exist. Please, if you do not participate do try if you are able. I have enjoyed these past two years as President. This is due in large part to the Officers and Board members who have been there for me and who have my deepest gratitude, and to all of you.

I hope to see you at our March luncheon meeting. We will be accepting nominations for all Officer positions and most Board positions. Please do consider running for office.

Primary elections are coming up on March 17th. Many offices from local up to U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. If you are planning on voting by mail, remember that the new USPS standard is to postmark mailed items at the regional facility rather than the local post office as has always been done. This will result in the postmark being up to 3 days after the actual mailing date. (This will also apply to mailing your tax forms). If you mail your ballot the day before election day there is a very good chance that your vote will not be counted. To avoid this, you can:

- 1) Mail your ballot early, before March 13th.
- 2) Walk your ballot into your local Post Office and take it to the clerk and ask that it be hand postmarked.
- 3) Drop it into a drop box from your local election authority.
- 4) Take your mail in ballot to your polling place, surrender it to the Election Judge.
- 5) **VOTE IN PERSON**

Solidarity Forever!

Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

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

March 6, 2026- March 7, 2026... Tool Show and Open House/ 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m./ In Tech Technical Institute/ 6201 W. 115th St./ Alsip, IL

March 8, 2026... Daylight Savings Time Begins/ Spring Ahead

March 11, 2026... March Luncheon/ Annual Meeting and Election/ 12:00 p.m. meet and greet/ 1:00 p.m. meeting and Election for Four (4) Officers & Four (4) Board Positions/ Chicago, IL

March 17, 2026... St. Patrick's Day

March 17, 2026... Primary Election in Illinois

March 20, 2026... First day of Spring

March 23, 2026... Last Call "Father of the Bride" comedy/ Oak Brook, IL

March 29, 2026... National Vietnam War Veteran's Day*

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

**Flag Display Day*

Save the Date

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

March \$1 LUNCHEON/ Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY

March 11, 2026

Last Day for Reservations March 4, 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.

IBEW 134 + NECA CHICAGO
IN TECH
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

TOOL SHOW AND OPEN HOUSE



March 6th, 12-5 p.m.

March 7th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

6201 W. 115th St., Alsip, IL 60803



Leading Industry
Vendors onsite



New Tool
Demonstrations

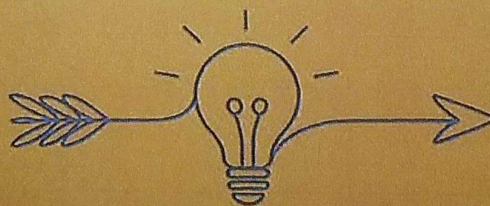


School
Tours



Registration
Information

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO LET
US KNOW YOU
ARE COMING



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Hello, everyone. We have rescheduled the labor history presentation that was postponed last year. It will be on Saturday March 28, 2026 at:

Memorial Hall

2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the presentation will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. coffee and water will be provided by Local 134 and our speaker, Dr Bob Bruno. Dr. Bob Bruno's honorarium is provided by Powering Chicago. *This event is brought to you by:*

EWMC, Electrical Workers Minority Caucus,

OHMS, Organized Hispanics Making Strides,

ReNew, Reach out and Engage Next Generation Electrical Workers,

The Retired Members of Local 134 I.B.E.W.,

The Rider's Club,

The Sisters of 134, and

The Veterans Committee

There is no charge for this event thanks to Powering Chicago and Local 134. Please register at the link below or by scanning the QR code.

You will need to make an account on the U of I site; it's a very short process. Let me know if you have any questions.



<https://go.illinois.edu/328>

"Father of the Bride"

Comedy

"Last Call"

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 bittersweet play reminds us that the greatest love a father can give his daughter is to let her go.

Date: April 23, 2026

Last Call March 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

"Last Call"

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, Broccolini

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

Reminders

Election for Officers and Board Members

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

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.

Health Clinic Issues

If there are any problems or issues with our health care clinic, Premise Health Care, such as; scheduling, medication, appointments, or other issues, please drop an email to Keith Berls at: pigpen134@gmail.com explaining the issues.

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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Frankfort, IL 60423

Recipe Corner

From time to time, we would like to share our favorite recipes with our brother and sister retirees. Any recipe that is quick, easy, seasonal or is just too delicious not to pass on, please send it to me and we will get it in the newsletter. It's up to you whether you would like to claim credit for it or not.

Cajun Sloppy Joes

Ingredients:

1 ½ lbs. Ground Beef (88% lean)	8 oz. tomato sauce
1 onion - white or yellow - diced	6 oz. tomato paste
1 green pepper – diced	2 ribs celery – diced
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	4 tbsp. minced garlic
1 tbsp. brown sugar	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground mustard	½ tsp. red pepper flakes

Brown ground beef. Add pepper, onion, and celery. Stir in tomato paste, tomato sauce and spices. Bring to simmer for 30 minutes stirring occasionally. Let sit for 5 minutes. Serve on corn dusted Kaiser Buns., or buns of choice

"Nunsense"

comedy

Get ready to laugh the summer away with the nuns from the Little Sisters of Hoboken. This beloved revue will have you in stitches as the five sisters stage a variety show fundraiser filled with outrageous musical numbers and zany comedy.

Date: July 16, 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

Home phone: 708-848-1833

633 N. Harvey

Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

Oak Park, IL 60302

"Nunsense" Menu

Entrees (choice of one per person):

_____ Ravioli

Name _____

_____ Salmon

Phone _____

_____ Petite filets

Number of Guests _____

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.

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Victor Arriola

***Robert M. Assise**

Donald G. Celmer

Jerome P. Craven

David H. Deroeck

John M. Devalk

Nestor P. Dekousian

***Richard L. Folena**

James R. Hicks

Mathew G. Jones

Andrew Kubinski

Vernon A. Lich

Rick A. Madison

***Joseph McNiff**

Richard T. Miller

James Orphan

Jerome J. Pancoska

Jim P. Pappas

Charles F. Prochaska

Robert Rassano

Edmond J. Sinnema

Charles H. Triphahn

Rudolph G. Waldukat

James E. Watts

Allan R. Wawczak

Warren W. Winkler

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club Members **Robert M. Assise, Richard L. Folena, and **Joseph McNiff.** Mrs. Nancy McNiff passed one day prior to her husband Joseph.*

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 _____