



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

May 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 April meeting was well attended and our guest speakers, Sheila Hallinan the Executive Assistant at the Secretary of State's Office of Public Engagement and Betty Kuffel Secretary of State Homebound Program from the Illinois Secretary of State's office were well received. The Homebound Program is a service program for older adults, bedridden individuals and people with disabilities who are unable to leave their homes to obtain a state ID card from a Secretary of State facility. The card may be used for identification purposes in the same way as a standard driver's license is used for identification.

Certain documents are required to obtain the card. Once an applicant submits the information via our web form, The Homebound Program office will determine eligibility, and the documents required to complete the transaction. For assistance to help determine if you or your loved one qualifies for this service, call 312-814-3121.

We learned about the REAL ID requirements and uses. Beginning May 7, 2025, the federal government will require every person 18 years and older to present a REAL ID-compliant state-issued driver's license or ID card or another acceptable form of identification - like a valid U.S. passport - to board a flight within the U.S. or enter a secure federal building. This does not mean that you must rush out to get a REAL ID driver's license or a REAL ID State ID card. If you have no plans to travel via airplane soon or at all or if you have a current passport there is no hurry for you to get one. More information is available at <https://realid.ilsos.gov/>. We also learned about the IL Secretary of State's The Homebound State ID program is a service program for older adults, bedridden individuals and people with disabilities who are unable to leave their homes to obtain a state ID card from a Secretary of State facility. The card may be used for identification purposes in the same way as a standard driver's license is used for identification.

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The guest speaker at our May meeting which will be at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute on **Thursday May 15th (note the date change for this meeting to the third Thursday of the month)** will be Dr. Jessica Cook Quarryshi from the Depaul University Labor Education Center to enlighten us on the history of the International Labor Day holiday known as May Day which has its roots right here in Chicago.

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

May 1, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 5, 2025... Cinco de Mayo

May 8, 2025... RockABILITY 2025 5:30 p.m.-9:00/ p.m.
I.B.E.W. 134 Hall/ Chicago, IL

May 10, 2025... Fundraiser Helping Hand Fund 2:00 p.m.-
7:00 p.m./ 115 Bourbon St./ 3359 W.115th St. Merrionette Park

May 11, 2025... Mother's Day*

May15, 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)

May 15, 2025... Peace Officers Memorial Day**

May 17, 2025... Armed Forces Day*

May 19, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip,
IL

May 26, 2025... Memorial Day**

**Flag display date **Display at half staff*

Save the Date:

June 11, 2025... Honoree Luncheon

June 12, 2025... CFL Scholarship Golf Outing

Silver Lake Country Club/ Orland Park, IL

June 26, 2025... "Always... Patsy Cline

JUNE HONOREE LUNCHEON

HONORING 50-55-60-65- and 70- YEAR MEMBERS of the IBEW

Wednesday June 11, 2025

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

12 p.m.

Send this form and your check or cash for \$1 per person to the Treasurer before June 4, 2025

Make checks payable to:

Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW

Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

Please Print:

Name _____

Guest _____

Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members Club are the guests of the club and need not send in the dollar but are asked to send in this form with your name so we know how many people will be attending.

“Always... Patsy Cline”
musical

Featuring 27 of Patsy Cline’s biggest hits, this is the ultimate love letter to one of the most celebrated and influential performers of the 20th century.

Date: June 26, 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

"Always... Patsy Cline"
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

_____ Bistro Steak Au Poivre: Peppercorn Sauce,
Potato Puree, 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



**8th ANNUAL
IBEW LOCAL 134
CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER
HONORARY CHAIRMAN: DON FINN
CHAIRMAN: MARTIN DWYER**

Thursday, June 12, 2025

**Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Ave
Orland Park, IL 60462**

**\$200.00 PER GOLFER/\$800 PER FOURSOME
18-HOLE SCRAMBLE, CART, LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS ON COURSE, DINNER WITH OPEN BAR
\$75.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES:
DINNER WITH OPEN BAR**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 8:00 AM
9:00 AM (SHOTGUN START)
OPEN BAR: 2:30 PM
DINNER: 3:30 PM**

GOLFERS PLAYING – INDIVIDUAL OR FOURSOME

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO OR USE PAYPAL QR CODE BELOW
LOCAL 134 CFL DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
EIN/TAX ID #82-1703927
MAIL CHECKS TO:
IBEW LOCAL 134
CFL DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOLF OUTING
2722 S. MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE
CHICAGO, IL 60616**



REGISTRATION DUE NO LATER THAN: JUNE 1, 2025



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025, 2-7 P.M.

@ 115 BOURBON STREET

3359 West 115th Street

Merrionette Park, IL 60803

Food, Beer, Wine & Pop

50/50 Split the Pot Raffle

\$1,000 Door Prize

Tickets are \$40 in advance

For updates & ticket info, contact us at 1-312-474-4151

or visit website www.helpinghand134.org

This Fund has been created to assist brother and sister members in need of assistance. Through all of the generous donations that we have previously received we have been able to help over 500 brother and sister members with various forms of assistance. With times being as hard as they are, this fund proves that you're not in this alone. And with your help, we can continue on this example of true brotherhood.

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Reminders

Meeting

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF MAY.

RockAbility

Come celebrate with supporters, community leaders, participants, alumni, staff, and disability advocates. There is a RockAbility Fundraiser at our Hall, Chicago, IL. On May 8, 2025/ 5:30 p.m.- 9:00p.m.

Dues

As previously seen in this section, our yearly obligation to the *Club* began on the first of the year. I'm confident that our membership is having the time of their lives, however we still need to bring our dues up to date. If you have any **Questions** about your status, please contact our treasurer, **Bernie Martin**. He will be more than happy to give you your updated position. ***Then fill the form out in this newsletter and Mail it, or better yet, bring it to our next meeting.***

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

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IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Carneil Carter
John R. Centanni
Anthony Colamonico
Mark L. Collins
Constantin Duca
Robert J. Dusek
Herbert G. Ehlers
Joseph D. Galassini
James M. Grennan
Richard I. Hidaka
Ramond A. Jablonski
Charles D. King
Karlos Kondratiuk
Jerome A. Lane Sr
Richard J. Miller
***Hugh O'Connell**
Richard J. Rossi
Richard F. Saunders
Edwin E. Sinars
Burton VanWetering
Eugene H. Walker
Patrick J. Wilson
John W. Wolke

*** Our Condolences to the family of *Retiree's Club Member Hugh O'Connell*. He was a former Retiree's Club Board Member.**

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.