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

***Retiree’s Newsletter***

 **February 2021**

The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of our brotherhood. To aid and assist each other as necessary and to promote the social, economic, health and welfare of its members and their families.

Mail all correspondence to Retiree’s Club, 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther Dr., Chicago, IL. 60616-2908.

Email: [www.Local134chicago.com](http://www.Local134chicago.com)

***Covid-19***

***Due to the Covid`19 Pandemic the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter has been halted until further notice.***

***All membership meetings are suspended until further notice.***

**From the Podium**

 The Retiree Club would like to welcome all new retirees including retirees that are taking advantage of the early retirement opportunities to the “afterlife.” We will be handing out a packet to each retiring members at the up coming retirement seminars with information about our Club.

Many thanks to Charlie and Keith for getting out this Club information in the Local’s quarterly report, as well as working with the Local creating a packet jacket for our Club’s informational sheets. Additionally, many thanks to the Local’s help in moving the Club’s printer and supplies from

the union hall to the apprenticeship school.

 Before I forget, in last month’s newsletter I incorrectly listed the temperature for making Tex-Mex Pot Roast as 125 degrees F. when it should actually be 325 degrees F. for three hours.

 Finally, we are as always accepting Club dues for 2021 for those members who may have forgotten to renew their Club membership.

**James Jennings**

**Attention:**

Business Manager Don Finn and NECA have negotiated the following two options to assist our active local members during these difficult times due to the Covid19 Pandemic.

First, Local 134 IBEW is offering an optional Special Assistance Program for our members born between June 2, 1959 and June 1, 1962. This Special Assistance Program will be open to more than 600 eligible members.

Those who elect to participate in this program will will retire effective June 1, 2021. They will receive unreduced Pension Plan 2 benefits and an additional $1000 per month supplement pension payment until they reach age 62.

Local 134 IBEW will be conducting eight pension seminars for those eligible to select this Special Assistance Program. These seminars will be Wednesday, March 3 ; Saturday March 6, Wednesday, March 10, and Saturday, March 13. Two seminars will be conducted each day for those eligible participants.

*We look forward to welcoming our future Brother and Sister Retirees*

Secondly, to help during this economic difficult time our active members are being provided a onetime opportunity to withdraw from their funds in Pension Plan # 5.

The window for a withdrawal is February 1, 2021 thru November 30, 2021 with the maximum distribution amount being the lesser of $37,500 or 25% of participant’s account balance at the time of application.

**Distributions are subject to mandatory 20% Federal withholding tax and an early withdrawal penalty if you are under 59.5 years of age.**

Local 134 IBEW sent a blast email February 18, 2021 from President Joe Biden to our membership and retirees.

The email included a video from President Biden thanking the IBEW membership and International

President Lonnie Stevenson for their support.

*“* Our IBEW members deserved to be treated with dignity and respect, not only in this crisis but every day.” He continued to thank us and recognized us as: *ESSENTIAL WORKERS.*

Great message to IBEW members from

President Joe Biden.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Thomas B Adamowski Richard N Lord

Carlo Agliato Henning Lustrup

Miguel Ayala James P Mackey

Thomas W Bates **\*Michael J Mahoney**

Dennis F Battain Vernon A Maloy

Richard E Berg **\*Robert J Marks**

Robert J Cuchran Kevin M Mattson

Robert E Dallstream Michael Menagh

John T Dowling Gary J Micheletto

James M Doyle Jaime C Ortiz

Robert S Dziadula Alfred D Recker

Federico Enriquez Troy K Risk

Holly A Iversen Juan V Rojas Jr

George A Jasinski Anthony Scelsa

Darrell E Kimzey Arthur A Szymanski

John Koleff Richard A Szymura

Robert L Kratky Matthew D Tirpak

Joseph T Kucala \***Michael B Turner**

James J Kurak Bernard D Whitehead

Donald J Larocco Douglas D Whitney

Thomas J Laughran Vincent J Zajdinski

**Our condolences to the families of Retiree’s Club**

**Members : Michael J Mahoney**

**Robert J Marks**

**Michael B Turner**

**Dues Renewal Notice 2021**

You can pay your 2021 club membership dues by filling in the form below and send it to Bernard Martin along with a check for $20.00. *Made payable to the Retiree Club Local 134.*

***Note: Widows of deceased members of our club are considered associate members and DO NOT PAY DUES.***

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Please fill in all current information so we can update our records.

 Mail to: Bernard Martin

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*If you have a second address where you spend time for several months please notify us of that address and duration of your stay. We will gladly re-route your newsletter.*