



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

November 2023

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

Hello everybody, I hope this newsletter finds you all well. First, I would like to thank Jim Valleyfield for his speaking on the veteran's association and the Essentials for Homeless Soldiers pick-up for the V.A. The club had donated \$100 to this and three of our members donated \$20 apiece. Our next speaker will be Ken Edwards from the MCL. I am sure he will be expecting a good number of questions about the services provided by them.

At the October Union meeting Business Manager Don Finn announced that the group life insurance premium has been set for the next three years. It will remain at \$168 per year. The Business Manager thanked the Local 134 staff and Officers for holding the line on the cost of this benefit. With this 3-year contract the \$168 rate will be in effect for a total of 12 years. ***Please keep an eye out for the notice, and make sure to pay your premium to keep this great benefit.***

There is an invite only breakfast this Saturday the 28th at the union hall for retired members who have 2 years or less of retirement.

The Renew retiree breakfast will be on the 12th of next month at Memorial Hall from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Good news about this upcoming Saturday's Labor Tour. We were able to fill the entire bus so this should be fun.

If you have not been receiving the newsletter by email, please send a test email to cometsparky@aol.com.

As always check the online newsletter for additional content. I hope you all have a wonderful few weeks and I hope to see you all at the November meeting.

In brotherhood,

K. Berls d719472

Coming events:

November 2, 2023... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

November 4, 2023... Essentials for Homeless Soldiers delivery

November 9, 2023... General Meeting 12:00 Meet & Greet / 1:00 Meeting / Alsip, IL

(enter west multi-purpose meeting room)

***November 12, 2023... Renew Pancake Breakfast
Memorial Hall Local #134 IBEW***

November 23, 2023... Thanksgiving Day

***November 27, 2023... Executive Board Meeting /
10:30/Alsip, IL***

Save the Date:

***December 13, 2023... Annual Holiday Party
Memorial Hall Local #134 IBEW***

December 21, 2023... "Cinderella"

Chicago Labor History for November

11/11/1887 Four Haymarket martyrs—Engel, Fischer, Parsons, and Spies—were taken to the gallows in white robes and hoods. They sang the Marseillaise, then the anthem of the international revolutionary movement.

11/13/1887 Funeral for the Haymarket Martyrs

11/14/1892 The second national convention of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was held Nov. 14th-17th in Chicago.

11/9/1896 Chicago Federation of Labor received its charter from the American Federation of Labor.

11/14/1900 The now defunct IBEW Local 158 was founded.

11/7/1902 The clothing cutters at The Montgomery Ward's department store go on strike to protest the company's use of nonunion subcontractors.

11/19/1904 6000 members of District Council 6 of The United Garment Workers Union strike.

11/20/1911 IBEW Local 713 founded. It was amalgamated with Local 134 on July 1, 1983.

11/10/1914 IBEW Local 182 founded. It was amalgamated with Local 134 in Dec. 1923.

11/30/1925 The Air Line Pilots Association is founded at a meeting in Chicago attended by 24 activists from across the country.

Compiled by Hale Landes

“Cinderella”

Last Call

Once upon a time in a faraway land, a young woman wished for a life as beautiful as a fairytale. Experience the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein adaptation of Cinderella this holiday season. This magical musical is sure to entrance families of all ages.

Date: December 21, 2023

Last date to register...November 21,2023

Cost: \$82 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 AM

Please Arrive by 11:15 AM

Play follows at 1:30 PM

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

630-530-8300

Information: James Martin Telephone: 708-848-1833

633 N Harvey Ave. Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Last Call for "Cinderella"

only a few days left

Last day for reservations and payment due
November 21

_____ *Vegetable Kabob* _____ *Filet of Salmon*

_____ *Roasted Turkey*

Name _____ phone _____

Guests' names _____

I will have your tickets. See me in the lobby on the left side, (look for my pole light, says 134). Please arrive by 11:15 a.m. Any special requests can't do stairs, ?????, seat locations, sitting with at lunch, write on form. Make check payable to: Retired Members of Local Union

I.B.E.W. #134 *Thanks, Jim (can you receive texts Yes__No__)*

Send to: JIM MARTIN

home 708-848-1833

633 n Harvey, Oak Park IL 60302

cell 312-213-6380

Reminders:

NEWSLETTER

If you are currently not receiving the newsletter by email contact me with your correct email address.

If you want to continue receiving the newsletter by mail let me know, otherwise **you will be taken off the mailing list.** You will still receive the newsletter by email.

If you submit a recipe and don't want your name on it, make a notation and you will not be mentioned.

Bob Pitlock editor

cometsparky@aol.com

2024 Dues

2024 Dues will be due January 1, 2024. Early payment is greatly appreciated. Complete form in this newsletter and make check payable to:

Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW

Send to:

Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Louis J Abele
George E Brown
Jack C Caudill
Casimer W Grendzinski
Walter J Hardy
Thomas A Hayden
James E Hynes
C Frederick Ingersoll
Joseph A Koenig
***Sheldon Lerman**
Robert R Mattison Jr
***Joseph P McCormick Jr**
Ronald L Olson
Phillip F Rossberg
Daniel Roth
***Thomas W Sinclair Jr**
Michael G White

** Our condolences to the families of
Retiree's Club Members, **Sheldon Lerman,**
Joseph P McCormick Jr and Thomas W Sinclair 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 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 _____

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Essentials for Homeless

★ Soldiers ★

**NOVEMBER 2nd Union Meeting Night
IBEW Local 134 will be collecting NEW (in
Packaging) Mens and Womens T-Shirts and
underwear.**

**We will be delivering to the Jesse Brown VA
Medical Center on Sat., Nov. 4, 2023.**

For more info contact
Jack Campbell @312-310-9913
Marty McElligott @312-909-3482
Jim Valleyfield @312-505-4068

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.

Salsa Chili

Ingredients:

1lb. ground beef	1 onion - diced
1 green pepper - diced	15 oz. tomato sauce
15 oz. pinto or chili beans	2 tsp. chili powder
½ tsp. red pepper flakes	2 stalks celery – diced
15 oz. chunky tomato sauce w/onions	
2 green chilis – diced or 4 oz can chopped green chilis	
40 oz. med. or hot thick and chunky salsa (i.e., old el paso)	
Cheddar cheese and/or scallions if desired	

Brown grnd bf. and onions. Combine all ingredients except beans into lrg. Crockpot (5 ½ qt.) Each can or jar you empty fill w/water and also add. Cook on low 8 -10 hrs or high 4-5 hrs. ½ hr before its done drain beans and add. Cook for remaining ½ hr. When serving top with cheddar cheese and/or scallions

“Fiddler on the Roof”

Set in a small village, the story of Tevye and how he tries to protect his five daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of political and social change.

Date: February 22, 2024

Cost: \$82 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

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Place: Drury Lane Playhouse

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Information: James Martin

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“Fiddler on the Roof” - Menu

Entrees (choice of one per person):

_____ Vegetable Kabob Name _____

_____ Salmon Phone # _____

_____ Bistro Steak Number of Guests _____