



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

November 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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Important Dates:

November 2, 2025... "Fall Back"/ Daylight Savings Ends

November 6, 2025... Union Meeting/ 6:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

November 10, 2025... Continental Marines Birthday 1775*

November 11, 2025... Veterans Day*

November 13, 2025... Monthly Meeting / 12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet/ 1:00 p.m. Meeting/ Annual Turkey Raffle/ Alsip, IL

November 16, 2025...Brunch and Bears/ 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

November 21, 2025...Union Hall of Honor/ 5:00 p.m. cash bar 6:00 Dinner and Program/ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

November 24, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

November 27, 2025... Thanksgiving* ****Flag Display Day***

Save the Date

December 4, 2025... "Sister Act" comedy/Drury Lane/ Oakbrook, IL

SOLD OUT

December 10, 2025... Annual Holiday Party/ 12:00 p.m./ Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL

February 19, 2025... "On Your Feet" musical/ Drury Lane/ Oak Brook, IL

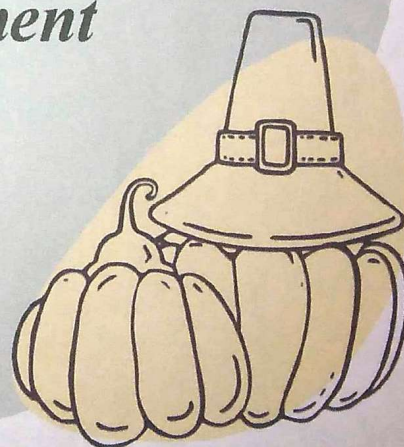


THE OFFICERS



*AND BOARD MEMBERS WISH
YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

Thankful for Retirement



**IBEW Local 134
RENEW & Veterans Committee
Invite**

Our 134 Retirees & Military Veterans

All Local 134 members and their families are welcome to attend

BRUNCH AND BEARS

Donations will be accepted at the door for current members
Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at event

If you would like to volunteer to cook/serve food please contact
ReNew at renew@local134.org

NOVEMBER

16

SUNDAY

Memorial Hall
10:00am - 4:00pm

KICK OFF TIME - NOON

Please RSVP to Kathy or Mary by November 5 - 312.454.1340

IBEW Local 134

Essentials for

Homeless

★ Soldiers ★

NOVEMBER 6th Union Meeting Night
IBEW Local 134 will be collecting NEW (in
packaging) mens white t-shirts and white
underwear. All sized needed.

We will be delivering to the Jesse Brown VA
Medical Center on Sat., Nov. 8, 2025.

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

Designed and Printed in House

Jesse Brown VAMC* Veteran Needs List (8/14/2025)

- **Denotes 2025 CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) 5 Star Recipient**

Household Supplies Needs List

>dish soap

>laundry detergent

>general household cleaner

>window cleaner

>toilet paper*

>paper towels*

Ground Coffee> ground coffee in original sealed cans/plastic containers/bags

Men's Underwear >briefs and undershirts (new- all sizes)

Men's Used Pants > jeans, dockers, cargo style pants (laundered and folded)

Men's Gently Used Shoes and Boots> all styles and sizes

Questions?

Email or call Patrick Gleason or Alberto Lopez

patrick.gleason@va.gov alberto.lopez@va.gov

***312 569-6334**

312 569-6327

Thank you for all you do!

From the Podium

Brother Jim Valleyfield was our guest speaker at our September meeting. Jim talked about Local 134's Essentials for Soldiers drive, its origin and the amazing contributions that members of Local 134 have made to help homeless veterans in Chicago with donations of socks, underwear, clothing and cash for the Jesse Brown V.A. Medical Center. This was Jims last time in his role in this endeavor as he will be retiring sometime next year.

Join us at our November 13th meeting at the school where our guest speaker will be Local 134 Brother Alex Stenner and his associate Ally Masterson. Alex is Clinical Intern and is pursuing his Master's Degree. Ally is a Pre-Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. Feel free to email Alex alex@wolfpacktherapy with topics you would like him to cover.

The ReNew Committee and the Veterans Committee will be hosting "Brunch and Bears" on Sunday November 16th from 10am to 4pm. This event is free to all Lu 134 retirees and veterans. All 134 members and their families are welcome to attend for a donation. The annual Terry Allen Family Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 13th from 11am to 2pm at the Hall. This event is replacing, at least this year, the annual retirees Pancake Breakfast that the ReNew Committee has been doing for us.

From the Podium

(continued)

Sisters and Brothers, many of our members come from immigrant families and many more are friends with immigrants. These are trying times with these racist and fascist policies coming out of Washington D.C. We are our brother's keepers. We are our sister's keepers. We **MUST STAND UP** for those who are being assaulted by our government actors. IN this newsletter you will find some information from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights. Please save it, print it, share it with all of your friends and family and ask them to share it as well. Their website is <https://www.icirr.org/>. It is up to us, all of us to do what we can to stop these attacks on immigrants. My grandparents survived the pogroms in Russia. I have family that escaped or survived Nazi Germany and sadly some who did not. Like many of you, I am sure, my father and uncles fought against the Axis powers in World War Two. They fought not just for America and Americans, but for all the people of the world to be free from fascism.

"First, they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

—Martin Niemöller

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

September 2025

Dear Friends of the Illinois Labor History Society,

The Illinois Labor History Society is thrilled to gather for the Union Hall of Honor Banquet Fundraiser and celebrate our Illinois labor advocates. This year's theme is *Building Coalition & Unity*. We are pleased to announce that this year we are honoring Jesse White - former Illinois Secretary of State; the late Cipriano Samonte - Filipino member of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP); Lonnie Stephenson - recently retired President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); and Larry Spivack - President Emeritus of ILHS and former AFSCME staffer. They are being honored for their lifelong advocacy of union and human rights, and for their work to engage union members and labor activists.

We are excited to have as our keynote speaker AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler!

UNION HALL OF HONOR

5 PM CASH BAR / 6 PM DINNER & PROGRAM

Friday, November 21, 2025

IBEW Local 134 Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL 60616

To commemorate the induction of our honorees, we will be creating a souvenir book. It is our hope that your organization will invest in our future by purchasing a greeting in this publication. A detailed ad specification sheet, which includes the deadlines, ad sizes, and costs, is enclosed with this mailing.

If you have any questions, please contact our Director Carole Ramsden at ilaborhistory@gmail.com or (312) 341-2247. Thank you in advance for your interest and support. We look forward to seeing you on November 21st to honor this year's inductees into our Union Hall of Honor.

In Solidarity,



Mike Matejka, President



UNION HALL OF HONOR 2025

Friday, November 21, 2025, 5 pm cash bar, 6 pm program begins

IBEW Local 134 Memorial Hall, 2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

Inducting Jesse White, Cipriano Samonte, retired IBEW President Lonnie Stephenson,
and ILHS President Emeritus Larry Spivack

with keynote address by AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler

TICKET SALES

Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-union-hall-of-honor-tickets-1685838280679> or by mail. A complimentary digital or print copy of the Union Hall of Honor 2025 Souvenir Program Book is included with each ticket.

▫ INDIVIDUAL	\$65.00	Ticket for an individual (Includes 1-year ILHS membership.)
▫ ILHS MEMBER	\$50.00	Discounted Individual Ticket for current ILHS members
▫ TABLE OF 10	\$900.00	Solidarity Rate

SPONSORSHIP AND AD SPECIFICATIONS

Each purchase of a full or half page Union Hall of Honor 2025 Souvenir Program Book advertisement includes acknowledgement during the Program. Each sponsorship also includes your level of support on all printed material for the event. Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsors will receive a certificate of appreciation.

GOLD SPONSOR	\$5,000.00+	Color Full Page Ad* plus 10 tickets
SILVER SPONSOR	\$2,500.00	Color Full Page Ad* plus 5 tickets
BRONZE SPONSOR	\$1,500.00	Color Full Page Ad* plus 2 tickets
FULL PAGE AD	\$1,000.00	8" H x 5" W*
HALF PAGE AD	\$500.00	3.5" H x 4.5" W*
QUARTER PAGE AD	\$250.00	2" H x 5" W*
SINGLE LINE AD	\$25.00	120 Characters**

Return this form and payment by Friday, November 14, 2025, to the address at the bottom of the page.

THE ILHS IS A 501c3 TAX DEDUCTIBLE ORGANIZATION.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION:	CONTACT PERSON, TITLE:
MAILING ADDRESS (NUMBER & STREET):	(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE):
EMAIL ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:

*Email your ad artwork in a high resolution PDF format or PNG by **Monday, November 3, 2025**, directly to: ilaborhistorys@gmail.com. If your organization is unable to create your ad in PDF format, we will be glad to produce the advertisement for you at no additional charge; please provide us with your logo and other information to incorporate in your ad (e.g., names, addresses, message).

Email your Single Line Ad text by **Monday, November 3, 2025, directly to: ilaborhistorys@gmail.com or type/legibly print your Single Line Ad message (up to 120 characters) here:

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

12:00 p.m. December 10, 2024

Come and celebrate the Holidays with fellow retired members. As usual we will be holding this event at:

Memorial Hall

Local #134

2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Chicago, IL 60616

We must have your reservation by December 3, 2024.

The menu will be a traditional holiday meal.

NAME _____

GUEST _____

The cost for members and their guests is \$50.00 per person. Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their reservation for an accurate count. Make checks payable to:

Retired Members of Local Union 134 IBEW

Mail this reservation form to:

Keith Berls
7511 W. 109th Pl.
Worth, IL 60482

“On Your Feet” musical

Filled with the exhilarating music of the Miami Sound Machine, this celebration of Gloria Estefan’s greatest hits will have you dancing in the aisles.

Date: February 19, 2026

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:

James Martin

633 N. Harvey

Oak Park, IL 60302

Home phone: 708-848-1833

Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

“On Your Feet”- Menu

Entrees (choice of one per person):

_____Veggie

_____Fish

_____Meat

Name_____

Phone_____

Number of Guests _____

Greetings, fellow Retirees. I hope you are enjoying your monthly reading. As your editor I'm always looking for more content to put into the newsletter.

I've come upon a small problem which I hope you can be of some assistance. As you know according to our by-laws, Article III, Section 3.01.1 states, "Associate Membership is extended to the active member or widow of a former active member...". So, as it states when a member expires his widow continues to be a member. However, we currently do not have any way of contacting the former member's survivor if there is a change of address or email address after such an event occurs. We have plenty of ability to add extra email addresses and/or change the existing address if we are notified of the change. Once something happens and there is no notification, we have no way of knowing if the current contact information is correct or has been changed.

I am asking everyone to address this situation. If there is a second email address to change to, we have the ability make the modification of a changed email address or changed regular address immediately on hearing of such an occurrence. If you could discuss this with your significant other, then if that person is interested in continuing to get our mailing, it will happen. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please notify me and our information will be brought up to date.

Fraternally,

Bob Pitlock

Reminders

Brunch and Bears

See enclosed flyer.... *Reserve by November 5, 2025*

Union Hall of Honor

See enclosed flyer.... *November 21, 2025*

Essentials for Soldiers

See enclosed flyer... *November 6, 2025...Memorial Hall/ Chicago, IL*

Club Dues

As we approach the end of the year, it is incumbent on each member to review his current *Dues Status*. If for some reason you have accidentally missed this year's dues, you can add them to next 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.

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 there are any changes in your personal status, let us know so we can keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

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Frankfort, IL 60423

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Richard E. Banks

James J. Burke

Sean M. Cassidy

Michael J. Comeford

Gregory Demos

Eugene H. DeVries

Glenn E. Dinicola

Edward M. Dorans

Darrick Howard

Edward J. Kral

Michael S. Kubik

Vincent M. Lorusso

Wilhelm Nuernberg

William C. Quick

Ronald M. Skowron

Donald L. Smith

Todd M. Tarczynski

Laurence Theriault

Larry Zykwia

Casimer Zyskowski

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.

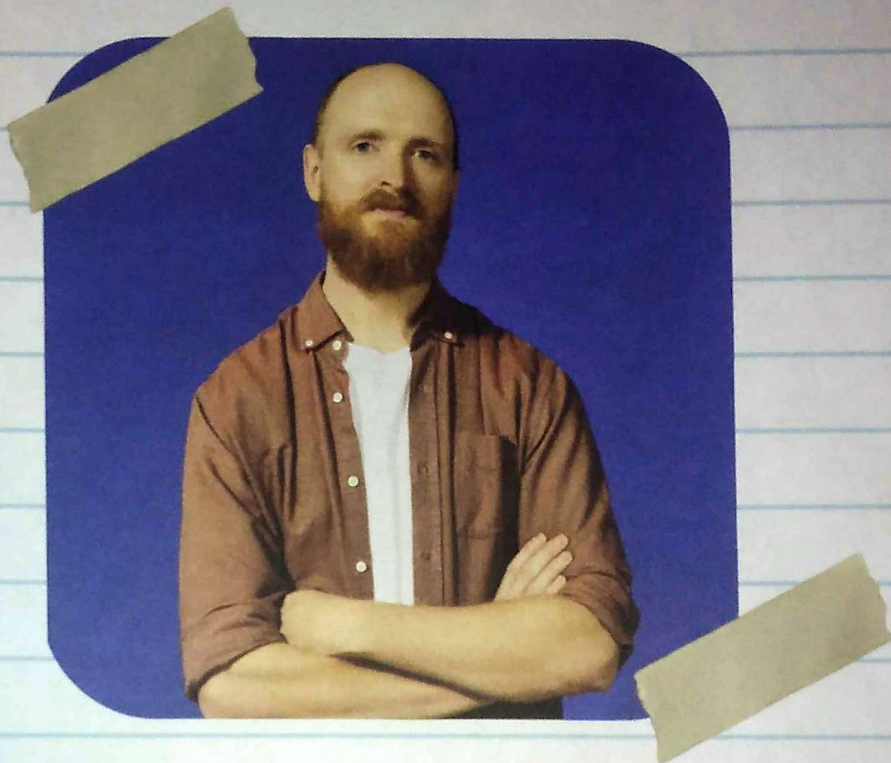
IF ASKED, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ No _____

Recruited by _____

WOLF PACK

Supporting People & Systems Through Change

**If all you have is a hammer
...then it's time for more tools**



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