



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

October 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

Thanks to Brother Keith Berls for putting our September lunch together and to Country House Restaurant in Alsip for the wonderful meal. Also, a shout out to Brothers Bernie Martin, Mario Coleta, and Jim Martin for manning the door and greeting our members and guests.

Our guest speakers were two Special Agents from the Illinois Secretary of State's Securities Department. They talked about fraud and scams. If you do not recognize the number or do not know the name from whom the call is coming, do not answer it, let it go to voicemail. One common scam that older Americans get hit with is someone pretends to be a family member who is in a dire situation and needs money. Now with A.I. as advanced as it is it can simulate a real person's voice so well that even a parent or sibling cannot tell the difference.

Our guest in October will be Brother Jim Valleyfield to talk about Local 134's Essentials for Soldiers campaign which collects NEW underwear and new or gently used clean clothes, jackets, and coats. Please bring your donations (there is a list of needed items in this newsletter) of cash, clothes, or personal hygiene products to the October meeting.

In Solidarity,

Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

October 2, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 6, 2025... Field Trip to Cantigny Park/ Wheaton, IL

October 9, 2025... Monthly Meeting / 12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet/ 1:00 p.m. Meeting

October 11, 2025... Benefit and Health Fair 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m./ Alsip, IL

October 13, 2025... U.S. Navy Birthday 1775*

October 13, 2025... Columbus Day*

October 27, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL

October 31, 2025... Halloween

**Flag Display Day*

Save the Date

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

Reminders

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

. Any changes in your personnel status let me know so we can keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

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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!

"Sister Act"

Comedy

Based on the hit 1992 film, this divine, feel-good comedy will have you rejoicing with your group this holiday season.

Limited Seating..... Only 10 seats available

Date: December 4, 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
633 N. Harvey Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60302

Home Phone: 708-848-1833
Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

"Sister Act"

Comedy

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

_____ **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

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.

Sheet Pan Maque Choux (cajun-cerole)

Ingredients:

16 oz. corn kernels fresh or frozen	1 sm. red pepper-diced	
12oz. Andouille Sausage ½" slices	1 sm. red onion-diced	
1 jalapeno pepper-cleaned de-seeded and minced		
4 tbs. unsalted butter-melted	6 oz. cherry tomatoes-halved	
1 tsp. dried thyme	1 tsp. smoked paprika	1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper	¼ tsp. cayenne pepper	¼ cup heavy cream
2 tbsp. chopped parsley	2 celery ribs-diced	

Combine spices in small bowl, set aside. Combine all ingredients, except butter, cream, and parsley in large bowl. After thoroughly mixed add spices and mix until well dispersed over contents. Pour melted butter over mixture. On a rimmed baking sheet covered with foil, pour ingredients onto pan. Roast for 35 minutes at 400°, turning after 20 minutes. Remove from oven, pour cream over and gently mix. Transfer to serving dish, add Parsley before serving over rice, orzo, or your favorite grain. Enjoy

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.

Leonard E. Bathje
Thomas H. Berlin
Thomas M. Blake Jr
Carlos A. Castillo
Harry J. Cimachowicz
John J. Connelly
Melvin Dathe
Ronald R. Edwards
Linda F. Farinella
James Farro
Donald J. Gross
Lloid L. Johnson
George H. Koop
James M. Lynch
Michael A. Marcus
Donald W. McNeff
Thomas Meehan
***Dennis M. Reilly**
***Arturo Senteno**
Francis E. Weber

*Our condolences to the families of *Retiree's*
Club Members, **Dennis M. Reilly** and
Arturo Senteno.

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 _____