



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

February 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 go out to Nick Corcoran from Megent Financial for speaking at our January meeting about changes to Social Security that could affect our public sector members and family members of any of our members.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all about cold weather concerns for seniors. Many of us have various medical conditions that do not go well with cold weather. Diabetes is one as it can impair blood flow which provides warmth. Thyroid problems can affect our body's ability to maintain a normal body temperature. Some maladies can restrict one's ability to put on gloves or mittens and to button or zip up coats. Medications, both prescription and over the counter can affect body heat. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to find out if this applies to anything you are taking.

Our scheduled speaker at February's meeting is Ken Edwards from the National Coalition of Labor (coalitionoflabor.org). Ken will talk about the changes to the coalition and update us on the specifics of the benefits that LU 134 retirees can get from the NCL.

In Solidarity,

Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

February, 2025... Black History Month

February 2, 2025... Groundhog Day

February 6, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

February 12, 2025... Lincoln's Birthday*

February 13, 2025... General meeting 12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet/ 1:00 p.m. Meeting/ Alsip, IL

enter west multi-purpose room

February 13, 2025... Nominations for Executive Board/ first call/ two-year term/ three to be elected

February 14, 2025... Valentine's Day

February 17, 2025... President's Day*

February 20, 2025... "Beautiful the Carole King Musical"

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

****Flag display day***

Save the Date:

March 12, 2025... Luncheon at #134 Hall

March 26, 2025... Tour of the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum/ Evanston, IL/ 10:00 a.m.

April 24, 2025... "The DaVinci Code" mystery

May 2025... Possible Paddleboat Trip

March \$1 LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

March 12, 2025

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

12 Noon

Send this form and your check or cash, for \$1 per person, to the Treasurer.

Make checks payable to: ***Retired Members of Local 134
IBEW***

Please Print

Name _____

Guest _____

To: Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

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.

Tour of the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum

(formerly known as the Mitchell Museum)

Wednesday

March 26, 2025

Starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Come join fellow brother and sister retirees and tour this museum. Learn about the native people that inhabited this area prior to European settlement. Long before European contact this region was a place of great significance for transportation, agriculture, trade, and commerce for many indigenous communities throughout the Great Lakes. The innovation and the complex infrastructure they developed served as a blueprint for Chicago to become the major metropolis that we live in today.

Contact: Hale Landes 630-853-9056

Or send payment to: Keith Berls 630-697-5398

7511 W. 109th Pl.

Worth, IL 60482-1018

Price: \$10 each We are limited to 60 people.

Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum

3100 Central St.

Evanston, IL 60201

“The DaVinci Code” mystery

Witness the action-packed novel live on stage as Professor Robert Langdon and Cryptologist Sophie Neveu race against the clock to unlock the secrets of DaVinci in this Chicago regional premier play.

Date: April 24,2025

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: James Martin

Home phone: 708-848-1833

Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

“The DaVinci Code” - Menu

Entrees (choice of one per person):

___ Vegetable Name _____

___ Fish Phone # _____

___ Meat Number of Guests _____



Retired Members

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Private Group

Come join us on Facebook

Reminders

Nominations

First Call for nominations for three seats available for a two-year term.

Dues

As we begin our new year **dues** are now officially due. Our Treasurer, Bernie Martin, will be more than happy to receive your payment of your dues for 2025. If by some chance you are remiss in your 2024 dues just add them to the new ones and Bernie will make the necessary adjustments with the books. Make sure you fill out the form in this newsletter and send it with your check.

NEWSLETTER

If you have anything that would be of interest with fellow retirees, a complaint, a point of view that needs to be discussed, or just a few words to make everyone feel better about being retired send it to me and we will do our best to include it in the newsletter.

If you have a change of address or email, please contact me with your corrections so we can make the necessary changes to keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

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Frankfort, IL 60423

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Recipe Corner

From time to 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.

Beef Barley Soup

Ingredients:

1lb. beef stew meat	4 bouillon cubes (beef)
1 box barley	32 oz. beef stock
½ med. onion – diced	1 bay leaf
3 carrots cut into small pieces	8 cups water
1 clove garlic- minced	¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. dried basil	1 stalk of celery - diced

Brown beef and onions in stock pot. Scrape fond off bottom of pot. Add all other ingredients except barley and basil. Bring to boil. Reduce to simmer for 30 minutes. Cook barley separately. At end remove bay leaf, stir in barley. Sprinkle basil on top then serve.

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Leonard J. Bliznik
Leonard T. Kolpak
Ronald R. Laff
Steven P. Masciopinto
Osvaldo Mendoza Jr
Joseph G. Moore Jr
William R. Mueller
Terrence R. Murphy
Walter Stromquist
Michael W. Ultsch
Kevin Vaughan

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 _____