



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

March 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

Our guest speaker at the February meeting was Ed Maher from the National Coalition of Labor (formerly the Midwest Coalition of Labor). Ed spoke about the history and growth of the coalition. For those of you not familiar with the NCL it was started in Chicago with 4 Building Trades Unions, one of which was LU 134 in response to the Supreme Court's Janus decision to fight right to work by offering extra benefits to Union members. The NCL has grown to over 50 Union Locals representing over 280,000 union members across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri and Texas and is rapidly growing. You can find out what benefits are available to LU 134 retirees at <https://coalitionoflabor.org/union/ibew-local-134/>.

At our March meeting, we will hold our annual elections for three Board seats. Nominations were held at our February meeting and will be open again at March's meeting. Also, at the March meeting we will have a guest speaker from Citizen Action Illinois. He will tell us about the advocacy work that they do and how you can get involved.

On March 26th we are having a private tour of the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum in Evanston. The tour starts promptly at 10am and will last for about 90 minutes. The cost is \$10 per person and guests are welcome.

In 2015 Local 134 started a ReNew Chapter. ReNew stands for Reach out and Engage Next generation Electrical Workers. While this group is geared to our younger members all are welcome. Some of our officers and board members go to the ReNew meetings. I am pleased to announce that our ReNew group has reached out to the officers and board to offer members of our retiree organization help that may be needed such as moving furniture or yard work, etc. If you need assistance, please call or email me. I will then contact the President of ReNew and he will contact members of ReNew to get us the help that our members need.

Finally, on Thursday May 8th from 5:30-9 pm Gateway to Learning is holding their annual Fundraiser at our Union Hall. Gateway to Learning's mission is to provide lifelong learning for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote active inclusion at home, at work, and in the community. Tickets are \$175.00 each, the early bird price is \$150.00 and will be available on their website.

<https://www.gatewaytolearning.org/>.

In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

March 5, 2025... Ash Wednesday

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

March 9, 2025... Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 12, 2025... Luncheon and Annual Meeting 12:00 p.m./

I.B.E.W. Local #134 Hall/ Chicago, IL

March 12, 2025... Nominations for Executive Board/ final call/ two-year term/ three to be elected

March 12, 2025... Biennial Odd Year Election/ Election of Board Members

March 17, 2025... St. Patrick's Day

March 20, 2025... First Day of Spring

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

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

March 29, 2025... National Vietnam War Veterans Day*

****Flag display day***

Save the Date:

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

July, 2025... Possible Paddle Boat Trip

March \$1 LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

March 12, 2025

Last date to reserve March 5, 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 you are asked to send this form with your name so we know how many people will be attending.

“The DaVinci Code” mystery
Last Call

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 premiere play.

Date: April 24, 2025

Last Date for reservation: *March 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: Jim Martin Telephone: 708-848-1833
633 N. Harvey Ave. Cell Phone: 312-213-6380
Oak Park, IL 60302

“The DaVinci Code” mystery

Menu

Last Call

First course: ___ Mixed Green Salad

Entrees: _____ Ratatouille: Golden-Baked Lattice Crust, Eggplant, Tomatoes, Zucchini, Bell Peppers, Served with a Red Pepper Coulis, With a Long Grain Wild Rice Blend

_____ Roasted Salmon: Fennel Pollen Seasoned Five-Grain Blend, Bourbon-Glazed Heirloom Carrots

_____ Three 2oz. 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

Retirees,

It's nice to be retired. Having the time to follow our pursuits without being encumbered to provide hourly labor to make ends meet. Newly retired members will come to understand what older members have already found out. *It's very nice.*

I would like to ask everyone that feels like contributing to our club to come to the meetings, talk with our members and officers. If you have any ideas for our organization, please let us know. We have different speakers come to our meetings to inform us about various topics. We also schedule events to attend such as luncheons, plays with meals in the early afternoon, and field trips. Only as contributing members can we make this a better time for all retired members. If you have any ideas for our newsletter, please contact me. We can always put more content in. We are constantly looking for more things that might be of interest to our members.

In closing, we are *the only ones* that can make things better than they already are.

Fraternally,

Bob Pitlock editor

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Reminders

Nominations

Last Call for Nominations and Elections for three seats available on the Board for a two-year term.

Tour of Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum

March 26, 2025 is our tour date for this event. This tour is limited to 60 people. Contact either Hale Landes or Keith Berls.

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.

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

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.

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Frankfort, IL 60423 cometsparky@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

Michael J. Anneca

Douglas E. Baker

Dominic J. Bottari

***Richard N. Buffa**

***William M. Burns**

Richard C. Caprio

Gregory S. Coffman

James E. Conrad

Lawrence L. Czachor

Emily J. Dowden

Colm F. Flaherty

Andrew T. Ganatos

Edward Glynn

Jacque C. Halvorsen

David F. Heinzl

Vernon S. Jennings

Robert K. Johnson

***Ronald M. Jones**

Jerry A. Katzmare

Mitchell J. Kostka

Robert LaPaglia

Leonard C. Leavitt

Robert G. McDonald

Reinhold K. Mertinat

Vincent Mondaro

William Paris

Richard F. Parker

John M. Quirk

Roberto S. Reyes

James M. Rogers Jr.

Richard E. Schatz

Louis J. Tiberi

Seferino Trevino

James R. Winters

Alan J. Zychowski

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club Members **Richard N. Buffa, William M. Burns, and Ronald M. Jones.*

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 _____

GATEWAY TO LEARNING Presents

ROCKABILITY₂₀₂₅

RockABILITY Fundraiser

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

IBEW 134 Hall, Chicago, IL

5:30pm - 9pm

Celebrate with supporters, community leaders, participants, alumni, staff and disability advocates at our annual fundraiser for Gateway to Learning. After celebrating our milestone of fifty years of innovation last year, we're rocking out to a bright and inclusive future. Join us in amplifying inclusion for an unforgettable night!



The evening includes a buffet style dinner, music, dancing, and honoring our Rockstar Awardees!



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TO LEARNING

#rockABILITY
#GatewayToLearning
#ActiveInclusion



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gatewaytolearning.org/rockability2025



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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.