

Retiree's Newsletter



APRIL

2012

Newsletter, of the Retired Members of Local union number 134, I.B.E.W. - Send all correspondence to Retiree's Club, 600 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661-2490 - The Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month except December at Boyle Temple, 600 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL - The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of brotherhood, to aid and assist each other, and to further education, economic health and welfare of its members and their families and electrical apprentices. www.Local134chicago.com Written & Edited by Bob Smedberg and Mario Coletta
Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

This will be my first attempt from my new position as president. To begin with, I want to thank Mario Coletta for his service to the Retiree's Club and to also thank him for continuing as a board member.

I want to restate that as a Club, we encourage input and participation from all of our members. It is critically important that we actively seek **your** help in making this Club successful! I want members to feel free to call, e-mail or write to me at anytime with suggestions, ideas or complaints. This is your Club not mine.

We will continue to present a view that **promotes** causes and ideas that are union oriented. We will also continue to provide members with the issues we feel retired seniors need to be aware of. Some of you may remember a time when a good friend of mine and I wrote a piece called "*In My Opinion*". There will be times when I may share that or you may disagree, I want to encourage you letting me know when that happens.

We must also **have your input**. It is critical to keep our members interested and involved. For example we are attempting to plan something to celebrate the Club's 25th anniversary. So far there has not been much input. We have a committee attempting this but we really need to know if you want to do this or not. To date, suggestions are for a late luncheon at a restaurant, one near the hall, one in Des Plaines, or possibly expanding our March 2013, luncheon to replicate the retirees dinner with a carving board type menu. Call me @ 312-914-4428 or e-mail me rsipple@sbcglobal.net.

I will close by imploring all of you to vote! I could tell you to vote for "our friends", but I won't. I believe that you all understand that unions and the working class in general are at a disadvantage and have been for a long time.

I believe that we must hold those *elected officials* accountable regardless of what party they represent. We have a myriad of problems everywhere we look, and the only thing they understand are phone calls, letters, and people that will stand up and make themselves heard. Yes, we do have a strong interest in keeping our UNION safe! It pays our pensions and keeps our benefits strong. Without union electrical work our benefits are in jeopardy!

Richard Sipple

CALENDAR

- Apr 11**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm
- Apr 26**-Drury Lane Play
"Hairspray" Lunch served 11:30 am
- May 7**-E-board meeting 10:30 am
- May 9**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm
- Jun 4**-E-board meeting 10:30 am
- Jun 13**-50,55,60 year Celebration
Lunch 11:30am Honor our Brothers
- Jul 2**-E-board meeting 10:30 am
- Jul 4**-Independence Day
- Jul 11**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm
- Aug 6**-E-board meeting 10:30 am
- Aug 8**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

“HAIRSPRAY”
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 26th 2012 and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Show at 1:30 pm at the Drury Lane Playhouse in Oak Brook Terrace. We were given just 50 tickets. Your ticket order must be in Bob Mersch's hands by April 1st, 2012 with your check for \$42.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Bob Mersch will have your tickets at Drury Lane at the Matradee's podium. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

The Meal:

First Course: Caesar Salad

Entrees:

Roast Sirloin _____

Sliced Sirloin Natural Jus

Or

Tilapia _____

Baked Filet served with a Lemon Beurre Blanc & garnished with Fresh Chives.

All- Entrees include Chef's Selection of garden vegetables, potato or rice, fresh baked bread, desert and choice of beverage.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:
Bob Mersch
5223 W. Madison Street
Skokie, IL 60077

“You Can't Stop the Beat” to this family friendly show that is piled bouffant-high with laughter and romance. Hairspray is an irresistible bebop musical that tells the fun, flouncing story of Tracy Turnblad, a large girl with big hair and a kind heart who only has one passion-to dance. Doing whatever it takes to fulfill her lifelong dream, she wins a spot on the popular TV dance program,” The Corny Collins Show” and is quickly transformed into a teen celebrity. She then successfully sets out to vanquish the program's reigning princess, win the heart of the super handsome Link Larkin, and racially integrate the television show. Songs include: “You Can't Stop the Beat”, “Good Morning Baltimore” and “Big, Blonde and Beautiful”.

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

LINCOLN PARK, OLD TOWN, WRIGLEYVILLE,
LAKEVIEW AND UPTOWN AREAS WITH
A STOP AT THE ELKS MEMORIAL BUILDING IN LINCOLN PARK

JUNE 5, 2012

10:00AM TO 2:00PM (LUNCH INCLUDED)
LUNCH WILL BE ORSO'S RESTAURANT IN OLD TOWN

MEETING PLACE: UNION HALL AT 9:45AM
600 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.
CHICAGO

(CUT OFF AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION)

NAME _____

OF TICKETS _____ @ \$36.00 EACH _____ TOTAL

Send your check for \$36.00 per person made payable to the RETIREES CLUB OF LOCAL 134, IBEW to Gerry White,
237 W. Millers Rd., DesPlaines, IL 60016, before April 30. If you have any questions, call me at 847-635-5659.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

This recipe was given to me by Laura Felde and although I have not tried it, it looks like it will be a winner at our house. Everything in it sounds good. I thought you might enjoy it with an easy to make drink, so I have include a recipe for Margaritas.

CHILI PARTY DIP

1 - 15 oz. can of turkey chili without beans
½ cup fat free cream cheese
1 - 4oz. can jalapeno peppers, drained and chopped

½ teas. hot pepper sauce (optional)

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and set over medium heat. Cook, stirring frequently, until well-combined and heated through.

About 7 minutes.

MARGARITAS

6 oz. can frozen limeade concentrate
3 oz. Triple Sec
3 oz. Tequila
Blender full of ice

Put all the above ingredients into blender and mix.

All sounds good to me.

APRIL 11th

We are having a speaker from the Water Reclamation District, come to our meeting to talk about the completion of the Deep Tunnel Project.

APRIL 26th

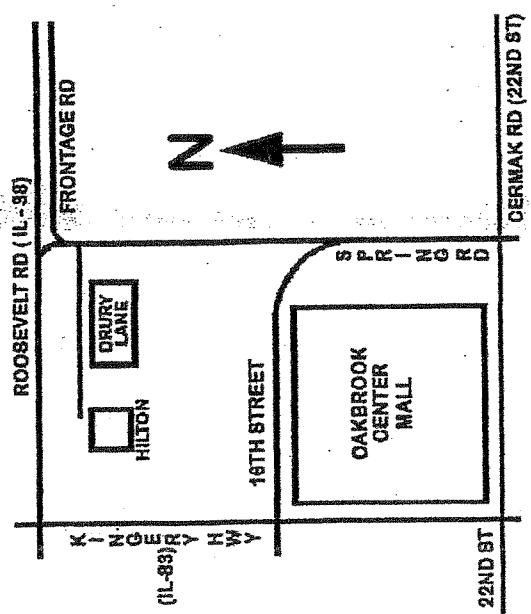
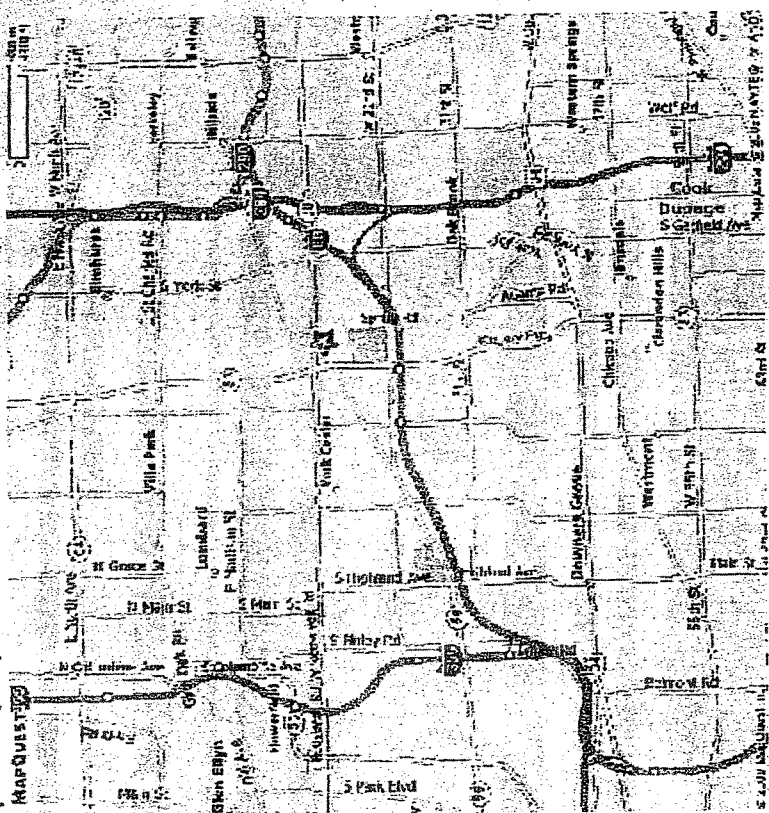
The Retirees are going to see **HAIRSPRAY** at the Drury Lane Playhouse. We are having lunch first and then the play. You and your friends can join us for this outing. The sign up sheet is enclosed in this newsletter.

JUNE 5th

Save this date and plan on going with us on a **CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR**. This will be our third neighborhood tour and I hope it will be as enjoyable as the other two. We are going to the Uptown, Old Town, Lakeview, Wrigleyville and Lincoln Park areas with a stop at the Elks Memorial Building in Lincoln Park. We will be stopping at Orso's Restaurant in Old Town for lunch. We have a sign up sheet enclosed with this newsletter. We have to have between 40 and 50 people to have this tour. If you want to sign up, your check will not be cashed until after final arrangements have been made. Therefore, you could cancel, if health or other commitments come up. We need to know if the tour interests you.

I have contacted but not got a finalized speaker for May but I do know that Ron Whittingham from Megent, Inc. will be at our July Meeting. I am trying to get at lunch at the Rivers Casino but so far everything is so expensive. Does any one know or have any connections there. Call me if you do at 847-635-5659. Thanks, Gerry White

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 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 74614
 Telephone: (630) 530-8300 Website: www.drurylaneoakbrook.com



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- FROM THE EAST (Downtown Chicago)**
- ☐ Take I-290 WEST (Eisenhower Expressway)
 - ☐ Keep LEFT to take I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA
 - ☐ Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
 - ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, (this will be SPRING RD)
 - ☐ Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
 - ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
 - ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

- FROM THE WEST**
- ☐ Take I-88 EAST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward Chicago.
 - ☐ Take the MIDWEST RD EXIT.
 - ☐ Keep right at the fork to go on MIDWEST RD/CN-15.
 - ☐ Turn RIGHT onto BUTTERFIELD RD/IL-56
 - ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-88 EAST ramp toward DRURY LN.
 - ☐ Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH.
 - ☐ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
 - ☐ Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LANE.
 - ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

- FROM THE SOUTH (ON IL-83/KINGERY HWY)**
- ☐ Take IL-83/KINGERY HWY NORTH
 - ☐ Merge onto IL-56/BUTTERFIELD RD EAST TOWARD IL-88 E/ROOSEVELT RD.
 - ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-88 E ramp toward Drury Lane.
 - ☐ Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH
 - ☐ Turn slight right onto SPRING RD.
 - ☐ Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LN.
 - ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

- FROM THE SOUTH (ON I-294)**
- ☐ Take I-294 NORTH toward WISCONSIN.
 - ☐ Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
 - ☐ Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
 - ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
 - ☐ Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
 - ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
 - ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

- FROM THE NORTH**
- ☐ Take I-294 SOUTH toward INDIANA-O'HARE (Portions toll).
 - ☐ Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
 - ☐ Take the exit toward IL-83 NORTH/CERMAK RD-22ND ST.
 - ☐ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
 - ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
 - ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.



Are Your Taxes Done Yet?

We again welcomed Linda Czechowski, from H & R Block, to our February meeting. Linda has spoken to us many times on one of our *favorite* subjects, income tax! She holds a Master Tax Advisor status and is very informative.

This tax year, 2011, does not have a lot of changes for us. Much of the hype is on what will happen with 2013 tax laws. Those could be especially onerous. The experts do not expect much, if anything, to happen until years end. Given past performance that could be very troublesome. With no action laws will revert back to the 9/11 laws.

Linda reminded us that this year's deadline is April 17th, so if you really want to push the envelope!!!! She also discussed *required minimum distributions, gift & estate taxes, charitable contributions and finally personal residence "gain" exclusions.* Linda also provided us with several handouts that are very helpful.

She finished with a Q&A session that was lively and also stayed after the meeting to answer further inquiries. The board thanks Linda for her time.

IN MEMORIAM

Edwina G Alexander
Abraham C Allen
Robert N Anderson Jr
Lester G Arndt Clyde L Bennish
Kenneth J Borkowski
Charles E Burns
Matthew E Crispin Harlan Dagele
Charles Doran Gerald E Dwyer
Chris W Garrett Donald D Griffin
William Gramhofer Jr
Nicholas C Gurrera
Sharon L Haberkorn
Redderick M Harris
Charles M Heinz Ray E Hogan
James Iori Daryl K Israel
Louis G Johnson Scott J Kelly
Raymond M King
Kenneth B Knox Edwin J Larson
Raymond W Lary Michael F Laux
Robert R Maloney John J McGady
Catherine M Morgan
Lester D Murphy Frank A Nasello
Patrick J O'Connell
Richard J Piasecki Joe Reasor
Daniel Riedy Gerard F Sauriol
Robert C Schroeder George Smith
Kevin M Smith
Ronald E Steelman
Thomas J Stone Brian J Whalen
John E Young John J Zeller

It has come to our attention that Jack Garner has been ill and we want to wish him a speedy recovery.

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL 134, IBEW

I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE
AND SIXTY YEAR MEMBERS AT THEIR
NOON LUNCHEON ON June 13, 2012

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 1ST TO:

BERNARD MARTIN
8706 N. OLCOTT
NILES, IL 60714

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

The widows of our deceased members only, are the Club's guests and need not send the dollar, but are asked to please send in this form with your name, so we know how many people are attending.