

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

# Retiree's Newsletter

April



2014

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](http://www.Local134chicago.com) Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

## FROM THE PODIUM

### My Last Word

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have helped me over the past 6 years. First of all, Irv Blaszyński, who I had seen for years around the hall before I even thought of re-tirement. My dear friend, Bob Smedberg, who became my riding partner, until he could not make it any more. Faithful Bob Mersch, who would always volunteer to fill a vacancy, I also thank Len Eggert, Dave Chapman, Jerry Warchol and long time board member Hugh O'Connell. Then I need to thank those who have continued to keep the club moving forward, Vito Alberotanza, Tom Bohn, Mario Coletta, Walter Felde, Jim Fliris, Don Mahoney, Bernie Martin and finally Lou Rodriguez. I also appreciate new board member and long time club member Rich Connolly, who is filling out Hugh's remaining year. Last, but thankfully, we have two newer additions, assuming that we have no other participants in the March 12<sup>th</sup> election. I am very happy that Kevin Gibbons and Jim Jennings have come on board along with the other duly

elected officials. I wish we would have more interest in how this club runs.

My very last most sincere thanks goes to Gerry White who devotes so much effort for the club. Thank You!

Rich Supple

## CALENDAR

**Mar 12**-Luncheon Meeting noon. Nominations & Election of Officers and the Board

**Apr 7**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

**Apr 9**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Apprentice School Alsip IL

**Apr 24**-Drury Lane Play Les Miserables Luncheon served at 11:30 am .

**May 5**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**May 14**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

**June 2**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**June 11**-50,55,60,65,70 year Celebration Luncheon noon, Honor our Brothers.

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL 134, IBEW

I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE  
SIXTY, SIXTY-FIVE AND SEVENTY YEAR  
MEMBERS AT THEIR NOON LUNCHEON ON  
JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

## LES MISERABLES

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 24th 2014 and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Show to follow 1:30 pm at the Drury Lane Playhouse in Oak Brook Terrace. Your ticket order must be in Walter Felde's hands by April 1st, 2014 with your check for \$45.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Walter Felde will have your tickets at Drury Lane at the Matradee's podium. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

### The Meal:

First Course: Soup of the Day Chef's Choice

Entrees:

Tilapia

Tomato Bruchetta

Or

Chicken Breast Marsala

Mushroom / Marsala Wine Sauce

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Send your order to:

Walter Felde  
6543 N Oshkosh  
Chicago IL 60631

Set in 19<sup>th</sup>-century France, it is the story of Jean Valjean, a burly French peasant of abnormal strength and potentially violent nature, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his starving sister's child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him to, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, Where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

Epic, grand and uplifting, LES MISERABLES packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world.

## February 12, 2014 Speaker

Our speaker was Willy (Wilhelmina) Teller American Red Cross volunteer. She told of the tornados that hit in the 1990s and the disaster response that was provided. Food, shelter and comfort to the families affected. Ninety seven percent of the Red Cross workers are volunteers and she encourages seniors to join the ranks. Money comes from donors and all of it is used for helping those who need it. Fire victims are offered clothing food and shelter.

There are five areas of services 1. Disaster response. 2. Preparedness and health and safety programs. 3. Services to the Armed Forces. 4. International services. 5. Blood services. One pint of blood can save 3 lives. The Red Cross is always seeking blood donors. Every 2 seconds someone needs a transfusion. Disaster victims of fires, water main breaks, national disasters like what happened in Colorado, need and get help from the Red Cross. Responders and trainees go to help when FEMA denies aid.

At the international level they give aid for Measles and Rubella with inoculations. If family connections are lost, the Red Cross helps to reconnect them even if it takes years. Here at home Red Cross tents are provided at the Chicago Marathon. The Red Cross Wounded Warrior programs are there to help military families. They deal with the chain of command.

World War I saw the birth of the International Red Cross as well as the International Red Crescent. There are 189 countries who are joined in this. There are health and safety courses taught in schools. There are several Red Cross offices in the area. We want to thank Willy Teller for all she's done. She can be reached at: 815 530 9847 and at: wteller@hotmail.com.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Jay Anzalone	*Thomas D Bahde
Nicholas Barrile	John Bucholz
Frank P Carroll Sr	Lawrence J Coghlan
William C Dent III	Eugene F Devaney
William Divito	Thomas M Dobry
Frank X Egan	Homer D Gillette Jr
*William M Guidotti	Daniel D Gusich
Arthur A Hicks	Robert C Hodges
Bernard J Joy	Bernard C Kucharski
Robert R Kuffell	Lawrence W Leeke Jr
Paul W Lowman	Joseph J Mangano
Frank Marinello Jr	Leo John Marks
Joseph Martin	Marshall D McCoy
Michael L Mickiewicz	Curtis Moore
Patrick J Mudro	Charles B ONeal
Jerome Pender	James J Poljak
Jerry W Rochford	John J Swain
Jacob H Thelen	John J Toman
Daniel E Wesesku	Wilbur A Woeslaw

We want to send our condolences to the families of Thomas D Bahde and William M Guidotti.

**SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS**

**JUNE 18TH, 2014**

**EVENT: Boomers vs the River City Rascals**

**COST: \$9.00 per ticket**

The park opens at 10:00AM, so you can plan on coming early so you can look around or maybe have your lunch. I did not plan a special place or menu for lunch because there was no discount for groups. They have the usual baseball park food, so I am sure you will find something you like.

You can invite someone who is not a member of the Retires Club to this event and please ask your spouse.

If you could send in your check and the bottom portion of this sheet before May 12th, I would appreciate it.

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Cut and return bottom portion of this sheet

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY AND ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF TICKETS** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$9.00 EACH**

Send your check for \$9.00 per person made payable to the Retirees Club of Local 134, IBEW, to Gerry White, 237 W. Millers Rd, DesPlaines, IL 60016. If you have any questions, call me at 847-635-5659.

Interesting History

Where did Piss Poor come from?

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery.....if you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor"

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot.....they "didn't have a pot to piss in" & were the lowest of the low

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June.. However, since they were starting to smell . . . . . Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting Married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then

the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2014 or 2015 your dues are due. You can pay your 2014 dues by filling in the form below and sending it with a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Retired Members of Local 134, To the treasurer Bernard Martin at 8706 N. Olcott Ave. Niles, IL. 60714.

Here is my 2014 dues of \$20.00

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include all information so that we can double check our records for the next mailing.

Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW and mail the check with this form filled in to Bernard Martin at 8706 N. Olcott Ave. Niles IL. 60714.

If you have a second address where you spend time for several month please let us know that address and the weeks or months you will be there on another sheet of paper, so that we can send the newsletter to that place when you are there.

NOTE! Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW club are Associate Members of the club and DO NOT PAY DUES.

## RECIPE EXCHANGE

### EASY APPLE DESSERT

½ cup flour

½ cup sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon nutmeg

2-3 medium apples, peeled, & chopped

¼ cup raisins

1 egg, slightly beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9" pie plate with butter or nonstick cooking spray.

In medium bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg. Mix well.

Add chopped apples and raisins to dry mixture, stirring lightly to coat.

Combine egg and vanilla in a small bowl.

Add egg mixture to the apple mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened.

Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until lightly browned.

Serves six.

### APRIL 9th

Regina Rathnau an attorney at law will be our guest speaker. Our APRIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL. I put that in caps so you go to 115th and Ridgeland instead of the Union Hall.

### APRIL 24th

We are going to the Drury Lane Playhouse to see LES MISERABLES. Be sure you send in your reservations by April 1st, to Wally Felde to save a spot for an enjoyable afternoon of lunch and the play. See attached reservation sheet.

### MAY 14th

Taveres Williams is coming to this meeting to explain how to obtain and use the new Ventra Card. Mr. Williams is a Community Relations Representation from Pace Bus.

### JUNE 11th

We will be honoring our 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 year members at this meeting. Mary Anne Riehl will be entertaining us with enjoyable music during the luncheon. See attached reservation sheet

### JUNE 18th

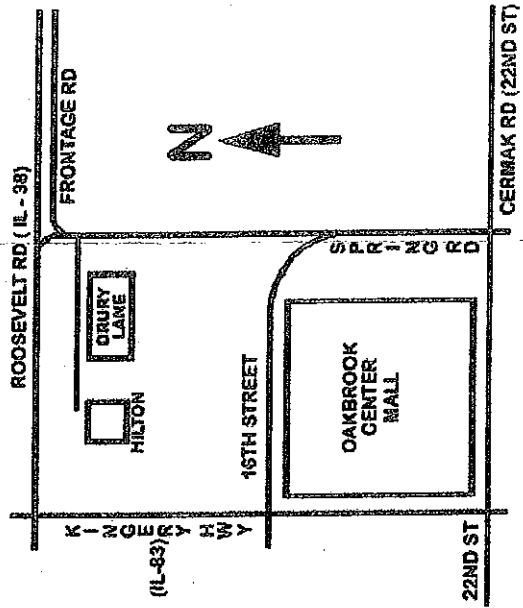
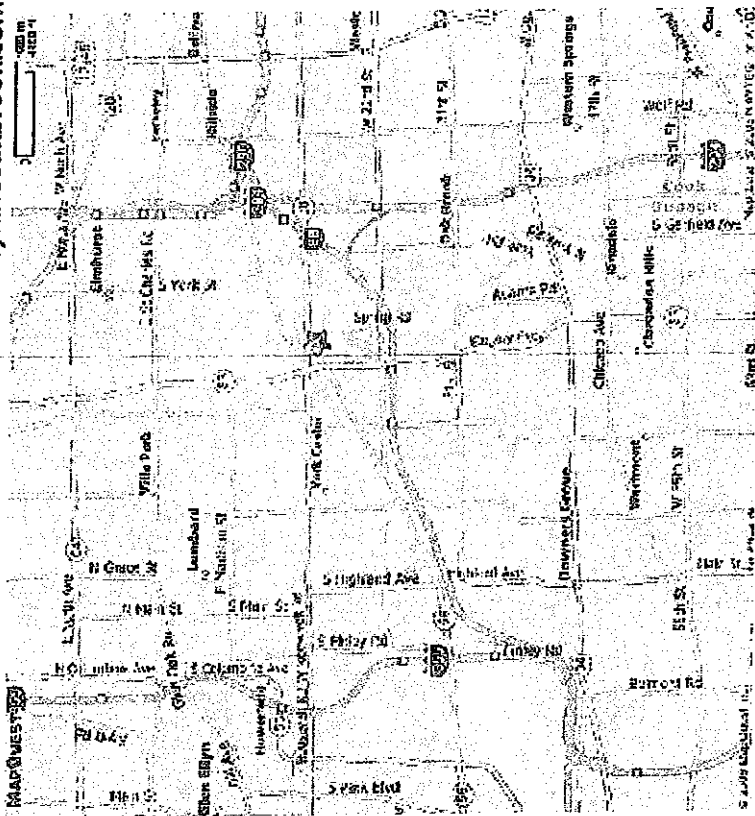
I have scheduled an afternoon at Schaumburg Boomers Stadium, to see the Boomers play the River City Rascals. The game starts at 11:00AM. There is food served at the park, but I did not order or plan any meal since there was no special discount or meal for groups. See attached reservation sheet to sign up.

### JULY 9th

We have a speaker coming from NECA to this meeting and it will be held at the Apprentice School in Alsip.



**DRURY LANE THEATRE - OAKBROOK**  
 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 ~4614  
 Telephone: (630) 530-8300 Website: [www.drurylaneoakbrook.com](http://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/22<sup>ND</sup> ST EXIT.
- ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22<sup>ND</sup> 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/CR-15.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto BUTTERFIELD RD/IL-56.
- ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 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-38 E/ROOSEVELT RD.
- ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 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/22<sup>ND</sup> ST EXIT.
- ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22<sup>ND</sup> 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.