

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

# Retiree's Newsletter



APRIL

2015

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

There was another Life Insurance Committee meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the apprentice school Business Manager Don Finn started the meeting. He explained that the decision of our Met Life insurance policy would be made by the membership, consisting of active members and retirees. The Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> union meeting will have explanations of what the life insurance committee has discussed. On April 4<sup>th</sup> a letter of explanation from the Business Manager will be mailed to the membership. Retiree Ed Pierce who was an active contributor to the committee meetings will also send the membership a letter on April 6<sup>th</sup>. On April 9<sup>th</sup> ballots to choose among the options will be mailed to the membership. The ballots are due by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Office Manager Tim Fitzgibbons spoke of the options that we were to choose from. The first option was to keep the benefits and the cost the way they are right now which is \$7500 till age 65 then \$5000 till age 70 when it becomes \$3750. The cost is \$15 a quarter for active members, an annual premium of \$60 a year for retirees. The second option is everyone both active and retirees get the same \$7500 benefit at the new rate of \$33 per quarter or an annual premium of \$132 per year for retirees. The third option is \$10,000 for active members and \$7500 for retirees. The premium will be \$33.25 per quarter and the annual premium for retirees will be an annual premium of \$133.

After the ballots are counted the decision will not go into effect till January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. The reason being to break an existing plan and restart would cost from \$230,000 to \$400,000 adding another increase to the premium. The new plan would be locked in for three years, when an increase in premium is expected. What we must remember is that having a large membership affords us, no matter what option we choose a good benefit at a reasonable cost.

*Mario Coletta*

## CALENDAR

- Mar 2**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
- Mar 11**-Luncheon and odd year election for three E-Board members.
- Mar 30** E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
This meeting will be held at the Apprentice School.
- Apr 8**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm  
Apprentice school 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL Come at noon for the Greet and Meet.
- Apr 27**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
This meeting will be held at the Apprentice School.
- May 13**- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm  
Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL Come at noon for the Greet and Meet.
- May 18**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
This meeting will be held at the Apprentice School.

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2015 or 2016 your dues are due. You can pay your 2015 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 2015 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.

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 Speaker

On February 11<sup>th</sup> we were honored to have speakers from Honor Flight Chicago, I was unaware that they were going to be here when I put the note in our last newsletter.

The speakers were Pat Ischinger and Dave Dionne, both volunteers for Honor Flight. They walked us through a typical flight that leaves from Midway Air Port the first Wednesday of the month. Each of the veterans is met at the air port and provided with new “dog tags”, an honor flight shirt and hat and each has their own escort for the day. The day starts early with the flights leaving at approximately 7am. The vet is flown to Washington D.C. where they then tour the World War II Memorial, The Korean War Memorial and The Viet Nam Wall. Everything is provided meals, snacks, beverages, transportation at *absolutely* no cost to the veteran or his family. On their flight home they are treated to “mail call” were they receive letters that have been written by people and students thanking them for their service and sacrifice. When they return to Midway they are greeted by the CFD water cannon salute, a high ranking military officer will salute them and when they enter the terminal they are greeted by better than 1000

people cheering them home. It has been a long day for the vet, perhaps 14 hours but they all say it was a “**it was the best day of my life**”. Both had special moments, but Pat recalled one where, after a long day the vet’s were returning and coming off the plane in wheel chairs due to the long walk, and when they saw the crowd there to greet them, they stopped the escort and those that were able; they got up and walked through the welcoming crowd.

This group wants to serve **all WWII** veterans that they can, so if you know of anyone who served let them know, **there is no cost to the vet or his family!** They will also take applications for Korean and Viet Nam vets.

Also as I mentioned in last month’s article it requires about 1500 hours to get a flight put together, if you would like to volunteer get in touch with **Honor Flight**. They need help from anyone stuffing envelopes, making phone calls to greeters.

**Contact them at (773) 227 – 8387**

**Pat Ischinger at (847)975 -7590**

**Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:**

**BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL**

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 23rd 2015 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, 2015 with your check for \$49.00 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: Garden Salad** Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Radish, Herb Croutons, Ranch Dressing

**Entrees:**

**Pecan Crusted Tilapia** \_\_\_\_\_ Or

Creamy Roasted Garlic Butter Sauce

**Chicken Breast Marsala** \_\_\_\_\_

Mushroom Marsala Sauce

All Entrees served with dinner rolls, choice of one non alcoholic beverage and chef's selection of potato, vegetable and desert.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Send your order to:

Walter Felde  
6543 N Oshkosh  
Chicago IL 60631

Millions of fans... Thousands of standing ovations... Ten Tony Awards including Best Musical...this is Billy Elliot The Musical! This spectacular show with the heart, humor and passion to be named Time Magazine's "Best Musical of the Decade!"

Based on the international smash-hit film and featuring a score by music legend Elton John, Billy Elliot is an astonishing theatrical experience that will stay with you forever.

Set in a northern English mining town, against the background of the 1984 miner's strike, Billy Elliot is the inspirational story of a young boy's struggle against the odds to make his dream come true. Follow Billy's journey as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and community and changes his life forever.

**100 Drury Lane\* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181**

## RECIPE EXCHANGE

### Pork Chop Skillet Dinner

4 pork loin or rib chops, 1 inch thick (1 ½ lb)

¼ cup beef or chicken flavored broth

4 medium potatoes, cut into fourths

4 small carrots, cut into 2 inch pieces

4 medium onions, cut into fourths

¾ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

Chopped fresh parsley, if desired

Remove fat from pork chops. Spray skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Cook pork in skillet about 5 minutes, turning once, until brown. Add broth, potatoes, carrots and onions to skillet.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat to boiling and then reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender and pork is slightly pink when cut near bone. Sprinkle with parsley.

Follow cook times for pork carefully.

Today's pork is lean and requires shorter cook times. Overcooking pork will make it tough. Complete this home-style meal with purchased corn muffins and crisp apple slices drizzled with poppy seed dressing.

### MARCH 11th

I think you will receive this newsletter before this meeting so I thought I would just remind you that it is a luncheon meeting at NOON at the Union Hall. Our guest speaker will be from Megent Financial.

### APRIL 8th

Jeff Kingsley will be our speaker at this meeting. He will be addressing the needs and concerns of the retired members of Local 134. This meeting will be at the apprentice school at 115th and Ridgeland in Alsip. When we go to the apprentice school for meetings, the meetings are held in a room on the East side of the building, toward the back. There are nice comfortable seats and they are layout in a theater-like fashion. Please come and see how nice it is. We always have coffee and. Bring your spouse the speakers are geared to interest all.

### MAY 13th

I had a speaker for this meeting, but he had to back out and will be coming later in the year. We will be at the Apprentice School and he was coming from Lake County and had another commitment later on that day. So I am still looking for a speaker for this meeting. If you know of an organization that has speakers that could come to our meetings, please let me know. My phone number is 847-635-5659 and my cell number is 847-612-4581. Or you can email me at [germainew1@aol.com](mailto:germainew1@aol.com).

Gerry White

Meetings to be held at apprentice school 115<sup>th</sup> & Ridgeland Alsip IL

3/30/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
4/8/15	Regular Meeting	12:00pm - 2:30pm
4/27/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
5/13/15	Regular Meeting	12:00pm - 2:30pm
5/18/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
6/29/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
7/8/15	Regular Meeting	12:00pm - 2:30pm
7/27/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
8/12/15	Regular Meeting	12:00pm - 2:30pm
8/31/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
9/28/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
10/14/15	Regular Meeting	12:00pm – 2:30pm
10/26/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
11/11/15	Regular Meeting	12:00pm – 2:30pm
11/30/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm
12/28/15	Executive Board	10:30am – 2:00pm

Regular Meeting & Luncheons to be held at Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd

03/11/15	12:00pm-2:30pm
06/10/15	12:00pm-2:30pm
09/09/15	12:00pm-2:30pm

12/09/15 Holiday party Irish American Heritage Center 4626 North Knox Ave. 12:00pm

If you are arriving by bus:

\*Give this map to your driver to aid in directions.

\*BUS DRIVERS...You may pull under the canopy to unload and load but PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE WHILE UNDER THE CANOPY.

If you are arriving by car:

\*Please copy this map and distribute to your guests.

\*Free parking is available surrounding Drury Lane and Hilton Suites.

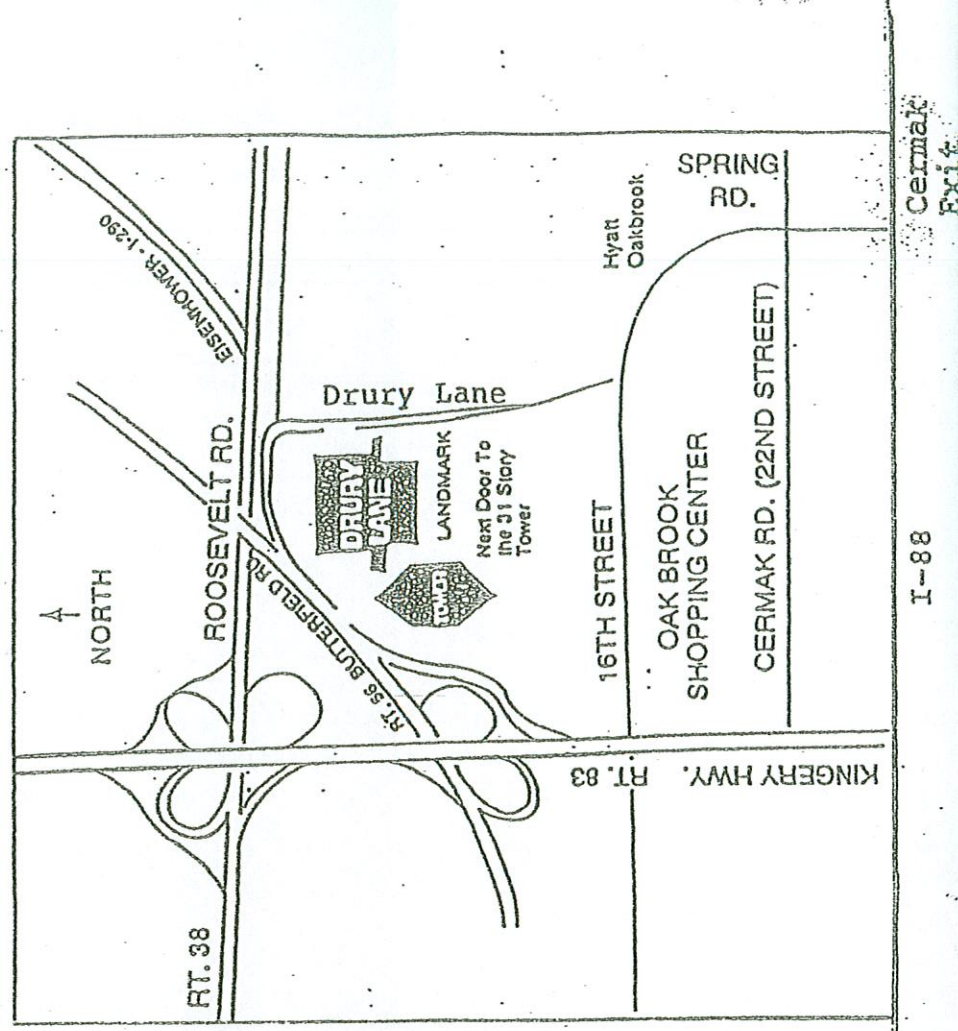
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON ROOSEVELT ROAD: Exit Route 83 (Kingery Hwy.) South to Roosevelt Road (Route 38) East and follow GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

WHEN APPROACHING FROM DOWNTOWN CHICAGO: Take the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) West to the East-West Tollway (I-88), Aurora exit. Immediately after paying the \$.40 toll at the Cermak Road/22nd Street tollbooth, exit Right and proceed North on Spring Road to DRURY LANE.

WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE WEST ON I-88: Exit at Midwest Road, turn Right, proceed North to Butterfield Road (Route 56). Turn right onto Butterfield Road, exit Roosevelt Road (Route 38) East to DRURY LANE.

WHEN APPROACHING FROM I-294 (TRI-STATE): to I-88 (East-West Tollway) West, to Aurora exit. Immediately after paying \$.40 toll at Cermak Road/22nd Street tollbooth, exit Right and proceed North on Spring Road to DRURY LANE.



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