

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

# Retiree's Newsletter



AUGUST

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

## CALENDAR

### FROM THE PODIUM

The "lazy hazy" days of summer find me pondering those good old days.

You should be reading this just prior to Labor Day. The signal of the end of summer, back to school, the count down to the holidays, but how many of us will actually take time to reflect? We have had the good fortune to have worked in the best of times and benefited from the fact that others before us created the unions that gave us good wages, great benefits, and the ability to prosper.

Although union membership has continued to decline a majority of citizens still believe they are important for the worker. We can easily find that wages and the middle-class have taken a hit, I can only hope that workers begin to understand the need for a **honest strong union** will serve them best. This proves that we all must be involved and demand accountability.

I will always be **proud** to say I am a **union member**, but I really have to thank those who actually bled to create the **IBEW!** To those early men **thank you for everything I am!**

Rich Sipple

We will lead the way to a more just economy, a world where every person is valued, together we have the power. *From Faith Advocates for Jobs.*

**Jul 11**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm  
**Jul 26**-Drury Lane Play "The 39 Steps" Lunch served at 11:30 am  
**Aug 6**-E-board meeting 10:30 am  
**Aug 8**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm  
**Aug 16**- A Day at the Races  
**Sept 5**-Attend a White Sox game  
**Sept 10**-E-board meeting 10:30 am  
**Sept 12**-Luncheon & Regular meeting noon  
**Oct 2**-E-board meeting 10:30 am  
**Oct 3**-A day at the Morton Arboretum  
**Oct 10**-Regular meeting 1:00 pm

### IN MEMORIUM

Walter M Altmann Jr  
Victor J Anderson  
Curtis C Barnes  
Raymond L Best Jr  
Louis P Dalitto  
James W Heinrich  
Edward F Heise Jr  
James E Hensley  
Corey P Knox  
Gary H Lindas  
\*Thomas J Maurer  
Carmon Mugnolo  
\*Albert F Oprisko  
Steven M Sarnowski  
Paul Stelmokas

We want to extend our condolences to the families of Thomas J Maurer and Albert F Oprisko

**ARLINGTON PARK RACETRACK**

**AUGUST 16, 2012**

**We are going to the races on Thursday August 16th. If you are interested and want to go with us, please complete the bottom portion of this flyer and return by July 26th.**

**Your fee of \$25.00 includes a BOX SEAT, A RACING GUIDE AND AN ARLINGTON COMBO LUNCH.** The Arlington Combo Lunch is a choice one sandwich, orzo salad, kettle chips, cookie and soft drink. These are the choices of sandwiches:

1. NO. CAROLINA PULLED PORK Slow-smoked pulled pork tossed with sauce.
2. SMOKED TURKEY with cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and sweet mustard sauce
- or 3. 2LT FLATBREAD SANDWICHES with grilled zucchini, vine ripe tomatoes, pepper jack cheese and sun dried tomato aioli

**THE PARK OPENS AT 12 NOON.**

**ARLINGTON COMBO LUNCH IS FROM 12:30 UNTIL 2:30**

**POST TIME 1:00 PM**

**I WILL GET THE TICKETS TO YOU BEFORE THE 14TH**

**THE PARKING IS FREE OR IF YOU WANT YOU CAN TAKE THE METRO TO THE PARK BECAUSE THERE IS A TRAIN STOP RIGHT AT THE PARK. THERE IS A FEE IF YOU WANT TO USE THE VALET PARKING.**

**YOU MAY ASK NON-MEMBERS OF THE RETIREES' CLUB TO THIS EVENT.**

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

**# OF TICKETS** \_\_\_\_\_ **AT \$25.00 EACH**

Send your check for \$25.00 per person made payable to the Retirees Club of Local 134, IBEW, to Gerry White., 237 W. Millers Rd., DesPlaines, IL 60016, before July 26th. If you have any further questions, please call me at 847-635-5659.

**RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON**

**SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2012 AT THE HALL**

**OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DOLLAR LUNCHEON  
WILL BE HELD AT NOON ON THAT DAY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please print names

Mail this reservation form and your dollar per person to:

Bernie Martin  
8706 N Olcott  
Niles, IL 60714

50, 55 60, 65 and 70 Year Members  
Honored June 13<sup>th</sup> 2012

At our regular meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, it was our pleasure to honor the long time members of Local #134 who are members of the Retirees Club. There was a luncheon and attendance was over 100 members and guests who shared the commemoration. There was entertainment by Mary Anne Riehl during our meal. Afterward the honorees were brought up to be applauded then photographed. Not all to be honored were with us, but those who were:

Gilbert Artery  
Irvin Blaszyński  
Anthony Cecola  
Edward Celler  
Mike Danzi  
John Dunn  
Frank Gibbons  
Frank Kataitis  
Joseph Koenig  
Robert Lichtenvoort  
Gary O'Sullivan  
Edwin Rhodes  
Richard Sipple  
Robert Smedberg  
Russel Steinken  
Ronald Weil  
Kenneta White  
George Hitzman

Frank Cunningham Recording Secretary representing Local 134 congratulated the honorees on behalf of the Union. Club Treasurer Bernard Martin was to be honored but could not attend because of his wife's illness. Club President Rich Sipple and Club Board Member Bob Smedberg were among those being honored. We congratulate all and hope to see all of those same people in the future.

Here is a quiz to determine age. If you remember the following, you were definitely born years before zip codes:

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar-water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda-pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (e.g., Olive - 6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45-RPM records ... and 78-RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi systems
17. Metal ice trays with levers
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulbs
20. Packards
21. Rollerskate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-in theaters
24. Studebakers
25. Washtub wringers

THE MORTON ARBORETUM

4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53

LISLE, IL

OCTOBER 3, 2012

TIME: MEET at 10:00AM

COST: \$30.00 per person includes admission and parking

We will start our open-air tram tour aboard the Acorn Express at 10:30. It is an exciting journey through the ever-changing landscape of the Arboretum. It is a one hour narrated tour. After the ride we will have lunch in the Ginkgo Room. Lunch includes your choice of sandwich. Your selection will be served with a Chef's choice side salad, chips, cookies, and cold bottled beverages. Coffee/Tea service is available for an addition \$2.00 per guest. After lunch you are free to walk or roam around the grounds and stay as long as you want. Please make your sandwich selection below.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$30.00 EACH TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

SANDWICH CHOICE:

1. TUNA CLUB WRAP –tuna salad, crisp bacon, lettuce and tomato.
2. ROAST BEEF, HAM, BACON, & CHEDDAR CHEESE ON SOURDOUGH BREAD - with lettuce and tomato.
3. ITALIAN SUB – ham, pepperoni, Genoa salami, provolone cheese, sliced onion with Italian vinaigrette on a fresh roll.

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## **RECIPE EXCHANGE**

I thought this month I would let you know of some HELPFUL HINTS.

Ice cubes will help sharpen garbage disposal blades.

Put fresh lemons or limes in your garbage disposal to get rid of odors.

Clean CorningWare by filling it with water and dropping in two denture cleaning tablets.

Let stand for 30-45 minutes.

You can put two denture cleaning tablets in the drains followed by a cup of warm water should help keep your drain, draining.

You can put two denture cleaning tablets in the toilet bowl for a cleaning. I guess it would pay to have a cheap package of denture cleaning tablets on hand.

To avoid teary eyes when cutting onions, cut them under cold running water or briefly place them in the freezer before cutting.

### **JULY 26th**

Don't forget Drury Lane for Lunch and the play 39 STEPS. An enjoyable afternoon will be had by all.

### **AUGUST 8th**

I have not got a name for the speaker for this meeting, but I sure you will enjoy the talk.

Our speakers have all been interesting. I only wish we had more attendance. Sometimes I feel bad because, I went to so much trouble to get an interesting speaker and so few members attend the meeting. I thought that when I let you know the topics of the speakers, it would

help with the attendance. We the economy so bad it is hard to get someone to come to the meetings without any cost to the club. Please be supportive!

### **AUGUST 16th**

We are going to Arlington Racetrack for lunch and a day at the races. See the signup sheet attached.

### **SEPTEMBER 5th**

We are going to a White Sox vs Minnesota Twins baseball game. Cost is \$20.00 for a Lower Box Seat. Please sign up with the attached sheet.

### **SEPTEMBER 12th**

Our speaker is coming from the Cook County Assessors Office. As of today, I do not have a name, but they promised to let me know ASAP. Don't forget to sign up for the September luncheon.

### **OCTOBER 3rd**

We are going for a day at The Morton Arboretum. We will meet for an open air tram ride and have lunch at the Ginkgo Room. We have a sign up sheet attached to this newsletter.

### **OCTOBER 10th**

We have invited Terry Allen to our meeting. He will inform us about the latest news with our union.

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

Present The

**John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing**

Wednesday August 22nd, 2012

At Longwood Country Club  
3503 East Steger Road  
Crete IL 60417

Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each golf team

Lunch and Prizes after Golf

All for \$45.00 per Golfer

Directions to Longwood CC: Interstate 80, or 94 or 294 to 394  
Go south ten miles to Steger Road, then east for three miles to  
Longwood Country Club on your right

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Reserve your place with Hugh O'Connell at (630) 257 0640  
Or mail it to him at 490 Wheeler Drive Lemont , IL 60439

Please print your name

## Retirees 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Survey

We currently have the following suggestions for our upcoming anniversary. We would like to have you select an option or your own ideas and return this form to us at the end of the meeting. The suggestions are in the order we received them. **Please mark an idea!**

Paddy O'Fegan's, a restaurant at Halsted & Lake St. . Lunch from a select menu wine

or beer with lunch, cash bar. The O'Fegan family has roots with Local 134. We would have to something for parking.

Giuseppe's (Nicks La Cantina) 1062 Lee St. Des Plaines. Buffet style lunch with wine or beer with lunch, cash bar. Ample parking across the street.

Arlington Height's Race Track, everything to be determined. Remember we already do a day at the races.

The Irish American Heritage Center with Bussean doing the catering. Similar buffet lunch with addition of carved roast. Wine or beer with lunch and cash bar. Bussean is the caterer we use at the hall.

Expansion of our June Honoree Luncheon, the menu would be the same as above, however we may not be able to serve wine and beer.

We also would like to know if you wish to do this and want suggestions as to when and what you might consider a reasonable cost. **Please circle answer below!**

Yes I would attend \_\_\_\_\_ No I would not attend \_\_\_\_\_

Dates:                      March 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ April 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ June 2013

Reasonable Cost;    \$5 to \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 to \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 to \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Suggestions ? Please give a contact name and number. Thank You!**

Send replies to the Retirees Club 600 W Washington Blvd 60661 or email Rich Sipple

**rsipple@sbcglobal.net**



WHITE SOX VS MINNESOTA TWINS BASEBALL GAME

SEPTEMBER 5th

1:10PM

COST: \$20.00

SEATS: Lower Box Seats

ONCE WE KNOW WHO IS GOING, WE CAN HELP WITH CAR POOLS OR TAKE  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

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