

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

Retiree's Newsletter



August

2013

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 Mario Coletta
Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

Our June 12th meeting was a very special event. Not only was it our Honoree Event but our 25th anniversary as well. We had a record turnout of folks and were very fortunate to have Irv Blaszyński, the founding president of our club, with us to celebrate. We also had Joe Keenan another founding member. Other past presidents were Roger Van Wazer, Bob Mersch, Lou Rodriquez, and Mario Coletta. I want to thank every one of these brothers for their continuing pride in the IBEW. I also want to offer a special thanks to Lou Rodriquez for his putting the club history together, Bernie Martin for the extra work he does every month, Mario Coletta for putting the newsletter together, Gerry White for all she does in giving us our various programs, Bob Mersch for his coordination of the Drury Lane shows, Don Mahoney for keeping the records of the club, and last but not least Hugh O'Connell for organizing the annual golf outing. I also thank the entire board for the help they all provide to make the retiree's club function for our benefit.

We are going to try to boost interest by mailing each *new* retiree our news letter for 6 months, rather than the one issue

now. Hopefully they will find it interesting enough to get involved. We need you to keep the club viable. We will have openings very soon on the board. Give me an e-mail rsipple@sbcglobal.net or call 312-914-4428.

I will close with a Phyllis Diller quote; "You know you are old if they discontinue your blood type".

Fraternally,
Rich Sipple

CALENDAR

Jul 4- Independence Day, Fly Your Flag

Jul 10- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Jul 25- Drury Lane Play "Boeing Boeing" Luncheon served at 11:30 am

Aug 5- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Aug 14- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Aug 21- Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing 8:00 am

Aug 22- A Day at the Races Arlington Park Racetrack Noon

Sept 2- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Sept 11- Luncheon and Regular Meeting noon

Sept 26- Drury Lane Play "Next To Normal" Luncheon served at 11:30 am

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 11TH 2013 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

ARLINGTON PARK RACETRACK

AUGUST 22, 2013

WE ARE GOING TO THE RACES ON THURSDAY THE 22ND OF AUGUST. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WANT TO GO WITH US, PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FLYER AND RETURN TO ME BY AUGUST 8TH, TO BE ABLE TO SIT WITH THE GROUP.

YOU WILL HAVE RESERVED BOX SEAT, A RACING GUIDE AND A BISTRO LUNCH WITH YOUR TICKET.

The Bistro Lunch includes choice of sandwich or salad:

PULLED CHICKEN - With sweet chipotle barbecue sauce

MUFFULETTA – With salami, cured ham, pepperoni, provolone and olive salad

VEGETABLE CHOP SALAD – Mixed greens, grape tomatoes, red onions, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, garbanzo beans, Kalamata olives, and Gorgonzola cheese with red wine vinaigrette

Also served with:

RED POTATO SALAD Peppers, onions and buttermilk dressing

POTATO CHIPS

FRESHLY BAKED COOKIE

SOFT DRINK OR WATER

THE PARK OPENS AT 12 NOON. THE BISTRO LUNCH IS FROM 12:30 TO 2:30. POST TIME FOR THE FIRST RACE IS 1:00 PM. PARKING IS FREE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO USE THE VALET PARKING THERE IS AN EXTRA FEE. METRA TRAIN STOPS AT THE PARK.

YOU CAN BRING NON-MEMBERS OF THE CLUB TO THIS EVENT. THE COST IS \$26.00 PER PERSON.

(Cut and return the bottom section)

NAME _____

OF TICKETS _____ **AT \$26.00 EACH** _____ **TOTAL** _____

Send your check for \$26.00 per person made payable to the Retirees Club of Local 134, IBEW to Gerry White, 237 W. Millers Rd., DesPlaines, IL 60016, before August 8th. If you have any questions, call me at 847-635-5659.

Honoring our 50,55,60 and
65 year
Retirees Club Members

The weatherman had us worried, but it turned out to be a beautiful day for our annual June Honorees luncheon. The turnout was one of our biggest. The food was great as always. We were entertained by Mary Anne Riehl who claims this was the tenth year she's been with us. Vice President Lou Rodriguez put together a fine history of the Retirees Club to celebrate our 25th anniversary, and there was a copy for everyone. Though the rain never came there were some no shows. The following is a list of all those honored : 50 years, Jack Amaro, Daniel Dorsch, Robert Fee, George Fender, Gerald Krzywdzinski, Lawrence Kulik, Melvin Lemke, John Liston, TonyManisco Raymond O'Donnell Jr, Thomas Speck and Paul Wiora.

55 years, Joseph Angelo Norman Becker, Richard Eshoo, Thomas Guilfoyle, John Krueger Florian Pytlewicz, Donial Riordan, Ronald Sowizol Edward Valek, Paul Voyne and James Wood.
60 years, Leo Barcus, John Carlin, James Cassin, Jerome Danhauer, David DeRoseis, Wil Diesel, Daniel Enright, John Gluchman, Arthur Hontos, Walter Johnson, Sheldon Lerman, Bernard Luftus, Charles O'Donnell, Walter

Olszeuski, Thomas Payton, Edward Polaski, Daniel Rosenberg, Lawrence Rutsay, Anton Schnauffer, Thomas Sinclair, Charles Sugrue, George Tzinares, Kamillus Urbin, Roger Van Wazeri, Charles Yeksigian and Constantine Zayerdas.
65 years, Kurt Antzen, Thomas Felsenthal, Donald Mahoney, Ernest Mehalcik, Dennis Neylon, Paul Pater and Thomas Rochford.

IN MEMORIAM

James D Archibald
Billy L Burkman
James A Christiansen
*Albert Cohen
Frank C Colainni
Leonard Dreher
Edward A Duffy
John J Griffis
Neil H Gwin
Bryant J Hunt
*Patrick J Lydon
William J McKernan
James M Miller
John J O'neill
Scott E Sabala
Bernard J Schneiderman
Steven B Sherer
Roy P Shouse
Demond B Strongs
Vyto M Tampauskas
George N Weber
William Wilson
Sali M Zamebezi
Our Condolences to the families of
Albert Cohen and Patrick J Lydon.

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

Present The

John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing

Wednesday August 21st, 2013

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 \$50.00 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

High-interest-rate Fraudsters

Senior citizens are being lured into riskier investments — and often outright scams — as carefully laid retirement plans have been scuttled by five years of low interest rates.

Government regulators and advocacy groups say unscrupulous dealers are taking advantage of a growing fear among seniors that they will run out of money in their final years of life. That's in large part because many seniors have parked their cash in safe investments, such as government bonds, where returns have barely kept pace with inflation. As a result, their savings are stagnating as their life expectancy grows — and that is making many older Americans increasingly desperate.

In Georgia, state regulators nabbed a man last year who bilked seniors out of nearly \$16 million by promising to generate high returns with investments in foreign currencies. In South Carolina, regulators are pressing charges against a former insurance agent who they say was able to scam 17 people out of more than \$1 million by advertising certificates of deposit with returns of just 4 percent. A similar scheme in Virginia attracted more than \$11 million from seniors hoping to beat bank interest rates that have fallen below 1 percent.

What we really have now is a combination of the fraudulent seller with the needy buyer," said A. Lloyd Abschure, commissioner of the Arkansas Securities Department and president of the North American Securities Administrators Association. "Right now,

because of interest rates, the fraudulent sellers aren't having any issues finding a buyer who wants to believe the lie."

On Thursday, the federal consumer watchdog agency called for greater transparency in the way financial advisers market themselves to seniors.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau found that such advisers claimed more than 50 types of "senior certifications." Some require college-level course work, while others can be obtained in a weekend. The CFPB said that more-rigorous standards for training and conduct as well as greater supervision of these advisers are needed.

CFPB Director Richard Cordray said that during roundtable discussions across the country, he has been struck by the vulnerability of many older Americans.

"Seniors may assume that a financial adviser has their best interest at heart, when that is not necessarily the case," he said. "If they fall prey to a scam, they may be too embarrassed or too frail to pursue legal action."

Seniors have long been a favorite target for fraudsters. People 60 and older make up 15 percent of the population but are estimated to account for 30 percent of investment fraud victims, according to AARP. They are more likely to have lump sums of easily accessible cash, a lifetime of savings intended to last through their golden years. Many seniors use the interest on those savings to cover their daily expenses and maintain the nest egg for emergencies or inheritance.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

“Next To Normal”

Our next play will be held on Thursday September 26th 2013 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 Bob Mersch’s hands by September 1st, 2013 with your check for \$45.00 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: Seasonal Fruit Plate

Entrees:

Tilapia _____

Lemon Beurre Chives

Or

Roast Sirloin of Beef _____

Sliced Prime Sirloin in it’s natural juices

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:

Bob Mersch

5223 W. Madison Street

Skokie, IL 60077

We are honored to present the regional premiere of Next To Normal, one of only eight musicals in history to win the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

This Riveting story is an intricate dissection of a “normal” American family. Driven by an incredible score (which won Tony Awards for Best Original Score AND Best Orchestrations) the narrative burrows into family secrets long since buried. This is a musical that asks the question: Can the seemingly perfect family survive an insurmountable event and tender the untenable. A story whose mere description would destroy it- see it before anyone reveals its secrets.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

I had a birthday party for a friend and made this salad. I couldn't believe the raves I got especially from my own children. By the way when they were small they never would have eaten it.

THREE BEAN SALAD

1 can waxed beans
1 can green beans
1 can red kidney beans
½ cup sugar
½ cup cider vinegar
½ cup oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 small onion sliced

Drain and rinse beans and then mix with onion. Mix sugar, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Combine beans and dressing.

I made it the day before I served it so that the dressing soaked into the beans.

JULY 25TH

This is the date of our Lunch and Play at Drury Lane Playhouse. Don't forget we are going to see "Boeing-Boeing". I hope you are all signed up.

AUGUST 14th

We will have a speaker from AARP Carmenza Millan. Her talk will be about Medicare and Social Security.

AUGUST 22nd

I have enclosed a sign up sheet for you to complete if you are interested in going to the Arlington Racetrack for a day at the races. Please return the form by August 8th so I can get the admission tickets to you before the 22nd.

SEPTEMBER 11th

We have planned entertainment for you at this luncheon/meeting. Bud and Norma Hinchman will perform **MUSICAL MEMORIES A LA MODE**. Be sure to sign up with Bernie Martin for this luncheon. There is a sign up sheet attached to this newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 25th

We have planned an **ARCHITECTURE BOAT CRUISE** and lunch after at Navy Pier. The Shoreline Cruise Company is set but I am having a hard time picking a restaurant with a menu that would be suitable for our group. I hope that this will be done before the meeting on the 10th of July. I will have sheets at that meeting and next month's newsletter for sure. You will have to sign up ASAP after you receive that newsletter. Sorry time got away from me.

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.

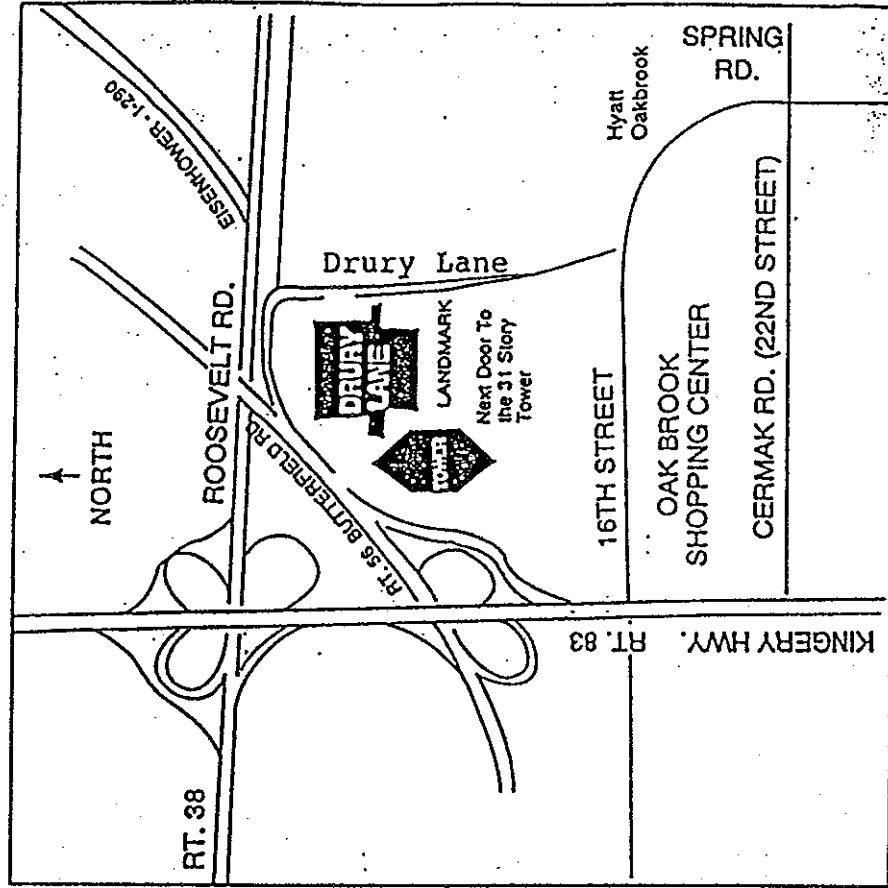
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 88: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON ROOSEVELT ROAD: Exit Route 88 (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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