

Retiree's Newsletter



DECEMBER

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 Mario Coletta
Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

You will be reading this after the election and as of this writing all we know is the candidates for president are running neck and neck. I just really hope that everyone voted and will stay engaged in what your elected officials do. Voting is only the beginning now you will have to write, call, or e-mail to insure they rep-resent you! Whatever the outcome we have the greatest place to live!

Now I want to turn my attention to trying to make the retiree's club grow. We know we have a parking problem, we meet downtown, but I have to tell you the *rent is right*. We attempt to find something that every-one would be interested in. Our lunch meetings are an outstanding value. We have Drury lane, bus tours, shows and now we are offering a trip to Branson, Mo Like every service organization we need fresh faces to step in. **I need your input, suggestions, ideas and criticisms.** Please come to a meeting or call or e-mail me. Rich Sipple @ 312-914-4428 or rsipple@sbcglobal.net.

CALENDAR

Nov14-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprenticeship School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip. Park on the far east end. Annual Thanksgiving Turkey raffle. Noon till 1:00 Meet & Greet
Nov29- Drury Lane Play " Singing In The Rain" luncheon served 11:30 am. Do not arrive before 11:20
Dec 3-E-board meeting 10:30 am
Dec12-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon
Dec 25-Merry Christmas
Jan 1-Happy New Year
Jan 7-E-board meeting 10:30 am
Jan 9-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

IN MEMORIAM OCTOBER

Barry M Backes	John B Bosco
Robert J Burke Jr	John H Carney
Ray T Cortesi	James W Feely
Peter L Fuessel	Richard Gdula
Dean Hedman	James Hunt
Joseph P Karalow	Harry A Leaghty
Edward T Madden	Joseph M Narsh
	Samuel C Mancuso
	Clarence H Mandrelle
James S McNeela	Joseph Plucinski
	Robert F Meersman
Gregory J Quinlan	William F Quinn
Kevin J Rattigan	Michael A Streit
Joseph P Sullivan	Tadeusz Urban
David C Wilson	Stanley Wojcik
Gene A Young	John W Young

THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION #134 IBEW INVITE YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
AT THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER
4626 NORTH KNOX AVE.
WILSON AND KNOX, CHICAGO
AT NOON, DECEMBER 12, 2012

FOR CORNED BEEF DINNER _____

OR ROAST CHICKEN DINNER _____

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR

NAME _____

GUEST _____

The cost for members and their wives is \$29.00 per person
Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their
reservation. Mail this reservation form to: Richard Sipple
901 Pheasant Walk
Schaumburg IL 60193

Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW
Please allow enough time to mail your payment. We must know the total number of
guests by December 5th.

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2013 or 2014 your dues are due. You can pay your 2013 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 2013 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.

HINTS – BETTER THAN PAPER

TOWELS

I received this in an email and thought you might enjoy these suggestions for coffee filters. You can purchase a package of 160 coffee filters at the Dollar Tree Stores for \$1.00.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. It keeps the food from splattering.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome...they are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect china by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish, plate or bowls.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a filter.
5. Apply shoe polish with a balled up lint free filter.
6. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with the filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
7. Put a few on a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them to absorb the grease.
8. Use as a sewing backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.
9. Use to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
10. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
11. Use them to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. It saves on having extra bowls to wash.
12. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
13. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
14. Use as a disposable "Snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.

15. Great in the tool room when separating nails and screws then use in the bottom of containers to remove moisture and prevent rust.

NOVEMBER 29th

If you sign-up for SIGNING IN THE RAIN, don't forget lunch is at 11:30 AM.

DECEMBER 12th

This is the date for our Annual Holiday Party. If you have not signed up yet, please do so and send your reservation sheet to Rich Sipple soon.

JANUARY 9th

We are getting a speaker through Ed McElroy's Office. They always get interesting speakers, but I can't give you a name or topic, so we will have to be surprised.

BRANSON BLAST

I have held 10 seats for the BRANSON BLAST Mayflower Tour departing on April 15, 2013 and returning April 18, 2013. If you never went on one of their tours, I want to tell you that they will pick you up at your home and drop you off at home. You never have to worry about leaving your car somewhere. The coast includes 5 shows and 7 meals. I need an actual count of people who want to go on this trip by the 20th of December. I have enclosed a flyer in this newsletter advertising the trip, and also a reservation and traveler information form to be completed and returned to me. If you really want to go on the trip, please let me know ASAP, that way I will save a spot for you. If you have questions, please call me and if I do not know the answer, I will find out. My phone number is 847-635-5659 or 847-612-4581 (cell.)

Local 134 IBEW



BRANSON BLAST

4 DAYS • 6 MEALS

Twelve Irish Tenors - Twelve of Ireland's greatest voices on one stage for an unforgettable performance.

Clay Cooper's Country Music Dinner Show - A delicious dinner followed by a fun-filled show featuring country music veteran showman, Clay Cooper.

#1 Hits of the 60's - Travel back to the days of the British Invasion, Motown, and California Surfin' with music, dance, and a very special tribute to our Vietnam War Veterans.

Brady Lunch with Greg Brady - Star of television, best-selling author and Broadway performer Barry Williams not only entertains, but will touch your heart.

The Haygoods - One of the most talented families to ever hit the stage with tight harmonies and playing over 20 musical instruments.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Free home or local pick up and return
- 6 Meals (2 dinners, 1 lunch and 3 breakfasts)
- See Five Great Branson Shows including:
 - **Twelve Irish Tenors**
 - **Clay Cooper's Country Music Dinner Show**
 - **#1 Hits of the 60's**
 - **Brady Lunch with Greg Brady**
 - **The Haygoods**
- \$20 in Mayflower Money

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfort Inn Thousand Hills or
Best Western Music Capital Inn, Branson, MO

DEPARTURE DATE

April 15, 2013

**FOR RESERVATIONS
OR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Gerry White
847-635-5659**

**SAVE \$50
PER PERSON**
Call for details

PER PERSON RATES

Twin \$879
Single add \$189
Triple deduct \$6

Cancellation Fee Waiver (CFW) - \$60 per person
On a Mayflower Motorcoach tour, the cost of the tour is refundable less the deposit amount when cancellations are made more than 30 days prior to departure. If you purchase the optional Cancellation Fee Waiver (CFW), you will be refunded all payments, less the \$60 for the CFW. While on tour, if a passenger must leave early due to a personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family or a traveling companion, the purchase of the Cancellation Fee Waiver guarantees full refund for any unused services. Should you choose not to purchase our Cancellation Fee Waiver, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed:

31 days or more	Deposit Amount
30 to 7 days prior	\$200 per person
6 to 1 day prior	\$250 per person
Day of departure	100% of the tour cost
Early departure from tour	100% of the tour cost
No refund on unused portions of the tour	

Exclusions: Mayflower Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Tours.



MAYFLOWER TOURS

October 10th 2012 Speaker

Business Manager Terry Allen was able to spend some time with the Retirees Club, and we appreciate it. He had attended a budget meeting with Mayor Emanuel and arrived in time to speak to us. He told of what he faced when he took over the leadership of the Local. He was told that bankruptcy was inevitable. He was able to avoid this by making cutbacks. The high unemployment has had a belt tightening effect on everything.

We now have a ten year contract with McCormick Place. Navy Pier was almost lost to the Local 2 Stagehands. The city of Chicago also intends to spend private funds on many improvements and he was able to lobby the Mayor for the Local.

There is a fund raiser for those having tough times, it's called The Helping Hand Fund. It's headed by Business Representative Marty McElligott. Other than the Great Depression, these times are unprecedented. We thank Marty and all those helping him for their efforts.

Another touchy subject was the pre apprentice situation. These are the unindentured helpers. Seeing we've gone a while with few apprentices coming through the program, this vacuum had to be filled. These people can only be hired when all apprentices are employed. It is a permanent classification until apprenticeship schooling begins. To receive this classification a card carrying member of Local 134 must sign on as sponsor for an individual. The pay is \$12.50 per hour and no benefits. This will in time create an opportunity for the person to enter the Apprenticeship Program.

Terry spoke of EIT establishing a Health Retirement Program. He mentioned that Pension Plan 2 is 89 % funded. Another \$1.00 per hour will be added in June of 2013. At this rate he hopes the fund could be 100% funded in a couple of years.

The Retirees club wants to thank our Business Manager for sharing his busy schedule with us.

For all our theatre patrons Nov 29th

There has been a slight change for the theatre goers. There will be several hundred youngsters at Drury Lane leaving the playhouse at about the same time our group is getting there. Try not to be there any sooner than 11:20 and there shouldn't be a problem. The luncheon schedule will accommodate the time change.

**IN MEMORIAM
NOVEMBER**

Roland O Doyle	Gerald L Gialdini
Thomas O Hutchison	Robert L Krueger
Joseph J Jasinski Jr	Burt Levin
John R Long	Brice H McCarty Jr
Thomas R Moran	Edward H O'Malley
Timothy J O'Sullivan	George E Roth
*Joseph F Panegasser	*Robert Ramcke
Joseph P Rydel	Paul J Sindut
Guy P Tagliavia	Fred L Thomsen

Our condolences to the families of
Joseph F Panegasser and Robert Ramcke

Union Made

- Vienna Beef
- Hormel Hot Dogs & Brats
- Ball Park Hot Dogs
- Oscar Meyer Hot Dogs
- Johnsonville Brats
- Boar's Head Deli Meats & Hot Dogs
- Hillshire Farm
- Farmland Hot Dogs
- Hofmann Hot Dogs
- Farmer John Meats
- Sara Lee Deli Meats
- Tyson Chicken
- Chiappetti
- Beef Products

- French's
- Heinz
- Gulden's Mustard
- Hidden Valley
- Open Pit
- Vlasic
- Smuckers
- Frank's Red Hot
- Aunt Jemima

- Lay's
- Doritos
- Tostitos
- Fritos
- Sun Chips
- Ruffles
- Bugles
- Cheese Nips
- Chips Ahoy!
- Oreos
- Planters
- Wheat Thins
- Nabisco
- Slim Jim
- Ritz
- Entenmann's Cakes
- Sara Lee
- Betty Crocker Cake Mix

- Tootsie Rolls

- Budweiser and Bud Light
- Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft and Miller High-Life
- Leinenkugel's
- Michelob
- Milwaukee's Best
- Stella Artois
- Pabst Blue Ribbon
- Busch
- Hamm's
- Hoegaarden
- Icehouse
- Labatt Blue
- Landshark
- Natural Light
- Rolling Rock
- Shock Top

- Coke, Diet Coke
- Sprite
- Pepsi, Diet Pepsi
- Minute Maid
- Welch's
- Hawaiian Punch
- Mott's
- V8

- Jim Beam
- Bacardi Rum
- Seagram's
- Captain Morgan
- Fleishman's
- Margaritaville
- Skol
- Wild Turkey
- Knob Creek

- Weber Grills
- Igloo Coolers
- Saran Wrap

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.

