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 Blaszynski 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 represent 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

Nov 14 - 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 Nov 29 - 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
Dec 12 - 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 DESSERT 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.

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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 bowl.
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 appliquing 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 sent 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

PER PERSON RATES
Twin $879
Single add $189
Triple deduct $6

FOR RESERVATIONS
OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerry White
847-635-5659

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 unindented 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
Thomas O Hutchinson
Joseph J Jasinski Jr
John R Long
Thomas R Moran
Timothy J O'Sullivan
*Joseph F Panegasser
Joseph P Rydel
Guy P Tagliavia

Gerald L Gialdini
Robert L Krueger
Burt Levin
Brice H McCarty Jr
Edward H O'Malley
George E Roth
*Robert Ramcke
Paul J Sindut
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
North on Spring Road to Drury Lane.

When Approaching From I-94, Travel:

East to Drury Lane

Then proceed north on Spring Road to Drury Lane.

When Approaching From The West On I-88:

Roosevelt Road (Route 38) south to Roosevelt Road (Route 38) West on Roosevelt Road; exit at Route 83.

When Approaching from The East On Roosevelt Road:

Erie Street Rd; north on Roosevelt Road.

When Approaching From The North On Roosevelt Road:

Drury Lane.

When Approaching From DOWNTOWN:

NORTHERLY FLOW (20 ft) south to Roosevelt Road (Route 38). Follow the

South on Route 38. Exit at Roosevelt Road.

When Approaching From The South On Roosevelt Road:

Drury Lane. Follow the

North on Roosevelt Road to Drury Lane.

When Approaching From The East On Roosevelt Road:

Erie Street Rd; north on Roosevelt Road.

When Approaching From The North On Roosevelt Road:

Drury Lane.