

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

Retiree's Newsletter

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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

First order of business is to wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving. We, the Executive Board, hope that you may enjoy family, friends, and good health. The next order is to thank Kevin Gibbons and Rich Leonatti for attending our October board meeting. Hopefully they will continue coming. This is the situation **OUR** club is in; we currently have 4 past presidents on the board, our average age is 76 and that is only because 1 member is only 65. We have roughly 535 members and although some have fled to warmer climates many of you still are in the area. We need new blood to continue, we need new ideas to energize this club, **we need you the members to get involved!** The upcoming election is March and it is going to be for everyone except 3 board members.

I want to thank all of our board members for all they do and have done to make my term enjoyable, especially Irv Blaszyński who continues to contribute, Mario Coletta who does the newsletter, Don Mahoney who keeps the minutes, Bernie Martin our treasurer, Bob Mersch who has done Drury Lane outings, Walter Felde is taking over, Lou Rodriguez who contributes to the

newsletter and the journal. Last but far from least Gerry White who finds our speakers and plans our outings. Also to the other members who help in many other ways. A huge thanks to all of you. Ramblings from a retired mind; "I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest has fallen into your drawers!"

Fraternally, Rich Sipple

CALENDAR

- Nov 11-Veterans Day
- Nov 13-Regular Meeting at the Apprenticeship School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip. 1:00 pm Park on the far east end.
- Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle.
- Nov 21-Drury Lane Play "Hello, Dolly!" Luncheon served at 11:30 am
- Dec 2-E-Board meeting 10:30
- Dec 11-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon
- Dec 25-Merry Christmas
- Jan 1-Happy New Year
- Jan 6-E-Board Meeting 10:30
- Jan 8-Regular Meeting 1:00

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 11, 2013

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 \$32.50 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 4th.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

We are now entering the season that a good bowl of soup sounds good. So I thought I would give you this recipe and I hope you enjoy it.

ZESTY MINISTRONE

- ¼ cup Zesty Italian Dressing
- 1 cup chopped onions
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped carrots
- 1 14-1/2 oz can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 19 oz. can red kidney beans, drained, rinsed
- 2 14 oz. cans vegetable broth
- 2 cups water
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 ½ cups small shell macaroni, uncooked
- ½ cup Grated Parmesan Cheese

Heat dressing in a large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add onions, celery and carrots; cook 2 minutes or until crisp, stirring occasionally. Spoon into slow cooker. Add tomatoes, beans, broth, water and Italian seasoning; stir. Cover with lid. Cook on LOW for 6 hours or on HIGH for 3 hours. Stir in macaroni; cook 10 to 15 minutes or until macaroni is tender. Sprinkle with cheese just before serving. If this recipe is too much you can always freeze half of it for another time. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please give me a copy at the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY on December 11th.**

November 13th Come join us at the apprenticeship school for our regular meeting. Free turkey raffle.

NOVEMBER 21st

Just a reminder that we are going to Drury Lane in Oakbrook that day to have lunch and see the play "HELLO DOLLY".

DECEMBER 11th

If you have not made your reservations as yet you better ASAP. It is the Annual Holiday Party at the Irish Heritage Center. The corned beef and cabbage is catered by Harrington's and I know it will be delicious. It gives us a chance to see many friends and have a good time. We find this a nice way to start the holiday season. You can just send your reservation sheet to Richard Sipple by the 4th of December for an enjoyable afternoon.

JANUARY 8th

Our speaker will be Michael Barrett. He will be talking about trust and wills. I guess this is something that we better start thinking about. I wonder if Al and I will have any thing left when we die, especially at the price of everything. But then again, we want our children to know what to expect when we go.

October 9th 2013 Speaker

Irv Capitel from the Better Business Bureau was our speaker. His topic was scams and identity theft and online dangers. The BBB has been around for a hundred years. Their purpose is to educate both business and consumers. A smooth stream of commerce is what the BBB stands for. Insurance, licensing, union membership and standards based on performance is their mission.

There are members who are architects businessmen and lawyers based in northern Illinois with a population of eight million people. The BBB assures these members act in a trustworthy and ethical manner or be removed from their list.

He warned to beware of internet fraud from all over the world. If a telemarketer calls and you are interested in what their selling it's wiser to call a company rather than give the sale to the solicitor. Irv told about 1588 prisoners who sent letters at random to people asking for money to get a part of a fictitious treasure and received money from those they wrote to.

In 1963 the word scam was first used. Its origin came from carnivals. Irv gave us a DVD about scammers. It tells of the 54 billion dollars that are stolen through ID theft upon 37 million Americans. He warned that we must be vigilant dealing with online banking and to call the BBB on any Business. The BBB is located at 330 N Wabash Ave Suite 3120 Chicago IL 60611. Call 312 245 2539 online at www.chicago.bbb.org

A Lake County Judge has ruled Indiana's Right-To-Work Law Unconstitutional.

This is unbelievably huge news and a victory for Labor. Judge John Sedia ruled the law unconstitutional on September 9th because the state constitution calls for just compensation for services, according to an order. The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed in February 2013 on behalf of members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 AFL-CIO, who argued the law violated the constitution. Here's the legal conflict: The so-called "right to work" law makes it a criminal offense for unions to receive compensation for services federal law requires them to provide to workers even if they are not dues paying members. HOWEVER, the Indiana Constitution mandates that no one's services can be demanded without just compensation. The Indiana Attorney General's office has said they will appeal directly to the Indiana Supreme Court, calling the judgment incorrect because Judge Sedia dismissed four other counts in the suit. All eyes are now on the Indiana Supreme Court. If successful, this could mean the first step in tearing down the "right to work" laws all over the country.

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2014 or 2015 your dues are due. You can pay your 2014 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 2014 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.