

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2018 or 2019 your dues are due. You can pay your 2018 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 2018 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.

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

Retiree's Newsletter

DECEMBER



2017

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 March, June, September and December at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip 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 Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

The Right to Disagree

When the Star Spangled Banner is played, I stand, remove my hat, and place my right hand over my heart. I do likewise when I recite the Pledge of Allegiance. I do this to show my appreciation for the incredible good fortune to be a citizen of this nation. By doing these things, I also honor those who have served to protect my freedom and security. These heroes, both today and in the past, have unselfishly placed their lives on the line to protect this nation from despots and tyrants throughout our nation's history.

Currently a firestorm of controversy has erupted dividing our country and pitting some of us against one another. All this rage over one football player taking a stand, or should I say a knee, during the playing of our national anthem. Until recently, his protest concerning racial inequality was largely ignored by most and was gradually fading from the public's attention. This once soon to be a distant memory has become a call for extreme action. It has been reported that a Wisconsin restaurant owner has gone so far as to advocate the

execution of protesters who choose to disrespect our flag in this fashion. The call to pass a bill making it a felony to disrespect or desecrate our flag has been proposed by some. Those who lobby for this kind of action seem to forget that the freedoms and securities that our heroes fought to protect are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

I do not condemn those who protest nor do I disagree with their cause. In fact, I believe their cause is just. However, I do disagree strongly as to their method of protest. I also strongly condemn those who are willing to shred the United States Constitution to silence the voices of those with whom they disagree. I end this with a quote from Evelyn Beatrice Hall: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." After all isn't this what we all enjoy about our country—the right to disagree.

Jim Fliris

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents: 42nd STREET

Music by Harry Warren, Lyrics by Al Dubin, Book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble. Our next play will be held on Thursday November 30th, 2017 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 Walter Felde's hands by November 2nd, 2017 with your check for \$54.00 per person.** Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Walter Felde will have your tickets at Drury Lane at the Matradee's podium. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

The Meal:

First Course: Soup of the Day,

Entrees:

Lake Trout _____ **or**

Citrus Caper Sauce, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Roast Turkey _____ **or**

Sliced Breast, Herb Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Turkey Gravy, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Bistro Steak _____

Bordelaise Sauce, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

For years to come, thousands of little chorus girls will go to auditions and say to themselves, "who knows? I might come out of this another Peggy Sawyer!"

Tap through this year's holiday season with the Tony Award winner for Best Musical, **42nd Street!** In this beloved Broadway classic, Peggy Sawyer lands a bigger break in New York City than expected. When the leading lady injures her ankle, Peggy gets the chance of a lifetime to rise from showgirl to star. With showstopping tap numbers and hits such as "We're In The Money" and "Lullaby of Broadway," there's no question that **42nd Street** will dazzle you this winter at Drury Lane Theatre.

42nd Street is suitable for all audiences but most enjoyable for ages 5+

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

OCTOBER 11 2017 SPEAKER

Donna Beltran from Great Lakes Credit Union was our speaker. She spoke of what Great Lakes has to offer. They have a checking account Ultimate Checking that pays 3% interest if all criteria are met. They've offered this for the past 4 years. Every 6 months Great Lakes pays a half million dollars in dividends to its members. They offer a car buying service. Interest rates on car loans are 2.24 %. Questions were asked on the difference between credit cards and debit cards. She explained that both are equally secure. Great Lakes had to close some brick and mortar branches for lack of business. Sadly the CEICU in Willow Springs that was taken over by Great Lakes was one of the branches closed. We want to thank Donna for coming to the Retiree's Meeting.

Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing

Kevin Gibbons chairman of the Golf Outing reported it was great and prize winners were: Bob Welko \$100.00, Mike Pillar \$25.00, Paul LaPato \$50.00, Phil Costello \$25.00, Paul Cambell \$50.00, John Cummins \$50.00, Ed Bacher \$25.00, Tom Boyle \$50.00, Jim Martin \$50.00, John Taylor \$50.00, Dave Lyen \$25.00 and Jim North a television set. We want to thank Business Manager Don Finn for the generous donation from Local 134. We want to thank Mike Fedanzo From Horwitz Horwitz and Associates for their generous donation of the TV and Cigars and to thank Goldman Weisman Cairo for their generous donation of beer can cozies and sleeves of golf balls. A huge thank you to Kevin Gibbons for all he did to make the Golf Outing a success.

IN MEMORIUM

John A Barcas	Paul Brucato
Thomas P Budka	Patrick Crawley
Thomas J Driscoll	Thomas J Fossier
Arthur W Green	Stig H Gudmundson
Roy M Hensley Jr	Timothy S James
Robert J Kittler	Walter J Lange Jr
Bernard F McLaughlin	Darron J Minsky
Pamela A Mudro	Trung K Nguyen
*Joseph Rogers	*Manuel F Rosone
*James P Walsh	*Donald V Zlabinger

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club Members Joseph Rogers, Manuel F Rosone, James P Walsh and Donald V Zlabinger.

CALENDAR

Nov 8- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL Meet and Greet 12:00 noon. Free Turkey Raffle.
Nov 27- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Nov 30- Drury Lane Play "42nd Street" Luncheon served 11:30 am.
Dec 11- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Dec 13- Holiday Party Irish American Heritage Center noon.
Dec 25- Merry Christmas.
Jan 1- Happy New Year.
Jan 10- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.
Jan 29- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Our speaker for the November 8, 2017 meeting will be Dr. Glen M Baston Chiropractor.

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 13, 2017

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 \$35.00 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 6th.

Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans Constitutional Convention

Before I go any further, I want to thank my predecessor Don Mahoney for his twenty-two years of service as Local 134 Retiree's Club Secretary. Don spent countless hours to record and preserve our history and remains committed to serving the Organization as Secretary Emeritus. I recently represented Local 134 Retiree's Club as a delegate to the Second Constitutional Convention of the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans.

The convention was held on Saturday, September 23rd at the UAW Pat Greathouse Center situated high above the Illinois River in Ottawa. The convention included speakers from the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans (IARA), our umbrella group. There was an election of the organization's leadership, as well as presentations on federal and state issues affecting seniors.

I came away from the day mindful of the need to give back for all the benefits we continue to enjoy, due in large to the efforts of those who preceded us. Of note, INTERGEN, an intergenerational alliance bringing together retirees, young activists and students, was recently launched through leadership of the Chicago-Metro Retires, a chapter of the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans. Bea Lumpkin, active in the Chicago-Metro Retirees and IARA, reported to the convention on the launch of INTERGEN. Bea was instrumental in the formation of INTERGEN. Bea is ninety-nine years old. It's never too late to give back.

Al Sindelar Recording Secretary

FROM THE POPE

Pope Francis delivered another criticism of some members of his own Church, suggesting it is better to be an atheist than one of "many" Catholics who he said lead a hypocritical double life.

In improvised comments in the sermon of his private morning Mass in his residence, he said "There are those who say 'I am very Catholic, I always go to Mass, I belong to this and that association' the head of the 1.2 billion-member Roman Catholic Church said, according to a Vatican Radio transcript.

He said that some of these people should also say "my life is not Christian, I don't pay my employees proper salaries, I exploit people, I do dirty business, I launder money, (I lead) a double life. "There are many Catholics who are like this and they cause scandal," he said. How many times have we all heard people say "if that person is a Catholic, it is better to be an atheist."

Since his election in 2013, Francis has often told Catholics, both priests and lay people, to practice what their religion preaches.

In his often impromptu sermons, he has condemned sexual abuse of children by priests as being tantamount to a "Satanic Mass", said Catholics in the mafia excommunicate themselves, and told his own cardinals to not act as if they were "princes".

Less than two months after his election, he said Christians should see atheists as good people if they do good. "It is a scandal to say one thing and do another. That is a double life."

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.

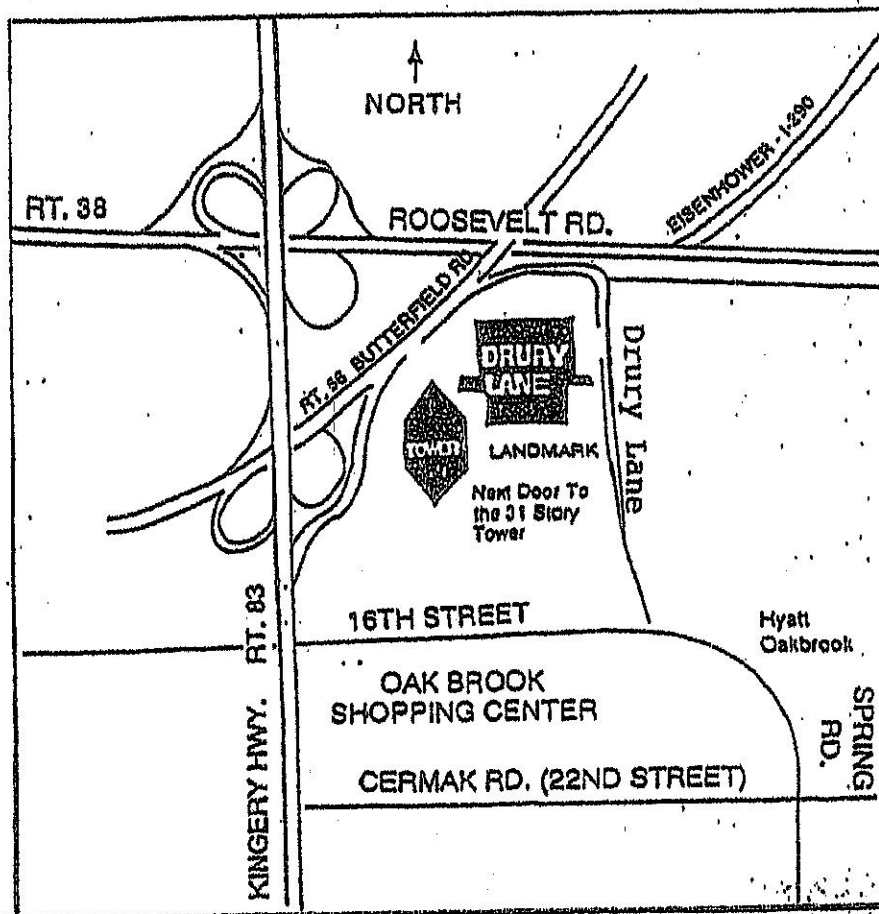
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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.



Retired Members

Of Local 134, I.B.E.W.
600 West Washington Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60661-2490

Meets the 2nd Wednesday, Monthly, at 1:00 p.m.

Application for Membership

(Please type or print legibly)

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ I.B.E.W. Card #: _____

Please make all checks payable to: **RETIRED MEMBERS L.U. 134, I.B.E.W.** and mail to:

BERNARD MARTIN
8706 OLCOTT
NILES, IL 60714

Dues Schedule (paid dues entitles you to a lapel pin, Roster book and monthly *Newsletter*)

Initiation Fee (one time only)----- \$2.00
If you join between January 1st & June 30th----- \$20.00 + \$2.00
If you join after July 1st----- \$10.00 + \$2.00
If you join after October 1st----- \$20.00 + \$2.00*

* All dues monies will be applied to next year

NOTE: YOUR SPOUSE WILL BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER PER SECTION 3.01 OF OUR BY-LAWS.

IF ASKED, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ NO _____

Recruited by: _____