

Retiree's Newsletter



FEBRUARY

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

CALENDAR

FROM THE PODIUM

When I began to write this month's column I had the usual thoughts about the holidays, also my concerns about the "fiscal cliff" and Michigan's recent legislation for "right to work". On December 14th all of those were eclipsed by the event in Newtown, Conn. This senseless act has absolutely caused tears for all of us. You cannot help but feel helpless in these times. Twenty six souls that represent the hope of our future were obliterated by a very disturbed person. There is no explanation for what occurred; there is no ready answer as to how to avoid future events. I don't believe that the strongest of us has not shed tears for Newtown. I would ask each of you take time to hug your family, your friends, and tell them how much you care for them. Our time here is short and too often we fail to wear our heart on our sleeve. With this being said, I really pray that each and everyone has had a Merry Christmas and will have a Healthy, Happy New Year! Let us all celebrate in our own way and treat each other with compassion and respect we all deserve.
Rich Sipple

Feb 4-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Feb13-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Nominations for the three odd year E-Board members.
Mar 4-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Mar13-Dollar Luncheon & Regular Meeting noon, Election Meeting.
Apr 1-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Apr 10-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
May 6-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
May 8-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
May 13-Branson Blast

IN MEMORIAM DECEMBER

Edmund Bluemond Leslie C Boling
William J Booczko*Dominic Brugia
*Richard E Bronars Diane C Carroll
Enrico R Cannataro Jon M Davis
George W Christensen *Edwin Ernst
William R Cotter Gary D Frank
Christopher Estavia Dino Guidarini
Richard Fundarek Glenn J Hebner
George R Klein Jack M Kundit Jr
Leo R Lang Peter J McGreehin
Claude E Musick John G Olson
Laurence B Panek George E Roth
Charles A Schauert Paul J Sindut
Joseph E Skolmoski Robert Stowell
Kevin J Strouzas Raymond Suda
Donald Williams Martin J Wilp

Our condolences to the families of
Richard E Bronars, Dominic Brugia
and Edwin Ernst.

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.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Laura Felde gave me a couple of recipes for snacks that look kind of interesting and I thought you might enjoy them.

PRETZELS

3 pounds of pretzels

1 jar popcorn oil

1 package dry hidden valley ranch dressing mix

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon garlic salt (to your own taste)

Mix all together in large bowl. Mix every 15 minutes until all oil is absorbed.

ANGIE'S CARMEL CORN RECIPE

1 stick plus 2 tablespoons butter

1 cup plus ¼ cup light brown sugar

1 bag O-ke Doke popcorn puffs

Melt butter and sugar until smooth and blended. Place popcorn in big foil pan.

Drizzle mixture over popcorn puffs. Stir until puffs are coated with mixture. Bake 350 degrees for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

FEBRUARY 13th

We are going to have a speaker come to our meeting from BEST IN-HOME SERVICE INC. Many seniors find that for the first time in their lives they have to ask for assistance. Best In-Home Services can help you or your loved one get the necessary assistance needed to live at home and maintain a safe, independent, and enjoyable lifestyle.

MARCH 13th

I have asked my friend Linda Czechowski from H&R Block to come and inform us about the tax laws that might affect us now and how they will affect us in the future. She always leaves enough time for us to ask questions and she will answer them so be sure to bring them with you that day. This is also a luncheon meeting, so be sure to send in your reservation to Bernie Martin. You should bring your spouse and enjoy visiting with your old work buddies.

MAY 13th

We are leaving on our trip to BRANSON. We will be getting a notice from MAYFLOWER TOURS as to the exact time we will be picked up. Since we signed up by December 27th we got a \$50.00 price reduction. If any one else wants to join us on that 4 day trip you can still come along but you will not get the \$50.00 discount. It will be nice to go on a road trip that we don't have to worry about driving.

Is there a speaker you want me to try and schedule for one of our meetings, a trip you want me to arrange, or anything socially that I can do for you? Please let me know. I will never know unless you tell me. You can email me at germainewl@aol.com, call me at 847-635-5659, or let me know at one of the meetings. I have tried to get a variety of activities but I would like to see more participation.

Gerry White

Local 134 IBEW

FREE
HOME
PICKUP



BRANSON BLAST

4 DAYS • 6 MEALS

Joseph the Musical Sight & Sound Theatre - Go behind-the-scenes then witness the inspiring story of Joseph as only Sight & Sound can do it.

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

#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.

FOR RESERVATIONS
OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerry White
847-635-5659

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:
 - Joseph the Musical Sight & Sound Theatre
 - 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

May 13, 2013

PER PERSON RATES

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

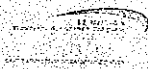


Cancellation Fee Waiver (CFW) - \$60 per person

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

RESERVATION & TRAVELER
INFORMATION FORM

LOCAL 134-IBEW

Name of Tour: Brancon Blast Departure Date: MAY 13, 2013

Initial deposit of \$150.00 per person due upon reservation.
\$210.00 with Cancellation Fee Waiver. Final
Payment is due April 12, 2013.

Please print name exactly as it appears on your government
issued photo identification (passport or drivers license) that you
will be using while traveling.

Traveler 1: _____

Traveler 2: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Roommate's Name: _____

Accommodations

Single Twin Guaranteed Share

Pick up:

Home

Name preference on name badge:

Traveler 1: _____

Traveler 2: _____

Comments:

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Make Checks Payable to: Mayflower Tours

Mail Deposit & Final Payment to:

Gerry White
237 W. Millers Rd.
DesPlaines, IL 60016

Deposit Amount: \$ _____

Travelers Protection Plan \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

For Information Contact:

Gerry White Local
134-IBEW (847)
635-5659

2012 HOLIDAY PARTY

The weather was perfect, the attendance was over 100, Harrington's corned beef was the best and the Irish American Heritage Center treated us like royalty. We had 20 \$25.00 gift cards to raffle, five compact discs from Mary Ann Rieal the singer at our annual June luncheon honoring our long time members. There were bonus raffle gifts donated by Karen Gorski of several books entitled a Christmas Story. The Poinsettias were given to those with the closest birthday to our party date. The winners of the Carson's gift cards were: Linda Kosloski, John Kern, Bernie Martin, Karen Isitt, Mary Husa, Judy Becker, Art Gorski, Laura Felde, Rich Leonatti, Mary Mersch, James Tregay, Mary Malone, Rich Schmitz, Barbara Lieneweber, Michael Smyth, Kent Rouse, Alice Tregay, Maryann Fosson, Suzanne Jablonski and Kathy Folena. The winners of the CDs were: Fred Wilkens, Kathy Braus, Mary Sugrue, Michael Mahoney and Greg Buss. The winners of the books were: Ken White, Lucille Blascynski, Vito Alberotanza, Kathleen Sullivan, Kevin Gibbons, Marilyn Cunningham, Nicolas Sasuta, Jim Eaker, Gary Hermon, Walter Felde, Eileen Sullivan, Patricia

Meschler, Joceal Lindahl, Linda Herrick, Bob Hennessy, Martha Meyer, Jack Griner, Carmela Alberotanza, Bill Lindahl, Pat Meade, Ruth Gerck, Wayne Schroeder, Pete Merkle, Michael Eaker, Wil Diesel and Dan Meyer. A great time was had by all. A thank you to all the staff at Harrington Catering and the staff at the Irish American Heritage Center.

Last but not least a big thanks to Rich Sipple and his wife Diane for taking on the Holiday Party and running it so smoothly.

IN MEMORIAM JANUARY

Norman P Altman
John E Billeck
David S Boehm
Richard T Connolly
Jerome C Dillon
Walter H Hacker
Randall A Hopper
David E Jares
Frank D Keltz
Edward K Maloney
Michael A Marcel
Raymond M Pacheco
John J Riley Jr
Joseph A Sidor
Joseph R Vitaliano
Thomas S Ward
Donald R Zoellner

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 13, 2013

AT NOON

THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH

MEMBER OR GUEST

MEMBER _____

GUEST _____

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