

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

Retiree's Newsletter

FEBRUARY



2014

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

It is difficult to write any article that you feel strongly about without a bias. Even your research leads you that way. With that being said here goes.

Back in July the AFL-CIO had several posts that explained the plight of low wage earners, food stamp cuts, and the accusation that fraud was rampant in the program. Fact Check dispelled much of that claim and also pointed out that children made up 45% of those receiving stamps and another 9% were seniors. The Article was much more detailed. On Nov. 5, 2013 AP reported that the economy plods, pay lags and companies are reaching record highs. The stock market is soaring. This can make us feel good if we have some investments but not many electricians are in the high income brackets.

Then on Nov. 22, 2013 a report by Investor Place went on about the 10 things disappearing from America. Not only did the writer bemoan that retail establishments would take your money on Thanksgiving, Trans fats are out, handwriting is a lost art, etc. But more importantly company pensions are dinosaurs and the fat cats now want to change Social Security. Some of those who are making suggested changes are Business Roundtable types with an

average of \$14.5 million in their nest eggs. (Institute for Policy Study) Then there is Sen. Elizabeth Warren's speech on Nov. 18, 2013 where she decries the plight of the *middle class*, and how we have gone from living the American dream to just hanging on. She concludes that the discussion on Social Security is not about math but about our values and the right we have for dignity. If you are interested I will get you a copy of her speech.

Finally, Nov. 26, 2013, Pope Francis condemned "idolatry of money" and warned it could lead to "a new tyranny". He also said, "some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume economic growth, this opinion has never been confirmed by facts, meanwhile, the excluded are still waiting". This is not the full text.

Richard Sipple
President

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.

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.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

LES MISERABLES

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 24th 2014 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 April 1st, 2014 with your check for \$45.00 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 Chef's Choice

Entrees:

Tilapia _____

Tomato Bruchetta

Or

Chicken Breast Marsala _____

Mushroom / Marsala Wine Sauce

All- Entrees include Chef's Selection of garden vegetables, potato, fresh baked bread, desert and choice of one non-alcoholic beverage.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde

6543 N Oshkosh

Chicago IL 60631

Set in 19th-century France, it is the story of Jean Valjean, a burly French peasant of abnormal strength and potentially violent nature, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his starving sister's child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him to, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

Epic, grand and uplifting, LES MISERABLES packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world.

Annual Holiday Party
December 11th, 2013

Though the forecast was for nasty weather it turned out to be a great day for our annual visit to The Irish American Heritage Center. There was a Poinsettia on every table as well as a fine corn beef and cabbage meal from Ray Harrington's. There was a lucky winner at every table for the flowers and twenty winners for the \$25.00 Carson Perry Scott gift cards. The winners were: Linda Herrick, Lucille Blaszyński, Martha Meyer, Gerry Spears, Linda Kozloski, Greg Buss, Will Diesel, Rich Connolly, Ralph Spears, Bernie Martin Alice Tregay Mary Mersch, Vi Schroeder, Gerry Weil, Ruth Gerk, Mary Mahoney, Walter Felde, Jim Eaker, Michael Mahoney and Pat Wilson. Burt Van Wetering donated a gift card from our November Thanksgiving turkey raffle to be used as a gift and was won by Bob Mersch Thank you Burt. Bob Mersch was also given a plack thanking him for all he's done for the Club. Gerry White was given a Carson's gift card for all she's done through out the year. A special thanks goes out to Tim Fitzgibbons and the Local for the baseball caps and other gifts that we raffled. Sorry to say there were a few no shows. The weather forecasters must take the blame.

**IN MEMORIAM
DECEMBER**

Thrassos E Averkiou	Gary P Beno
Douglas G Efrosinis	Oliver E Fregeau
Elmer A Fuhrman	Andrew A Gately
Martin F Holm	Edward J Kubes
William J Kurtz	Wayne K Lee
Walter F Mizia	Robert Nielsen
Joseph E Pieczara	Allen D Rogers
Roy A Tennis	Raymond K Yeates

**IN MEMORIAM
JANUARY**

Thomas J Cyr	Edward A Erickson
Robert J Fagan	Christopher A Gillott
Milan Krupa	Patrick J McTeague Jr
Sergio Monfeli	Gerald J O'Neill
Mathias Ott	Roy A Overholt
Michael J Palm	Robert E Quinn
John J Sala	Curt R Schnoor
Herman P Triezenberg	Norman T Weber

CALENDAR

Feb 3-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Feb 12-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Nominations of Officers & Board members
Mar 3-E-Board Meeting 10:30
Mar 12- Luncheon Meeting noon
Nominations & Election of
Officers and Board members
Apr 7-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Apr 9-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Apprenticeship School Alsip

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 12, 2014

AT NOON

THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH

MEMBER OR GUEST

MEMBER _____

GUEST _____

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Niles, IL 60714

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Over the holidays, I was asked to bring a dessert and an appetizer to a party. They both got "HIGH FIVES" so I thought I would share them with you.

SIMPLE EGGNOG POUND CAKE

1 (18.25 oz.) yellow cake mix
1 (3.4 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
¾ cup Eggnog
¾ cup vegetable oil
4 large eggs
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 12 cup fluted tube pan. Combine cake mix, pudding, eggnog and oil in large mixing bowl until moistened. Add eggs and nutmeg. Beat on medium speed 4 minutes. Pour batter into pan. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 10-12 servings.

GRAPE JELLY MEATBALLS

1 – 12 oz. bottle of chili sauce
1 – 16 oz. jar grape jelly
About 60 frozen meatballs
Put chili sauce and jelly into a large pot, heat until jelly is melted and sauce is smooth, stirring often. Add frozen meatballs and heat

until meatballs are thawed. Simmer for 3 hours.

I did this in my crock pot and turned the heat down to low, after the meatballs were thawed.

FEBRUARY 12th

Our speaker for this meeting is coming from the American Red Cross.

MARCH 12th

Ron Wittingham from Megent will be coming to this meeting. As you probably know, the stock market had a very good year. We all hope it stays that way. Maybe Ron will be able to advise us if your stock did not make a profit last year. Let's cross our fingers and hope that 2014 continue to do the same.

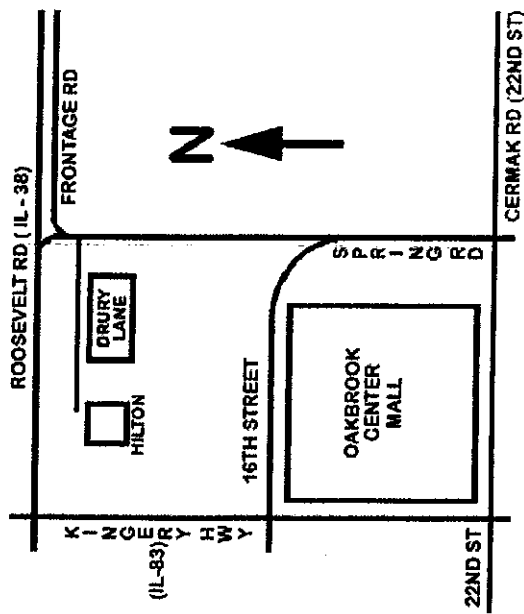
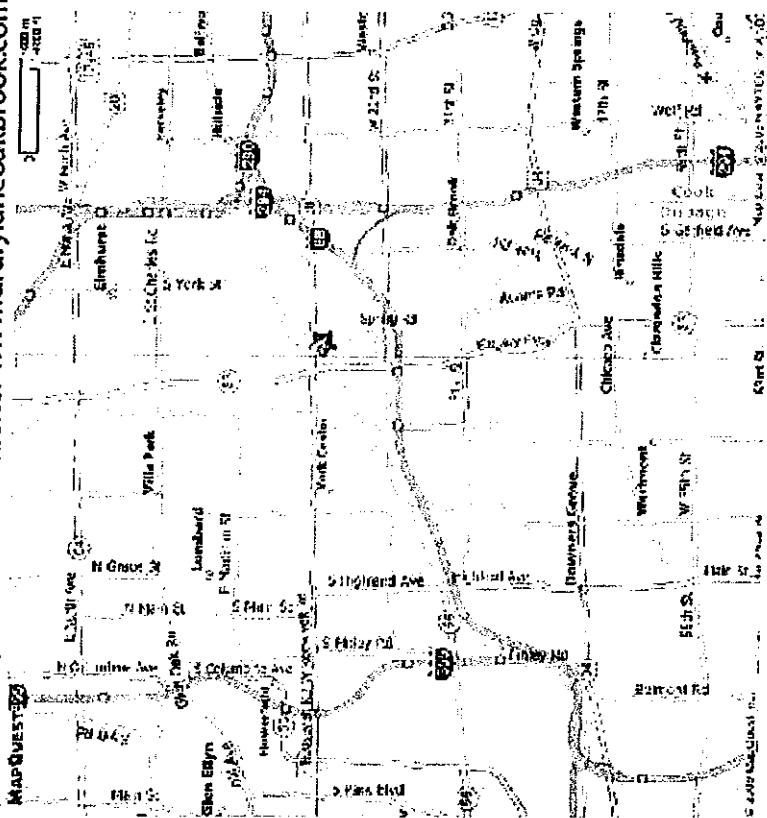
Now it is my turn to ask for some help. Since we will be having some of our meetings at the school in Alsip, I will need help in getting speakers from that area, or at least the south side. Most of our speakers from the past have been from the downtown area.

If you know of someone from a company or organization that could come to one of these meetings, would you let me know? I will call them, but just a name and telephone number will help.

The first meeting will be April 10th, so I will have to move on this ASAP.

Gerry White (847)-635-5659.

DRURY LANE THEATRE - OAKBROOK
 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 74614
 Telephone: (630) 530-8300 Website: www.drurylaneoakbrook.com



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM THE EAST (Downtown Chicago)

- 0 Take I-290 WEST (Eisenhower Expressway)
- 0 Keep LEFT to take I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- 0 Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
- 0 Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- 0 Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
- 0 Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- 0 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE WEST

- 0 Take I-88 EAST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward Chicago.
- 0 Take the MIDWEST RD Exit.
- 0 Keep right at the fork to go on MIDWEST RD/OR-15.
- 0 Turn RIGHT onto BUTTERFIELD RD/IL-56.
- 0 Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 EAST ramp toward DRURY LN.
- 0 Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH.
- 0 Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- 0 Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LANE.
- 0 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE SOUTH (ON IL-83/KINGERY HWY)

- 0 Take IL-83/KINGERY HWY NORTH
- 0 Merge onto IL-56/BUTTERFIELD RD EAST TOWARD IL-38 E/ROOSEVELT RD.
- 0 Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 E ramp toward Drury Lane.
- 0 Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH
- 0 Turn slight right onto SPRING RD.
- 0 Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LN.
- 0 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE SOUTH (ON I-294)

- 0 Take I-294 NORTH toward WISCONSIN.
- 0 Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- 0 Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
- 0 Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- 0 Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
- 0 Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- 0 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE NORTH

- 0 Take I-294 SOUTH toward INDIANA-O'HARE (Portions toll).
- 0 Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- 0 Take the exit toward IL-83 NORTH/CERMAK RD-22ND ST.
- 0 Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- 0 Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- 0 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.