

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

Retiree's Newsletter

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2016

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

THE PODIUM

FROM OUR NATIONAL GROUP

ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

Perhaps you heard about Martin Shkreli, the hedge fund manager who raised the price of a life-saving medication from \$13 to \$750 because his company needed to "increase revenue."

But Martin Shkreli isn't alone. Too many pharmaceutical companies are drastically raising the prices of their prescription drugs and raking in billions in profit. Of course excessive profits come at the expense of public health.

Last year alone, 35 MILLION people did not fill a prescription because they could not afford it. It is time to hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable. These companies cannot be allowed to rake in billions in profits while price gouging our nation's most vulnerable.

At a time when retirees are struggling to meet their out-of-pocket health care costs, Congress is doing nothing to address the financial abuses of the pharmaceutical industry.

Big Pharma will do anything to protect its profits. In fact, Pfizer, the largest pharmaceutical company in the world, is merging with an overseas company

and moving their headquarters overseas to avoid taxes on their \$148 billion in profits.

Together we can hold drug companies and their CEOs accountable.

Sincerely, Richard Fiesta
Executive Director

Alliance for Retired Americans

IN MEMORIUM

Steven M Domaszewicz
William J Fisher Joshua H Gerber
Robert Hackett Richard C Halvorsen
Charles A Kieffer Roger D Kirchner
*Robert N Lindquist
Kathleen A Lukas Martin E Madden
Warren L Matson Lester C Moe
Rocco C Mavigliano
Joseph A Morines David L Pellue
John E Preuss Javier I Rodriguez
*Gene H Sawyer Russel H Wiersig
Alfred J Williams

Our condolences to the families
of Robert N Lindquist
and Gene H Sawyer

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2016 or 2017 your dues are due. You can pay your 2016 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 are my 2016 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 to Bernard Martin, 8706 N. Olcott Ave Niles, IL. 60714

If you have a second address where you spend time for several months, please let us know that address and the weeks or months on a separate sheet of paper so that we can send the Newsletter to that place when you are there.

NOTE: Widows of deceased members of the Retires Members of Local 134 IBEW club are associate members of the club and DO NOT PAY DUES.

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 9, 2016

AT NOON

BOYLE AUDITORIUM 600 W WASHINGTON BLVD

THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH

MEMBER OR GUEST

MEMBER _____

GUEST _____

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local Union # 134, IBEW

Mail to Bernard Martin,
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Niles, IL 60714

December 9th 2015 Holiday Party

I would like to thank everyone who attended our annual Christmas Lunch. 95 people were expected and 93 attended. We were blessed with beautiful weather, good company and good food. It is very gratifying to see friends and faces that we might not see often enough.

We also had Frank Cunningham, Recording Secretary and Jeff Kingsley, Business Representative of the local attend. They presented all of the Veterans present with special pins acknowledging their service. All of us are proud, not only of our service but our membership in the IBEW. We also thank Local 134 for their continuing support of the Retiree's Club, it is greatly appreciated.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the help given to me by my wife, Diane, in the preparation of the name tags and taking photos of the party. We are trying to print fewer photos due to the fact we have hundreds that go unclaimed but if you would like copies I will try to make sure you get them. I also want to Thank Mario Coletta and Lou Rodriguez for coming early and helping set up. Also thanks to Bob Mersch for leading us in prayer before the meal. We were also extremely happy that Vito & Carmela Alberotanza were able to join us, Vito as some may know has been ill. Vito has been a long standing executive board member and a true joy to be around. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as well as all of our other friends and families. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Rich Sipple

Prize Winners

The Retiree's Club offers a free raffle to all the attendees. Twenty \$25 gift cards from Carson Pirei Scott. The winners were:

Al Sindelar	Diane J Sipple
Bernie Martin	Dan Fagen
Lou Rodriguez	Ken White
Ralph Spears	Mike Mahoney
Suzanne Jablowski	Karen Gorski
Wally Felde	Jim Eaker
Karen Isitt	Top Payton
Rich Folena	Mary Mersch
Ofelia Rivera	Carolyn Payton
Vito Alberotanza	Ron Weil

CALENDAR

Jan 13-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland. Meet and Greet 12 noon.

Jan 25-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Feb 10-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland. Meet and Greet 12 noon. Nominations for the March Biennial election of Officers and 4 E-Board members.

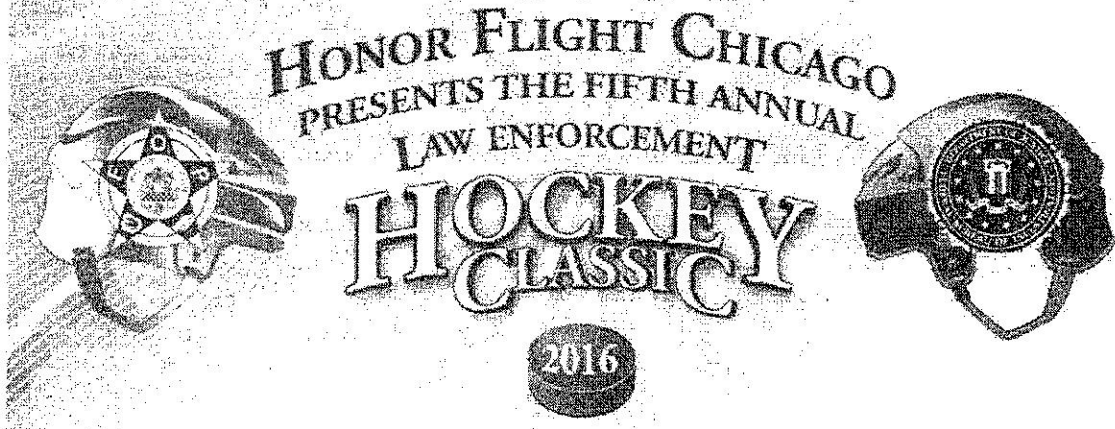
Feb 29-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Mar 9-Luncheon and Biennial Election of Officers and 4 E-Board Members, Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd noon.

Mar 28-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Apr 13-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the apprentice school 115th and Ridgeland Meet and Greet 12 noon.

DON'T MISS THE GRUDGE MATCH THAT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS IN THE MAKING!



Chicago Police vs. Chicago FBI

Saturday, February 27, 2016

7:30 - 10:30pm, doors open at 6:30pm

The Edge Ice Arena,

735 E. Jefferson, Bensenville, IL

Catch all the no-holds-barred action...and help Honor Flight Chicago

Fly America's most senior war heroes for an all-expense-paid

Day of honor in Washington, D.C.

Purchase ticket by January 15, 2016 for reduced pricing:

\$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Buy Tickets Today!

For more information, please call us 630-566-0270

I would like to thank the board members and all the regular members of the Retiree's Club for the thoughtful and generous gift card from Carson's. I will try to put it to good use.

While we are in the mood for thanking people we should thank the board members of our club. They put in at least two days a month and then some, to help keep this club going. And let's thank Rich and Diane Sipple for all their work they did, making the Holiday Party such a success. Wally Felde has done a great job of organizing the lunch and plays at the Drury Lane Playhouse. Bernie Martin for keeping our books and telling us what our membership dues are used for. Let's not take for granted all the work that goes into the Club. We could show our appreciation by coming as often as possible to the regular monthly meetings.

JANUARY 13th MEETING

Our speaker for this meeting will be Mariyyana Spyropoulos. She is the commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Back in March of 2013, she helped us plan a tour of the Deep Tunnel at the Mainstream Pumping Station in Hodgkins, IL. She could help us plan another tour if we have members that are interested. So

you will have to let us know if you would like to go on this tour.

FEBRUARY 10th MEETING

Andrew Elburu from the American Lung Association will be our speaker. He will talk to us about things we can avoid and what we should do to keep our lungs healthy. We have nominations of Officers and 4 E-Board members at this meeting.

MARCH 9th MEETING

The Electrical Insurance Trustees Jean Ryan will be coming to our meeting. She will be explaining to us how to read our insurance forms from Blue Cross and Social Security. Some times they can be a problem. It is our Biennial Election Luncheon meeting and is at Boyle Auditorium 600 W. Washington Blvd. Business Manager Don Finn has previously allowed the Retiree's Club to use the Business Agent's parking lot; hopefully he'll do it again.

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to a Church service, "and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Gerry White

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:

**THE WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL COMEDY
HAZEL**

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 21st, 2016 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 March 30th, 2016 with your check for \$53.00 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: Spinach Mandarin Salad

Spinach/ Mandarin Orange/Feta/ Tomato/ Almonds/ Poppy Seed Dressing

Entrees:

Chicken Breast Marsala

Or

Mushroom Marsala Sauce

Lemon Sole

Baked / Lemon Dill Sauce

All Entrees served with dinner rolls, choice of one non alcoholic beverage and chef's selection of potato, vegetable and desert.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde

6543 N Oshkosh

Chicago IL 60631

The world premiere musical comedy, HAZEL, based on a character created by Ted Key and the hit television series, kicks off the 2016-2017 season. It's the 1960's, a time of great change for America, but not all of the Baxter family is on board. What George Baxter finds not so funny about his wife joining the work force and his maid taking over his household and his life—is a laugh riot. Directed and choreographed by Emmy Award winner Joshua Bergasse, HAZEL asks the question: can a simple maid debone a turkey, save a marriage, uncover a matter of national security and lead a conga line? She can if she's HAZEL!

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

**FOR THOSE WHO THINK
BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES ARE
THE SAME COMPARE THESE
TWO GOVERNORS**

Minnesota, once a state drowning in debt, is now being forced to deal with a new problem: how to spend their projected \$1.9 billion budget surplus. The extra \$1.9 billion is likely to be allocated toward early childhood education and providing high-speed internet to Minnesota residents, according to the West Central Tribune. Governor Mark Dayton, of Minnesota's Democrat-Farm Labor Party, ran for office on a call to implement broadband internet "border-to-border" and has called for a \$100 million infusion of funds, in conjunction with private investment, to build the initial infrastructure. While the total estimated cost to complete the job is \$3.2 billion, Gov. Dayton has plenty of money to work with — the surplus is more than double what the state legislature had on hand by the end of this year's legislative session in June.

So how did Minnesota come across all this money?

Rather than continuing to throw subsidies at corporations and offering them more tax breaks that would further stifle growth, Gov. Dayton implemented policies to stimulate real financial growth. Chief amongst them was raising income taxes on top earners by 2 percent. That, combined with a scaled increase to the state minimum wage, created an instant injection of money into his state's stagnant economy that kept local businesses from shutting their doors.

Once the economy was stabilized, Dayton doubled down on his plan to stimulate growth from the bottom up by paying down the state's debt and investing in Minnesota's schools. This created an environment where people actually wanted to live and raise a family, essentially creating demand where before, people were leaving Minnesota to escape the lower quality of life that continues to plague states still clinging to trickle down policies.

Minnesota's dramatic comeback provides a sharp contrast to Wisconsin, their neighbor to the east, where Governor Scott Walker has literally driven the state into the ground. Under Walker, Wisconsin broke up labor unions, driving down the average income of working class families that are the lifeblood of any economy. That, combined with his economic strategy of subsidizing industries to set up shop in his state while offering them huge tax-breaks, has bankrupted their once thriving economy.

Now, even though the national economy is facing uncertainty due to the continuing burden of student debt and flagging exports, Minnesota has almost \$2 billion in state budget reserves and is forced to choose between increasing working family tax credits or lowering property taxes.

It is a problem most states would love to have

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.

