

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2017 or 2018 your dues are due. You can pay your 2017 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 2017 dues of \$20.00

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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

FEBRUARY



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](http://www.Local134chicago.com) Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

## FROM THE PODIUM

### *Doublethink*

In 1949, George Orwell published his novel, "1984." In this story, Orwell laid out a government strategy that used various means and physiological processes to enslave its citizenry. By subjecting its people to a constant barrage of contradictory propaganda, the government used something Orwell called *doublethink* such as: freedom is slavery; war is peace; and knowledge is ignorance.

You may question where the hell I am going with this. As farfetched as this sci-fi novel may appear, it is not as outrageous as it seems. During the Viet Nam War, the term invasion was changed to incursion. The latest change, racism and intolerance, has been changed to alt-right. This brings me to my latest rant, the use of *doublethink* where the term 'right to work for less' has been changed to 'the right to work.' The phrase right to work sounds very righteous and pro-worker. Let's take a closer look.

Under federal law, no one can be forced to join a union as a condition of employment. The Supreme Court has also made it clear that workers cannot be forced to pay dues that are used for political purposes. So-called right-to-work legislation goes one step further and entitles employees to the benefits of a union contract, including the right to have the union

take up their grievance (at no cost to the employee) if their employer abuses them.

This means that if an employer mistreats a worker who does not pay a union representation fee, the union must resolve that worker's grievance just as it would a dues-paying member, even if it costs tens of thousands of dollars. Non-dues-paying workers would also receive the higher wages and benefits their dues-paying coworkers enjoy. Right-to-work laws have nothing to do with whether people can be forced to join a union or contribute to a political cause they do not support; that is already illegal. Nor does the right-to-work law have anything to do with the right to have a job or be provided employment. This law is only a blatant attack on unions and working people. Whether you call it 'talking points,' or *doublethink*, question Big Brother. He's watching.

Jim Fliris

**ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 8, 2017**

**AT NOON**

**BOYLE AUDITORIUM 600 W WASHINGTON BLVD**

**THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH**

**MEMBER OR GUEST**

**MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

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8706 N. Olcott  
Niles, IL 60714

## December 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party

We can chalk up another successful gathering at The Irish American Heritage Center. They accommodate the Retiree's Club for all we ask. We appreciate all they do. There were 102 of us who wanted to attend with a few no shows and a few walk-ins.

A very good turn out considering the temperature was 15 degrees. As always Harrington's corn beef was superb and we thank their wait-staff for an excellent experience. We again have Rich Sipple and his wife Diane to thank for this great occasion. Local 134 was more than generous this year with their donation to the Retiree's Club for our party, a big thanks to the Local. Sadly our Local 134 guests were part of the no-shows. Before we began our meal Deacon Jim Eaker guest of member Michael Eaker said Grace.

As always we had our raffle of twenty \$25 Carson's gift cards, the winners: Jim Eaker, Anton Schnauser, Diane Sipple, Bernie Martin, Ralph Spears, Fred Wilkens, Ruth Gerk, Diane Martin, Bob Mersch, Jim Jennings, Wally Felde, Julia Fegan, Ken White, Sue Maggi, Ed Maggi, John Buffi, Mary Mersch, Kathy Sindelar, Jim Husa and Jim Martin.

Long time E-Board Member Vito Alberotanza passed away since our last party. It was a pleasure to see his family at this year's party. Retiree's Club President Jim Fliris celebrating his anniversary wasn't able to attend but Vice President Kevin Gibbons was in attendance with the other officers and E Board members.

## IN MEMORIAM

Arrie O Arrigoni	*John J Borvansky
Harold N Deruntz	Christopher S Frank
James M Greene	Richard A Greuel
*Edwin Hernandez	Charles P Holda
James J Kaszubowski	Louis J Link
*Arthur D Minsky	Joseph Mohlman
Joseph S Muranyi	Richard Perna
Oliver W Picketts	Joseph L Principato
Donald J Sireci	Ronald J Szybale
Michael Trent	Emery Underwood
Floyd F Weier	

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club Members John Borvansky, Edwin Hernandez and Arthur D Minsky.

Condolences to E\_Board Member Richard Connolly and his family on the passing of his wife Nancy.

Condolences to member Kurt Arntzen and his family on the passing of his wife Dorothea.

## CALENDAR

**Jan 11-** Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.

**Jan 30-** E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**Feb 8** – Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.

**Feb 27-** E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**Mar 8-** Regular Meeting and Odd year Election Luncheon Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd, three E-Board members to be elected. Luncheon served at noon.

**Mar 27-** E-Board Meeting 10:30

am. **Apr 12-** Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.

## Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents: **Chicago**

Music by: John Kander, Lyrics by: Fred Ebb, Book by: Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse.

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 27th, 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 March 30th, 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: Mixed Green Salad,** vegetarian, dairy free, gluten free.  
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots, Radish, Herb croutons, Ranch Dressing.

### **Entrees:**

Vegetable Linguine Pomodoro or

Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Broccoli, Peas, Tomatoes, Basil, Pomodoro Sauce.

Sautéed Tilapia or

Tomato Basil Relish, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Bistro Steak

Bordelaise Sauce, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Send your order to:

Walter Felde  
6543 N Oshkosh  
Chicago IL 60631

**"Give 'em a show that's so splendiferous row after row will grow vociferous."**

After 30 years, the hit musical *Chicago* returns to Chicagoland by kicking off our 2017/18 season. Recipient of six Tony Awards\*, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy\* and thousands of standing ovations across the globe, this razzle-dazzle musical is the #1 longest running American musical in Broadway history. Filled with fame, fortune, and all that jazz this edge-of-your-seat story features one Fosse showstopper after another. If you liked the Academy Award\*-winning film, you'll love this live production reimagined for the Drury Lane stage.

*Chicago* is recommended for ages 13+. Please be advised that there is some sensitive subject matter.

• 100 Drury Lane\* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

I would like to thank the Retirees' Club for the Gift Certificate they gave me at the Holiday Party. I put it toward a new winter coat. When I wear it I will think of you and it will surely warm me up.

### **RECIPE EXCHANGE**

I was given this recipe by Laura Felde, and I have not tried it yet but it sounded too good to pass up.

### **BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP**

4 cups vegetable broth  
12 oz butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1-1/2 inch cubes  
1/2 large vidalia onion, cut into 2 in.cubes  
1/2 small apple, peeled and cut into 2 in. cubes  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg

In a large stock pot, combine broth, squash, onion, and apple; cover pot and bring to a boil over high heat to low; gently simmer until squash is very tender, about 10 minutes. Puree soup in pot using a blender in batches; be careful not to splatter the hot liquid. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Yields eight 3/4 cup servings.

### **FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Barrett from Cooney and Conway Asbestos & Mesothelioma Lawyers will be our guess speaker.

### **MARCH 8TH**

Ron Wittingham is coming to our meeting to answer any questions you may have about investments at his company. A few meetings back we had a discussion or maybe some of the members had a misunderstanding about their investments and therefore I thought it was a good idea for him to come to a meeting. I also asked for a speaker to come from EIT to explain about our new drug program. Since it is a luncheon meeting down at the Union Hall, I thought it would be better if your wife came to this meeting with you. You want to make sure you send in your reservation to Bernie Martin as soon as possible.

### **APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

I am hoping to get a speaker to talk about your hearing. I have made some contacts and don't have anything definite yet, but I will continue trying. It is no good if you are missing what you should be hearing, especially since our medical plan helps so much with the cost.

### **APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**

It is our first lunch and play at Drury Lane Playhouse for the new year. We will be seeing **CHICAGO**. Don't miss out! Again we are sorry about the last play, but Wally Felde was only allowed 40 tickets and they went like hot cakes.

The reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they have just passed.

Gerry White

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 38: 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 (Kingerly 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.

