

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

FEBRUARY



2018

Newsletter, of the Retired Members of Local union number 134, I.B.E.W. - Send all correspondence to Retiree's Club, 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Chicago, IL. 60616 - 2908 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

ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION

Talk about life imitating art. A 1997 movie titled "Wag the Dog" starring Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro immediately comes to mind. The film depicts a presidential administration in such a state of chaos and dysfunction that it creates a fake war in a fake country to distract its citizens from what is actually going on.

If you haven't been paying close attention lately and have been sucked in by distractions such as the national anthem and a knee-down football player, a Twitter war with a basketball player's father, or the sophomoric banter between two world leaders, you may have missed some important goings-on.

The House recently passed a tax reform bill and sent it to the Senate. The Senate doesn't think much of the House bill and is trying to pass one of its own. Both bills are a boon for the top 1% with little to no help for the rest of us 99%. These pieces of legislation, if made into law, would add 1.5 trillion dollars to the national deficit over the next ten years. The proposed elimination of the state and local tax deduction is even worse news for the middle class.

This so-called tax reform also includes repealing the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) mandate that all Americans have health insurance. The Congress that failed to repeal the ACA earlier this year (because of voter rebellion) is trying an end run that could possibly leave 13 million Americans uninsured. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, limits to mortgage interest deductions, and an ever increasing national deficit are not things the current Congress or the administration wants you to focus on.

In the movie, the wagging of the dog fake distraction did not succeed. Hopefully, it will fail in the real world. This tax reform bill is nothing more than reheated trickle-down economics, or as the first President Bush called it, "voodoo economics."

Don't get distracted. Stay informed. Be involved. Take action.

Jim Fliris

**Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:
JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lyrics by Tim Rice, Our next play will be held on Thursday March 1st, 2018 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 February 3rd, 2018 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

The Meal:

First Course: Soup of the Day, Chef's Choice

Entrees:

Vegetable Linguine Pomodoro _____ **or**

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

Sauteed Tilapia _____ **or**

Tomato Basil Relish, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Herb Roasted Chicken Breast _____

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

The meteoric first collaboration of Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, finishes our season with a bang, Join Israel's favorite son, Joseph, through his tumultuous ascent to the top in this timeless reminder of the unquenchable thirst of a man with a dream who had the courage to forge the destiny of a people and its powerful message of hope. The classic story of Joseph is paired with exuberant music, featuring favorites such as "Close Every Door," "Go, Go, Go Joseph" and "Any Dream Will Do."

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is recommended for audiences' ages 5+

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

December 13th 2017 Holiday Party

Another year passes and we have another successful Holiday Party. We owe this success to Rich Sipple and his lovely wife Diane. They do the lions share of the work. We give them our thanks along with The Irish American Heritage Center who catered to all our needs. Herrington's who catered their great corned beef. We thank them along with their waitstaff.

We always extend an invitation to Local 134 to join us and Jeff Kingsley who runs the Dispatch and Referral and if that's not enough he is liaison to our Retiree's Club, joined us. Brian Brown Business Agent for McCormack Place and the northern part of Cook County also joined us. What's more they brought Local 134 Retiree's Jackets to add to our raffle.

We thank Business Manager Don Finn for the Local's generous gift to the Retiree's Club and thanks for what the local does all year long to help and encourage our organization.

There were 20 \$25.00 Carson's gift certificates and the winners were: Delores Mahoney, Garrett Meade, Hector Rivera, Jim Eaker, Kathy Folena, Jim Husa, Fred Wilkens, Mandy Gerk Carolyn Payton, Pat Wilson, John McNulty, Tom Payton, John Kern, Kevin Gibbons, Gerry White, Al White, Maureen Mersch, Wayne Schroeder, Ken White and Tom Issit.

The Retiree's Jacket winners were: Wally Felde, Phil Gerk, Ron Weil, Desiree Patera, Bob Mersch, Chiyong Maggio, Linda Herrick, Joan Menton, Carmella Alberotanza, Jom Martin, Jimmy Greenwald, Pat Meade, Eileen Yankee, Ofilia Rivera, Don Mahoney, Barb Jilek, Richard Smitz, Karen Gorski, Mike Mahoney, Annette Useler, Suzette

Maggi, Phil Murphy, Laura Felde, Gerry Weil, Ralph Spears, Rich Folena, Al Krueger and Pete Merkle.

We had several Compact Disc recordings by Mary Anne Riehl. She has been our entertainment at our June Honoree Luncheon for years and was kind enough to give us the CDs for our raffle. They were won by Dan Meyer, Joan Minsky, Joyce Merkle, Kathy Greenwald, Dan McHigh Leroy Herrick Sharon Issit and Bill Lindahl.

There are special gifts given to the first two people who pay for the Party they were: Tom Payton and Rich Folena.

Last but not least our thanks to Deacon Eaker for saying Grace before the meal.

IN MEMORIAM

Mexit I Aidinovski	John A Amendola
Lawrence E Anderson	Saul Beck
James A Bratis	Craig R Carpenter
*Peter C Caruso	Patrick J Clarke
John J Cooney	Robert F Czaszewicz
Paul W Eldridge	*Wayne R Fischl
James M Garstka	Marian Grzebien
Michael A Isacson	Catherine S Johnson
James N Kane	James T Kennedy
James D Kroll	Federico Martinez
John Meyer	Thomas Mondragon
John C Murphy	William J Newton
James A Pape	*Vincent P Passi
Bernard A Pusateri	Edwin Renz
Steve Rouchos	Edward J Szewc
Robert G Walsh	Teddy W Wiczorek

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club Members Peter C Caruso Wayne R Fischl and Vincent P Passi.

2017 Christmas Luncheon

I want to thank all who participated in this year's luncheon and hope all enjoyed themselves. It was great to see some faces that we haven't seen in a while. More importantly I want to thank a couple of people personally that make it easier on me. First of all, my wife Diane who does all the name tags, and then those who arrived early to help set up, Rich Connelly and Jim Jennings this year, and the most helpful year after year Mario Coletta. Mario has always been a huge help with this endeavor. To all our wishes for a; Happy, Healthy 2018!
Rich Sipple

CALENDAR

Jan 10-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.
Jan 29-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Feb 14-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon. Nominations
of Officers and E-Board Members.
Feb 26-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Mar 1-Drury Lane Play "Joseph and the
Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
Mar 14 Luncheon and Regular Meeting
Nominations and election of Officers
and E-Board Members. New Hall noon.

Our guest speaker for the January 2018
Regular Membership Meeting will be:
Jeanne Cameron Executive Director
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans.
Our guest speaker in February 2018 will
be from the Greater Chicago Food
Depository.

The January and February Regular
Meetings will still be at the Apprentice
School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL.

FAMILY VALUES

When conservatives talk about
"family values," what they usually mean
is opposition to a woman's right to
choose, opposition to contraception,
opposition to gay rights, and support for
abstinence-only education. Here's a
somewhat different perspective on
family values.

When a mother has a baby and is
unable to spend time with that child
during the first weeks and months of his
or her life, that is not a family value.

When a wife is diagnosed with
cancer and a husband cannot get time off
of work to take care of her, that is not a
family value.

When a mother is forced to send
her sick child to school because she
cannot afford to stay home with her, that
is not a family value.

When a husband, wife, and kids,
during the course of an entire year, are
unable to spend any time together on
vacation, that is not a family value. The
conservative agenda for families is really
an attack on everything that a family is
supposed to stand for.

When it comes to basic workplace
protections and family benefits, workers
in every other major industrialized
country in the world get a better deal
than workers in the United States. That
should be an embarrassment to anyone
who wants to talk seriously about family
values in this country.

Bernie Sanders

Well I hate to be the one to tell you, but Socialism, which you have been told to fear all your life, is responsible for all this...

1. The Military/Defense –
2. Highways/Roads –
3. Public Libraries –
4. Police –
5. Fire Dept. –
6. Postal Service –
7. Student Loans and Grants
8. Bridges –
9. Garbage Collection –
10. Public Landfills –
11. War –
12. Farm Subsidies –
13. CIA –
14. FBI –
15. Congressional Health Care
16. Polio Vaccine
17. EPA –
18. Social Security –
19. Museums
20. Public Schools
21. Jail/Prison System
22. Corporate/Business Subsidies
23. Veteran's (VA) Health Care
24. Public Parks
25. All Elected Government Officials –
26. Food Stamps –
27. Sewer System –
28. Medicare
29. Court System
30. Bird Flu Vaccine –
31. G.I. Bill
32. Hoover Dam –
33. State/City Zoos –
34. IRS –
35. Free Lunch Program
36. The Pentagon
37. Medicaid
38. FDA
39. Health Care for 9/11 Rescue Workers –
40. Swine Flu Vaccine
41. Disability Insurance (SSDI) –
42. Town/State Run Beaches
43. Corporate Bailouts/Welfare –
44. State Construction –
45. Unemployment Insurance –
46. City/Metro Buses -
48. State Snow Removal –
49. PBS (Public Broadcasting Service)
50. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
51. Welfare –
52. Public Street Lighting –
53. FEMA –
54. Public Defenders –
55. S-CHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) –
56. Amtrak –
57. NPR –
58. The Department of Homeland Security
59. OSHA –
60. State and National Monuments –
61. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) –
62. Government Scholarships
63. Department of Health and Human Service -
64. Census Bureau -
65. Department of Energy
66. Customs and Border Protection
67. Department of Education –
68. Secret Service –
69. Peace Corps –
70. Department of Justice
71. National Weather Service –
72. The White House –
73. Government
74. Law –
75. Civilization as we know it

If you are arriving by bus:

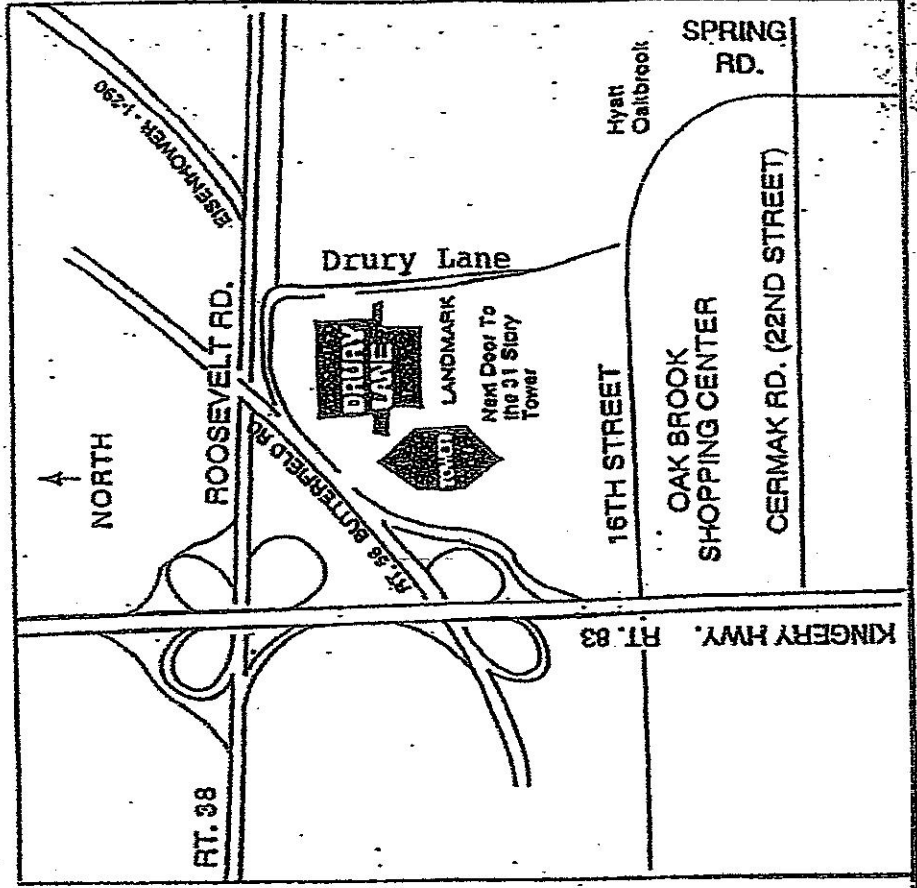
*Give this map to your driver to aid in directions.

*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 (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: _____