

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

Retiree's Newsletter



JANUARY

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

FROM THE PODIUM

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a belated Thanksgiving greeting, and hopes for a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year! This includes all of the appropriate holidays you and yours celebrate. My very best wishes to one and all!

While my hopes are on an improving work picture for our members, I am urging each of our retired members to visit www.HelpingHand134.org and contribute whatever you can spare. This is an extremely important way to assist our brother and sister members that have been hit by this unprecedented period of unemployment.

My goal for 2013 is to encourage **all** current and future 134 retirees to take a renewed interest in our club. We have had changes at the board level and will possibly have more this year. We owe much to all of these men who have preceded us in our union, but like a pond, we need fresh water to keep it from drying up. Please consider this a call for your help!

Again may your Holidays be special!

CALENDAR

Dec12-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon

Dec 25-Merry Christmas

Jan 1-Happy New Year

Jan 7-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Jan 9-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Feb 4-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Feb13-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Mar 4-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Mar13-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Belonging to a Union is about taking care of each other, especially in these hard economic times. One of the ten objectives of the IBEW as stated in THE IBEW

CONSTITUTION is **TO ASSIST EACH OTHER IN SICKNESS AND DISTRESS** If you are

fortunate enough to be able to help in these trying times, please find it in your heart to donate what you can to help OUR less fortunate Brothers and Sisters. All proceeds are being distributed to OUR own IBEW Local 134 members. All good things start with a small step. Hopefully in the future as the fund grows we will be able to help on a larger level.

Visit our website to donate at www.HelpingHand134.org

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.

November 14th 2012 Speaker

Our annual visit to the apprenticeship school brought a good turnout. Our speaker was John Prendergast. When working on voltages over 50 volts special fire protective clothes are a must as well as arc flash training. All apprentices get an arc flash shirt. Eye and head protection are also used. They get a blended learning system with a look at the graphic dangers of arc flash. Wooden ladders that were common are being replaced with fiberglass. Werner Ladder Company with workers input designed a ladder just for electricians. John spoke of how a flatters notch was cut in the old wooden ladders for cutting conduit. This of course was illegal. The newly designed ladders were designed for cutting conduit, or pulling wire options. The Werner Company donated 15 of these newly designed ladders to the school.

New classes are starting such as Building Automations. This will start in January 2013. They consist of card swipe to give access and permission for entry, control lighting, HVAC and surveillance systems which will monitor the worker as well as conserving energy. There will be new lighting classes for the special lighting coming into the industry. Foreman's classes taught from the prospectus of several different contractors. Welding classes which were once an integral part of the program no longer were taught because of constant improvement of Unistrut Fittings. With the advent of solar equipment installations, welding instruction is a must and again in the program.

Sad news there has been a two year gap with no apprentices. The school has third year apprentices, and plans on new apprentice classes in April 2013. With this good news comes the rehiring

of teachers who were let go when first and second year classes were suspended. PT Physical Training is given regularly on a walk run basis. CPR and First Aid is also part of the curriculum. Journeyman classes are also given. An OSHA 10 Class is necessary to work in our sister Local 697 Indiana.

The new Trainees program is The IBEW's way of combating the non union in our industry. President Hill insisted we do this or he'd do it for us. So to avoid an IBEW mandate Local 134 started an electrical trainee's course. They will earn 30% of journeyman wage scale. John said to think of this as an expansion of the summer permit program. They'll be doing job site clean up and unloading trucks. No electrical work very few pocket tools and of course no overtime. Two hundred people have already applied for this position. After drug testing and other criteria, 110 made it into the program. This will be a stepping off point for those who want to start the regular apprenticeship program. The contractors will be held to a ratio of one trainee for every ten journeyman with a limit of six trainees total per contractor. They can be as young as 17 and not need a high school diploma. They will need one or a GED when and if they start their apprenticeship.

Some more good news as of 11/14 2012 there were only 2 A apprentices and 7C Apprentices who were unemployed. The first week in March 2013 will be the call up for apprentice training, classes to start in June. At one time we had as many as 400 apprentices per year, now there will be 150.

The Retirees Club want to thank Director John Donahue for welcoming are visit and John Prendergast for all the information on our apprenticeship training.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

I was thinking that we are often invited out for dinner or get together and we want to bring something that everyone would like besides wine or flowers. I thought this was the homemade gift you would like.

Fudge

3 cups granulated sugar
1 12 oz. can of Evaporated Milk like Carnation
¼ cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
½ teaspoon salt
4 cups miniature marshmallows
2 packages (12 oz. each) semi sweet Chocolate Chips
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
LINE 13x9 inch baking pan or two 8 inch square baking pans with foil
COMBINE sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt in a 4 to 5 quart, heavy duty saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil, stirring constantly, for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat. STIR in marshmallows, chocolate chips, nuts and vanilla extract. Stir vigorously for 1 minute or until marshmallows are melted. Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Lift from pan and remove foil. Cut into pieces. Store tightly covered in refrigerator. Makes about 4 lbs.

I got a little craving for fudge in typing out this recipe.

JANUARY 9th

Our speaker will be Mariyana Spyropoulos, commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. She will be talking about the deep tunnel project.

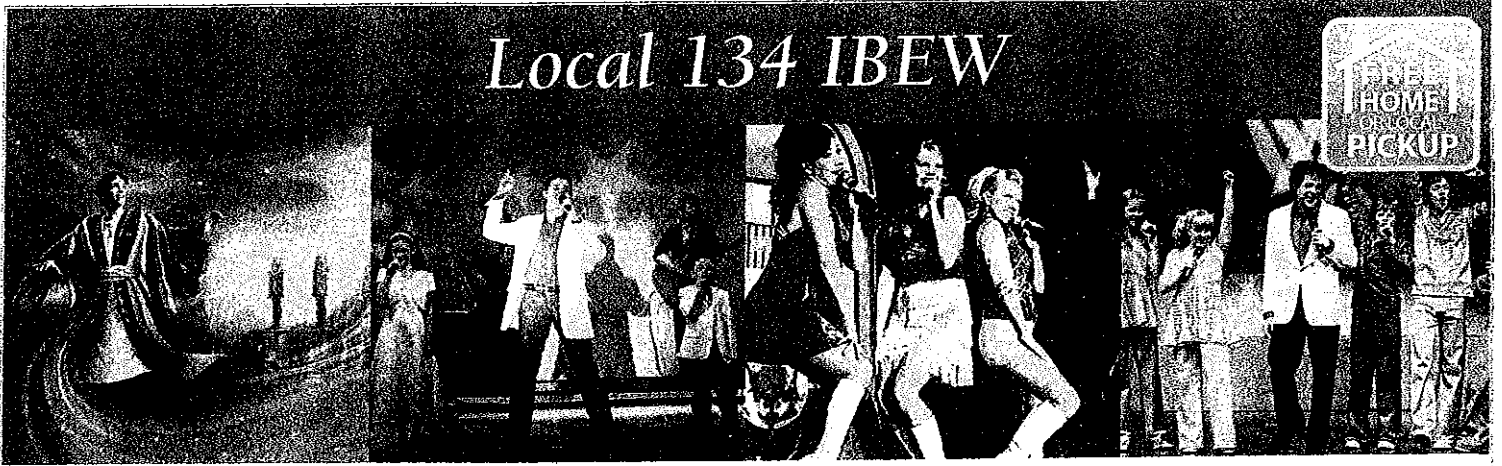
FEBRUARY 13th

We have invited someone from BEST IN-HOME SERVICE INC., to come to our meeting. If you or someone you know needs assistance and wants to stay in home, you might be informed as to how this can be done. It may not be of interest to you right now but can be forthcoming. To go into a nursing home can be devastating for some people. You may be able to help someone else out who needs such a service.

BRANSON BLAST

Mayflower Tours has changed our date for the BRANSON BLAST to May 13, 2013. It is a Monday and the day after Mothers' Day. It will mean that we may see some different shows than originally planned. Also, I need to know how many people are interested in going with a deposit by the 27th of December. Our \$50.00 per person only last until December 27th. So, if you want to go on this Mayflower tour, and save \$50.00 per person you must send me your deposit by December 27th. I have never been to Branson and I thought it might be nice to go as a group. As with all trips the company needs to make plans in advance so we can not wait until April to decide if want or can go in May. Please call Gerry White 847-635-5659, if you want to go.

Local 134 IBEW



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



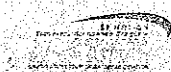
PER PERSON RATES

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 disasters, 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: Branson 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**

**SOME OF THE SPEAKERS WE HAVE ENJOYED
AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS**

CUB - CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD

NORTHWEST CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY (rehab)

US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (PLANTING)

ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

COOK COUNTY JUDGES

KEVIN LYNCH FROM THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL

BRIAN CUNNINGHAM WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE HARMONY CLUB

OUR CREDIT UNION

TOM VILLANOVA PRESIDENT OF THE BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL

SPEAKERS FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREATER FOOD DEPOSITORY OF COOK COUNTY

SILVER CONNECTIONS

COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S OFFICE

COOK COUNTY ASSESSORS OFFICE

AMERICAN RED CROSS

CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

JOSH STEWART FROM PRP WINE INTL (wine consultant)

**WE INITATED THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE TO COME AND SET UP
A MOBILE DRIVER SERVICE FACILITY HERE AT THE UNION HALL SO WE
COULD RENEW OUR DRIVER'S LICENSE, OBTAIN AN ILLINOIS ID CARD
AND OTHER SERVICES THEY NOW PERFORM AT THE BENEFIT FAIR.**