

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 _____

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

JANUARY



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 Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

Honor Flight Chicago

In early October, my wife Mary and I went to Midway airport to welcome the Honor Flight veterans home from Washington DC. These WWII and Korean War vets started their day early, arriving at 3 AM to prepare for their flight. This was the 75th time the Honor Flight Chicago organization has welcomed men and women veterans to visit the war memorials in Washington. Each vet was accompanied on the flight by a volunteer who stayed with them the entire day. Three meals were provided. Every veteran attending was treated to this day of honor and friendship with no cost to them.

After spending an 18-hour day as honored guests at our nation's capital, they boarded the flight home. While heading back to Chicago, these heroes experienced a surprise "mail call" when they received letters written by family and friends that they read on the way home. Upon arrival at Midway, each vet was greeted by an active duty military member who escorted them to their waiting family. Little did the vets know that besides their families, hundreds of caring people who did not know them were also waiting to welcome them and thank them for their service. The vets were clearly exhausted, but the cheers, handshakes, thank yous, and hugs from those awaiting their arrival gave them a second wind. All were overwhelmed by the show of love, respect, and gratitude; many shed tears.

This is the second time we've attended the Honor Flight homecoming. I'm sure when these flights resume next spring we will do it again. I encourage you to consider attending this event. When you do, I suggest you bring a bag chair (seating is very limited), some bottled water, and some snacks. Arrive early. It isn't necessary to know a veteran on the flight. All are welcome and encouraged to come and thank our veterans for serving our country. You will be humbled by this extraordinary experience.

To date, Honor Flight Chicago has honored 6,686 WWII and Korean War veterans whose average ages are 91 and 85 respectively. For further information or to make a tax deductible donation visit www.honorflightchicago.org or call 773-227-8387. If you have served our country during World War II or the Korean War and wish to go on a future Honor Flight, you may get more info and print an application on the website also. If you have any questions about the homecoming event, I'd be happy to answer them.

Jim Fliris

RECIPE EXCHANGE

I got this recipe from Laura Felde and she said it was delicious. I wanted to try it but have not had the time.

Slow Cooker Chicken Cacciatore

1 lb. Boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size pieces
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 green pepper, sliced into strips
1 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tbsp. canned tomato paste
1-1/2 cups canned crushed fire-roasted tomatoes, undrained
1-1/2 tsp. dry red wine
1/4 tsp dried oregano, crushed
1/2 tsp. table salt, divided
1/4 tsp. black pepper
Place chicken in a 3 to 5 quart slow cooker. Add mushrooms, green pepper, onion, garlic, tomato paste, tomatoes, wine, oregano, 1/4 tsp of salt, and black pepper. Cover and cook on high heat for 5 to 6 hours or on low heat for 6 to 8 hrs. Add remaining 1/4 tsp of salt if necessary. You can start after lunch and cook on high heat and serve with a green salad and crusty bread. Sounds good and I will try soon.

DECEMBER 14th

It is day of our Annual Holiday Party. Hope to see you there.

JANUARY 11th

We have asked Donna Beltrane from Great Lakes Credit Union to come and speak at this meeting. She will be discussing IRA's, MRD's (Minimum Required Distributions) and banking ideas for seniors. Come with questions.

FEBRUARY 8th

Dave Barrett from Cooney and Conway is coming to this meeting. He will be discussing different illnesses that may have come to you from working at different job sites. This might be a good meeting to attend especially if you are suffering from something you don't know how you got.

MARCH 8th

Odd Year Election Luncheon for three E-Board members. Sign up sheet in this newsletter.

We have Ron Wittingham from Megent Inc. scheduled to come to this meeting. He may have the answers to all your financial questions.

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully, "Give me one last request, dear," he said. "Of course, John," his wife said softly. "Six months after I die, John Said, "I want you to marry Bob." "But I thought you hated Bob," she said. With his last breath John said, "I do!"

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

GerryWhite

November 9th 2016 Speaker

Our speaker this month was Citizens Utility Board (CUB) Community Technology Liaison Yami Newell. She asked if any of our Retiree's Club were members of CUB and many said they were. She told of how we could learn to lower our utility costs by calling CUB Monday thru Friday to get advice.

Commonwealth Edison is in the process of upgrading their electrical grid system from what is now antiquated, by using modern advancements. Some of these are sensors on the line to detect outages; new digital meters, called Smart Meters that no longer need a meter reader and eliminates the need for estimated usage on Com Ed's bills. These new meters record information on how we use power through out the day. It also allows us to adjust our usage before the billing period. Hourly pricing allows actual cost per hour of usage and real time savings due to the Smart Meter.

She told of a smart power strip that lessens the power used because some appliances use power when they're not being used but are plugged in. A warning of third party electric and natural gas suppliers was given. Know the rates before changing your supplier. At this time Com Ed is charging 6.3 cents per kilowatt hour, Nicor Gas at 40 cents per therm, Peoples Gas a little higher. She also warned of unscrupulous third party providers who get your information and change your provider without your knowledge or permission. Some municipalities make arrangements with third party providers. To avoid being changed you can opt out and keep what you have. CUB's goal is for most utility customers receive the best prices. For more information call: (312) 263-4282. email www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Reinhold Bietsch	John F Brauer
Chester D Cecil	Michael F Cotter
James N Elg	Richard Hall
Lawrence E Korb	Dennis R Kratchovil
Ronald D Labarbera	Victor J Maggio
Joseph M Majchrzak	Robert J Marshall
William L McDonald	Harold Norman Jr
Julio Parrales	Edward M Rodriguez
*Paul Pater	*Elwin D Pentland
Raymond E Scott Jr	Edward P Sloan
Lawrence J Stlaske	Adolf J Szurkowski
Dominic Tanzillo	John G Williams
	Beldin J Wills

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club members Paul Pater and Elwin D Pentland.

CALENDAR

Dec 12-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Dec 14-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon.
Dec 25- Merry Christmas!
Jan 1-Happy New Year!
Jan 11- Regular Meeting 1:00 at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.
Jan 30- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Feb 8 – Regular Meeting 1:00 at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.
Feb 27- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
Mar 8- Odd year Election Luncheon Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd, three E-Board members to be elected. Luncheon served at noon.

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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Niles, IL 60714

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: _____