

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

JANUARY



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

Political Ads

It is a little less than a year until the next general election, and the primaries will be here even sooner. It is not so surprising that the political ads are popping up with ever-increasing frequency, although in my opinion, a little premature. It seems that every ballgame, sit-com, and reality show is interrupted by a politician telling me how bad his opponent is and how he or she will have all the answers if only elected. "I have a plan, it will be great. Trust me." We've heard it all before. After the election we hear things like, "I didn't know this or that problem was that complicated." The next time you hear from them is the next election cycle.

I've read and heard from the TV political pundits that negative ads work and angry people vote. Maybe so, but I find it a little strange when a candidate running for governor airs a spot sarcastically thanking a politician who isn't even in the race. After seeing this ad a number of times—you know the ad I mean—the one with the governors from our surrounding states thanking this non-candidate for all his help in making their states the economic power houses they seem to think they are.

Like I said, I found the ad a little strange, though it did rouse my curiosity. I wondered if it was comparing state to state, or apples to oranges. I went to the Internet to see what I could learn. The first thing I noticed was these three governors are on the same team, the GOP. The next surprising thing was all these governors were from "right-to-work states." Who would have imagined that? Driven by my inquisitive nature, I dug deeper into the web's wealth of knowledge and found a blatant omission. The governors of these three states neglected to mention the inconsistencies between the states.

2015 Survey Median Household Incomes (U.S. Census) *

Illinois - \$59,588

Indiana - \$50,532

Missouri - \$50,238

Wisconsin - \$55,638

Comparing apples to oranges? More like comparing apples to watermelons.

*Latest available data

Jim Fliris

THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION #134 IBEW INVITE YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
AT THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER
4626 NORTH KNOX AVE.
WILSON AND KNOX, CHICAGO
AT NOON, DECEMBER 13, 2017

FOR CORNED BEEF DINNER _____

OR ROAST CHICKEN DINNER _____

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR

NAME _____

GUEST _____

The cost for members and their wives is \$35.00 per person
Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their
reservation. Mail this reservation form to: Richard Sipple
901 Pheasant Walk
Schaumburg IL 60193

Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW
Please allow enough time to mail your payment. We must know the total number of
guests by December 6th.

November 8, 2017 Speaker

Dr. Glen Batson,
Chiropractor spoke to us about spinal health care. As patients we tend to treat the pain instead of treating the problem. Pain is just the tip of the iceberg. There are 33 bones in the spine 24 are movable. Serious neurological problems come from the spine. Sitting on a soft couch can create back problems. Every organ in the body is controlled by spinal nerve energy.

Laser therapy has been used in Europe for over 50 years, just recently used in the US. Laser treatments can take away inflammation and increases circulation and blood flow. This forces blood into the joints brings oxygen to the cells. Photobiomodulation (laser treatment) increases healing. Dr Batson said that when we are lifting heavy loads hold your chin up.

We want to thank
Dr. Batson for a very informative visit.

IN MEMORIAM

Albert R Anders	Alton Anderson
Robert J Bacci	David C Biedermann
Marty C Cunningham	Brendan J Dillon
Robert M Ford	Thomas D Gelin
Gerald R Johnson	Walter J Kochan
Richard H Martin	James M Powell
Clifford W Rodgers	Michael P Ross
Richard D Santucci	Richard A Shradeja
Orville F Sorensen Jr	Joseph E Unfried
Leonard Wallace	James R Winkleman

CALENDAR

Dec 11-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Dec 13- Holiday Party Irish American Heritage Center noon.

Dec 25- Merry Christmas.

Jan 1- Happy New Year.

Jan 10-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Location To Be Determined. Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

Jan 29-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Feb 14-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Location To Be Determined. Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

Feb 26-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Mar 1-Drury Lane Play"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

After the first of the year the Retiree's Club may stay at the apprentice school or go to the new hall. As of this newsletter we are not certain.

**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

WHITEHOUSE REMARKS AT GORSUCH CONFIRMATION HEARING

Washington, DC – Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) delivered the following opening remarks at the Senate Judiciary Committee’s Supreme Court confirmation hearing for Federal Circuit Court Judge Neil Gorsuch.

The question before us is what happens when Republicans gain a five-seat majority on the Supreme Court?

I can’t help but notice the long array of 5-4 decisions, with all the Republican appointees lining up to change the law to the benefit of distinct interests: Republicans at the polls, and big business everywhere.

Let’s look at the 5-4 decisions: first, helping Republicans at the polls.

All the Republican appointees’ 5-4 decisions on election law favor Republicans at the polls. Six to zero.

Helping Republicans gerrymander, paving the way for the Republican “REDMAP” plan that won the House against the American majority vote in 2012: *Jubelirer*, 5-4, all the Republican appointees.

Helping Republican legislatures keep Democrat-leaning minorities away from the polls with targeted voter suppression laws: *Shelby County*, 5-4, all the Republicans; *Bartlett v Strickland*, 5-4, all the Republicans.

Helping corporate money flood elections and boost Republican candidates: *McCutcheon*, 5-4, all the Republicans counting the concurrence; *Bullock*, 5-4, all the Republicans; and the infamous *Citizens United* decision, 5-4, all the Republicans. In each area, the Court made new law, 5-4, and each decision predictably helped Republicans win elections. At 6-0, it’s a partisan rout.

Then look at cases that pit corporations against humans: all the 5-4 Republican-appointee decisions line up to help corporations against humans.

Citizens United and the political money decisions should again count here; all three of them 5-4, all the Republicans.

Then come decisions that protect corporations who’ve harmed their employees: in pay discrimination, *Ledbetter*, 5-4, all the Republicans; in age discrimination, *Gross*, 5-4, all the Republicans. In harassment cases, *Vance*, 5-4, all Republicans. In anti-retaliation cases, *Nassar*, yup, you guessed it – 5-4, all Republicans.

Then there are the decisions that protect corporations from class action lawsuits: *Walmart v. Dukes*, 5-4 and *Comcast*, 5-4 – both all the Republicans.

Then there are decisions that help corporations steer customers away from juries and into corporate-friendly mandatory arbitration: *Concepcion* and *Italian Colors Restaurant*, both 5-4, both all Republicans. The *Iqbal* decision, 5-4, all Republicans, helped bar the courthouse door for all types of plaintiffs.

All of this helps keep corporations away from juries – the one element of government hardest for corporations to control; indeed, tampering with a jury is a crime.

The Court also helps big business against unions: *Harris v. Quinn*, 5-4, all Republicans. Last year, *Friedrichs* was teed up as a 5-4 body blow against unions, when Justice Scalia died. With a new 5-4 Court, they’ll be back.

Throw in *Hobby Lobby*: corporations have religious rights that supersede health care for their employees, 5-4, all Republicans.

Add *Heller* and *McDonald*, reanimating for gun manufacturers a legal theory a former Chief Justice once called a “fraud”, 5-4, all Republicans. Help insulate investment bankers from fraud claims? Why not. *Janus Capital Group*, 5-4, all Republicans.

Chamber of Commerce v. EPA gave corporate polluters an unprecedented victory. Again, 5-4. All Republicans. That’s an easy 16-0 record for corporations against humans.

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.

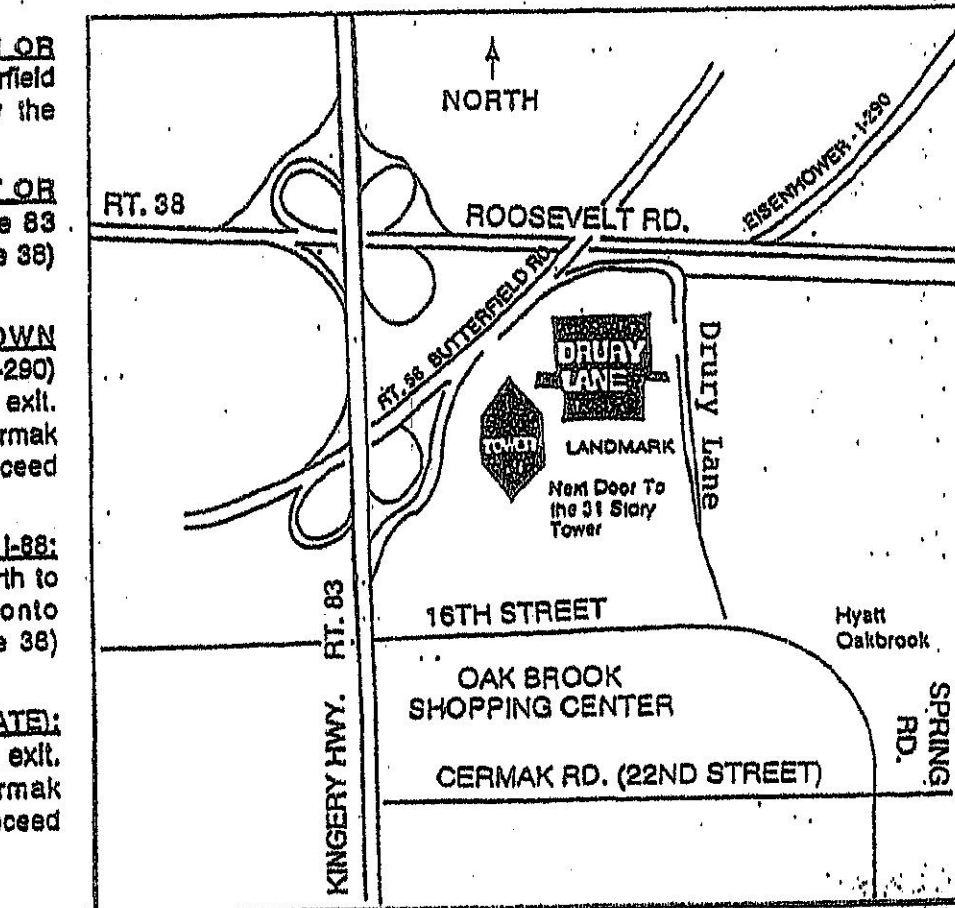
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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.



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: _____