

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

Retiree's Newsletter



JULY

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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
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FROM THE PODIUM

I am having difficulty overcoming a severe case of *writers block* this month. However, here goes!

The lead story is of the Bangladesh building collapse that killed over 1200 people. People who worked making very little money making clothing for major U.S. retailers, died because of others greed! This is reminiscent of The Triangle Shirt Waist factory tragedy in this country in 1911 that killed 146 workers. This country was outraged then and we should be now! Human beings have the right to earn a decent living in a safe workplace no matter what country they live in, and especially when they toil for companies in this country who are making huge profits!

The day before a story ran that stated that CEO's at the largest companies made 240 times the average employees wage. This ratio was 42 to 1 in 1980 and 120 to 1 in 2000. The top 25 earners ranged from 524 to 1795 times employee wages. Eight of those were in retail or apparel.

I believe that both of these stories show how important Unions have been in our lives. Union people fought for safe workplaces, reasonable hours and living wage for everyone! Pay ratios in the 1950's were 20 to 1, that was at the height of union membership, as membership declined CEO ratios increased dramatically. I do not begrudge success or wealth, but I do know that my Union and others made the American dream a reality but I wonder if I have done enough to keep it alive?

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The people that fought for unions in the early days helped all employees have a better life, members or not! Have we lost track of that because we have lived the dream? I believe that unions are as relevant today as in 1900 but did we create anyone with the courage to fight for them? Or have we convinced ourselves that we did all of this on our own?

I believe that any success I have had has been built on a foundation laid by those Brothers who went before me, and I will fight those who wish to destroy our brotherhood!

Rich Sipple

CALENDAR

- Jun 12-50,55,60 year Celebration Luncheon** noon, Honor our Brothers Also we're celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Retirees Club
- Jul 1** -E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
- Jul 4-** Independence Day, Fly Your Flag
- Jul 10-** Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
- Jul 25-**Drury Lane Play "Boeing Boeing" Luncheon served at 11:30 am
- Aug 5-** E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
- Aug 14-** Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
- Aug 22-** A Day at the Races Arlington Park Racetrack Noon
- Sept 2-**E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
- Sept 11-** Luncheon and Regular Meeting noon

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 11TH 2013 AT THE HALL

**OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DOLLAR LUNCHEON
WILL BE HELD AT NOON ON THAT DAY**

Name _____

Guest _____

Please print names

Mail this reservation form and your dollar per person to:

Bernie Martin
8706 N Olcott
Niles, IL 60714

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

“BOEING BOEING”
A Non- Stop Comedy

Our next play will be held on Thursday July 25th 2013 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 Bob Mersch’s hands by July 1st, 2013 with your check for \$45.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Bob Mersch will have your tickets at Drury Lane at the Matradee’s podium. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

The Meal:

First Course: Seasonal Fruit Plate

Entrees:

Salmon Filet _____

Lemon Tarragon Sauce

Or

Chicken Breast Marsala _____

Mushroom Marsala Wine Sauce

All- Entrees include Chef’s Selection of garden vegetables, potato, fresh baked bread, desert and choice of one non-alcoholic beverage.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Bob Mersch

5223 W. Madison Street

Skokie, IL 60077

BOEING, BOEING was revived in 2007 after an undeniably successful seven-year run in the West End. The Wall Street Journal hailed Boeing-Boeing as one of “the funniest plays to hit Broadway in ages” and the Daly Telegraph said it was “the funniest show on the London stage.” This charming revival focuses on Bernard, a jet setting architect living in Paris. He has been successfully juggling three flight attendant fiancés with the help of his reluctant housekeeper who keeps track of everyone’s comings and goings. Mayhem follows soon after the arrival of an old college pal as flights are delayed, schedules change and chaos ensues.

The Laughs come fast and furious when Bernard finds himself struggling to keep up with his overwhelming amorous lies. Audiences will have to fasten their seat belts for a roaring ride that will take them up and away.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Remember the recipe with the capers, well here is another recipe using capers. I hope you like capers.

ROASTED SALMON AND ASPARAGUS

¾ cup mayonnaise

1 clove of garlic, minced

1 tsp. finely grated lemon rind

1 tbsp. lemon juice

1 tbsp. finely chopped fresh dill

1 tbsp chopped capers

2 tsp. finely minced red onion

¼ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

Salmon and asparagus.

Cooking spray

1 tbsp. olive oil

Combine mayonnaise and other ingredients up to Salmon and asparagus in a small bowl until well blended. Cover and chill for a least 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Arrange asparagus in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste.

Place salmon fillet directly on top of asparagus. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Roast for 20 minutes, or until fish flakes when tested with a fork. Serve salmon and asparagus with chilled sauce.

JULY 10th

Our speaker for this meeting will be Brian Milich from the Cook County Sheriff's Dept.

JULY 25th

Our Lunch and Play at the Drury Lane Theatre is the 25th. We will be seeing the popular Broadway farce. Hope you have all sent in your reservations to Bob Mersch.

AUGUST 14th

Our speaker for this meeting will be Carmenza Millan from AARP. She is going to talk about Medicare and Social Security.

AUGUST 22nd

We are going to Arlington Racetrack. I have enclosed a sign-up sheet with this newsletter. If you would like to go the Arlington that day, please sign up Before August 8th. I need this time so I will be able to get your entrance tickets to you before the 22nd.

SEPT 11th

It is time for the September luncheon meeting. This year we our having entertainment. Bud and Norma Hinchman will be here to present their **MUSICAL MEMORIES A LA MODE.**

SEPT 25th

I am working on an Architecture Cruises on the Chicago River. It is a Wednesday, and I have to find a restaurant close to the entrance to Navy Pier for lunch. If you have any suggestions, please let me know ASAP. I will need to get out a reservation sheet in next month's newsletter in order to give everyone time to sign up. Gerry White 847-635-5659.



A BLAST IN BRANSON

On the morning of May 13th, 10 of us from the electrical union joined 17 other people for our tour to Branson, Missouri. We stopped at a winery for samples and at Ryan's Steak House in Springfield, Missouri for dinner, then on our way to our home away from home, the Comfort Inn Thousand Hills in Branson.

Day two we saw three shows. The "Clay Cooper's Country Express Show", with twenty veteran entertainers, was full of talent, hysterical comedy and country music. After lunch the "70's Music Celebration starring Barry Williams (from the Brady Bunch) with non-stop 70's Hits, comedy and memories. Dinner was at McFarlains and shopping at IMAX Complex. The evening show was "Haygoods Family Show". Five brothers and one sister did incredible harmony, choreography and virtuoso performances on over 20 different instruments.

Day three, Jan our tour manager and Rich our bus driver planned an optional tour which included a stop at a scenic roadside, overlooking Branson and then on to the College of the Ozarks, nicknamed "Hard Work U". It is home to 1,400 students who work, rather than pay, for a quality education. We stopped in Downtown Branson to look around and shop. After

lunch we went to see "#1 Hits of the 60's". Six entertainers sang over 90 songs and had over 100 costume changes. We ate dinner at Montana Mike's Steakhouse and then to the Sight and Sound Theatre. We saw the biblical production of "Joseph". It is one of the 2 professional Christian theatrical companies. It is a 2,000 seat theatre, a 300 foot stage that wraps around three sides of the audience, elaborate sets up to 40 feet high and an amazing variety of live animals. Day 4 we left for home. We stopped at a cutlery store for lunch and our next stop was the Russell Stover Candy outlet. We have very happy memories of the "Branson Blast". Kathleen (Gerry White's Sister) The people we met, Jan the tour manager, and Rich the bus driver made our trip unforgettable. Rich was extremely helpful with getting us on and off the bus.

Jerry and Susie Helsper

It was a wonderful vacation and one that I will always remember. Thank you for the time of our lives.

Marge and Harry Bjorklund

It was nice to be picked up from home and be driven so we could enjoy the beautiful scenery along the road on our trip to Branson. Donna and Bob Haas I had the best time in my life. Everyone on the bus was so friendly. More laughs than I have had in a long time. Barbara Leineweber

May 8, 2013 Speaker

Rajiv Ravulapati Outreach Coordinator for the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) was our speaker. With all the valuable information he gave us, too bad our turnout wasn't better. His first subject was AT&T. There's a telephone rewrite Bill that if passed, land lines may not be offered in all the areas they are now. The Line Backer fee is insurance if the house telephone wiring goes bad. This is not necessary and should be canceled. CUB does not advocate bundling offered by any company.

The next utility was the electric company and all the competition that exists today. There are 20 different companies offering their services along with Com Ed. You can call suppliers to opt in. These competitors are not regulated and he warned of possible fraud and not to give Com Ed account numbers when approached by these companies. There are some suppliers that won't accept energy assistance programs. When choosing a competitor be sure you can opt out without penalty of early termination or cancellation fees. As always "Buyer Beware"

The City of Chicago has an agreement with Com Ed to supply power through the best priced

competitor. The City can bargain for electric rates based on Chicago voter's approval of a referendum allowing municipal aggregation, right now Com Ed charges 8.3 cents per kilowatt hour. June 1st Com Ed is lowering their rates to 5.55 cents per KWH. Chicago's electricity rate through Integrys Company is 5.42 cents per KWH. This expires May 2014 when it occurs if you haven't already there will be little reason to leave Com ED which through the parent company Ameren is regulated. There are some parts of Illinois that will not allow municipal aggregation.

With municipal aggregation those who generate power now sell to the State agency, Illinois Power Association (IPA). They used to sell to Com Ed who sold power to utilities then to consumers.

Next our speaker warned of Ni Cor Insurance Company soliciting customers for utility problems on the owner's property. They are not a part of Ni Cor Gas.

Thanks to CUB for sending a great speaker, answering our questions and passing out all this informative literature.

For tips to save money and energy, visit

www.CUBEnergySaver.com

www.CUBPhoneSaver.com

www.CUBCellphoneSaver.com

ARLINGTON PARK RACETRACK

AUGUST 22, 2013

WE ARE GOING TO THE RACES ON THURSDAY THE 22ND OF AUGUST. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WANT TO GO WITH US, PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FLYER AND RETURN TO ME BY AUGUST 8TH, TO BE ABLE TO SIT WITH THE GROUP.

YOU WILL HAVE RESERVED BOX SEAT, A RACING GUIDE AND A BISTRO LUNCH WITH YOUR TICKET.

The Bistro Lunch includes choice of sandwich or salad:

PULLED CHICKEN - With sweet chipotle barbecue sauce

MUFFULETTA – With salami, cured ham, pepperoni, provolone and olive salad

VEGETABLE CHOP SALAD – Mixed greens, grape tomatoes, red onions, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, garbanzo beans, Kalamata olives, and Gorgonzola cheese with red wine vinaigrette

Also served with:

RED POTATO SALAD Peppers, onions and buttermilk dressing

POTATO CHIPS

FRESHLY BAKED COOKIE

SOFT DRINK OR WATER

THE PARK OPENS AT 12 NOON. THE BISTRO LUNCH IS FROM 12:30 TO 2:30. POST TIME FOR THE FIRST RACE IS 1:00 PM. PARKING IS FREE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO USE THE VALET PARKING THERE IS AN EXTRA FEE. METRA TRAIN STOPS AT THE PARK.

YOU CAN BRING NON-MEMBERS OF THE CLUB TO THIS EVENT. THE COST IS \$26.00 PER PERSON.

(Cut and return the bottom section)

NAME _____

OF TICKETS _____ **AT \$26.00 EACH** _____ **TOTAL** _____

Send you check for \$26.00 per person made payable to the Retirees Club of Local 134, IBEW to Gerry White, 237 W. Millers Rd., DesPlaines, IL > 60016, before August 8th. If you have any questions, call me at 847-635-5659.

Illinois Driver License Information for Seniors

Renewal Cycle

4-year renewal cycle for ages 21 to 80 (mail-in every other cycle for drivers with clean records and no medical report review requirements).

Tests

Vision test at in-person renewal. Written test every 8 years unless clean driving record.

Vision Tests

20/40 in better eye for no restrictions; 20/70 in better eye results in daylight only restriction. May have 20/100 in better eye and 20/40 through bioptic telescope.

Special Requirements

From ages 81 to 86, reduction of interval to 2 years. At age 87, reduction of interval to 1 year. No renewal by mail, vision test required, and on-road driving test required at age 75+.

Accelerated Renewal

2 years for drivers ages 81-86; 1 year for drivers 87 and older.

Other Provisions

Renewal applicants 75 and older must take a road test.

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 (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.

