

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

Retiree's Newsletter



JUNE

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 would like to thank all of those who braved the weather to attend the April meeting!

I also want to extend a very sincere thank you to Gerry White who has done a spectacular job as our program director. Twice this year she has had to scramble to get speakers at the last second, when others canceled. *Thank you Gerry, I really appreciate you!*

As you know, this June marks our 25th anniversary, as well as the meeting honoring 50+ years of service members. Our first president and founder of the club, Irv Blaszyński, will be there to help us celebrate. Irv has been recovering from a little set back. I really want this to be a *big celebration* not only for Irv but our older members as well. Come on down!

We still need a Sgt at Arms to meet and greet people at the meetings. I still am looking for a few good people to bring new ideas to the Executive Board.

This will be delivered to you in the middle of May and I want to urge all of you to take time this Memorial Day to stop and take time out to remember all who have given their lives in the defense of freedom! We have had the opportunity to work, play, raise families, and retire with dignity, that is only a dream for so many around the world.

As I am writing this today the day after the nightmare in Boston hopefully ended. I cant help but think of the bravery of those who went to help others, of the many men and women who everyday put others ahead of themselves, of those who were tragically killed in the Texas explosion, and those who have answered the call of duty and served our country! God bless all of them.

Take time away from the garden, from the grill, and from the picnic. Take a day not to complain about what we think is wrong but to give thanks for all that is right about America.

Rich Sipple

CALENDAR

- May 13-Branson Blast
- Jun 3-E-Board Meeting
- 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

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL 134, IBEW

I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE
SIXTY, SIXTY-FIVE AND SEVENTY YEAR
MEMBERS AT THEIR NOON LUNCHEON ON
JUNE 12TH, 2013

WE ARE ALSO CELEBRATING THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETIREES CLUB

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 1ST TO:

BERNARD MARTIN
8706 N. OLCOTT
NILES, IL 60714

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local 134, IBEW

The widows of our deceased members only, are the Club's guests and need not send the dollar, but are asked to please send in this form with your name, so we know how many people are attending.

April 10 2013 Speaker

We want to thank our Program Director Gerri White for a great speaker that she was able to get at the last minute when our scheduled speaker couldn't make it. Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen A. Yarbrough was our speaker. The Office of the Recorder of Deeds records stores and provides information that is accurate, legible, timely, and easily retrievable for public and private use. The office creates public records of land transactions as well as federal and State tax liens, articles of incorporation, and Uniform Commercial Code filings. She was in the Illinois House of Representatives for 12 years. She's a staunch advocate of homeowners and involved in the banishment of smoking in public places.

Identity theft is rampant and there are three bills in Springfield for another set of eyes to look at property fraud. Three pieces of legislation All three bills have passed the Illinois House and await action in the Illinois Senate.

House Bill 2832 -- Creates a process that will allow a Recorder of Deeds to investigate and refer for judicial review any document reasonably suspected to be fraudulent, and allows a Recorder to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with law enforcement agencies or other county officials to investigate and prosecute fraud.

House Bill 2905 -- Increases the penalty for "unlawful clouding of title" (knowingly filing false claims of ownership or interest) from a misdemeanor to a felony. This will ensure that the punishment matches the severity of the crime.**House Bill 2269** -- Extends a provision of the state Notary

Act that is about to expire that requires notaries in Cook County to keep and forward a notarial record of each document that transfers ownership of residential real property to the Cook County Recorder's office. This ensures that notaries exercise all due care in witnessing these transactions. The Property fraud Alert System is a shield for homeowners. It is also possible for veterans to record their DD 214 (the discharge papers from the military.) The Cook County Recorder of Deeds Hotline is 312 603 4000. You can sign up for the Property Fraud Alert registry at CookRecorder.com or call: 1 800 728 3858.

IN MEMORIAM APRIL

Nick Camillo	Gerald E Claus
John J Connelly	Clarence E Donarski
James M Flaherty	Brian D Florek
Duane C Heinonen	Harry G Husa
Joseph E Kotula	James Macaione
Brian Mahnke	Paul A Manthey Jr
Michael E Nolan	Jeffery R Pryor
Chester L Reed	*Fred Steinken
Richard Szczerbinski	Lynn C Tabler
*William H Thompson	
Stanley Tryboski	Henry J Tuleja
Robert E Wilson	Robert M Wulkowicz

The Retirees Club wants to send our condolences to the families of Fred Steinken, William H Thompson, Wilfred Brennan, John J Carriglio, Robert J Hennessy, Walter S Olszewski and Theodore Peneff.

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.

Internet Fraud

As web use among senior citizens increases, so does their chances to fall victim to Internet fraud. Internet Fraud includes non-delivery of items ordered online and credit and debit card scams. Please visit the [FBI's Internet Fraud webpage](#) for details about these crimes and tips for protecting yourself from them.

Investment Schemes

As they plan for retirement, senior citizens may fall victim to investment schemes. These may include advance fee schemes, prime bank note schemes, pyramid schemes, and Nigerian letter fraud schemes. Please visit the [Common Fraud Schemes webpage](#) for more information about these crimes and tips for protecting yourself from them.

Reverse Mortgage Scams

The FBI and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General (HUD-OIG) urge consumers, especially senior citizens, to be vigilant when seeking reverse mortgage products. Reverse mortgages, also known as home equity conversion mortgages (HECM), have increased more than 1,300 percent between 1999 and 2008, creating significant opportunities for fraud perpetrators.

Reverse mortgage scams are engineered by unscrupulous professionals in a multitude of real estate, financial services, and related companies to steal the equity from the property of unsuspecting senior citizens or to use these seniors to unwittingly aid the

fraudsters in stealing equity from a flipped property.

In many of the reported scams, victim seniors are offered free homes, investment opportunities, and foreclosure or refinance assistance. They are also used as straw buyers in property flipping scams. Seniors are frequently targeted through local churches and investment seminars, as well as television, radio, billboard, and mailer advertisements.

A legitimate HECM loan product is insured by the Federal Housing Authority. It enables eligible homeowners to access the equity in their homes by providing funds without incurring a monthly payment. Eligible borrowers must be 62 years or older who occupy their property as their primary residence and who own their property or have a small mortgage balance. See the FBI/HUD Intelligence Bulletin for specific details on HECMs as well as other foreclosure rescue and investment schemes.

IN MEMORIAM MAY

Steven Bartolone	Kenneth Bedgood
Adam E Bigale	*Wilfred Brennan
*John J Carriglio	Michael M Coletta
Walter Cwan	Ben M Dantino
Arthur Durham	Raymond H Gavin
*Robert J Hennessy	Vladimir R Jelinek
Robert T Justice	Louis C Karabel
Scott W Kich	Richard J Korich
Edward Lara	Kenneth McKenzie
Richard J Mrozek	*Walter S Olszewski
*Theodore Peneff	Joseph R Pieroth
Martin E Reilly	Thomas M Roche
Erich G Schuebel	Delroe F Tosh
Richard J Tomasiewicz	
Visuth Vongluekiat	Charles Washington

RECIPE EXCHANGE

When you've invited a crowd over and need a terrific dessert, this is what you'll want to reach for. IT takes only 20 minutes of actual work time. It needs at least 6 hours to chill.

COOKIES AND CREAM TRIFLE

2 packages (3.9 ounces each) "instant" devils food chocolate pudding mix or plain chocolate makes a fine substitute
4 cups skim or lowfat milk, divided
1 – 8 ounce package light cream cheese at room temperature
24 ladyfingers (two 3 ounce packages)

I couldn't find ladyfingers so I used 1/3 of an angel food cake and froze the rest.

32 Oreo cookies, with additional garnish

1 – 12 ounces carton of reduced fat nondairy whipped topping (cool whip)

Put the pudding mix, 3 cups of the milk and the cream cheese in a large bowl. Mix on low speed until blended. If there are small pieces of the cream cheese it is okay. Set aside
Split the ladyfingers in half lengthwise. Place half of a package, cut side up in a glass bowl or trifle bowl. Drizzle ¼ cup of milk, 1 tablespoon at a time over the ladyfingers until moistened. Spread about ¼ of the pudding mixture over the ladyfingers. Spread ¼ of the whipped topping over the pudding. Coarsely chop 8 of the Oreo cookies and sprinkle over the topping. Repeat these layers 3 more times ending with the cookie pieces. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 6 hours to let the flavors blend. Serve in dessert bowls.

JUNE 12th

We are honoring the members who have been in the union for 50, 55, 60 etc. years at the luncheon this day. We are also celebrating the 25th anniversary of the start of the Retirees' Club. I hope you all have sent in your reservations to Bernie Martin.

JULY 10th

Brian Milich from the Cook County Sheriff's Department will be our speaker that day.

JULY 25th

We are going to see "Boeing-Boeing" at the Drury Lane Theatre. Please send your reservation before July 1st to Bob Mersch.

AUGUST 14th

Carmenza Millan from AARP is speaking on Medicare and Social Security.

AUG 22nd

I have selected this day for our annual day at the races. We are going to Arlington Racetrack. You can invite non members to this outing as well as any outing that we have that is not at the Union Hall. I will include a sign-up sheet and more information with the July newsletter.

SEPT 11th

We are having a luncheon meeting with entertainment. I have contracted Bud and Norma Hinchman to present their **MUSICAL MEMORIES A LA MODE**.

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.

