

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

Retiree's Newsletter

JUNE



2016

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

Just a reminder and heads up.

Welcome home to all our snowbird members and congratulations to those of us who survived another Chicago winter. To those of you who spent these last few months in the warmth of better climes, here's a heads up on what you may have missed. Due to the circus going on in Springfield, we still don't have a state budget. Because of this impasse, the Secretary of State's office has stopped sending renewal notices for driver licenses, license plates, and emissions tests. They have said this is necessary to save tens of thousands of dollars a month.

As of this writing, newspapers are reporting fines for late renewals have exceeded 2.7 million dollars. The politicians down state are saying how unfair this is but have yet to take any action to alleviate this injustice. I understand that the fines for late renewal are mandated by state law and can only be changed by the legislature. At this time they are not even in session. Here is a website that will allow you to enter the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) of your vehicles to determine

when you have to renew.

<http://www.ilsos.gov/regstatus/>

You may also contact the Secretary of State's office at 800-252-8980.

Have your paper work handy: driver's license, VIN number, and registration.

Once I gathered this information I set a reminder date on my e-mail calendar to notify me when these come due. Hope this helps you avoid any extra cost.

See you at our next meeting.

Jim Fliris

CALENDAR

Apr 21- Drury Lane Play **HAZEL**

Luncheon served 11:30 am.

Apr 25- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

May 11- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland. Meet and Greet 12 noon.

May 23- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

June 8- 50,55,60,65 & 70 year

Celebration Luncheon noon, Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd. Honor our Brothers.

June 27- E Board Meeting 10:30 am

July 13- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland. Meet and Greet 12 noon.

April 13th 2016 Speaker

Our guest speaker, Edward F. McElroy has been on Chicago radio and television for over 60 years. Ed started in radio in 1946 with "Hall of Famer" Bob Elson, went on to join Eddie Hubbard on the Chesterfield radio show on station WIND and in 1950 joined station WJJD. During these many years he covered news and sports all over the country. He is now the host of "Community in Focus" on cable channel 19.

McElroy served as National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America and also put in a tour of duty as the Commander here in Illinois. Over the Years, our guest was a member of the Advisory Board of the Small Business Administration for this part of the country. He was nominated "Chicagoan of the Year," along with receiving other accolades which are too numerous to mention.

For many years, McElroy has entertained hospitalized veterans, underprivileged children of Larabida Children's Hospital and the Joseph P. Kennedy School for Exceptional Children.

His closeness, throughout the years with the Chicago Police Department is another area where he has been honored by most of the Police Organizations for his sincere concern for the welfare of the Chicago Police and their families. Ed is married and has six grandchildren.

Our regularly scheduled speaker Mariyana Spyropoulos President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago could not join us and our Program Director Gerry White, on short notice was able to get Ed to speak to us. Thanks Gerry.

IN MEMORIAM

Bruce W Bahde	*Wilfred H Diesel
Herbert R Drummond	Robert J Dutcher
Stanley Farbotko	John M Galvin
Douglas A Gorence	Dow H Gothard
Dennis L Griner	Joe G Hill
John T Katsulis	Peter E Kiolbassa
Andrew W Knol	*James A McNamara
John W Molinero	Salvatore Morello
Abe Morton	Michael D Neville
Dan Orlowski	Barney Reeves Jr
Vincent L Santoni	Frank J Schoener
Raymond Scropo	Thomas M See
Herb Stanton	Ross J Valenzo
Anthony Vari Jr	Steven P Weissmuller
Robert White	Ronald H Witman
Leroy W Wilson	Kenneth A Yankowski

We send our condolences to the families of Wilfred H Diesel a long time member of the club and James A McNamara.

The Retiree's Club lost one of our E-Board members. Vito Alberotanza, An E- Board member for over 20 years. For many of those years Vito would represent the Retiree's Club at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Mount Emblem Cemetery. Recording Secretary Frank Cunningham representing Local 134 and Vito would join together to honor our veterans. Monday May 30th is Memorial Day. The ceremony starts at Mount Emblem At 10:00 am. We'll send another Retiree's Club member. Vito our condolences to your wife Carmela and your daughter and son. Vito we'll miss you.

Farewell to 600 W
Washington Blvd

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 on Wednesday bought the former Drake Elementary School building for \$1.5 million to house its new union hall.

On Wednesday, the Chicago Board of Education approved selling the school at 2722 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., appraised at \$800,000, to the union, which is planning to move from its home at 600 W. Washington Blvd.

“This is a great opportunity for Local IBEW to partner with the Bronzeville community, and we look forward to a long and rewarding relationship,” said Don Finn, business manager for the union.

As early as November, the union was eyeing the former school, which Finn said at the time was a “perfect fit” for the union compared to other sites being considered along the Eisenhower Expressway.

The union is also planning to move its credit union to Bronzeville and plans to partner with neighboring Dunbar Vocational High School, 3000 S. King Drive, on electrical programs that would guarantee graduates a job upon completion.

According to CPS officials in November, the union was the first to approach CPS about buying the building, but on Wednesday the Board of Education said it received five bids and the union's was the highest, coming in at more than \$700,000 more than the appraised value of the property.

“Every additional dollar we bring into the district is crucial during these challenging financial times, and this sale will allow us to ensure the transformation of an important site while bringing in revenue far beyond the appraised value of the property,” said CPS CEO Forrest Claypool.

The building is the eighth sold by CPS since the district decided in 2013 to sell off more of its properties.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Asian Beef and Noodles Recipe

1 lb. lean ground beef
2 - 3 ounce package Oriental ramen
noodles, crumbled
2 1/2 cups water
2 cups frozen broccoli stir fry vegetable
blend
1/4 tsp ground ginger
2 tbsp thinly sliced green onions.
Soy sauce to taste.

In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add the contents of one ramen noodle flavoring packet; stir until dissolved.

Remove beef and set aside.

In the same skillet, combine the water, vegetables, ginger, noodles and contents of remaining flavoring packet. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 3-4 minutes or until noodles are tender, stirring occasionally. Return beef to the pan and heat through. Stir in onion.

MAY 11th

Our speaker for this meeting which will be held at the Apprentice school is James Carr. He is very knowledgeable about the I&M canal. He has a video about this canal and will present it to us and answer any of our questions.

May 30th

Monday the Annual Memorial Day gathering at Mount Emblem Cemetery will take place to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Local #134 has representatives from the American Legion Post 769, The Craftsman Club, The Harmony Club and The Retiree's

Club. It will take place at the north end of Mount Emblem which is located at Countyline Road and Grand Avenue In Elmhurst Illinois.

E- Board Member Vito Alberotanza for years represented the Retiree's Club at this event. He'll be greatly missed.

JUNE 8th

It is time to honor our 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 year members. We will be doing that at our luncheon and Regular meeting at the Union Hall 600 W Washington Blvd. Please if you have not signed up for the luncheon, do so ASAP with Bernie Martin. The luncheon is at 12 noon Mary Anne Riehl will be our featured entertainment. The meeting starts at 1:00PM. The reservation sheet is attached to this newsletter.

JULY 2nd

We are going to the Drury Lane Playhouse in Oakbrook. The lunch is at 11:30AM and the play that day is Death Trap. This is always a nice enjoyable afternoon. If you have not signed up as yet you will want to soon. Wally Felde needs to have your reservation by June 30th.

JULY 13th

If you are looking for something to do during your retirement, please come to this meeting. We have someone from the RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OF NORTHERN COOK & NORTHERN DUPAGE COUNTIES, coming to speak to us about giving a little of our time to help others in need. There is a lot of satisfaction in doing something for others.

Gerry White

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 8TH, 2016

Luncheon will be held at Boyle Auditorium
600 W. Washington Blvd

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.

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: _____

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:
Tony Award Nominee For Best Play
DEATHTRAP

Our next play will be held on Thursday July 21st, 2016 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 June 30th, 2016 with your check for \$49.00 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 will not be mailed to you.

The Meal:

First Course: Seasonal Fruit Plate
Seasonal Fruit / Grenadine Yogurt Dip

Entrees:

Pecan Crusted Tilapia _____ **Or**

Creamy Roasted Garlic Butter Sauce

Grilled Boneless Pork Chop _____

Apple Sauerkraut / Rosemary Demi Glace

All Entrees served with dinner rolls, choice of one non alcoholic beverage and chef's selection of potato, vegetable and desert.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

A hugely popular stage and screen mystery, **Deathtrap** offers skillful blending of two priceless theatrical ingredients: gasp-inducing thrills and spontaneous laughter. Unknown dramatist Clifford Anderson has sent his new thriller to award-winning Broadway author Sidney for comment—or has he? Without a success to his credit for some years. Sidney plots with his reluctant wife Myra to plagiarize 'Deathtrap.' When Clifford turns up to discuss the play with the 'Master.' Events take a sinister turn.

Please be advised that there is some sensitive subject matter.

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

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.

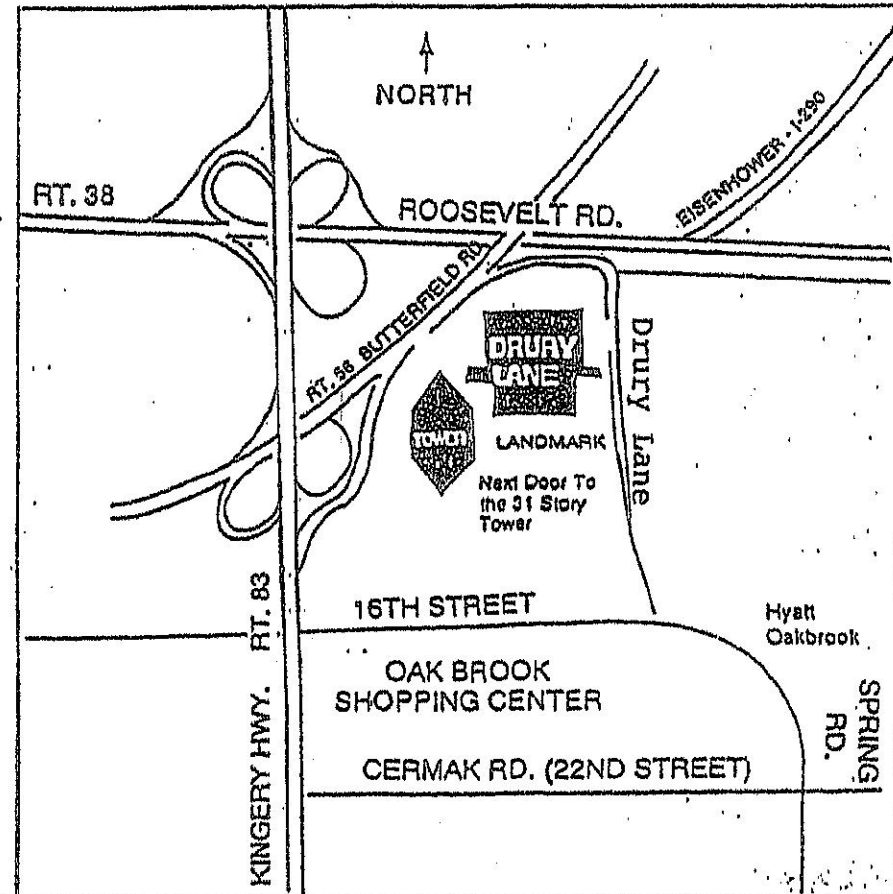
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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.



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