

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

# Retiree's Newsletter

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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, 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Chicago, IL. 60616 - 2908 The Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month except December at Memorial Hall 2722 S Dr. Martin King Jr Drive 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](http://www.Local134chicago.com) Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

## FROM THE PODIUM

### Spring...Haymarket Riot...Newsletter

What a disappointing start to this year's spring. My father was always excited to witness the arrival of the robins to proclaim the end of winter and the beginning of spring, a tradition I have passed on to my sons and their children. It warms my heart when my grandchildren call to let me know they spotted their first robin. Yes, the robins have returned only to be ravished by the cold and even snow! They continue to build their nests regardless of the bad weather conditions and push forward to repeat the circle of life. Just like the robins, our members that head south or west for the winter are back home. "Snowbirds" as they are called. How wonderful it is to travel south to avoid the cold and snow after years of working and enduring the harsh winters in Chicago. A warm winter setting is truly living the dream (LTD).

The eight hour workday had its beginning back on May 1, 1886 when local unions in Chicago were calling for a one day strike to support the idea of shorter work hours. The slogan was "eight hours to work, eight hours to do what you do and eight hours of rest". A few days later on May 4, 1886 a rally supporting the popular concept of an eight hour work day was being held at Des Plaines and Jefferson Streets in Chicago, known then as Haymarket Square.

During the police effort to break up the crowds, an anarchist embedded in the crowd throw a stick of dynamite at the police with horrifying results. Seven policemen died and a riot occurred. Four years later the American Federation of Labor (AFL) called for a nationwide one day strike on May 1, 1890 to again support the eight hour work day. This time the strike was a spectacular success and named the First International May Day. The celebration of labor's victory was agreed to be observed by the United States and Canada as Labor Day in the month of September, not May due to the memory of the Haymarket Riot being a negative impression of the labor movement. A sculpture honoring the Haymarket Riot has been erected in Chicago at the site of the riot. It is located on the north side Des Plaines Street and 100' north of Randolph Street.

Lastly, it has been brought to my attention that we need to address the printing and delivery costs of our

monthly Newsletter, roughly 800 copies. In the past we have printed the newsletter with the help of Loca134. Folding and sealing was done by the officers and board members after our monthly executive board meetings. Bernie Martin, our treasure, would then apply the address labels, sort by zip codes and then deliver the 800+ newsletters to his local post office. The club would pay all mailing expenses. The obvious solution is to transition to an electronic deliver method. We understand many of our members do not have an email address, in fact only 56% of our members have an email address listed in our roster. We also understand some members would prefer a paper copy delivered via regular mail. No decisions have been made yet. Stay tuned. More information about this topic will follow in future newsletters.

Kevin Gibbons

### **North / South Baseball**

This year we want to try something a little different. Instead of a major league game with a lot of walking and what have you, we thought how about some "home grown" baseball. Jim Fliris is putting together an outing for the Thunderbolts vs the Boomers on July 25th at Standard Bank Stadium in Crestwood, 10:35am start on the southside. Tickets for the Southside game are \$9, parking is \$2. Contact Jim for tickets at [abm134@yahoo.com](mailto:abm134@yahoo.com) or 312-310 1232. If we can get a commitment of twenty or more, the Bolts tickets would be a \$1 less.

Jim Fliris.

Then Rich Sipple will handle the northside turnabout game between the Boomers and the Thunderbolts on August 16th at 12:30pm. Tickets at the Schaumburg Park are \$9 and parking is free. Contact Rich at 312-914-4428 or [rsipple@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsipple@sbcglobal.net).

We know that people don't want to drive cross town for minor league ball but perhaps a day at the local ball park with your neighbors is a better option. Let's PLAY BALL!

Rich Sipple

### **New Roster Book**

We'll soon be sending a new roster book of the Retiree's Club Members list. Our hope is to keep it as accurate as possible. We want to incorporate any corrections with any new information and we're counting on the members to contact The Retiree's Club for any changes or additions.

### **IRS Scams in the Mail**

Apparently crooks have caught on that we've done a good job at getting the word out about phony IRS calls. Now, they have a new way of impersonating the IRS. Now there's a bogus IRS letter. Tax experts say crooks basically copied the official IRS notice. The tax professionals have said that this is the best con job they've spotted. This one requires a trained eye. There are small, minor differences from the real deal. Here are three clues. A real IRS letter will have a barcode at the top with your Social Security Number. There's not a bar code on the phony. Two, the IRS uses a stop address in Austin Texas. Not a P.O. Box. Finally, the IRS gives you space to respond. "The IRS will tell you, don't put it off. Contact us. Tell us if you agree or disagree. Provide the documentation to prove your point. The bogus letter offers no room for discussion. Swindlers want your hard-earned money now. Don't fall for it. The crooks just want to steal from faithful taxpayers. Know the IRS has a process. It doesn't demand immediate payment. Instructions on the fake letter say make the check payable to the IRS. The IRS asks you write a check to the United States Treasury. Before you write a check, ask a tax professional

## April 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 Speakers

Elections and their importance was the theme of our speakers this month. Jeff Spero South side Political Director and Mike Cudzik North side Political Director also Local 134 Business Agents talked about previous and upcoming Federal, State and local elections. Jeff spoke of working people voting against their best interests. Of the two parties the Democrats are more labor oriented. Our speakers were seeking those who would work phone banks for labor backed candidates. Jeff spoke of a Cook County Board member who is against the Prevailing Wage Law and had missed nearly 30 % of the Board Meetings. A pilot gas station being built in Illinois was non union and the workers were from out of state. Both our speakers were taken back by the amount of Republican primary ballots working people chose. They said for some reason seniors tend to vote against their best interests. They told us of what it takes to win an election and how senior volunteers would be welcome. In closing they made a promise of more Unionism training in the Apprenticeship Program. The Retiree's Club wants to thank both Jeff and Mike for taking time from their busy schedule to speak to us.

### ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am 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,

Craftsman Club, Harmany 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 Ave. in Elmhurst Illinois.

### IN MEMORIAM

Glenn Amundson	Tyron E Black
Daniel J Burke	Patricia J Clark
Jacob L Dvoratchek	James M Egan
Daniel M Fegan Jr	Mark W Fitch
Phillip J Gill	John A Jacoby
Raymond N Kaspari	*John E Liston
Richard J Luby	Gerald W Magee
John H Matti	Lynn B Maxwell
John Meo	Frank W Mitter
Michael J Muir	Richard A Nagy
Jim F Pierce	Martin R Pinz
*Russell J Steinken Jr	
William H Swale	Daniel V Sykes
James J Talent	Richard Valenzo

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club Members John Liston and Russell J Steinken Jr.

### CALENDAR

**May 9**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Meet & Greet 12:00 noon Memorial Hall.

**May 17**-Drury Lane Play "South Pacific" 11:30 Luncheon 1:30 Play.

**May 21**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

**May 28**- Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Mount Emblem Cemetery Elmhurst Illinois 10:00 am.

**June 13**- 50,55,60,65&70 year Celebration Luncheon noon, Memorial Hall 2722 S Martin Luther King Drive.

**June 25**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**July 11**- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Meet & Greet 12:00 noon Memorial Hall.

**July 30**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

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 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall  
2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name of guest

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 6th 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.

## 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: .

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, 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.

**Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:**  
"When all you care about is here, this is a good place to be."  
**SOUTH PACIFIC**

Music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, Book by Oscar Hammerstein and Joshua Logan adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel Tales of the South Pacific by James Michener directed by Victor Maog. Our next play will be held on Thursday May 17th, 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 April 27th, 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.

**The Meal:**

**First Course: Mixed Green Salad**

**Entrees:**

**Lake Trout** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**

Citrus Caper Sauce.

Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

**Bistro Steak** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**

Bordelaise Sauce.

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

More timely than ever, this Rodgers and Hammerstein landmark musical proves that even the backdrop of a tropical paradise cannot shelter its residents from the prejudices of World War II. *South Pacific* is the winner of the 1950 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

*South Pacific* is recommended for audiences' ages 10+

**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.

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\*Please copy this map and distribute to your guests.

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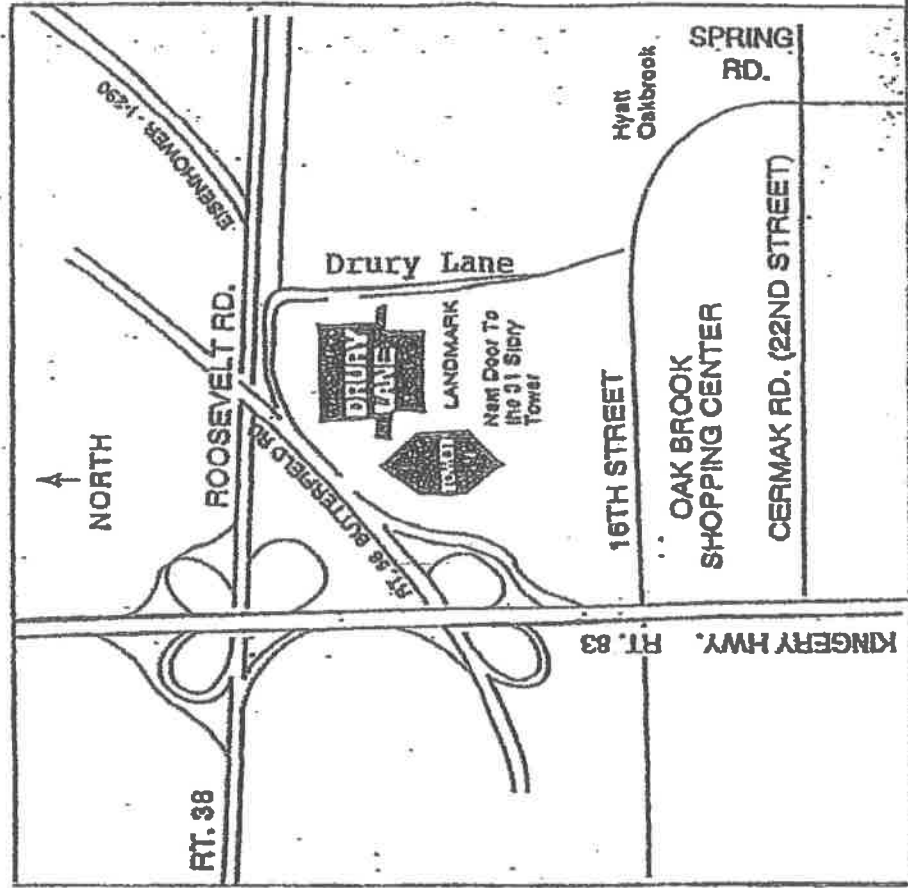
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