

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

Retiree's Newsletter

MARCH



2014

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

This may be my last entry as the club president. I am hopeful that many of you will come to the March meeting to perhaps decide to run for a board spot that will be available. All of the Officers and four of the board seats are up this March. This club relies on you, the member, to grow.

Last night's news and this morning's paper had reports on how 85 people own more of the wealth in the world than the bottom 50% of the world's population. I do not understand why I am not surprised by this! I have never been one to envy someone else's success but, I have always believed in fairness to anyone who works hard to be properly rewarded. This is no longer the case. The middleclass in this country is declining; our voices are no longer relevant because we do not control the purse strings of the electoral process nor are we organized enough in our desires! The politicians are happy to have us argue over all of the many issues we have because it hides the central issue of declining life style.

I remember as a young tradesman that the ability to buy a modest home and

have a wife that could stay home to raise the kids. This was the American Dream. Today, this is more like a "pipe dream". But rather than worry about the ability to

buy a home, raise a family, get an education, et cetera, the talking heads keep us all in a dither about everything else. Do I believe in the Constitution, damn right I do; will I fight to defend it, yes I will! Do I believe that **anyone** who works for a living deserves a decent wage? **For that I will never take no for an answer!**

Do not ever believe that someone wearing an \$18 watch and has to point it out, is going to be your friend either or provide all the answers.

My final attempt at humor:

After eating an entire bull, a lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along a shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Richard Sipple
President

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2014 or 2015 your dues are due. You can pay your 2014 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 2014 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.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

LES MISERABLES

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 24th 2014 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 1st, 2014 with your check for \$45.00 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: Soup of the Day Chef's Choice

Entrees:

Tilapia

Tomato Bruchetta

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:

Walter Felde

6543 N Oshkosh

Chicago IL 60631

Set in 19th-century France, it is the story of Jean Valjean, a burly French peasant of abnormal strength and potentially violent nature, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his starving sister's child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him to, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

Epic, grand and uplifting, LES MISERABLES packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world.

January 8th Speaker

Michael Barrett Attorney at Law spoke of probates and trusts.

Probate is a term that is used in several different ways. Probate can refer to the act of presenting a will to a court officer for filing such as, to "probate" a will.

But in a more general sense, probate refers to the method by which your estate is administered and processed through the legal system after you die.

The probate process helps you transfer your estate in an orderly and supervised manner. Your estate must be dispersed in a certain manner (your debts and taxes paid before your beneficiaries receive their inheritance, for example). Think of the probate process as the "script" that guides the orderly transfer of your estate according to the rules. Many people think that probate applies to you only if you have a will. Wrong! Your estate will be probated whether or not you have a will.

With a valid will: If you have a valid will, then your will determines how your estate is transferred during probate and to whom.

Without a valid will: If you don't have a will, or if you die *partially intestate*, where only part of your estate is covered by a valid will, the laws where you live specify who gets what parts of your estate.

Most people want to leave as much of their money to their children, or other heirs, as possible and want to avoid a big chunk of that money going to probate lawyers. That's where living trusts come in they can help in avoiding probate and probate fees. Probate involves inventorying and appraising the property, paying debts And taxes, and distributing the remainder of the property according to the will. When you make a living trust, your surviving family members can transfer your property quickly and easily, without probate. More of the property you leave goes to the people you want to inherit it.

A basic living trust allows property to efficiently pass to the beneficiaries you name, without the hassles and expense of probate court proceedings. A married couple can use one basic living trust to handle both co-owned property and separate property. Call 708 371 8500 Michael-Barrettlawfirm.com

CALENDAR

Feb 12- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Nominations of Officers and Board Members

Mar 3-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Mar 12-Luncheon Meeting noon
Nominations & Election of Officers and Board Members

Apr 7-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Apr 9-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

Apprenticesip School Alsip IL

Apr 24-Drury Lane Play Les Miserables
Luncheon served at 11:30 am

May 5-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

May 14-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

We want to thank Hugh O'Connell

Board Member for 15 years and Golf
Outing Chairman and Memorial
Chairman for all he's done and to wish
him and his wife MariJean all the best.

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 12, 2014

AT NOON

THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH

MEMBER OR GUEST

MEMBER _____

GUEST _____

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local Union # 134, IBEW

Mail to Bernard Martin,
8706 N. Olcott
Niles, IL 60714

Retired Members of Local 134

Refund Policy For Events Sponsored By The Club

When A Ticket Buyer For An Event Contacts The Chairperson For The Event Before The Cutoff Date For Reservations For That Event To Cancel His Or Her Reservation.

The buyer will get a full refund of his or her ticket price.

When A Ticket Buyer Contacts the Chairperson After The Cutoff Date For Reservations For An Event To Cancel Their Reservation.

If the chairperson has someone to buy the ticket, the first buyer will get a full refund of the ticket price. If the chairperson can not find someone to buy the ticket the first buyer will not get a refund of the ticket price.

If The First Ticket Buyer Of A Ticket To An Event Sells Or Gives His Or Her Ticket To Someone.

They must let the chairperson know who is going to use the ticket.

If An Outing Has Two Events And One Of The Events Has To Be Paid For In Advance.

If a ticket buyer cancels after the cutoff date the buyer will be given a refund only on what the chairperson did not pay for in advance, such as a meal at a restaurant.

There Are No Refunds For The \$1.00 Luncheon Tickets.

To Cancel A Reservation For An Event, Contact The Chairperson By The Cutoff Date Of That Event. Do Not Contact The Treasurer Of The Retired Members Club.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

New Members 2013

Richard F Bajner

Mario P Bartocci

Gerald Behan

Mark D Biger

John Butler

Stephen M Catalano

Cornelius Connaghan

Tim Cullerton

Gary C Czemske

John Fahey

Robert F Fitzgerald

Francisco Fragoso

Robert W Glover

Charles A Gockenboch

Jim E Greenwald

John Gricus

Billy C Harris

Robert Hengels

Michael Hickey

Dennis P Hinds

Ted C Holterhaus

Thomas P Jennings

James P Jennings

Ronald M Jones

Thomas S Kendrick

Scott Kinner

Boyd R Lessman

Raymond T Luka

Penny Lydon

Ronald McKee

Gerald J Miller

Mike Nugent

Gregory Paddack

Charles A Pezzuto

Richard Ryba

Wayne Schemmer

Bob Schuenemann

Dennis J Shewmake

Alan H Sindelar

RECIPE EXCHANGE

I was out playing cards last week and one of the players pulled out a bag of peanut clusters from her purse. They were so good that I asked for the recipe to pass on to you.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS

1 12 ounce bag of chocolate chips
12 ounces salted peanuts
12 ounces unsalted peanuts
1 4 ounce bar of German Chocolate
3 lbs of Almond Bark or a mixture of Almond Bark and White Chocolate Bark
½ Tbsp. almond extract
Layer in Crockpot on low temperature, starting on the bottom the chips, peanuts, pieces of German Chocolate, pieces of Almond or/and white chocolate bark, and the last is the almond extract. Do not remove lid. Cook for 3 hours. Then stir until all is mixed. Drop by spoonfuls onto parchment or waxed paper. The amount (size) is up to you. Chill and remove from the parchment paper then you can package the candy in a large container or individual baggies. Yields about 140 clusters. You can use any nut: Cashew, walnut & Pecans are all tasty.

MARCH 13th

Our guest speakers are coming from Megent. Hopefully they will be able to inform us about the ups and downs of the stock market. If they really knew they wouldn't still be working, would they? It is also our luncheon

meeting. Be sure to send in your reservation to Bernie Martin. Remember it is only \$1.00 and for another \$1.00 you can bring your spouse. Where else could you go for lunch and have a get together for less?

APRIL 10th

We will be meeting at the apprentice school at 115th and Ridgeland. We have invited Regina Rathnau to come as our speaker. She is an attorney at law and a certified public accountant.

APRIL 24th

It is our first Drury Lane lunch and play outing for the New Year. The play is LES MISERABLES. You can send your reservation to Wally Felde with the attached sheet with your meal choice. This is always an enjoyable afternoon with good entertainment.

MAY 8th

I have invited Taveres Williams to come to this meeting. Mr. Williams is a Community Relations Representative from Pace Bus and he will be explaining how and where to go to obtain a new Ventra Card. Maybe this will help us get around using public transportation.

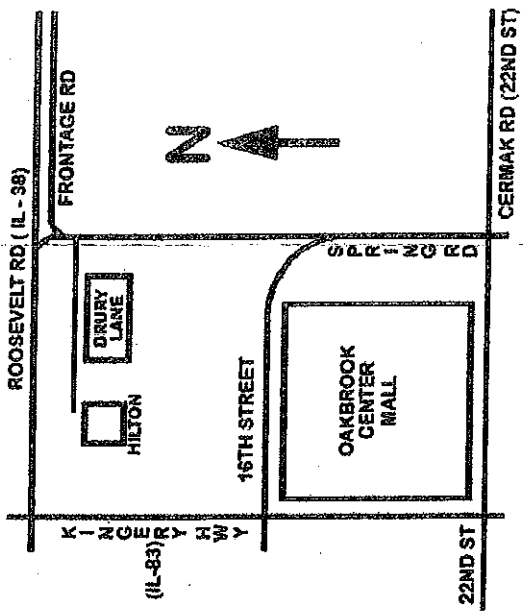
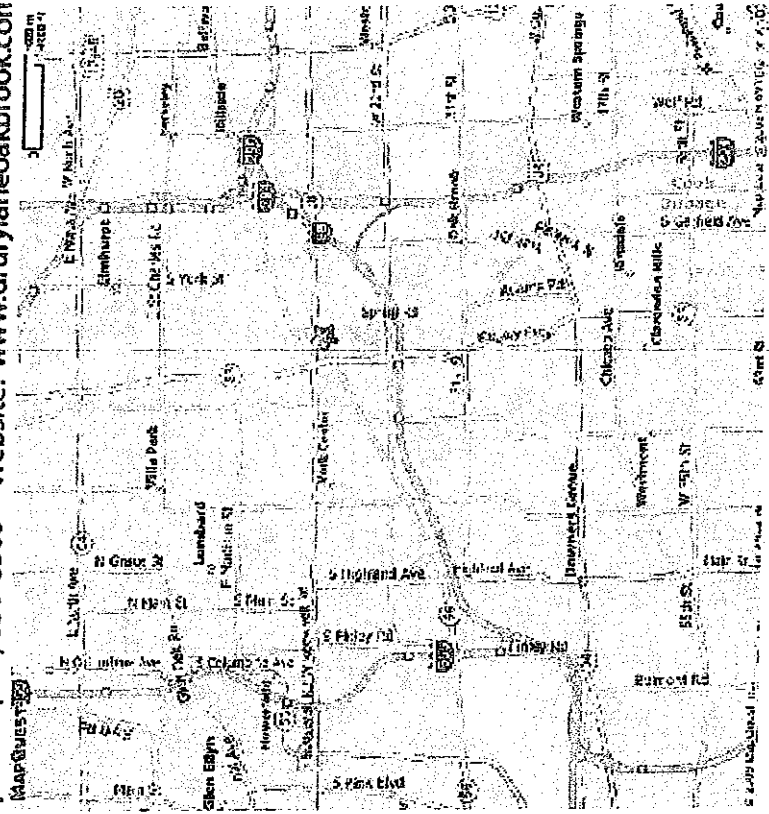
JUNE 18TH

Save the day for a baseball game to see the SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS. I will have more information in next month's newsletter.

DRURY LANE THEATRE - OAKBROOK

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-7414

Telephone: (630) 530-8300 Website: www.drurylaneoakbrook.com



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM THE EAST (Downtown Chicago)

- 1 Take I-290 WEST (Eisenhower Expressway)
- 2 Keep LEFT to take I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- 3 Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
- 4 Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- 5 Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
- 6 Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- 7 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE WEST

- 1 Take I-88 EAST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward Chicago.
- 2 Take the MIDWEST RD Exit.
- 3 Keep right at the fork to go on MIDWEST RD/OR-15.
- 4 Turn RIGHT onto BUTTERFIELD RD/IL-56.
- 5 Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 EAST ramp toward DRURY LN.
- 6 Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH.
- 7 Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- 8 Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LANE.
- 9 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE SOUTH (ON IL-83/KINGERY HWY)

- 1 Take IL-83/KINGERY HWY NORTH
- 2 Merge onto IL-56/BUTTERFIELD RD EAST TOWARD IL-38 E/ROOSEVELT RD.
- 3 Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 E ramp toward Drury Lane.
- 4 Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH
- 5 Turn slight right onto SPRING RD.
- 6 Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LN.
- 7 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE SOUTH (ON I-294)

- 1 Take I-294 NORTH toward WISCONSIN.
- 2 Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- 3 Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
- 4 Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- 5 Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
- 6 Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- 7 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE NORTH

- 1 Take I-294 SOUTH toward INDIANA-O'HARE (Portions toll).
- 2 Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- 3 Take the exit toward IL-83 NORTH/CERMAK RD-22ND ST.
- 4 Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- 5 Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- 6 End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.