

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2018 or 2019 your dues are due. You can pay your 2018 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 2018 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.

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

# Retiree's Newsletter

MARCH



2018

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 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](http://www.Local134chicago.com) Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

## FROM THE PODIUM

### MLK

Sitting down to write this, my last article as President of the Retirees Club, I realized the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday would be observed soon. Like many people, I've become satisfied with enjoying the national holidays without giving much thought to the significance of the days or the people they honor. I decided to write my last message on Dr. King. Before beginning, I delved further into his life and found what I knew about him barely scratched the surface of his brief yet profound life.

When Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered in 1968, I was 26-years-old and not interested in current events or national politics—yet. I was busy trying to make a decent living and raise a family. All I knew then about Dr. King was that he was a nationally known civil rights leader and an advocate for fair housing and employment.

What I didn't know was he strongly believed in unions and the rights of working people. While researching, I read several of Dr. King's speeches and a number of his quotes. I encourage you to learn more about this man and his extraordinary life if you haven't already done so.

What Dr. King said the day before his death—in support of striking sanitation workers in Tennessee

is significant to working people, our local union, and all unions. His words are as important today as they were in 1968—perhaps even more so.

*"In our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'right to work.' It is a law to rob us of our civil rights and job rights. It is supported by Southern segregationists who are trying to keep us from achieving our civil rights and our right of equal job opportunity. Its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which unions have improved wages and working conditions of everyone. Wherever these laws have been passed, wages are lower, job opportunities are fewer and there are no civil rights. We do not intend to let them do this to us. We demand this fraud be stopped."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.;  
speech to support sanitation workers  
on strike for union recognition;  
Memphis, Tennessee; April 3, 1968

Jim Fliris

New Retiree's Club  
Members  
2017

Monroe Banks  
Pat Bickett  
Brian Blaszyński  
Edward T Brophy  
Michael Carey  
Charles J Chathas  
Linda Differding  
William Dimoff  
Dennis DiPasquale  
Larry Doody  
Robert Fitzgibbons  
Bob Fleischer  
Timothy R Geldmyer  
James Guinane  
Robert B Hajkaluk  
Paul Irving  
James B Johnson  
James Klise  
Allen Krueger

Michael LeBaron  
Joe Leyden  
Robert M Lobojo  
Kenneth N Mabs Sr  
George Maglio  
Kevin E Manning  
Major N McCoy  
Rodenick Nagy  
Larry S Novak  
Dan O'Neill  
Bob Rayburn Jr  
James R Seneker  
Derrick Smith  
Dennis Smothers  
Michael Tangorra  
John Taylor  
David B Weeks  
Steven R Wolski

The Retiree's Club wants to  
welcome the new members.

For those who can, we hope  
you join us at our regular  
monthly meetings.

Upcoming Drury Lane Plays

South Pacific Thursday  
May 17, 2018  
Cat on A Hot Tin Roof  
Thursday July 19, 2018

Little Shop of Horrors  
Thursday October 18, 2018  
Mama Mia  
Thursday February 21, 2019

January 10 2018 Speaker

Jeanne Cameron Executive Director of the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans gave us information on the Alliance. Our Retiree's Club is a long time dues paying member of the Alliance. We also attend their annual political luncheon and their election events. Jeanne has been the Executive Director for the past two years. She previously was a labor representative of the retiree arm of the AFLCIO.

Along with retirement security the Illinois Alliance promotes and protects organized labor at the state level. At the federal level this is done by the National Alliance. The main goal is pushing back on those who want to end benefits. The Alliance is concerned with Governor Rauner's position on organized labor as well as seniors. He's made an effort to cut back on services. The budget crisis had an ill effect on Illinois residents. The Alliance was alarmed about the Community Care Program (CCP) union workers that Rauner proposed changing eligibility requirements for those caring for 80 thousand Illinois seniors.

Rauner's scare was to cut this program of a committed reimbursement program to convert to a privatized program that would cut back services. This was Rauner's Community Reinforcement Program (CRP). The Alliance and AARP with others fought to rid (CRP). A bill to protect (CRP) threatens what we still have. There is also fear that the Governor may attempt to tax Social Security and pensions in Illinois.

At the national level the Alliance is fighting Paul Ryan who wants to eliminate what he calls entitlements. Organized Labor is the reason why we have Medicare and Medicaid. In order to keep these benefits we must focus on our

State Legislators who are against helping Illinois seniors. To do this we'll need to go door to door and man the phone banks. The Retiree's Club wants to thank Jeanne Cameron and the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans for all they do for us.

### IN MEMORIAM

Frank Aufderbeck George C Ausherman  
Timothy J Behrens Melvyn T Bruhns  
John B Clancy Robert J Daniels  
Booker T Dawkins Arthur R Elton  
Frank M Fazio Ronald J Goro  
Donald E Hahn Jerald E Lamberg  
John Lopez George H Neumann  
James L O'Donnell Francis J Otto  
Thomas D O'Connell Emmett W Price  
Dennis J Pechnick William H Seeck  
\*Richard J Small William J Spata  
Anthony Stampley William J Strenk  
Robert Sypniewski Eugene Trojanowicz  
Donald J Weidner Jr

Our condolences to the family of Retiree's Club Member Richard J Small.

### CALENDAR

**Feb 14**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm  
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon. Nominations of Officers and E-Board Members.  
**Feb 26**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.  
**Mar 1**-Drury Lane Play "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"  
**Mar 14** Luncheon and Regular Meeting Nominations and election of Officers and E-Board Members. New Hall noon.  
**Mar 26**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.  
**Apr 11**- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm  
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon New Hall.  
**Apr 30**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 14, 2018**

**AT NOON**

**NEW HALL 2722 S. MARTIN LUTHER KING DR**

**THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH**

**MEMBER OR GUEST**

**MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

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Niles, IL 60714**

# Retired Members

Of Local 134, I.B.E.W.  
600 West Washington Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60661-2490

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>----- \$20.00 + \$2.00  
If you join after July 1<sup>st</sup>----- \$10.00 + \$2.00  
If you join after October 1<sup>st</sup>----- \$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: \_\_\_\_\_