

Retiree's Newsletter

MAY



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

We had our biennial election. Some of the nominations were made at the February 12th meeting the balance on March 12th meeting. The election was for four Officers and four Executive Board Members. Those nominated but not present sent letters of acceptance previously. The nominees ran unopposed and a unanimous ballot was cast. Mario Coletta President, Jim Fliris Vice President, Bernie Martin Treasurer, Don Mahoney Recording Secretary, the four Board Members, Tom Bohn, Walt Felde, Jim Jennings and Kevin Gibbons. The President made appointments to the vacancies on the odd year E-Board members. With the appointment of Irv Blaszyński to President Emeritus Jim Fliris who had taken his place decided to Run for Vice President. This opening was filled by Presidential appointment by Lou Rodriguez. The vacancy left by Hugh O'Connell's resignation was filled by Presidential appointment by Rich Connelly. Vito Alberotanza is the remaining member on the odd year E Board group. Outgoing President Rich Sipple was awarded with a plack thanking him for his tenure as President of the Retirees Club. Thanks Rich for all you've done. The newly elected were

sworn in by Don Finn, Business Representative and Recording Secretary of the Local. Our thanks go to our caterer who always does a fine job. The turnout was lessened by the inclement weather but there were plenty of baggies for all the leftover food. I want to thank all those who came and took part in the election.

Mario Coletta

CALENDAR

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

May 26-LU 134 Memorial Day Ceremony Mount Emblem Cemetery 10:00am

June 2-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

June 11-50,55,60,65,70 year Celebration Luncheon noon, Honor our Brothers.

July 7-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

July 9-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 11TH, 2014

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.

Did you know that Americans pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs? Did you know that since the creation of Medicare Part D, American taxpayers no longer pay the lowest government-negotiated prices for the drugs needed by low-income seniors and people with disabilities? Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) have introduced the Medicare Drug Savings Act, S. 740 in the U.S. Senate and H.R. 1588 in the U.S. House of Representatives, that would eliminate this special deal for brand-name drug manufacturers. This legislation would prevent the big drug companies from charging the federal government higher drug prices for low-income Medicare beneficiaries than they charge for Medicaid. The Medicare Drug Savings Act would save the federal government more than \$141.2 billion over 10 years, money that helps all Medicare beneficiaries. Currently, the federal government negotiates lower prices both for veterans and Medicaid beneficiaries. However, when low-income Medicaid beneficiaries were transferred to the Medicare program, price-gouging drug companies received a huge windfall, because they stopped offering the government the lowest, discounted rate.

IN MEMORIAM

Martin J Beljung Glen J Benson
 John J Broderick Jr
 Robert L Carroll
 Ralph J Cervantes Andrew Chatlos
 John M Connolly
 William F Conrad
 Gerard A Damato Gerald J Dore
 William H Gault Marvin Glickman
 Walter Hager Clifford L Hanetho
 Robert H Hartz Wayne C Hoffman
 Kareem A Lateef Joseph A Maher
 Dorothy Milan Howard Miller
 Lee W Niemand Frank O' Boyle
 Michael Racanelli
 Michael R Radomski
 Robert W Toth *Maurice Unger
 William J Zinaveah

Our condolences to the family of Maurice Unger.

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday May 26th at 10:00am 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, Harmony Club and the Retirees Club It will take place at the Section J near the north end of Mount Emblem which is located at Countyline Road and Grand Ave in Elmhurst Illinois.

Excerpt from President Roosevelt's January 11, 1944 message to the Congress of the United States on the State of the Union:[2]" It is our duty now to begin to lay the plans and determine the strategy for the winning of a lasting peace and the establishment of an American standard of living higher than ever before known. We cannot be content, no matter how high that general standard of living may be, if some fraction of our people—whether it be one-third or one-fifth or one-tenth—is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and insecure. This Republic had its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights—among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. They were our rights to life and liberty. As our nation has grown in size and stature, however—as our industrial economy expanded—these political rights proved inadequate to assure us equality in the pursuit of happiness. We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. "Necessitous men are not free men." [3] People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made. In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all—regardless of station, race, or creed. Among these are: The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation; The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation; The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living; The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom

from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad; The right of every family to a decent home; The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health; The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment; The right to a good education. All of these rights spell security. And after this war is won we must be prepared to move forward, in the implementation of these rights, to new goals of human happiness and well-being. America's own rightful place in the world depends in large part upon how fully these and similar rights have been carried into practice for all our citizens. For unless there is security here at home there cannot be lasting peace in the world. What incredible vision from FDR, in 1944, yet look how far we have yet to go. If anything we may have less support for such a noble vision now than we did then. What has happened to America? What has happened to the Democratic Party? Even the Republican Party! I'm going to put a quote in the update from Republican President Eisenhower, denouncing those that might think to diminish Social Security that will make even our own centrists squirm. This noble, wise, compassionate, and generate vision is the vision of America and the Democratic Party I was brought up on. This is the vision of America I have spent my life fighting for, and it used to be the mainstream of the Democratic Party. Now we are called leftists, oddballs, "idealist purists," socialists, communists, or worse. Sometimes, we're even invited to leave. Well, I'm not going "nowhere!" (sic - building street cred as a dog of the people! woof!) I'm fighting for this vision of American equality, justice, prosperity, fairness, generosity of spirit until my last breath. I call on those who are similarly inspired to come back and join us in making this vision a reality.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS

JUNE 18TH, 2014

EVENT: Boomers vs the River City Rascals

LOCATION: 1999 South Springinsguth Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60193

COST: \$9.00 per ticket

The park opens at 10:00AM, so you can plan on coming early so you can look around or maybe have your lunch. I did not plan a special place or menu for lunch because there was no discount for groups. They have the usual baseball park food, so I am sure you will find something you like.

You can invite someone who is not a member of the Retires Club to this event and please ask your spouse.

If you could send in your check and the bottom portion of this sheet before May 12th, I would appreciate it.

Cut and return bottom portion of this sheet

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY AND ZIP _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ **@ \$9.00 EACH**

Send your check for \$9.00 per person made payable to the Retirees Club of Local 134, IBEW, to Gerry White, 237 W. Millers Rd, DesPlaines, IL 60016. If you have any questions, call me at 847-635-5659.

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RECIPE EXCHANGE

I often buy those rotisserie chickens at the grocery store and I always find something to do with the left over chicken, but I saw this recipe and I am ready to try it because it sounded good to me.

CHICKEN AND SPINACH CASSEROLE

2 cups uncooked gemelli (twist) pasta (8 oz)

1 package (1.8 oz) leek soup mix

2 cups milk

1 cup cut-up cooked chicken

2 cups baby spinach leaves

¼ cup freshly shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 1 ½ quart casserole or square baking dish, 8x8x2 in. with cooking spray. Cook and drain pasta as directed on package. While pasta is cooking, mix soup mix (dry) and milk in saucepan. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Mix pasta, chicken and spinach in baking dish. Pour soup mixture over pasta mixture; stir gently to mix. Spread evenly in prepared dish and sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered about 20 minutes or until bubbly and light golden brown. If you want to make it extra crunchy, just top with sliced toasted almonds or French-fried onions after baking.

APRIL 24th

Don't forget the date if you signed up for the Drury Lane Lunch and Play. We are looking forward to seeing LES MISERABLES.

MAY 14th

Our guest speaker is the Community Relations Representation from Pace Bus, Taveres Williams. He will talk about the new Ventra Card.

JUNE 11th

Mary Anne Riehl will be entertaining us during our annual luncheon honoring our 50, 55, 60 etc. members. So sign up by sending your reservation to Bernie Martin ASAP. The sign up sheet is attached to this newsletter.

JUNE 18th

We are going to see the Schaumburg Boomers play the River City Rascals. Game time is 11AM. There is a sign-up sheet attached to this newsletter. Please sign up ASAP so we can all sit together at the Schaumburg Stadium.

JULY 9th

This meeting will be held at the Apprentice School in Alsip. Our speaker will be coming from NECA.

AUG 13th

Our speaker is coming from the Illinois Treasurer's Office.

SEPT 10th

At this luncheon meeting our speaker is coming from the Secretary of State Office.