

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2017 or 2018 your dues are due. You can pay your 2017 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 2017 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

MAY



2017

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

## FROM THE PODIUM

### The GOP attack on workers

"Exit polls following the 2016 election show that 43 percent of those in union households voted for Mr. Trump. In Ohio, a key battle ground state, he won the union vote by 9 percentage points. President Obama carried the state's union households by 23 percent in 2012." (Washington Times)

A few slick slogans, a little fear mongering, and an attack on perceived enemies, (immigrants, illegals, and Muslims) these things seems to have led many to ignore their economic interests. I find it amazing that working people could be so easily convinced to vote against their own future. I'm afraid this is only the beginning of an attack on working people, which could take us back to the days of the "shape up" at the factory gate.

Emboldened by election of Donald Trump, the far right has increased their attack on working people. "Since Election Day, Kentucky and Missouri legislatures have already passed "right-to-work" legislation. Others, including Colorado, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Maine, are considering such laws." (Economic Policy Institute)

"Republicans in Congress plan to introduce legislation that would prohibit workers nationwide from being obligated to support a union. Reps. Joe Wilson of South Carolina and Steve King of Iowa are sponsoring the legislation, which would amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to prohibit union "security clauses." We need to expand common-sense reforms, like those in the National Right to Work Act to protect American workers and create jobs," Wilson told the Washington Examiner. (Washington Examiner)

Washington: March 1, 2017  
— House Republicans voted to roll back a federal rule that requires employers to keep better records of workplace injuries. (Huffington Post)

Being informed, registered, and active is more important than ever. Vote the mid-terms in November 2018.

Jim Fliris

**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 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

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

**HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON**

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

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

Please print name of guest

**SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 7th 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.

### March 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 Speakers

This meeting was very busy. Our first speaker was Ron Whittingham Managing Director of Megent Inc. an independent retirement and financial services firm. Anyone who has gone to the Saturday seminars at the Union Hall knows Ron and his colleagues. Megent eases the way for retirement, eliminating the reams of red tape, at no charge. You can elect to allow Megent to invest your annuity, and many of us have successfully. They have \$850 million invested. These investments have had 39 years of positive results over 42 years. When Ron asked for questions, a retiree was critical of Megent. Ron tried to ease this man's fears but the retiree felt he could do better elsewhere. There were those who voiced the opposite and told of how well Megent had invested for them. As a fully independent firm, they are impartial and are able to provide unbiased financial advice while making the most suitable recommendations for us. Ron can be reached at: (708) 444-1090 email [rwhittingham@megent.com](mailto:rwhittingham@megent.com) 15321 S. 94th Ave. #100 Orland Park, IL 60462-3977

Our second speaker was Jean Ryan from the Electrical Insurance Trustees. She spoke of the recent cost increases in our prescription plan. She spoke of the maintenance drug list and how some of the drugs were removed from that list and how prices have doubled. The best savings are with the generic drugs. The wisest way to buy them is a 90 day supply instead of the 30 day. She told of a brand name drug that cost \$1300.00 yet the generic was \$1.32, hard to believe but true. Jean gave us a benefits update sheet with the new changes. For more information you can

contact The EIT Benefit Funds Office at: 312 782 5442.

As we were finishing our luncheon Tim Fitzgibbons mentioned the letter we had just received letting us know that retirees may have to pitch in to help pay for our health insurance. He also said that at one time there used to be 4 1/2 workers for every retiree. Now it's just a bit over 1 worker for every retiree. There will be further discussions with the retirees input. We want to thank Tim for making time to talk to us.

### IN MEMORIAM

*Norman G Becker	John A Canner
Mario Codacco	Leonard Colella Jr
William Colonna	Patrick J Devlin
Thomas M Ferriter	John J Gilligan
Jimmy J Isom	Abraham Joseph
Donald E Ledenbach	Geri C Leone
Joe Moser	Robert D Nowatski
Renata D Orta	Arnold Swenson
Robert A Vlazny	Edward P Wagner
Tom Zelenika	Ralph J Zoeller

Our condolences to the family of Retiree Member Norman Becker.

### CALENDAR

**Apr 12**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.  
**Apr 24**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.  
**Apr 27**-Drury Lane Play **Chicago** Luncheon served 11:30 am.  
**May 10**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.  
**May 22**-E-Boaed Meeting 10:30 am.  
**May 29**-Memorial Day.  
**Jun 14**-50,55,60,65 &70 year Celebration Luncheon noon, Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd.

## Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents: ROCK OF AGES

Music and lyrics by: Various, Book by Chris D'Arienzo Our next play will be held on Thursday September 28th, 2017 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 August 31st, 2017 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. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

### The Meal:

**First Course: Mixed Green Salad,**

Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots, Radish, Herb croutons, Ranch Dressing.

Entrees:

**Sautéed Tilapia** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**

Tomato Basil Relish, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

**Lemon-Thyme Grilled Chicken Paillard** \_\_\_\_\_

Kale, Sugar Snap Peas, Sweet Corn, Avocado, Tomatoes and Hearts of Palm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Send your order to:

Walter Felde

6543 N Oshkosh

Chicago IL 60631

We can't fight this feeling anymore! Rock back to a time of big egos, big guitar solos, and even bigger hair with **Rock of Ages** this fall. Nominated for five Tony Awards, **Rock of Ages** features a mix of 28 classic 80's hits by Bon Jovi, Journey, Styx, and more including "Don't Stop Believin" "We Built This City," and "The Final Countdown." **Rock of Ages** follows aspiring rock star Drew and his sweetheart, Sherri as they fight to save Hollywood's Sunset Strip. Don't miss a musical so awesome, you'll want to rock out again! \*

**Rock of Ages** is recommended for ages 13+. Please be advised that there are mild adult themes.

**100 Drury Lane\* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181**

## RECIPE EXCHANGE

Last month I attended a cooking demonstration at the Luther Home in Arlington Hts. The demonstration was on 5 ways to use rotisserie chicken. You probably saw them in the grocery store and thought there is too much chicken for 1 or 2 people. Well, we tasted the following two ways to use the leftover chicken after using it as roasted chicken.

### WHITE CHICKEN CHILI FOR 2

1/2 cup diced onion  
5-6 oz cooked and shredded chicken  
1 15oz can cannellini beans undrained  
1 cup chicken broth  
1 4oz can green chilies drained  
1 tsp. garlic salt  
3/4 tsp oregano  
1/2 tsp cumin  
1/4 tsp chili powder  
1/4 tsp ground red pepper  
TOPPINGS- sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped tomatoes, diced avocado.

Heat a large pot, sprayed well with nonstick cooking spray, to medium-high heat; add onions and cook until lightly browned. Remove pot from heat and add chicken, beans, broth chilies, garlic salt, cumin, oregano, chili powder and red pepper; mix well. Return to the burner and heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve hot with optional toppings.

### CRANBERRY-WALNUT CHICKEN SALAD

1 cup shredded chicken  
1/4 cup chopped walnuts  
1 celery stalk, diced  
1/4 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup mayo  
1/2 tsp granulated garlic

A shake of salt and a shake of pepper, combine all ingredients and serve as a salad or a sandwich or on crackers.

### APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>

Our retirees will be going for an enjoyable afternoon at the Drury Lane Oakbrook for lunch and to see the play CHICAGO.

### MAY 10<sup>th</sup>

E-Board Member Jim Jennings was instrumental in obtaining a speaker from Misericordia. I have heard the name mentioned many times but it will be interesting to learn of this organization.

### JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>

We will be honoring our 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 year members at our June luncheon at the Union Hall. The luncheon is \$1.00 a person. Please bring your spouse or friend for an enjoyable lunch. The entertainment will be supplied by Mary Ann Riehl during lunch. You can send your attached reservation sheet to Bernie Martin.

I AM LOOKING INTO ANOTHER LUNCH AND SHOW AT WHITE FENCE FARM. I WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT AT OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS. I AM LOOKING AT THE DATES LATE IN JULY, POSSIBLY THE 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> OR 27<sup>th</sup>.

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends—if they're okay, then it's you.

Gerry White

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 ORDER 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.

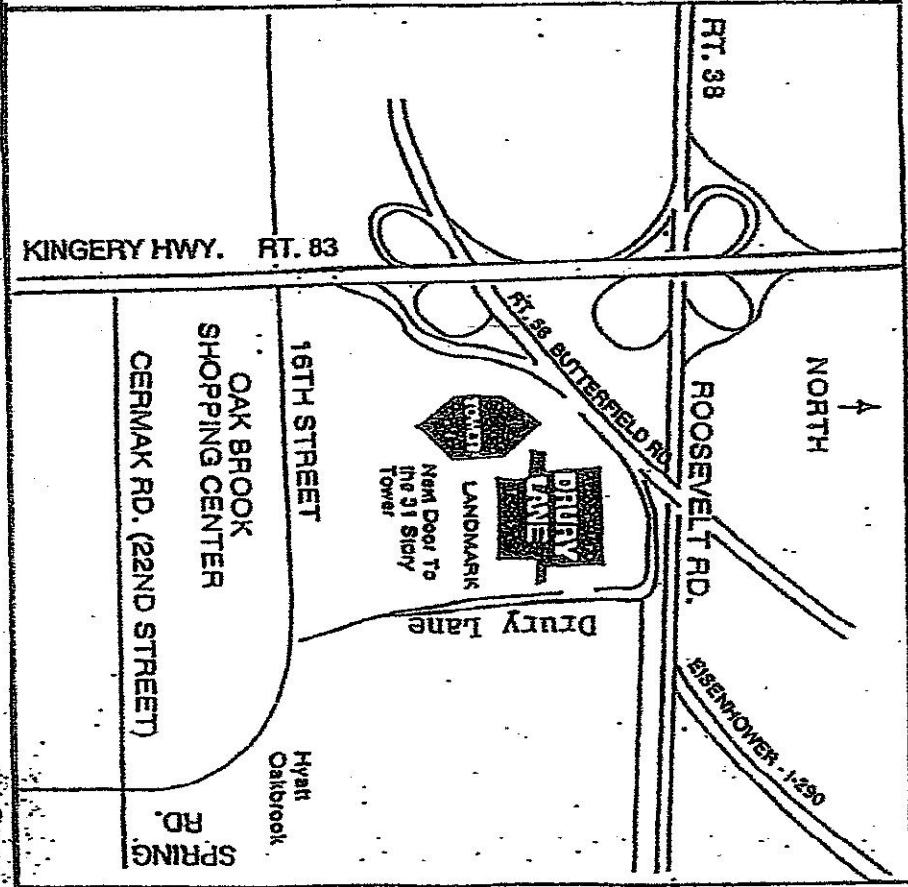
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_