

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

# Retiree's Newsletter



NOVEMBER

2013

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

## FROM THE PODIUM

As I am writing this, I am listening to music from the 1950's; "the good old days" and boy they were. I really miss the days of prosperity, manners, and common sense.

In the past week reports have come out stating that from 2009 to 2012 the average real income per family rose by 6%, then this report states that the top 1% incomes grew by 31.4% while the rest of us, the 99% only got .04%, (UC Berkley 9/3/13). A 10 page report that I will send to anyone who would like it. Then on 9/18 the Tribune ran a report that the poverty rate is stuck at 15%. The good news was that for the first time in 5 years household income did not go down and the poverty level did not increase, isn't that great! On the next page the headline reads "Americans' uncertainty remains drag on economy", **I wonder why?**

Also, if you are possibly looking to shop for some jewelry there is a new store on Oak Street that wants to attract those buyers with net worth over 30 million. I don't believe I will be there so I didn't save the name.

Then we come to **our elected officials**. First we end food stamps for many of those who cannot find a job that will provide enough income to pay the bills.

The house decides to put a little sand on the slide and shut down the government because they want to throw out "Obama Care". This will really help the 99%, - remember that's us! Now I know that some of you may disagree with me and that is fine. I also think that it is nuts that we continue spending what we do not have, and I can appreciate those arguments. I, however, do not understand those who believe that the decline of the middle class is justified by people whose incomes are obscene. I don't think our poverty rate, our children going hungry, or our unemployment going on for years is what we stand for and I believe that it could be solved by stabilizing the middle class. Easier said than done, but it will not be done without responsible debate and compromise!

Richard C. Sipple  
President

THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION #134 IBEW INVITE YOU TO OUR  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
AT THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER  
4626 NORTH KNOX AVE.  
WILSON AND KNOX, CHICAGO  
AT NOON, DECEMBER 11, 2013

FOR CORNED BEEF DINNER \_\_\_\_\_

OR ROAST CHICKEN DINNER \_\_\_\_\_

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for members and their wives is \$32.50 per person  
Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their  
reservation. Mail this reservation form to: Richard Sipple  
901 Pheasant Walk  
Schaumburg IL 60193

Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW  
Please allow enough time to mail your payment. We must know the total number of  
guests by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

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Beginning Tuesday, October 1st 2013 you can sign up for health insurance, even if you have a pre-existing condition. No matter what your circumstance may be, you can enroll in quality, affordable health insurance by visiting [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) and finding the health insurance marketplace for your state.

The health insurance marketplaces, part of the landmark Affordable Care Act, are the gateways to low-cost coverage for many of the **50 million people** without health insurance in America. It doesn't matter if you exceeded your lifetime cap on coverage or couldn't find a policy you could afford the last time you looked. You will be able to get insurance. In fact, 6 out of 10 Americans will be able to get insurance for **less than \$100 a month** thanks to instant tax credits pegged to your household income.

So tell you friends, you family, and anyone you know who has struggled to find affordable health insurance. October 1st begins a new era of good health and economic security.

## IN MEMORIAM

Everett Bryson John P Byrnes Jr  
Donald K Cameron Jr  
Terrence P Coyne Patrick B Fay  
Thomas Giuliano Elijah Jones  
Frank J Kramer Robert V Krischel  
Lawrence J Kulinski  
Kevin A Mason Sr Mike Massari  
John F McShane John H Miller  
Paul J Muczynski Donald Phillips  
Andrew Ramanauskas  
Gerald J Roche John J Ruane  
Richard Schultz Daniel J Sebek  
Nicholas Tieney  
Nicola P Vogelgesang

## CALENDAR

**Oct 26**-Annual Local 134 Benefits Fair  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Nov 4**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am  
**Nov 13**-Regular Meeting at the Apprenticeship School 115<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland Alsip. 1:00 pm Park on the far east end. Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle. Noon till 1:00 pm Meet and Greet  
**Nov 21**-Drury Lane Play "Hello, Dolly!" Luncheon served at 11:30 am  
**Dec 2**-E-Board meeting 10:30 am  
**Dec 11**-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon  
**Dec 25**-Merry Christmas

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

## “Hello, Dolly!”

Our next play will be held on Thursday November 21st 2013 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 Bob Mersch’s hands by November 1st, 2013 with your check for \$45.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Bob Mersch 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:**

**Traditional Roast Turkey**\_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Breast, Herb Stuffing, Cranberries and Turkey Gravy

Or

**Salmon Filet**\_\_\_\_\_

Lemon Tarragon 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:

Bob Mersch

5223 W. Madison Street

Skokie, IL 60077

HELLO, DOLLY! Has become one of the most enduring musical theater hits, enjoying three Broadway revivals and international success that included being made into the film that was nominated for seven Academy Awards. HELLO, DOLLY! Played for 2844 performances on Broadway at the St. James Theater with Carol Channing in the title role. At the time it was the longest playing Broadway musical.. The show’s album was included into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002. HELLO, DOLLY! Tells the story of Dolly Levi, a brassy widow with a knack for matchmaking. Dolly takes a trip to New York to meet a millionaire. Mr. Vandergelder, whom has been courting another woman—but Dolly is soon to change that! “Hello, Dolly!” is the story of turn- of- the- century widowed matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi, who, after cunningly negotiating marriages for others through a series of comic romantic entanglements, ultimately finds her own match. “Hello, Dolly!” is a magical piece of musical theater filled with memorable songs such as ‘Put On Your Sunday Clothes,’ ‘Before the Parade Passes By’ and ‘It Only Takes A Moment.’ Show—stopping dance numbers like ‘Dancing’ and ‘The Waiter’s Gallop’ are combined with beautiful turn-of-the century costumes to create a musical the whole family will enjoy.

## **RECIPE EXCHANGE**

### **ZUCCHINI PANCAKE**

2 cups grated zucchini

2 tbsp. melted butter

½ cup flour

½ tsp baking powder

2 eggs beaten

1 tbsp. milk

1 tsp. sugar

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

Mix together zucchini, butter, flour and baking powder. Mix eggs, milk, sugar, salt and pepper. Then mix eggs mixture and zucchini mixture together. Fry ¼ cup of the mixture for each pancake. Makes about 8 pancakes. Eat plain or with sour cream. We liked it.

## **ARCHITECTURE CRUISE**

I know it rained on the 19th of September, but it was Good Luck or a sign from Heaven but it stopped before we got on the boat and never rained again that day. I have been on this tour 6 times and every time I see something new or we have a different tour guide and I always enjoy it. I was glad that we had as many people as we did. It gave me a chance to go again.

## **OCTOBER 26th**

The Local 134 Benefit Fair will be held at the Union Hall at 600 W. Washington, in Chicago. It starts at 8:00am and goes till 2:00pm. We will have a RETIREES' CLUB BOOTH, so be sure to stop by and meet some of the members. We will be there to answer any questions you might have and we are open to any suggestions you may have for us.

## **NOVEMBER 13th**

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the apprentice school at 115th and Ridgeland. You can tour the school and learn about the new equipment and requirements that the workers must go through. We have a free turkey raffle at this meeting and all you will have to do is attend and you get a chance at winning a turkey. Easy, right?

## **November 21st**

We are going to see 'Hello, Dolly'' at Drury Lane. Please send your reservation before November 1st to Bob Mersch.

## **DECEMBER 11th**

Our annual Holiday Party at the Irish Heritage Center is on the 11th. You just have to send in your reservation sheet to Richard Sipple by the 4th of December. The food is catered by Harrington's and is always good and plentiful. It is a nice way to start the Holiday Season.

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.

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.

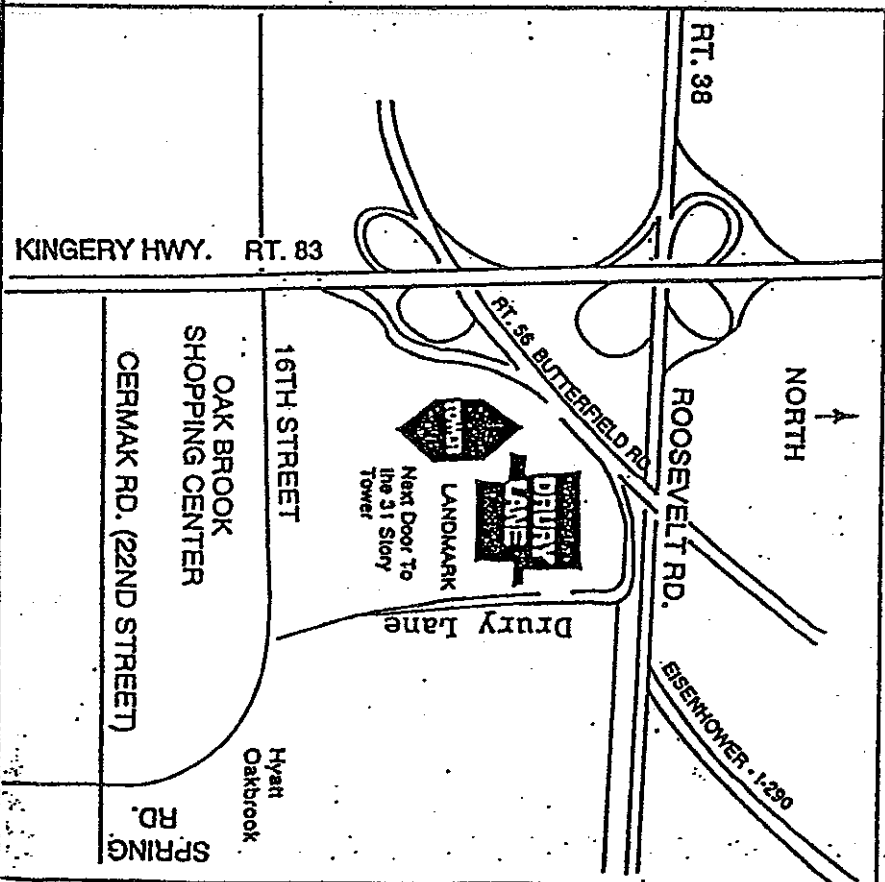
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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.



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Cermak Exit