

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

Retiree's Newsletter

NOVEMBER



2015

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 Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

Senior Power Lunch

The Local 134 Retirees club is affiliated with The Illinois Alliance of Retired Americans. They are an umbrella group that represents union retired members and seniors. They're a grassroots organization that numbers 257,000 members. We pay annual dues to them and take part in their fundraisers. Every year they have a luncheon and E-Board members Walter Felde, Alan Sindelar and myself represented the club this year. Being honored was Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth and guest speaker was Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky. Tammy Duckworth plans to run for the US Senate. She's well known for being an advocate not only for veterans but for union members and seniors.

Mario Coletta

CALENDAR

Oct 14- Regular meeting 1:00 pm
Apprentice School 115th and
Ridgeland Alsip IL. Come at noon
for the greet and meet.

Oct 21- A visit to Cantigny Park in
Wheaton IL.

Oct 24-Annual Benefits Fair 8:00
am till 2:00 pm Boyle Auditorium
600 W Washington Blvd.

Oct 26-E- Board Meeting 10:30 am
Nov 11- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Apprentice School 115th and
Ridgeland Alsip IL Free Turkey
Raffle. Come at noon for the greet
and meet.

Nov 19-Drury Lane Play
White Christmas the Musical
Luncheon served at 11:30 am.

Nov 30- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Dec 9- Holiday Party at the Irish
American Heritage Center noon.

Dec 14-E- Board Meeting 10:30 am

Dec 25- Merry Christmas.

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2016 or 2017 your dues are due. You can pay your 2016 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 are my 2016 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 to Bernard Martin, 8706 N. Olcott Ave Niles, IL. 60714

If you have a second address where you spend time for several months, please let us know that address and the weeks or months on a separate sheet of paper so that we can send the Newsletter to that place when you are there.

NOTE: Widows of deceased members of the Retires Members of Local 134 IBEW club are associate members of the club and DO NOT PAY DUES.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:

IRVING BERLIN'S **White Christmas** THE MUSICAL

Our next play will be held on Thursday November 19th 2015 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 November 1st, 2015 with your check for \$49.00 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 Choice

Entrees:

Pecan Crusted Tilapia _____ **Or**

Creamy Roasted Garlic Butter Sauce

Traditional Roast Turkey _____

Sliced Breast/ Herb Stuffing/ Cranberry Sauce/ Turkey Gravy

All Entrees served with dinner rolls, choice of one non alcoholic beverage and chef's selection of potato, vegetable and desert.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features seventeen Irving Berlin songs.

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and -dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. The dazzling score features well known standards including Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, How Deep Is The Ocean and the perennial favorite, White Christmas.

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Apple Cobbler

5 cups tart apples peeled & sliced

¾ cups sugar

2 tbsp. flour

½ tsp. cinnamon

¼ tsp salt

1 tsp vanilla

¼ cup water

Mix well and put above ingredients into a greased 9x9 pan. Dot with about a tablespoon of butter.

TOPPING

½ cup flour

½ cup sugar

½ tsp. baking powder

½ tsp. salt

2 tbsp. butter softened

1 egg slightly beaten

Mix well and top apple mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream if desired.

OCTOBER 21st

We are going to Cantigny Park in Wheaton for lunch and a tour of the Robert McCormick Museum. Come and bring your friends.

I hopefully the weather will be perfect and you can take many scenic pictures. I have enclosed a sheet for you to look at and please let me know if you are coming. Thanks

OCTOBER 24th

Local 134 is having their Benefit Fair at the Union Hall, 600 West Washington, Chicago. There is so much to do there. You can get your flu shot, socialize with other members, and be sure to stop by and say hello to other retired members of the Local. We will have a booth there if you want to give us some suggestions for speakers or things you would enjoy doing with the club.

NOVEMBER 11th

Tom Quinn will be our speaker at this meeting at the Apprentice School in Alsip. He will be talking about his experiences while working in the football field. He is also a member of our club. This month we have our annual free turkey raffle.

NOVEMBER 19th

If you want to get in the holiday spirit, you will want to see WHITE CHRISTMAS at the Drury Lane Playhouse. It is an outing that you will want to sign up ASAP. The lunch and play sign up sheet is attached to this newsletter.

DECEMBER 9th

It is time for the Holiday Party at the Irish Heritage Center. The lunch will be corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, pie and of course beer. You can always have chicken instead. Sign up sheets are attached.

CANTIGNY PARK
OCTOBER 21st, 2015

The park located at 1s151 Winfield Road in Wheaton, Illinois. Cantigny's 500 acre park offers educational and recreational experiences through visits to the formal gardens, Visitors Center and two museums. The grounds are open 7 AM to Sunset. There is a \$5.00 per car entrance fee. If you arrive earlier, there is a 12 minute introductory film in the Visitors Center and you can also tour the FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM on your own. I have made reservations for:

12 NOON Lunch and is served in Le Jardin.

They have salads and Sandwiches that are served ala carte without beverage or dessert.

They include:

Strawberry Chicken Salad and Chicken Caesar Salad. Salads come with or without chicken.

Sandwiches are Orchard Chicken Salad, Soup & Sandwich, 1/3 # Steak Burger, BBQ Pork and Grilled Chicken Panini

Or an entree meal like:

APPLE CIDER PORK - It is slow roasted apple cider marinated center cut pork loin with whipped sweet potatoes, haricot vert and fire roasted apples.

HERB CHICKEN BREAST - Herb seared chicken breast with whipped potatoes, sautéed vegetable medley and chardonnay cream sauce

These entrée meals come with rolls, butter, coffee or tea and apple pie for dessert.

The Entrees are about \$17.00 each. If you order a salad or sandwich that do not include beverage or dessert they are about \$11.00.

1:00PM Tour of the ROBERT R MC CORMICK MUSEUM

This tour is about 45 minutes long.

Please email me at germainewt@aol.com or call me at 847-635-5659 if you are interesting in this outing. I can always let you know who else is going, maybe we can carpool.

Gerry White

Wealth Inequality hurting corporate profits

The costs of five years of wage cuts are adding up. For five years corporations have enlarged their profit by taking the money directly from the wages of their workers. However, that is a zero-sum game that only works for a limited amount of time, and now the corporations that get their revenue from the shrinking middle class are starting to worry about their customer base.

Sixty-eight percent of the top 100 retail companies in the U.S. -- a group that includes, Wal-Mart, Apple, McDonald's and J.C. Penney -- say the country's stagnant wages pose a major threat to their bottom lines, according to a new report by the Center For American Progress. The researchers pointed out that only half as many top 100 retailers identified flat wages as a business risk in 2006, the year before the Great Recession

The average American family makes less than it did 15 years ago, which The New York Times recently pointed out has not happened since the Great Depression.

Everyone slashing wages means that less money for consumer consumption, which translates into less sales revenue for corporations that sell things to consumers.

It's seems so obvious and logical that only an over-educated economist, a corporate spokesman, or a financial pundit could miss it.

It falls into the same category as free-trade, and that opening up free trade agreements with 3rd world nations means that workers are competing directly with impoverished workers, and thus a race-to-the-bottom in wages is inevitable.

All this wage slashing and Laissez-Faire Economics has left us with record wealth inequality.

A key metric of wealth inequality in the United States has reached levels unknown since the Great Depression, a new study into global finances has found.

It was also revealed that almost half of the assets in the world are owned by just 0.7 per cent of the world's population, as the world's economy powers ahead.

The new data has raised the specter of a new catastrophic economic failure, of a parallel with the banking crashes of 2008 or the dot-com bubble in 2000.

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 9, 2015

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 2nd.

September Speaker

Sherry Guiborat with Mayflower Tours was our guest this month. She had a presentation for an 8 day motor coach tour from here to Tennessee and Alabama. This seems to be a great way to start springtime a little early.

The date for the trip is April 17, 2016. The trip includes tours of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, a dolphin watching cruise and a tour of The National Navel Aviation Museum. This is during your 3 day stay at the Perdido Beach Resort, on the Gulf of Mexico at Orange Beach, Alabama. On the way home you will stop in Nashville, Tennessee for a 2 night stay. While in Nashville you will naturally tour The Country Music Hall of Fame as well as RCA Studio B. The "Nashville Sound" was born here and Elvis, Chet Atkins and The Everly Brothers all held forth. To cap off your stay you will have dinner and entertainment at the Nashville Nightlife Theater. The tour includes free home pick up and drop off, all baggage handling, I have been told a very comfortable and leisurely motor-coach ride with plenty of stops to stretch, and time to shop at the various cities on the trip.

There are spaces for 20 people and if you have a friend they do not have to be a club member. The cost is \$1498 per person and there is a discount if you act by October 25th. Gerry White is our contact person at 847-635-5659.

This is an activity that many groups like ours participate in and many enjoy, besides as the saying goes "leave the driving to us".

IN MEMORIAM

Charles W Andraski	Tammy Austin
Rex Baker	Paul L Bell
Anthony F Cairo	Thomas P Canavan
Gene Cesarotti Jr	Michael Conner
Victor Edwards	*William E Egan
Shannon K Emory	Lloyd C Erikson
John M Gara	Jeffy Hallman
Paul A Herold	Alvin Kozik
John J Lo Galbo	Alan R Loggins
Roger J Marcy III	Ronald F Mata
Mark Miller	Ralph Napolitano
* Joseph E Neururer	Douglas N Newton
Walter J Ozien Jr	Joseph S Palumbo
David M Rac	Lawrence R Richardson
Lawrence E Sanders	Phillip E Sanders
Gary Sauer	Dana E Shirley
Joseph A Stallone	Robert A Stauss
Robert B Tausch	Carey T Turner
Joseph L Van Dyke	Richard B Vought
Russell Willcoxon	

Our condolences to the families of William E Egan, Joseph E Neururer and Len Eggert. Len was the Local 134 Recording Secretary for many years and a valuable member of the Retirees Club Executive Board.

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.

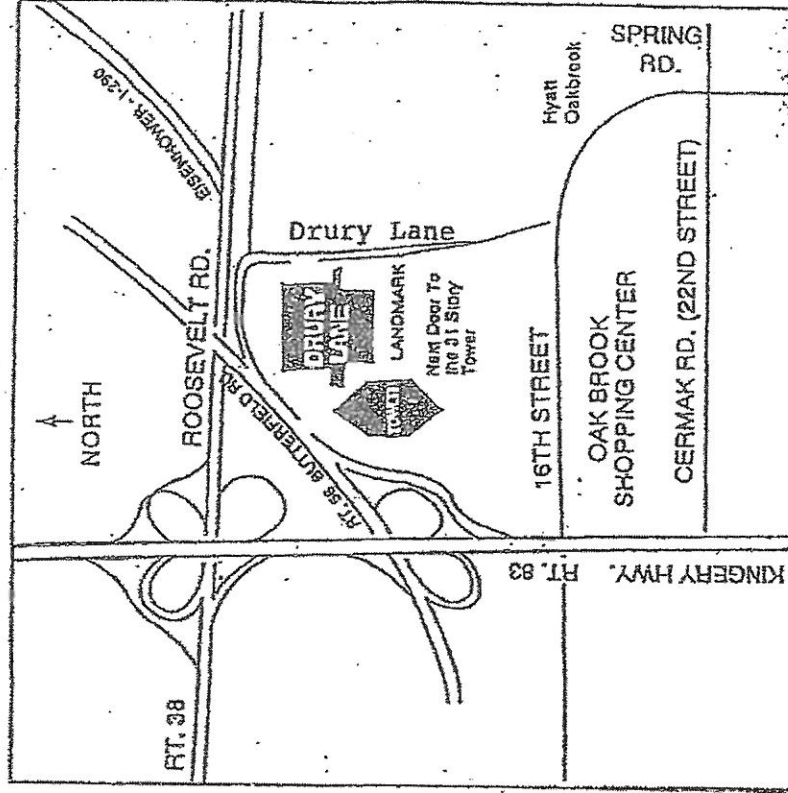
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 52: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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-55), 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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