

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

NOVEMBER



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 Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

Saving the ACA

Donald Trump and the Republican Party have been trying their best to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Thank goodness they've failed. Let's look at the consequences of their actions if they should succeed. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a bi-partisan office of the federal government, approximately 29.8 million Americans would lose their health insurance if the ACA were to be repealed. This would more than double the number of people currently without insurance. Further consequences of the Trump administration's cold-hearted actions could mean the loss of 1.2 million jobs in health care and collateral occupations.

The ACA has helped millions of Americans afford their health care, who otherwise would be relegated to using hospital emergency rooms, adding to the already outrageous health care inflation. Losing health insurance would also be devastating for family finances and hurt the economy. The ACA, by covering insurance costs and expanding coverage on Medicaid, allows families to have more discretionary income for rent, food, and the necessities of everyday life—and perhaps enjoy an evening at the movies or order an occasional pizza.

The Economic Policy Institute has estimated that in Illinois alone employment would drop by 0.8% and 47,060 jobs would be lost. Illinois would also lose \$4.2 billion in federal health care dollars. Don't kid yourself. The Trump administration and the Republican Party have not given up on their "New and Improved" tax cut for the wealthy disguised as a health care bill. They will soon try again to repeal the ACA.

I know you have heard that the ACA is imploding and cannot sustain itself and that insurance companies are abandoning large areas of the country. All I can say is that's FAKE NEWS. At this writing, it has been reported that every county in the country is being covered. The Ohio Department of Insurance announced on August 24, 2017 that CareSource has agreed to offer exchange coverage in Paulding County, Ohio—the last county in the country is now covered. What can we do? Be involved; register to vote; stay informed; contact our representatives. If not us, then who?

Jim Fliris

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:
42nd STREET

Music by Harry Warren, Lyrics by Al Dubin, Book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble. Our next play will be held on Thursday November 30th, 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 November 2nd, 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: Soup of the Day,

Entrees:

Lake Trout _____ **OR**

Citrus Caper Sauce, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Roast Turkey _____ **OR**

Sliced Breast, Herb Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Turkey Gravy, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Bistro Steak _____

Bordelaise Sauce, Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

For years to come, thousands of little chorus girls will go to auditions and say to themselves, "who knows? I might come out of this another Peggy Sawyer!"

Tap through this year's holiday season with the Tony Award winner for Best Musical, *42nd Street!* In this beloved Broadway classic, Peggy Sawyer lands a bigger break in New York City than expected. When the leading lady injures her ankle, Peggy gets the chance of a lifetime to rise from showgirl to star. With showstopping tap numbers and hits such as "We're In The Money" and "Lullaby of Broadway," there's no question that *42nd Street* will dazzle you this winter at Drury Lane Theatre.

42nd Street is suitable for all audiences but most enjoyable for ages 5+

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

September 13, 2017 Speaker

Our speaker was Joe Ziemba, a football author and historian. Joe wrote a book titled "When Football Was Football", this basically took the reader back to the very early days of *no helmet or leather helmet*, times when guys got together to have semi-organized mayhem.

Joe's father played for Mt. Carmel, Notre Dame (?), and the Chicago Cardinals. Joe provided not just the history of football, predominantly, the Cardinals, but also with many antidotes and much humor.

Early football history; the first game was played in 1889, they were neighborhood games basically. Rules were 3 downs, 110 yard field, no passing because the ball was rounder, and at the end zone it was legal to take the smallest player on the team and throw him over to score. The wedge was also legal at that time. By 1905 some schools that had teams began to drop the sport due to injury and deaths. The president at the time, Theodore Roosevelt stepped in and together with the schools formed the NCAA, and began formalizing rules that were adopted both at the college and the early professional teams.

One bit of a side note, in 1900 the Morgan Park Athletic Assn. had a gentleman by the name of Frank Reagan on the team. Frank was a *union organizer for the gas workers*. Now it is said, according to Joe, that at a later date some of this association became aligned with another association headed by a Mr. Al Capone.

In 1920 the forerunner to the NFL the Cardinals invited Jim Thorpe to play for them. In 1921 Paddy Driscoll was the Captain and coach. In 1925 the Bears had Red Grange and the two teams played at Comiskey Park, the bears lost 6-0 and a fight broke out that the police had to break up. In 1947 the Cardinals won the Championship 28-21. 1948 they lost 7-0. Joe pointed out that the Cardinals played in

Chicago both at Comiskey Park and Wrigley Field until they moved to St. Louis in 1960, this was due to TV rules at the time. In 1988 they became the Phoenix Cardinals, and in 1994 they became the Arizona Cardinals.

Some did you know facts that Joe said.

1. The Cardinals are the oldest NFL team;
2. At one time Jack Daniels played for them
3. 1955 They drafted Joe Namath #1 he didn't sign.
4. Today the team is worth in excess of \$1.5 Billion.

Rich Sipple

IN MEMORIUM

Sam Brancato	George Brauneis Jr
William J Deering	Maureen A Donnelly
James M Grzan Sr	Adam M Hallahan
Reginald M Harston	Nicholas Izzo
Gabriel Jimenez	Penelope H Mandronis
Tom A Manion	Charles A Marquardt
Thomas Mavrincac	Robert A Merrill
Frank A Mosser	Robert L Nieman
Floyd Parks	Gary A Pierce
James J Reif	Ernie A Sardilli
Thomas J Spellman	Louis S Stewart
James M Sullivan	Tadeusz B Targosz
	Raymond Wisinski

CALENDAR

Oct 11- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.

Oct 30- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Nov 8- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.

Nov 27- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Nov 30- Drury Lane Play "42nd Street" Luncheon served 11:30 am.

Dec 11- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Dec 13- Holiday Party Irish American Heritage Center noon.

Dec 25- Merry Christmas.

Jan 1- Happy New Year.

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 13, 2017

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 \$35.00 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 6th.

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker .. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found that lot of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!'

'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!'

What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking!

I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people.

I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!

There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air.

I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant.

He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something.

Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii , so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back.

My grandson burst out laughing.

Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me.

I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon,

September 13, 2017 Speaker

Local 134 Office Manager Tim Fitzgibbons was at our meeting and spoke to us about the retiree's contributing to the health insurance benefit. Those of us born in 1938 or before are not included in the payment plan. Those of us who turn 80 and older after January 1, 2018 will pay half of the monthly payment each year of the plan. Tim said they're negotiating for more than 360 days of health insurance for widows of retirees. He said the Electrical Insurance Trustees will be leaving the LaSalle Street address, because of the high rent. Tim also encouraged the retirees to sign up for picket duty. We must be physically able and picket duty could last six hours, it pays \$125.00 per day. The Retiree's Club wants to thank Tim for taking time from his busy day to speak to us.

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.

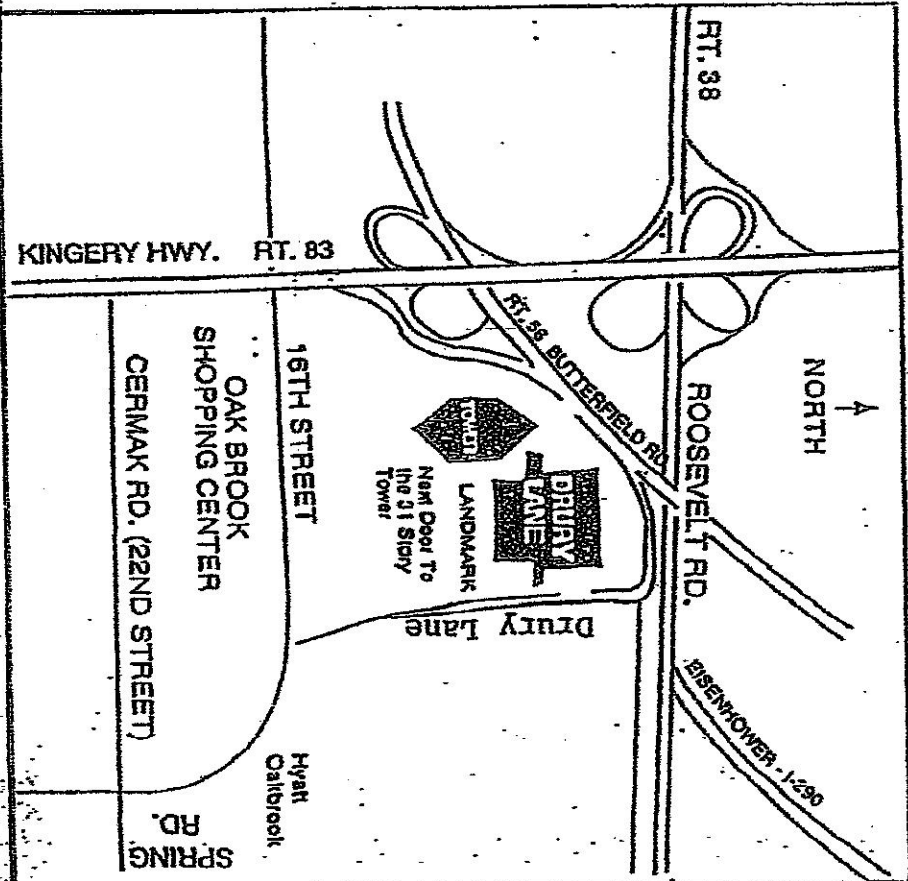
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 38: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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 2nd 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: **RETIREED 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 1st & June 30th----- \$20.00 + \$2.00
If you join after July 1st----- \$10.00 + \$2.00
If you join after October 1st----- \$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: _____