

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

Retiree's Newsletter

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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

Have you been listening?

While listening to and reading about the two political party campaigns, I was reminded of the something I learned as an IBEW member. The Construction Organizing Membership Education Training (COMET) class that I attended taught me and my brothers the phrase "Organize or Die." We as union members took the attitude, 'I've got mine and the hell with anybody else.' This policy led to the decline of membership and market share from which unions are still recovering. Recently the GOP nominee laid out his wrong-minded policies of division and isolation. While campaigning in Pennsylvania, he spoke of introducing retaliatory tariffs, defaulting on existing trade agreements and more. These policies failed the nation in the 1920s, the unions in the 1960s, and if implemented are destined to fail again.

A Trump administration imposing tariffs on goods from other countries and defaulting on existing trade agreements would be a disaster. Let's take this policy to its logical conclusion. If there is no more free trade or trade agreements, and if tariffs are imposed on imported goods, where will that take us? The price of those goods will rise, and, I'm sorry to say, since most of what we purchase is imported, it will cost the average American family an increase in their yearly budget. The tariffs when imposed will logically cause inflation. To combat the rise in inflation, the Federal Reserve, in the past, has raised interest rates. The rise in interest rates will in turn add to the already outrageous U.S. debt. These

actions would lead to a decline in capital investment, an increase in unemployment, and the continuing decline of the middle class. My space is limited so I won't get into the inevitable global trade war that would ensue with our existing trade partners.

As destructive as Mr. Trump's positions on the economy are, his positions regarding working men and women of this nation are even more extreme. He thinks the minimum wage should be cut or even eliminated. While campaigning in South Carolina, Trump was asked about right to work and he said, "I like right-to-work" and that "It is better for the people." To sum up, with a Trump administration in the White House, consumer products will cost more; interest rates will rise; leading to a pullback of capital investment, higher unemployment, and an ever-increasing national debt. A federal right-to-work bill will lead to the erosion of middle class wages and benefits.

Some of my brothers and sisters have said they like the fact that Donald Trump says what's on his mind. Apparently they haven't heard what he has been saying.

Jim Fliris

Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW
Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing
Wednesday, September 21, 2016



Old Oak Country Club "Golf Digest - 4 Stars"

14200 S. Parker Rd.
Homer Glen, IL 60491

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each golf team

Cost Per Person \$65.00

Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM
(Driving Range available prior to tee time)

Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM
Buffet Lunch and Prizes after Golf

Contact

Kevin Gibbons
630.877.7340

117 Pepperwood Dr, Bolingbrook, IL 60440
kgibbons101@comcast.net

RSVP by August 30, 2016

**Note: We must provide Old Oak CC a headcount
prior to our outing.**

**Mail advance payments / or due the morning of the golf outing.
Make checks payable to: The Retirees Club of Local 134 IBEW**

August 10th 2016 Speaker

Trooper Woodrow Montgomery from the Illinois State Police was our guest speaker. He is a Safety Education Officer. He not only speaks to seniors but also visits high schools teaching drivers education. He told of how to react to a traffic stop from a law officer. Respect given is respect taken.

He said that 59% of crime takes place at or near home. He warned that the elderly should always be aware because they are easy prey for criminals. Three quarters of all burglaries happen to the elderly. A nosy neighbor can be a benefit when strangers go near your home. He gave the standard warnings. Avoid walking alone. Twelve percent of crimes against seniors are purse snatchings and street robberies. We shouldn't carry too much cash on us when were out. When traveling in your vehicle its best to keep valuables out of sight.

His final warning was to be aware of swindlers and con artists. When approached always ID contractors and utility workers. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. We thank Trooper Montgomery and the Illinois State Police.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald A Alyea Arthur Barnes
Willie G Carter Martin Curran
Edward J Dewbray Jr Aaron Goins
*Angelo Greco James T Hegg
Violet Juerjens John J Kenna
Michael A Knish Michael A Lary
*Clarence L Lehmann
Pasquale V Mastrodomenico
Alexander Medina
Robert L Morman
John F Murphy
*Florian W Pytlewicz Jr
Edward F Rybicki Stanislav Sojka
Wayne E Unzicker
Steven L Willming

Our condolences to the families of Angelo Greco, Clarence L Lehman and Florian W Pytlewicz Jr.

CALENDAR

Sept 14-Luncheon and Regular Meeting noon at Boyle Auditorium.
Sept 21-Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing. Breakfast 8:00am. Shotgun Start 9:00am.
Sept 26-E Board Meeting 10:30am
Oct 12-Regular Meeting 1:00pm. at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland
Alsip IL Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.
Oct 31-E-Board Meeting 10:30am.
Nov 9-Regular Meeting 1:00pm at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland
Alsip IL Meet and Greet 12:00 noon.
Free Turkey Raffle.
Nov 17-Drury Lane Play **Crazy for You**
Luncheon served 11:30 am
Nov 28-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Dec 14-Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center noon.
Dec 25- Merry Christmas.

**Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:
CRAZY FOR YOU**

Music by: George Gershwin, Lyrics by: Ira Gershwin , Book by: Ken Ludwig

Our next play will be held on Thursday November 17th, 2016 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 October 30th, 2016 with your check for \$53.00 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. **We are allowed only 40 tickets and they will be sold first come first served.**

The Meal:

First Course: SOUP OF THE DAY
Chef's Choice

Entrees:

Traditional Roast Turkey _____ or

Sliced Breast / Herb Stuffing / Cranberry Sauce / Turkey Gravy

Lemon Sole _____

Baked / Lemon Dill Sauce

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

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

Cozy up this winter with *Crazy For You*. This romantic Gershwin musical comedy Follows Bobby Child, a New York banker with a craving for show business, who is sent to foreclose on a theatre in a small mining town. After falling in love with a local girl, he vows to put on a show to save the failing theatre. *Crazy For You* takes memorable Gershwin tunes like "I Can't Be Bothered Now," "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," and "Someone To Watch Over Me," and brings new life into them. *Crazy For You* is a vivacious night filled with mistaken identity, plot twists, and fabulous dance numbers that are perfect for the whole family.

WINNER OF THREE TONY AWARDS INCLUDING BEST MUSICAL!

Crazy For You is suitable for audiences 5+

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Living Longer Working Longer

Almost 20 percent of Americans 65 and older are now working, according to the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's the most older people with a job since the early 1960s, before the U.S. enacted Medicare.

Because of the huge baby boom generation that is just now hitting retirement age, the U.S. has the largest number of older workers ever.

When asked to describe their plans for retirement, 27 percent of Americans said they will "keep working as long as possible," a 2015 Federal Reserve study found. Another 12 percent said they don't plan to retire at all.

Why are more people putting off retirement?

They need the money

Three in five retirees surveyed by the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies said making money or earning benefits was at least one reason they had retired later than they planned to. Almost half said financial problems were their main reason for working past 65.

The financial crisis, and the tech bust before it, devastated many baby boomers' retirement savings. That's if they had any to begin with. Today, 60 percent of U.S. households have no money in a 401(k) or similar retirement account, and the benefits of 401(k)s are skewed toward the wealthiest Americans, a recent report by the Government Accountability Office found. The waning of traditional, defined-benefit pensions could also be delaying retirement, even for wealthier Americans. Instead of getting a monthly check, many retirees end up with a pot of 401(k) assets they're not sure how they should be spending. The ups and downs of the market can heighten their anxiety and keep them going into the office.

They like their jobs

Thirty-six percent of respondents told Transamerica they had worked past 65 mainly because they enjoy their jobs or "want to stay involved."

Education probably comes into play here. People with college and graduate degrees tend to work later than those with less schooling, according to a 2013 study by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. And since 1985, the share of older Americans with college degrees has tripled, to about a third of 60- to 74-year-olds.

Employers want (some) older workers to stick around. With the U.S. unemployment rate at 5 percent, the lowest since 2008, employers have a greater incentive to keep older workers happy. They might not be able to replace them. With more education, these skilled, experienced workers have become more valuable to employers. In 1985, workers tended to earn the highest salaries of their careers in their 40s, the Center for Retirement Research study found. By 2010, those peak earning years had shifted from the 40s to the 50s. All age groups older than 50 earned more than they did 25 years earlier, with those in their late 60s making 30 percent more. Workers under 50 earned less than they used to.

Older Americans are healthier and living longer

At last, many Americans have more time to do what they want to do. With a rise in average life expectancy, a longer career doesn't necessarily mean a shorter retirement. Wealthy, educated people have gotten the biggest boost to their longevity, but even the least-educated Americans are getting a few more years than their parents did three decades ago.

Maybe it's self-perpetuating, a result of peer pressure. It has become increasingly normal to be over 65 and working, as more and more boomers reach retirement age, said Torsten Sløk, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank. Now that one in five older Americans has a job, he says, "I would think this just continues to move higher."

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 14, 2016

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 7th.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Laura Felde gave me this recipe and I tried it. We found it very tasty and I am sure I will add it to my favorites.

PASTA SALAD WITH TOMATO & BASIL

6 oz. Mini farfalle or bowtie pasta
(about 2 cups)
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1 tbsp. Red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp. Salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
3 medium plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
1 small carrot, diced
1/3 cup chopped fresh basil
3 tbsp. Chopped red onion
Cook pasta as package directs. Drain and rinse under cold water; drain well. In a medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Add pasta, tomatoes, carrot, basil, and onion to bowl; toss to mix and coat.
Yields about 3/4 cup per serving and serves 6.

If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?

SEPTEMBER 14th

This is our next luncheon and meeting date at Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd. We are looking forward to a quick review of the RULES OF THE ROAD. The speaker will be from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office and you might need to renew your driver's license soon so this will be helpful. You can send your sign-up sheet (attached to this newsletter) to Bernie Martin ASAP.

SEPTEMBER 21st

If you signed up for the John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing, I hope you enjoy yourself and have a good time.

OCTOBER 12th

Mike Fedanzo will be our speaker at this meeting. The meeting will be at the school at 115th and Ridgeland.

NOVEMBER 9th

I have asked a representative from the Citizen's Utility Board to come to this meeting to speak about our utility bills. I think we need to hear if there is any thing we can do to reduce our bills.

NOVEMBER 17th

We are going to the Drury Lane Playhouse to see CRAZY FOR YOU. If you want a ticket you should send in your reservation ASAP since we will be limited on how many tickets we will be able to get.

DECEMBER 14th

Mark the date on your calendar. It is the day of our annual Holiday Party. Sign-up sheets are attached.

I for one believe in term limits. I have been monopolizing this position for the last 10 years. I have enjoyed getting speakers and going on outings that I wanted. But now I would like to offer it to someone else. I will continue to help and do anything, so the club will continue for years to come. So please help me in this quest.

Gerry White 847-635-5659

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 (Kingerly 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 (TRISTATE): 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.

