

Retiree's Newsletter



SEPTEMBER

2012

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 Written & Edited by Bob Smedberg and Mario Coletta
Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

I used to believe that you could make numbers do whatever you want! Today's politicians also do it with words, for example the word "entrepreneur". The politician makes this sound romantic, the bedrock of America! Entrepreneur means "a risk taking businessperson", today it means you are unemployed! Another is "job creators" and don't tax them because they have the entrepreneurial spirit to create jobs, again a good sound bite!

Now I will agree that almost to a man our contractors are entrepreneurs and job creators when work is available, and there have been times when they would "make" work but those days are history. I also do not believe that most contractors do not belong to the top 1% of the earners in this country, most are probably secure middle income people while some are fighting to stay alive.

If you have paid attention to the business reports you may understand why President Obama said the private sector was doing OK, corporate earnings have done very well and the major companies are sitting on large sums of cash. The banks are doing very well, Chase could afford to cover a two billion dollar loss even though they claim that government regulations are not needed. The CEO's of huge corporations, bank CEO's, the oil companies and the Wall Street biggies are all doing very well. Don't even start me on sports of movie stars. The point is the little guy is taking it on the chin and has been for longer then most realize it. If you think that we have friends in high places, think again, it seems as though all they are concerned about is grabbing more for

themselves!

I really wanted to sit on a pier and pretend that I was fishing when I retired and watch the clouds float by. Instead I find myself in a dither about issues that our elected officials have allowed to be plundered, shame on me!

Rich Sipple

Today's Thought!

Politics: (poly "many" + tics "blood sucking parasites") Larry Hardiman

CALENDAR

Aug 16- A Day at the Races

Aug 22-John Cummins Golf Outing

Sept 5-Attend a White Sox game

Sept 10-E-board meeting 10:30 am

Sept 12-Luncheon & Regular meeting noon

Sept 29-10th Annual Benefits Fair 8:00 am till 2:00pm

Oct 2-E-board meeting 10:30 am

Oct 3-A day at the Morton Arboretum

Oct 10-Regular meeting 1:00 pm

Nov 5-E-board meeting 10:30 am

Nov 14-Regular meeting 1:00 pm

IN MEMORIAM JULY

Craig C Anderson Anthony Bentevis
James J Bohman Randy J Dettloff
Phillip J Duffy Harold L France
Michael J Gaglione Jr Luis M Garcia
*Robert J Hanley Andrew Hendricks
*James J Jablonski Donald C Kroll
Michael S Johnson Allen R Large
Frank B Lovell Sr James J Mahoney
William A Peterson Jerry Puglise
Richard J Rams Andrea Scimeca
Norman J Swenson J C Teffeteller
Robert West Robert R Zientek

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

Present The

John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing

Wednesday August 22nd, 2012

At Longwood Country Club
3503 East Steger Road
Crete IL 60417

Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each golf team

Lunch and Prizes after Golf

All for \$45.00 per Golfer

Directions to Longwood CC: Interstate 80, or 94 or 294 to 394
Go south ten miles to Steger Road, then east for three miles to
Longwood Country Club on your right

Name(s) _____

Reserve your place with Hugh O'Connell at (630) 257 0640
Or mail it to him at 490 Wheeler Drive Lemont , IL 60439

Please print your name

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2012 AT THE HALL

**OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DOLLAR LUNCHEON
WILL BE HELD AT NOON ON THAT DAY**

Name _____

Guest _____

Please print names

Mail this reservation form and your dollar per person to:

Bernie Martin
8706 N Olcott
Niles, IL 60714

Seniors Beware

This long distance phone scam causes consumers to inadvertently incur high charges on their phone bills. Consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with an 809, 284, 649, or 876 area code in order to collect a prize, find out information about a sick relative, etc. The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code; however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don't find out that they have been charged higher international call rates until they receive their bill.

AT&T recommends the following tips to help avoid the 809 area code scam:

- Return calls to familiar numbers only. As a general rule, return calls from numbers that contain familiar or recognizable area codes. You may call your directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location.
- Carefully read your telephone bill. Make sure that you only receive charges from your provider of choice. Ensure you thoroughly understand charges listed on your phone bill, have chosen to do business with all of the listed providers billing for those charges and have authorized additional fees invoiced. If your local service provider has changed, you will receive a final bill from the former provider and a notice of service disconnection.

If you believe that you have been scammed:

- Contact the carrier with whom the charge originated, whose name and toll-free telephone number should be printed on the same bill page as the charge in question. Often, the problem can be resolved with a single phone call.
- If the carrier with whom the charge originated does not agree to resolve the problem, contact AT&T. AT&T will work with you and the carrier to help remove fraudulent charges from the phone bill.

IN MEMORIAM AUGUST

*Chester S Borek	Joseph A Brescia
Merwyn Bruhns	William B Cerny
William F Charles	George L Dahl
*Lee W Dahl	Kenneth D Dinkins
Joel Duerr	Russell L Essick Jr
James M Fuller	Thomas A Geldes
Velco Giurovici	Gregory Hamb
Jeffrey A Hickman	Robert Husk
Milton Kipta	Lester Leatherwood
Edward J Murphy	Marion J Neuman
Thomas Outlaw	Gilbert G Pate
Gabriel Pencz	John E Plank
Frank M Roper	Raymond V Russo
William R Saluski	Charles R Schmidt Jr
Janusz Szczepinski	Raymond Tenorio
Thomas A Wingate	Lawrence F Wozny
	Ronald Yates

We want to extend our condolences to the families of Robert J Hanley, James J Jablonski, Chester S Borek and Lee W Dahl.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents

“Singin’ In The Rain”

DIRECTED BY Bill Jenkins

Our next play will be held on Thursday November 29th 2012 and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Show to follow at the Drury Lane Playhouse in Oak Brook Terrace. We were given just 50 tickets. Your ticket order must be in Bob Mersch’s hands by November 1st, 2012 with your check for \$42.00 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

Entrees:

Traditional Roast Turkey _____

Sliced Breast Herb Stuffing Cranberries Turkey Gravy

Or

Tilapia _____

Lemon Beurre Chives

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

You remember the plot. You love the characters. You Know “the song.” It’s no less than the stage adaptation of one of the most celebrated and beloved films of all time.

1920’s Hollywood is the setting for this zany, light-hearted romantic comedy about the early days of sound film, when many a movie studio found itself scrambling to transition from silent pictures to sound. Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are the toast of Hollywood. However, Lina has been cursed with a terrible, grating voice. Thus, problems occur when she and Don star in their first talking movie. Secretly, Don and the studio executives arrange to have a beautiful, up-and-coming actress, Kathy mime for Lina. Luckily, the movie is a hit. However, Lina is furious.

Singin; In The Rain has such Memorable hit songs such as the title song “Singin in the rain”, Make “Em Laugh,” You Were Meant for Me,” and “Fit as a Fiddle (And Ready for Love)”.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Laura Felde gave me this recipe. She has tried it and said it was good. And the preparation time was only 15 minutes. I thought that was excellent.

TURKEY SLOPPY JOES

1 lb. lean ground turkey
1 small onion, chopped
½ cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 can (10-3/4 oz) reduced sodium condensed tomato soup, undiluted
½ cup ketchup
1 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tbsps. prepared mustard
¼ tsp. pepper
8 hamburger buns, split

In a large saucepan coated with cooking spray, cook the turkey, onion, celery and green pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain if necessary. Stir in the soup, ketchup, brown sugar, mustard and pepper.

Transfer to a slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 4 hours. Serve on buns. Yields 8 servings and each serving is only 247 calories.

AUGUST 16TH

Don't forget this is the Day at the Races. Hope it is a winning day for you.

AUGUST 22ND

This is the day of the John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing. Don't forget.

SEPTEMBER 5TH

We are going to see the Chicago White Sox vs the Minnesota Twins baseball game.

SEPTEMBER 12th

This is a luncheon and meeting day. If you have not done so yet, you should sign up with Bernie Martin. For \$1.00 you get a delicious lunch served at noon and as much conversation as you want. At 1:00 is our regular meeting. Our speaker is a Deputy Assessor from the Cook County Assessor's Office. If you want, bring questions about your Property Tax Bill.

OCTOBER 3RD

On Wednesday October 3rd, we are having an outing at The Morton Arboretum. We will take the Acorn Express, an open-air tram, for a one hour narrated tour. Then we will have lunch in the Ginkgo Room.

We will meet at 10:00 AM and tour starts at 10:30 AM. Our lunch time will be 11:30 AM. Then you will be free to walk the grounds. Sign up sheet is attached. If you have any questions, call me Gerry White at 847-635-5659.

OCTOBER 10th

Terry Allen will be coming to our meeting to let us know about happenings within the union. I am sure he will answer any of your questions. If you know of someone who would like to come to our meeting to speak on an informative topic, please let me know.

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.

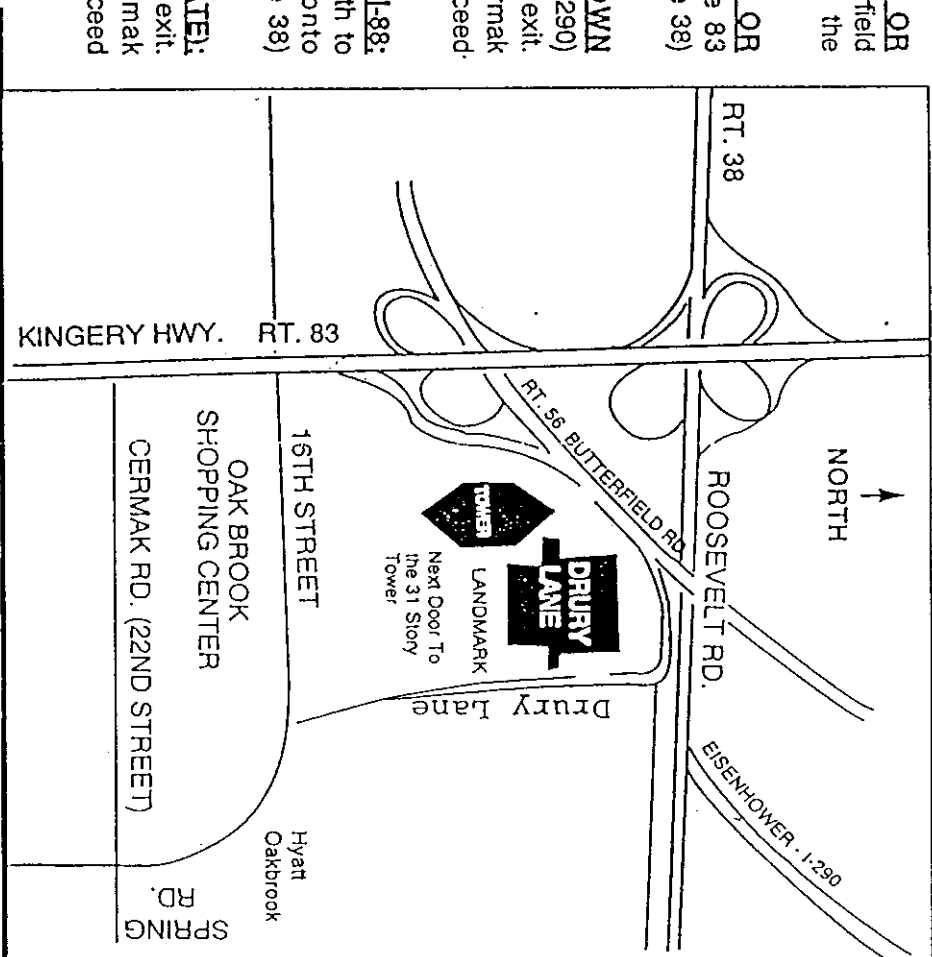
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 83: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

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 (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.



I-88

Cermak Exit

July 11th 2012 Speakers

Ron Whittingham and Eric Burton representing Megent Inc. found time in their busy schedule to join us at our regular meeting. This is the company who offers the Retirement Seminars that many of our club members have attended. They also include representatives of the Retirees Club to speak at the seminars, hopefully to add to our membership. They take away the red tape to ease the retirement process, in return offer advice and investment strategies for our annuity.

During the past 18 years they have given over 100 seminars here at the Union Hall. Megent has 2000 134 members as clients, advising us on our annuity investments. With the rules constantly changing sound advisors are a necessity. At age 65 there are many Medicare questions. When a member is on Medicare is his spouse is still covered by EIT?

Also of importance is the updating of beneficiaries.

At age 65 our \$10,000 life insurance through EIT ends. We have a \$7500.00 life insurance policy with Aetna. This is what we are assessed \$50.40 annually. Our IBEW life insurance benefit is tied to the monthly pension but remains at no less than \$3000. Survivor benefits is also another subject that they help us receive.

For those who want more investment information, Megent hosts luncheons at their offices. Estate planning is one subject. Regina Rathnow is a lawyer on staff. Another subject is long term care insurance, for many not a good idea. Their objective is to provide the best investment advice not just for those in Labor Unions but to all who

need it. They also mentioned the Blackrock Municipal Bond Fund.

Megent ,Inc is located at 16335 S Harlem Ave. Suite 3 SE Tinley Park IL 60477 Telephone 708 444 1090 FAX 708 444 0868 Outside Illinois 1 800 MEGENT1 email Ron Whittingham at Ron.Whittingham@lpl.com

In closing the members of the Retirees Club want to thank both Ron and Eric for their valuable information.

Have A Good Day

June 28th 2012 is a good day for millions of Americans who have pre-existing conditions who can no longer be rejected by insurance companies, after the Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act. It is a good day for families with children under 26 who can keep their children on their health insurance policies. It is a good day for women who can no longer be charged far higher premiums than men. It is a good day for 30 million uninsured Americans who will now have access to health care. It is a good day for seniors who will continue to see their prescription drug costs go down as the so-called 'doughnut hole' goes away. It is a good day for small businesses who simply cannot continue to afford the escalating costs of providing insurance for their employees. It is a good day for 20 million more Americans who will soon be able to find access to community health centers.

Someone else who had a good day is Irv Blaszyński, He celebrated his 90th birthday on July 20th. Irv was our first president and still on the E-board.

THE MORTON ARBORETUM

4100 ILLINOIS ROUTE 53

LISLE, IL

OCTOBER 3, 2012

TIME: MEET at 10:00AM

COST: \$30.00 per person includes admission and parking

We will start our open-air tram tour aboard the Acorn Express at 10:30. It is an exciting journey through the ever-changing landscape of the Arboretum. It is a one hour narrated tour. After the ride we will have lunch in the Ginkgo Room. Lunch includes your choice of sandwich. Your selection will be served with a Chef's choice side salad, chips, cookies, and cold bottled beverages. Coffee/Tea service is available for an addition \$2.00 per guest. After lunch you are free to walk or roam around the grounds and stay as long as you want. Please make your sandwich selection below.

(Cut and return bottom portion)

NAME _____

OF TICKETS _____ AT \$30.00 EACH TOTAL _____

SANDWICH CHOICE:

1. TUNA CLUB WRAP –tuna salad, crisp bacon, lettuce and tomato.
2. ROAST BEEF, HAM, BACON, & CHEDDAR CHEESE ON SOURDOUGH BREAD - with lettuce and tomato.
3. ITALIAN SUB – ham, pepperoni, Genoa salami, provolone cheese, sliced onion with Italian vinaigrette on a fresh roll.

Send your check for \$30.00 per person made payable to the Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW by September 12th. Send to: Gerry White, 237 W. Millers Rd., DesPlaines, IL 60016. If you have questions call me at 847-635-5659. My cell is 847-612-4581.