

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

# Retiree's Newsletter

SEPTEMBER



2014

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

### A letter from the President

I will spend the next three and a half years doing everything I can to work with anyone -- Democrat, Republican, or independent -- to fight for middle class families.

But I'll tell you what: it would be a lot easier if I had a Democratic House and a Democratic Senate to do it.

There are some Republicans in Congress willing to work with us and compromise -- and I'm going to work with those people to solve the challenges we face and share the tough decisions.

But too often, Republicans seem more committed to gridlock than getting to yes. They seem more interested in stopping us at any cost than in helping the next generation.

That's what we're up against. It's going to be absolutely critical that you feel the same urgency and intensity over the next year and a half leading up to the midterm elections as you did in 2008 and 2012, Mario.

If you do, then we can take back the House and we can keep the Senate in Democratic hands. That will allow me to appoint outstanding judges to the federal bench. That will allow us to ensure that we are making progress on issues like

creating jobs and climate change and education that are critically important for the next generation.

It can be done -- but it can only be done with your support: Thanks,  
Barack

*Mario Coletta*

## CALENDAR

**.Aug 13-Regular Meeting 1:00**

**Sept 1-Labor Day, Remember those who came before us.**

**Sept 8-E Board Meeting 10:30**

**Sept 10-Luncheon and Regular Meeting noon.**

**Sept 17 Annual John Cummins Golf Outing Old Oak Country Club Homer Glen IL 8:00 am.**

**Sept 25-Drury Lane Play "The Game's Afoot" Luncheon served at 11:30 am.**

**Oct 6-E-Board Meeting 10:30**

**Oct 8-Regular Meeting 1:00**

Our condolences to his wife Patricia and the family of Alfred Sienkiewicz. Al was a Charter member, one of the Retiree's Club pioneers.

**RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2014 AT THE HALL**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW

Mail this reservation form and your dollar per person to:

Bernie Martin  
8706 N Olcott  
Niles, IL 60714

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:

## THE GAME'S AFOOT

Our next play will be held on Thursday September 25th 2014 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 August 30th, 2014 with your check for \$45.00 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:** Seasonal Fruit Plate: Seasonal Fruit / Grenadine Yogurt Dip

**Entrees:**

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

Lemon Tarragon Sauce

Or

**Roast Pork** \_\_\_\_\_

Apple Sauerkraut/ Rosemary Demi Glace

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:

Walter Felde  
6543 N Oshkosh  
Chicago IL 60631

It is December 1936 and Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Then it's up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes. To track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit.

## July 9, 2014 Speakers

We were welcomed to our second meeting this year at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute, better known as the apprentice school to us *old guys*, by John Donahue the director. John has been at the school for 22 years now. We congratulate him and his staff on a remarkable program; it is a far cry from the old Washburne Trade School days.

John had some encouraging remarks as to the impending work picture; his feeling is that work will be picking up and that the unemployed numbers are slowly dropping. We currently have approximately 600 apprentices enrolled vs. our high of 2500. He pointed out however, that the numbers of apprentices never matched the rate of attrition of the local.

He also stated that people can sign up year round on Wednesdays at the school. The tests are quarterly, so a person will know in a few months if they may be accepted. There is no longer a "long term" list. Thank you for your time John.

**Screen Safe Director, Jim Heffernan** was our scheduled speaker and he took the time to explain that Local 134 was the first local that they represented back in 2001. Jim had been a business manager for one of the Commonwealth Edison locals before they merged as local 15 IBEW. He was involved in the writing of the Com Ed drug program. Screen Safe now represents a large number of IBEW locals as well as other trades.

Local 48, IBEW was the model that our program had used when it was implemented. He pointed out that nothing is *failsafe*; we have had a good track record. He also stated that other IBEW locals are even more restrictive. Jim also was asked about the "legalization" of "medical marijuana" and his answer was that zero tolerance is absolute. It is still the right of the employer to set the shop policies.

Jim Fliris, Jim Heffernan and I have all had many different experiences over the years, some funny and some very sad. We all know the repercussions of drug and alcohol abuse. Thank you, Jim, for your time and insight.

Rich Sipple

**Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW**

**Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing 2014**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**



**Old Oak Country Club "*Golf Digest - 4 Stars*"**

**14200 S. Parker Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491**

**18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each golf team**

**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**

***A FUN OUTING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!***

**\$65.00 per Golfer**

**Contact**

**Kevin Gibbons 630.877.7340**

**117 Pepperwood Dr, Bolingbrook, IL 60440**

**[kgibbons101@comcast.net](mailto:kgibbons101@comcast.net)**

**RSVP by August 20, 2014**

**We must provide the Country Club a headcount prior to our outing.**

**Your response would be appreciated.**

**Mail advance payments / or due the morning of the golf outing.**

**Make checks payable to: The Retirees Club of Local 134 IBEW**

**Customer:** Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it..

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**Tech support:** What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

**Customer:** A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.

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**Customer:** My keyboard is not working anymore.

**Tech support:** Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

**Customer:** No. I can't get behind the computer.

**Tech support:** Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

**Customer:** ! OK

**Tech support:** Did the keyboard come with you?

**Customer:** Yes

**Tech support:** That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

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**Customer:** I can't get on the Internet.

**Tech support:** Are you sure you used the right password?

**Customer:** Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

**Tech support:** Can you tell me what the password was?

**Customer:** Five dots.

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**Tech support:** What anti-virus programme do you use?

**Customer:** Netscape.

**Tech support:** That's not an anti-virus programme

**Customer:** Oh, sorry... Internet Explorer..

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**Customer:** I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

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**Tech support:** How may I help you?

**Customer:** I'm writing my first email.

**Tech support:** OK, and what seems to be the problem?

**Customer:** Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

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A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

**Tech support:** Are you running it under windows?

**Customer:** 'No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.'

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**Tech support:** 'Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time.

That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen.

Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.'

**Customer:** I don't have a P.

**Tech support:** On your keyboard, Bob.

**Customer:** What do you mean?

**Tech support:** 'P'.....on your keyboard, Bob.

**Customer:** I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

And I thought I had problems!!

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 10, 2014

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 3rd.

## **RECIPE EXCHANGE**

I often purchase a cooked roasted chicken for dinner and since we get more than one meal out of it, I think it is a good buy. I have made stir fry, chicken salad, cream chicken over rice and many other menus. Today I have a new recipe for using cut-up chicken.

### **SOUR CREAM ENCHILADAS**

1 pkg (12) 10" flour tortillas (room temp.)

1 can green chilies, chopped

2 cans cream of chicken soup

½ can water

¼ cup chopped onion

1 lb. cheddar cheese, grated

8 oz. sour cream

cut-up chicken

Preheat oven at 350 degrees.

Saute onion in butter until tender. Add green chilies, soup, sour cream and ½ can water.

Heat to boiling. Add Chicken and simmer until chicken is warm. Put hot mixture evenly on the tortillas using all of the chicken and sprinkle with ½ of the cheese. Roll up and place in a 9' x 13" pan. When pan is full, pour remaining hot liquidly mixture on top and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Heat at 350 degrees until cheese melts.

### **SEPTEMBER 10th**

Our guest speaker is from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. It is also a luncheon meeting so you need to sign up by sending in a reservation sheet, which is attached to this newsletter.

### **SEPTEMBER 17th**

This is the day of the JOHN CUMMINS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING. You can sign up with the attached reservation sheet.

### **SEPTEMBER 25th**

Wally Felde is still taking reservations for THE GAME'S AFOOT which is the featured play at Drury Lane. We will have lunch first and then the play. It is always a nice day and the food is delicious. Hope to see you there.

### **OCTOBER 1st**

This is the first Wednesday of October, so we expect the weather to be nice for a 40 minute Classic Lake Tour. We will get panoramic views of Chicago's major skyscrapers like the John Hancock, Aon, Trump Tower and Willis Tower to name a few. You will see areas like the Gold Coast, Streeter Ville, Grant Park and Buckingham Fountain. After the boat ride we will dine at Capi's Restaurant, which is right on Navy Pier. The cost is \$32.00 per person. See sign up sheet attached.

### **OCTOBER 8th**

Thomas Day who is the founder and president of Bugles Across America will be our guest speaker. He will inform us on how to get a bugler at funerals for veterans.

**LET'S ALL WISH LEROY HERRICK A BELATED HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY.**  
**THE BIG DAY WAS AUGUST 1, 2014.**



**SHORELINE CLASSIC LAKE TOUR AND LUNCH AT NAVY PIER**

**OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**CRUISE: THE SHORELINE CLASSIC LAKE TOUR**

**LEAVES FROM THE WEST WALL DOCK AT NAVY PIER**

**BOARDING TIME IS 11:15 am**

**DEPARTING TIME IS 11:30 am**

**LUNCH: CAPI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN**

**LUNCH TIME 12:45 pm**

**Lunch includes salad, entrees, gelato and beverages**

**(coffee, tea, or soft drink)**

**I WILL MEET YOU BY THE SHORELINE BOARDING GATE WHICH IS AT THE WEST WALL DOCK AT NAVY PIER. WE WILL HAVE ONLY ONE TICKET FOR THE ENTIRE GROUP. REMEMBER THE BOAT WILL NOT WAIT FOR YOU, THEREFORE MAYBE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE AREA AROUND 11 am. THERE WILL BE PLACES TO SIT BY THE BOARDING GATE.**

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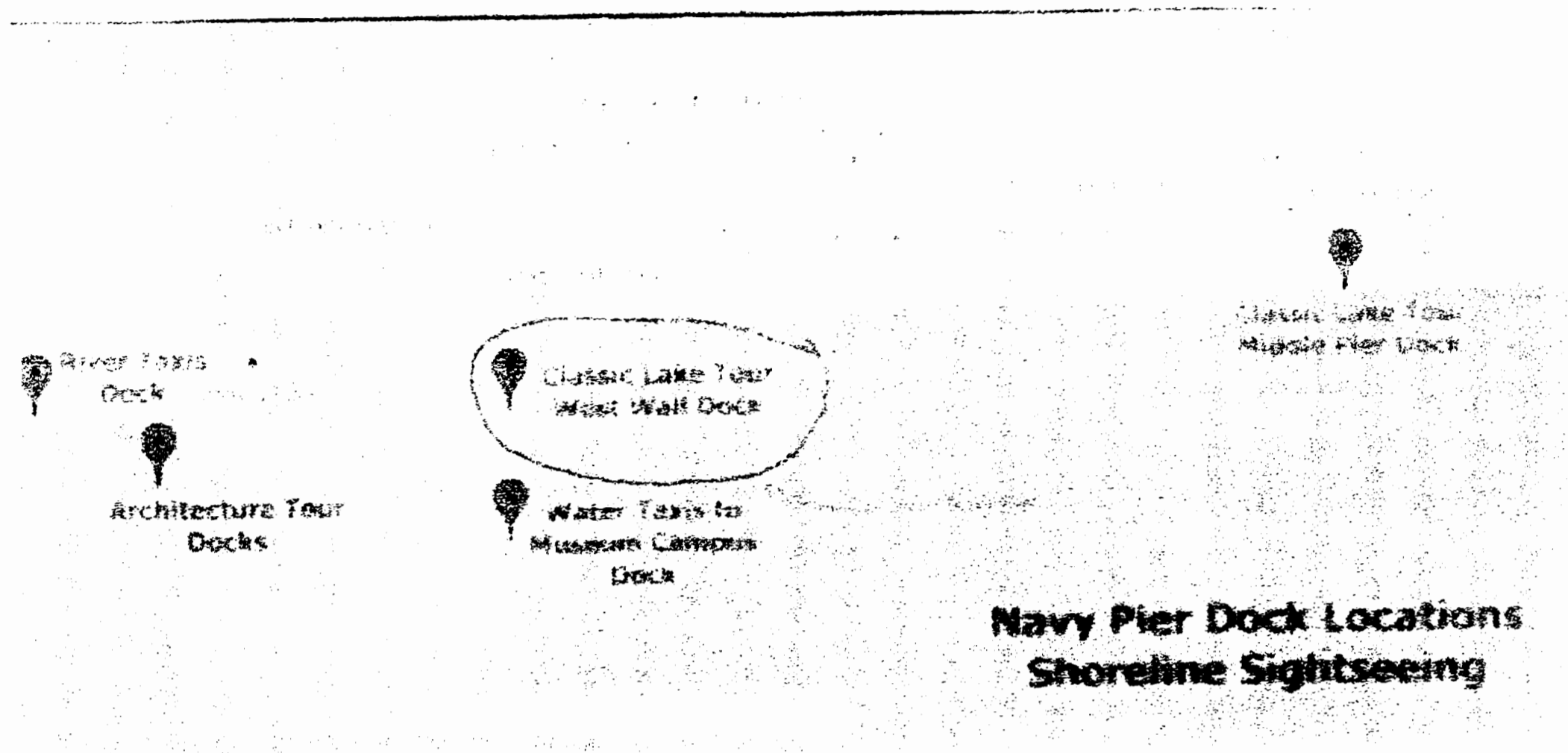
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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CRUISE AND LUNCH AT \$32.00 PER PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE RETIREES CLUB OF LOCAL 134, IBEW, TO GERRY WHITE, 237 W. MILLERS RD., DESPLAINES, IL 60016, BY SEPTEMBER 17th. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CALL ME AT HOME #847-635-5659 OF CELL #847-612-4581.**

**CLASSIC LAKE TOUR AT NAVY PIER  
MAP AND TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS**



**FROM UNION STATION OR THE OGILVIE TRANSPORTATION CENTER YOU CAN CATCH A BUS THAT GOES TO NAVY PIER.**

**ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF MADISON AND CANAL THERE IS A BUS STOP FOR THE ROUTE #124 BUS. IT TRAVELS EAST ON WASHINGTON AND EVENTUALLY GETS TO NAVY PIER. TAKE THE BUS ALL THE WAY TO THE BUS STOP AT THE PIER. YOU WILL HAVE TO WALK PASS THE NAVY PIER ENTRANCE TO THE WEST WALL DOCK.**

**IF YOU ARE COMING ON AN EL YOU SHOULD GET OFF AT GRAND AVENUE AND TAKE A BUS GOING EAST TO NAVY PIER. THERE ARE FREE TROLLEYS THAT ALSO RUN ON THIS SECTION OF GRAND AVENUE.**

**YOU CAN CALL FOR DIRECTIONS IF YOU ARE NOT COMING BY TRAIN OR EL. THE NUMBER FOR TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY IS 312-836-7000.**

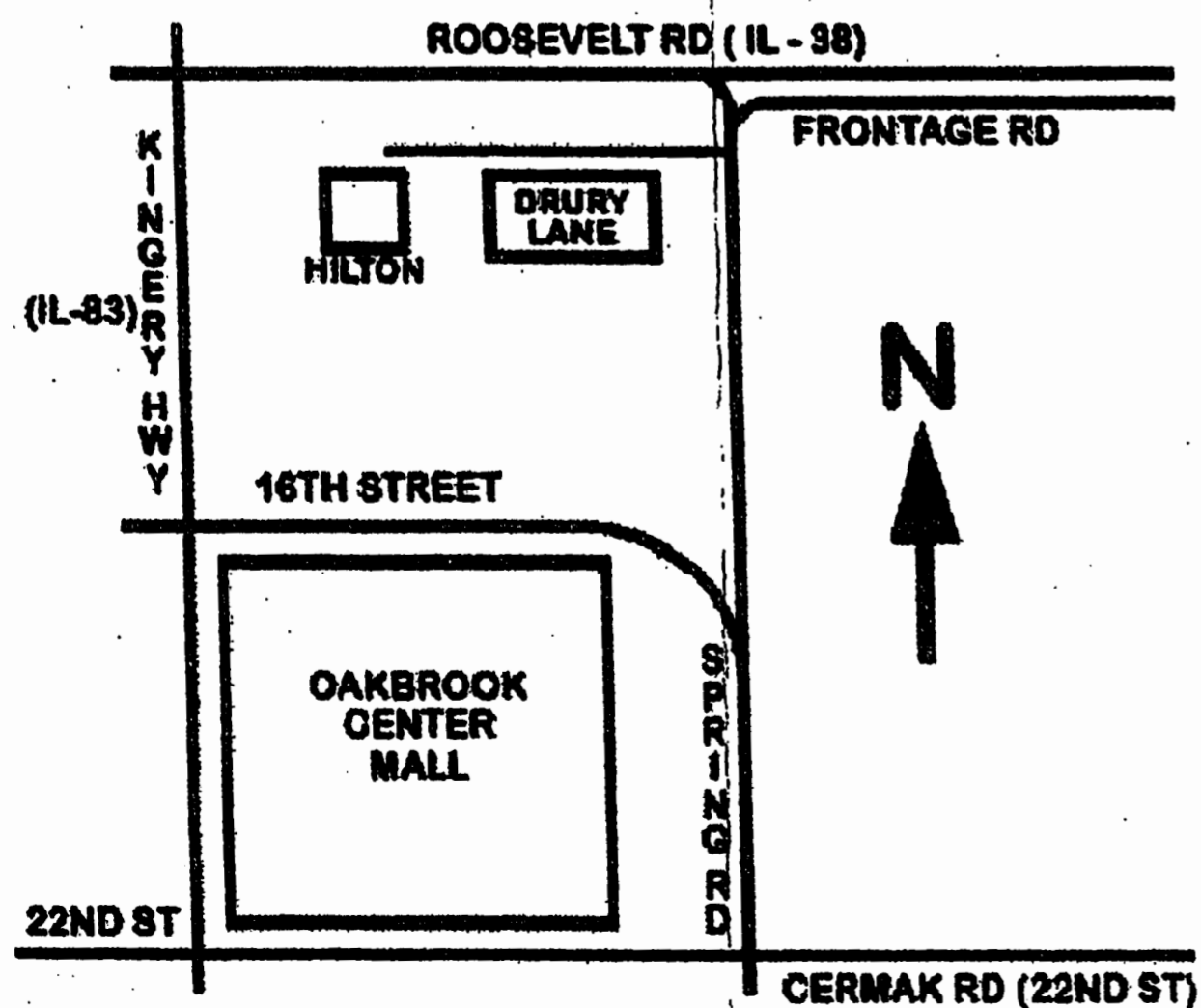
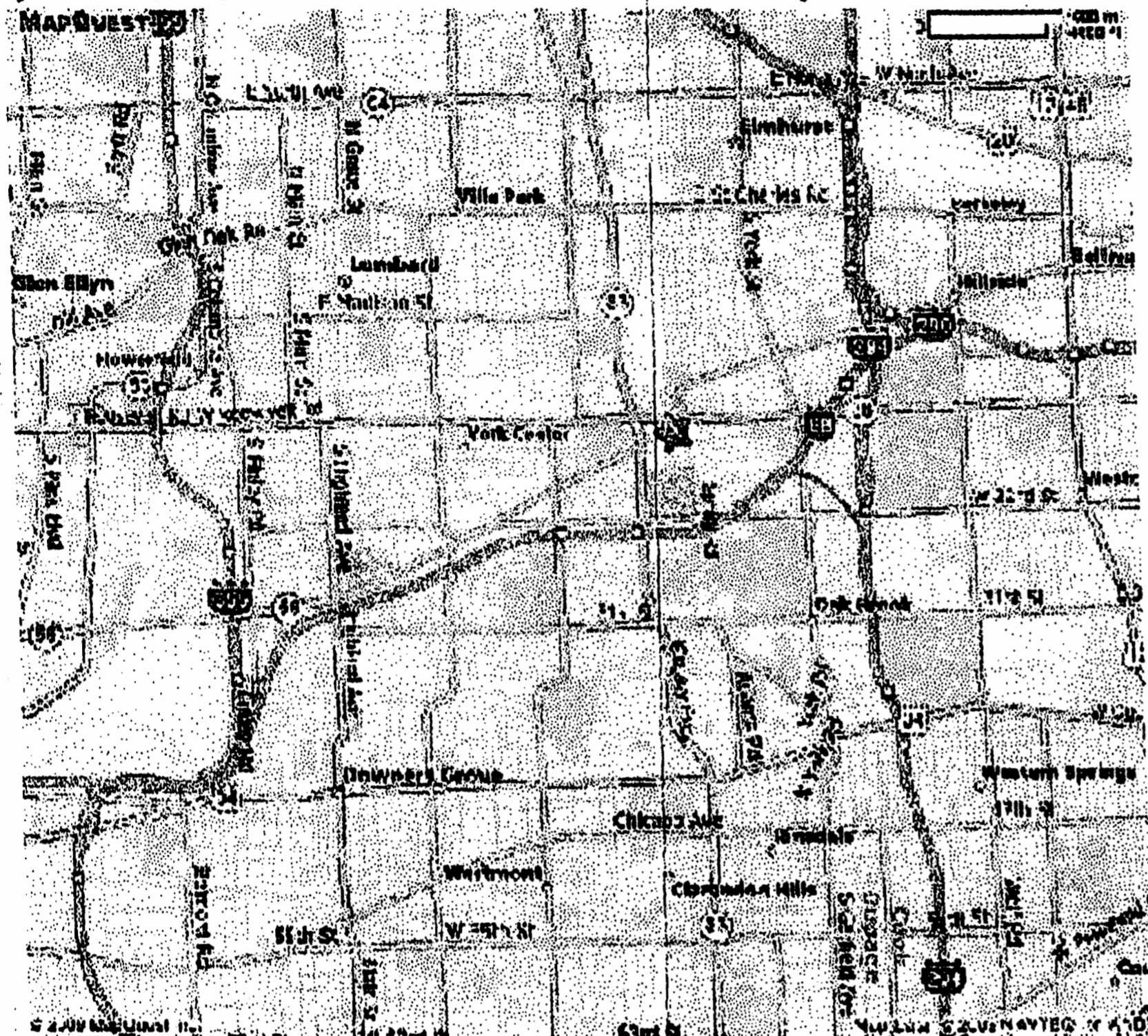
**WE WILL BE EATING AT CAPP'S ITALIAN KITCHEN. AND WE ARE EXPECTED THERE AT 12:45. CAPP'S IS LOCATED JUST INSIDE OF THE ENTRANCE OF NAVY PIER.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS YOU CAN CALL ME GERRY WHITE AT 847-635-5659. OR TAKE THIS SHEET WITH YOU AND YOU CAN CALL MY CELL AT 847-612-4581.**

# DRURY LANE THEATRE - OAKBROOK

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 74614

Telephone: (630) 530-8300 Website: [www.drurylaneoakbrook.com](http://www.drurylaneoakbrook.com)



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

### FROM THE EAST (Downtown Chicago)

- ☐ Take I-290 WEST (Eisenhower Expressway)
- ☐ Keep LEFT to take I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- ☐ Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22<sup>ND</sup> ST EXIT.
- ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22<sup>ND</sup> ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- ☐ Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
- ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

### FROM THE WEST

- ☐ Take I-88 EAST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward Chicago.
- ☐ Take the MIDWEST RD Exit.
- ☐ Keep right at the fork to go on MIDWEST RD/CR-15.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto BUTTERFIELD RD/IL-56.
- ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 EAST ramp toward DRURY LN.
- ☐ Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH.
- ☐ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LANE.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

### FROM THE SOUTH (ON IL-83/KINGERY HWY)

- ☐ Take IL-83/KINGERY HWY NORTH
- ☐ Merge onto IL-56/BUTTERFIELD RD EAST TOWARD IL-38 E/ROOSEVELT RD.
- ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 E ramp toward Drury Lane.
- ☐ Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH
- ☐ Turn slight right onto SPRING RD.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

### FROM THE SOUTH (ON I-294)

- ☐ Take I-294 NORTH toward WISCONSIN.
- ☐ Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- ☐ Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22<sup>ND</sup> ST EXIT.
- ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22<sup>ND</sup> ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- ☐ Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton".)
- ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

### FROM THE NORTH

- ☐ Take I-294 SOUTH toward INDIANA-O'HARE (Portions toll).
- ☐ Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- ☐ Take the exit toward IL-83 NORTH/CERMAK RD-22ND ST.
- ☐ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.