

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

Retiree's Newsletter

MAY



2018

Newsletter, of the Retired Members of Local union number 134, I.B.E.W. - Send all correspondence to Retiree's Club, 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Chicago, IL. 60616 - 2908 The Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month except December at Memorial Hall 2722 S Dr. Martin King Jr Drive 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 Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

Election Results

On March 14, 2018 the Retired Members of Local 134 Club assembled for the first time at our new union hall, 2724 S Martin Luther King Drive, for our March monthly club meeting /luncheon. This historic and well attended gathering also was the Biennial election of new officers and executive board members.

I am pleased to report that I was elected president of the Retiree Members Club (2018-2020). I have also served as an executive board member (2014-2016) and Vice-President (2016-2018). I have and will continue to organize the annual golf outing and represent the club at the Memorial Day ceremony presenting a wreath in honor of our deceased club members who have served our country.

I am a fifth generation member of Local 134, in fact my great great grandfather was a charter member, back in the days when they had to physically fight and go out on strike for weeks at a time to secure some of the working conditions and benefits we enjoy today. My great grandfather, Albert Johnson was the superintendent on projects like Lane Tech High School and the Prudential Building. Albert's son, my grandfather, Milton P Johnson (SEN 9-4-19) had one daughter, Sybil. She fell in love with a young sailor Frank H Gibbons at a Great Lakes naval training center dance in 1940. After surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec 7, 1941 and serving 5 more years in the navy during WWII my father returned home and started his family and apprenticeship. (SEN 1-15-47)

I was born February , 1949. Number 2 of 7 children in a good Catholic family. St Pricilla grammar school '63, St Patrick HS '67, Lewis College (67-68)

After falling in love with my girlfriend Barbara, now wife of 46 years, I dropped out of college. I had enjoyed working two summers with my grandfather '67 & '68 so I applied for the apprenticeship program. I was #32 in line, however, I was drafted into the army in July 1969 before I was accepted into the apprenticeship program.

US Army (69-71) Vietnam(4/70-4/71). I returned home April 8, 1971 and started my apprenticeship the next week.

My career in the electrical trade has now exceeded 50 years. Summer helper, truck driver, apprentice, journeyman, foreman, project manager/salesman, owner/NECA member ('99-07) retiree (2010-2018) I have been the employed, the unemployed, the employer and now the retiree.

I am very proud of my career and recognize I am now *living the dream* (LTD) enjoying the benefits earned from my years as an electrician and a member of Local 134. This is the final chapter and I look forward to enjoying every minute. My grandfather was retired for 18 years and my father for 32 years.

In closing, I take great pride in serving this club of retired members. I serve in memory of my father and grandfathers and all the members that have gone before.

Respectfully,
Kevin S Gibbons (SEN 6-09-67)

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL 134, IBEW

I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE
SIXTY, SIXTY-FIVE AND SEVENTY YEAR
MEMBERS AT THEIR NOON LUNCHEON ON
JUNE 13TH, 2018

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall
2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

Please print name of guest

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 6th TO:

BERNARD MARTIN
8706 N. OLCOTT
NILES, IL 60714

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

The widows of our deceased members only, are the Club's guests and need not send the dollar, but are asked to please send in this form with your name, so we know how many people are attending.

March 14th 2018 Election Luncheon

The Retiree's Club had its first meeting at Memorial Hall. It was our Biennial Election Luncheon. We had an extremely high turnout and the caterer Gatto's food was fantastic. President Jim Fliris was unable to attend because of illness but Vice President Kevin Gibbons filled in admirably. Also unable to attend was Treasurer Bernie Martin who was in hospital getting a pace maker. Get well soon Bernie. Our recording Secretary Al Sindelar doubled up to do his own job and the treasurer's. We were glad to see E-Board member Wally Felde who just had a short hospital stay.

At the beginning of the meeting Office Manager Tim Fitzgibbons spoke of the construction of the new hall, the costs and the red tape. Jeff Speros Local 134 south side Political Director spoke of the up coming March 20th primary. We were about to return to our meeting when Business Manager Don Finn joined us. He had just returned from a meeting where he spoke against anti union actions in Illinois. After several questions that were answered by our Business Manager we returned to our meeting and election. The Retiree's thanks Don Finn for finding time in his busy schedule to address our Club.

Four Officers and four E-Board members had been nominated at the February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting. All eight had accepted and when no other nominations were presented at this meeting, the recording secretary Al Sindelar cast one unanimous ballot for the nominees.

Elected as President Kevin Gibbons
Vice President James Jennings
Treasurer Bernard Martin and Recording Secretary Alan Sindelar. The four E-Board Members elected were;
Thomas Bohn, Mario Coletta, Walter Felde, and James Fliris.

IN MEMORIAM

William R Bain	Robert L Blair
Edonna N Bracken	Terlino Cortese
*David D Derosier	Paul A Even
Dennis E Firmhaber	Thomas Fraser Jr
Thomas G Greybill	*Jerry Heerhold
Jack Jensen	Ralph T Jones
Joseph E Kenevan Jr	Johnson R Lauria
Leonard Mackivitch	Erwin Mellert
Bernard J McDermott	Leon Myart
Martin E Ortiz	Bill E Pulkownik
Keith L Richardson	*Donald J Riordan
Reuben W Richardson	James J Tomisek
William E Schneeberger	Able Valencia

We send our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club members David D Derosier, Jerry Heerhold and Donald J Riordan.

CALENDAR

Apr 11- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon New Hall.
Apr 30-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
May 9-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Meet & Greet 12:00 noon New Hall
May 17-Drury Lane Play "South Pacific" 11:30 Luncheon 1:30 Play.
May 21-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
June 13- 50,55,60,65&70 year Celebration Luncheon noon, Memorial Hall 2722 S Martin Luther King Drive.
June 25-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:
"When all you care about is here, this is a good place to be."
SOUTH PACIFIC

Music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, Book by Oscar Hammerstein and Joshua Logan adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *Tales of the South Pacific* by James Michener directed by Victor Maog. Our next play will be held on Thursday May 17th, 2018 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 April 27th, 2018 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.

The Meal:

First Course: Mixed Green Salad

Entrees:

Lake Trout _____ **or**

Citrus Caper Sauce.

Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Bistro Steak _____ **or**

Bordelaise Sauce.

Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

Herb Roasted Chicken Breast _____

Served with Roasted Shallot Mashed Potatoes.

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

More timely than ever, this Rodgers and Hammerstein landmark musical proves that even the backdrop of a tropical paradise cannot shelter its residents from the prejudices of World War II. *South Pacific* is the winner of the 1950 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

South Pacific is recommended for audiences' ages 10+

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

MEDISCAM

Perhaps you haven't heard, but starting in April 2018, Medicare will issue new cards to all Medicare recipients. The new cards will no longer use Social Security numbers. Instead, members will be identified by a unique, eleven-character ID composed of numbers and letters. The reasoning is sound. The old cards contained social security numbers and getting rid of those numbers should help reduce fraud. According to Medicare, the new cards will be sent automatically, so there's no need to do a thing. Unfortunately, that's the end of the good news.

The Medicare market is huge

Everyone 65 or older, roughly 60 million people, have Medicare. Your insurance may be provided via a Medicare Advantage plan, or you may have a supplemental plan, but the bottom line is if you're over 65, you're in what I call the "Medicare market." Because it would be nearly impossible to ship out all those new cards at once, the switch will take place over the course of one year. With a target market of 60 million people, many with some form of cognitive impairment, and more than a year to run their scams, is it any wonder scammers are salivating over

the potential windfall? Even seniors without a cognitive impairment risk falling into the trap of following the lessons we were taught early in life—be trusting, be polite. Both lessons are tools scammers can use to their advantage.

Medicare card scam tips:

Tip 1: Medicare will never call, email or text you to ask for your personal information. This means that if you receive a communication asking for your information, **it's a scam.**

Tip 2: The new cards cost nothing. If you're asked to pay a fee to expedite or process shipment of your new card, **it's a scam.**

Tip 3: Medicare will also not contact you via phone, email, or text to discuss your "new benefits" or find out if you've received your new card. Medicare benefits are not changing just because new cards are being sent out.

Tip 4: If someone calls, emails, or texts you and claims your Medicare benefits are in danger of being cancelled unless you pay a fee or share your information, **it's a scam.**

Tip 5: Medicare does not accept payment in the form of gift cards, wired money, or credit card. If someone asks you to send them money, **it's a scam!**

If you are arriving by bus:

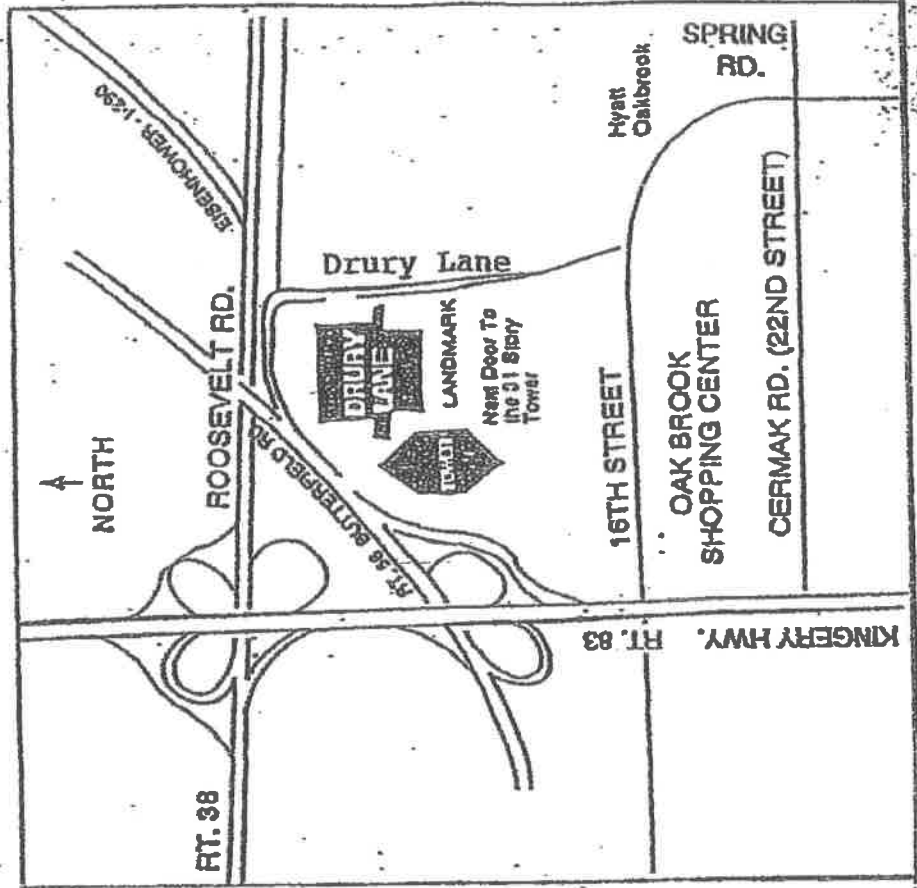
*Give this map to your driver to aid in directions.

*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 63 (Kinery 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.

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
Local #134**

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