

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

Retiree's Newsletter

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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

My last, "last" newsletter article.

I thought my president's letter in last month's newsletter was the last I would have to write, but my editor informed me that my duties weren't quite over yet. This should be my last, "last" newsletter article. This is not the article I had originally written. I had composed a piece that my wife thought was too much fluff. Honestly, I was none too happy with it myself. Reading today's newspaper, I became angry and frustrated and decided to take my wife's advice and write something I felt strongly about.

Seventeen innocents were murdered on Valentine's Day, reportedly the 29th school shooting this year. If this doesn't make you angry, you should be ashamed.

The politicians and talking heads, have again taken their opportunities to appear on TV to share their views and opinions about this tragedy. "My thoughts and prayers are with all the victims and their families." I don't know about you, but I am so tired of hearing those words uttered after every tragedy of this kind. Just what are their thoughts? And obviously God isn't paying any attention to their prayers.

It is time for our representatives and leaders to take on the gun lobby and make some changes to the gun laws and regulations of this country. After all, isn't it said, "God helps those

who help themselves." How long is this nation going to continue to accept the killing of our citizens, and then responding with hollow phrases and platitudes like "My thoughts and prayers blah, blah, blah"? I know some of you will have preferred that I had published the original piece of fluff I had written but hopefully most of you will think this better.

I am going to make sure those whom I support with my vote will have the courage to stand up and work toward sensible laws and regulations concerning the gun laws of this nation.

Thoughts and prayers aren't enough.

Jim Fliris

CALENDAR

Mar 14 Luncheon and Regular Meeting. Nominations and election of Officers and E-Board Members. New Hall noon.

Mar 26-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

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 21-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 14, 2018

AT NOON

NEW HALL 2722 S. MARTIN LUTHER KING DR

THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH

MEMBER OR GUEST

MEMBER _____

GUEST _____

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local Union # 134, IBEW

**Mail to Bernard Martin,
8706 N. Olcott
Niles, IL 60714**

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

February 14th 2018 Speaker

Bob Chimis volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository was our speaker. He spoke about hunger. There are many people in Cook County who cannot feed their family. There are food insecurity rates that effect many families. There are those who cannot get enough food on a regular basis. Some rate three out of four weeks per month. They need help on that last week of the month. Of the population in Cook County, 812,100 receive food from a depository. They serve more than 232,100 households annually. Sixty nine percent of client households have incomes that fall at or below the federal poverty line. Fifty four percent have annual incomes of \$10,000 or less. Food banks serve 13 counties around Cook County. The rural counties are hurting worse than Cook County. In the Alsip IL area there are 6 food pantries. Cook County has 700 food pantries homeless shelters and more that feed the hungry. The Great Recession created many needy from those that were well off prior. There's a food depository at The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center and Hines VA Jr Hospital and AmeriCorps in Chicago providing food for veterans. There are 13,000 veterans in Cook County who are living below the poverty line. The Chicago Community Kitchen is helping those out of work learn to be chefs. Classes cost \$8,000, then a restaurant internship and a chance to be self sufficient. One in seven children in Cook County is food insecure. Many children and elderly have access to special programs to help those in need. Of the 232,000 households in need 18% are veterans 36% are people over 60 years of age. Another innovation is the Food Bus.

During the summer for children not getting fed in school the Bus provides a meal. The food depository depends on volunteers and can always use help. Some funding for the Food Depository is provided by the government. Half the food distributed is donated. There are no means tests for those who are hungry. There are generous farmers who donate part of their crop to the Food Depository. Bob Chimis can be reached at bobsee149@hotmail.com. The Food Depository can be reached at 773-247-3663. The Retiree's Club wants to thank Bob for an enlightening afternoon.

IN MEMORIAM

Albert Amendola	Mary K Barber
*Norbert Bechtold	*Henry J Brandt
Thomas J Buckley	Raymond H Carlson
William J Coyle	James T Dembraski
Marek Dudkiewicz	Daniel E Ford
Antoinette M Fischer	James J Fuller
Gerald L Furbush	Harry A Goering
Thomas A Hannigan Jr	Russell M Harris
William Heneghan	Ronald Hyde
Lee W Jackson Sr	Grant J Kenaga
Mathew C Lary	Clifton E Lloyd
Daniel Mackessy	Raymond McCormack
John F Nihill Jr	Van P Patterson
James R Perry	Eldon H Reher
Glenn A Scalzitti	Marvin Silvers
Louis J Sonetz	William E Spellman
David A Vandyke	Ross Williams Jr
Brian J Zawacki	Robert Zisterer

Our condolences to the families of Retiree Club Members Norbert Bechtold and Henry J Brandt.

Our Speaker at the April Regular Meeting Will be Jeff Spero Political Director Local 134.

TRAVEL TRUMPED

Travel to the U.S. has been on the decline ever since President Donald Trump took office, and new data shows the slump translates to a cost of \$4.6 billion in lost spending and 40,000 jobs.

The latest data from the National Travel and Tourism Office shows a 3.3 percent drop in travel spending and a 4 percent decline in inbound travel.

The downturn has also caused America to lose its spot as the world's second-most popular destination for foreign travel, ceding to Spain. (France is in first place).

International tourism to the U.S. began to wane after Trump took office, leading to a so-called Trump slump. Experts say that Trump's proposed travel bans and anti-immigration language have had a negative impact on the U.S.'s attraction for foreign visitors, in addition to a weaker dollar and heightened security measures.

"It's not a reach to say the rhetoric and policies of this administration are affecting sentiment around the world, creating antipathy toward the U.S. and affecting travel behavior," Adam Sacks, the president of Tourism Economics, told The New York Times.

The U.S. Travel Association plans to launch a "Visit U.S." lobbying campaign to encourage Washington to embrace the vital economic impact of foreign tourists, reports The Los Angeles Times.

"While the U.S. government has been the source of a lot negative media attention this year, the travel industry must continue to stand for open borders, inclusivity and the celebration of diversity," said Leigh Barnes, the regional director for Intrepid Travel.

However, he said, "We are optimistic that this trend can and will turn around."

Summer Outing Plans

With the 40-degree weather and the "BIGS" back in camp today, we are looking for input for Baseball Outings this summer. We have thought that we would offer a north side/south side outing, not to pit one against the other but to ease on travel. These will be Minor League Events, Schaumburg on the north and Crestwood on the south. Rich Sipple will handle the north side and is looking for input as to a weekday, day game or a night game on the weekend with fireworks. Either way ticket prices are \$9 or \$12 with ample parking. Please call or email Rich Sipple or Jim Fliris, their contacts are in the book.

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.

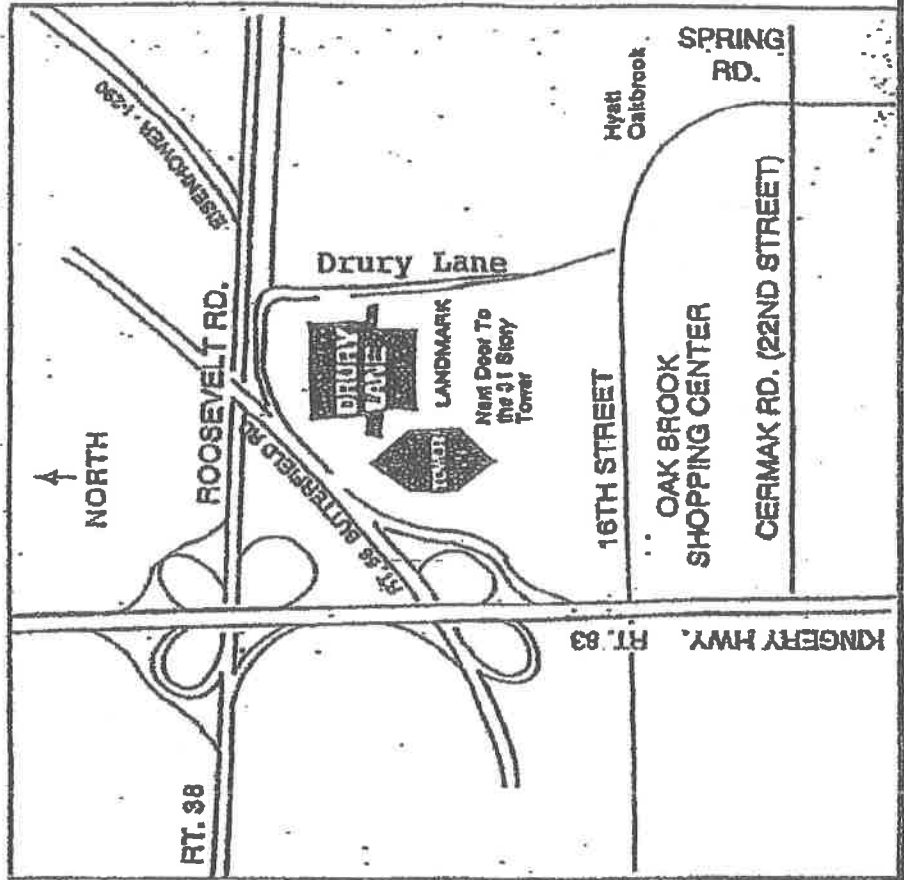
WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH ON ROUTE 38: Exit at Roosevelt/Butterfield Road East (Roosevelt Road is Route 38). Follow the GREEN sign to DRURY LANE.

WHEN APPROACHING FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON ROOSEVELT ROAD: Exit Route 63 (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.



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.



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