

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

Retiree's Newsletter

February



2019

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month,
at the new union hall located at:
2722 S Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

*The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit
of our brotherhood. To aid and assist each other as necessary,
to promote the social, economic, health and welfare of its
members and their families.*

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From the Podium

We have closed 2018 and are starting 2019 with a clean slate. I pray for a year full of good health, happiness and world peace. I look forward to my son's wedding next month, Easter, Spring, my Grandson's High School graduation, my Grand-daughter's Eighth Grade graduation and confirmation. This is just the beginning. What does your 2019 look like? Yes, we are "living the dream" (LTD)

At our last executive board meeting we agreed to use our March luncheon for a St Patrick Day celebration. Please notice we have included the registration for the March luncheon in this newsletter. We are hoping the Irish theme and our new south side location will generate a lot of interest and a large gathering.

We also discussed creating a new forum within our newsletter. It is something my high school newsletter has been doing for some time. Here is how it works.

Members are invited to write an article detailing about what they have been doing since they retired. Start with your name and retirement date and as much information

as you would like. Information like how many grandchildren you have, how long you have been married, where you like to travel, hobbies you enjoy etc. This is a simple way to say hello indirectly to guys you worked with during your career. After a few articles some guys get more creative and interesting. Anyone can use the same format and modify it to tell their own story. It is easy , interesting and a fun way to communicate. I always look forward to reading what my classmates are doing thanks to this forum in my high school newsletter. After reading about an old friend's activities you may be enticed to reach out and call them and possibly find a mutual hobby to enjoy.

Just email or mail your article to me.

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Kevin Gibbons

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Bolingbrook, IL 60440

If you have any other ideas for the club / newsletter feel free to contact me.

Kevin Gibbons

“Winter Solstice Cuisine”

Braised Pheasant Recipe

2 pheasants (1 1/2 lbs) or 1 pheasant (3 lbs) split / salt and pepper

1 onion sliced

2 carrots, pared and quartered

2 slices lean Applewood smoked bacon

1/4 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup dry sherry or broth

Season pheasant

Arrange vegetables on the bottom of the crockpot

Place pheasant on top of the vegetables

Cut bacon in half and place over each breast

Add broth and sherry

Cover and cook on Low for 8 to 10 hours / High 3 to 4 hours

Enjoy!

James Jennings

December 12th 2018 Annual Holiday Party

Our thanks go out to Rich Sipple and his lovely wife Diane for another successful gathering at Christmas time. The attendance was well over 100. As special guests we had Referral Agent Retiree's Liaison Jeff Kingsley, Business Agent Brian Brown and the President of Local 134 Tim Fitsgibbons. They came bearing gifts of the retiree pins promised by Business Manager Don Finn.

Rich Connolly and Peter Merkle both received a bottle of wine for being the first to respond to the christmas party invitation. We had our annual raffle of 20 gift cards for Jewel Food Stores, donated by Local 134. We can't thank them enough for all they do for the Retiree's Club. The twenty winners were Leroy Herrick, Richard Schmitz, Diane Kern, Gerry White, Louanna Steinken, Dan McHugh, John Kern, Courtney Gerck, Karen Gorski, Jim Dubrock, Don Mahoney, Peter Merkle, Annette Uszler, Diane Martin, Joyce Merkle, Ted Malo, Kathy Folena, Pat Meade, Richard Connolly and Galina Krueger.

We thank the Irish American Heritage Center for hosting our event and Harrington's for their fine catering with a special thanks to their servers.

Sue Kleczka our News and Views & Electrical Worker contributor reminded us the Retiree's Club is celebrating it's 30 year anniversary. To help celebrate Sue made and decorated a beautiful cake for everyone to enjoy. Thank you Sue!

Mario Coletta

IN MEMORIAM

Luigi Astorino	David A Bufano
David R Burkes	Daniel G Butler Jr
John J Corcoran	Guy Desimone
Richard D Durham	Steve Elipas
Frank R Geschrey	Frank T Goll
Edward A Goetzelmann	
Georgia A Hughes	George A Johnson
John W Josephson	Theodore Karbonek
*Joseph D Keenan Jr	*Walter R Kurby
John E Lubben	Donald P McGrenera
John McMiller	Stanislaw Michalik
Oscar Montenegro	Dominic Mostacci
Roger Munoz Jr	Howard A Osten
Dwayne E Ross	Andy F Runyon Jr
Casimir J Rzegocki	Anthony L Saia
William J Simons	Edward Topp
Charles G Wheeler	James J Wilson
Richard Zednick	Jerome P Zienty

*** Our condolences to the families of Retiree
Club Members: Joseph D Keenan Jr
Walter R Kurby**

CALENDAR

Jan 09: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 Noon
Memorial Hall

Jan 28: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Feb 13: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm.
Meet & Greet 12:00 Noon
Memorial Hall

Feb 21: Drury Lane Play “Mamma Mia”
Luncheon 11:30 am Play at 1:30 pm.

Feb 25: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Mar 13: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
St Patrick Day Luncheon 12:00 noon
Odd Year Election 3 E-Board Member
Memorial Hall

Mar 25: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

“MAMMA MIA!”

Book by Cathrine Johnson
Originally conceived by Judy Craymer.

Music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, some songs with Stig Anderson

The international megahit *Mamma Mia!* uses the greatest songs of ABBA to tell a hilarious story of marriage, family and finding where you belong, proving that in the end the winner takes all! Come see why more than 54 million people worldwide have laughed and danced to this unforgettable jukebox musical.

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Time: Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
Show to follow at 1:30 pm

Place: The Drury Lane Playhouse, Oak Brook Terrace.
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

630-530-8300 * DRURYLANETHEATRE.COM

Cost: \$ 54.00 per person

“MAMMA MIA!”

The Meal:

First Course: Tomato Basil Soup

Choose your lunch entrees:

_____ Grilled Chicken Breast *w/Marsala Sauce*

_____ Parmesan Crusted Flounder *w/ Caper Beurre Blanc*

_____ Crepe Florentine Artichoke, Fontina Cheese
w/ a Chablis Cream Sauce

Desert Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to: Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

**Your ticket order and your check must be in Walter Felde's hands
by January 25th, 2019.**

Walter Felde will have your tickets at Drury Lane at
the maitre'd podium the day of the event.

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134

2018 Christmas Party

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the folks who attended the party on December 12th. We had 105 people that had registered and unfortunately several people couldn't make it at the last minute, but those that could had a great time.

I wish to offer special thanks to Mario Coletta for being the very first person every year to ensure that the hall is set up and always offering a hand, also thanks to Deacon Mike Eaker. To my wife, Diane, who always does the name tags, takes the photos, and then fights with her computer to print them. This year a very grateful thank you to Sue Kleczka who personally baked and decorated a beautiful cake to honor the club's 30th birthday.

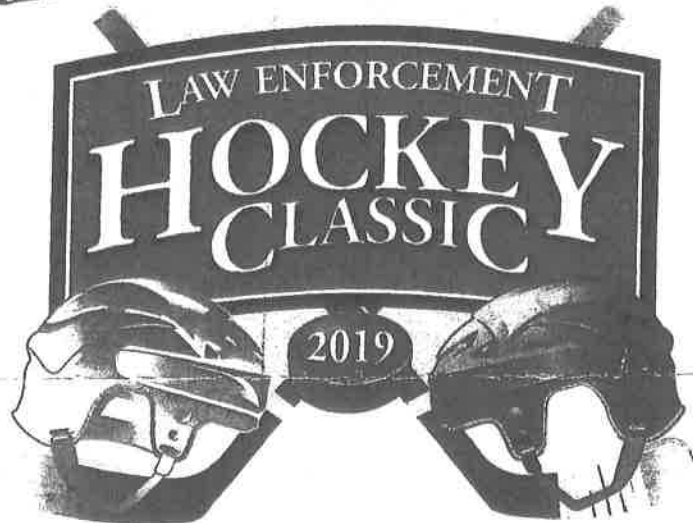
The Christmas party has been a tradition that began with our first president Irv Blaszyński. We have carried it on and have always had a very good time. We thank the Irish American Heritage Center for their hospitality. However next year we are going to move the festivities into Local 134's new union hall.

We are going to locate all of our luncheons in Memorial Hall at the south end of the building so you will walk right in from the parking lot. We are also hoping to have more surprises in the coming months. People are working diligently on always improving your experience.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our luncheons and especially at our Christmas Party in 2019.

Rich Sipple

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PRESENTS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL



Chicago Police Department vs. Chicago FBI Fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago

Saturday, March 2, 2019

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Doors open at 6:00pm

Seating is general admission

The Edge Ice Arena

735 E. Jefferson Street, Bensenville, IL



Tickets sold in advance:

\$25 for adults and

\$15 for children 12 and under

**Tickets purchased at the door
(if available) are \$30 for all ages**

To purchase tickets: contact Rich Sipple 312-914-4428

Before February 25, 2019

Make check payable to: Retiree Club Local 134 IBEW

Mail to: Rich Sipple

901 Pheasant Walk

Schaumburg, IL 60139



LAW ENFORCEMENT HOCKEY CLASSIC 2019



We look forward to seeing you at the game. We hope you will consider some other ways you can help to support the Hockey Classic, Honor Flight Chicago and our Veterans.

\$5000 LEVEL (Limited) – GUARDIAN ANGEL

Join us on one of our 2019 flights to Washington D.C. to honor our WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans. Receive 4 tickets to the game.

\$2500 LEVEL (Limited) – MEMBER OF THE TEAM

Support either the Chicago Police Department or the Chicago FBI. Receive 4 tickets to the game, team hats and reserved seating behind the players' box.

PRICELESS (Unlimited) – SILENT PARTNER

Donate a unique item that we can add to our Silent Auction or for Raffle Baskets. Perhaps you have a vacation home or timeshare, your seats for a game, a service your business can offer, airline miles, gift cards, a work of art, a bottle of wine you never opened. Use your imagination and then email fundraiser@honorflightchicago.org to let us know about it.

For information, email us at fundraiser@honorflightchicago.org

SILENT AUCTION

We've put our biggest and best on the auction table.

RAFFLE BASKETS

There's something for everyone. But you can't win if you don't buy some raffle tickets!

CHUCK A PUCK

Just a buck a puck to try your luck, or 6 pucks for \$5.

CHANCE DRAWING

Come to the game and see what we are offering this year.



We have one goal, to honor America's war veterans—especially our senior war vets from WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War—with a flight to Washington DC to see their memorial. 100% of net proceeds benefit Honor Flight Chicago.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 13, 2019

AT NOON

NEW HALL 2722 S. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR 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**

Dues Renewal Notice 2019

You can pay your 2019 club membership dues by filling in the form below and send it to Bernard Martin along with a check for \$20.00, made payable to the Retiree Club Local 134.

Note: Widows of deceased members of our club are considered associate members and DO NOT PAY DUES.

Please Print

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please fill in all current information so we can update our records.

Mail to: Bernard Martin

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If you have a second address where you spend time for several months please notify us of that address and duration of your stay. We will gladly reroute your newsletter.