

# Retiree's Newsletter

AUGUST



2015

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 March, June, September and December at the Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip 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 Bernie Martin

## FROM THE PODIUM

### **Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.**

There's talk of eliminating the prevailing wage in Illinois. Some call it a union make work law. Conservatives are dead set against it. This is where the history comes in. In 1931 Hoover was president. A member from both the House and the Senate were able to get legislation passed to create the prevailing wage law. Davis and Bacon were upset that unscrupulous out of town contractors would bid and win jobs then hire not based on talent or knowledge but how little pay there employees would accept. The unethical contractor would get a partial payout then abandon the job, local contractors and workmen would finish the job at the rate of pay that collective bargaining brought. This was an increase in the cost of the project and angered those who thought they were getting there money's worth. The irony is that Hoover Bacon and Davis were all members of the GOP, the same group who no longer want this grand law and the only law that they've ever passed to help the working man. If the prevailing wage disappears we can expect the doom to be repeated.

*Mario Coletta*

## CALENDAR

### **Jul 23-Drury Lane Play Beaches**

Luncheon served at 11:30 am

**Jul 27- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am**

**Aug 12- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm**

Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and

Ridgeland Alsip IL. Come at noon

for the greet and meet.

**Aug 31- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am**

**Sept 9- Luncheon and Regular**

Meeting noon at Boyle Auditorium

600 W Washington Blvd

**Sept 16- Annual John Cummins**

Memorial Golf Outing 8:00 am

**Sept 28-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am**

**Oct 14- Regular meeting 1:00 pm**

Apprentice School 115<sup>th</sup> and

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## IN MEMORIAM

John D Braschler Walter Brozek Sr

Carlo A Cribaro James T Finn

Herman J Grieshaber

Masato D Hirata James M Killackey

Ronald K Kopecky Milan Lekich

James D Luzzo Bernard Malas

Clifford A McBride John R Mirabal

Thomas B Naumann \*Isaac Reese

Thomas J Oconnell Jr

Nick M Skertich Vernon Thompson

\*Harry G Tongren Mark A Wrobell

Robert B Zerfass

Our condolences to the families of  
Isaac Reese and Harry G Tongren

**RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON**

**SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2015 AT BOYLE  
AUDITORIUM 600 W WASHINGTON BLVD**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name and guest's name

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW  
Send in Registration by September 1st

Mail this reservation form and your dollar per person to:

Bernie Martin  
8706 N Olcott  
Niles, IL 60714

# ARLINGTON PARK RACETRACK

AUGUST 20, 2015

We are going to the races on Thursday August 20th. If you are interested and want to join us, please complete the bottom portion of this flyer and return to me by August 10th.

Your fee of \$27.00 includes a **BOX SEAT, A RACING GUIDE AND A GRAB 'N GO LUNCH**. The GRAB 'N GO lunch is a choice of:

- **SMOKED PULLED CHICKEN SANDWICH** on an egg washed bun
- **BEER BRAISED BRATWURST SANDWICH** with caramelized onions and mustard on a sausage roll
- **BLACK BEAN BURGER SANDWICH** on a whole grain bun and assorted toppings

The sides include **KETTLE CHIPS, POTATO SALAD, SWEET AND SOUR COLE SLAW AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE**.

THE PARK OPENS AT 12 NOON

ARLINGTON SERVES THE GRAB 'N GO LUNCH FROM 12:30 UNTIL 2:30 PM

POST TIME 1:00 PM

I WILL TRY TO MAIL YOUR TICKETS TO YOU BY AUGUST 14TH

The parking is free or if you want you can take the metro to the park because there is a train station at the park. There is a fee if you want to use the valet parking. You can bring friends or relatives to this and any other event that we have outside of the meetings.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27.00 EACH

Send your check for \$27.00 per person made payable to the Retirees Club of Local 134, IBEW, to: Gerry White, 237 W. Millers Rd., DesPlaines, IL 60016. For questions call me at 847-635-5659.

JUNE 10 2015

**50/55/60/65/70 Year Honorees**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Club held its annual lunch to honor those who have reached these milestones. It is a privilege to be a member of the IBEW and to have worked with many of these gentlemen.

**50 years;** Nick Alex – John M. Armstrong – Robert W. Crocks – Ronald C. Gibson – Richard C. Leonatti – William T. Lindahl – James E. McMahon – Daniel G. Meyer – James H. Schultz – Nickolas P. Speziale – Richard Swanson – Vito Terenzio

**55 years;** Robert Burzek – Richard C. Casale-- James J. Fliris – Richard A. Grove – Steven C. Lindskoog.– Arthur D. Minsky – James F. Popp – Roger C. Spike – Michael B. Turner Michael P. Wilkiel

**60 years;** Marvin W. Ball – Peter C. Canuso --Ronald Fibiger – Sam Guzzo – John F. Jeeger --James D. Kassner – Jerome F. Koch – Eugene Lewaniak – Ronald H. Marsden – Daniel J. McCarthy – James A. McNamara

Robert J. Mersch – Kenneth W. Mueller --George E. Randle – Wayne H. Schroeder --James P. Walsh – Claude A. Wolcott – Donald F. Yara

**65 years;** Edward J. Dewbray – Daniel M. Fegan – Joseph D. Keenan – Henry J. Mueller

Recording Secretary Frank Cunningham taking time from his busy schedule to join the celebration and speaking for the Local and the IBEW congratulated the Honorees, thanked them for their years of service, and stood with them for their portrait.

As always Bussean Custom Caterers did their best to provide a fine meal and plenty of it. Our thanks to Nick Bussean for all he's done for so many years.

I hope I haven't missed or misspelled anybody's name. Let me know and it will be corrected in a future issue. In the meantime I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

. Rich Sipple

**Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW**  
**Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**



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

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

**\*\*\*\* Cost: \$65.00 \*\*\*\***

**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**

**Contact: Kevin Gibbons (630.877.7340)**  
**117 Pepperwood Drive Bolingbrook, IL 60440**  
[kgibbons101@comcast.net](mailto:kgibbons101@comcast.net)

**RSVP by August 30, 2015**

**Mail advance payments / or due the morning of the golf outing.**  
**Make checks payable to: The Retirees Club of Local 134 IBEW**

## RECIPE EXCHANGE

### Korean-spiced Beef with Rice

1 Tbsp. sesame oil  
1 lb. lean ground beef  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
½ cup brown sugar  
¼ cup soy sauce  
¼ tsp. ground ginger  
½-1 tsp. crushed red peppers (depending on how spicy you like it)  
Salt and Pepper  
1 bunch green onions, diced, for garnish  
2 cups cooked rice

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the oil and when hot, brown ground beef with garlic. Drain most of the fat. Stir in brown sugar, soy sauce, ginger, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. Simmer for a few minutes to blend the flavors. Serve over steamed rice, and top with green onions. Serves four.

I used regular oil because I don't have sesame oil and I used ground red pepper instead of flakes and started with ½ tsp. and mixed it and added to taste. We don't care for meals that are too spicy. I had brought a bunch of green onions for this dish and then I forgot to add them before serving. But it was still good.

### JULY 23rd

Just a reminder! This is the date for the Lunch and Play at Drury Lane Playhouse.

### AUGUST 12th

We will be at the Apprentice School to hear Michael Betar, who is a member of the Veterans' History Project, talk about his experiences with veterans. This organization's members interview veterans, so they will be able to document the veterans' lives while they were serving our country.

### AUGUST 20TH

We are going to the Arlington Racetrack for a fun day of horse racing. I have attached a sign up sheet to this newsletter explaining times and what the afternoon includes. The cost is \$27.00 per person.

### SEPTEMBER 2nd

I picked this day because it is an afternoon game and hopefully all the children will be back in school. There is a variety of food served at the park, therefore I did not get a package that included lunch. You can pick and choose what you want, or maybe eat somewhere else.

### SEPTEMBER 9th

I have asked a speaker to come to this meeting because it is a luncheon at the Union Hall and they seem to have a good turn out. The speaker is from Mayflower Tours. She is going to talk about a value tour for next April 17th. It is an 8 day trip that includes Tennessee and Alabama. This trip is not for just members of the Retirees' Club, but you can ask any of your friends to go with you. We gave out flyers at the June luncheon so you could think about the trip and see if you are interested. Come and hear what she has to say. The club has taken trips with Mayflower before. The Retirees' Club went to Niagara Falls, Branson and Springfield, since we have been members.

### SEPTEMBER 16th

The JOHN CUMMINS MEMORIAL golf outing is on this Wednesday. It will be held at the Old Oak Country Club. The price of \$65.00 includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of Golf with cart for each team, buffet lunch and prizes. Sounds good.

Have a nice day! Gerry White

**SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS BASEBALL**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

**EVENT: SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS vs WASHINGTON WILD THINGS**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

**COST: \$9.00 PER TICKET**

The park opens at 10:00 AM, so you can plan on coming early to look around, have your lunch or get a better parking stop in the free parking lot. I make NO plans for a special lunch but there should be plenty of food at the park. They have the usual baseball park food, and the kids will be back in school I hope.

You can invite someone who is not a member of the Retirees Club to this event and please ask your spouse.

If you could send in your check and the bottom portion of this sheet before August 17th, I will be able to mail your tickets in time for the game date.

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