

Retiree's Newsletter

JULY



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 Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

The Retirees Club has been meeting at the Apprentice School for both the E Board meetings and the Regular meetings with great success. A few bugs had to be worked out and have been. We thank John Donahue for his generous hospitality and his appointing of Andy Gerk to smooth the transition. Another positive change is that the attendance at the regular meetings has increased.

We may not be able to use public transportation, but the parking is available and those who live a distance can car pool. The three luncheons we have in March, June and September will still be held at Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd. If this arrangement changes, the membership will be notified well in advance. Our annual holiday party will be at the Irish American Heritage Center.

Finally our thanks to Business Manager Don Finn for his help to the club and for his assigning to us and all the Local 134 retirees Business Representative Jeff Kingsley as retiree liaison.

Mario Coletta

CALENDAR

Jun 10-50,55,60,65 and 70 year Celebration Luncheon noon at Boyle Auditorium 600 W Washington Blvd. Honor our brothers. Ridgeland Alsip IL

Jun 29- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL

Jul 8-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Apprentice School 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL. Come at noon for the greet and meet.

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 115th 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

IN MEMORIAM

Jacobus Braakman Carl E Burgess

*James T Cassin Richard J Cusack

Salvatore J Chiaramonte

James G Deroeck Carl E Dekyen

Charles H Formby Jr Jack Herman

Kaywin H Hardman William Lucas

Lawrence Heimlich

*Joseph T Kowalcze Jr

*Raymond Liberatore

Frank A Martello *Earnest Mihalcik

Javier Z Montanez Bryan L Mudro

Donald J Nangle *Dennis J Neylon

Thomas H Niven Scott P O'Connell

Jerome Oscar Ireneusz Pierzchala

Alan S Samson Peter J Schintgen

John J Sullivan Samuel Thomas Jr

George P Tomsic Joanne E Weber

Joseph R Wilma Brian Wortel

Our condolences to the families of James T Cassin, Joseph T Kowalcze Jr, Raymond Liberatore, Ernest Mihalcik and Dennis J Neylon.

RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL # 134 LUNCHEON

**SEPTEMBER 9TH 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 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

May 13 2015 Speakers

We were privileged to have both the new business manager Don Finn and EIT fund administrator Sean Madix this month. Don as you may know has taken over after the untimely death of Terry Allen. Sean on the other hand has been the head of EIT for the past 20 years; he was instrumental in the modernization of the fund office. At last month's meeting there were concerns as to the health of our pensions so we asked if they could address these issues.

Our pension is currently 93% funded which is better than any other local building trade, IBEW or otherwise, also better funded than NEBF. It was also asked if we had any issues similar that sheet metal LU #73 had with overpayments. Sean assured us that due to the methods and scrutiny paid to our calculations as well as the simplicity of our plan that this cannot happen.

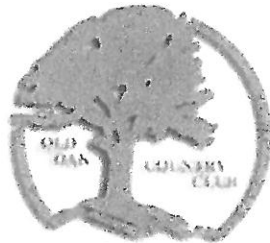
As to the overall health of our plans, Sean first reminded us to the fact that **all trustees**, have a **fiduciary** responsibility to us the participants to insure that the plan is properly administered. The trust also looks on a long range picture in its investments and is well diversified to accept

market fluctuations. The trustee's regularly are advised by professional financial consultants and fund managers who are well aware of multi employer plans like ours.

Sean briefly addressed some health plan questions; (1) our pharmacy costs have increased approximately 12 ½% year over year. (2) Drug companies are spending more today on mapping DNA and creating cures rather than "block buster" drugs. (3) People are living longer. We are the only plan that provides a health plan at no cost to retirees. (4) The time will come when we will make some type of payment for the plan. This will be in the future.

Questions directed to Don Finn were, (1) the possibility of retirees working, at this time the answer is no there are still 700+ on the book * however it is improving. (2) will we ever see a 13th check, this is being discussed and Don's promise is that if and when it happens **all fixed plan** members will get a check not just Pension Plan 2. No Promises were made but they are talking.

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 Rd.
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**

Contact

Kevin Gibbons

630.877.7340

117 Pepperwood Dr, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

kgibbons101@comcast.net

RSVP by August 30, 2015

**Note: We must provide Old Oak CC a headcount
prior to our outing.**

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

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:

BEACHES A NEW MUSICAL

Our next play will be held on Thursday July 23rd 2015 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 July 1st, 2015 with your check for \$49.00 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:

Lemon Sole _____ Or

Baked / Lemon Dill Sauce

Grilled Boneless Pork Chops _____

Apple Sauerkraut / Rosemary Demi Glace

All Entrees served with dinner rolls, choice of one non alcoholic beverage and chef's selection of potato, vegetable and desert.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

Presenting the first new work on the Drury Lane stage in 21 years, Beaches signifies the theater's renewed dedication to develop new works. Drury Lane's artistic team will work to bring the beloved novel by Iris Rainer Dart to the stage.

Beaches follows two extraordinary friends through 30 years of camaraderie, laughter and sorrow. Vivacious, outlandish Cee Cee and beautiful, privileged Bertie meet as children and become fast friends. From pen-pals to roommates to romantic rivals, Cee Cee and Bertie's oil-and-water friendship perseveres through even the most tragic trials. With a touching vulnerability, Beaches exemplifies the triumph of the human spirit and the bonds of sisterhood.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

The recipe I chose for this month is an old one but with the summer coming up, I thought it could be used as refreshing salad or dessert.

AMBROSIA - serves 4 to 6

1 - 20 oz. can chunk pineapple

1 - 11 oz. can mandarin orange segments

1½ cup seedless grapes

1 cup miniature marshmallows

1 cup flaked coconut

½ cup nuts

¾ cup sour cream

1 tbsp. sugar

Drain the pineapple and oranges segments and combine with grapes, coconut, marshmallows and nuts. Mix sour cream and sugar. Stir sour cream and sugar mixture into the fruit mixture. Chill and enjoy!

JUNE 10th

This is the luncheon we honor our club members for their years in the local. We honor the 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 year members. Mary Anne Riehl will be entertaining us during the luncheon.

JULY 8th

We will be at the Apprentice School for this meeting where Richard Murphy, from the Office of Federal Mediation, will be our guest speaker.

JULY 23rd

We will be having lunch at the Drury Lane Playhouse with the play **BEACHES** following the lunch. If you have not signed up yet, you will want to send Wally Felde your reservation form (attached to this newsletter) as soon as possible.

AUGUST 12th

This meeting is at the Apprentice School and Michael Betar will be our guest speaker. He is a member of the Veterans' History Project.

AUGUST 20th

Save the date and pray for a nice day. It will be our annual trip to the Arlington Racetrack. I will have more information and a sign up sheet in the next newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 16th

This is the date for the annual JOHN CUMMINS MEMORIAL golf outing. You will want to reserve a spot by returning a sign up sheet to Kevin Gibbons. The cost includes Continental Breakfast at 8:00 am golf, lunch and prizes. Shotgun Start at 9:00 am

SEPTEMBER

We had a fun afternoon at the Boomers Baseball Game, so I am looking for an afternoon game in September.

Suggestions Welcome! Gerry White

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 83: 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 83 (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.

