

Retiree's Newsletter

JUNE



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

36 Reasons Why You Should Thank a Union

1. Weekends
2. All Breaks at Work, including your Lunch Breaks
3. Paid Vacation
4. Family and Medical Leave Act FMLA
5. Sick Leave
6. Social Security
7. Minimum Wage
8. Civil Rights Act/Title VII (Prohibits Employer Discrimination)
9. 8-Hour Work Day
10. Overtime Pay
11. Child Labor Laws
12. Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA)
13. 40 Hour Work Week
14. Worker's Compensation (Worker's Comp)
15. Unemployment Insurance
16. Pensions
17. Workplace Safety Standards and Regulations
18. Employer Health Care Insurance
19. Collective Bargaining Rights for Employees
20. Wrongful Termination Laws
21. Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967
22. Whistleblower Protection Laws
23. Employee Polygraph Protection Act (Prohibits Employer from using a lie detector test on an employee)
24. Veteran's Employment and Training Services (VETS)
25. Compensation increases and Evaluations (Raises)
26. Sexual Harassment Laws
27. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
28. Holiday Pay
29. Employer Dental, Life, and Vision Insurance
30. Privacy Rights
31. Pregnancy and Parental Leave
32. Military Leave
33. The Right to Strike
34. Public Education for Children
35. Equal Pay Acts of 1963 & 2011 (Requires employers pay men and women equally for the same amount of work)
36. Laws Ending Sweatshops in the United States

Mario Coletta

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 10TH, 2015

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 1ST 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.

April 8th 2015 Speaker

Jeff Kingsley was the speaker at our meeting. Many of you know Jeff as the referral agent for Local 134. He, as you may know has the added responsibility now of being the liaison with all of the retirees and local 134. He is available by phone and e-mail for information or assistance. Check the local's web site for Jeff's info. Jeff spoke of the life insurance, which you will all have voted on by the time you receive this so I will not dwell on it. Jeff was questioned on EIT pension investments, he is not on that board but we have secured Sean Madix, the EIT administrator for our May meeting at the school. I hope you will have received this letter before the May meeting. Mr. Madix can be very informative. Business Manager Finn has also said he would be present. Jeff did have good news however, our out – of – work list was around 750, and they will be clearing the books this summer. They are currently looking to have our travelers come home and those that may have dropped their membership come back. They would prefer this to having to take in book 4 people. Our labor situation is under fire from all angles today. We all recognize the dire straits that our state is in. My personal opinion is that

suppressing the working class is not going to improve the state. I do not begrudge those who succeed, but I do believe that you will be a real success when you reach out and help your neighbor. There was a letter to the editor in the Tribune on Labor Day 2013, from Steven Herr, Chicago “What is the difference between school teachers, professional athletes and auto workers? The answer: Pro athletes are the only union members Americans are willing to support. The problem is, this is more a reality than a joke.”

IN MEMORIAM

*Louis P Andreoni	Frank P Boudart
Clifton Brown	Frank Cirillo Jr
Michael A Colianni	Nolan G Congine
Lawrence J Curtin	Neil P Curtin
Joseph A Czuba	Bert Delegge
James P Eberhart	Joseph Fisher
Alton Flowers	Bernard H Galinski
Keith D Harris	*Arthur P Hontos
Stanley P Linhart	Diane M McLaughlin
Stephen Mertes	Joseph M Mohlman
Elmer H Mueller	Anthony S Perri
Edwin T Persson	Joseph A Prelesnik
Donald J Roppolo	William J Sinkler
Merlin R Toffel	Donald L Walder
Douglas B Witt	Richard M Zahmen
Edward Zavislak	

Our condolences to the families of Louis P Andreoni and Arthur P Hontos.

- **Required Minimum Distribution**

- Some examples...

- At age 70 your life expectancy is 27.4 years (according to the IRS) so you must take approximately 3.65% of the balance
- At age 80 your life expectancy is 18.7 years, so you must take approximately 5.35% of the balance
- At age 90 your life expectancy is 11.4 years so you must take approximately 8.77% of the balance
- At age 100 your life expectancy is 6.3 years so you must take approximately 15.87% of the balance.

The good news is that your 401(k) provider or IRA custodian -- if you roll-over- - can in some cases calculate the RMD for you.

CALENDAR

May 13- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Apprentice School 115th and
Ridgeland Alsip IL. Come at noon
for the Greet and Meet.

May 18-E-Board Meeting 10:30
am 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL

May 25-Local Union 134
Memorial Day Ceremony Mount
Emblem Cemetery 10:00 am

Jun 10-50,55,60,65 and 70 year
Celebration Luncheon noon at
Boyle Auditorium 600 W
Washington Blvd.

Honor our brothers.

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

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

Apricot-Glazed Pork Tenderloin for two

1-3/4 lb pork tenderloin

2 tsps olive oil

1/8 tsp salt

dash pepper

1/3 cup apricot preserves

1 tbsl sherry or reduced sodium chicken broth

1 tsp Dijon mustard

1 clove garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon minced fresh thyme or

1/8 tsp dried thyme

Place pork in a shallow pan. Combine the oil, salt and pepper; rub over pork.

Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients; spoon over park. Bake 10 to 17 minutes longer or until a thermometer reads 145 degrees, basting occasionally with pan juices. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

MAY 13th

Sean Madix the Electrical Insurance Trustee administrator and Don Finn will be our guest speakers at this meeting. I think they will be talking about our pension fund since it was brought up at our last month's meeting.

JUNE 10th

We will be honoring our 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 etc., members with a luncheon and entertainment provided by Mary Anne Riehl. Since this is a luncheon you will want to let

Bernie Martin know that you are coming.

Please fill out and send your reservation sheet to him ASAP. The reservation sheet is attached. The luncheon will be held at 600 W Washington Blvd.

JULY 8th

Richard Murphy will present a 20 min talk on the Office of Federal Mediation. This meeting will be held at the Apprentice School at 115th and Ridgeland in Alsip.

JULY 23rd

Our next Drury Lane Lunch and Play will feature the new musical call **BEACHES**. The Drury Lane is always such an enjoyable outing. Be sure to send in reservation sheet to Walter Felde by July 1st.

AUGUST 12th

Our August speaker is Michael Betar who is a Judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in Lake County, Illinois. He will be explaining the Veterans' History Project. For the past three years, on Veterans' Day approximately 25 veterans, primarily for World War II, gather at the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan, Illinois. These veterans divide up to different rooms and are interviewed by a local attorney regarding their service related experiences.

My name is Gerry White. If you have ideas about speakers, please let me know. My phone is 847-635-5659. My email is germainew1@aol.com.

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 88: 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.

