

Retiree's Newsletter

MARCH



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 December at Boyle Temple, 600 W. Washington Blvd., 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 Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

Business Manager

Donald Finn on January 8th 2014

We have one of the most active retiree groups in all of the IBEW. Now is it time for the retiree's to get what they so deserve. I am appointing referral agent Jeff Kingsley to be their Business Agent. I also am extremely proud that the Retirees will have an assigned office at the apprenticeship school, where they can meet as a proud group, and where they will be able to conduct business and hold their monthly meetings. This group will continue to have a voice in this great local to which they have given so much. This is only a start, as I am aware of the life insurance issue and we as an Administration are looking into all possible solutions to get that addressed in the near future. In addition there are a few other things that would be beneficial to our retirees and I will act on them as soon as the time is right. To all retirees here and at home we are here to work for you and with you. Please take advantage of this as will only bring us closer as a Local.

I wanted to share this information with all of our members. *Mario Coletta*

IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence E Beemsterboer

*Irvin Blaszyński	Kalman Borko
James P Burke	Lanetta Burnett
Joseph C Campagna	Frank J Capaci
Robert J Clark	John J Devine
Tony Di Cristofano	Frank Gourley
Donald T Johnson	Arvin R Kyncy
Mitchell S Leeb	Fred C Leidolph
Angelo G Luna	Robert F Maly

* Patrick J MacFarlane

Thomas P McGinty	Robert I Nelson
Harold H Mortensen Jr	
Lee Novak	Thomas Palma
Thomas M Phelan	Betty F Roeder
Joseph T Slaby	Roger H Spatt
Edward J Sowinski Jr	

*Jerome E Stemper	Keith H Taylor
Edward O White	Walter O Wyman

Our condolences to the families of Irv Blaszyński Patrick J MacFarlane and Jerome E Stemper also our condolences to member Paul Bartolotta in the passing of his wife Marcia. Robert Marx in the passing of his wife Norah and Joseph Gesicki in the passing of his wife Reberta.

CALENDAR

Mar 2-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Mar 11-Luncheon and odd year election for three E-Board members
Apr 6-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
Apr 8-Regular meeting 1:00 pm
Apprentice school 115th and Ridgeland Alsip IL
May 4-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
May 13- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2015 or 2016 your dues are due. You can pay your 2015 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 2015 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.

January 14 2015 Speaker

What a difference a year can make, warmer with less snow and gas at about \$2 a gallon. That is almost enough to make you forget all of the things that will affect your budget that lurk in Springfield. The gas companies, the electric company and don't forget all the phone companies. Wasn't life easier with one of each? It certainly can be confusing and frustrating when you encounter problems. This is where Citizens Utility Board, (CUB) comes in handy.

Yami Newell gave us a rather detailed explanation as to what CUB does for us as an advocate with the Legislature and how it can intercede when we encounter problems with the various utilities whether it is service or billing issues. They also offer many cost savings ideas for consumers. You may reach CUB on line at www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org or by phone at 1-800-669-5556. CUB is a nonprofit group that has been a leading advocate for the utility consumer for years.

Ms. Newell explained that in this day of all of these various suppliers of gas, electricity, and phone that the average person has little chance of sorting out all of the claims and fees

that confront them. It has almost like having to drive from store to store to get the best price on milk. It is no wonder that we older folks yearn for the "good old days".

On another note: Honor Flight Chicago is holding seminars for those who would like to volunteer. It takes approximately 1500 volunteer man hours per flight before they reach the airport. They will have a seminar on Feb. 28, 2015 @ 9am -11:30am. In Rosemont. Contact me if you are interested and I will forward their invitation to you.

rsipple@sbcglobal.net or 312-914

It Isn't Official Yet

Soon the Retirees Club will be meeting for both the monthly Board meetings and the monthly Regular meetings at the Apprentice school 115th and Ridgeland in Alsip Illinois. The quarterly luncheons will still be held at 600 West Washington Blvd on the second Wednesday in March, June and September. Jeff Kingsley Business Rep will be the liaison for the Club and for all the Local 134 retirees. The details have not been worked out. Those who prefer public transportation will have to drive, but there is plenty of free parking at the school. Updates as I get them. *M Coletta*

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 11, 2015

AT NOON

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:

BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL

Our next play will be held on Thursday April 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 April 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: Garden Salad Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Radish, Herb Croutons, Ranch Dressing

Entrees:

Pecan Crusted Tilapia _____ Or

Creamy Roasted Garlic Butter Sauce

Chicken Breast Marsala _____

Mushroom Marsala Sauce

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

Millions of fans... Thousands of standing ovations... Ten Tony Awards including Best Musical...this is Billy Elliot The Musical! This spectacular show with the heart, humor and passion to be named Time Magazine's "Best Musical of the Decade!"

Based on the international smash-hit film and featuring a score by music legend Elton John, Billy Elliot is an astonishing theatrical experience that will stay with you forever.

Set in a northern English mining town, against the background of the 1984 miner's strike, Billy Elliot is the inspirational story of a young boy's struggle against the odds to make his dream come true. Follow Billy's journey as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and community and changes his life forever.

100 Drury Lane* Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

I am always looking for new recipes for breakfast. We have been having a big breakfast on Sundays ever since we were married. This was a recipe I bought with me into my marriage.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

EGGS BENEDICT for 2

4 eggs

2 English muffins (4 halves)

ham - you can use slices from a baked ham or sometimes I use slices from the deli or a piece of sliced ham.

2 tbsp. margarine

1-1/2 tsp. flour

1 tsp. dry mustard

1-1/2 tsp. horseradish

½ cup milk

Toast English muffins and poach the eggs. Heat ham in microwave oven. In a small saucepan melt the margarine. Add flour and mustard to make a paste and add horseradish and milk to make a sauce. Place your sliced ham and one egg on one slice of English muffin. Put 2 of these on a plate and spoon the sauce over the top.

This will not taste the same as the eggs benedict sauce you usually get in a restaurant, but I think you might enjoy the taste of this sauce for a change.

MARCH 11th

I have asked Ron Wittingham from Megent to come or send someone from his office to come to this meeting to speak to us about investing. The last year or so have been good for investing but will it stay? I am sure they can not tell us what will happen in the future but maybe some guidelines for us to use.

This is also a luncheon meeting, so be sure to send your reservation sheet to Bernie Martin.

APRIL 8th

We will be at the apprentice school at 115th and Ridgeland in Alsip for this meeting. I have invited Jeff Kingsley to come to this meeting so we can all get a chance to meet him. He will be addressing the needs and concerns of the retired members of Local 134. I will quote from Donald Finn's letter dated January 14, 2015, "Jeff will be your point of contact at Local 134 so that you have a voice within this administration and your concerns regarding retiree issues can be handled in a more efficient manner".

MAY 13th

Michael Betar will be speaking about the Veterans History Project. I will explain in future newsletters what this group does.

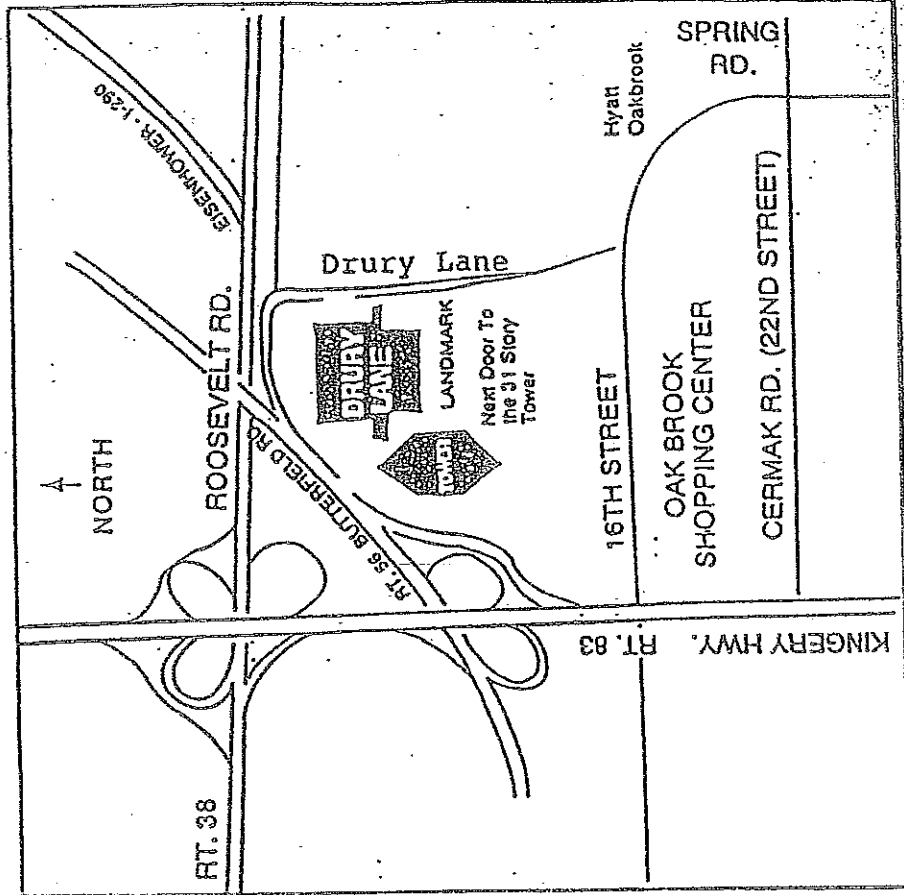
Serry White

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 (I-55/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.