

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

Retiree's Newsletter

January 2023



The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month 12pm: March, June, September, and December at the 134 Union Hall located at: 2722 S Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL

All other months the club will meet at the IBEW-NECA Technical Inst located at: 6201 West 115th Street, Alsip, IL

(enter the multi-purpose room on the West side)

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. A few people I would like to thank for the help they have given.

Kevin Gibbons for the Golf outing

Jim Martin for Drury Lane plays

Jim Jennings for the Holiday party

Thank you to all that help print this letter:

Hale Landes Jack Burgess

Tom DeLong Jeff Condon

Bob Pitlock Rich Kreamsne

Carol Pollitz Jim Martin

We will have executive board nominations at the February regular monthly meeting.

We have numerous speakers for the upcoming year.

Also please give some thought to have this newsletter sent by e-mail instead of U.S.P.S.

New e-mail address: retirees@local134.org

I hope all have a GREAT year ahead!

In Brotherhood, Keith Berls d 719472

2022 HOLIDAY PARTY

The weather didn't stop this year's Holiday Party. We had a great turnout, Harrington's Corn Beef and a visit from Business Manager Don Finn. Our thanks to Jim Jennings and Hector Rivera with his lovely wife Offelia for all they did to make this day a success. We thank the wait staff for their excellent service and Local #134 for all they do for the Retiree's club. We had 20 prize winners of our \$25.00 Jewel gift cards: Mary Ellen Duffy, Diane Martin, Bernie Martin, Michael Vopinek, Tami Cruz, Eileen Yankee, Judy Chathas, Fred Wilkers, Tom Cavanaugh, Mario Coletta, Brenda Dohman, Ed Maggie, Mary Fox, Carole Pollitz, Robert Rayburn Jr., Amy Cruz, Tim Malo, Cathy Buffi, Jim Guinane and Robert Pype. Last but not least, thanks to Retiree,s Club President Keith Berls and Vice President Hale Landes.

Mario Coletta

IN MEMORIAM

Philip R Cederstrom
Eulalio Contreras
Chris P Czerniejewski
Vincent Dicostanzo
Peter R Doyle Sr
Jerome P Fishback
Robert M Golas
Joseph M Habercorn
Allan J Kara
Hector L Medina
John C Merchant
Elmer J Novak Jr
James T O'Brien
Thomas E Platt
Edward L Rossa Jr
Edward J Shields Jr
Norman H Tobin
***Henry Wagner Jr**

**Our condolences to the family of Retiree's Club
Member Henry Wagner Jr.**

MARCH \$1 LUNCHEON

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

MARCH 8, 2023 12 Noon

Send this form and your check or cash for \$1 per person
to the Treasurer before March 3, 2023

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW

Please Print

Name _____

Guest _____

To: Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members Club are the guests of the club and need not send in the dollar, but are asked to send in this form with your name so we know how many people will be attending.

Summary of coming events:

Jan 11, 2023... Regular Meeting / Alsip, IL

Enter West Multi-Purpose Meeting Room

12:00 Meet & Greet / 1:00 Meeting begins.

Guest Speaker: Jamillah Muhammad from C.I.S.C.O.

Jan 23, 2023... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

Feb 8, 2023... Regular Meeting / Alsip, IL

Enter West Multi-Purpose Meeting Room

12:00 Meet & Greet / 1:00 Meeting begins.

Guest Speaker: Joe Wells, Local 134 B.A.

Feb 16, 2023... Drury Lane..." Chorus Line"

Feb 27, 2023... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

March 8, 2023... Regular \$1 Luncheon / Meeting

11:00 Meet & Greet / 12:00 Luncheon / 1:00 Meeting

Local 134 Union Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive

SAVE THE DATE: April 27, 2023... Drury Lane..."Grease"

April 28, 2023... St Louis Museum Trip

The Retired Members of Local 134 invite you to

A motor coach trip to The NBEW - IBEW Museum (The Henry Miller Museum) in St Louis MO.

The man who sparked a movement has a museum to honor his memory. At a time of terrifyingly high mortality rates and paltry pay in the new field of electrical work, Henry Miller knew what needed to be done, and he dedicated his life to making it happen. From the boarding house where he lived almost 125 years ago, the lineman founded the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which would later become the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Now that modest brick house is being turned into a museum, thanks to St. Louis Local 1, the flagship union of the IBEW.

Join us as we take a motor coach to the history of our Union. Once we arrive at the museum in St Louis we will be taken on a guided tour of the Henry Miller Museum. The museum is in the very building where the NBEW was founded in 1891. The museum has displays inside and outside. There is an elevator to access the floors.

The cost \$25 per person and includes the motor coach with restroom, bottled water, coffee and doughnuts, and a box lunch.

We will leave St Louis by 4pm and should arrive back at the Hall by 9pm.

For more info call or text Hale 630-853-9056 or email retirees@local134.org

When: Friday April 28th 2023 6:30am

Where: We will meet at IBEW Local 134 Union Hall parking lot

What: We will board a Greyhound bus that will take us to the Henry Miller Museum in St Louis

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local Union 134 IBEW and mail with this form to Hale Landes 2803 Breckenridge Lane Naperville IL 60565-5304.

This trip is limited to 50 people. Due by March 31st 2023

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of attendees _____ x \$25 = Total _____

LAST CALL !!! DEADLINE... JAN 24, 2023

Chorus Line

This impassioned backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus brilliantly combines stunning song and dance with a compelling, moving story. Beloved around the world, A Chorus Line is the ultimate love letter to Broadway and features memorable numbers including "What I Did for Love," "One," and "I Hope I Get It."

Date: February 16, 2023

Cost: \$70 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 AM
Play follows at 1:30 PM

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
630-530-8300

Information: James Martin
Telephone: 708-848-1833
Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

Chorus Line - Menu

First Course: Garden Salad

Entrees (choice of one):

_____ *Rotolo di Pasta*, with marinara sauce and green beans

_____ *Lemon And Herb Crusted Cod*, with mashed potatoes and green beans

_____ *Roasted Turkey*, with mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans and cranberry sauce

Desert: Vanilla Sundae with Caramel Sauce

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guest(s) _____

The check should be made payable to:

Retired Members of Local Union #134

January 24, 2023, is the last day for reservations to

be received by: Jim Martin

633 N Harvey Ave

Oak Park, Illinois 60302

T Chicago Labor History – January

- 1832 The first fire company formed, they were called "The Washington Volunteers" (Exact date unknown).
- 1870 In the early 1870s, Chicago's German furniture workers founded the first local of what became a national American furniture workers' union. (Exact date unknown)
- 1880 Chicago Musical Society was formed to represent Chicago's musicians. (Exact date unknown)
- 1891 The Chicago Musical Society joined the American Federation of Labor. (Exact date unknown)
- 01/14/1892 National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 9 chartered.
- 1901 The Chicago Federation of Musicians Local 10 was formed. (Exact date unknown)
- 1920 The Chicago Federation of Musicians Local 208 was formed for the African American's that were not allowed to join Local 10. (exact date unknown) In 1966 the discrimination was ended when CFM Local 10 and Local 208 merged to form CFM Local 10-208.
- 01/01/1892 The Nation's first teachers' strike occurred at the Andrew Jackson School in Chicago.
- 01/01/1914 Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America founded. Date approximate.
- 01/17/1915 Anarchist and organizer Lucy Parsons led hunger march.
- 01/17/1915 Eighty thousand Chicago construction workers strike.
- 01/29/1916 IBEW Local 214 founded.
- 01/22/1920 IBEW Local 1030 founded. Defunct
- 01/09/1922 Chicago gravediggers go on strike for better pay, an eight hour work day, and union recognition.
- 01/01/1933 Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee founded. Exact date is not clear. (For an in-depth study of the FEWOC check out The Long Deep Grudge by Toni Gilpin.)
- 01/22/1937 Little steel strike. Chicago and throughout the Midwest and Northeast region of the United States. Close to Thirty mills were affected. The strike lasted five months.
- 01/01/1938 Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee officially became the United Packinghouse Workers of America. (exact date unknown)
- 01/21/1941 IBEW Local 1220 founded.
- 01/14/1953 IBEW Local 334 founded. Defunct 08/30/1957
- 01/01/1956 IBEW Local 1864 founded. Defunct
- 01/01/1972 Chicago Committee on Occupational Safety and Health founded. (Date approximate)
- 01/30/1986 Gravediggers SEIU L.U. 106 go on strike and then were locked out.
- 01/30/1992 Workers at V & V Supremo go on strike for Union representation and better wages. (date is approximate)
- 01/11/2003 US Labor Against the War formed in Chicago.

Grease

Meet Rydell High School's senior class of 1959, the hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum snapping "Pink Ladies". Relieve those "Summer Nights" with Danny and Sandy as they rediscover their summer fling romance. Inspired by the look and sound of music legends Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley. Grease became the soundtrack of a generation and one of the world's most popular musicals.

Date: April 27, 2023

Cost: \$82 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 AM
Play follows at 1:30 PM

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
60181
630-530-8300

Information: James Martin
Telephone: 708-848-1833
Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

Grease - Menu

First Course: Garden Salad

Entrees (choice of one): Drury Lane is still developing the menu. Menus should be available in the next newsletter sometime in February.

_____ Vegetarian??

_____ Fish??

_____ Meat??

Desert: Something sweet ???????

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guest(s) _____

The check should be made payable to:

“Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW”

April 5, 2023 is the last day for reservations to be received by:

Jim Martin

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Oak Park, Illinois 60302