

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

Retiree's Newsletter

January



2022

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 on the east 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

From what I could gather, everyone (about 100) who attended the Retiree Club Christmas luncheon had a wonderful time, so if you could not make it this year, make an effort to show up next year, you will not be disappointed. The caterers delivered great food and service, and the Hall delivered great liquid refreshments and staffing, with special thanks to Mary Danaher and Kathy Botica.

We are hoping in the upcoming New Year, new restrictions in light of the spreading variations of Covid, will not be so prohibitive to interfere with the Retiree Club gatherings, and with the major upcoming event in May that the Local is hosting for the I.O.

We have a great lineup of speakers for the next three months at the Retiree Club monthly general membership meetings: Ill. Secretary of State (Jan.), our own Russ Ponder (Feb.), and Bob Hattier, L.U. 134, on renewable energy (Mar.)

A health-care expert was addressing a large audience in Tampa:

“The material we put in our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High-fat diets can be disastrous, none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all. Can anyone in the audience tell me which food causes us the most grief and suffering for years after eating it ?”

After several seconds of quiet, a 75 year old man in the front row raised his hand and softly said, Wedding cake.”

Finally, as a retiree, you always keep in mind the financial health of the institutions from where you receive your benefits, whether government or private. In that vein, it sounds like Business Manager Don Finn and crew are doing a fine and prudent job with the finances of our Local Union as reflected in the latest mailed communications I received. Keep up the good work.

In Brotherhood,

Jim Jennings

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to make the entire Membership aware of the most IMPORTANT piece of legislation our Local has ever been presented to vote on. It will be the first item and the most important amendment on the November 2022 Ballot. **The Workers' Rights Amendment** gives every employee the right to Organize and Collectively Bargain at his or her workplace. The Amendment will also BAN RIGHT TO WORK PERMANENTLY in the State of Illinois! If passed this will change the Illinois Constitution. Illinois be the first state in the Country to make this happen.

This will be an all-hands-on deck undertaking. Please if each Union Member can get themselves and 4 family members, friends, neighbors to vote YES on the WORKERS' RIGHT AMENDMENT we win and change things for the better. This will be a Labor-intensive undertaking, but when Organized Labor comes together as one, we do not lose. Please get involved in this program. Local 134 will be setting up a Communication Office at our Hall for the Campaign.

Please look for mailings, emails, about this program coming to you early 2022.

Also, please keep yourselves up to date on the happenings in your Union by checking our website and/or downloading our app. I also want to make sure your beneficiaries are up to date not only at the Union Hall, Electrical Insurance Trustee's and the International Office. It's a simple process that can make things in a difficult situation less stressful. Lastly, I want to commend everyone, from retirees to our first-year apprentices and every Member in between. We have come through some strange and tough times in the past 19 months. together we will continue to make Local 134 the example for all of Organized Labor.

Don Finn

Business Manager Local 134

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Alcorn

Phillip T Anderson

John P Beilfuss

Thomas M Boyle

Earl E Brocato

Gordon R Gaston

Donald J Graham

Freddie L Green Jr

Anthony Harkin

Bruno Kleist

***Warren S Koerner**

James Mangelli

Charles Maslic

John W Mcilreevy

Richard J Miranda

Raymond B Nolan

James R O'Connell

Phillip J Pignato

Thomas L Sprain

Our condolences to the family of Retiree's Club Member:

Warren S Koerner.

Summary of coming events:

January 12, 2022... Regular Membership meeting
Alsip, IL
Meet and Greet 12:00 / Meeting starts at 1:00

January 24, 2022.....Board Meeting / Alsip / 10:30

February 9, 2022... Regular Membership meeting ***
Alsip, IL
Meet and Greet 12:00 / Meeting starts at 1:00

February 24, 2022...." **Evita**" Drury Lane / 11:30 Lunch

NOTICE

***** NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS, ELECTION OF
OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the EXECUTIVE BOARD**

FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS will be made during the

FEBRUARY 9, 2021, REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ALAN H. SINDELAR, SECRETARY

DRURY LANE INFORMATION

Hello everyone, Hope everyone had a great Christmas.

Our next play at Drury Lane is EVITA on Feb.24th, 2022.

This will be the only opportunity for us to send out the information for EVITA !!!!

Reservations need to be mailed to me, so I receive them by, **Feb. 2, 2022**. To refresh your memories, I pick up all the tickets and pass them out the day of the play. The day of the play we play where's Jimmy... I'll be in the lobby, normally to the left. I've heard some say he's the guy with the "suspenders" Yea that's me, you can look for the retired 134 jacket that I usually wear. or my cane with the light on top!

See you soon, In brotherhood
Jim Martin.

PS: If you decide to attend at the last minute, you can call me before Feb 2.

Evita

“Evita” is the story of Eva Peron’s rags to riches life as she goes from poor provincial child to the First Lady of Argentina. Songs include Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Weber’s iconic “Don’t Cry for Me Argentina”

Date: February 24, 2022

Cost: \$65 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

Evita

Menu

First Course: Chicken Noodle Soup

Entrees (choice of one):

_____ Chicken Breast (lemon thyme jus)

_____ Pork Medallion (chimichurri sauce)

_____ Vegetable Kabob (Zucchini, yellow squash, tomato, onions, mushrooms, pepper on wild rice blend with balsamic glaze)

Desert: Peach Melba

Name: _____

Guest(s) _____

The check should be made payable to:

“Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW”

February 2, 2022 is the last day for checks and reservation forms to be received by: Jim Martin

633 N Harvey Ave

Oak Park, IL 60302

Speaker for March 9, 2022 Luncheon/Meeting

Bob Hattier will be our guest speaker for the March Luncheon. Bob is a Business Representative of Local 134 and Executive Director of Illinois Renewable Energy Fund

His presentation will include:

1. Handouts for renewable energy
2. Frequently asked questions for Residential Solar Photovoltaic
3. Great Lakes Credit Union Solar Loan Program
4. Is Solar an option?
5. Solar Incentives
6. Side by Side Comparison Leased vs Purchased System cost

Local 134 IBEW Renewable Energy contact info:

Business Representative Bob Hattier

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or

Business Representative Joe Kilcoyne

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2021 Holiday Party

It was a perfect day and we had a great turnout. Rich and Diane Sipple who do all the work each year for this gathering were unable to join us. Dan and Martha Meyer filled in for them. The Club thanks them for all they did. Business manager Don Finn visited and spoke of how well Local 134 finances are doing and wished us all happy holidays. Local 134 supplied us with soda beer and wine for the party. They contribute for the prizes we raffle each year and we thank them for their generosity.

Rich Sipple offers a special prize of a bottle of wine for the first and second members who send in their luncheon payments. Hector Rivera and Russ Ponder were the lucky winners. This year we raffled off twenty \$25.00 Target gift certificates. The winners: Mary Cavanaugh, John Stenson, Carmela Alberotanza, Greg Paddack, Catrina Buffi, Janet Leonatti, Amy Cruz, Terry Conway, Jolee Merkle, Nancy Studenroth, Sue Kleczka, Diana Kern, Michael Vorineck, Charlie Chathas, Kevin Fox, Rusty Studenroth, Ofelia Rivera, Jim Martin, Tim Tansey and Peter Jachimiec. Finally, we thank Harrington's for their fabulous corned beef and of course their wait staff along with Local 134's staffers who help us throughout the year.

Mario Coletta