

Retiree's Newsletter

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

June



2019

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month,
at the new union hall located at:
2722 S Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

*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

One week after The Better Business Bureau spoke to our members at our April meeting, I was the intended target of the latest telephone scam against seniors.

For years I have screened my calls via caller ID, the answering machine or voicemail. One morning I received a call that left a message saying I would be served a subpoena in two days. Then they called my cell phone and left the same message. Later that morning my son received the same message about my being served. Now they had my attention. I waited till the next morning only to receive another message saying I would be served at my residence or my place of employment between 3 and 5. She did not know my address and she did not know I was retired. Now I was really suspicious. Also, I never heard of being warned before being served.

No information about the caller's number was available online. I planned on being home to greet this person and have my Ring doorbell record the encounter. Never happened! No one showed and I did not answer or return any calls. Later that afternoon my wife's friend called to tell us she just heard about this scam and said the wording of the calls matched another senior's account of the same messages.

Just fishing for some naive senior to respond.

After 40 years of service I have decided to eliminate my home land line.

The BBB suggests three ways to protect yourself.

- 1) Always ask who is calling before acknowledging your identity. Always be wary of anyone you do not know.
- 2) Always keep your computer backed up with a remote drive. In the event you are the victim of a malware virus that takes over your computer for a ransom you will be better off buying a new computer.
- 3) Always cover the camera lens on you laptops when not using the camera. (33M electrical tape is good for this) Hackers can access the camera then record and listen.

It has been suggested to put you cell phone in a drawer at night or simply cover with a cloth.

Share this with you family, especially your grand children.

Good luck, stay safe and always be on guard.

Kevin Gibbons
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April 10, 2019 Speaker

Our speaker this month was Michael Bruening Senior Advisor for the Better Business Bureau. The BBB is pro active and not just a complaints bureau. It offers education on choosing a needed business. Integrity and Trust is what the BBB searches in a company when a consumer or business seeks information.

The BBB was founded in 1912 and started in Chicago in 1926. Even a hundred years ago there were scams and they're still around. Today it's online scammers in an organized crime ring. They come from Africa Asia and the Eastern Block.

It's not just seniors who are being scammed; all age groups are being victimized. Identity theft is a major problem. When stolen this information is sold to others. The BBB shows there are 30 million scam victims with 15 million from identity theft. The losses are 50 billion dollars. We can be better educated, more intelligent, range from younger to middle aged we can have a high income be more financially secure and still be a victim.

We must all be vigilant more so as seniors. Frauds and scams against seniors: Investment, Travel, Tech Support, Medical/Health, Home Repair, Romance, Family/Friends Emergency, Online Purchasing, Fake Checks, Sweepstakes/Lottery/ Prizes, Advance Fee Loans and Employment. Illinois ranks 25th out of the 50 states for Identity theft and 18th out of the 382 metro areas.

Robo calls are another problem. Michael mentioned the Federal Trade Commission offers a contest on how to stop robo calls. The BBB also offers \$2500 Scholarships.

Michael Bruening can be reached at BBB 330 N Wabash Suite #3120 Chicago IL 60611. By phone at 312- 245- 2538 and online:

Mario Coletta

Open Forum... Issues... Thoughts

Mark your calendar:

Annual Golf Outing: September 18, 2019
Old Oaks Country Club.

Drury Lane Events for 2019-2020

December 5, 2019 "MARY POPPINS"
February 27, 2020 "AMERICAN IN PARIS"

- In the February Newsletter I suggested a new personal communication forum for the newsletter hoping to make generate some interest in the club. Any volunteers???
- The Village of Maywood is looking to hire an Electrical Inspector. Benefits and salary have been increased. If you are interested contact Jeff Kingsley at Local 134.

Great history website:

www.Chicagology.com

Thoughts to ponder:

Many animals probably need glasses,
but nobody knows it.

If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually
fewer holes in it than there were before.

100 years ago everyone owned a horse
and only the rich had cars. Today everyone
has cars and only the rich own horses.

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Quote of the day:

“The only thing you absolutely have to know is
the location of the library.”

Albert Einstein

Today: How to use the internet....

“AND THEN THERE WERE NONE”

Written by Agatha Christie
Directed by William Osetek

Ten strangers meet on a clandestine island. Each holds the murder a secret. Who will pay the ultimate price? Penned with the cruelty by master of the craft Agatha Christie, **And Then There Were None** brings together tension, fear and the macabre to weave a tale that captivates the audience until the final curtain. Can you unravel the mystery? This classic murder mystery play is based on the world's best selling mystery and one of the best selling books of all time.

Only 40 tickets available

Date: August 22, 2019

Cost: \$61.00 per person*

Time: Lunch will be served at 11:30 am
Play to follow at 1:30 pm

Place: The Drury Lane Playhouse
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
630-530-8300 * www.drurylanetheatre.com

Check must be in Walter's possession by July 26, 2019.

“AND THEN THERE WERE NONE”

First Course: **Mixed Green Salad**

*Mixed greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Radish, Herb Croutons
w/ Ranch Dressing*

Choose your lunch entrée:

_____ **Mahi Mahi** w/ *Mango Relish*

_____ **Grilled Chicken Breast** w/ *Lemon Caper Sauce*

_____ **Vegetable Linguine Pomodoro**

*Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Broccoli, Peas, Tomatoes,
Basil w/ Pomodoro Sauce.*

Desert: Peach Melba

Send your order & check to: Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Name: _____

Guest: _____

***Make check payable to: Local 134 Retiree Club.**

Note: Your ticket order and check must be in Walter's
possession by July 26, 2019.

IN MEMORIAM

James F Campbell	James M Decanio
Robert G Denst	Ronald J Dizillo
Jamie T Dominski	Robert O Duffy
Spyros Geroulis	Joseph E Gogolak
James L Hack	Thomas E Hallissey
Ronald G Hough	Thomas J Kenny
Robert H Mitchell	Matthew J Molloy
William J O'Connell	James Paul
Louis Porro	William H Thrasher

CALENDAR

May 8- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

May 20- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

May 27- Memorial Day Service 10 am
Mount Emblem Cemetery

June 12- *Annual 50,55,60,65 & 70 year
member Honoree Luncheon 12:00 Noon*
Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

June 24- E Board Meeting 10:30 am.

July 4- Independence Day fly your Flag.

July 10- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

July 22- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Local 134 American Legion Post 769 will host the annual Memorial Day ceremony on:

Monday, May 27, 10:00 am

The Memorial Day gathering will take place at Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL (County Line Road and Grand Avenue)

During the ceremony we will present a wreath from each organization (American Legion Post 769, The Retiree Club, The Harmony Club and The Craftsman Club) to honor of all veterans that have served our country and are no longer with us.

Sweet rolls, coffee and juice will be served

Please join us for a few minutes to remember.

Kevin Gibbons

Annual Honoree Luncheon 2019

I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE
SIXTY, SIXTY-FIVE AND SEVENTY YEAR
MEMBERS AT THEIR NOON LUNCHEON ON

JUNE 12TH 2019

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall
2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

Please print name of guest

SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 5th TO:

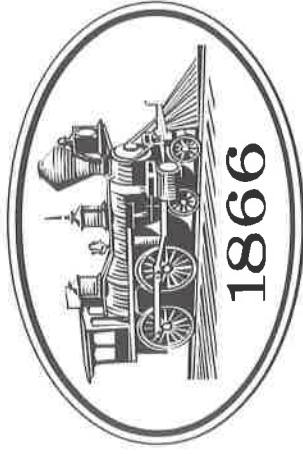
BERNARD MARTIN
8706 N. OLCOTT
NILES, IL 60714

Make checks payable to: Local 134 Retiree Club

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.

IDENTITY RECOVERY COVERAGE

What would you do if you or your loved ones' identity was stolen? Who would you call first? The police, your bank, the credit card companies? Then what? People whose identities are stolen can spend months and thousands of dollars dealing with the fallout of ID theft and fraud - be it financial, medical or even criminal fraud. Without the assistance of an experienced case manager, unraveling identity theft fraud can take even longer. When you have Hartford Steam Boiler (HSB) Identity Recovery Coverage, recovery begins with a simple call to HSB's identity recovery help line.



Hartford Steam Boiler

REIMBURSEMENTS

\$25,000 - FREE COVERAGE!

For attorney fees and expenses, re-filing applications, notarizing affidavits, and credit reports.

\$5,000 - FREE COVERAGE!

For lost wages from time taken away from work and costs for child and elder care.

\$1,000 - FREE COVERAGE!

For miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses such as service fees, counseling, and more.

FEATURES:

- Free Family Coverage
- Identity Recovery Case Manager
- Expense Reimbursement
- Limited Power of Attorney (option)
- Identity Recovery Help Line

WHAT SERVICES ARE INCLUDED?

Identity recovery case managers use their resources and skills as a licensed investigator to guide you or your family member through the steps to correct your credit history or identity records. They go beyond credit to detect ID fraud that would not show up in credit related data.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Responding to victim's questions;
- Working with the three national credit repositories (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), creditors, financial institutions, collection agencies, and others to identify errors and help union members correct their records;
- Searching various noncredit databases/sources, i.e. DMV, local county criminal data, Social Security Death Index;
- Requesting a fraud alert with credit repositories where warranted;
- Preparing communications for union members to send to the Social Security Administration, your state's department of motor vehicles and other government entities;
- Working with retired union members to check for a recurrence of identity theft problems;
- Keeping detailed records of the steps taken and remaining in the process.

RECOVERY HELP LINE: 1 (800) 472-1866 • HOURS: 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. EST, M-F