

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

Retiree's Newsletter

March



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

NOTICE #1

Nominations for positions of three (3) Members of the Executive will be called during the Regular Membership Meeting on February 13, 2019.

A *final* call for nominations will be held during the Annual Meeting March 13, 2019 immediately preceding the election.

All nominees, **three to be elected**, will face off at the ODD YEAR ELECTION held during the Annual Meeting on March 13, 2019.

NOTICE #2

The Annual Meeting of the Retired Members of Local 134, I.B.E.W., will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

The ODD YEAR ELECTION is held during the Annual Meeting. Nominations will be called from the floor for three (3) positions of Members of the Executive Board. The election will be held immediately following the nomination process.

Meeting time: 1:00 pm. (St Patrick luncheon 12:00 noon)

Meeting location: "Memorial Hall" located in our Local 134 Union Hall,

2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Chicago.

Kevin Gibbons



ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON
St Patrick Day Theme

MARCH 13, 2019

12:00 NOON

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr Drive

Memorial Hall

\$ 1.00 for each member or guest

MEMBER _____

GUEST _____

Make checks payable to: Retiree Club Local 134

**Mail to: Bernard Martin,
8706 N. Olcott
Niles, IL 60714**

January 9 2018 Speaker

At our January monthly meeting we had a very informative 45 minute presentation and question and answer forum, presented by Matt Harvey, a Field Coordinator representing Citizens Utility Board CUB. He explained to us that ComEd will always be our delivery company (they own and maintain the power infrastructure in our area) however, as customers we can choose various suppliers of the electricity. Here is where you need to do your homework. He spoke of many scams we have to guard against. Always read the small print and pay attention to the kwh cost and length of the contract.

In Illinois we have four choices for our electric supply pricing:

- 1) ComEd, the regulated supplier
- 2) A special ComEd power pricing plan called Hourly Pricing
- 3) An unregulated alternative supplier (also known as an “alternative retail electric supplier,” or “ARES”)
- 4) An unregulated supplier chosen by your local government (“municipal aggregation”)

Matt explained how the competition works. Then he explained how our electric bill is divided into three main costs, delivery, supply and taxes.

The “delivery” section is where the utility, ComEd, charges to cover the costs of maintaining the wires,(infrastructure) reading the meters, mailing the bills and all the other administrative duties. You will always pay the regulated utility, ComEd, for delivery. This is how ComEd can make a profit. If there is a power outage or any other problem with your electric service you will always call ComEd.

The “supply” section of the bill covers the cost of the actual power you use. This is the part of your bill that changes if you opt for a different supplier. Traditionally, the delivery utility buys electricity through a process managed by the state-run Illinois Power Agency (IPA), and then uses its wires to deliver that power to your home. This utility is supposed to sell the electricity at the same price it pays, with no markup. Choosing another supplier means that you will pay a different company to buy and supply that same power but unlike the delivery utility, that supplier’s rates are not regulated or reviewed by the IPA or Illinois Commerce Commission ICC. Note, you will only receive a bill from ComEd. Although those charges will still appear on your ComEd bill, they are actually being charged by that other supplier you may have contracted with.

Lastly, taxes. Taxes vary depending on your city, village and county.

The utilities now offer a variety of special pricing programs and efficiency improvements. While these offers may not be right for everyone, they may help you save money:

ComEd's Hourly Pricing program: Charges a market rate that changes hourly, encouraging customers to put off heavy appliance usage until a time of day when power prices are low. While not for everyone, this program has saved people an average of about 15 percent on the supply portion of their power bills.

For more details, call ComEd, at 1-888-202-7787, or visit: <https://hourlypricing.comed.com>.

ComEd's Peak Time Savings program: Gives customers an opportunity to save money without risk. By signing up, consumers are credited on their electric bill when they reduce power usage during designated periods when electricity is most in demand.

For more information, call ComEd, at 1-844-852-0347, or visit: www.comed.com/pts.

(Note: You must have a new advanced smart meter installed at your home to participate in Peak Time Savings.)

Energy efficiency programs: *The cheapest kilowatt-hour is the one you never use.* Energy efficiency is the best way to save money.

The utilities offer a whole menu of programs to make your home more efficient and cut your utility bills. For more details visit CUB's Energy Efficiency page,

www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org/energyefficiency

In closing Matt answered a question concerning a myth that the new electric meters can cause cancer due to radiation. NOT TRUE!

The new meters operate on a wireless signal no more dangerous than the wifi networks in our homes or the cell phones we all use on a daily basis.

Due to lack of time we had to cut our guest speaker short. Everyone agreed we would like to schedule another visit in the near future. Lots to discuss!

Mario Coletta
Kevin Gibbons

IN MEMORIAM

Louis E Avery	Edward J Bukoski
Richard Carver	Terrance M Dobry
Victor M Figueroa	Richard Ghelfi
John J Griner	Phillip R Healey
Frank Hopshire	Stephen W Johnsen
Thomas G Karr	Lester Konczyk
Joseph A Labarbera Sr	James P Quinn
*William J Miceli	Donald Rudman
Robert J Schneider	John H Sheffield
Harold Washington	Gerald E Wynn

**Our condolences to the family of
Retiree's Club Member
William J Miceli**

CALENDAR

Feb 13: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00

Feb 21: Drury Lane Play “Mamma Mia”
Luncheon 11:30 am / Play at 1:30 pm

Feb 25: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Mar 13: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
St Patrick Day Luncheon 12:00 noon
Odd Year Election Luncheon

Mar 25: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Apr 10: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon

Apr 22: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

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

May 20: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

May 27: Memorial Day

Authentic Irish Stew

Serves 12.

15 minutes prep time.

2 hr. cooking time.

Ingredients:

1/2 lb. thick bacon/ 2 inch pieces

6 lbs. boneless shoulder of lamb/ 2 inch cubes

2 large yellow onions/ peeled+quartered

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 tbs. salt

1/2 cup flour

2 cloves of garlic/ peeled+finely chopped

1 large yellow onion/ peeled+finely chopped

4 cups of beef broth

2 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. thyme

1 tsp. rosemary

1 bay leaf

4 cups of carrots/1 inch pieces

3 lbs. yellow Yukon potatoes

1 cup of Guinness stout

Sauté bacon in a large frying pan/ reserving the bacon fat in the pan. (Keep bacon pieces)

Place lamb cubes, salt, pepper and flour into a large mixing bowl, toss to coat the lamb.

Re-heat the frying pan with the reserved bacon fat, place lamb in batches until browned.

Transfer the browned lamb from the frying pan into a separate 10 qt. casserole pan leaving about a 1/4 cup of fat in the frying pan.

Add garlic and 1 copped yellow onion in the frying pan, sauté until they begin to color a bit.

Add this sautéed garlic + onion mix to the casserole pan along with the reserved bacon pieces, beef stock and sugar.

Cook for 1 1/2 hours or until tender.

Add carrots, 2 slices of onion, potatoes, thyme, rosemary, bay leaf and Guinness stout to the pot, **simmer covered for about 20 minutes** or until vegetables are tender.

Always better the next day and the days after...

James Jennings



LAW ENFORCEMENT HOCKEY CLASSIC 2019



We look forward to seeing you at the game. We hope you will consider some other ways you can help to support the Hockey Classic, Honor Flight Chicago and our Veterans.

\$5000 LEVEL (*Limited*) – GUARDIAN ANGEL

Join us on one of our 2019 flights to Washington D.C. to honor our WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans. Receive 4 tickets to the game.

\$2500 LEVEL (*Limited*) – MEMBER OF THE TEAM

Support either the Chicago Police Department or the Chicago FBI. Receive 4 tickets to the game, team hats and reserved seating behind the players' box.

PRICELESS (*Unlimited*) – SILENT PARTNER

Donate a unique item that we can add to our Silent Auction or for Raffle Baskets. Perhaps you have a vacation home or timeshare, your seats for a game, a service your business can offer, airline miles, gift cards, a work of art, a bottle of wine you never opened. Use your imagination and then email fundraiser@honorflightchicago.org to let us know about it.

For information, email us at fundraiser@honorflightchicago.org

SILENT AUCTION

We've put our biggest and best on the auction table.

RAFFLE BASKETS

There's something for everyone. But you can't win if you don't buy some raffle tickets!

CHUCK A PUCK

Just a buck a puck to try your luck, or 6 pucks for \$5.

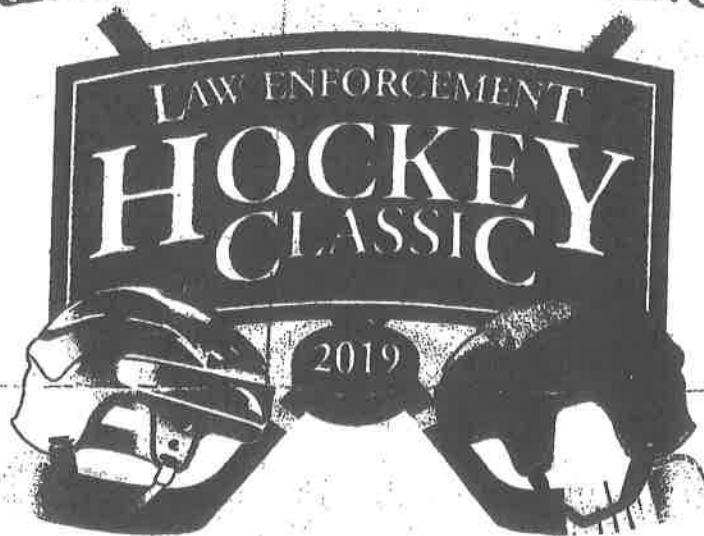
CHANCE DRAWING

Come to the game and see what we are offering this year.



We have one goal, to honor America's war veterans—especially our senior war vets from WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War—with a flight to Washington DC to see their memorial. 100% of net proceeds benefit Honor Flight Chicago.

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PRESENTS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL



Chicago Police Department vs. Chicago FBI Fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago

Saturday, March 2, 2019

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Doors open at 6:00pm

Seating is general admission

The Edge Ice Arena

735 E. Jefferson Street, Bensenville, IL



Tickets sold in advance:

\$25 for adults and

\$15 for children 12 and under

**Tickets purchased at the door
(if available) are \$30 for all ages**

To purchase tickets: contact Rich Sipple 312-914-4428

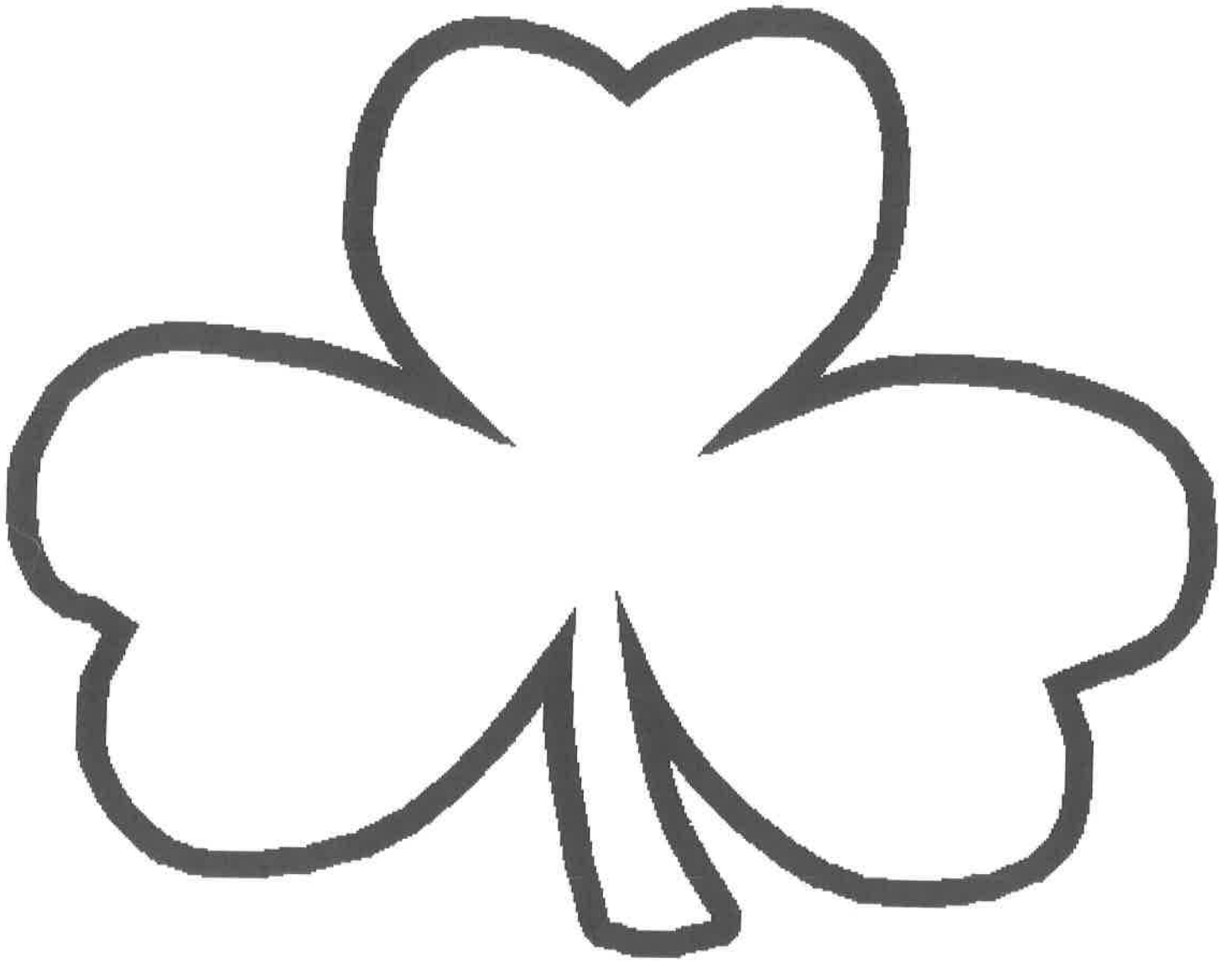
Before February 25, 2019

Make check payable to: Retiree Club Local 134 IBEW

Mail to: Rich Sipple

901 Pheasant Walk

Schaumburg, IL 60139



**Happy St Patrick's
Day**

Dues Renewal Notice 2019

You can pay your 2019 club membership dues by filling in the form below and send it to Bernard Martin along with a check for \$20.00, made payable to the Retiree Club Local 134.

Note: Widows of deceased members of our club are considered associate members and DO NOT PAY DUES.

Please Print

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please fill in all current information so we can update our records.

Mail to: Bernard Martin

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Niles, IL 60714

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