

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

Retiree's Newsletter

June 2020

The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of our brotherhood. To aid and assist each other as necessary and to promote the social, economic, health and welfare of its members and their families.

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Covid-19

Due to the Covid`19 Pandemic the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter has been halted until further notice.

From the Podium

As retirees, our pension and medical well being depend upon the growth and vibrancy of the younger members who follow in our footsteps. We have already seen the effects upon the increase in cost of retiree contributions toward medical benefits as a result in the decline in percentages of active working members to current numbers of retirees. We know of Teamster retirees, who because of the decline in younger membership, have seen their benefits and pensions slashed or eliminated..."thanks NAFTA and Bill." The current percentage of union workers in the U.S.A. is 10.3% which has been steadily declining since 1954 when it was at a high water level of 35%. What is to be done? Organize!

The AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington D.C. was recently torched and vandalized as part of the riots and looting in our nation's capital. There are no sacred cows, ask the rector of the historic St John's church in D.C. While upsetting, nice and beautiful headquarters do not make a labor movement. It reminds me of our local

Roman Catholic church's grand mansion for the Cardinal in Chicago located at State and North avenues worth a gazillion bucks (disclaimer: I am a current R.C. adherent); while the local parish churches and schools are shuttered and shut down.

Too much money is wasted on politicians by the unions, put it all into organizing. Tell them to push and vote for "card check" elections or not a penny for their coffers. Retiree futures depend upon organizing. Wake up!

Gangbox Lawyer

Stay safe and healthy. In a follow-up to last month's newsletter, 0.6% of the nation's population are senior citizens yet account for 42 % of coronavirus deaths. Tells you how much we are really valued...isn't that elderly couple cute.

We used to say in retirement that every day is Saturday and then you have Sunday, now it's all Saturdays in Groundhog day land, If you are short on food in Chicago, certain neighborhood public grammar

schools are providing bags containing fresh milk, fruits, vegetables, cheese and meat, and other food items...no questions asked, just pickup and go.

Finally, when food shopping, give Mullen's applesauce a try, It is a little more expensive but delicious. The proceeds benefit a paralyzed Chicago police officer Jim Mullen who was gunned down on a routine disturbance call in Rogers Park a number of years ago now. Jim was a young strapping lad at the time of his unfortunate encounter, but has not let his misfortune hold him back...he manufactures his applesauce products that are available in grocery stores. You'll get a mitzvah for your efforts.

In brotherhood,

Jim Jennings

IN MEMORIUM

David A Benedetto

George E Brown Jr

Charles Canon

Rocco R Chiappetta

Joseph P Colosimo III

Egon A Decker

***Richard Eshoo**

Robert E Fleischer

Jacqueline M Gibson

Hasan Y Haneef

Earnest J Heath

John W Hertzfel

Kenneth Hurst III

George Jindra

Mabel M Jones

Michael J Keslin

Tom Look

Thomas H McCarthy

***George Menton**

Richard F Mitrenga

John P Nelson

***Raymond E Omiecinski**

James E O'Neill

Walter J Ostopowicz

***Robert H Rathmann**

Phillip D Russo

Thomas N Shelven

Mark A Sherwood

Dale A Sparks

Dorothy Tatum

Roy Trent

Matthew J Waggoner

Tommy L Watkins

IN MEMORIUM

**Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club
Members:**

Richard Eshoo

George Menton (*Club President 1992-1996*)

Raymond E Omiecinski

Robert H Rathmann.

Attention Club Members:

Please review your records and verify you are current with your club dues.

Later this year we will be printing our 2020 -2021 Roster Book.

Please up-date your information !

Many members fail to review their information in the roster book. Please review and send any changes to Bernard Martin via email or the mail the dues renewal notice.

Dues Renewal Notice 2020

You can pay your 2020 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.

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