

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

Retiree's Newsletter

December



2018

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month, except December, 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 and to promote the social, economic, health and welfare of its members and their families.

Written & Edited by Mario Coletta and Kevin Gibbons

Mailed by Bernie Martin

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Thanksgiving
blessings ✧ Gatherings
GRATEFUL
Give Thanks Family
Prayers 🍁 Blessed 🌲

Let us come before Him
with Thanksgiving

Psalm 151:2

From the Podium

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday to celebrate. It marks the fall season and brings to mind all the warm and colorful memories of what our lives in America are about. Thanksgiving is an American holiday that brings our families together for the purpose of being Thankful. People travel to be home with their families for this holiday. During my tour in Vietnam I celebrated the holiday with my fellow soldiers (my extended family) and realized how much I missed and loved my family and our great country.

This Thanksgiving make a serious effort to count your blessings and give thanks!

Electrical Insurance Trustees (EIT) Up-Date

As great as our medical coverage has been it is about to improve. At the last union meeting Business Manager Don Finn announced that Local 134 had been successful in negotiating improvements to our medical coverage. Effective Jan 1, 2019 this improved benefit for retirees will be to extend a member's widow's medical coverage from one year to 3 years.

Secondly, medical benefits for retired member in different local 134 classifications will also be expanded. EIT will be mailing the complete and official contract updated to all members shortly.

At the meeting, under the “good of the local” I took a moment to address the membership and thank Don Finn for his support for the retired members. I also added he could not have been successful without the contributions of the active hard working members of our great local union. (See pension funding below)

Pension Fund Annual Funding

Highlights of the 2018 Annual Funding Notice for Pension Plan NO.2

- 100% funded since 2015.
- Asset values \$1.73 Billion.

What shocked me the most was the participant information, check this out.....

- 19,501 Total participants & beneficiaries.
- 7,591- Active working members (39%)
- 7,242- Retired; widowed receiving benefits (37%)
- 4,668- Retired or separated from service and entitled to future benefits (24%)

Kevin Gibbons

October 10th 2018 Speaker

The topic of this meeting was Honor Flight Chicago, the speaker was Nancy Staiger. The Honor Flight Chicago itself is an all day trip to Washington DC starting early in the morning at Midway Airport. Each veteran has a guardian to guide them to the WWII memorial, the Korean Memorial and the Viet Nam Wall Memorial during their visit to Washington DC. There are also doctors present to accompany the veterans on their journey to DC. That evening when the veterans return to Midway a greeting party is assembled to welcome them back home. It is always an emotional moment.

Honor Flight Chicago was founded in Chicago in 2008. The first eight years were dedicated to strictly WWII era veterans. The year 2015 showed a diminishing number of WWII veterans. Korean era Veterans were next to be honored. Starting in the year 2019, Viet Nam era veterans will be honored. The flights cost \$20,000 and include bus transportation,

insurance, food, and police escorts. Each Veteran is offered a chair on wheels if needed.

To date there have been over 8,000 veterans on 88 flights. Eligibility depends on the years the veteran was in the service. WWII vets from 1941 to 1946, Korean vets from 1950 to 1955 and Viet Nam vets from 1960 to 1974. Veterans are encouraged to participate.

Those of us aware of these flights are encouraged to donate. Honor Flight Chicago has two fundraisers per year. One is the Bourbon Street Fund raiser, the second is annual hockey game between the Chicago Police Department team and the Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation team. There is also a Veteran's Day mailing seeking donations for Honor Flight.

Thank you, Nancy Staiger, for an inspiring visit. Keep up your good work.

To contact the organization email:

HonorFlightChicago.org

IN MEMORIAM

Jose L Alvarez	*Marvin W Ball
Salvatore Bartolo	James M Bohman
John C Boss Jr	*George J Bova
Robert P Cech	Frank T Clark III
James E Clark Jr	Johnnie B Cooper
David A Framberg	Dennis A Fruhauf
David B Helledy	Jon P Karson
Daniel R Kiehn	Richard G Kinell
John Kotowski	Brendan T Kozor
Frank R Krofel	Cyril J Maher
Jim L Maldonado	Hilary P Neylon
Leo A Novack	John S Novak Jr
*James E O'Brien	Theodore F Petry Jr
Robert R Quandt	Barbara A Schmall
Richard G Sheffer	David Toscano
Hugh J Ulbert	Thomas J Urba
Charles Vanboxtaele	*Constantine Zaverdas

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

**Marvin W Ball
George J Bova
James E O'Brien
Constantine Zaverdas.**

CALENDAR

Nov 11-Veteran's Day

Nov 14- Regular Meeting 1:00pm

Meet & Greet 12:00 Noon Memorial Hall.

“Turkey Raffle”

Nov 22- Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 26- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Dec 3- Happy Hanukkah.

Dec 12- Noon Holiday Party w/ door prizes

At The Irish American Heritage Center.

Dec 17- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Dec 25- Merry Christmas!

Dec 26-Happy Kwanzaa!

Jan 1- Happy New Year!

Jan 9- Regular Meeting 1:00pm

Meet& Greet 12:00 Noon Memorial Hall.

Jan 28- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**AT THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER
4626 NORTH KNOX AVE.
WILSON AND KNOX, CHICAGO**

DECEMBER 12, 2018 at 12:00 NOON

CORNED BEEF DINNER _____

OR

ROAST CHICKEN DINNER _____

**Both meals come with boiled potatoes and cabbage,
Apple pie for desert, with coffee or tea
Beer is included with dinner**

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR

NAME _____

GUEST _____

**The cost for members and their wives is \$35.00 per person
Widows of our deceased members are free.
Widows are asked to send in their reservation.
We must know the total number of guests by Dec 5th.**

**Mail this reservation form to: Richard Sipple
901 Pheasant Walk
Schaumburg IL 60193**

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local Union #134



ESSENTIALS FOR SOLDIERS



This program helps provide essentials for homeless veterans that have become displaced and are in need.

We will be collecting New (in packaging) T-Shirts, underwear, and books for the Veterans Library.

Items are welcome at the
December Renew and Union Meeting.

If you are interested in starting a collection at your job site, we can arrange to have the collection picked up.

Thank you all in advance for your participation!

Contact: Colin Ott - 708.522.5634 - Jim Valleyfield - 312.505.4068 - Marty McElligott - 312.909.3483



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“MAMMA MIA!”

Book by Cathrine Johnson
Originally conceived by Judy Craymer.

Music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, some songs with Stig Anderson

The international megahit *Mamma Mia!* uses the greatest songs of ABBA to tell a hilarious story of marriage, family and finding where you belong, proving that in the end the winner takes all! Come see why more than 54 million people worldwide have laughed and danced to this unforgettable jukebox musical.

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Time: Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
Show to follow at 1:30 pm

Place: The Drury Lane Playhouse, Oak Brook Terrace.
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

630-530-8300 * DRURYLANETHEATRE.COM

Cost: \$ 54.00 per person

“MAMMA MIA!”

The Meal:

First Course: Tomato Basil Soup

Choose your lunch entrees:

_____ Grilled Chicken Breast *w/Marsala Sauce*

_____ Parmesan Crusted Flounder *w/ Caper Beurre Blanc*

_____ Crepe Florentine Artichoke, Fontina Cheese
w/ a Chablis Cream Sauce

Desert Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to: Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

**Your ticket order and your check must be in Walter Felde's hands
by January 25th, 2019.**

Walter Felde will have your tickets at Drury Lane at
the maitre'd podium the day of the event.

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2018 or 2019 your dues are due. You can pay your 2018 dues by filling in the form below and sending it with a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Retired Members of Local 134. To the treasurer Bernard Martin at 8706 N. Olcott Ave. Niles, IL. 60714

Here are my 2019 dues of \$20.00

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Please include all information so that we can double-check our records for the next mailing.

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