



IBEW Local 134

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

Retiree's Newsletter

September 2025

The Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute located at 6201 W. 115th St. Alsip, IL

(enter the multi-purpose room on the west side of the school)

In March, June, September, and December, on the second Wednesday of the month, the Club meets at the Union Hall of 134 located at 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Chicago, IL

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

Patrick Gleason from the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center was our guest speaker at our August meeting. He talked about the huge need that the Jesse Brown VAMC serves and the very high level of service it offers to our nation's veterans. Unfortunately, the Chicagoland area has many unhoused veterans. This is where we can help. As many of you know, for a number LU 134 has collected underwear for our unhoused veterans and our members have always helped. Starting at our August meeting we have a container at our meetings at the school for your donations of new underwear, used and cleaned winter coats, and gently used clothing (cleaned and folded please). If you only come to the meetings at the Hall, you can bring your donation with you and please give it to an Officer or Board member. The Jesse Brown VAMC also needs household supplies like toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and more. Please do not forget our female veterans!

Our September guest speaker will be Ronetta DeWitt-Hall from the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Ms. DeWitt will be talking about securities fraud and scams and how we can protect ourselves.

Unfortunately, our Labor History presentation that was scheduled for September 27th will not happen. We are working hard to reschedule it.

As always, we seek your input and ideas for speakers, activities, etc.

In Solidarity,

Hale Landes D837785

Important Dates:

September 1, 2025... Labor Day*

September 4, 2025... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.

***September 6, 2025... I.B.E.W. Local #134 Picnic/ 11:00a.m.-
4:00 p.m./ Alsip, IL***

***September 10, 2025... \$1 Luncheon and Meeting / 12:00 p.m.
Lunch/ I.B.E.W. Local #134Hall/ Chicago, IL***

***September 11, 2025... Patriot's Day/ National Day of
Service and Remembrance*****

September 17, 2025... Constitution and Citizenship Day*

***September 17, 2025... Annual Golf Outing/ Old Oak Country
Club/ Homer Glen, IL***

***September 18, 2025... "Dial M for Murder"/drama/ Drury
Lane/ Oak Brook, IL***

September 18, 2025... U.S. Air Force Birthday*/ 1947

September 19, 2025...POW/MIA Recognition Day*

***September 22, 2025... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./
Alsip, IL***

**Flag Display Day **half-staff*

Save the Date

October 6, 2025... Field Trip to Cantigny Park/ Wheaton, IL

September \$1 LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

September 10, 2025

Last day for reservation September 3, 2025

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

12 Noon

Catering by "Country House"

Send this form and your check or cash, for \$1 per person, to the Treasurer. Make checks payable to:

Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW

Please Print

Name _____

Guest _____

To: Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members Club are the guests of the club and need not send in the dollar. But you are asked to send this form with your name so we know how many people will be attending.

IBEW LOCAL 134

Picnic

125th
Anniversary

SAT., SEPT. 6, 2025

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

IBEW NECA Technical Institute

6201 W. 115TH ST, ALSIP, IL 60803



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24th Annual John Cummins Memorial
Golf Outing

Old Oak Country Club

14200 S. Parker Road

Homer Glen, IL 60491

September 17, 2025

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each Golfer

Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Tee off shotgun start 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Lunch and Prizes after Golf

Name _____

Foursome partners _____

Cost for Golf and Lunch \$85

Buffet only \$30.00... 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Make check payable to: **Retiree Members Club #134 IBEW***

Send to:

John Cummins

503 Heather Ln.

Carol Stream, IL 60188-1721

630-335-3419

CANTIGNY PARK

OCTOBER 6th, 2025

Come join us for a Fall Day at CANTIGNY PARK. CANTIGNY is a 500-acre park that offers educational and recreational experiences through beautiful formal gardens, visit THE FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM (The Big Red 1), and a MILITARY TANK PARK. The VISITORS CENTER offers a 12 Minute Introductory film about the park which you may watch at any time during the day.

Arrive at 9:00 a.m.

Parking \$6.00, free parking for Military Veterans.

Lunch 11:45 a.m. \$17.99 per Boxed Lunch

Reservations due by SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest _____

Send to: Sue Kleczka
710 Sugar Creek Dr.
Joliet, IL 60433

We will be having a delicious Box Lunch which we will pick up at THE CAFÉ, located on the right-hand side of the entrance of the VISITORS CENTER, and we will have our own room just for The Retirees and their guests to have their lunch.

All boxed lunch orders are \$17.99 and come with a Chocolate Chip Cookie, with your choice of Kettle Chips, and a Non-alcoholic soft drink, coffee or tea.

PLEASE SELECT THE BOXED LUNCH ORDER:

_____ ITALIAN HOAGIE, Hickory smoked ham, genoa salami, pepperoni, fontina, shredded lettuce, fresh sliced tomatoes, onion, banana peppers, and Italian aioli on a fresh hoagie roll.

_____ HERB-ROASTED TURKEY, Herb-roasted turkey with provolone, spinach, fresh sliced tomatoes, and garlic herb aioli on herb focaccia.

_____ HICKORY SMOKED HAM, Hickory smoked ham with creamy honey mustard, fontina cheese, pickles, shredded lettuce, and fresh sliced tomatoes on a pretzel roll.

_____ AVOCADO CLUB, Avocado, coconut bacon, tomato, green leaf lettuce, and vegan mayo on sprouted whole wheat.

_____ STRAWBERRY BALSAMIC SALAD, Spinach, strawberries, raisins, red onion, chevre cheese, candied walnuts, and strawberry balsamic vinaigrette.

_____ CHOPPED SALAD, Romaine, radicchio, carrots, cucumber, English peas, watermelon radish, crumbled feta, ditalini pasta, and citrus vinaigrette.

Reminders

\$1 Luncheon

Last Day for reservation.... September 3, 2025...See enclosed flyer

I.B.E.W. #134 Picnic

September 6, 2025... Local #134 Anniversary Picnic...See enclosed flyer

Annual Golf Outing

September 17, 2025.... See enclosed flyer

United States Flag Etiquette

The Flag should be hoisted and lowered briskly. The Flag should never be allowed to touch the ground. The Flag should always be allowed to fly unencumbered. The Flag should never be flown in inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag. The Flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night ***if illuminated properly.***
Guidelines to display the United States Flag per the VFW.

Newsletter changes

. Any changes in your personnel status let me know so we can keep you current.

Bob Pitlock

cometsparky@aol.com

20749 Acorn Ridge Dr.

Frankfort, IL 60423

"Sister Act" comedy

Based on the hit 1992 film, this divine, feel-good comedy will have you rejoicing with your group this holiday season.

Date: December 4, 2025

Limited Seating.... Reserve early.... Only 42 seats available

Cost: \$87 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Play follows at 1:30 p.m.

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

630-530-8300

Information: James Martin

Home phone: 708-848-1833

Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

"Sister Act"- Menu

Entrees (choice of one per person):

_____Ravioli Name _____

_____Salmon Phone _____

_____Petite Filets Number of Guests _____

Recipe Corner

From time to time, we would like to share our favorite recipes with our brother and sister retirees. Any recipe that is quick, easy, seasonal or is just too delicious not to pass on, please send it to me and we will get it in the newsletter. It's up to you whether you would like to claim credit for it or not.

Panna Cotta

Ingredients:

3/4 cup sugar	1 tbsp. orange liqueur
3 cups heavy cream-divided	2 cups plain whole milk yogurt
2 tsp. pure Vanilla extract	2 tsp. (1 packet) unflavored gelatin
seeds from 1 vanilla bean (optional)	

In small bowl sprinkle gelatin w/3 tbsp. cold water. Stir and set aside 10 min. Allow gelatin to dissolve. In large bowl whisk 1 1/2 cups cream, yogurt, extract, seeds. Heat remaining cream and sugar. Bring to simmer, med. heat. Remove from heat add gelatin until dissolved. Add to cream, yogurt mixture, add orange liqueur. Pour into sundae type dishes (or small glasses) in center of glass, about 2/3 full, equally. Refrigerate until cold, when thoroughly chilled cover w/plastic wrap. Keep refrigerated overnight add topping the next day.

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Panna Cotta Topping Fresh Raspberry Sauce

Ingredients:

12 oz. seedless raspberry jam ¼ cup water
2 pkgs fresh raspberries (6 oz each) ½ cup sugar
1 tbsp. raspberry liqueur (Framboise)

Place 1 pkg. raspberries, sugar, water in small saucepan over medium heat, bring to boil, lower heat simmer 4 minutes. Pour mixture, jam, liqueur into food processor, process until smooth. Pour into container and chill (can last up to a week) Pour on top of (center) Panna Cotta cover w/ fresh raspberries.

Jesse Brown VAMC* Veteran Needs List (8/14/2025)

- **Denotes 2025 CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) 5 Star Recipient**

Household Supplies Needs List

>dish soap

>laundry detergent

>general household cleaner

>window cleaner

>toilet paper*

>paper towels*

Ground Coffee> ground coffee in original sealed cans/plastic containers/bags

Men's Underwear >briefs and undershirts (new- all sizes)

Men's Used Pants > jeans, dockers, cargo style pants (laundered and folded)

Men's Gently Used Shoes and Boots> all styles and sizes

Questions?

Email or call Patrick Gleason or Alberto Lopez

patrick.gleason@va.gov alberto.lopez@va.gov

*312 569-6334

312 569-6327

Thank you for all you do!

IN MEMORIAM

We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.

William J. Braun
William E. Carlson
Howard Cosman
Norman P. Cullerton
Kim T. DiFilippo
Wayne A. Eisenbrandt
Benito R. Farago
Joseph R. Havelka
Joseph M. Johnson
Terrence T. Kuh
Richard Lukow
Leslie Mahn
Don E. McEntire Jr
Charles A. McGee
Robert T. Omiecinski
Stanley Sobieski
Daniel H. Wendland

RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL 134 I.B.E.W.

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

Meet Monthly at 12 p.m.

Application for Membership or Dues Renewal

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ IBEW Card # _____ Date of Retirement _____

Dues Schedule

Members Renewing Dues ----- \$20.00

New Members:

New Member Dues ----- \$20.00

Initiation Fee (*one time only*) ----- \$2.00

Total new member fees ----- \$22.00

after July 1st ----- \$12.00

after October 1st ----- \$22.00*

*all dues monies applied to the next year

Please make all checks payable to:

RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL 134 IBEW

mail to the treasurer

BERNARD MARTIN

8706 OLCOTT AVE.

NILES, IL 60714

NOTE: Your Spouse will be an associate member per section 3.01 of our by-laws.

IF ASKED, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ No _____

Recruited by _____