

# Retiree's Newsletter

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

January



2020

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

Remember when we ushered in the year 2000 and started a new century? Well we are ending the second decade. I remember the event clearly, the end of 1999. Y2K was the rage. The computer techs crossed their fingers and hoped they corrected all the computer programs to recognize the new year in proper digital format. It all worked out ok. The term “backup your data” was the rage. Oh, I am sure many of us have learned that lesson.

My dad was born in 1916. He witnessed the advances of the airplane, landing on the moon and the building of the space station. I thought he saw so much technical advance in his lifetime. He did, but today I am seventy years old and am struck by the advances in technology that we have seen.

I remember people saying computers would be costing us jobs. My dad knew the truth was that computers would always create work for us. I worked in computer rooms installing power distribution on the floor and huge cable tray systems inches above for the communication cables. Back then the computers had tape reels for data storage. A side effect of the computer was generating heat, creating more work to power the needed air conditioning units to keep them cool. My last big job was a data center in Northlake. Power direct from the grid, backup

power from generators and/or batteries. It just never ends. Or let's hope so.

The computer has changed our lives forever. The internet and wifi connects it all together. Good and bad! Smart phones are everywhere. We use monitoring devices to watch our babies and digital devices to track our pets, bad guys and even some elderly patients. In fact connection to the internet can be addicting. Have you ever left your phone at home and felt lost? "Don't leave home without it."

What if I need help, have a question while I am shopping, need directions or just miss the latest news. If I don't answer a call, my wife will worry something is wrong. I know all of our members are not as connected as I am. I also understand it is **not** necessary, but it is very convenient and can be very entertaining.

Communications in the field of medicine has really advanced. Digital pictures and data can be shared. A diagnosis can be made by a team of specialists miles away. A nurse or doctor, using a laptop computer with the latest medical software can improve your office visit by asking questions and entering your symptoms. Having all your medical history in their data base helps to determine any corrective actions or recommended medications. Of course a visual exam is still necessary.

Yes, we have seen a real advancement in technology in our lifetime too. The next decade or two will be awesome to witness. Who knows when driverless cars will be the norm. They predict the next generation will not own a person vehicle. A job of the future will be a space miner, a worker that goes to an asteroid to mine needed metals for future technology. Robots will eliminate so many jobs, jobless people will be subsidized and receive money for food and housing from companies that make huge profits. (Today people resent welfare) The divide between the very wealthy and very poor will be huge. What if we don't need as many Uber drivers, taxi drivers, truck drivers, store clerks, radiologists, doctors? There will not be enough jobs. I hope there are people looking to the future and planning how to deal with all the changes that will come. I also hope I am around to witness much more.

In closing do not worry. We are retired!



**Kevin Gibbons**

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Please look at your Retired Members of Local 134 membership card, if it does not say 2020 or 2021 your dues are due. You can pay your 2020 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 2020 dues of \$20.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

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.

Make checks payable to the order of: Retired Members of Local # 134, IBEW and mail to Bernard Martin, 8706 N. Olcott Ave Niles, IL. 60714

If you have a second address where you spend time for several months, please let us know that address and the weeks or months on a separate sheet of paper so that we can send the Newsletter to that place when you are there.

NOTE: Widows of deceased members of the Retires Members of Local 134 IBEW club are associate members of the club and DO NOT PAY DUES.

## IN MEMORIAM

John V Cobetto  
August J Edelmann  
Louis C Geanakoplos  
Theophil F Gordon Jr  
Bradford R Kubitz  
Anthony J Murphy  
Henry A Paterkiewicz  
Hallie M Repass  
Walker D Thomas  
Sergio Zepeda

**\*Daniel S Dorsch**  
Daniel P Finnegan  
Henry Goldenstein  
John W Harris  
John E Lee  
David E Nelson  
David A Paul  
Charles R Selinka  
Howard F Wintrol

**Our condolences to the family of Retiree's  
Club Member Daniel S Dorsch.**

# CALENDAR

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

**Jan 27** - E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**Feb 12**- Regular Meeting 1:00pm  
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

Nominations for Retiree's Club Officers and  
E-Board Member's Biennial Election.

**Feb 24** - E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**Feb 27** - Drury Lane Play  
"An American in Paris"

**Mar 11**- Luncheon and Regular Meeting  
Nominations and Election of Officers and E-  
Board Members Memorial Hall noon.

**Mar 23**- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.



## 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

### **Winners of the raffle:**

*Prizes donated by Local 134 IBEW*

#### **IBEW Vest**

Sue Kleczka  
Art Gorski  
Art Studen Roth  
Carmella Albertotanza  
Jim Jennings  
Kathy Folena

#### **\$20.00 Jewel/Osco Gift Card.....**

Ed Maggi	Karen Gorsk
Jim Madigan	Wally Felde
Greg Buss	Kevin Boline
Pete Merkle	Ofelia Rivera
Phil Murphy	Gerry White
Mike Eaker	Greg Paddack
Paul Stenson	Mike Vopinek
Rich Schmitz	Jim Husa
Brenda Dohman	Bernard Martin
Diane Sipple	Joy Merkle



## 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

After all the handwringing that usually goes into the organizing and preparation for the annual Christmas luncheon, I am happy to report we had a very successful event for our first Christmas luncheon held at the new Union Hall. Everyone had a wonderful experience. Even the weather cooperated.

We wound up with 95 paid dinners, 3 widows and 2 guests. Harrington's Catering was again the provider.

Local 134 provided the wine, beer, soda and water. They also gave us 6 very nice vests that we raffled off along with 20 Jewel/Osco \$20.00 gift cards, a list of winners will be in this newsletter. We missed Mario Coletta this year, his help is always appreciated, however, he was under the weather for this year's gathering. I want to express my thanks to my wife Diane for her help with the nametags, pictures and other ways she keeps me organized.

Don Finn, Business Manager of Local 134 addressed our luncheon and extended his greetings for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also brought our attention to a letter that will be out regarding some very grave and potentially damaging action in Congress regarding our pensions. Regardless of where you live or your own beliefs, this attack on **well-funded pension plans** is something that concerns us all.

We are all a brotherhood. I hope that your Christmas was Joyful and have a very healthy and Happy New Year!

Rich Sipple

# “An American in Paris”

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Jerry Mulligan is an American ex-GI who stays in post-war Paris to become a painter, and falls for the gamine charms of Lise Bouvier. However, his paintings come to the attention of Milo Roberts, a rich American heiress, who is interested in more than just art.

**Date:** February 27, 2020

**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](http://www.drurylanetheatre.com)

Check must be in Walter's possession by Feb 5, 2020.

**30 tickets available**

## **“An American in Paris”**

**First Course: Mixed Green Salad**

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

Choose your lunch entrée:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Marsala Sauce**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parmesan Crusted Tilapia**  
*With Caper Beurre Blanc*

\_\_\_\_\_ **8 Finger Cavatelli**  
*Creamy Marinara, Mozzarella, Parmesan*

**Desert: Chocolate Ice Cream Sunday**

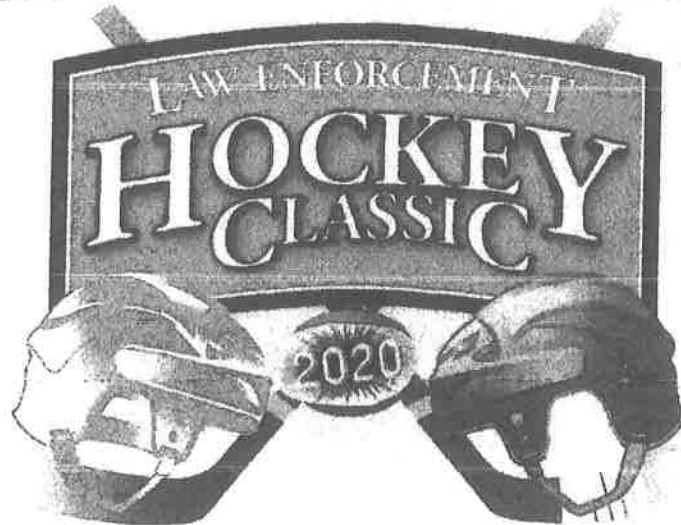
Send your order & check to: Walter Felde  
6543 N Oshkosh  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PRESENTS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL



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

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**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**

*Food, drink, and activities are available for all ages.*

To purchase tickets, please go to [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org)

**Contact Rich Sipple for tickets  
312-914-4428**



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GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY

**Special thanks to the  
Village of Bensenville**

Honor Flight Chicago recognizes the bravery, determination and patriotism of our nation's senior war veterans with a one-of-a-kind journey to Washington, D.C. for a day of honor and thanks. We inspire future generations of Americans to realize the power of gratitude and respect. And in the process, we change lives.

**ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON MARCH 11, 2020**

**AT NOON**

**MEMORIAL HALL 2722 S. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING DRIVE Chicago IL 60616**

**THERE IS A ONE DOLLAR CHARGE FOR EACH**

**MEMBER OR GUEST**

**MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

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