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 diagnoses 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!

Happy New Year

Kevin Gibbons

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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.

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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
Jim Madigan
Greg Buss
Pete Merkle
Phil Murphy
Mike Eaker
Paul Stenson
Rich Schmitz
Brenda Dohman
Diane Sipple

Karen Gorsk
Wally Felde
Kevin Boline
Ofelia Rivera
Gerry White
Greg Paddack
Mike Vopinek
Jim Husa
Bernard Martin
Joy Merkle

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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

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“An American in Paris”

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

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

30 tickets available

January Newsletter 2020
“An American in Paris”

First Course: **Mixed Green Salad**  
Mixed greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Radish, Herb Croutons w/ Ranch Dressing

Choose your lunch entée:

___ 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.*
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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

Contact Rich Sipple for tickets
312-914-4428

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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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