

Retiree's Newsletter

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

November



2019

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

For me and I assume all of our retired members, November has always been the month that represents the end of the warmer weather and the onset of winter. During this month Mother Nature will provide us with beautiful colors in the trees and an array of various temperatures to enjoy. Not too cold and not too hot. November was and is popular for the celebration of the harvest. As the story goes this celebration was started by the Pilgrims after arriving here in America. A feast was prepared and the settler's families gathered with the native Americans to celebrate. The "Thanksgiving Holiday" began.

Of all the holidays we celebrate TG brings more families together than any other. Families gather from all over the globe. If you ever had to miss a Thanksgiving with your family or worse gather after the loss of a family member, you truly appreciate this holiday, *for it is a time to embrace family.*

Anyone who knows me personally is aware that I lost my oldest son, Brian, in a fatal motorcycle accident on, June 5, 1996.

He was 24 and a fifth generation IBEW member.

This will be our twenty third Thanksgiving without him.

Wherever we gather for our Thanksgiving dinner Brian is always represented by a lit candle and mentioned with other family

members that have passed as we say grace and offer thanks for our blessings.... It has been a long 23 years.

October 14, 2019...at the time of this writing I am leaving tomorrow to visit Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Why Colorado you ask? To quote Paul Harvey:

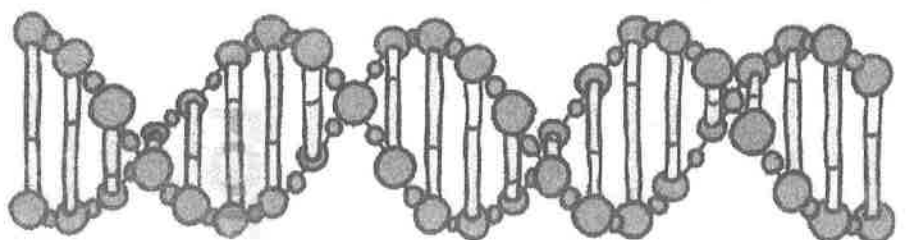
“Now the rest of the story”

Last January, our son Gregory (we had three boys) was contacted by a young woman via a Facebook private message, she stated that her mother had recently informed her that, his brother, our son Brian, was likely her biological father, OMG!

Could this be? Our greatest hurt was that Brian never had any children for us to cherish and carry on his legacy, he was gone completely. We struggled with a void that was absolute.

After inquiring her mother’s name, we knew this claim to be Brian’s daughter was very possible. They went to high school together and she lived only a block away. Then the question.... “would we be willing to submit a DNA sample?”

We did submit our DNA samples. Then the long and stressful wait for the results.....



Well the results are in and I am 98% the grandfather!

This confirmation sent an indescribable wave of emotions through us. **Absolute joy and happiness!** A new dimension of Brian's life for us to cherish.

Now the facts: Our granddaughter was raised in Downers Grove with her parents and then at eighteen moved back to Bolingbrook, renting an apartment until she met her husband. They fell in love, he joined the Marines, they married and started their family. They currently live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Yes, I am now a *great* grandfather. They have two beautiful little girls and a new born son.....

October 22, 2019: my granddaughter's 28th birthday!

We returned home yesterday evening after a wonderful trip to Colorado. We met our newly discovered extended family.

What a happy and joyous moment!

Not only does she have our son's eyes and nose but she has his warm heart and loving mannerisms. It felt as if we had known her forever and in a sense we have. She said we were the missing puzzle piece to her life's journey. She always felt something was missing. Why was she so different from her family? She not only had different physical features but also different mannerisms and interests.

After our first day together her husband noted he could see she resembles us in so many ways. We shared the same laugh, chattiness, artistic talent, and the list goes on and on.

Our family tree has been expanded.

It is very hard to explain the way I feel. Before the accident we had three sons, then two...not a family of five but now four. As our family expanded we had grandchildren from our two sons and there was always a void with no children from Brian. No longer!

Brian has always been with us spiritually and now we have come full circle after finding his daughter. The fact is, we really are in new territory with our newly found *great* grandchildren!

As difficult as it was to leave after meeting them for the first time our sadness was tampered down knowing that in just a month they will be coming to Bolingbrook for our first Thanksgiving together.

“Now you know the rest of the story”

Kevin Gibbons



Important message to our membership

Pizza Party for Retirees !!!!!!!!!

Business Manager Don Finn has some good news for all retirees!!!

He has been working with the EIT on our behalf for a long time and would like to announce the results to us personally.

He is encouraging all retirees to attend a Pre-November union meeting Pizza Party:

When: November 7

Time: 5:30 PM

Where: Local 134 Union Hall

Note: This party is not limited to our membership.

Let your non-member friends know and come as a group.

CALENDAR

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

Nov-7- Free Pizza Pre-Union Meeting
5:30 Benefit Announcement!!!!!!!

Nov 13- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

Free Turkey Raffle

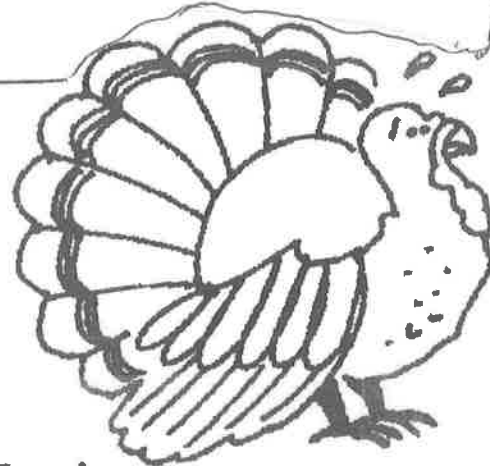
Nov 25- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Nov-28- Happy Thanksgiving.

Dec-11- Annual Holiday Party
12:00 noon Memorial Hall 2722 S. Martin
Luther King JR. Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

Dec-23-E- Board Meeting 10:30 am.

Save the date: Feb 27, 2020
"An American in Paris"
Drury Lane Theater



IN MEMORIAM

John T Angelacos	Alvin Aronson
Robert J Brand	John B Colletti
James A Cullerton	Michael J Dalicandro
Douglas D Decker	Carter H Hendricks
Mark N Fiore	Jerome G Frankowski
Donald C Jager	Joseph R Johnson
George H Kujawa	Russell A Lucik
William P McEnerney	James H Musker
William P Murphy	Thomas D O'Brien
Michael J O'Malley	Kevin T O'Shea
*Joseph F Pietrzyk	Fred E Piper
Daniel T Poetzinger	*Wayne S Rice
David K Secrist	Henry J Spranza Jr
Joseph Squeo	Gilbert N Taylor Jr
Robert W Zawlinski	

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

**Daniel T Pietrzyk (Charter Member)
Wayne S Rice.**

John Cummins 2019 Golf Outing

We had one of the best days to play golf. The temperature was in the mid-seventies. We had a mild breeze and sun all day.

We had 57 golfers and 4 lunch quests.

A big *"Thank You"* to **Local 134** for again donating \$500 dollars for our raffle.

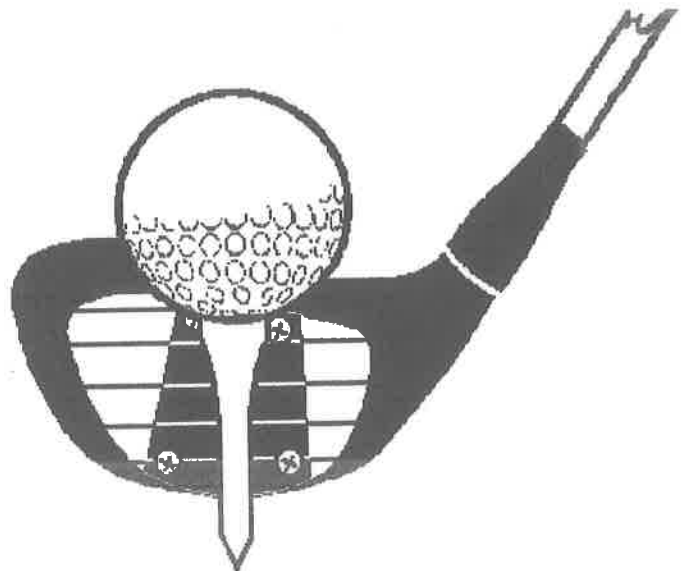
I would also like to thank **Goldberg Weisman Cario (GWC)** for donating a sleeve of golf balls to every player.

Horwitz & Horwitz again this year donated \$250 for our raffle and a sleeve of golf balls for every player. A box of cigars was also donated and greatly appreciated by our cigar smoking brothers.

Everyone that joined us for our annual outing had a great time.

Again *"Thank You"* for our donated gifts! They are greatly appreciated.

Kevin Gibbons



September 18, 2019 Golf Outing			Old Oak Country Club		
Player	Paid	Winner	Player	Paid	Winner
Bob Welko		\$20	Kevin Gibbons		Door Prize
Paul LaPato			Terry Harmon		
Mike Pillar			Jim Martin		\$50
Terry Rietz			Jack Armstrong		
John Taylor		\$50	Bill Henkes		
Kevin Farrell			John Henkes		\$100
Charlie Kipp			Don Kowski		
Dennis DiPasquale			Lee Kowski		
Mike Hickey			Fran Jackson		\$50
Dennie Crowley			Paul Cambell		
Jim North			Carl Sic		
Tom Schwab			Guest ?		
Frank Costello			Bob McDonald		
Phil Costello		\$100	Frank Bomher		
Patrick Needy			Tim Forrest		
Ken Star			Scott Stepek		
Micheal Costello		Door Prize	Terry Kuh		
Bill Suffield			Ken Ritter		Door Prize
Eric Ripking			Jim Fitzgerald		Golf Bag
Edward Maggi			Jerry Nugent		
Andy Jost			Jake Okeefe		
Rich Hengels			Terry Conway		\$50
Ray Hengles		Door Prize	Bob Taylor		
Jon Jin			Frank Hodges		
Ed Bocher			Paul Carp		
Kevin Cummins		\$20	Mike Doherty 1		
Phil Coyne		\$100	Mike Doherty 2		
Bill Cal			John Cummins		
John Staffelt			Jim White		\$20
Local 134		\$20			
Guest					
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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
AT THE LOCAL #134 MEMORIAL HALL
2722 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.
Chicago, IL 60616**

Date: DECEMBER 11, 2019 / 12:00 Noon

CORNED BEEF DINNER_____

OR

ROAST CHICKEN DINNER_____

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESSERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

Note: *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.

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

**Make checks payable to the order of Retired Members of Local
Union #134 IBEW**

“Mary Poppins”

Date: December 5, 2019

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 Nov 15, 2019.

Only 4 tickets available

“Mary Poppins”

First Course: **Mixed Green Salad**

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

Choose your lunch entrée:

_____ **Bistro Steak** *w/ Bordelaise Sauce*

_____ **Roast Turkey and Stuffing**

_____ **8 Finger Cavatelli**
Creamy Marinara, Mozzarella, Parmesan

DESSERT: Chocolate Mousse

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

Name: _____

Guest: _____

***Make check payable to: Local 134 Retiree Club.**
Note: Your ticket order and check must be in Walter's
possession by November 15, 2019.

Retired Members

Of Local 134, L.B.E.W.

2722 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Chicago, IL 60616

Meets the 2nd Wednesday, Monthly, at 1:00 p.m.

Please type or print legible

_____ Application for New Membership Date of Retirement _____

_____ Renewal for 2020 Membership: \$20.00 Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ I.B.E.W. Card #: _____

Please make all checks payable to: **RETIREED MEMBERS L.U. 134, L.B.E.W.** and mail to:

**BERNARD MARTIN
8706 OLCOTT
NILES, IL 60714**

Dues Schedule (paid dues entitles you to a Roster book and monthly *Newsletter*) and a copy of the Bylaws

Initiation Fee (one time only) _____ \$2.00
If you join between January 1st & June 30th _____ \$20.00 + \$2.00
If you join after July 1st _____ \$10.00 + \$2.00
If you join after October 1st _____ \$20.00 + \$2.00*

* All dues monies will be applied to next year

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: _____