Retiree’s Newsletter
Members of Local Union 134. I.B.E.W.

August 2019

Retired Members
Local #134

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

Tick, tick, tick...when will the first plate fall to the floor? Stay tune for the next episode of the “Trump Show” Peggy Noonan during a CNN political panel discussion described Trump accurately when she said he is like the plate spinner on the old Ed Sullivan show. He creates suspense and causes anxiety for attention. As he adds more spinning plates to the act it is only a matter of time until one crashes to the floor. Don’t turn that dial.

Today we are no longer dumbfounded at what Trump says or doesn’t say, no longer shocked when he pulls out of global treaties or repeals national laws that were intended to protect our nation and its people. He creates the chaos and loves the attention it generates for him. He then claims to solve the problem he created.

I understand why his base loves him, *Trump is the ultimate reality star*. We watch him dominate the news cycles as he speaks like a street fighter on the
national and global stage. He has the charisma of a cult leader and knows how to sell. Watch him use the media to sell his message. He repeats and repeats his lies over and over again. ‘Fake news’, he claims about negative coverage of him. It is working! I recently asked a Trump supporter I know “who pays the tariffs?” He responded: China. No, the correct answer is: the American people will pay more for products from China. The importers like Walmart will pay the tariff tax and increase the cost of those products to us, the consumer, to cover their increase in expenses, an estimated $900.00 per family a year. The Republicans know he is not telling the truth but will not deny it publicly out of fear of losing his support in their elections.

Trump claims his administration has accomplished more in his first two and a half years than any previous administration. Really, no wall, that we have to pay for yet and the ACA (Obama Care) not gone yet, thank you John McCain. However, the
GOP did pass a huge tax cut for the wealthiest 1% which included a $10K limit on tax deductions on income for hard working Americans. FYI: 2018 more than 60 top corporations earned billions in profits and paid zero tax as our national deficit sky rocketed to the highest ever.

The Trump administration’s strategy has always been to work behind the show curtain to remove or dismantle all legislation President Obama passed ie: financial consumer protections, clean air and water regulations, ban dangerous chemicals and the list goes on. The GOP’s has two goals, one fill all the vacant judicial circuit seats they deliberately refused to fill during the Obama years. Secondly, block any bills created by the Democrats. Mitch McConnell said it best:”think of me as the grim reaper.”

Trump has destroyed our trade deals with China, Mexico, Canada and the European Union. Yes, they could be improved but don’t throw years of
diplomacy and trust out the window. Now, we the taxpayers are paying to subsidize our farmers.

Tired of winning yet?

Global chaos: Russia announce on the July 4, with little notice due to the national celebration, that Putin signed the paperwork to officially withdraw from the nuclear missile treaty President Regan negotiated. No deal with North Korea, Trump is hinting to accept NK as a nuclear power, he pulled out of the Iran treaty, issued more tariffs on Iran and has threatened them with total destruction! Now what? Recently, Russia, China and North Korea meeting in private without the United States.

Chaos at the boarder...WTF

Lastly, I believe Trump will ignore the Supreme Court decision and issue an Executive Order to add the question about citizenship on the 2020 census.

Enough plates in the air for ya?

Kevin Gibbons

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2019 Retiree’s Club Honoree’s

The June 12, 2019 Honoree Luncheon for 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 year Retiree’s Club Members was a great success. We had a good turnout only a few no shows. The food from Gatto’s Catering, provided by Local 134, was excellent and plentiful. We thank Local 134 for all they do for the Retiree’s Club. The Honoree’s names were announced, each stood and were given a round of applause. The honorees gathered for their group picture. Joining us was Local 134 Recording Secretary Kevin Connolly.

Here a list of all who were honored.

50 Years:


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55 Years:


60 Years:


65 Years:

Garret Meade, Ralph Meifert, Charles Meyer, Joseph Pace, Robert Turek, Michael Vopinek, Harry Wagner.

70 Years: Edward J Swanson.

75 Years: Lawrence Wolfelschneider.
"AND THEN THERE WERE NONE"

Written by Agatha Christie
Directed by William Osetek

Ten strangers meet on a clandestine island. Each holds the murder a secret. Who will pay the ultimate price? Penned with the cruelty by master of the craft Agatha Christie, *And Then There Were None* brings together tension, fear and the macabre to weave a tale that captivates the audience until the final curtain. Can you unravel the mystery? This classic murder mystery play is based on the world’s best selling mystery and one of the best selling books of all time.

*Only 4 tickets available*

**Date:** August 22, 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 July 26, 2019.
"AND THEN THERE WERE NONE"

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

Choose your lunch entrée:

___ Mahi Mahi w/ Mango Relish

___ Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Lemon Caper Sauce

___ Vegetable Linguine Pomodoro  
Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Broccoli, Peas, Tomatoes, Basil w/ Pomodoro Sauce.

Desert: Peach Melba

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 July 26, 2019.

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**CALENDAR**

**July 10**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

**July 22**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**Aug 14**-Regular Meeting 1:00 pm Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.

**Aug 22**-Drury Lane Play "And Then There Were None" Luncheon 11:30 am play at 1:30 pm.

**Aug 26**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

**Sept 2**- LABOR DAY

**Sept 11**- Luncheon & Regular Meeting noon Memorial Hall.

**Sept 18**-Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing. Breakfast 8:00 am Start 9:00 am.

**Sept 23**-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
IN MEMORIAM

Allan H Berkson       Frank P Campise
Michael P Candreva   James A Cappy
John T Coyle         James F Crockett
Doreen H Derosa       Svend E Herum
James T Lydon         Robert A Mazzone
Thomas J Melone       Gary A Metke
William S Noe         John F O’Donnell
Milton M Olson        Charles M Paran
Glenn F Quail         Robert J Resh
Daniel P Shanahan     *Patrick J Smith
Ralph E Tanis         Bernard K Trent
Robert Underwood      Louis E Vieceli
Willie J Wright       Randy M Ziga

Our condolences to the family of Club Member Patrick J Smith.
2019 Boomer’s Baseball Game

It is time to get your tickets for the Schaumburg Boomer’s baseball Game. This year we have chosen the Friday night fireworks spectacular!

The date is August 16\textsuperscript{th}
Tickets are $9.00 per person

Start time is 6:30pm…. gates open early.
The opponent will be the Lake Erie Crushers.
There will be a “marshmallow fight” after the game.
Last but not least a spectacular fireworks display that will impress all of you.

\textit{Parking is free.}

Call Rich Sipple: 312-914-4428 for information.
Mail $9 per ticket to Rich: 901 Pheasant Walk Dr.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

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Annual John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing

Old Oak Country Club
14200 S. Parker Rd.
Homer Glen, IL 60491

September 18, 2019

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each golf team
Buffet Lunch and Prizes after Golf

Cost Per Person $65.00
Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM
Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM
Buffet only $25.00 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Contact
Kevin Gibbons
630.877.7340
kgibbons101@comcast.net

$ 65.00 due the morning of the golf outing.
Make checks payable to: Retirees Club of Local 134
RETIRE MEMBERS OF LOCAL 134 LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 11TH 2019 MEMORIAL HALL

2722 S. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. Dr.

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DOLLAR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT NOON ON THAT DAY

Name ____________________________

Guest ____________________________

Please print your name and guest's name

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134 IBEW
Send in Registration by September 1st

Mail this reservation form and your dollar per person to:

Bernie Martin
8706 N Olcott
Niles, IL 60714

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Retired Members
Of Local 134, I.B.E.W.
2722 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Chicago, IL 60616
Meets the 2nd Wednesday, Monthly, at 1:00 p.m.

Application for Membership
(Please type or print legibly)

Today's 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: RETIRED MEMBERS L.U. 134, I.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: ________________________________