

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

# Retiree's Newsletter

December



2021

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month 12pm:  
March, June, September and December at the 134 union hall located  
at: 2722 S Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL

All other months the club will meet at the IBEW-NECA Technical Inst  
located at: 6201 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Alsip, IL (enter on the east side)

*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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Chicago, IL 60616-2908

From the Podium

**File under last call. The annual Retiree Club Christmas and Holiday luncheon will take place at The Union Hall on MLK Drive on December 8, 2012 at 11:00 am, more details and applications to follow in this newsletter.**

File under gratitude. The Retiree Club would like to thank Business Manager Don Finn, his fellow Reps and staff for their aid and assistance in many of the Club's endeavors which include but no limited to our Christmas luncheon, our buffet luncheons, annual golf outing, and retiree seminars (with a special shout out to Cathy Finke). Additionally, we would like to thank the support and assistance the Club receives from the Apprentice school where we hold our meetings and do the printing of the newsletter, thanks Gene and Nancy.

In case you missed it this year, Business Manager Don Finn started the first Veteran's Day luncheon at the Union Hall on the recently passed November 11, 2021 honoring our Local's veterans. There was a good turnout and we saw many Retiree Club's veterans at the event. As Don stated, it was long overdue honoring our local's veteran's service. Our thanks to Don Finn and our vets for starting a tradition that I am sure will grow over the years.

Speakers coming up in January, 2022 and February 2022 at our general membership meetings will be Irene Polito from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office and our own Russ Ponder, respectively.

Finally, this being the last newsletter of this year, let us remember all our fellow retirees who have gone on to their heavenly rewards this last year. As our Amish friends remind us, "Happy moments-praise God. Difficult moments- seek God. Quiet moments-worship God. Painful moments-trust God. Every moment-thank God. Thank You for all You have given to us, taken from us, and what You have left us." May everyone have a blessed and joyous Christmas and Holiday.

In Brotherhood,  
Jim Jennings

## **Summary of coming events:**

December 8, 2021... Annual Holiday Party \$35.00  
Local 134 Union Hall, Chicago, IL

December 16, 2021... "Holiday Inn" Drury Lane

Dec 27, 2021... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

Jan 12, 2022.... Regular Membership Meeting / Alsip

## **From the Treasurer**

A few members of the club have not paid their 2021 club dues. Please look at your retiree club membership card, if it does not have 2021 or 2022 on it ... *your dues for 2021 is not paid.*

Please fill in the Dues Renewal Notice form and send it with a check for \$20.00 made payable to Retired Members of Local 134 to the treasurer:

Bernard Martin  
8706 Olcott Ave.  
Niles, IL 60714-2024

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Rochester Bailey  
Malachi Baker III  
Thomas Beishuizen Jr  
Richard R Gagnon  
Herman J Grieshaber Jr  
William Horton  
Gregory Jaroszewicz  
Louis D Jones Jr  
Patrick Kinnear  
Wayne P Kudis  
Edward A Mims Jr  
John Mouflouzelis  
Bruno Nardi  
Eugene H O'Malley  
Edward I Prince  
Melvin Stubinger  
Frederick E Timm  
John Vella  
John A Villasenor  
John K Vogt  
Thaddeus Zychowski

## **October 13th 2021 Speaker**

Our speaker this month was Mike Hood Judge of the Cook County Veterans Court. Mike is a military veteran who served 10 years in the Marine Corps. As a lawyer he was with the Attorney General. This led to his getting on the bench where he serves today. He is involved with The Band of Veterans and honors General Mattis as a staunch pro veteran.

Mike told us of Ira Hamilton Hayes a Pima Native American one of the gallant Marines who raised the flag on Suribachi Iwo Jima who had a tough time as a veteran. He was arrested 53 times. His crimes were alcohol related. When he died he still had the honor of being buried at Arlington Cemetery. He never got the help he needed. Right now twelve percent of the homeless are veterans. Seventy percent of those suffer from addiction.

Veterans Treatment Court deals with guns drugs and violence. Veterans Specialty Court is held on Fridays. This Court is for those who suffer from mental health problems and addiction. In Cook County, it started in 2009 that veterans who get involved with the criminal justice system are now being helped. Everything but violent crime can allow

a first offender to achieve probation, which if all goes well his conviction can be expunged. There is a team concept veteran's officer who works with the court and is assessed by the District Attorney. To enter the drug treatment plan on probation the veteran must plead guilty, maintain sobriety and be drug free. He cannot have weapons and there is a home weapons check. Those veterans in Cook County Jail who join the program of the Team Concept have had success; ninety four percent have had no felony convictions. Veterans around veterans mentoring system has a positive effect and brings down recidivism to twenty percent.

We want to thank Mike Hood for joining us.  
He can be reached at 847-470-7200

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
AT THE LOCAL #134 MEMORIAL HALL  
2722 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60616**

Date: **December 8, 2021 / 12:00 Noon**

CORNERED BEEF DINNER \_\_\_\_\_

OR

ROAST CHICKEN DINNER \_\_\_\_\_

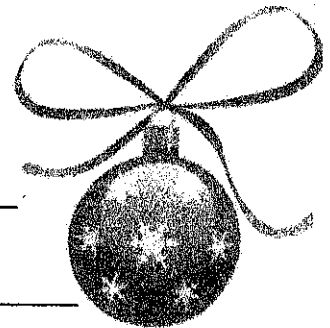


*BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER*

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

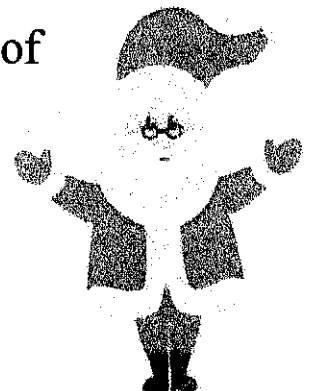


The cost for members and their wives is **\$35.00 per person**  
Widows of our deceased members are free.  
Widows are asked to send in their reservation.

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

**MERRY CHISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**







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## **November Speaker**

Our November guest speaker from the Secretary of State's office was postponed to January. We were fortunate to have Business Manager Don Finn drop in on us before our meeting to let us know about the EIT and Wellness Center that just broke ground. It took three years for the project to start and looking to October 2022 for completion. He mentioned there were some problems receiving necessary building material. He invited us to the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Luncheon. He told us that Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh called Local 134 to ask what we needed. There were a few questions. With the early retirement of 400 members, he was asked how this affected our Pension Plan 2. He answered it would be able to manage the new retiree's We want to thank Business Manager Don Finn and Local 134 for all they do for the Retiree's Club.

**Mario Coletta**

# Retired Members of Local 134, I.B.E.W.

2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

Chicago, Illinois 60616-2908

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, monthly, at 1:00 pm

## APPLICATION for NEW MEMBERSHIP or RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ I.B.E.W. Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: **Retired Members of Local 134, I.B.E.W.**

Please mail the completed application and your check to:

**Bernard F. Martin**

**8706 N. Olcott Avenue**

**Niles, Illinois 60714-2024**

**RENEWING MEMBERS ANNUAL DUES:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

**NEW MEMBERS DUES SCHEDULE** (paid dues entitles you to a Roster Book, our By-Laws and the monthly *Retiree's Newsletter*)

Initiation Fee: (one time only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00

If you join during the first or second quarter of the year, i.e.: *January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>* \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 + \$20.00

If you join during the third quarter of the year, i.e.: *July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>* \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 + \$10.00

If you join during the fourth quarter of the year, i.e.: *October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>* \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.00 + \$20.00 \*

\* dues will be applied to membership in the fourth quarter and the next year

**NOTE: YOUR SPOUSE WILL BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER PER SECTION 3.01 OF OUR BY-LAWS**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PAY NO DUES**

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE?** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_