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

February 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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January Newsletter 2020
From the Podium

How many times have you asked yourself “where has the time gone?” I have been president of our club for almost 23 months and as such I have had the opportunity to write 23 articles for our monthly newsletter. I agonized over the thought of having to compose some sort of interesting story monthly for the newsletter. My subject ideas went from Trump to my personal life. The main theme was always to write something that our members could identify with and attempt to trigger memories we have shared. I have received many compliments and even a couple letters that strongly disagreed with my political views. I hope you have enjoyed my effort.

During my tenure we relocated our executive board and monthly membership meetings from 600 W Washington and the Apprentice school to the new Union Hall at 2722 Martin Luther King Drive......

NOTE: This April, 2020 we will to return to the school for of our monthly board & membership meetings, quarterly luncheons at the Union Hall.

During that time we also had to devise a new way to print and distribute our newsletter. Remember the attempt to email the newsletter? This resulted in us creating a master email list of 535 club members.

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FYI: We will send an email early in March to remind our members about our election / luncheon Mar 11. If you have an email address and do not receive this reminder please contact us so we can add your email address to our list.

We have also perfected our printing, sealing, labeling and mailing of the newsletter. We have streamlined the mailing process and have the printing of 900 copies down to 5 hours. Creating and composing is another story. I need to thank my spouse, Barbara for her support and help to generate a monthly up-to-date mailing list (bar code) for the US Postal Service.

In closing, I would like to follow up on the story I shared about my new found granddaughter. Christina and her fantastic husband and three beautiful children visited us for a week during the Thanksgiving holiday. We had a wonderful trip downtown for lunch and a visit to the American Girl store with our 4 and 7 year old great granddaughters. Next, we enjoyed our family Thanksgiving Day. We attended a Blackhawk game and then enjoyed a few beers and dinner at Chuck’s Café. Lastly, the Saturday after TG we had a huge gathering of my wife’s family and my family to introduce Christine and her family to our clans. It is impossible to describe our happiness and joy. To be continued.....

Kevin Gibbons LTD

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January 8th 2020 Speaker

Our speaker this month was Nicholas Cortesi. He is a lawyer and represents The Midwest Labor Coalition. He spoke about the Union Legal Services Benefit that all active and retired members are entitled to. The Coalition was formed a year and a half ago. It consists of five local labor unions. LiUNA! Chicago Laborers' District Council, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134 and International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399. The Coalition has over 100,000 members. Texas, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Minnesota could be added.

A benefit for all active members is a $10,000 life insurance policy and an opportunity that member can buy an additional $10,000. Accident insurance is available up to $200,000. Retired members are entitled to free ID theft insurance. For everyone there is free roadside assistance from Allstate Insurance and discounted loans from the credit union. They also offer a mortgage program that during a financial hardship the credit union will let you slide for two months. Entertainment and travel benefits consist of 30,000 vendors for hotels and restaurants. They plan on adding more benefits. For those who want to take...
advantage of the road service you can download an app.

The legal services aspect has the main goal to provide free legal advice for every legal problem. When you call if they can’t immediately give an answer they’ll find out. They will help with tenant landlord problems, small claims court and provide general legal advice to solve problems and answer questions. They help with financial problems, child support problems and help filing income taxes. They offer a free property tax analysis when appealing. There’s free criminal expungement and free credit repair for you and family members. In addition if the advice doesn’t help and you need representation they have discounted rates of up to 70 percent off the normal rate. They offer Estate Planning and advice to avoid wills and use a Revocable Living Trust at a discounted rate of $1800. There are attorneys for real estate closings also at a discounted rate.

Nicholas Cortesi can be reached at 2N LaSalle St. Ste 630 Chicago, IL 60602  (877) 694 2663. Benefits Online: coalitionoflabor.org (800) 433 2099.

Mario Coletta
IN MEMORIAM

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Bernard M Quinn
*Timothy W Reid
Paul F Schaefer
Ronald G Sebek
Gerald J Wall
John R Wavrunek

* Our condolences to the family of
Retiree’s Club Member Timothy W Reid
CALENDAR

Feb 12 - Regular Meeting 1:00pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon.
Biennial Election Nominations for Retiree's
Club Officers and E-Board Members.

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.

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

Apr 27- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.

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HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PRESENTS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL

Law Enforcement Hockey Classic

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

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.
This event is a great evening out and raises money for the Chicago Honor Flight.

Please support this event.

Contact Rich Sipple by March 1, 2020.

March 14th, 2020
7:00pm – 10:00pm
735 E Jefferson Street, Bensenville, IL

$ 25.00 per person
$ 15.00 for children 12 and under
"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.

**16 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.

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Sparky! Your mother and I are shocked at your current behavior! Until you learn to conduct yourself properly, you're grounded!
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 __________________________

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local Union # 134, IBEW

FREE LUNCH

Mail to: Bernard Martin
8706 N Olcott
Niles, IL 60714

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Dues Renewal Notice 2020

You can pay your 2020 club membership dues by filling in the form below and send it to Bernard Martin along with a check for $20.00, made payable to the Retiree Club Local 134.

Note: Widows of deceased members of our club are considered associate members and DO NOT PAY DUES.

Please Print

Name_____________________________________________________

Spouse_____________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip ______

Home Phone (_____) ________________________________

Cell Phone (_____) ________________________________

E-mail ________________________________________________

Please fill in all current information so we can update our records.

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Niles, IL 60714

If you have a second address where you spend time for several months please notify us of that address and duration of your stay. We will gladly re-route your newsletter.

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