

Retiree's Newsletter

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

March



2020

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 115th 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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From The Podium

Like most young people I really didn't know what I wanted to do for my life time career. My parents wanted me to attend college. What should I study? I decided to be an accountant but the thought of sitting in the same office crunching numbers all day with the same people day after day; year after year did nothing for me. It was during this same time period someone shared the thought with me that: "a job is not a job if you love what you do". Growing up I never heard my grandfather or father say anything negative about being an electrician, in fact they appeared quite happy and successful. It was settled. After 2 years I dropped out of school and signed up for the apprenticeship.



I was introduced to the trade in the summer of 1967 as a summer helper with my grandfather. I will be honest, I didn't like getting dirty and did not like the repetitive non-important jobs like unloading bundles of conduit, sorting material and keeping the shop organized. But I loved the ever changing job locations and social interactions with the then old-timers. "Coffee break" was the best. Interacting with the different personalities was interesting. I realized people had different attitudes about money. Some would take their change, other would say "keep the change." As an apprentice with a wife and a little one I always appreciated when someone would say "let me buy yours kid." I loved getting coffee for the gang. I remember the smell of the coffee and hot food at the back of the roach wagon and digging in the ice to find a chocolate milk to go with my glazed donut. Most guys would have a coffee and a hard roll with butter. How did the vendor add the cost so fast

and issue change? Then the 15 to 20+ minute break, time to exchange stories and ideas, laugh or complain about something. Guys shared lifetime experiences or humorous tales. I would later nick name this “smoke and joke time” I would learn to appreciate this time in the field to respect these men and hold many of them as my mentors, for both good and bad. They taught me both about the trade and some lessons of life.

As an apprentice I craved to learn how everything went together. My father said I was always asking questions. I can still remember wiring my first control circuit incorporating a starter with a remote stop/start station to start a motor, it was like magic. I was hooked.

My career was very diverse. I either worked in a small crew or large crew or sometimes alone. I worked to build a nursing home, UPS distribution center, hi-rise condos, hi-rise office buildings, steel manufacturing plant, coke battery, deep tunnel project, nuclear power plant, newspaper printing facility, trade shows, industrial maintenance, universities, and the list goes on. I finished my career at the Northlake data center where I watch multiple contractors and hundreds of us electricians build a massive power structure to support the electrical needs for the “cloud.” Five months from start to finish. Local 134 can truly be proud of our members! What an impressive job.

What’s my point? Laced between the work was the comradery with my fellow brothers. Lots of them. The friendships developed and personal experiences shared helped create that love of what I did. Yes, I loved what I did and therefore seldom considered it a job!

To be continued...the latest update of my personal journey...

On 02/11/20 my daughter-in-law gave birth to a healthy and beautiful baby girl. For those keeping count I now have six grandchildren (g28,b19,g17,g15,b12 years old and a g3 week old) plus 3 great grandchildren (g7,g5 and b7 months).

Final thought:

Being a member of our Local 134 Retiree Club is very rewarding. As a board member and officer I have enjoyed working to implement changes for the good of our members and the betterment of our organization.

It has been my pleasure to serve. I wish my successor the best and offer my support to all the officers and board members for the 2020-2022 term.

Kevin Gibbons

Check it out:

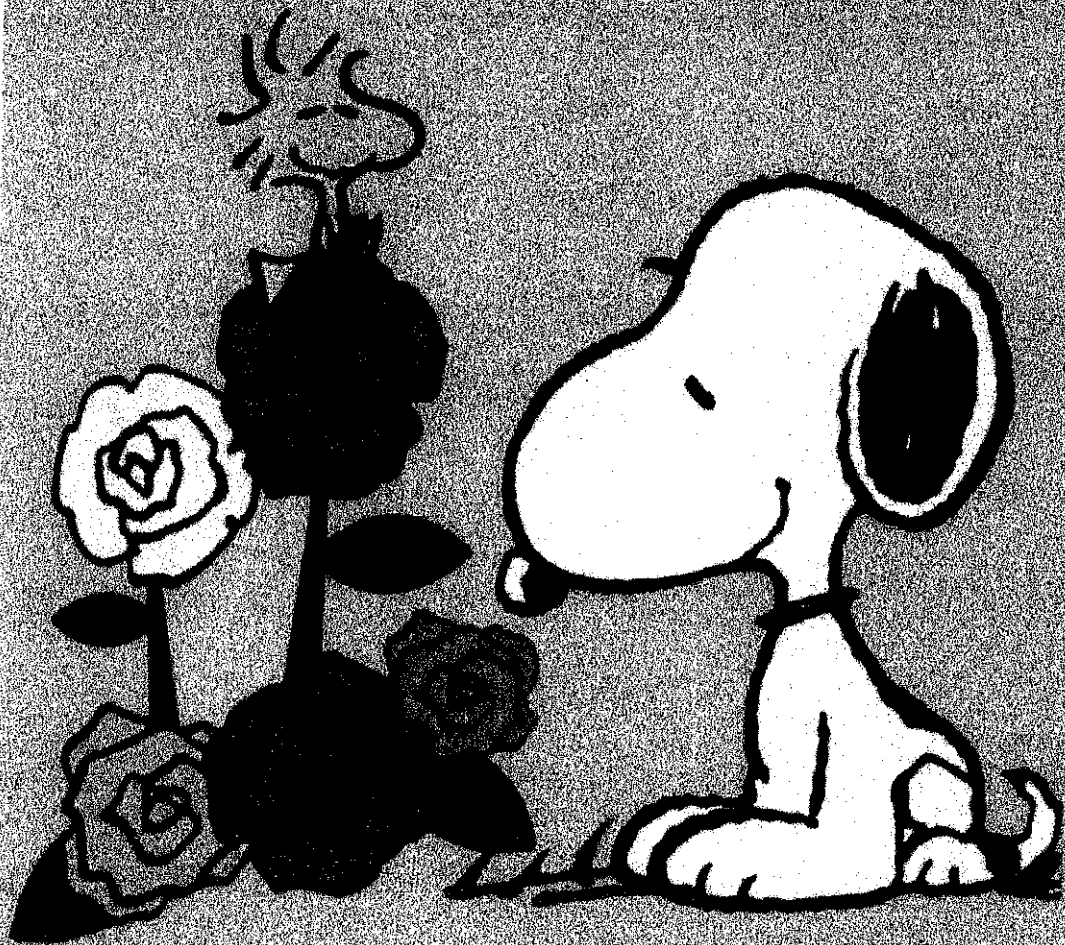
I highly recommend watching **“BUILT TO LAST”** on Sundays at 12:00 noon channel 7.

It highlights construction projects in the Chciagoland area. This program is sponsored by union labor organizations.

Also visit www.chicagology.com ...very interesting!

Living the Dream

**TAKE TIME TO
STOP AND
SMELL THE ROSES**



IN MEMORIAM

Wilbur J Andrichik	Gregory Birdsell
Charles L Bolden	Douglas Bumgardner
Raymond P Centanni	Robert J Coones
Hector R Dardon	George H Doerner
*George W Fender	Kevin M Gara
Ronald J Garay	Robert A Geschrey
John L Glancey Jr	Thomas M Golden
*Billy C Harris	*Leroy Herrick
Wayne Karolczak	George R Kasik
Charles A Lindquist	Thomas F McNamara
Clare Murvihill	Folkert Niebuhr
Thomas F O'Brien	Milton Patterson
Clifford F Reddin	Belinda Salinas
John J Siska Jr	Leo Zak

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

George W Fender
Billy C Harris
Leroy Herrick

CALENDAR

Mar 11- Luncheon and Regular Meeting /12 pm
Nominations and Election of Officers
& E-Board Members
Memorial Hall, 134 Union Hall

Mar 17- St Patrick's Day. (*See insert for Gibson's
Misericordia Fund Raiser Saturday, March 14*)

Mar 23- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am
IBEW-NECA Technical Inst, Alsip, IL

Apr 8 - Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon
IBEW-NECA Technical Inst, Alsip, IL

Apr 12- Easter Sunday

Apr 27- E-Board Meeting 10:30 am.
IBEW-NECA Technical Inst, Alsip, IL

May 13- Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon
IBEW-NECA Technical Inst, Alsip, IL

Why were “right to work” laws originally adopted?

The Depression years of the 1930s saw a dramatic upsurge in union organizing, formalized by the passage of the National Labor Relations Act in 1935. Threatened by workers’ mobilizations, an oil industry lobbyist named Vance Muse promoted the term “right to work” in 1936 to describe restrictions on union activity. An associate of the Ku Klux Klan, Muse saw unionization not only as a threat to employers’ high rate of profitability but also to the white supremacist order of the Jim Crow South. As labor organizers sought to bring working people together across racial lines, Muse warned that without “right to work” legislation to impede union organizing, “white women and white men will be forced into organizations with black African apes whom they will have to call ‘brother’ or lose their jobs.” Preying on the ugliest racial enmity, Muse’s organization advanced “right to work” aggressively in the segregated South, with Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia among the first states to adopt the anti-worker laws.

Mario Coletta



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**



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.

**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 notify us of that address and duration of your stay. We will gladly re-route your newsletter.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

POST-PARADE PARTY

1-5pm Saturday, March 14

Memorial Hall • IBEW

2722 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, 60616

lots of free parking!

\$60 per person (\$50 IN ADVANCE)

\$10 Kids 6-12 ♥ Kids 5 & under are free!

INCLUDES LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE, SLIDERS, DESSERTS, SOFT DRINKS, DRINK SPECIALS (\$2 GREEN BEERS) AND MORE!

Exciting Raffle Prizes

100% of the proceeds will benefit the children and adults of Misericordia.

For tickets, please contact Dorie Finnegan at 773-273-4178 or stpats@misericordia.com

<https://www.misericordia.com/events/st-patricks-day---post-parade-party/>

Misericordia shares life with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a full continuum of care.

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RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL 134, IBEW

**I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE
SIXTY, SIXTY-FIVE AND SEVENTY YEAR
MEMBERS AT THEIR NOON LUNCHEON ON
JUNE 10TH, 2020**

**Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall
2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive**

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST: _____

Please print name of guest

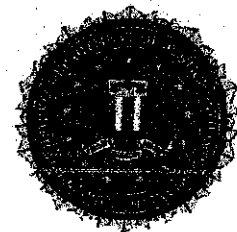
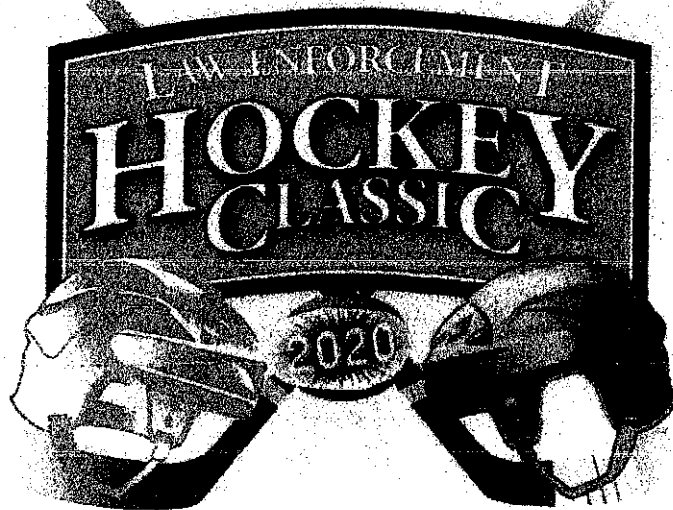
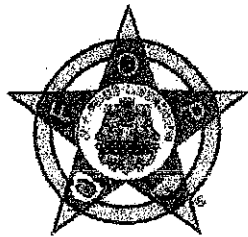
SEND THIS FORM BEFORE JUNE 3rd TO:

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

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local 134, IBEW

**The widows of our deceased members only, are the Club's guests and need not
send the dollar, but are asked to please send in this form with your name,**

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PRESENTS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL



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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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.

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

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.

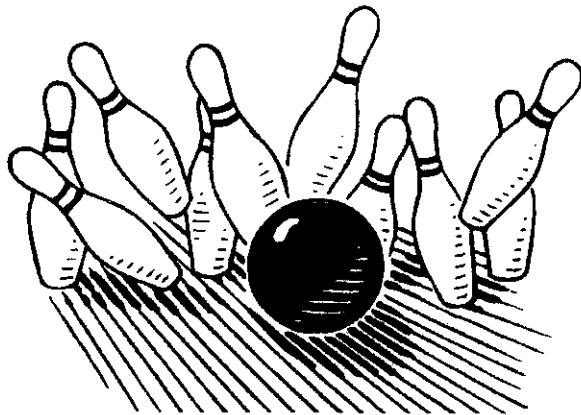
IF ASKED, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO WORK ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ NO _____

Recruited by: _____

2020 IBEW LOCAL 134 Midwest Regional Bowling Tournament

**Bowlero River Grove
River Grove Lanes
3111 River Road
River Grove, IL 60171
708-456-4100**

**April 4th & 5th 2020
April 4th: Noon Singles & Doubles
April 5th: 11am Team Event
Contact: Terry Conway 708-404-5299**



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