

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

Retiree's Newsletter

March

2022

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

Farethell, my term as President of the Retiree Club is coming to a close this month, and my best to the next President and Officers.

I want to thank my fellow Officers and Executive Board Members for all their support these past two years, especially when I really needed it. It was a strange term of office with the virus interrupting meetings and activities, but we continued to meet as the Executive Board every month to keep the continuity of the Club. We are now back to normal Club meetings and activities with robust membership and healthy treasury.

In closing, the most difficult part of the job was losing fellow Club members, Louie Rodriquez, Rich Connolly and Rich Sipple. Anyway, I will see you guys at meetings and events.

In Brotherhood
Jim Jennings

FYI: Misericordia will have a St Patrick Day party and lunch on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Local 134 Union Hall. Information call Jim at (773-343-9225)

Thank you in advance for your support!!!!

February 9, 2022 Speaker

Local #134 Retiree's Cub member Russell Ponder (Local 134's first African American Apprentice Teacher) was our speaker this month. Information for his thesis of labor leader Michael Boyle was available at the Newberry Library of Black History. Mike was Business Manager of Local 134 for 39 years. The first African American electrician in Local 134 was Samuel Taylor in 1919, he was treated badly until Mike Boyle accepted his application. Taylor in 1922 became the first African American electrical contractor. Taylor Electric is still here today. Mike Boyle, among other things was also responsible for keeping Local 134 alive financially.

The Local's first African American Business Representative was Herman Washington. Jimmy Moore was our second. In 1943 a group of African American electricians formed the Bob Brooks Paterson Club. They were electrical contractors on the south side of Chicago. They received a State Charter Union and became Local 134 members. The Electrical Journal mentions African American Journeyman Dave Jones as the first to complete the apprentice program. He was in the Paterson Club. In 1952 Ralph Thompson the Local 134 Apprentice coordinator had to hide Dave from the Principal of Washburne at Division and Sedgwick. Dave Jones graduated and the Principal never knew.

Mario Coletta

IN MEMORIAM

Frank L Balaja	Stanley R Krasnodebski
Gennaro Barbato II	Howard W Lodding
Clarence Brooks Jr	Miguel A Lopez
Theodore G Callas	Brian J Maigler
Ramond V Centanni	John McMurray
James C Cohara	Frank T Nelson
Eloritt Coleman	David Pecanac
Joseph R Creaney	*Richard J Polyak
*Lawrence K Doody	Ernest J Ponsolle
Joseph L Garcia	*Edwin S Rhodes
*Timothy R Geldmyer	Laurence B Ries
Hugh J Genualdi	Robert Tears
Paul W Helm	John V Trofimuk
James P Hoey	Donald G Volkman
John E Ivers	Nick Weston
James Kantor	

Our condolences to the families of Retiree's Club
Members: Lawrence K Doody
Timothy R Geldmyer
Richard J Polyak
Edwin S Rhodes

The King and I

The King and I is the story of British tutor Anna Leonowens and the King of Siam.

It is a tale exploring the historical intricacies of class, race and politics of 1862.

Rogers and Hammerstein songs include:

“Shall We Dance” and “Getting to Know You”

Date: **May 19, 2022**

Cost: \$70 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 AM

Play follows at 1:30 PM

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL

630-530-8300

The King and I

Menu

First Course: Tomato Basil Soup

Entrees (choice of one):

_____Chicken Cacciatore

_____Lemon and Herb Crusted Cod

_____Vegetable Linguine with zucchini, yellow squash, broccoli, peas, tomatoes, basil, Pomodora sauce.

Desert: Bread Pudding

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guest(s) _____

The check should be made payable to:

“Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW”

April 28, 2022 is the last day for checks and reservation forms to be received by:

Jim Martin (708-848-1833)

633 N Harvey Ave.

Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Summary of coming events:

March 9, 2022.... Luncheon 12:00 Noon / Regular Meeting 1:00 PM at Local 134 Union Hall, Chicago, IL

Biennial Election

Guest Speaker: Robert Hattier / Solar Energy

Mar 28, 2022... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

April 13, 2022... Regular Meeting / Alsip, IL
12:00 noon Meet & Greet / 1:00 pm meeting

April 25, 2022... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

April 28, 2022... Last day to receive reservations and check to secure tickets for The King and I

May 19, 2022.... The King and I play at Drury Lane