

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

May



2019

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

Our St Patrick Day Luncheon was great! We had over 80 members and their spouses join us. Thanks to Don Finn we used Memorial Hall for this and future quarterly luncheons. Memorial Hall provides us a professional, convenient and welcoming atmosphere to enjoy our luncheon and conduct our meeting.

*Save the date: June 12... Honoree Luncheon
Dec 11... Christmas Party*

Following our lunch we held our meeting and conducted our odd year election for three Retiree's Club Board members. The three nominated were Don Mahoney, Rich Connolly and Jim Martin. Because there were no other nominations, the Recording Secretary Allen Sindelar then cast one unanimous ballot for the three nominated candidates. They were sworn in by Business Manager Don Finn.

Don Finn then took a few minutes to address our members. He asked the question: "How many members remember receiving the IBEW Local 134 Retiree Benefit Package Brochure that was mailed to your house in January?" The response was only half remembered seeing the brochure. Don then explained the effort our local and fellow union locals had done

to secure the many free benefits outlined in the brochure for all retirees.

One of the free benefits for retirees *and their families* is a FREE membership for the Allstate Motor Club. Other benefits include Identity Recovery Coverage, discounted Chicago Sun-Times printed and digital subscriptions, numerous Legal Service Programs, Union Plus offers many discounts and free services and Union-specific scholarships.

In order to help inform our members we will copy the Allstate Motor Club page and include it in this newsletter. We will copy other benefits offered in future newsletters. If you would like another copy feel free to call the local.

Lastly, Don shared a disturbing account concerning a member's life insurance and/or annuity benefits being unintentionally awarded due to the member not keeping his or her beneficiary designation current. This happens way too often. If you are not sure who you have assigned to be your beneficiary, call the EIT and check!

In closing, the trees are budding, the grass is turning green and the flowers will bloom shortly.

Happy Easter ! Enjoy the Spring!

Kevin Gibbons



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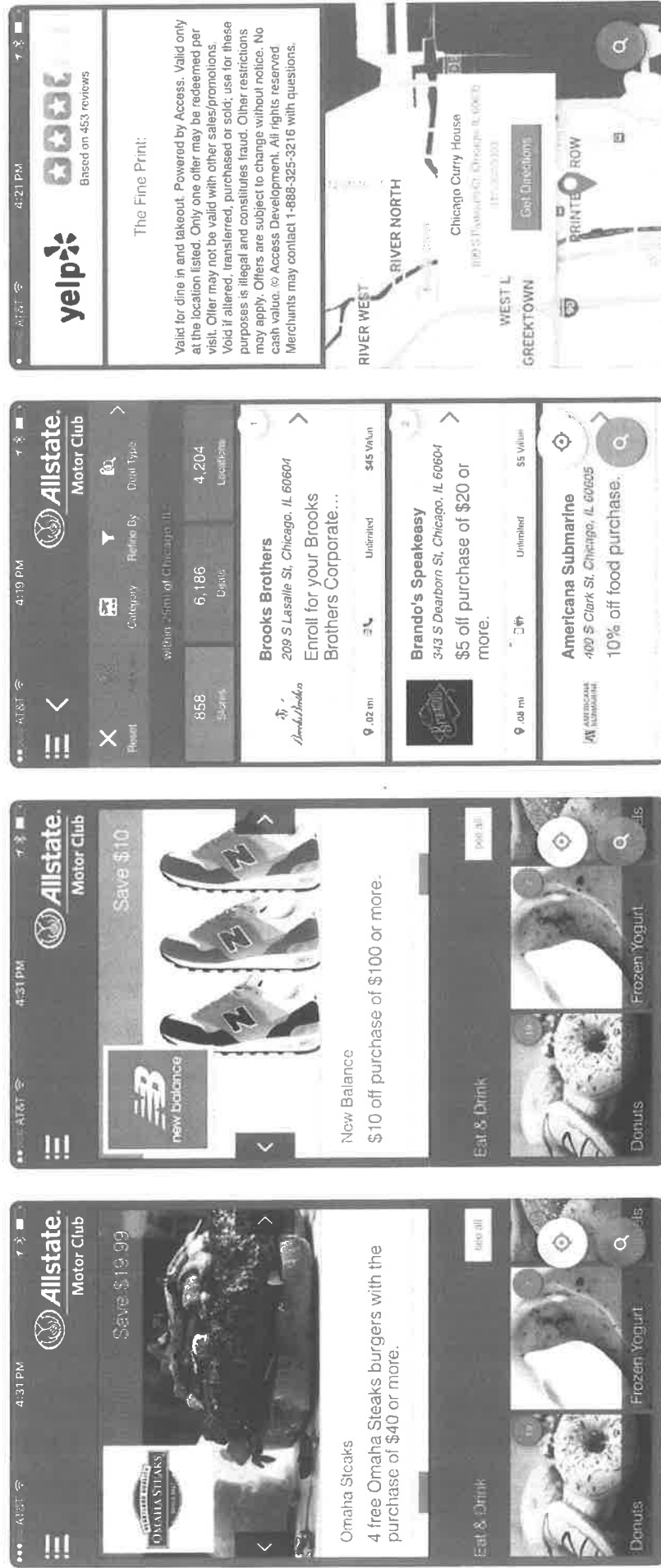


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March 13th Speaker

Jean Ryan from The Electrical Insurance Trustees was today's speaker. With the constant barrage of Medicare Insurance TV ads, *Jean said our Union's supplement to our Medicare surpasses all of them. We have dental eyeglasses hearing aids and prescription coverage.* It's wiser to stay with the Union offers us rather than change.

Granted the costs keep raising so much so that as Retirees we must pay an amount each month from our Pension Plan 2. There was a time when there were 6 active workers per one retiree. Today the ratio is 1.75 active workers per one retiree. Two reasons we must contribute is during the Great Recession we lost people and retirees are living longer. The TV ads are for those who need more than just Medicare.

She warned that if a 134 retiree were to change their coverage they could not get back their union coverage. After Jean spoke she stayed to answer any questions from individuals one on one.

Thank you EIT for having Jean speak to us today.
You can reach Jean at the EIT office (312) 782-5442.

Mario Coletta

Honor Flight Chicago

On Saturday March 2, the Retiree's Club had 10 tickets sold for the Honor Flight Chicago Hockey fund raiser in Bensenville. This event always honors some of the older veterans from the area as well as hosting recruits from the Great Lakes Training Center.

Those of us who attended had a wonderful time.

We started off with a meal at Mr. Beef then watched The Chicago Police and The Chicago FBI play 3 periods of fast hockey.

The day was punctuated by some family fun with young hockey players showing their skills and competing to win a variety of prizes. By the way this year the Chicago Police won 6 to 1.

Please note *every dollar* that is raised at this event goes to fund Honor Flight Chicago.

Hope we do this again next year.

Thanks for your support!

Rich Sipple



Memorial Day May 27, 2019

IN MEMORIAM

Angelo T Barney

Nickolas M Chuick

Edward W Haberstroh

Carl J Lobsinger

Richard A Pigot

August A Succaro

Harvey M Silverman

James P Cardis

Marion J Graves

David Howicz

David Orseske

Thomas W Ryan

Nicholas Sasuta

Shirley A Valenz

**Our condolences to the family of long
time retiree's Club Member Nick Sasuta.**

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Local 134 American Legion Post 769 will host the annual Memorial Day ceremony on:
Monday, May 27th at 10:00 am.

The Memorial Day gathering will take place at Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, IL (County Line Road and Grand Avenue)

I will be in attendance to represent The Retiree Club and read some of the names of our deceased Local 134 members that were members of the American Legion Post 769.

During the ceremony we will present a wreath from each organization (American Legion Post 769, The Retiree Club, The Harmony Club and The Craftsman Club) to honor of all veterans that have served our country and are no longer with us.

Sweet rolls, coffee and juice will be served

Please join us for a few minutes to remember.

Kevin Gibbons

Open Forum... Issues... Thoughts

- In the February Newsletter I suggested a new personal communication forum for the newsletter hoping to make generate some interest in the club.
To-date no one has responded.
Is anybody out there?
- Notice: Our medical coverage for a surviving spouse has been increased from one year to three. Thanks to Don Finn and the active members of Local 134.
- The Village of Maywood is looking to hire an Electrical Inspector. Benefits and salary have been increased recently.
If you are interested contact Jeff Kingsley at Local 134.
- Welcome home “Snowbirds”
- I have served half of my term as your club president and have completed 12 newsletters.
Where does the time go?

Kevin Gibbons

CALENDAR

Apr 10: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon

Apr 22: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

May 8: Regular Meeting 1:00 pm
Meet & Greet 12:00 noon

May 20: E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

May 27: Memorial Day Service 10:00 am
Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst
County Line Road and Grand Ave

June 12: Annual Honoree Luncheon 12:00 noon
Honoring our 50,55,60,65 and 70 year members
Regular Meeting 1:00 pm

June 24: E Board Meeting 10:30 am Retired

Annual Honoree Luncheon 2019

I WANT TO HONOR THE FIFTY, FIFTY-FIVE
SIXTY, SIXTY-FIVE AND SEVENTY YEAR
MEMBERS AT THEIR NOON LUNCHEON ON

JUNE 12TH, 2019

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

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

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Please print name of guest

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