

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

Retiree's Newsletter

April



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 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

Slowly I turned, step by step, inch by inch....
I think I can see some daylight on the horizon.
Last month we began publishing the hard copy of Retiree Club's monthly newsletter for the first time in months, and I hope and believe that our general membership meeting may once again take place this coming June. Again, this depends upon when the Local reinitiates its monthly union meetings which I believe is imminent as of this writing. More information on the potential Retiree general membership meeting will be available in the next month's Retiree newsletter which we will try to mail out in time to give notice.

As far as the Club's other activities, they are on still on hold for the time being but there future will be discussed at our next Executive Board meeting in the coming week. By the way, contact Rich Sipple if you have an interest in attending the annual minor league Boomer baseball team game in Schaumburg this some summer (if its scheduled) so can ascertain interest and numbers.

That's all folks!

In brotherhood,
Jim Jennings



LET'S GET OUT TO A BALL GAME!!

Finally have an outing for the LOCAL 134 RETIREES CLUB! It has been too long coming. Let's all get together, enjoy a hot dog and a beer and share some laughs.

Schaumburg Boomers vs Joliet Slammers

July 22.2021 at 12 PM

Tickets are only \$9

Contact Rich Sipple: 312-914-4428

All checks are to be made out to the Retirees Club of Local 134.

Note: We are trying to find out if we can get a children's rate for the little ones.

An Open Letter to Mrs. McArdle

By: Jim Fliris

Dear Mrs. McArdle,

Years ago, you introduced me to many storytellers, such as authors Jack London, Hugh Lofting, Theodore (Dr. Seuss) Geisel and others. You couldn't have possibly known then, how seventy years later, that introduction to reading would help me get through the year of a global pandemic. Though I have moved on from the books of my youth, reading has led me to the love of today's storytellers and historians. During a year of social distancing and self-isolation, I have traveled back in time and read about the anguish and heartache of "The Radium Girls," the sinking of the Lusitania in "Dead Wake," and relived the horrors of WWII in "Once We Were Brothers." When a lighter moment was needed, I brightened my day with a bio such as Billy Crystal's "700 Sundays."

I don't know if the Chicago Public Schools system still employs full-time librarians. It may be that due to money constraints, the CPS may have been forced to sadly eliminate that position. If so, the students of this generation are missing an experience that I, as a seven-year-old looked forward to every

Wednesday afternoon when our class spent an hour in the library with you listening or reading. I know you will never read this letter nor will you ever know how much I enjoyed library time.

Regrettably, in my youth I didn't truly appreciate what I had and never expressed gratitude to you for helping shape my life.

Thank you, Mrs. McArdle.

Sincerely,
Jim Fliris

Hunter's Crock Pot Venison—Rabbit---Squirrel---Duck

3 to 4 pounds of game meat
(very fresh or frozen)

1 cup dry vermouth
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
½ cup brandy
1 bay leaf, crumbled
½ cup of peanut oil
Water (at least two cups covering game)
1 large onion, cut up
½ tablespoon oregano
½ large green pepper, cut up
1 tablespoon dry parsley
1 or 2 celery stalks, sliced
3 tablespoons ketchup or tomato sauce
2 cloves of garlic, chopped
Cayenne pepper to taste
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup liquid (sauterne, cider or water)

After marinating game overnight, cut up meat and brown with vegetables in hot skillet 5-10 minutes, place all ingredients in the crock pot, cover and cook on Low 8 to 10 hours.

IN MEMORIAM

***Kurt J Arntzen**

Terry C Bangs

Dorian R Boykin Jr

William J Cunningham

Melvin Druckman

Bryan E Fenwick

Owen F Glennon

Mathew Hargrove

Josef Hedl

Kevin A Martin

David C Naylor

Charles H Park

***Thomas J Powers**

John D Sauer

Luigi Schiassi

Kenneth A Smith

Joseph P Squeo

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

Kurt J Arntzen

Thomas J Powers

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules:

The set of Rules:

- 1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.**
- 2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.**
- 3. You may only spend it.**
- 4. Each morning upon awakening, The bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.**
- 5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!" It can close the account**

And you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people

The PRIZE is *TIME*

- 1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.**
 - 2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.**
 - 3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost**
 - 4. Yesterday is forever Gone.**
 - 5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING..**
- SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?
Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.**

Think about it and remember to

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

Start spending..

you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL

Shocked ???

YES!

**Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*.
We just can't seem to see it.**

Dues Renewal Notice 2021

You can pay your 2021 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.