

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

Retiree's Newsletter

May

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

We had a business Agent from Local 134 Mike Gogola. He was very engaging and answered numerous questions.

We have a lot of work to do at the convention. I would like to thank all the volunteers. There are many jobs to be done and I am proud to say that the Local has us involved.

We have a list of speakers for the rest of this year. It should be very interesting. Make sure you look to see who you would like to speak with. I'd also like to comment that I believe the meeting room at the apprenticeship school should be back to where we usually have it in May.

We are starting to have discussions about the workers' Rights amendments in Illinois. it will be the first of its kind to make Right to Work illegal in this state. it will be a constitutional amendment that will be voted on in November. Please come to Union meetings to hear discussions about how important this actually is for all of us. Remember our pensions rely on our members working.

**In Brotherhood,
Keith Berls**

APRIL 13TH 2022 SPEAKER

Our speaker today was Mike Gogola He's a Business Representative as well as the Lead Organizer for Local #134. His dad was an IBEW member. Mike worked two years with a non union electrical contractor that was organized and Mike started his apprenticeship. As Business Representative, his jurisdiction is the Northwest Suburbs and O'hare Airport. In 2017 Business Manager Don Finn asked Mike to organize the unorganized. Mike could speak read and write Polish and this helped with the East European workers.

In 2017 nine new shops were added with 64 A cards 17 C cards and 5 CTA cards. In 2018 fourteen new shops were added 57 A cards 38 C cards and 9 B cards. In 2019 sixteen new shops were added 84 A cards 26 C cards and 23 CTA cards. In 2020 nine new shops were added 32 A cards and 7 C cards. In 2021 eight new shops were added 32 A cards and 35 C cards. So far this year six new shops were added with 16 A cards and 1 C card. This totals 62 new shops and 427 new members.

Mike tries to convince non union shop owners to be Fair listed. He visits job sites to organize and told of salting techniques to strip workers from non union contractors that are used. The IBEW sets standards on how to organize.

As for the new workers there are special classes for potential apprentices. Non union J Ws after 7seven years can take a test to join Local #134. Mike also said John Cambell is a newly hired organizer. We want to thank Mike for his time and efforts and for sharing this information with us. We wish you Good Luck.

Mario Coletta

IN MEMORIAM

Hector S Acuna
Randolph P Alcorn
Brian D Baron
Daniel P Baumeister
Raymond T Bishop
Wilton E Bock
Thomas Charnogorsky
Edward Coons
John J Cremin
James A Dekker
John G Drury
Alvin C Ebling
Troy D Eddie
Arthur G Hart Jr
John A Hartman
Peter F Hebbard
Robert C Herrmann
Peggy A Irvin
Edward C Kassner
Donald S Kruto

Edward P Lichner
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Robert R Metz
John L Myles
Bobby J Pate
Jerry A Pirofalo
Donald J Plutz
John L Raymond
Timothy P Reid
John Roszkowski
Robert A Rychlee
John F Sass
Stanley Shure
Elmer D Smith Jr
***Roger J Smuczerowicz**
Karl Stritzel
Daniel M Yancy
William M Zerfass

Our condolences to the family of Retiree's Club Member,
Roger J Smuczerowicz.

Summary of coming events:

May 11, 2022... Regular Meeting / Alsip, IL
12:00 noon Meet & Greet / 1:00 pm meeting
Guest Speaker: Rich Murphy / Insurance Protection

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

May 23, 2022... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

June 8, 2022 ... Honoree Luncheon 50,55,60,65,70 & 75
Local 134 Union Hall, Chicago, IL
11:00 am Meet & Greet / Luncheon 12:00 pm
1:00 PM Regular Meeting
Guest Speaker: Patrick Sullivan / Estate Planning & Wills

June 27, 2022... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

DRURY LANE UPDATE

Hi to all, hope you're doing well. I would like to remind everyone who is attending "The King and I" that lunch starts at 11:30. Please arrive a little early so that we can be seated as a group. There are about 50 of us attending, and I'll try not to screw up the lunch seating.

MASKS are optional at this performance, but to be safe bring a mask!! Things may change.

The next play is "Murder on the Orient Express" [Sept. 22 - 2022]. Save the date! The play after that is "A Chorus Line [Feb. 16 - 2023].

Any problems or questions text or call at 312-213-6083 see you at the "The King and I".

In Brotherhood
Jim Martin

ANNUAL HONOREE LUNCHEON

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

JUNE 8, 2022 at 12 NOON

LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT MEMORIALHALL

2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

HERE IS MY DOLLAR FOR EACH PERSON

NAME: _____

GUEST _____

Please print

SEND THIS FORM and CASH or CHECK BEFORE JUNE 3, TO

BERNARD MARTIN

8706 OLCOTT AVE.

NILES, IL 60714

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The widows of deceased members of the club, are the guests of
the club and the local and need not send the dollar. But are asked
to please send this form with their name, So we know how many
people will be attending