



**IBEW Local 134**

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

## **Retiree's Newsletter**

December 2024

The Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute located at 6201 W. 115<sup>th</sup> St. Alsip, IL

*(enter the multi-purpose room on the west side of the school)*

In March, June, September, and December, on the second Wednesday of the month, the Club meets at the Union Hall of 134 located at 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Chicago, IL

*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

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. For those of you that missed our November meeting our guest speaker, Dr. Bob Bruno, was a hit. Bob is a Labor Educator with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. We are looking into a half day or an all-day session with Bob on labor history. Also, checkout Bob's Substack article on Project 2025 at <https://bobbruno.substack.com/p/project-2025-trumps-blueprint-for-56a> Don't forget to subscribe to Bob's Substack.

Our holiday party is on Wednesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, noon at the Union Hall. Please get your reservations and money for our holiday party in to Brother Keith Berls. The last day for reservations is Dec.4th

On behalf of the Officers and Board I want to wish you all a very happy holiday season filled with love and laughter with your favorite people and a healthy new year.

*In solidarity, Hale Landes D837785*

## **Coming events:**

***December 5, 2024... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.***

***December 11, 2024... Annual Holiday Party/ 12:00 p.m. (noon) I.B.E.W. #134 Union Hall 2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Chicago, IL 60616***

***December 14, 2024...Terry Allen Family Christmas Party 11:00a.m.- 2:00 p.m. contact:***

***[kbotica@local134.org](mailto:kbotica@local134.org) or [mdanaher@local134.org](mailto:mdanaher@local134.org)***

***or call 312-454-1340***

***December 23, 2024... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL***

***December 25, 2024... Christmas***

***December 31, 2024... New Year's Eve***

## **Save the Date:**

***February 20, 2025... "Beautiful the Carole King Musical"***

# ***ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY***

12:00 p.m. December 11, 2024

Come and celebrate the Holidays with fellow retired members. As usual we will be holding this event at the Local #134 Hall 2722 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Chicago, IL 60616

***We must have your reservation by December 4, 2024.***

*The menu will be a traditional holiday meal.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for members and their guests is \$40.00 per person. Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their reservation for an accurate count. Make checks payable to:

**Retired Members of Local Union 134 IBEW**

Mail this reservation form to:

Keith Berls  
7511 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Pl.  
Worth, IL 60482

## **“Beautiful The Carole King Musical”**

Witness the captivating story of Carole King’s meteoric rise to stardom, from humble beginnings to her undeniable status as one of the most celebrated voices in popular music. With such melodies as “I Feel the Earth Move” and “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman”, this production weaves an emotional tapestry rich with nostalgia. It is an immersive celebration of resilience, creativity, and the authentic spirit of a *Music Legend*.

Date: February 20, 2025

Date: January 20, 2025, last day for reservations

Cost: \$87 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Play follows at 1:30 p.m.

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

630-530-8300

Information: Jim Martin Telephone: 708-848-1833

633 N. Harvey Ave. Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

Oak Park, IL 60302

# **"Beautiful *The Carole King Musical*"**

## **Menu**

**First course:** Garden Salad

**Entrees:** \_\_\_\_ **Vegetable Kabob:** Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Tomato, Onion, Mushroom, Peppers, Wild Rice, Balsamic Glaze

\_\_\_\_ **Filet of Salmon:** Tomato Confit, Roasted Wedge Potatoes, Green Beans

\_\_\_\_ **Grilled Chicken Breast:** White Wine Reduction and Herb Sauce, Roasted Wedge Potatoes, Green Beans

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Can you receive a text. Yes: \_\_ No: \_\_

**Guest's names** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
I'll have your tickets. Find me in the lobby on the left side, (look for my light pole, says 134). Please arrive by 11:15am. Any special requests "can't do stairs", table members, seat locations like (wheelchair, back row.) write on the form, please.

**Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local Union #134.**

**Send to: Jim Martin 633 N. Harvey, Oak Park**

**IL.60302** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Recipe Corner

From time to time, we would like to share our favorite recipes with our brother and sister retirees. Any recipe that is quick, easy, seasonal, or is just too delicious not to pass on, please send it to me and we will get it in the newsletter. It's up to you whether you would like to claim credit for it or not.

## Apple Crumble

### Ingredients:

4 lbs. Apples (golden, honeycrisp, or rayburn)

2 tbsp. Lemon juice

$\frac{3}{4}$  tsp. ground cinnamon

2tbsp. sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt

### Topping

1 cup flour

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt

2 tsp. water

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp vanilla

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar (packed)

6 tbsp. unsalted butter (melted)

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup almonds (finely chopped)

Preheat oven 400 degrees. Peel, core, and slice apples into  $\frac{3}{4}$  "pieces. Combine lemon juice, sugar, salt, and cinnamon to apples. Put into 8x8 pan, pack apple mixture into pan. Bake on lower shelf 35 minutes.

Mix flour, brown sugar, almonds, vanilla, salt, water, butter until it looks like dough. Sprinkle on top and return to oven top shelf 30 minutes.

Let cool at least 45 minutes. Can be served with scoop of vanilla ice cream.

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## Death By Chocolate Cake

### Ingredients:

1 box Devils food cake mix	5 eggs
1 large box chocolate instant pudding	1 tsp. vanilla
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup freshly brewed coffee	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup vegetable oil
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips	1 cup sour cream

### Icing:

1 stick butter	2 tbsp. cocoa powder
1 tsp. vanilla	$\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. milk
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup confectioners' sugar	

Pre-heat oven 350 degrees, grease bundt pan.

Mix all wet ingredients for cake together. Mix all dry ingredients for cake together (except chocolate chips). Combine both mixtures and fold chocolate chips in. Bake 45 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before plating cake. Icing; heat butter at low heat. Stir in and mix well, cocoa powder, sugar, vanilla, and milk. Pour over warm cake. *Enjoy*

## *Labor History Around the Word and Across America*

### December

**12/9/1869** The Knights of Labor was founded on this date in Philadelphia as a secret society open to all members of the producing classes except "parasites" like stockbrokers, gamblers and lawyers. The Knights were one of the most important labor organizations of the late 1800s, reaching a membership of 700,000 by 1886. While other unions were fighting for a 10-hour workday, the Knights were demanding an 8-hour day, as well as an end to child and convict labor. They were also one of the earliest labor organizations to accept blacks and women. Yet they supported the Chinese Exclusion Act and participated in anti-Chinese riots.

**12/30/1899** Gathering in the back room of Behrens' cigar shop in Sedalia, Mo., 33 railroad clerks form Local Lodge Number 1 of a union they named the Order of the Railroad Clerks of America.

**12/15/1921** The Kansas National Guard is called out to subdue from 2,000 to 6,000 protesting women who were going from mine to mine attacking non-striking miners in the Pittsburgh coal fields. The women made headlines across the state and the nation: they were christened the "Amazon Army" by the New York Times.

**12/3/1984** At least four thousand people die, and as many as 20,000, in one of the largest industrial disasters on record. It happened in Bhopal, India, when poisonous methyl isocyanate was released into the atmosphere at a Union Carbide India Limited pesticide plant. The results of investigations by Union Carbide and the government were never released to the public; one authoritative independent study laid blame at the feet of Union Carbide for its failures on training, staffing, safety and other issues

**12/14/1995** 33,000 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers ended a 69-day strike at Boeing, winning increases in pay and health benefits and job protections against subcontracting. *Compiled by Hale Landes*

## Reminders

### Dues

As we near the end of another fabulous year, we are faced with our annual obligation to the club. Our Treasurer, Bernie Martin, will be more than happy to receive your pre-payment of your dues for 2025. If by some chance you are remiss in your 2024 dues just add them to the new ones and Bernie will make the necessary adjustments with the books. Make sure you fill out the form in this newsletter and send it with your check.

### NEWSLETTER

If you have anything that would be of interest with fellow retirees, a complaint, a point of view that needs to be discussed, or just a few words to make everyone feel better about being retired send it to me and we will do our best to include it in the newsletter.

If you have a change of address or email, please contact me with your corrections so we can make the necessary changes to keep you current.

*Bob Pitlock*

*20749 Acorn Ridge Dr.*

*Frankfort, IL 60423*

*cometsparky@aol.com*

## IN MEMORIAM

*We gratefully remember your contribution to the electrical industry.*

Jerry S. Bonate  
Charles H. Davis  
Fredrick P. Doe  
Loren R. Drews  
Richard R. Fitzmaurice  
Richard J. Kelly  
Donald N. Kempen  
Christine M. Kolenda  
Joseph A. Marzullo Jr  
Steve L. Nagel II  
Peter P. Paciga  
Frank F. Perez  
George R. Plancon  
David A. Ritchie  
Darryl D. Smith  
David C. Suddoth  
Angelo M. Tsirigotakis  
Daniel Vega Jr  
Albert J. Wojda

## RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL 134 I.B.E.W.

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

Meet Monthly at 12 p.m.

***Application for Membership or Dues Renewal***

(Please Type or Print Legibly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ IBEW Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

### Dues Schedule

Members Renewing Dues ----- \$20.00

New Members:

New Member Dues ----- \$20.00

Initiation Fee (*one time only*) ----- \$2.00

Total new member fees ----- \$22.00

after July 1<sup>st</sup> ----- \$12.00

after October 1<sup>st</sup> ----- \$22.00\*

\*all dues monies applied to the next year

Please make all checks payable to:

**RETIRED MEMBERS of LOCAL 134 IBEW**

*mail to the treasurer*

**BERNARD MARTIN**

**8706 OLCOTT AVE.**

**NILES, IL 60714**

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 \_\_\_\_\_