



**IBEW Local 134**

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

**Retiree's Newsletter**

July 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

Our June meeting, we had a wonderful turnout of about 125 Sisters, Brothers and guests to honor our retirees with 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years of service. This year our honoree group consisted of 65 members. We were fortunate to have 24 honorees at the luncheon meeting at the Hall. Business Manager Finn, President Fitzgibbons, and Treasurer Dalton were there to congratulate the honorees with Business Manager Finn handing out pins to each honoree.

At our July meeting (at the school) our guest speakers will be Brothers Mike Gogola and Jack Campbell. These Business Agents are Organizers for our Local. They will talk about their efforts and successes in bringing more electricians and businesses into Local 134. Brother Campbell is a U.S Army veteran and is involved with Local 134's recently formed Veteran's Committee and will talk a bit about the Committee.

Our July Chicago Labor History Tour is sold out. The July 13<sup>th</sup> tour will be guided by Local 134's very own Sister Julia Berkowitz.

People have asked for our May guest speaker's website. Our speaker was Bob Funk of LaborLab, and the website is [laborlab.us](http://laborlab.us).

We sent out an online survey with 8 ideas of day trips for our group to do. We have had over 130 online responses and another 12 hard copy responses at the June meeting. By the time you get this newsletter the survey will be closed. The results will be presented at the July meeting. Your Officers and Board Members appreciate all those that took the time to respond to this survey.

To the Sister that was talking to me about the formatting of the email newsletter, please reach out to me at [retirees@local134.org](mailto:retirees@local134.org) or [Hale\\_Landes@yahoo.com](mailto:Hale_Landes@yahoo.com). ***In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785***

## **Coming events:**

***July 4, 2024... Independence Day***

***July 11, 2024... General Meeting*** 12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet/  
1:00 p.m. Meeting/ Alsip, IL.

***enter west multi-purpose meeting room***

***July 11, 2024... Union Meeting*** 6:00 p.m.

***July 13, 2024... Chicago Labor History Tour***

***July 15, 2024... "Last Call"... "Ain't Misbehavin"***

***July 22, 2024... Executive Board Meeting / 10:30 a.m./ Alsip,  
IL***

## **Save the Date:**

***August 15, 2024... "Ain't Misbehavin" (musical)***

***September 11, 2024.... \$1 Luncheon*** at #134 hall

***September 18, 2024... Annual John Cummins Golf Outing***  
at Old Oak Country Club

## **Reminders**

### **Newsletter**

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

*Bob Pitlock*

*20749 Acorn Ridge Dr.*

*Frankfort, IL 60423*

*cometsparky@aol.com*



# **"Ain't Misbehavin'"**

## **LAST CALL**

Stride along with the toe-tapping, finger snapping, revue that journeys through the Harlem Renaissance with the music of legend Fats Waller. Brimming with the energetic charm of jazz classics such as "Honeysuckle Rose" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," the crooners of Ain't Misbehavin' bring soulful melodies to life, capturing the essence of an era where the joint was always jumpin'.

Date: August 15, 2024

Cost: \$87 dollars per person

***Last Date to Register July 15, 2024***

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

# ***Last Call for ...“Ain’t Misbehavin’”***

***Only a few days left***

**Last day for reservations and payment due July 15, 2024**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Bistro Steak Au Poivre: Peppercorn  
Sauce, Potato Puree, 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 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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# Labor History Around the World and Across America

## *July*

7/22/1886.... Newly unionized brewery workers in San Francisco, mostly German socialists, declare victory after the city's breweries give in to their demands for free beer, the closed shop, freedom to live anywhere (they had typically been required to live in the breweries), a 10-hour day, 6-day week, and a board of arbitration.

7/1/1892... Homestead, Pa., steel strike. Seven strikers and three Pinkertons killed as Andrew Carnegie hires armed thugs to protect strikebreakers.

7/1/1956...In what was to be a month-long strike, 650,000 steelworkers shut down the industry while demanding a number of wage and working condition improvements. They won all their demands, including a union shop.

7/6/1988...Explosions and fires destroy the Piper Alpha drilling platform in the North Sea, killing 167 oil workers—the worse loss of life ever in an offshore oil disaster. The operator, Occidental, was found guilty of having inadequate maintenance and safety procedures, but no criminal charges were ever brought.

*Compiled by Hale Landis*

The ***Retiree's Club*** would like to congratulate all the long-time members of Local #134 I.B.E.W. on receiving their service pins.

We would also like to give “*Special Congratulations*” to our club members.

*At 70 years:*

Garrett C. Meade

Joseph F. Pace

Michael A. Vopinek

*At 60 years:*

William T. Beers

Richard F. Bilson

James A. Dubrock

*At 65 years:*

Roger T. Becker

Phillip Boshes

Leo N. Bree

Raymond J. Fealey, Sr.

William T. Feyerer

John Henkel

Gerald J. Palese

Allan W. White

John Yohe



*At 55 years:*

William H. Blegen

Kenneth R. Bringle

Mario J. Coletta

Kenneth P. Dite

Douglas D. Dobes

William A. Good

Robert B. Hajkaluk

William E. "Bill" Henkes

Dennis P. Hindes

Edward R. Holcomb

Robert J. Kent, Sr.

Donald E. Keis, Sr.

James F. Klis, Sr.

Ronald Lewis

Kenneth J. Lind

John E. McCarthy

Kenneth R. Melka

Peter J. Merkle

John Mielnik

Edward F. Mullarky

Kenneth R. O'Mara

Gregory R. Paddock

Dennis Raczynski

Kenneth W. Schemmel

Thomas L. Schiro

Alan H. Sindelar

James Tancos

James F. Turk

William H. VanBaber

Thomas W. Zordani

*At 50 years:*

Brant M. Barton

Richard N. Buffa

John R. "Jack" Burgess

Terrence F. "Terry" Conway

William J. "Bill" Coyne

Gary C. Czemske

Dennis DiPasquale

Gary R. Drummond

Robert P. Fitzgibbons

James E. "Jimmy" Greenwald

James M. Guinane

James P. Jennings

Richard M. "Rich" Kremsner

Paul J. McCarthy

John Melka

James D. Messina

Daniel A. Mulligan

Martin J. Murphy

Michael J. Nugent

James J. Schultz

## IN MEMORIAM

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

Edward H. Bastian  
Joseph C. Cannino  
Thomas Cunningham  
Christ Dangles  
Leonard Divito  
Ronald Geanopulos  
Fred C. Hagen  
Edward Harman  
Roger O. Kolseth  
Michael Mazzone Sr  
Larry S. Monfeli  
Harold S. Novak  
Anthony Oliveras-Maldona  
Mary R. Palumbo  
John W. Portman  
Barry S. Savage  
William E. Scanlin  
Martin A. Schulett  
Gary F. Thelen  
**\*James A. Valenza**  
Leroy Wangerin  
Robert J. Weinstein  
Fernando Zamora

*\* Our condolences to the family of Retiree's  
Club Member **James A Valenza.***

**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 \_\_\_\_\_





**4TH OF JULY**

*Have a Happy and Safe  
Independence Day*