

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

## *Retiree's Newsletter*

**November 2020**

The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of our brotherhood. To aid and assist each other as necessary and to promote the social, economic, health and welfare of its members and their families.

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## *Covid-19*

*Due to the Covid`19 Pandemic the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter has been halted until further notice.*

## **FROM THE PODIUM**

First, my apologies for so late of a date for the newsletter, it has been a week of computer breakdowns and computer corruption on my end. It is all magic to me, but on with show and better late than never. Again, because of the Covid situation, the newsletter will be online and not hardcopy snailmail.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all our Retirees. Count our blessings. Health is wealth and boy is that ever more evident than this year. Please stay in shape, take your meds, listen to your body, and remember that this virus is very opportunistic and we are the target audience of it, be careful out there.

Because of the restrictions, all of the Club's social events are on hold until we can safely hold them again. They are a great social outlet for all the Club's members to gather and are really missed. Even the general membership meetings are on hold as to practice safety and prudence. That being said, this too shall pass, and we hope our members will remain loyal and renew their memberships.

### **Gangbox lawyer**

Where I have resided for the past thirty-three years is just down the road from Samuel Gompers park in

Chicago. After moving there in 1987 and the following years, it always bothered me that this was one of the few and maybe only Chicago Park District parks named after a labor leader, yet there was no real recognition for the general public at this park who Gompers was. Eventually, when I had enough time available, I began to personally lobby the local alderman Margaret Laurino for some kind of tribute to “Old Sammy.” Persistence and having the legacy of being a Local 134 IBEW member paid off. A few years back a statue and plaque of Samuel Gompers was erected through the alderman’s efforts at the southwest corner of the park at Foster Avenue and Pulaski Avenue in Chicago.

I am mentioning this not for a pat on the back, but to illustrate that our local union is recognized by the local political establishment, and when we see opportunities to advance the promotion of unionism in whatever form that may be, remember the power of our great local union.

In brotherhood,  
**Jim Jennings**

## IN MEMORIAM

John H Altman	Raymond G Kurz
Kenneth C Arno	Neil T Madsen
Richard A Blietz	Thomas F Maloney
William H Cerney	Harry M Mazzone Jr
Donald S Cerva	Patrick McCarthy
Morry Cheiken	Mark Moore
Michael J Conroy	Victor Nutter Jr
Brian E Devenney	Patrick M Patterson
Dennis J Dougherty	John R Poczekaj
Charles K Fanning Jr	Wallace H Prystalski
Anthony E Gehrke	Jack Rodin
John R Geraci	Eddie A Rose
Phillip J Helminiak	Daniel P Seils
Irving Holm	John C Simon
Dorrie Hubbard Jr	Stuart M Skolnik
Donald Hummel	Daniel R Stieber
Richard J Innes	Paul L Swain Jr
<b>*Thomas R Jacobs</b>	Roy A Swanson
Elmer L Jensen	Robert G Thomas
<b>*John Keating</b>	Rosalie T Tomasello
William J Kent Jr	Peter VanWormer
Clyde E Kirchman Jr	Carlyle S Walters
	Ralph Willis

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

**Thomas R Jacobs**  
**John Keating**

# **Roster Book**

**2020 – 2021**

**Will be mailed**

**December 3, 2020**

# Dues Renewal Notice 2021

You can pay your 2020 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill in all current information so we can update our records.

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