

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

Retiree's Newsletter

November 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 the auditorium 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

That elections have consequences cannot be overstated. Hopefully you all will vote or have voted in the November 8th election. And that you voted for the candidates that support union labor.

Save the date: Saturday April 29th, 2023, we have a charter bus trip to the NBEW – IBEW Museum in St Louis, MO. We can bring up to 50 members and guests. More information is coming soon.

Go to nbew-ibewmuseum.org/ to learn more about the museum.

Local 134 Business Agent Jim Conaghan will be the guest speaker at our November meeting.

Keith Berls

Chorus Line

This impassioned backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus brilliantly combines stunning song and dance with a compelling, moving story. Beloved around the world, A Chorus Line is the ultimate love letter to Broadway and features memorable numbers including “What I Did for Love,” “One,” and “I Hope I Get It.”

Date: February 16, 2023

Cost: \$70 dollars per person

Time: Lunch served at 11:30 AM
Play follows at 1:30 PM

Place: Drury Lane Playhouse
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
630-530-8300

Information: James Martin
Telephone: 708-848-1833
Cell Phone: 312-213-6380

Chorus Line - Menu

First Course: Garden Salad

Entrees (choice of one):

_____ *Rotolo di Pasta*, with marinara sauce and green beans

_____ *Lemon And Herb Crusted Cod*, with mashed potatoes and green beans

_____ *Roasted Turkey*, with mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans and cranberry sauce

Desert: Vanilla Sundae with Caramel Sauce

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guest(s) _____

The check should be made payable to:

“Retired Members of Local Union #134 IBEW”

January 24, 2023, is the last day for reservations to be received by:

Jim Martin

633 N Harvey Ave

Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Play Survey for the 23/24 Play Season

In the past the retiree group has attended four plays per year. This year Drury Lane is offering more plays than usual. The play organizers are asking for your input on which plays the retiree group would like to see.

“A Chorus Line” Play Date February 16, 2023, this play is under contract with Drury Lane as part of the 2022-2023 season.

Please indicate the number of potential attendees for the following plays.

_____” Grease (Musical)” Play date April 27, 2023

_____”39 Steps (Mystery)” Play date July 20, 2023

_____” Ring of Fire (Music of Johnny Cash)” Play date October 19, 2023

_____” Cinderella (Musical)” Play date Dec 21, 2023

_____” Fiddler on the Roof (Musical)” Play date February 22, 2024

Your speedy response is greatly appreciated even if you are not attending “A Chorus Line”. **We would appreciate your response by December 15 so we can finalize the contracts** with Drury Lane and confirm the dates that work the best with other club events.

Thank you for speedy response,

Jim Martin
633 N Harvey
Oak Park, IL 60302

Please call Jim Martin, 708-848-1833 with questions.

Chicago Labor History for November

11/11/1887 Four Haymarket martyrs-Engel, Fischer, Parsons, and Spies—were taken to the gallows in white robes and hoods. They sang the Marseillaise, then the anthem of the international revolutionary movement.

11/9/1896 Chicago Federation of Labor received its charter from the American Federation of Labor.

11/14/1900 The now defunct IBEW Local 158 was founded.

11/7/1902 The clothing cutters at The Montgomery Ward's department store go on strike to protest the company's use of nonunion subcontractors.

11/20/1911 IBEW Local 713 founded. It was amalgamated with Local 134 on July 1st 1983.

11/10/1914 IBEW Local 182 founded. It was amalgamated with Local 134 on Dec. 1923.

11/30/1925 The Air Line Pilots Association is founded at a meeting in Chicago attended by 24 activists from across the country.

Hale Landes

IN MEMORIAM

Alejandro Aguilar

Raymond J Boots

Dennis C Boyd

***John A Carlin**

***Ronald R Carlson**

Allan D Cohen

Winston P Corbett Jr

Frank Elliott

James Gentile

David L Golden

Carlos R Gomez Jr

***Gerald H Helsper**

Gabriel B Hernandez

Paul K Herring

John F Keane

Wayne Krawczynski

***Melvin C Lemke**

Tsung M Mai

Oswaldo Mattner

John A Mavigliano

Brendan G Mendenhall

Richard L Morgan Jr

Russell F Perrone

Joseph W Piento

Robert Rodway Jr

Robert E Samborski

James E Saunders

Patrick J Saunders

Aaron I Schwartz

Ruby Shavers

James Shuttle

Edward Soriano

Phillip J Suffern

Our Condolences to the families of Retiree's Club

Members: John A Carlin

Ronald R Carlson

Gerald H Helsper

Melvin C Lemke

October 14, 2022, Speakers

This month our speaker was Business Representative Jim Valleyfield. His area is the southeast side of Cook County. A Rep for the past 7 years he joined the local in 1988. He spoke of meeting Fr Rhinehart in 2015 who was very much involved with helping homeless veterans. Jim began getting donations for socks and underwear for these Vets. From 2015 till the present 6000 pairs of socks were collected. These past 7 years \$150,000 Has gone toward those in need and includes coats and hats. This November 3rd there will be a drive for tee shirts and underwear. They have accumulated more socks than needed. Sadly, Fr Rhinehart passed away in late 2015. Jim has carried on helping the veterans. These days they will give the vets a complete change of clothing, but some still have no shelter and sadly are back on the street. Many of these vets are mentally ill. On November 6th there's a Chicago Bear game and fund raiser for the vets.

Our next speaker was John Dalton Local 134 Treasurer and Union Trustee. He told us that EIT has a new medical center for our members. Appointments will be available in mid-November with no co pays. For retirees there will be a Pension Plan 2 enhancement. An increase of 7 1/2 % starting in 2023 and another 7 1/2 % increase in 2024. Widow's benefits will also increase. For the active members there is an increase of pension benefits from \$100.00 per month to \$125.00. Pension Plans 4 and 6 will be getting a thirteenth check. An increase in funding levels has made these changes available.

Mario Coletta

John Cummins Annual Golf Outing 2022

I am pleased to report we had perfect weather for our golf outing. Sunny, a slight breeze with temperatures in the mid 70's.

We are very thankful for the generous gifts donated to make our door prize raffle a real exciting event.

A big THANKS to the following donors:

Local Union 134 IBEW
Horwitz Horwitz & Associates
Richard J Murphy at Law
The Cummins Family
Hartmann Electric

Raffle winners:

\$100.00 Adam Cruz	\$50.00 Bill Calabrese
50.00 Mike Kulpaka	50.00 Jose Cruz
50.00 Frank Stenson	50.00 Jeff Condon
50.00 Rusty Studenroth	40.00 Bill O'Connell
40.00 Vito Favio	40.00 Dennis Crowely
40.00 John McCarthy	40.00 Jim Jennings

Kevin Gibbons

Summary of coming events:

Nov 6, 2022... *Bear game and Veteran's Day Luncheon for 134 veterans and their families at Local 134 Union Hall, Chicago, IL 11:00am -4:00pm*

Nov 8, 2022...Midterm Election.... VOTE

Nov 9, 2022... Regular Meeting / Alsip, IL / *WEST SIDE*
TURKEY RAFFLE
12:00 Meet & Greet / 1:00 Meeting begins.
Guest Speaker: Jim Conaghan

Nov 28, 2022... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

Dec 14, 2022... *Christmas Luncheon 2022*
12:00 / Noon Local 134 Union Hall
2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive

Dec 19, 2022... Executive Board meeting / 10:30 / Alsip

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 16, 2023... *Drury Lane..." Chorus Line"*

If you have NOT paid your dues, please mail today.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

AT THE Local 134 MEMORIAL HALL

2722 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr

Chicago, IL 60616

AT NOON, DECEMBER 14, 2022

CORNERED BEEF DINNER_____

ROAST CHICKEN DINNER_____

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

NAME_____

GUEST_____

The cost for members and their wives is \$35.00 per person
Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send
in their reservation. Mail this reservation form to:

Jim Jennings
24937 S. McCormick Way
Manhattan, IL 60642

Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local Union 134 IBEW
Please allow enough time to mail your payment. We must know the total
number of guests by December 7th.

2023 DUES

2023 Dues is due Jan.1 2023

We are starting to collect it now. To pay your 2023 dues please fill in the renewal form in this newsletter and mail it with a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW to the treasurer.

Members that have not paid their 2022 dues can become current by sending a check for \$40.00 and the form to the Treasurer.

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