



**IBEW Local 134**

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

## Retiree's Newsletter

November, 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.*

Written & Edited in September by: Mario Coletta, Hale Landes, Bob Pitlock

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## From the Podium

I want to thank Brother Jim Valleyfield for joining us at our October meeting and telling us about our annual Essentials for Soldiers drive to collect underwear and t-shirts for our homeless veterans. If you want to donate underwear and/or t-shirts you can bring them to the November Union meeting or to our November 7<sup>th</sup> Retiree Organization meeting. You can also drop them off at the Union Hall prior to November 8<sup>th</sup>. Or you can call Jim Valleyfield (312-505-4068) and arrange to have them picked up. We passed the hat at our November meeting for this worthy cause and were able to raise \$550.00. Thanks to all who donated. We will also pass the hat at our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our guest speaker for our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Professor Robert Bruno. Bob is the Director of the Labor Education Program and a Professor of Labor and Employment as well as the Director of the Project for Middle Class renewal in the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. I have enjoyed Bob's presentations several times and I am sure that you all will enjoy his presentation as well. Do bring your questions

Note the November meeting date has been changed from the second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of the month November 7<sup>th</sup>.

*In Solidarity, Hale Landes D837785*

## **Coming events:**

***November 5, 2024... ELECTION DAY..... VOTE***

***November 7, 2024... General Meeting 12:00 p.m. Meet & Greet/ 1:00 p.m. Meeting/ Alsip, IL***

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

***November 7, 2024... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.***

***November 10, 2024... Renew Pancake Breakfast/ 8:00a.m.- 12:00 p.m. I.B.E.W. #134 Hall/ Chicago, IL***

***November 11, 2024... Veterans Day***

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

***IBEW-NECA Showcase and Open House/ Alsip, IL***

***November 15, 2024 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***November 16, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.***

***November 21, 2024... "Disney's Little Mermaid" (musical)***

***November 25, 2024... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30 a.m./ Alsip, IL***

***November 28, 2024... Thanksgiving***

## **Save the Date:**

***December 11, 2024...Annual Holiday Party/ 12:00 p.m. (noon) I.B.E.W. #134 Hall/ Chicago, IL***

***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

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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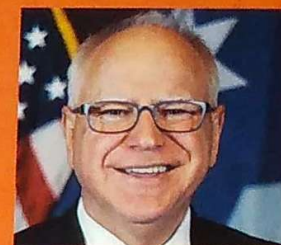
## **IBEW Local 134 Backs Candidates Who Support the Right of Workers to Organize**



**VOTE FOR THESE UNION-  
ENDORSED CANDIDATES:**



**Kamala Harris**  
PRESIDENT



**Tim Walz**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**VOTE EARLY OR BY MAIL  
OR VOTE ON  
ELECTION DAY, NOV. 5TH**

SCAN TO LEARN ABOUT  
VOTING OPTIONS:





# IBEW-NECA SHOWCASE AND OPEN HOUSE

November 15th 12-5 pm    November 16th 9-2 pm

COME VISIT THE BEST APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL  
IN THE NATION!

- INDUSTRY VENDORS    ■ SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
- INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

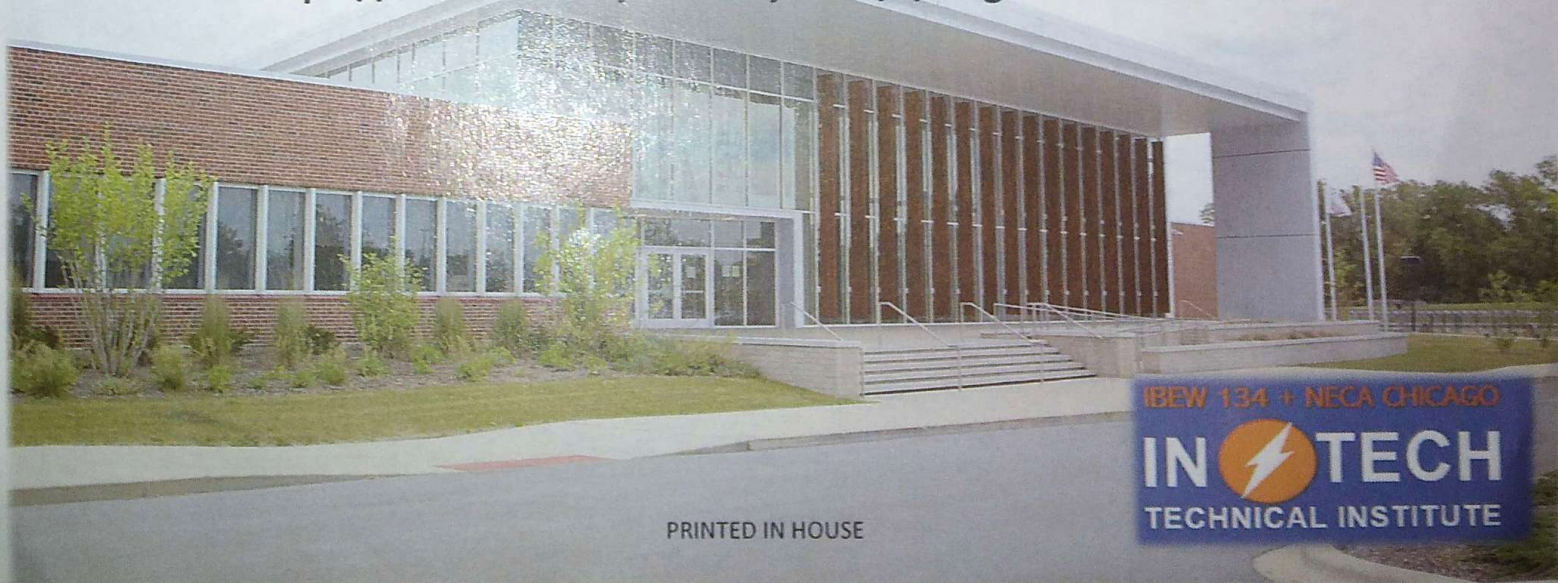
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- SOLAR NEWS    •SAFETY
- CODE UPDATES

6201 WEST 115TH ST., ALSIP IL 60803

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW TO REGISTER FOR  
THE EVENT TO HELP US PREPARE



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Registration-Guests>



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## Reminders

### Change in General Meeting

Our regular meeting in November has been moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 11-14-2024 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 11-7-24

### 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.

### VOTING

**NOVEMBER 5 2024 MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN OUR LIFETIME. THE CHOICE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COULD NOT BE MADE ANY CLEARER THAN IT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE. DO THE RIGHT THING AND....VOTE**

### 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](mailto:cometsparky@aol.com)*



## IN MEMORIAM

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

**\*Bruce A. Abbott**

Thomas H. Farmer

Jack E. Felke

Frank A. Forner Jr

Harold Hartnett

Gerald E. Himmelfarb

Michael W. Hulchiy

John Kapocius

Edward A. Leahy

**\*James A. Leverenz**

Kenneth L. Mazurek

Michael D. McGough

Carlos A. Medina

Bruce N. Mitchell

John C. Polaski

Chester A. Pudlo

Stuart M. Stevenson

*\*Our condolences to the families of Retiree's  
Club Members **Bruce A. Abbott** and **James A.  
Leverenz.***



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

# Labor History Around the World and Across America

## November

11/17/1785 The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen was founded on this date in 1785 in a tavern in New York City. The *Society*, which still exists today, created a library, clubhouse, bank and school for their apprentices, mechanics, tradesmen and their families.

11/1/1835 In the nation's first general strike for a 10-hour day, 300 armed Irish longshoremen marched through the streets of Philadelphia calling on other workers to join them. Some 20,000 did, from clerks to bricklayers to city employees and other occupations. The city announced a 10-hour workday within the week; private employers followed suit three weeks later.

11/1/1887 Thirty-seven black striking Louisiana sugar workers are murdered when Louisiana militia, aided by bands of "prominent citizens," shoot unarmed workers trying to get a dollar-per-day wage. Two strike leaders are lynched.

11/11/1887 Haymarket martyrs hanged, convicted in the bombing deaths of eight police during a Chicago labor rally.

11/28/1908 A total of 154 men die in a coal mine explosion at Marianna, Pa. Engineer and General Superintendent A.C. Beeson tells the local newspaper he had been in the mine a few minutes before the blast and had found it to be in perfect condition.

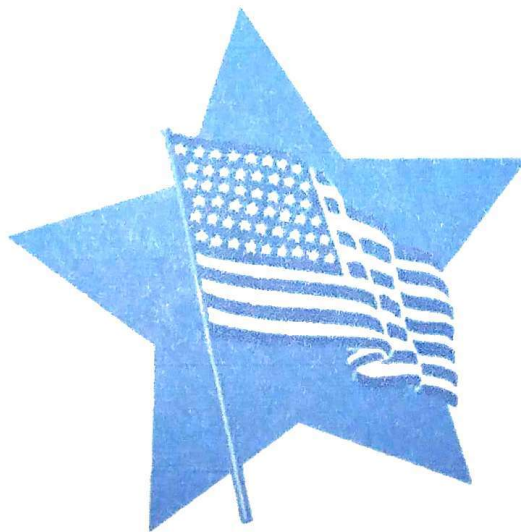
11/7/1990 Lemuel Ricketts Boulware dies in Delray Beach, Fla., at age 95. As a GE vice president in the 1950s he created the policy known as Boulwarism, in which management decides what is "fair" and refuses to budge on anything during contract negotiations. IUE President Paul Jennings described the policy as "telling the workers what they are entitled to and then trying to shove it down their throats."

*Compiled by Hale Landes*

**Don't forget to  
VOTE!**

**NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
OF OUR LIFE**





# **Annual John Cummins Golf Outing Sponsors and Winners**

## **Cash Prizes**

\$100	Pat McGuire and Dan Gillespie
\$60	Jim Timothy, Russ Stevens, Rich Hengels, Frank Chesniak, and Jerry Fitzgerald
\$50	Johnny Lee, Bill Sabbia, Bob Taylor, Mike Pilar, Bill Fitzgerald, and Steve Malone
\$40	Paul Stewart, Jose Cruz, Don Zlabinger, John Taylor, Mary Ellen Duffy, Tom Kelly, Tony Thrash, and John Staffeldt

## **Gift Prizes**

Golf Bag	Terry Conway
Shirt	Neal Harska
Fishing Pole	Phil Coyne
Sweaters	Terry Reitz, John Stinson, Jim Fitzgerald, and Frank Stenson
Coolers with \$100 gift cards	Alan Sindelar, Kevin Gibbons, Jack O'Keefe, John Schreiber, and Ofelia Rivera
Golf Balls	Ed Bacher, Bob Ruehrdanc, Mario Cruz, Ray Hengels, Bob Wilco, and Hector Cruz
Sponsors	Local #134 I.B.E.W., Megent Financial, Hartmann Electric, and The Cummins Family

*We would like to thank our Sponsors and to those who ran and helped with the Golf Outing, Jim Duffy, John Cummins, Kevin Gibbons, Mary Ellen Duffy, and Ofelia Rivera.*

# **IBEW Local 134**

## **Essentials for Homeless**

# ★ **Soldiers** ★

NOVEMBER 7th Union Meeting Night  
IBEW Local 134 will be collecting NEW (in  
packaging) mens white t-shirts and white  
underwear. All sized needed.

We will be delivering to the Jesse Brown VA  
Medical Center on Sat., Nov. 9, 2024.

*For more info contact*  
*Jack Campbell @312-310-9913*  
*Marty McElligott @312-909-3482*  
*Jim Valleyfield @312-505-4068*  
*Joe Wells @312-856-3734*

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# **We Build Illinois**

## **We Should Support People Who Invest in Infrastructure Projects**



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