



**IBEW Local 134**

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

## **Retiree's Newsletter**

**October, 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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## **Coming events:**

***October 3, 2024... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.***

***October 10, 2024... General Meeting 12:00 p.m. Meet  
& Greet/ 1:00 p.m. Meeting/ Alsip, IL***

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

***October 14, 2024... Columbus Day***

***October 21, 2024... Last Date to Reserve "Little  
Mermaid" tickets***

***October 28, 2024... Executive Board Meeting/ 10:30  
a.m./ Alsip, IL***

***October 31, 2024... Halloween***

## **Save the Date:**

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

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

Due to the increase in bulk mailing, with this being a presidential election year, our newsletter could be delayed in the regular mail. This will have no effect on our email of the newsletter.

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## From the Podium

Elections are just around the corner. I strongly urge each of you to make a plan to vote and take advantage of the early voting options available to us. If you wait for Election Day, you may find out that your car will not start, or you may not be feeling well. Kamala Harris has a proven record of helping the working class and Union members in particular, The Inflation Reduction Act and the vote to confirm Jennifer Abruzzo as the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Make no mistake, the ex-President is no friend of organized labor in particular or our fellow workers who are not organized. There are two Supreme Court Justices that are in their mid-70s. The next President may have the opportunity to appoint their replacements. SCOTUS appointments are one of the most important jobs a President has.

For those of you that were not at our September meeting you missed a lovely lunch and an engaging guest speaker, Jamesa Pruitt. Ms. Pruitt is a Behavioral Health Specialist with Premise Health at the EIT Health and Wellness Center. She spoke of the increasing need of mental health services and the high rate of suicide among construction workers.



Ms. Pruitt is available for in-person visits as well as virtual and phone visits.

Our guest speaker for our October meeting is Brother Jim Valleyfield. Jim will talk about Essentials for Soldiers, the annual collection that we at 134 do for our homeless veterans in the Chicagoland area. This year we are in need of T-shirts and underwear. Mostly men's are needed. Cash is also welcome. Please bring your donations to the October meeting.

As I write this, I just received word of the success of the John Cummins Memorial Golf Outing. There were 36 golfers and a number of people who did not golf but came for the buffet. I want to thank all of those who participated this year. A special shout out to the people that volunteered to make the golf outing happen; Jim Duffy, John Cummins, Mary Ellen Duffy, Alan Sindelar, Kevin Gibbons, and Offelia Rivera,. A special thanks to those who donated gifts or cash for raffle prizes including IBEW LU 134, John Cummins, Megent Financial, Rick Murphy of Costello, McMahon, Burke, & Murphy Ltd, and Mike Fedanzo.

In Solidarity,

Hale Landes D837785

# **"Disney's Little Mermaid"**

## **"Last Call"**

Dive beneath the waves with Ariel, a young mermaid with a captivating voice and an insatiable curiosity, as she defies her dreams on land. With enchanting songs like "Under the Sea," "Part of the World," and "Kiss the Girl". The Little Mermaid is a heartwarming tale of love, sacrifice, and discovering your true self that will delight audiences of all ages.

Date: November 21, 2024

October 21, 2024, *Last day to reserve tickets*

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

## "The Little Mermaid" - 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

\_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Turkey: Potato Purée, Gravy,  
Stuffing, Green Beans

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

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

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

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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

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LET'S FINISH THE JOB

# HARRIS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR IBEW MEMBERS

## CONSTRUCTION

- »» Harris is creating hundreds of thousands of jobs with IBEW written all over them
- »» The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and CHIPS and Science Act include labor standards that *truly* encourage union labor
- »» For the first time ever, there are labor standards on federal dollars!
- »» When contractors choose unions, they get billions of dollars in tax credits... which means IBEW work for *decades*
- »» Billions of dollars for what we do: grid resiliency, energy infrastructure, EV charging—all with *prevailing wage*!
- »» IBEW helped write these laws...which means union labor was at the table during every step
- »» These laws prove that Harris wants labor unions building our future!



Scan this QR code or visit  
<https://ibewgov.org/additional-resources/>  
for more information on Harris'  
accomplishments for IBEW members.



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# THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION IS THE MOST PRO-UNION AND PRO-WORKER ADMINISTRATION IN HISTORY

- ❖ Launched the first-ever **White House Task Force on Worker Organizing and Empowerment**, chaired by Vice President Harris, which resulted in over 70 actions to promote worker organizing and collective bargaining for federal employees and workers employed by public and private-sector employees.
- ❖ Signed the **Butch Lewis Act** as part of the American Rescue Plan to save the pensions of millions of hard-working union workers.
- ❖ Implemented a **new rule** to require Project Labor Agreements on nearly all major federal construction projects of over \$35 million, so federal construction projects will be delivered on time and on budget with good wages and well-trained workers.
- ❖ Published a final rule from the Department of Treasury implementing prevailing wage and apprenticeship bonus credits for clean energy projects funded by the President's Inflation Reduction Act to ensure workers are paid good wages and that these projects create equitable pipelines to these good jobs.
- ❖ Published a new rule restoring and extending overtime pay protections to millions of workers.
- ❖ Published the first update to Davis Bacon prevailing wages in nearly 40 years, which will increase pay for one million construction workers over time.
- ❖ Proposed a new rulemaking from the Department of Labor that would protect 36 million indoor and outdoor workers from extreme heat on the job.
- ❖ Introduced a **requirement** that companies receiving grants under the CHIPS Act over \$150 million create a child care plan to ensure access for their employees.
- ❖ Signed a Registered Apprenticeship **Executive Order** to bolster apprenticeships in the federal workforce. Since then, federal agencies, including the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, Transportation, and Treasury, and the Architect of the Capitol and U.S. Agency for Global Media have identified potential opportunities for developing new and scaling existing registered apprenticeships to create pathways to good jobs including in mission-critical occupations.
- ❖ Through the CHIPS Act provided \$200 million in dedicated CHIPS funding for training and workforce development to ensure local communities have access to the jobs of the future in upcoming projects and introduced a **requirement** that companies receiving grants under the CHIPS Act over \$150 million create a child care plan to ensure access for their employees.
- ❖ Invested nearly \$730 million in Registered Apprenticeships, leading to more than 1 million registered apprentices receiving earn-as-you-learn training for in-demand jobs
- ❖ Designated nine **Workforce Hubs** across the country to ensure we have the workforce we need for this Administration's historic investments.
- ❖ Vocally supported unions, including becoming the first sitting President to **walk a picket line**.
- ❖ The NLRB **expanded remedies** available to workers when their employers engage in union-busting to now include all direct and foreseeable pecuniary harm, such as financial loss from credit card debt, medical bills, or missed rent payments.
- ❖ The NLRB overhauled the process for union representation elections by **requiring an employer to bargain** if it commits an unfair labor practice during the election process and by **reducing unnecessary delays** before workers can vote."





## OPERATION SWING STATE

### Program overview for partner organizations

In this pivotal election year, Chicago-area volunteers will be crucial to Democratic victories in Wisconsin & Michigan. To make this as easy and high-impact as possible, we are launching a **unified volunteer recruitment, training, & mobilization platform** to help local campaigns & orgs transform our enthusiasm & energy into electoral victories for Vice President Harris & Governor Walz!



Win tight races

We expect close margins in WI & MI, which means direct voter contact in key areas *vital* to a Harris victory.

Easy to participate

Our turnkey program makes it easy to mobilize volunteers to elect Democrats in swing states. We schedule events, develop sign-up pages & graphics, and assist with volunteer recruiting & training.

Volunteer energy & enthusiasm

Volunteer interest is already high and the DNC, campaign season, & GOTV will generate critical opportunities to capture that energy - this program is designed to allow you to activate and transform enthusiasm into action.

### Our program

- 1 **Simple one-stop-shop** organizing platform to mobilize Chicagoland Democratic Volunteers, including sign-up links, easy-to-promote web page, social media content, and more

**Trained volunteer field team** to call, schedule, train, & support your volunteers

**Turnkey events** in Wisconsin & Michigan you can promote, attend, and support

**High-impact volunteer opportunities** incl. canvassing in battleground areas, phone banking from IL, driving volunteers, writing postcards

### Our partners



# Who we are

**Operation Swing State** is a grassroots coalition of Chicago and Illinois volunteers, Democrats, ward and township parties, elected leaders, and concerned citizens who refuse to let Donald Trump and his MAGA movement destroy American democracy.

We know that Wisconsin and Michigan are must-win states for **Vice President Harris**, for a Democratic Senate majority, and for a Democratic House majority. The stakes couldn't be higher.

That's why Operation Swing State is working to energize and mobilize Democratic volunteers to knock doors, make phone calls, write postcards, and support Democratic candidates in races throughout these two critical battleground states.

[Sign up to join the fight](#)

[Download our info sheet](#)

# Labor History Around the World and Across America

## October

10/15/1914 President Woodrow Wilson signs the Clayton Antitrust Act—often referred to as "Labor's Magna Carta"—establishing that unions are not "conspiracies" under the law. It for the first-time freed unions to strike, picket and boycott employers. *In the years that followed, however, numerous state measures and negative court interpretations weakened the law.*

10/30/1916 IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) members were forced to run a brutal gauntlet by vigilantes in Everett, Washington. A few days later, *between 5 and 12 Wobblies would be shot dead by vigilantes during the Everett massacre.* Tensions had been growing during a severe depression. The IWW had arrived to support a five-month long shingle workers strike. When a boat full of Wobblies arrived in Everett, the sheriff asked who their leader was. "We all are!" they shouted back. The sheriff said they couldn't land, and the Wobblies said, "like hell we can't." Someone fired a shot. No one knows who, but the majority of Wobblies were unarmed, and most subsequent rounds did come from the vigilantes on shore.

10/20/1980 Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan writes to PATCO President Robert Poli with this promise: if the union endorses Reagan, "I will take whatever steps are necessary to provide our air traffic controllers with the most modern equipment available and to adjust staff levels and workdays so that they are commensurate with achieving a maximum degree of public safety." *He got the endorsement. Nine months after the election, he fires the air traffic controllers for engaging in an illegal walkout over staffing levels and working conditions.*

10/30/1986 Ed Meese, attorney general in the Ronald Reagan administration, *urges employers to begin spying on workers "in locker rooms, parking lots, shipping and mail room areas and even the nearby taverns" to try to catch them using drugs.*

*Compiled by Hale Landes*

## IN MEMORIAM

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

Stephen M. Catalano

Russell C. Ericksen

Blake A. Eyre

William W. Ganley

Jim H. Green Jr

Waldemar K. Hapon

Joseph K. Kennedy

Richard V. Laufer

Kathleen Luby

**\*Anthony J. Manisco**

James E. Manthey

Charles Marotti Jr

John J. Martin

Andrew P. Narducci

Wayne L. Pardol

Kevin A. Patras

Frank C. Peccia

Claudio Sacramento Jr

Robert J. Smeya

**\*Leo P Smietanski**

William R. Speer

Bonnie L. Spreitzer

William J. Virgin

William R. Zirzow

Our Condolences to the families of *Retiree's Club Members*,  
**Anthony J. Manisco and Leo P. Smietanski.**



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_