



**IBEW Local 134**

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

## **Retiree's Newsletter**

September 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

Thanks to all of you who came out to our August meeting. We had a nice turnout. Our speakers were two of our Trustees to the EIT Board, Brother John Dalton and Brother Bill Guianane. They talked about the EIT, our EIT Health and Wellness Center in Alsip and the health center that we will soon be a part of in Northbrook. There were many questions asked and answered about the EIT, the health and wellness center, and Local 134's finances as Brother Dalton is the Treasurer of 134.

Our next retiree organization meeting is Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Local Union Hall. Do make sure to come hungry as this is a lunch meeting. Our buffet lunch is sponsored by Rick Murphy of Costello, McMahon, Gilbreth & Murphy. Please consider sending Rick an email thanking him for all of the support he has given our group through the years ([rmurphy@costellaw.com](mailto:rmurphy@costellaw.com)). Our guest speaker is Ms. Jamesa Pruitt. Ms. Pruitt is a Behavioral Health Specialist at the EIT Health and Wellness Center. Ms. Pruitt will talk about the behavioral health services offered at EIT Health and Wellness Center and answer your questions.

Also in September is the Local's family picnic on Saturday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at the school in Alsip from 11am to 4pm and on Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> the Local 134 Motorcycle Riders Club is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car and Motorcycle Show at the school in Alsip from 10am to 3pm. Last year's inaugural show was huge, and it was a blast, and this year promises to be even bigger. Come hungry as food will be available for purchase and don't forget to bring your cameras. If you have a car or bike that you want to enter you can go to the Local's website, go to the members tab and navigate down the list to the Rider's Club and click the tab. There you will see the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car and Motorcycle Show with a link to sign up.

As I am sure that you all know, we have national elections in November. Remember the only candidate running for President that cares about our Fellow Workers, that cares about Unions and that cares about seniors is Vice President Kamala Harris.

Yours in Solidarity,

Hale Landes

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## **Coming events:**

***September 2, 2024... Labor Day***

***September 5, 2024... Union Meeting 6:00 p.m.***

***September 7, 2024... Family Picnic 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m./ Alsip, IL***

***September 11, 2024.... \$1 Luncheon 12:00 p.m./Local #134 hall/ Chicago, IL***

***September 22, 2024... Annual Car and Motorcycle Show 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m./ Alsip, IL***

***September 23, 2024... Executive Board Meeting / 10:30 a.m. / Alsip, IL***

***September 18,2024... Annual John Cummins Golf Outing 8:00 a.m./ Old Oak Country Club/ Homer Glen, IL***

## **Save the Date:**

***November 21, 2024... “Disney’s Little Mermaid”***  
(musical)



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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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## **\$1 Luncheon Wednesday September**

Luncheon will be held at Memorial Hall

2722 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Chicago, IL 60616

September 11, 2024

12 Noon

Send this form and your check or cash for \$1 per person to the  
Treasurer

Make checks payable to Retired Members of Local 134 IBEW

Please Print:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Guest\_\_\_\_\_

To: Bernard Martin

8706 Olcott Ave.

Niles, IL 60714

Widows of deceased members of the Retired Members Club are the guests of the club and need not send in the dollar. But are asked to send in this form with your name so we know how many people will be attending.



# **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual John Cummins Memorial**

## **Golf Outing**

### ***Old Oak Country Club***

14200 S. Parker Road

Homer Glen, IL 60491

***September 18, 2024***

18 Holes of Golf with a cart for each Golfer

Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Tee off shotgun start 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Lunch and Prizes after Golf

Cost for Golf and Lunch \$85.00 each

Buffet only \$30.00... 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Make check payable to:*

***Retiree Members Club #134 IBEW***

*Send to:*

Jim Duffy

2313 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

North Riverside, IL 60546

## IN MEMORIAM

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

Ronald D. Abendroth  
James L. Beets  
Richard J. Berthel  
Denny P. Curtin  
William L. Dickson  
Patrick J. Fox  
Raymond J. Katz  
Aaron A. Mack  
James F. Malone Jr  
Paul G. Mueller  
Rawland M. Spike  
Russell M. Vanhaelewyn

### Reminders

Please keep us informed of any personal changes i.e. address change, phone #, etc., so that we may keep our records current.

*Bob Pitlock--editor-- [cometsparky@aol.com](mailto:cometsparky@aol.com)*

**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

## September

9/3/1891 African American cotton pickers organize and strike in Lee County, Texas, against miserably low wages and other injustices, including a growers' arrangement with local law enforcement to round up blacks on vagrancy charges, then force them to work off their fines on select plantations. Over the course of September, a white mob put down the strike, killing 15 strikers in the process.

9/1/1893 The Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers is founded at a meeting in Chicago, the product of two separate brotherhoods created over the previous 13 years.

9/11/1897 Some 75,000 coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia end a 10-week strike after winning an 8-hour day, semi-monthly pay, and the abolition of overpriced company-owned stores, where they had been forced to shop. (Remember the song, "Sixteen Tons," by coal miner's son Merle Travis, in which there's this line: "I owe my soul to the company store").

9/28/1917 Federal agents arrested 165 Wobblies (members of the Industrial Workers of the World) for their resistance to World War I. Over 300 IWW leaders were arrested in September and their offices raided throughout the country. Of course, their real crime was continuing to engage in labor strikes and slowdowns, despite the war propaganda.

9/11/2001 More than 3,000 people died when suicide hijackers crashed planes into the World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. Among the dead in New York were 634 union members, the majority of them New York City firefighters and police on the scene when the towers fell.

*Compiled by Hale Landes*

# 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.

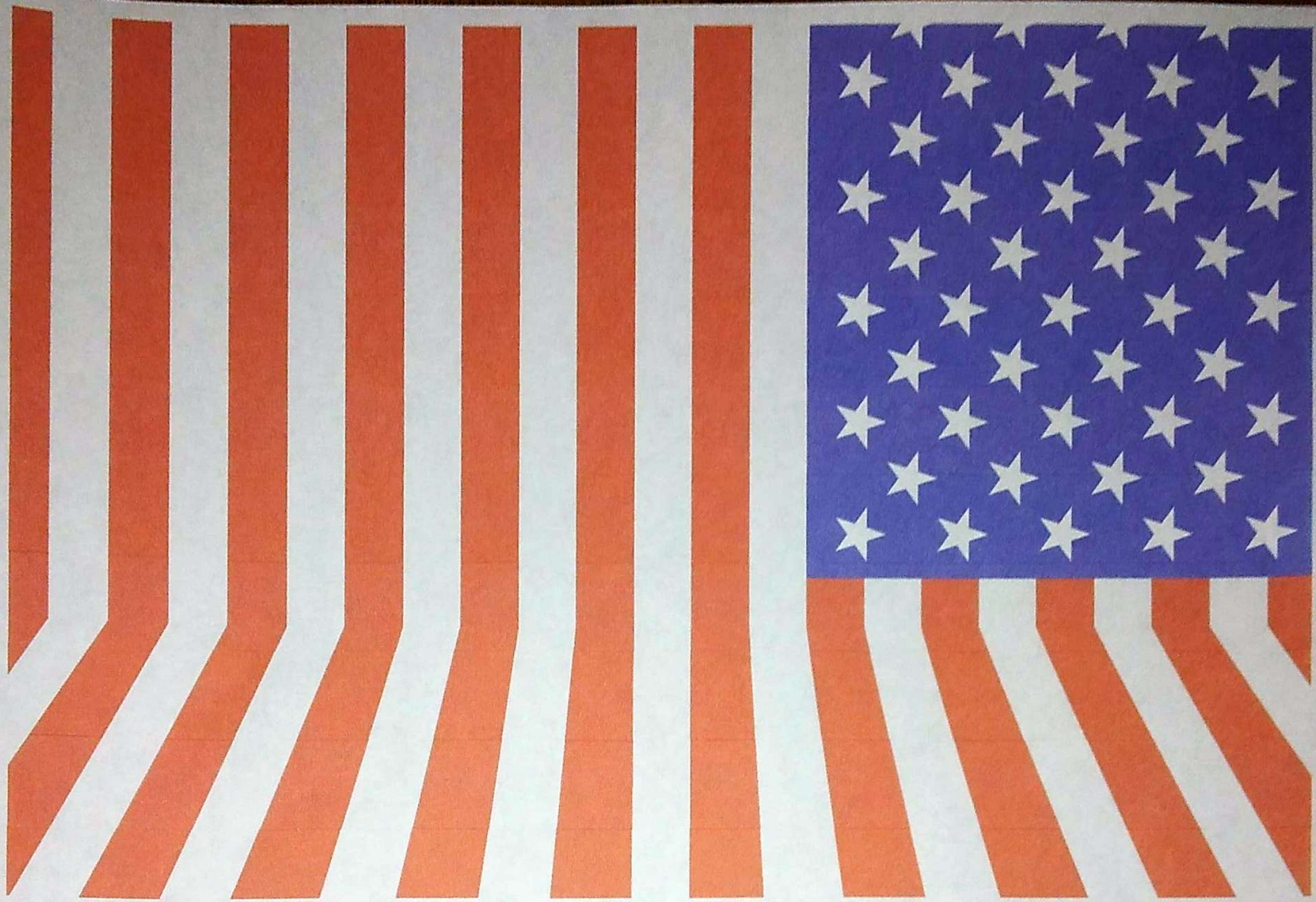
We know that Wisconsin and Michigan are must-win states for **Vice President Harris**, for a Democratic Senate majority, and for a Democratic House majority. The stakes couldn't be higher.

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 Day*

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*September 2, 2024*

Have a safe holiday

