

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

Retiree's Newsletter

OCTOBER



2014

Newsletter, of the Retired Members of Local union number 134, I.B.E.W. - Send all correspondence to Retiree's Club, 600 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661-2490 - The Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month except December at Boyle Temple, 600 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL - The purpose of this organization shall be to carry out the spirit of brotherhood, to aid and assist each other, and to further education, economic health and welfare of its members and their families and electrical apprentices. www.Local134chicago.com Written & Edited by Mario Coletta Mailed by Irv Blaszyński and Bernie Martin

FROM THE PODIUM

APATHY THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

My thoughts are on the primary election held March 18, 2014 the turnout was 16%, a new record low for the Chicago area. Granted on the Democratic ballot many were running unopposed, giving excuse for missing this election. On the Republican ballot, pro union candidates were few and far between. The problem is apathy. To solve the problem we can either get enough from our representatives, insuring our vote for incumbency or lose so much that anger spurs voters to the polls to throw the bums out.

Labor Unions are the target for those who want all of us to join the race to the bottom. Eighty five individuals among us have as much wealth as half the entire 7 billion on the planet. That's a lot of free speech. The only place left to race is to the bottom. As long as there are three people for every available job, the worker will be considered insignificant. Not so at election time. It's the only voice available and apathy has no place at this event. The anti union hucksters forget where the middle class originated and that union women earn 100% of what men earn doing the same job. Our vote is our only voice; enough voices can drown out all the wealth that's buying our representatives in the name of free speech. Put apathy out of its misery VOTE!

Mario Coletta

CALENDAR

Sept 17 Annual John Cummins
Golf Outing Old Oak Country Club
Homer Glen IL 8:00 am.

Sept 25-Drury Lane Play "The
Game's Afoot" Luncheon served at
11:30 am.

Oct 6-E-Board Meeting 10:30 am

Oct 8-Regular Meeting 1:00pm

Oct 25 Annual Local #134 Benefits
Fair 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Nov 3-E-Board Meeting 10:30am

Nov 12-Regular Meeting 11th &
Ridgeland Alsip IL 1:00 pm

Nov 20-Drury Lane Play "Camelot"
Luncheon served at 11:30 am

IN MEMORIAM

William H Braus John J Brocato Jr
Paul E Caliban Lloyd C Case Jr
John N Cisneros Randall S Colberg
Christina E Conti Erich Gutman
Mike P Koranda Ronald J Krajcovic
Anthony J Leschin Ralph F Luzwick

*George M Mascenic

Richard R McInerney

Patrick J McNichols Robert S Palke

Sam P Raia Gregory L Setina

Eugene E Sgaller *Lee Skinkys

Joseph J Spieglan Paul W Stewart

Ted S Synowic Wayne W Wulff

Our condolences to the families of
George M Mascenic and
Lee Skinkys.

SHORELINE CLASSIC LAKE TOUR AND LUNCH AT NAVY PIER

OCTOBER 1, 2014

CRUISE: THE SHORELINE CLASSIC LAKE TOUR

LEAVES FROM THE WEST WALL DOCK AT NAVY PIER

BOARDING TIME IS 11:15 am

DEPARTING TIME IS 11:30 am

LUNCH: CAPI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

LUNCH TIME 12:45 pm

Lunch includes salad, entrees, gelato and beverages

(coffee, tea, or soft drink)

I WILL MEET YOU BY THE SHORELINE BOARDING GATE WHICH IS AT THE WEST WALL DOCK AT NAVY PIER. WE WILL HAVE ONLY ONE TICKET FOR THE ENTIRE GROUP. REMEMBER THE BOAT WILL NOT WAIT FOR YOU, THEREFORE MAYBE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE AREA AROUND 11 am. THERE WILL BE PLACES TO SIT BY THE BOARDING GATE.

(CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION TO ME)

NAME _____

CRUISE AND LUNCH AT \$32.00 PER PERSON _____ **TOTAL** _____

SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE RETIRES CLUB OF LOCAL 134, IBEW, TO GERRY WHITE, 237 W. MILLERS RD., DESPLAINES, IL 60016, BY SEPTEMBER 17th. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CALL ME AT HOME #847-635-5659 OF CELL #847-612-4581.

Drury Lane Dinner Theatre Presents:

CAMELOT

Our next play will be held on Thursday November 20th 2014 and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Show to follow 1:30 pm at the Drury Lane Playhouse in Oak Brook Terrace. Your ticket order must be in Walter Felde's hands by October 31st, 2014 with your check for \$45.00 per person. Make checks payable to: Retired Members of Local #134, IBEW. Walter Felde will have your tickets at Drury Lane at the Matradee's podium. Tickets will not be mailed to you.

The Meal:

First Course: Soup of the Day, Chef's Choice

Entrees:

Tilapia _____

Tomato Bruchetta

Or

Traditional Roast Turkey _____

Sliced Breast, Herb Stuffing, Cranberries, Turkey Gravy

All- Entrees include Chef's Selection of garden vegetables, potato, fresh baked bread, desert and choice of one non-alcoholic beverage.

Name _____

Guest _____

Send your order to:

Walter Felde
6543 N Oshkosh
Chicago IL 60631

The entire community of CAMELOT awaits the arrival of Guinevere, King Arthur of England's future Queen.

Members of the audience are quickly drawn in as the legendary characters King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, Sir Lancelot and Merlyn come alive in this exciting tale of love and chivalry. Some of the enchanting musical numbers include The Simple Joys of Maidenhood, The Lusty Month of May, How to Handle a Women, I Loved You Once in Silence, If Ever I Would Leave You and What Do the Simple Folk Do? In the end it is fourteen-year-old Tom who tells the world of Camelot's quest for right and honor and justice.

August 13th Speaker

Barbara Chalko of the State Treasurer's office was our guest. She has worked with the past 3 state treasurers. She stressed that they do not make budget or spending decisions; their job is to protect our money as best as they can and pay bills as directed.

She listed several programs they have.

1. Illinois funds for municipal and non profits, invest funds safely.
2. Link deposit loans for small business and farmers.
3. Bright Start to allow families to save tax free for child's education.
4. Financial education- to provide people of all age's education of money, finance, banking and budgeting.
5. I- Cash this is the unclaimed property program that can help you find lost or forgotten money and valuables.

Barbara's focus was on the I-Cash program; every year at our Local 134 EIT benefits fair. This year on Saturday October 25th the treasurer has a booth set up to

assist you, although you may access it yourself at icash.illinois.gov.

This account consists of un cashed checks, old bank accounts, utility deposits, investments, collectibles, safety deposit boxes, and military medals. These may be something you forgot or something a relative had when they died, or in my wife's case a mutual insurance policy that was dropped years ago that had dividend value, who knows. All of this is held for life. The State of Illinois has \$1.8 Billion in this account, last year they processed \$1.3 million.

This is a relative easy process; obviously you will need to prove validity to a claim but it may be worthwhile. One member found that 4 relatives' have claims.

I hope you join us for lunch in September. See you then.

Rich Sipple

THE RETIRED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION #134 IBEW INVITE YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
AT THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER
4626 NORTH KNOX AVE.
WILSON AND KNOX, CHICAGO
AT NOON, DECEMBER 10, 2014

FOR CORNED BEEF DINNER _____

OR ROAST CHICKEN DINNER _____

BOTH MEALS WITH BOILED POTATOES, CABBAGE AND BEER

PIE FOR DESERT WITH COFFEE OR TEA

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR

NAME _____

GUEST _____

The cost for members and their wives is \$32.50 per person
Widows of our deceased members are free. Widows are asked to send in their
reservation. Mail this reservation form to: Richard Sipple
901 Pheasant Walk
Schaumburg IL 60193

Make checks payable to the order of 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 3rd.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

I don't know how things are at your house and garden, but I have had a bumper crop of zucchini. I am giving you one recipe which we tried and thought was very tasty. Hope you like it. If you need to buy zucchini, it is very inexpensive at the store now.

ZUCCHINI ONION PIE

3 eggs

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

½ cup canola oil

1 tbsp. minced fresh parsley

1 clove garlic, minced

¼ tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper

2 cups sliced zucchini

1 cup biscuit/baking mix

1 small onion, chopped

In a large bowl, whisk the first seven ingredients. Stir in the zucchini, baking mix and onion. Pour into a greased 9 inch deep dish pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 35 minutes or until lightly browned.

SEPTEMBER 25th

Don't forget the date. We are going to see **THE GAMES AFOOT** at the Drury Lane Playhouse.

OCTOBER 1st

If you signed up for the Lake Cruise and lunch at Capi's at Navy Pier, remember this is the date and pray for nice weather.

OCTOBER 8th

Our speaker for this meeting is the president and founder of Bugles Across America. He will get us geared up for Veterans' Day

OCTOBER 25th

The annual Local #134 Benefits Fair

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

OCTOBER 29th

On this Wednesday we are going to the Lagunitas Brewery located at 1843 South Washtenaw in Chicago for lunch and a tour of the brewery. The tour is free and we plan on meeting some time between 11:30 and 12 noon at the restaurant. We can order anything on the menu and then at 1:00pm we will take the tour. There is ample parking at Rockwell and 16th Street, which is next to Douglas Park. I would like to know if you are coming to this event so that we can have the hostess at the restaurant save tables together, so we can socialize before the tour. I also thought maybe we could park and ride together if you don't want to drive this by yourself. If you would call me at 847-635-5659 or you could email me at germainew1@aol.com

NOVEMBER 12th

This meeting will be held at the apprentice school at 115th and Ridgeland in Alsip, Illinois. We will have a speaker who will talk about the duties of a judge.

November 20th

We will be going to Drury Lane Playhouse for lunch and to see **CAMELOT**. Be sure to send Wally Felde your sign up sheet.

DECEMBER 10th

Save the date for the annual Holiday Party at the Irish American Heritage Center Located at 4636 North Knox Ave. Chicago noon.

MAYBE NEXT YEAR

The owner of the Cubs is worth over a billion dollars and has been sending home grounds crew workers because he wants to avoid paying for health insurance for them under Affordable Care Act. And it bit the Cubs in the backside last week, causing them to lose a protest by the San Francisco Giants and to continue a game that was rained out because the Cubs did not have enough grounds crew workers to cover the field in time during a rainstorm.

Cubs fans deserve better than this ownership. The Cubs have such an a-hole owner who keeps putting bad teams on the field. This a-hole screws his workers out of health insurance, and it may be why he puts a bad baseball product on the field. Yet the Cubs make beaucoup bucks.

Here's the story:

Thanks a lot, Obama. Add the Affordable Care Act – or, specifically, the big-business Cubs' response to it – to the causes behind Tuesday night's tarp fiasco and rare successful protest by the San Francisco Giants.

The staffing issues that hamstrung the grounds crew Tuesday August 19th during a mad dash with the tarp under a

sudden rainstorm were created in part by a wide-ranging reorganization last winter of game-day personnel, job descriptions and work limits designed to keep the seasonal workers – including much of the grounds crew – under 130 hours per month, according to numerous sources with direct knowledge.

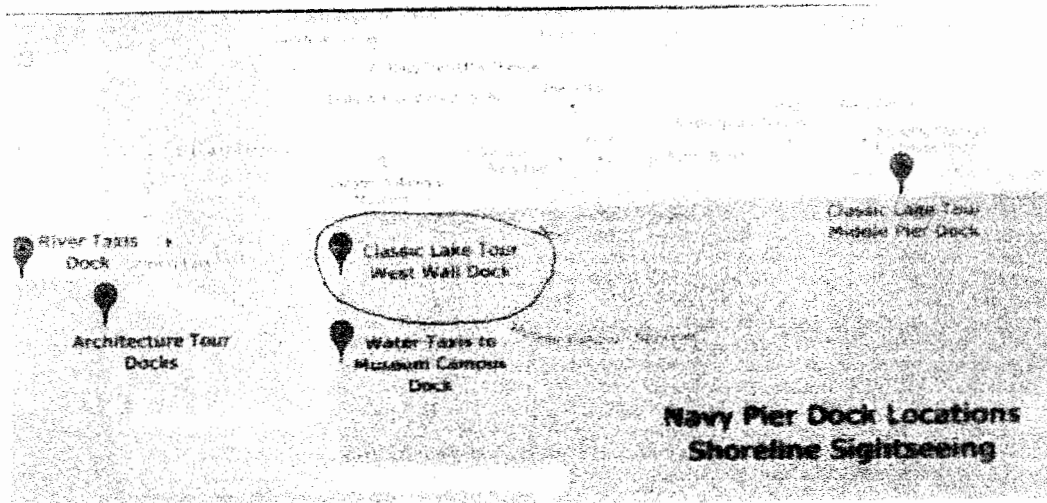
That's the full-time worker definition under "Obamacare," which requires employer-provided healthcare benefits for "big businesses" such as a major league team.

"Cheap," said one of three high-ranking officials from other organizations the Sun-Times contacted Thursday – all of whom fall below the Cubs on Forbes' annual revenues list.

Speaking to the industry standard for grounds crew staffing, all three officials said the video of Tuesday's incident showed an apparently "undermanned" crew (of 15 pulling the tarp on the night's first unsuccessful try).

"Embarrassing," said one, "and they got caught."

**CLASSIC LAKE TOUR AT NAVY PIER
MAP AND TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS**



FROM UNION STATION OR THE OGILVIE TRANSPORTATION CENTER YOU CAN CATCH A BUS THAT GOES TO NAVY PIER.

ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF MADISON AND CANAL THERE IS A BUS STOP FOR THE ROUTE #124 BUS. IT TRAVELS EAST ON WASHINGTON AND EVENTUALLY GETS TO NAVY PIER. TAKE THE BUS ALL THE WAY TO THE BUS STOP AT THE PIER. YOU WILL HAVE TO WALK PASS THE NAVY PIER ENTRANCE TO THE WEST WALL DOCK.

IF YOU ARE COMING ON AN EL YOU SHOULD GET OFF AT GRAND AVENUE AND TAKE A BUS GOING EAST TO NAVY PIER. THERE ARE FREE TROLLEYS THAT ALSO RUN ON THIS SECTION OF GRAND AVENUE.

YOU CAN CALL FOR DIRECTIONS IF YOU ARE NOT COMING BY TRAIN OR EL. THE NUMBER FOR TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY IS 312-836-7000.

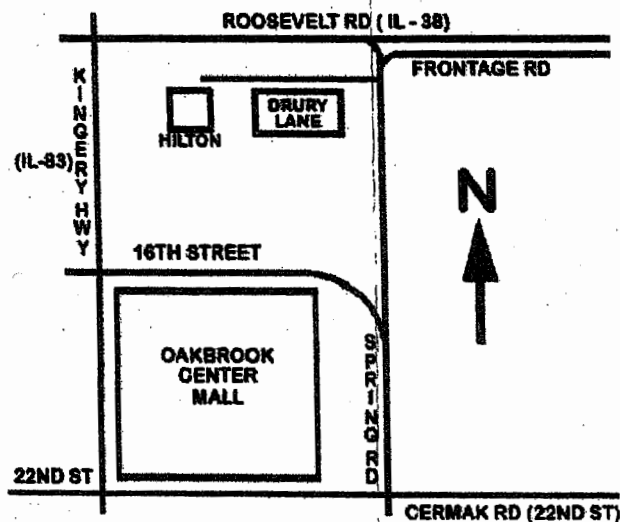
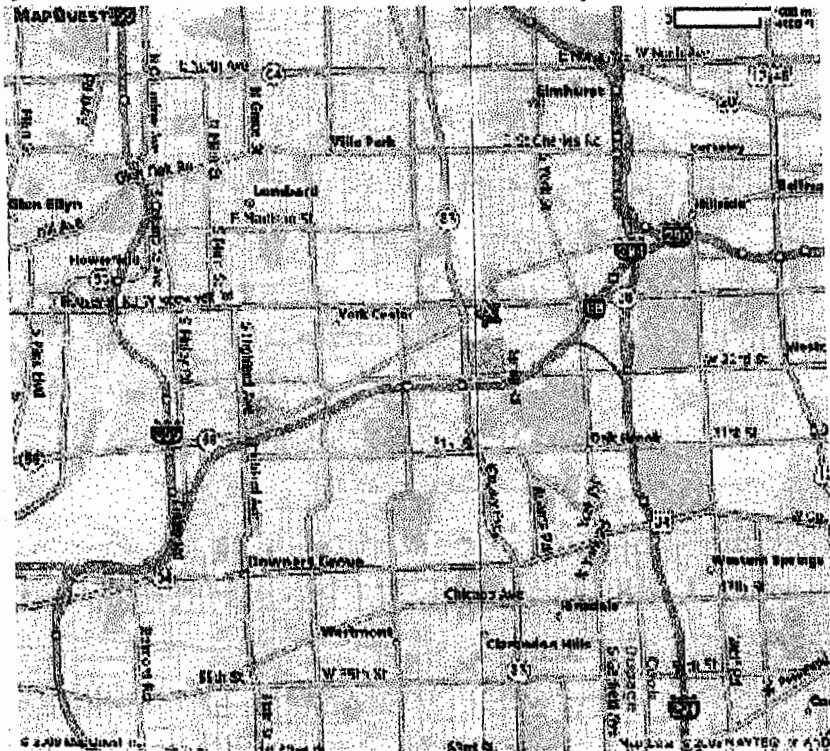
WE WILL BE EATING AT CAPI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN. AND WE ARE EXPECTED THERE AT 12:45. CAPI'S IS LOCATED JUST INSIDE OF THE ENTRANCE OF NAVY PIER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS YOU CAN CALL ME GERRY WHITE AT 847-635-5659. OR TAKE THIS SHEET WITH YOU AND YOU CAN CALL MY CELL AT 847-612-4581.

DRURY LANE THEATRE - OAKBROOK

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181 74614

Telephone: (630) 530-8300 Website: www.drurylaneoakbrook.com



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

FROM THE EAST (Downtown Chicago)

- ☐ Take I-290 WEST (Eisenhower Expressway)
- ☐ Keep LEFT to take I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- ☐ Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
- ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- ☐ Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton")
- ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE WEST

- ☐ Take I-88 EAST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward Chicago.
- ☐ Take the MIDWEST RD Exit.
- ☐ Keep right at the fork to go on MIDWEST RD/CR-15.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto BUTTERFIELD RD/IL-56.
- ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 EAST ramp toward DRURY LN.
- ☐ Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH.
- ☐ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LANE.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE SOUTH (ON IL-83/KINGERY HWY)

- ☐ Take IL-83/KINGERY HWY NORTH
- ☐ Merge onto IL-56/BUTTERFIELD RD EAST TOWARD IL-38 E/ROOSEVELT RD.
- ☐ Take the ROOSEVELT RD/IL-38 E ramp toward Drury Lane.
- ☐ Take the DRURY LN/SPRING RD ramp toward SOUTH
- ☐ Turn slight right onto SPRING RD.
- ☐ Turn RIGHT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE SOUTH (ON I-294)

- ☐ Take I-294 NORTH toward WISCONSIN.
- ☐ Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- ☐ Take the SPRING RD/CERMAK RD/22ND ST EXIT.
- ☐ Proceed STRAIGHT at stoplight crossing over CERMAK RD/22ND ST, this will be SPRING RD.
- ☐ Follow SLIGHT RIGHT on SPRING RD. (Watch for Green Sign "Drury Lane/Hilton")
- ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.

FROM THE NORTH

- ☐ Take I-294 SOUTH toward INDIANA-O'HARE (Portions toll).
- ☐ Merge onto I-88 WEST (Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway) toward AURORA.
- ☐ Take the exit toward IL-83 NORTH/CERMAK RD-22ND ST.
- ☐ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SPRING RD.
- ☐ Turn LEFT onto DRURY LN.
- ☐ End at 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace.