

RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB
LOCAL UNION NO. 26, I.B.E.W.
APRIL 8, 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Retired Members Club, Local 26, IBEW held on April 8, 2017, at 4371 Parliament Place, Lanham, MD. The meeting was called to order at 12:00PM by President Dick Bissell, followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. President Bissell reminded veterans that they could use the hand salute.

Secretary's Report: Retired Sister Susan Flashman had no report. She stated that the minutes of the March meeting had been mailed. She asked for corrections and Tom Noyes corrected page 7, under Birthdays. His wife, Rosanna Noyes' birthday was March 14th, and his birthday was March 21, and not the other Tom who was present that day, as well. The editor apologizes. President Bissell asked for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. A motion was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Retired Brother Jim Handley reported that we now have 503 paid members for 2017! Perhaps he will hit 600 this year? As for the funds, they are well.

Recording Secretary: Retired Sister Susan Flashman was allowed by the President to bring up some New Business under her report.

First item regarded the IBEW 26 Motorcycle Riders' Club Poker Run to be held in VA on May 6, 2017. The club is manning the final stop in Leesburg, VA this year. In addition, Sister Susan made a motion that the club be a Gold Sponsor with a donation of \$500.00. There was some discussion and the motion passed. The Retired Members Club name should appear on the back of this year's shirts.

Second item was the question of whether the club should buy congratulations ad for the 125th Anniversary Program Book. Brother Ron Stokes made a motion that we purchase a full-page ad for

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\$2500.00. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. We tabled the discussion of creating a logo for this ad, but will consider that item at another time. The motion passed.

Third item regarded the Labor Nite at the Nationals Game on Friday, July 28th @ 7:05PM. A motion was made to order 66 tickets. The price has gone up this year to \$15.00 a ticket, hence the change in the number. An amendment to the motion stated that any paying member of the club would be allowed up to five tickets each, due in part to our reduced number of seats. (Note: This way the club is spending the same as it has in past years.) The motion passed.

[NOTE: A member may personally call Sister Flashman @ 301-277-5823 (leave a message on this #), or email her at flashmanbissell@aol.com to reserve tickets on a first-come basis. Please remember to state the member's name and number of tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the game.]

Press Secretary: Sister Flashman continued with other notes:

- 1.) A note from former Recording Secretary Teresa Watson was read with her regrets at not being able to attend. Sister Watson invited members to join her at the Bowie Green Expo held at the Kenhill School from 10AM to 4:00PM today. (Sat., April 8, 2017)
- 2.) Sister Flashman reminded members of the 30th Anniversary of the collapse of L'Ambiance Plaza on April 23, 1987. Twenty-eight construction workers were killed and 22 were seriously injured when the half-built \$17.6 million apartment complex collapsed, burying workers. It took rescue crews 10 days, working around the clock to pull the bodies from the rubble.
- 3.) Sister Flashman reminded members that April 28, 2017 is Workers' Memorial Day and please observe in some way.
- 4.) She also reported on PAWS FOR A CAUSE VCA Charities 5k run on April 30th to benefit House with A Heart and The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County. Registration is \$35.00 and \$40.00 for last minute registrations. Time is 9AM. Place is Black Hills Regional Park near Germantown, MD. For more information contact Sister Flashman, or visit the website: <http://vcahospitals.com> , or call 301-

926-3300.

Travel Coordinator: V.P. Rick Warner reported that the club will travel to see Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Strasburg, PA. on May 16th (Tuesday). The theatre presents a biblical production of the story of "Jonah". It will be followed by a family style lunch at Good 'N Plenty Restaurant. This is a massive production with breathtaking effects including a 40' tall ship. The cost is \$105.00 per person. This trip is SOLD OUT, but if you are interested, call Brother Warner to add yourself to a waiting list. 240-472-0438.

Brother Warner reported on the 2017 cruise to Spain, France, Italy (stops in Rome and Venice) and Montenegro, a 12-night cruise and leaves on August 5th. He has 38 people signed up, however, if someone is still interested, he will see what might be available.

On Thursday, July 20th of 2017 we will have a repeat of the Amish Market and Suicide Bridge for crabs' bus trip. The price is \$65.00 per person, but this trip is also SOLD OUT. If you want to add your name to the waiting list please call Brother Warner at 240-472-0438.

October 17th is the next trip to Delaware Park Casino. The price is \$30.00 and this trip is now SOLD OUT. Again, contact Rick Warner to be on the wait list.

American Music Theatre trip will be November 2, 2017. The cost is \$85.00 per person and there are only 8 seats remaining!!!! Grandchildren over 10 years old are welcome.

Brother Warner said that the next cruise will be to Alaska and he already has 20 people interested. He needs to have 48 people for that trip. We will travel on either Celebrity or Royal Caribbean Cruise lines and he will let the members know when he has more information - dates, prices etc.

And finally, Brother Warner reported on a special trip on the SS John W. Brown Liberty Ship on May 6th, Living History Cruise "Remembering VE Day". Cost is \$135.-\$148. It relives a day of drama and leaves from Baltimore Harbor at 8 AM returning at 4pm. They will have another cruise on September 9th "Celebrating 75 Years". Cost is

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about the same. Members need to make their own arrangements.

President Bissell repeated Brother Warner's comment that the Local 26 Federal Credit Union will be having their annual meeting on April 18th at 4:30 PM. Members interested in attending should R.S.V.P...

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jerry Papa made a motion that the Club move its meetings back into the smaller meeting room except in May, and September. Snuffey Holcolm made an amendment to the motion to add the December meeting when the attendance is usually higher. The amendment was accepted and the motion was seconded and passed. (NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER, NEXT MONTH IT WILL BE IN THE UNION'S LARGER, MEETING HALL, but lunch will still be held in the RMC meeting room.)

President Bissell commented that if one has used any of the medical equipment they would have noticed the red and silver sticker with a number to help us track the equipment. We are now on # 966, so we ordered 1500 additional stickers. These should last well after we are gone. Initially we received a quote from Doyle Printing of \$885.00 for 1000. Because of the set- up fee, we went ahead and ordered 1500. We do not have the final bill yet, but we have received the additional stickers.

Old Business (returning to): President Bissell explained that the club had run out of our Nevada Club tear off tickets. Sister Flashman contacted the vendor of these and was informed they could only sell them to us, if we received a county license. Instead, we have been able to locate a different type of tear off tickets, without the red tape. President Bissell listed the payouts, which will have some higher paying winners starting at \$250.00, but ended by saying there will be 593 \$1.00 winners. (A full list of these winners versus our old tickets is available upon request from Recording Secretary Flashman.) Brother Hunt commented on the number of winners. President Bissell stated he did not think this would impact sales and hoped these tickets would out- last the current membership.

President Bissell explained that our Papa John's Pizza card expired March 31, 2017. He now has the new cards which will expire April 30, 2018. He will be selling them for \$15.00 each. The card will entitle the holder to one large pizza and a second large pizza for free. Your first purchase will pay for the card. The club usually has pizza for two meetings in the year at a great savings.

Brother Hunt made a motion that the club purchase one card and it was seconded and passed.

President Bissell did not have any pins or jackets set out for presentation, nor a list of recipients this month. We learned from one of our members that the letters informing members of their pins, etc. noted that our meeting was next week, April 15th! Sister Flashman will contact the Finance Office to correct the error and the fact that they signed her name to the letters, without her knowledge. There was some discussion about the error. The confusion occurs when our meetings do not follow the regular union meeting because the first day of the month falls on a Saturday.

Tom Noyes commented that the RMC notes on the website are rarely changed. Sister Flashman explained that she had recently updated that information for the hall and hoped, if it were not already updated, it would be soon.

Brother Griffis commented that our minutes should not be too harsh when reporting on this mistake, because we all make mistakes, and the Union has been VERY supportive of our club. (Note: Yes, we are all human and make mistakes, but we will seek to improve our communications.)

Sickness: Brother Henry Becker noted that his brother, Don Becker, is recovering from his open-heart surgery last month. He is doing well, but will not be able to drive for 4 to 6 weeks. (Hope you will all send him a note.)

Deaths: President Bissell did not receive a list of deaths, either. He noted that this past month we lost two of our more active members, Al Hicks (3-16-17) 76 yrs. old and Greg Gregory (3-31-17) 89

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yrs. old. He added that we have placed black ribbons on Al's chair at the poker game table, so today, no one will sit in his chair in honor of his absence from a game he enjoyed.

Sister Flashman also received word that Thomas W. Hope (DOD 2-25-17) lived in Clear Lake, CA; James R. Johnstone (1-9-17) lived in Columbia, SC; and Arthur Prodanovic (11—18-16) lived in Stockton, CA. [Note too late for meeting: Ramon Howell passed away in May, 2016. He lived in Salem, VA.] President Bissell asked that members remove their hats and stand for a moment of silence in their memory. Before this began, Sister Flashman read the following: "If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I could walk forever in my garden." – Claudia Ghandi.

Birthdays: (on a happier note) We didn't have anyone present who turned a year older this month! However, Sister Flashman did receive a note to remember Retired Brother George Wozniak's birthday, 4/7/30 – so he will be 87! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE!

Anniversaries: Dick Bissell and Susan Flashman 4/12 (1st wedding – 20 yrs). And they said an electrician marrying another electrician wouldn't last. Maurice (Griff) and Linda Griffin 4/3, 46 yrs.; Marianne and Rusty Griffis 4/8 (today!), 45 yrs.; John and Carol Jensen 4/20, 54 years. CONGRATULATIONS!

50/50 WINNERS: Snuffey Holcomb, Pat Hall (won 2 x – donated \$10.00 back to the club), John Jensen, Larry Hairfield, Bonnie Hunt and Terry Schlegel.

Thanks to our volunteers who helped you receive this mailing in March: R. Warner, J. Papa, R. Bissell, R. Griffis, S. Flashman, J. Antonovich, K. & B. Statter, C.W. Harris, K. Hunt, Paula Sherman, and Snuffey and Charlotte Holcomb.

Sister Flashman thanked the members who brought Ensure coupons with them today. She encouraged others to save them and either give them to her, or to Henry Becker, who sees Dan Humphrey every Wednesday at Bowling. She also encouraged members to save the plastic bottle caps which are recycled to make artificial limbs.

We are also still collecting aluminum can tabs, and paperback and hard covered books for Operation Paperback.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT Sister Flashman if you want tickets to the Nationals game on July 28, 2017!!!! (See flyer on Page 8)

The meeting was adjourned with 34 members and guests present. The next regular meeting will be held on May 13, 2017 @ noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Retired Sister Susan Flashman, Recording & Press Secretary

P.S. If you are receiving this via the USPS and would prefer to receive it through your email address, please EMAIL Sister Flashman a note with the email address you wish the attachment of the meeting minutes to be sent. (email: flashmanbissell@aol.com)



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NAMES: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Telephone # HOME: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL : _____

(Please PRINT clearly, since email addresses must be exact.)

RETURN TO: James Handley, Treasurer; 4933 West Chalk Point Road, West River, Maryland 20778-2211 Make check payable to: " RMC Local 26, IBEW"

PLEASE do NOT mail your membership to the hall. It only delays us processing your membership card. Thanks.