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## LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY

**PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX.  
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.**

*National Partners*



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE



**Todd Hornyak**

I have recently returned from the Region 11 Rap Session held in Syracuse, New York from April 4 to April 6. National Business Agent Mark Camilli, Regional Administrative Assistant Dave Kennedy, Regional Administrative Assistant Mike Brim and former Regional Administrative Assistant John Collins were all on hand to provide excellent training for the members that attended. The training included PTF Contractual rights, Branch Political Activism, Weingarten, Garrity and Kalkine rights from the OIG, Joint Statement on Violence in the Workplace. Regional Worker's Compensation Assistant David Barbuzzi gave classes on OWCP. The last day of training former Arbitrator Donald Barrett held a mock arbitration and gave some useful insights from an Arbitrators perspective. Those delegates that attended will bring the information back to share with the stewards and the membership.

I have received several calls regarding carriers that can't log into LiteBlue or make changes to direct deposit and allotments. USPS officials have informed NALC that beginning on Friday April 21, employees' ability to make allotment and net-to-bank changes in PostalEASE via Liteblue is being re-activated. The Postal Service informed the NALC that eOPF still remains disabled for the time being. The Postal Service is also reporting that eOPF access through Lite-

Blue may take up to six months or longer to restore. NALC has been advised that employees may request a copy of their Official Personnel Folder (OPF) in person or in writing to their district Human Resource Office. If the request is made in writing, they will be requested to provide proof of identity. No charges will be assessed of active employees for requested hard copies of their OPFs while the eOPF system remains unavailable due to security upgrades.

I would like to remind the membership of the following upcoming events that are scheduled for Branch 78. The NALC Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday May 13th. This is the first Food Drive that we have had full participation in since the COVID 19 Coronavirus hit the Nation. We are asking for your support to make this event successful. We will be having the retirees' lunch Tuesday

June 6th at the Cracker Barrel in Grove City. We would like to see a large turnout of our retired members to support all the hard work of Director of Retirees Val Davis. The Ohio State Convention will be held in Columbus for the first time since 1991 at the Columbus Hilton Downtown on August 4th and 5th. Please plan on attending these events.

I would like to congratulate Joseph Hansen on his recent retirement from the Westerville Post Office. I wish him well on his retirement. Please attend our May branch meeting in person on May 10th, we will also be utilizing ZOOM. Information regarding the meeting can be found on our Branch 78 website [www.nalc-branch78.org](http://www.nalc-branch78.org). I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Fraternally  
Todd Hornyak**

### *Congratulations to the Newest Members*



**Colin Starkey, Todd and Cody Persol taking Oath.**



**THE WEATHER IS GETTING  
WARMER AND THE PETS WILL  
BE OUT MORE. KEEP YOUR EYES  
OPEN AND REMEMBER.  
SAFETY 1ST!**

# FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



**Mark Beach**

The second Saturday in May is one of the most important days of charity in our country. It is the 31st annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. This is a true day of sacrifice for all letter carriers but it is for a great cause. We hope every letter carrier does their part and distributes the cards and collects the food that helps feed the nine million food insecure children in our country. The need is at an all time high after two years plus of the COVID pandemic and schools returning to classrooms last year. Letter carriers in the Columbus installation also felt the harsh sting of the pandemic in the form of short staffing and ungodly forced overtime. Last year the staffing in associate offices returned close enough to normal to resume the Letter Carrier Food Drive. Columbus has finally seen the somewhat stabilization of our staffing and except for a few offices, the others have returned to what most of us would consider normal. This should allow us to resume participation in this historical event. Please make your union proud and do your part.

The staffing has improved greatly in Columbus since the all-career model was introduced. It seems like every other week our employer is adding more and more installations to the workforce, and in most places it's working. Sadly, our brothers and sisters to the south in Cincinnati have not recovered as a result of the all-career

model. PTFs are making regular in Cincinnati as they come out of the academy. As much as we've gone through the last few years in Columbus, remember some of our brothers and sisters are still suffering from excessive forced overtime and would love the chance to participate in the food drive. Please keep that in mind, Saturday May 13th, 2023, as you make the extra effort to collect food for the less fortunate.

Recently the NALC and USPS settled an interpretive dispute over calculating overtime pay, Sunday premium pay, general wage increases, and cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for Part-Time Flexible (PTF) city letter carriers in Step AA. At the time of the settlement, both parties realized it would take time and a huge administrative action to rectify this issue. Those changes to correct the pay anomalies should finally take place in Pay Period 9. The USPS has set a date of July 21, 2023 to try and have all back-pay issues resolved. A review of this settlement can be found under the material reference handbook M-01980.

NALC leadership will always keep progress of national negotiations close to their vest. President Renfro did publicize and outline the general goals of the union. First and foremost, stabilize the carrier workforce by going back to a wage that competes or exceeds what our competition is paying. It's high enough to attract and keep a stable, quality workforce. It also addresses and dissolves table two. He wants to come up with a plan to protect letter carriers

on the street and end the recent crime spree against letter carriers. And finally resolve the negativity of the workroom floor that plagues too many offices. We have a lot of new employees who have never been through National Contract negotiations be forewarned you will not hear a lot out of National until it is over, rumors may run rampant like they always do. Region 11 Business Agent, Mark Camilli's office will be conducting new stewards training in June. The membership has voted

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# MILLER'S MUSINGS



**Yana Miller-Farney**

This is the month we honor Mother's everywhere and have the NALC Annual Food Drive to **"HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER"**.

Now that there are so many new carriers in our area, it might be a good time to explain the history of this event. Letter carriers have always looked out for their communities most of the time quietly as individuals. We check on patrons on our routes that live alone, are elderly with few visitors. We are there six days a week and notice if they haven't taken mail from their box or newspapers left outside. Many are aware of neighborhood friends and relatives and ask them what's going on with Mr. Joe. Many times our concern has garnered emergency responses for a person in need of medical care or worse, they may

have expired. We do this and few are aware until a grateful family member or EMS/Fire Department notifies USPS that a Carrier saved someone's life. We were the first corporate sponsor of MDA in the early fifties. Vincent Sombrotto, NALC President, met with AFL-CIO Community Services Director, Joseph Velaquez, Postmaster General Anthony Frank and other community leaders to discuss a way to fight hunger in America. In October 1991 a pilot project in ten cities was held, it was so successful plans were made to make it a nationwide effort.

Food banks and pantries felt May would be a better time since most were running out of food from Thanksgiving and Christmas donations. The second Saturday in May was selected hoping to have at least one branch in all fifty states participate. The results were unbelievable, collecting more than 11 million pounds of

food from 220 union branches. In 2010 our food drives surpassed the 1 billion pound mark in total food collected in our program's history. We were the largest single day food collection in the country.

I don't remember but we may have been one the original test sites in 1991. The best part is the food we pick up stays in our community. The AOs that have local food pantries delivery their food directly there, Columbus or other donations go the the Mid Ohio Food Collective that provides food for any Central Ohio food pantries at churches, community centers, etc. It is a win-win. We get positive publicity by helping those in need on a larger scale. The USPS has been inconsistent in their support over the years. They hold kickoffs downtown but chastise carriers running over at some stations, typical Jeckel-Hyde behaviors.

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## Letter Carriers Lending A Helping Hand To The Community *Stamping Out Hunger Throughout the Years. . . . .*



**Volunteers at the Main Office getting food in the correct equipment and loaded to correct semis.**

**Dick Williams and Yana Miller at Oakland Park in an early 90's Food Drive.. .**

# VICE PRESIDENT

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to send a number of our new stewards to this training course Which will assist with contract enforcement in some of our offices that have lacked a steward on the floor. When an office does not have a shop steward the branch assigns an officer to cover the station steward duties, thus stretching the branch resources thin. On one

hand the outside steward is insulated from management threats and intimidation. Many times day to day violations go unaddressed due to the outside steward not being on the floor daily and carriers either don't want to upset management or are unaware of their contractual rights. Being a good shop steward takes a lot of hard

work, dedication and backbone. Yet the NALC can't survive without good shop stewards who protect the rights of their carriers and enforce the contract no matter what their personal feelings are toward any member or non-member.

**In Solidarity,  
Mark Beach, VP**

## DIRECTOR OF RETIREES



**Valeria Davis**

Hello Retirees

I trust you had a wonderful Easter holiday, getting a chance to celebrate it with family and friends. My hope is that all the retirees are well and still enjoying their retirement. The key to happiness is accepting external actions by reacting normal, right and with self-assurance. You hold the key to happiness in your hands. Happiness seems small while you're holding it in your hands, but if you let it go, then you will learn how essential and precious it is to your well-being. Never let them steal your joy. Above all remember, a happy and successful life begins with God and ends with God. Keep the faith and always expect a blessing.

Our April meeting, we welcomed our special guest Ms. Moore from Ohio State University Extension Choose My Plate.gov. She prepared Instant Pot Black Eyed Peas for the retirees to sample. These instant pot Black Eyed Peas are amazing! Cooking southern black-eyed peas from scratch is so easy thanks to the instant pot !! They're delicious and

they only took 30 minutes to prepare in the instant pot. Hey, maybe you might want to invest in purchasing one to save time on preparing your dinner.

Remember our May 2nd meeting we will have a presentation from the Alzheimer Association. Let's come out strong to show support for our special guest. You may bring friends or family members to the meeting to receive information about how to reduce the risk of dementia through the

promotion of brain health.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the union hall. Please tell your fellow retirees about our meeting, we are having some interesting visitors coming.

*Remember to take care of yourself and stay healthy.*


**Director of Retirees,  
Valeria Davis**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
★ \* Congratulations \* ★  
on your  
*Retirement*



**Mary Metzen last day after 24 years at the Dublin post office was today. She is retiring at the end of the month.**

**We need YOU!**



**GET INVOLVED!**  
**HELP MAKE YOUR UNION STRONG!**  
**BECOME A UNION STEWARD!**



# THE MANUAL BID PROCESS

The bidding process has evolved through the years, and like the old saying goes “What’s old is new again.” We are back to doing manual bid cards. There was a time not so long ago (think 2020 and previous), where 99% of our bids were being done electronically. We would log onto LiteBlue, go to e-bidding and hope for the best (where probably less the 1% of bids would need to be placed manually). Those days seems to be gone, like noon express mail.

Today, however we have problems logging onto LiteBlue and an increasing amount of bids needing to be done manually. The manual process can be confusing. I did my first manual bid in 2016 with over 20 years of service. Today, each bid sheet has at least one manual bid listed. Kelsey and I are here to make the manual bid process painless and easy.

Kelsey has created a “manual bid card” cheat sheet. Just fill in the corresponding boxes with the sample information and you’ll be golden. Kelsey has already seen where wrong information from management was given to a prospective bidder which would’ve resulted in the bid being invalid.

To start off, let’s look at the first page of the most recent bids.

Arrow #1 – this is the Posting number. This is printed on ONLY the first page of the bids. Don’t confuse this with the Job ID.

Arrow #2 – this is the Job ID. This is the numerical identifier for the route/T6 group

R0576 BC31792 Columbus(OH) Bid Clus KWSN9		HUMAN CAPITAL ENTERPRISE SYSTEM DETAILED/ROUTE VACANCY NOTICE		REQUESTED: 04/04/2023 10:16:14 PAGE: 1 of 5	
THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE PROVIDES REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION, BIDDING, INTERVIEW, AND/OR SELECTION PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IDENTIFIED ON THE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT. THE DECISION ON GRANTING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.					
1 →	Posting NO: 385421 City Carrier Job ID: 95151722 Posting Reason: ROUTE Vacant: 01021 Work Schedule: 0800-1630-30L-Su-ROT LDC: 21 Job Slot Comments: ROT COLOR: RED Qualifications: VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE Posting Comments: VACATED BY: JAMES BARNES *****	Opening Date: 04/05/2023 KP0011 Q7 01 DESC Park and Loop	Closing Date: 04/14/2023 TOUR II EG: 1=Full Time INSP DT ADJ DT 11/03/2007 06/06/2020	ON DATE: 03/24/2023	
2 →	Job ID: 95151722 Posting Reason: ROUTE Vacant: 05008 Work Schedule: 0800-1630-30L-Su-ROT LDC: 21 Job Slot Comments: ROT COLOR: BLACK Qualifications: VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE Posting Comments: *MANUAL BID SUBMISSION ONLY* VACATED BY: DERRICK BROWN *****	Opening Date: 04/05/2023 KP0011 Q7 01 DESC Park and Loop	Closing Date: 04/14/2023 TOUR II EG: 1=Full Time INSP DT ADJ DT // //	ON DATE: 03/24/2023	
	Job ID: 95321648 Posting Reason: ROUTE Vacant: 05021 Work Schedule: 0800-1630-30L-Su-ROT LDC: 21 Job Slot Comments: ROT COLOR: BLUE Qualifications: VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE Posting Comments: VACATED BY: SHANAE CRADDOLPHEMP ID: 6863 *****	Opening Date: 04/05/2023 KP0011 Q7 01 DESC Park and Loop	Closing Date: 04/14/2023 TOUR II EG: 1=Full Time INSP DT ADJ DT 01/23/2012 06/06/2020	ON DATE: 03/24/2023	
	Job ID: 95066544 Posting Reason: ROUTE Vacant: 32029 Work Schedule: 0730-1600-30L-Su-ROT LDC: 21 Job Slot Comments: ROT COLOR: BROWN Qualifications: VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE Posting Comments: VACATED BY: EDDIE BELCHER *****	Opening Date: 04/05/2023 KP0011 Q7 01 DESC Park and Loop	Closing Date: 04/14/2023 TOUR II EG: 1=Full Time INSP DT ADJ DT // 05/05/2021	ON DATE: 03/24/2023	

This is a manual bid card to bid on 1 (one) route. The top three boxes are self-explanatory.

“Posting Number”, enter the 6 digit number located on the bid sheet as shown in Arrow #1 above.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE		Bid for Preferred Assignment	
Name (Print or type name Last, First, and MI)	Employee Identification Number (Located on pay stub)	Seniority Date	
Posting Number 6 DIGIT # AT TOP OF PAGE 1 OF BID POSTING - REFER TO ARROW #1	Position Number, Route Number, or Position Title "JOB ID: " - REFER TO ARROW #2	Choice Number 1	
STATION YOU ARE BIDDING TO			
The Law (39 U.S.C. Code 1002) prohibits political and certain other recommendations for appointments, promotions, assignments, transfers, or designations of persons in the Postal Service™. Statements relating solely to character and residence are permitted, but every other kind of statement or recommendation is prohibited unless it either is requested by the Postal Service and consists solely of an evaluation of the work performance, ability, aptitude, and general qualifications of an individual or is requested by a Government representative investigating the individual's loyalty, suitability, and character. Anyone who requests or solicits a prohibited statement or recommendation is subject to disqualification from the Postal Service and anyone in the Postal Service who accepts such a statement may be suspended or removed from office.			
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Present Assignment CURRENT ROUTE #	Craft CITY CARRIER	Position Title CITY CARRIER GS T6	Level Q1 OR Q2 FOR T6
Pay Location CURRENT STATION	Signature of Applicant		Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY)
PS Form 1717, June 2009 (Front) PSN 7530-020-7364			

“Seniority Date”, You can get this from the branch website (nalc-branch78.org). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and look at either of the relevant rosters. You can also get this from management at your office.

“Position Number, Route Number or Position Title”, enter the Job ID as shown in Arrow #2 above.

“Location”, enter the name of the station that you are bidding TO.

“Choice Number”, will always be 1 (one), since you’re bidding on a single route/T6.

“Present Assignment”, your current route number (last 2 digits of zip code followed by 2 digit route number).

“Craft”, enter City Carrier.

“Position Title”, enter City Carrier or T6.

“Level”, enter Q1 or if a T6 then it would be Q2.

“Pay Location”, enter the name of your station.

Make sure to sign and date the form.

The steps for bidding on multiple routes are pretty much the same with only minor differences.

“Position Title” is your CURRENT position (unlike a single bid where it’s the Job ID of the assignment you’re bidding on).

As you can see here, you will then list the choice of bids in order of preference. Your most desired route would be choice #1, then #2, #3, etc...

You don’t however need to bid on every route on the bid sheet, only on the routes you want a shot at.

That’s pretty much it. As always, make sure to sign and date the form.

You have multiple ways to submit the forms. I would suggest going to the union hall to have it faxed with a confirmation receipt. Management can also scan the form and email it to Joy’Ell Sims. Once again, make sure your get a confirmation that it was sent. Keep a copy of all relevant paperwork in case something happens (junior carrier was awarded the bid for example).

Lastly, you can get either of the manual bid cards from the branch website at nalc-branch78.org

**Good Luck!**

**May the odds be ever in your favor!**

**by Trevor Payne & Kelsey Crosbie**

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®		Preferred Assignment Multiple Bid Card	
Personal Information			
Name (Print or type name Last, First, and MI)		Employee Identification Number (Located on pay stub)	
Posting Number/Notice Number 10 DIGIT # AT TOP OF FIRST PAGE OF BID POSTING REFER TO ARROW #1		Seniority Date	
Present Assignment			
Craft CITY CARRIER		Pay Location CURRENT STATION	
Position Title CITY CARRIER OR T6		Route Number (Carrier) CURRENT ROUTE #	
Choice	Position Number	Choice	Position Number
1	LIST JOB ID #'s in	16	
2	ORDER OF BID	17	
3	PREFERENCE	18	
4		19	
5		20	
6		21	
7		22	
8		23	
9		24	
10		25	
11		26	
12		27	
13		28	
14		29	
15		30	
Applicant's Signature (See Reverse for Privacy Act Statement)		Date Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY)	

PS Form 1717-A, June 2009, (Front) PSN 7530-01-000-9709 (Clerks: See Reverse — Scheme Training/Testing)



## MILLER'S MUSING

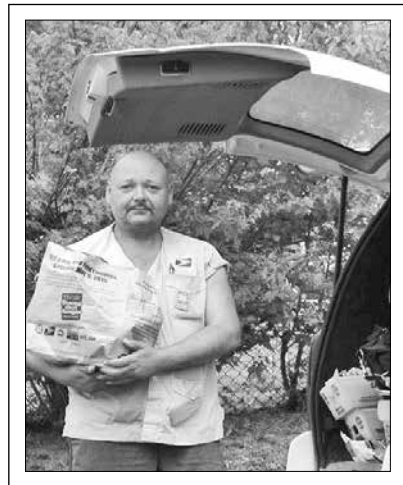
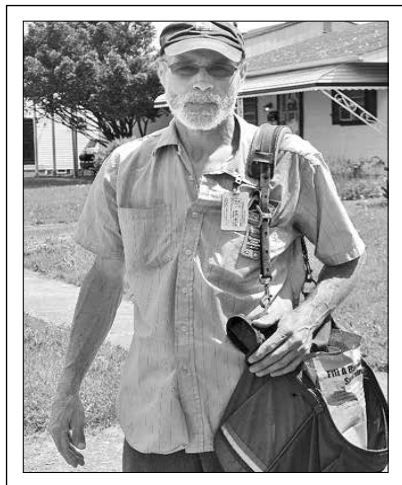
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Bad weather negatively impacts our drives but COVID was a killer because we were so understaffed and everyone being forced to put in ridiculous hours, some seven days a week that it became a trickle or nothing. There are high hopes that numbers will go back

to former high volume collections. Please deliver the cards, they have First Class postage. The UFCW local 1059 has provided grocery bags for our food drives in the past so please deliver them if provided for your routes. If your truck is too full there will be vol-

unteers of Branch Officers and Retirees available to help. Please make this year's Food Drive a success, it all depends on YOU!

Submitted by  
Yana Miller-Farney



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Lending  
A Helping  
Hand To  
The  
Community  
Throughout  
The Years



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## HINGE HEALTH

**Attention Members**  
**Change of Address -**

Please notify Branch 78 any time you move. It cost your dues money to send to bad addresses.

**Letter Carriers  
West Side  
Retiree's Breakfast**

Open to all retired Letter Carriers  
(any office)

**Tee-Jaye's Country Place**  
4048 West Broad Street  
Columbus Ohio 43228

**4th Monday of the Month**  
Order 7:30 to 8 A.M.  
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Evan (614)876-2762

Once you sign up for a care plan it will be designed with low-impact exercises prescribed just for you right on the HINGE Health App. An expert team in your corner for 1-on-1 support from your

**Dean Peruzzi**  
**NALC Branch 78**  
**Health Benefits Rep.**

# APRIL 2023 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Hornyak at 6:33; Pledge led by Steve Smith; Invocation by Val Davis. Minutes read by Yana Miller-Farney, accepted as read. Trevor Payne read a Thank You from Branch 63 Zanesville for our support for their MDA Bowl-A-Thon; read Bills List and 60 applications for membership.

Mark Beach We have a lot of Unassigned Regulars. There was training by Region 11 NBA office.

Chris Semo read By Law change to Article 2 Sec 4 this is the third reading for the Branch to send \$500 to the family of any dues paying Active member in good standing that passed away in FERS order of succession.

~ **MOTION PASSED**

Instead of a By Law change to Article 13 Sec 3 the Policy Book will be used. Branch travel less than 300 miles will be by surface means; any trip over 300 miles will be figured by air travel. Valeria Davis informed Mrs. Moore from My Plate OSU Extension cooked Black-eyed peas and discussed the merits of adding beans or legumes to our diets and some of the benefits. Along with a wonderful Easter meal by Val. She invited everyone who is able to the May meeting presentation by the Alzheimers Association family and friends alike. June is the luncheon at Cracker Barrel in Grove City, July the Arthritis Association will do a presentation about that disease. August we will meet at Carrie's Cafe at Lifecare Alliance.

Dean Peruzzi informed about in home PT services from Hinge Health through NALC Health Plan.

Ramon Lawson read the Treasurer's Report

## NEW BUSINESS

Ramon Lawson made a motion seconded by Jacki Mitchell, to spend up to \$3805 to send President Hornyak, Dir. of Retirees Val Davis and HB Rep Dean Peruzzi to Health Benefits Seminar October 15-18, 2023, in Las Vegas, NV. ~ **MOTION PASSED**

Dean Peruzzi made a motion seconded by Don Shepard, to send President Hornyak to the Fall COP in Las Vegas, NV 10/13-15/23, at a cost of \$1238.00. ~ **MOTION PASSED**

Mark Beach made a motion seconded by Val Davis, to spend up to \$8871.00 to send 10 stewards to Steward Training 6/7-9/23. ~ **MOTION PASSED**

Mark Beach made a motion seconded by Brenda Stidham, to spend \$3 per carrier in each unit for food or drink 5/13/23 Food Drive Day. Only Steward or designee must turn in the original receipt to Ramon Lawson by 6/15/23, with names, count and station attached. ~ **MOTION PASSED**

Jacki Mitchell made a motion seconded by Brenda Stidham, for the Branch to spend \$2000 for 50 grey and 50 black polo shirts for the Convention; to be purchased for \$20 each by delegates, officers or members, with the money going back to the Branch. ~ **MOTION PASSED**

Val Davis made a motion seconded by Dean Peruzzi, to spend \$60 to purchase a large Hole Sponsor sign for Br 385 Youngstown Chubby DiGiacomo MDA Golf Outing 7/09/23. ~ **MOTION PASSED**

Discussed the Detroit COP Brian Renfroe, Manny Peralta, Dan Toth, Jim Yates and Trustees were in attendance. After 15 years Postal Reform was finally enacted. More information discussed about the Medicare Integration coming in 2025 more details expected as we get closer to implementation. Staffing problems nationwide, signing MOU during bargaining. Crime Against Carriers must stop, OIG, Postal Police and Postal Inspectors developing a comprehensive Plan. Arrow key theft is an organized operation, WW Carrier accosted last week. Talking of replacing Arrow key through new technology. NGDV has a 360 degree camera on top. More talk of Dejoy's Sorting and Delivery Centers, one in Utica, NY, any delivery unit within 30 minutes moved to the facility. Bargaining push for all career workforce; higher starting pay; decrease time to reach top step. Ridiculous cost of uniforms, seems to be a monopoly of acceptable sellers, 40% increase for carriers in three years. Doesn't help that APWU agreed to a 2.5% increase their last contract. Mandated to be all Made in America.

Reviewed the changed Route Adjustment dates:

West Worthington completed - possible impasse

Pickerington Spec Insp changed to 04/01

Tri-Vil Spec Insp 1202 Live Wk 04/1

OP 43223 live wk Now 05/13

Olde Towne E 43205 Now on Hold

Livingston 43227 Now on Hold

Collections - Formal inspection 03/11

Reynoldsburg Live Week now 04/01

Bexley changed to 04/29

OP 43231 Live Wk Now 05/13

Short North 43201 Now on Hold

Dublin and W Jefferson Now on Hold

Charles Sanders added a few comments about the Inspections and games management continues to play. Like using a program from the plant as data for inspections. Make sure your steward is requesting Work Hour Work Load Reports are posted daily so numbers aren't padded against us. If not have them grieve it till posted daily.

20 conversions to Unassigned Regular for Columbus effective 04/08/23

Article 8.5F.; those cases have not been paid yet, filing non-compliance on those Region 11 Rap Session in Syracuse, NY Todd, Jeremy, Kelsie Crosbie, Ramon, Jacki, Dale Hillis and Nick Jervey attendees.

Rate changes for PTF step AA to be implemented 04/07/22 PP 9 \$1.25 underpaid.

OSA Legislative Conference 04/26-27/23 in Washington, DC

George Meany Dinner at Villa Milano on Schrock Rd 04/27/23 6 PM; Mark Beach, Dean Peruzzi, Jeremy Hirschfelt, Brian Ball, Steve Bryant, Don Shepard, two seats available call Hall if interested.

Region 11 Retirement Seminar Sunday April 30, 10 AM at Union Hall

Food Drive May 13, Remember to pickup food left at boxes or on porches.

Region 11 Steward School at Union Hall 06/07-09/23; sending 10 of the new stewards.

OSA Convention 08/04-05/23 in Columbus at the new Hilton Columbus Downtown

Jacki mailed NALC Branches and local companies to place ads in the Convention Book. She has invited Mayor Ginther, Joyce Beatty 3rd District, Mike Carey 15th District and Mark Fluharty, COLC to attend. Working with Columbus Clippers for Friday August 4 game. Still asking stations to provide gift baskets for MDA Raffles. If your station would like to purchase an ad contact Jacki.

Branch Picnic September 17 at Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard area.

Kenia LaMarr has started the drawings for the Meeting Hall murals, stop in to check the early stages of the project.

Elite Fence has been given a down payment, 3-4 weeks for materials to arrive.

### **Good of the Association**

Remember to pick up any food left on porches, beside and inside mailboxes!

Steve Smith won the gas card. Had Timothy J. Starr been in attendance he would have won \$100.00. There were 30 members on ZOOM and 20 in the Meeting Hall.

**Submitted by**

**Yana Miller-Farney**

**UNION PROUD!**

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