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Calendar
Branch Meetings:
July (no meeting)
August (no meeting)
September 3, 2008
7:30 p.m. - Union Hall

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July (no meeting)
August (no meeting)
September 10, 2008
12:30 p.m. - Union Hall

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President's Report



Cathy Tondreau Wins Fred Herman Award!

Congratulations Cathy! The Michigan State Association of Letter Carriers selected Cathy as the 2008 Fred Herman NALC Steward of the year. Cathy received this high honor at the recent Michigan State Association off year training assembly. (Pictured above is Cathy receiving the award from NALC Region 6 National Business Agent Pat Carroll, Branch 2184 President Mark Judd, and Michigan State Association President Dan Florkowski) Cathy has served for more than twenty years as a Branch 2184 Steward in Dearborn. She currently serves the Dearborn Annex as the Step A designee and has served for more than fifteen years as Branch 2184 Financial Secretary-Treasurer. If all that were not enough, she is also our food drive co-coordinator and co-coordinator for

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We invite all members to contribute articles for publication. Copy should be typed, double-spaced and signed by the contributor. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit, delete or reject the article for the good of the branch.

In the hope that material contained herein may be of benefit to the goals of the NALC, permission is hereby granted to copy or use material in this publication with our best wishes.



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Branch Activities. Once again congratulations and thanks for all your hard work.

Branch Food Drive

This year we collected over 345,000 pounds of food. That is nearly a 20% increase over last years total! A round of thanks for all those who helped make this years effort such a great success. A special thanks to our Branch coordinators Cathy Tondreau and Cindy Trzeciak and our office and station coordinators, Karon Sable-Belleville, Darryl Clay and Ed Williams-Dearborn Main, Tony Calamita and Mel MacDonald-Dearborn Annex, Pam Johnson-Dearborn Teleford, Tony Gretch and Denise Viola-Dearborn Heights, Sue Hall-Flat Rock, Sharidy Harrington-Grosse Ile, Bryon Hendricks-Inkster, Laura Fitzgerald-Lincoln Park, Betty Karsten-Northville, Sue Weatherford and Dan Marek-Plymouth, Gloria Warthen-Rockwood, Sue Arnett and Roger Gilliam-Taylor, Dave Bartaway and Keisha Barnes-Trenton, Michelle Manley-Wayne, Lois Fritz, Felicia Bryant, Gloria Gorny, and Diane Daley-Canton, Joan Hicks and Kim Clark-Westland, Alan Grajczak and Rick Rider-Ypsilanti, Chad Zion-Monroe, Kim Steffko-Temperance.

MISALC Training Assembly

Our 2008 Off-Year Training Assembly was held at the Marriott Hotel Renaissance Center in Detroit. The training was conducted May 19 – 20. The Branch sent 26 officers and stewards to the state assembly. I am pleased to report that all those who attended reported for their assigned class. This year as in years past the training and topics were excellent. The classes offered by the State were held in conjunction with our National Business Agent's office. The instructors selected by

the State association and from Pat Carroll's office were outstanding. On Monday, the day started with a group session led by State President Dan Florkowski and the NALC Regional Field Coordinator Matt Little, bringing us up to date on key political races and legislative issues we will be facing in the fall. During the remainder of the day we had two class training sessions. The first session offered covered Contract Grievances, CSRS and FERS Retirements, Transitional Employees, and EAP. The second session of the afternoon covered Discipline Grievances, Negotiation Skills, OWCP and Workplace Stress and Violence. On Tuesday we met in a General Assembly session with presentations from Muscular Dystrophy Association, the presentation of the Fred Herman Steward of the year award and a question and answer period with our National Business agent Pat Carroll.

Texas Hold'em Winners

At our first ever Texas Hold'em for MDA we had 26 players enter the tournament. While we had seats available we still managed to raise \$500 for MDA. The other winners beside MDA were Paul Pastula in first place, Daria McGregory in second and Walter McGregory in third. The prizes paid out were as follows: \$250 for 1st place, \$100 2nd place and \$40 for 3rd place. Mark your calendars for the fall Texas Hold'em Tournament.

Raffle Tickets

This year we will once again be selling raffle tickets for MDA. The raffle tickets are available from your Branch officers or stewards. If any member would like to sell a batch of tickets to help a good cause please give us a call at the office.

MDA

NALC-Helping Jerry's Kids since 1956

-- *Mark Judd*
President

Politically Incorrect? An Overview Of Letter Carrier Political Rights And Prohibited Activities

With an important National election rapidly approaching, the buzz of partisan electoral politics is already filling the air. It's election time again, and every letter carrier is strongly encouraged to exercise their civic duty and right to make their voice heard by voting in the primary and general elections. Partisan political matters have often been the subject of frank discussion and at times heated debate on the post office workfloor. Letter carriers and all postal employees are fully enfranchised United States citizens. However, there are some very specific prohibitions on partisan political activity - especially that which occurs in the work place or while wearing a USPS uniform. These prohibitions apply to ALL active USPS employees, not just letter carriers, per Federal Law (the Hatch Act) as well as USPS regulations in the Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM), section 663.1. Violations of these rules can result in very serious consequences, including forfeiture of USPS employment. What letter carriers specifically can and cannot do in terms of partisan politics has often been the subject of MUCH misinformation and misunderstanding, most of it management-generated. With that in mind, the following is a listing of general guidelines.

1. As a good rule of thumb the adage "**off the clock and out of uniform**" should ALWAYS be kept in mind. USPS employees are always prohibited from engaging in *partisan* political activity during work hours. This is broadly defined as actively campaigning for or soliciting campaign funds for a candidate or candidates for partisan (affiliated with a political party) political office while on post office time, while on post office property, or while

wearing a post office uniform. We do have every right to work for or assist a partisan campaign for public office or make personal monetary donations to such campaigns – *on our own time*. However, we may not organize or personally oversee partisan political fundraisers, even while off the clock. We may also serve as delegates to local, State and National political conventions. Again, in all instances we must be on our own time, out of uniform, and off post office property.

2. The M-41 handbook, section 112.25 requires letter carriers to "**attend quietly and diligently to our work and refrain from loud talking or the use of profane language.**" However, contrary to the misinformed opinion of some management types and even a few misguided craft level employees, the above does NOT prohibit us from engaging in ordinary conversation with nearby co-workers about any subject that we wish to discuss – including politics. Do keep in mind that your co-workers may not have much interest in your personal political opinions.

3. **Postal vehicles and workfloor equipment (including carrier cases) may not display ANY partisan political stickers, banners, or similar material.** The Union may post material on Union bulletin boards regarding the voting records and positions of candidates for partisan office *only as they pertain to postal or labor issues*. The Union may not otherwise post any material that endorses a specific candidate for partisan political office. Postal employees may NOT wear buttons, clothing, or stickers that endorse candidates for partisan office while on the clock, engaged in official business or while we are wearing a post office uniform. However, we may place such material on our personal vehicles that are parked on post office property, as long as such vehicles are not used for official postal business. Additionally, we may wear buttons, clothing, and stickers that endorse candidates for partisan office *while off the clock and out*

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4. Letter carriers may be candidates for any *non-partisan* political office, **but we are prohibited from running for any partisan (party-affiliated) political office during our tenure of USPS employment.** USPS retirees are not restricted in this manner, and they may run for any political office at any time, as well as engage in fundraising activities for candidates for partisan political office.

If you have specific concerns or need additional information, please notify your steward or contact the Branch 2184 office.

--Joe Golonka
 NALC Congressional District
 Liaison, MI-11



Branch 2184 Web Site

Visit the Branch 2184 web site using the following web address. www.nalc2184.org

The site will include pages for steward resources, contract Q&A, retirement, 2008 color calendar, branch picnic pictures, postal humor, online "SPEAKS" newsletter and much more.

E-Mail your comments and suggestions to the "Speaks" editor at leonardzawisa@br2184.com

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EVP's Report

Managements Trickery

Just as a magician needs to find new magic tricks to entertain their fans, management must find new ways to justify their numbers to their bosses. There seems to be an endless amount of effort to find new ways to reduce your route times. The battle is between your local manager and their District manager and right on up the line, to try to fit a square peg into a round hole. Each one will do what it takes to show their boss that they are attaining the unrealistic goals set out for them. Guess who gets caught up in the middle of this battle?

That's right, you do.

Management has done trickery by putting in training time (782 codes) when there is no training. They have made your "no lunch" (093 codes) requests disappear resulting in the data showing that you have a 7:30 hour route instead of 8 hours. They even have shown carriers working in the clerk craft (742 codes) when no such work has been done. Another trick that they are doing is when you carry off another route and you "retro swipe" (where you input your time rings), the manager also will input the time they gave you. This means that the one hour you worked on another assignment now becomes two hours. Thus, even if a carrier actually worked 9 hours, their total work hours would reflect only 7 hours on your own assignment and 2 hours somewhere else. This in turn would make their DOIS projected hours for their assignment look more like your actual hours worked. And what is even more



of an illusion is that you wouldn't even know about it. How's that for a magic trick?

I cannot stress enough that each carrier create some written record of ALL work they are doing on a daily basis. This should include a copy of the Form 3996 as well as taking your own personal notes, or taking the time to "retro swipe" your own rings into the time clock. If you don't know how to or have not even heard of retro swiping, then talk to your steward. They should be able to assist you in this.

Why is it important to put your time rings in yourself? The answer is that there is an ID number that is associated with any time clock adjustment, whether it is your ID number or your supervisors ID. It's like leaving a fingerprint on the evidence. When your steward investigates a possible grievance they will know exactly who inputted the time rings. This is not a pay issue, because you still get the right amount of pay for hours worked. The issue is the recording of work hours to show that there is less work than is truly being done on your own assignment. The magician will then show you how it will make your route disappear!

Yours in unionism

--Jim Wolstencroft

Executive Vice President

Calendar of Events

- Branch Meeting July (no meeting)
- Steward Meeting..... July 8th at 7:30pm
- Steward Meeting July 14th at 7:30pm
- ConventionJuly 19-25
- Executive Board..... July 28th at 7:30pm
- Branch Meeting August (no meeting)
- Steward Meeting August 12th at 7:30pm
- Steward Meeting August 18th at 7:30pm
- Executive Board August 30th at 7:30pm
- Branch MeetingSeptember 3rd at 7:30pm

Sgt@Arms Report

Congratulations goes out to the following Carriers for joining the Gimme 5 COLCPE (Committee On Letter Carrier Political Education), Campaign (the union's non-partisan political action fund): Edward Sikora, Wayne; Kim Clark, Westland; Mel McDonald, Dearborn Annex; Bob Parisi, Taylor; and the Monroe Stewards who have already been given annually, Eric Venzke and Chris Carmon. These carriers have taken that extra step to secure the future of their jobs. They have also been entered in the new COLCPE contest for NALC members. The winners will enjoy either a trip to the World Series or a new flat-screen TV. The drawing will take place at our 66th Biennial National Convention in Boston this July. The grand prize is a trip for two to the 2008 World Series, which includes tickets for two games, plus airfare and three nights hotel accommodations, plus a per diem for expenses.

All you have to do to qualify is to be a "Gimme 5 for COLCPE" contributor. There is still time to sign up. Branch Officers are at the Union office weekdays 9 -5 p.m. and I am available via email at walt2184@prodigy.net. See your union steward if you

need more details about the "Gimme 5 for COLCPE" campaign.

Congratulations to the following carriers from Branch 2184 who turned in customer connect leads which resulted in sales:

Tina Tomasik (Monroe) \$4,200
 Lenora Walker (Westland) \$1,800
 Patricia Davis (Taylor) \$10,000
 Maryanne Villanueva (Dearborn) \$5,200
 John Hundley (Taylor) \$20,000
 Mike Arcuragi (Wayne) \$6,000
 Mike Arcuragi (Wayne) \$6,500
 Michele Lamance (Belleville) \$7,500
 Thomas Kuruvilla (Dearborn) \$3,000
 Tim Bowsher (Ypsilanti) \$5,000
 Sam Maniaci (Monroe) \$5,200
 Sam Maniaci (Monroe) \$5,000
 Larry Skillman (Monroe) \$1,200
 Larry Bardoni (Monroe) \$18,000
 Yvette Casey (Canton) \$26,000
 Jim Crossey (Plymouth) \$1,000

--Walt McGregory

COLCPE Coordinator

Customer Connect Coordinator



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Contract Corner:

Q: I was the successful bidder on a vacant assignment but wanted to rescind my bid after the bids were opened. I was told that this could not be done. Why?

A: The application of Article 41 provisions provides an answer to this question. A letter carrier can withdraw his or her bid on a vacant assignment any time *before the bids are opened*. However, once the bids have been opened a bid *cannot* be withdrawn and the successful bidder must assume the duties of the assignment on the posted date of placement. This is because the Contract (Article 41, section 1.C.4) clearly and unambiguously requires that "the successful bidder *will* work the duty assignment as posted." Of course, he or she can always choose to bid back on their previous assignment when it is posted.

Some NALC Branches in various parts of the United States have negotiated into their Local Memorandums of Understanding (LMUs) a "tryout period" for the successful bidder and subsequent retreat rights if the successful bidder does not like the bid-for assignment. However, such "tryout periods" are wholly inconsistent with Article 41 provisions. Moreover, Branch 2184 long ago determined that attempting to negotiate this into our LMU would be counterproductive and would open up the bidding process to unnecessary game-playing on the part of management and also by some letter carriers.

A related issue involves the number of successful bids allowed within one Contractual timeframe. The number of successful bids allowed during the current (2006-2011) Collective Bargaining Agreement is seven (7). Bids to and from higher level (CC2) assignments or bids necessitated because of the application of the provisions of Article 41, section 3.O do not count toward the seven successful bid limitation. There is no limitation whatsoever on the number of unsuccessful bids made during a

contract cycle.

Q: The VOMA in my office has been delivering mail. Can they do that?

A: VOMA (Vehicle Operations Maintenance Assistant) employees that come from the letter carrier craft can deliver mail under some *very limited* conditions, in accordance with National Level interpretive (Step 4) grievance settlements. Specifically, a VOMA can be utilized to deliver mail *only* if all of the requirements of Article 8, section 5 of the Contract have been met regarding the assignment of overtime work. Specifically, letter carriers who have signed the regular Overtime Desired List must first be utilized up to 12 hours, as well as carriers who have signed the work assignment Overtime Desired List utilized up to 12 hours on their own assignments - prior to assigning *any* of this work to a VOMA. Additionally, the VOMA employee cannot be assigned any letter carrier work in lieu of his/her regular VOMA duties. Moreover, VOMA employees are not eligible to sign any Overtime Desired List. Finally, a VOMA who comes from a craft other than the city letter carrier craft cannot deliver mail under any circumstances. Of note, the grievance which resulted in the definitive National Level interpretive decision concerning VOMA and mail delivery issues was initiated in our very own Lincoln Park office during the early 1980s.

Q: I have a large number of apartments on my route. I was told to leave ads and other undressed mailings in the trays beneath the mailboxes. Is this proper?

A: No, that is not proper. Letter carrier regulations for security and delivery of the mail are found in the M-41 handbook, sections 112.31 and 321.4. These provide that a carrier must "protect *all* mail entrusted to your care" (112.31) and must "place mail *well into* the receptacle" (321.4). The only exception discussed in the M-41 is a sample that is too large to fit inside the mailbox. Unfortunately,

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Contract Corner:

many letter carriers routinely place ads and unaddressed mailings into apartment mailbox trays or leave the ads on top of the boxes. In some instances, letter carriers have even been *trained* to do this. This practice not only violates the above referenced regulations, but it compromises the only thing that we have to sell, which is customer service. Leaving the area around apartment mailboxes cluttered with ad mailings is hardly the way to promote the image of the USPS. Does placing the ads inside the mailboxes take more time? Sure, it does. So what's your hurry, anyway? Doing our job right (delivering mail in a safe, sane and professional manner) is far more important than doing it so fast that it compromises customer service.

Attend Your Branch Meetings

**September 3rd 2008
7:30 p.m. at the Branch Hall**

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Prescription Drug Program.. 1-800-933-6252

For additional information, visit the national website at www.nalc.org/depart/hbp

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*Asterisk indicates that your yearly check contribution has or is about to expire. Renew your commitment to COLCPE.



Branch 2184 2008 Scholarship Application

Qualifications:

1. Must be a dependent child of a Branch 2184 member in good standing (active or retired) or a child of a member now deceased and cannot be 24 years of age or older the year of application.
2. Applicant's parent must be a member in good standing of Branch 2184 for at least one (1) year prior to making application, with the exception of children of members now deceased who were previously members in good standing of Branch 2184 at the time of their death.
3. Must be a high school senior, high school graduate, GED recipient, or attending college or technical school (undergraduate) at the time of submitting the application, and attending an eligible school in the fall.**
4. Only one application per child per year. Only one scholarship per family will be awarded each year.
5. Student must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average or above. A copy of grade transcript or equivalent must accompany application for scholarship.
6. If the NALC parent of a successful applicant is suspended by the Branch or makes an application for a supervisory position before monies are paid, the scholarship will be canceled. Children of members who have applied for a supervisory position are excluded from making application for two (2) years following withdrawal of the supervisory application.
7. Students with full scholarships are not eligible.
8. Eligible schools: accredited and licensed college, trade school, community college and schools of higher education only. The institution's eligibility shall be determined by the scholarship committee.
9. All decisions of the scholarship committee will be final.

**** TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN OR ENTERING AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL FULL-TIME IN THE FALL OF 2008.**

Awards:

1. The scholarship committee shall award the scholarships by random drawing of all eligible applicants.
2. Scholarships will be on a yearly basis and will be awarded at the October monthly meeting.
3. Scholarships will be awarded in allotments of \$500.00. Two (2) scholarships of \$500.00 each shall be allocated.
4. Two (2) alternates will be selected in the event that any scholarship winners are later ruled ineligible. The alternates' names will not be disclosed.
5. The scholarship will be disbursed to the student when a copy of a receipt for tuition, room and board or books is provided to the committee. The student must be full-time as established by their school or college.

Member's Name:		Member's Phone Number:	
Member's Station:			
Applicant's Name and (Date of Birth):		Name of School:	
Address:		Address:	
Signature of Member:		Date:	
Signature of Applicant:		Date:	
Signature of Steward or Officer:		Date:	

**THIS APPLICATION
MUST BE MAILED TO
THE FOLLOWING
ADDRESS:**

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
BRANCH 2184, NALC
6969 Monroe
Taylor, MI 48180-1815

**Applications
Must be Received by
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

2008 Food Drive Results

Belleville	8,849
Dearborn Main	9,500
Dearborn Annex	23,110
Teleford	4,500
Dearborn Heights	15,000
Flat Rock	8,500
Grosse Ile	4,100
Inkster	70,000
Lincoln Park	10,000
Monroe	21,000
Northville	18,500
Plymouth	19,678
Rockwood	7,120
Taylor	30,358
Temperance	4,303
Trenton	30,000
Wayne	6,395
Westland	22,164
Canton	18,810
Ypsilanti	13,500
Grand Total	345,387

On May 10, 2008 Branch 2184 participated in the annual NALC Food Drive. Together we collected and delivered 345,387 pounds of non-perishable food items to various food banks and

pantries in our surrounding communities.

Considering the state of Michigan's economy, we were very pleased that our totals were up from last year's total of 290,656.

The success of the NALC Food Drive is always dependent on its volunteer's. Below are the following ingredient's necessary for a successful food drive.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for helping the NALC

Stamp Out Hunger!

-- *Cathy Tondreau and Cindy Trzeciak*
Branch Food Drive Coordinators



Branch President Mark Judd and Retirees Officer Leonard Zawisa assist Dearborn Annex Volunteers sort food brought in by returning Carriers.

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