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Calendar
Branch Meetings:
November 7, 2007
December 5, 2007
7:30 p.m. - Union Hall

Retirees Meetings:
November 14, 2007
December 12, 2007
12:30 p.m. - Union Hall

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President's Report

Contract Ratified!

NALC members overwhelmingly ratified our new national agreement. By a 9 – 1 margin carriers approved the tentative agreement. According to Joseph DeRossi the chairman of the ballot committee the final total was 104,346 to 11,895. National President William Young was extremely pleased with the outcome of the ratification vote commenting at the recent Committee of Presidents meeting that over 60% of those eligible to vote cast their ballots. President Young announced on September 20 that the lump sum COLA payment of \$686 (November 2006 through May 2007) will be included with your regular check for pay period 21 with the pay date being October 19, 2007. The retroactive 1.4% payment for all hours from November 25, 2006 through September 28, 2007 will be include with your regular paycheck in pay period 24, with an effective pay date of November 30, 2007. The recently ratified contract runs until November 20, 2011.

Branch Scholarship Winners Selected

At the October 3, Branch Membership meeting this years Branch 2184 scholarship winners were announced. Congratulations go out to Sukhreet Sandhu whose father Ranjit works in the Wayne station. Our other winner is Gregory Black son of retired Plymouth carrier Cary Black. The winners were selected at random at the September 24 Executive Board meeting and met all the eligibility criteria. The response to this years Branch Scholarship program was overwhelming, with the Branch receiving more applications then at any time since the program started. Each winner will receive \$500 from the Branch to use for their tuition and expenses. Once again on behalf of Branch 2184 we wish you much success in your chosen fields of study.

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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.

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Transitional Employees

As you are aware our new National Agreement eliminates the use of low paid casuals, in favor of Transitional Employees. According to our National President William Young the USPS has a 90-day grace period to convert or release the casuals currently on the rolls. All our members should be on the look out for these newly created TE's . Detroit District Manager Nancy Rittenhouse said that the Detroit District has been approved to hire 167 TE's and that they will be on board by the end of November. She went on to say that the first TE's hired will be casuals currently employed and

District Manager Rittenhouse confirmed that "there will be no full blown route inspections in 2008"

those who were recently employed as casuals but whose appointment time had run out. The new contract language does not allow for these TE's to be dual appointments. Of the 167 hired, approximately 100 will go to the City of Detroit. If you see new employees in your building or installation please let your steward know so that these new craft members can be signed up. It should not be too difficult to sign them up since it is our negotiated contract that got them the \$6.00 an hour raise they now will enjoy.

Minor Route Adjustments Scheduled for 2008

On September 25, I attended a meeting along with other Branch presidents at the District Managers offices at the GMF building downtown. The Operational Support staff gave a presentation on which offices throughout the District and the Branch which will be undergoing minor route adjustments in FY 2008. District Manager Rittenhouse confirmed that there will be no full blown

route inspections in 2008 as they have proven to be not cost efficient. The following Branch 2184 cities, stations, and offices, are scheduled for MRA's in FY 2008: Trenton, Dearborn Main, Dearborn Heights, Monroe, Northville, Lincoln Park, Belleville, and Ypsilanti. For those offices scheduled be advised that the Branch Route Inspection Officer Dave Reise will be working closely with the station Stewards and the Detroit District to make sure that the proper adjustments occur. Remember to work professionally and safely keep track of all curtailed mail on a daily basis using a form 1571, if you will be unable to make your scheduled leaving time submit your 3996 and give them your best estimate and finally if you cannot make it back at the time you were told to return, call from the field and ask for further directions. DOIS is a management tool to be used by management, if management disciplines you for not making their DOIS based numbers contact your steward immediately and file a grievance.

--Mark Judd
President

Veterans Day Holiday



November 12th

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Good Luck

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Calendar of Events

Branch MeetingNovember 7th at 7:30pm
 Holiday November 12th
 Steward Meeting November 13th at 7:30pm
 Steward Meeting November 19th at 7:30pm
 Holiday November 22nd
 Executive Board November 26th at 7:30pm
 Branch Meeting December 5th
 Steward Meeting December 11th at 7:30pm
 Steward Meeting December 17th at 7:30pm
 Executive Board December 17th at 7:30pm
 Holiday December 25th

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