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President's Report

It's Up To You

Back in autumn 2010 the heading for my article in the *SPEAKS* was Vote or Consequences, in that it was right before the midterm election. Like every election these days, we were attempting to educate our members on the importance of voting and why it was important to support candidates who support our issues. Little did I know that we would still be dealing with the consequences of that election some two years later. The voter turnout numbers in 2010 were low and the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives along with governorships and state legislatures across the country. Analysis of voting in Union households that year showed that hundreds of thousands of Union members failed to vote. Furthermore, in some instances exit polling conducted showed a disproportionate number of Union households actually voted for the Republican candidates.

Once the election dust had settled the newly elected Republicans and their allies wasted no time in launching full scale attacks against Unions and working families. The attacks were widespread across the country. Special attention was given to the newly elected governors in the Midwest who could not wait to propose and pass anti-worker legislation in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Penn-



sylvania, and Michigan. This coordinated effort was now centered on breaking unionized public service employees such as janitors, custodians, teachers, firefighters and police officers - and of course all Federal employees. This newly created Union bogeyman created by the right-wing attack machine was just what the anti-union, anti-worker groups were looking for. The damage that was done to working families in these states

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alone has had a devastating effect on unionized workers and workers' rights.

Two years have now passed, and once again it is time to vote. The choices we face in this election could not be clearer. Both parties have made their positions quite clear and really have taken any guesswork out of selecting a candidate or party to vote for. Governor Romney, the Republican candidate for President, has endorsed the Issa plan for downsizing the Postal Service out of business. His Republican Party platform calls for cutting the Federal workforce by at least 10%, overhauling Federal pay and benefits and privatizing airport screening. Worst of all, it also calls for the partial privatization of parts of the USPS. Can't get much clearer then that!

Speaking of supporting harmful legislation, let's not forget that Postmaster General Donahoe in his testimony before Congress said he could support the Issa proposal as written. Had enough yet? In the October *Postal Record* National NALC President Fred Rolando made it perfectly clear what is at stake for the NALC members we represent; "who wins and who loses the White House, and who wins and who loses in the House and Senate, will do more to determine your job security, your standard of living and the quality of your health benefits and pensions than any other factor before us".

The consequences of this year's election could not be more profound. How you vote and how your family members vote will have a direct impact on your future. This year alone there were dozens of bills pending in the house and senate that would have had a detrimental impact on postal employees and the USPS had they come up for a vote. Republicans like Issa, Ross, Romney, and Ryan have all proposed or supported legislation that would directly and negatively affect your pension, health care, and rate of pay. The only thing the Re-

publicans are waiting for are the numbers in Congress to change in their favor, and for a President from their Party who would be willing to sign their legislation.

I cannot stress enough how crucial this election will be. That's why I am urging you and your family members to go out and vote and to support candidates that support the rights of Unions and their members, working class families, middle class values, and the USPS. The consequences of this election are just too important to ignore!

50/60 Year Members Honored

At our September Branch meeting we honored our newest 50 and 60 year members. Michigan State Association President Dan Florkowski was on hand to present them with their gold cards and pins commemorating their achievement. This year we had three members who qualified for their 50 year gold cards as well as five members who reached the 60 year milestone. Present at this year's ceremony to receive their awards were Cary Black (Plymouth), a 50 year Gold Card member, and 60 year member George Bolash (Dearborn). The following is a list of those who were unable to attend: 50 year members John Lowry (Westland), and Lyle Rosan (Westland). 60 year members C.W. Batchelder (Lincoln Park), Charles Minthorn (Plymouth), Calvin Simmons (Inkster), and Harry Szymanski (Dearborn). Congratulations to all of our new 50 and 60 year inductees.

Scholarship Winners

At the September 24th Executive Board meeting this year's Branch Scholarship winners were selected. Congratulations to Marcus Kisielewski, the son of Karen Kisielewski who is newly retired from Dearborn Heights. Other winners were Raymond Powell, whose father Jim is retired from Dearborn Heights and currently serves as the Branch Health Benefit Representative; Kayla Rinna, daughter of Trenton carrier Mario, and last but not least Erica Schaeffer, the daughter of Laura

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Presidents Report

from Lincoln Park. Each winner will receive \$500 from the Branch to use toward their tuition or other school related expenses. On behalf of the Branch we wish you much success in your chosen fields of study.

COLCPE Winners

Four Branch members who donated to COLCPE at the "Gimme 5" rate were selected by random drawing at this year's Labor Day Parade by State President Dan Florkowski. Each winner received a \$100 dollar American Express gift card. Congratulations to Tom Klecha (Dearborn Annex), Dennis Lucas (Trenton), Jennifer Neikirk (Monroe), and Casey Pennington (Trenton). I would like to thank you all for your participation in COLCPE. I hope to see more names added to our COLCPE list for the next drawing.

-- Mark Judd President

EVP's Report

The Most Important Election

So here we go again, another election year coming down to the wire. The arguments have been made, the debates are done and it comes down to one last thing to do.

GO OUT AND VOTE.

I cannot stress enough the importance of the outcome in the November 6^{th} Election . As a working union activist and federal employee I take great consideration into how I vote, as I'm sure you do.

It seems that every election is <u>the most important</u> election ever. We continuously hear from our union leaders about this election being the most important ever. Just look to the 2010 mid-term elections. As far as I'm concerned, they are all the most important election. So here it is again,

"THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION EVER".

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After the 2010 elections were done just look at the direction the country took, in particular state legislators and governorships in the Midwest States. Anti-worker, anti-union, anti-collective bargaining is the mandate of the legislators around the country today. Just think if these representatives had more support to push their agenda. Well that is exactly what they are intending to do, get more support to drive that anti-worker agenda into law. So here in Michigan we (union members) are on the offensive and are trying to protect collective bargaining by placing it into the state constitution with a YES vote on Proposal 2. This may not directly affect you as letter carriers, but it will have an impact on the union movement. We are asking for your help and more importantly your vote to help the working people protect their voice in the workplace.

Yes, this is the most important election ever and how we react, (by voting), will determine our fate as Postal/Federal employees from here on out. So if you like working for the United States Postal Service and want to remain a federal employee please listen to what your union representatives are saying. See the list of candidates who we support in this newsletter

As for our current arbitration, I'm sure the parties are waiting to see what is going to transpire on November 6th before there will be any movement either way.

So does this election have an effect on our current bargaining with the USPS?

Yes, if we want Congress to do what is right for the USPS than we better vote for the right congressional representative!

In Solidarity,

-- Jim Wolstencroft
Executive Vice President



VP's Report

YOUR COLCPE DOLLARS ARE HARD AT WORK

The 2012 election is right around the corner. There are so many "hot button issues" to vote on that are near and dear to each one of us. I urge each one of my brothers and sisters of Branch 2184, active and retired to exercise your right to vote. When you exercise that right to vote, it is critically important that you remember to vote for letter carrier friendly people and proposals. Now more than ever, your COLCPE dollars are hard at work.

You don't have to look too far to see what has been happening since a certain Governor and an anti-labor legislature took office in the state of Michigan. We have teachers, city workers, police, firefighters, retirees - and the list goes on and on, that have been affected by the anti-union actions of our governor and the Michigan legislature. If there was not a Union, do you think you would be earning your current rate of pay and have the current level of benefits. There isn't one new city carrier entering our craft as a TE or PTF making less than \$21.29 an hour anywhere in the United States. This isn't something that management wants; instead it has been negotiated by NALC.

We know that many people are very passionate about their party affiliations, but sometimes in life we have to make very difficult choices. Would you really vote for a candidate that wants to strip you of your collective bargaining rights? Does that make sense? That is why we need to support the candidates that support our issues and that is the purpose of COLCPE.

If you need assistance in signing up for COLCPE, see your steward and or call the union office at 313 295 1640. I'm also available to assist you by email at walt2184@prodigy.net.

-- Walt McGregory Vice President

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- ✓ Gregory Bodziak
- ✓ Linda Manning
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- ✓ Lynn Taylor
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Richard Adams (R) George Bolash (R)

- ✓ Darryl Clay
- ✓ Wanda Ellison
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- ✓ Patricia MacDonald
- ✓ Robert Panchenko
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- ✓ Carl Anderson
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- ✓ Michael Bergin Hubert Brown
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 - ✓ Sherry Garcia
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 - ✓ Jerry Taylor
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 - ✓ Jackie Wiggins

Dearborn Heights

- ✓ Rich Alaniz
- ✓ Roger Corpolongo
 - ✓ Jim Hales
 - ✓ Ian Mair

James Powell (R)

- → Alan Swinteck
- - ✓ Denise Viola
- ✓ James Wolstencroft

<u>Dundee</u>

- ✓ Chatrina Gensler
- ✓ Jerome Mannlein (R)

Flat Rock

✓ Lillian Bogosian

Grosse Isle

- ✓ Christopher Biegalski
 - ✓ Kimberly Bumbul
 - ✓ Thomas Harris
 - ✓ Virginia McNew
 - ✓ Mary Renaud

Inkster

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- ✓ Bryon Hendricks

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 - ✓ Kristie Nelson
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 - ✓ Ladonna Miller
 - ✓ Marie Shannon
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- ✓ Timothy Bowsher (R)
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- ✓ Alan Grajczyk
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Why do you vote the way you do?

Is it solely based on a political party? You're a Democrat or a Republican, so that's how you vote. I find it hard to believe that each person agrees 100% with their political party. This election is very important, and your vote should reflect what issue is most important to you, regardless of political party affiliation. So, this begs the question, what is most important to you? Most of us would say our families; the ability to provide for and take care of them. The next question should be; who supports the issue most important to me?

I know the divide between political party's affiliations and the "moral issues". I know, right now in congress, there is debate, talk, and even bill's regarding the postal service, collective bargaining and labor workers. Which issues do you think will be resolved first? If you said the issues revolving around your job, your livelihood and your ability to provide for your family; you're right. How these issues are resolved will depend on who you elect into the Senate, Congress and the Presidency.

During the National Convention held in Minneapolis, MN this past July, the Executive Council brought forward to the delegation a resolution to endorse President Barak Obama for a second term. There was discussion on the floor with the delegation weighing the pros and cons of endorsing Obama, as well as contrast and comparison of Obama with Mitt Romney. While many feel, myself included, President Obama has fallen short of expectations, he is still the best candidate for the security of the middle class and our jobs.

In addition to my belief that President Obama is our best hope for maintaining our jobs and taking care of our families I would like to add a couple more personal points. I have 5 children. I have a son 24 years old who for a year after he turned 21 did not have health coverage, that is until President Obama passed his health care bill. My

son is able to attend college on a PELL Grant. With five children I can't afford to pay for him to go to college, and he can't afford to pay for college working at \$8.00 an hour/30 hours a week job. Furthermore, I don't believe anyone should have to go into debt for thousands of dollars to receive an education.

I know a young man, very smart and a very Immediately after graduation, in good student. 2006, he began college. It was a private college for engineering. His parents could not afford to send him, so this young man took out student loans. He completed three years of his schooling; he was a year away from graduation. The summer before his senior year he broke his arm. He did not have health insurance; hence, thousands of dollars in medical expenses accumulated. Due to the medical expenses he accrued, he could not get a loan to pay for his last year of school. Because he owed thousands of dollars to the school in loans, he was unable to get his transcripts to transfer to another school. Three years of school wasted. And guess what, he still has to pay for the three years he went to school, as well as the medical bills. He had to start all over again.

As I stated in the beginning of my article, I am voting for the person who supports the issues most important to me. If, like me, your job, your family, your family's welfare, education and medical care are most important, the only choice is Barack Obama for President.

-- Casey Pennington Recording Secretary

Election Day



November 6th

DEFEATING BIG LIES WITH BIGGER TRUTHS

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." (Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, 1934).

"Reality exists whether you believe it or not" (Barack Obama, United States President, 2012)

With time quickly running out before the November 6 National election, the NALC and Organized Labor should not be wasting time and resources in futile attempts to "convert" the willfully clueless. We can't use facts or reason with people who have been conditioned to think that the truth is a lie and a lie is the truth. Hence, the "tea party" cult of stupidity in America.

Unfortunately, there is a minority of union letter carriers as well as members of other unions that are still quite willing to commit economic suicide for themselves and their families by throwing away their job and their union-earned middle class standard of living for the sake of badly misguided political beliefs. The reasons for these misdirected ideas are ultimately irrelevant. It simply doesn't matter anymore.

America itself is in fact more politically polarized now than any time in our nation's history. All but a few minds are already made up and those that don't "get it" are not going to be swayed by actual facts and truth. So, we must turn our attention - **ALL** of our attention, to making sure that the vast majority of letter carriers and our families are fully engaged in the November 6 election, and not just by showing up and voting on Election Day.

Our political enemies have always known that they can never win on the issues. The core tenets of 21st Century conservative ideology are too extreme, too discredited, and too much based on irrational appeals to fear, anger, and hate to ever be widely accepted by the majority of America's citizens. Thus, since our enemies can't sell their gar-

bage in a balanced and fact-based public forum and discussion of ideas, they can only create and spread misinformation as well as engage in voter suppression efforts in order to try to rig the outcome of elections.

Look again at the quote from Joseph Goebbels. The "big lie" strategy, or more accurately, a series of big lies, has been alive and well in America throughout much of its history. However, this tactic has been especially effective when used by anti-worker interests during the past 30 to 40 years. Such lies have just one purpose, which is to dupe American working class citizens such as letter carriers into working against their own self-interest and that of their families. How? By getting them to vote for and elect candidates whose primary mission is to destroy America's union-created middle class and the common good of her people.

Unless you don't watch television, you already know that millions of dollars in unaccountable corporate and foreign money is being used by wealthy conservatives to finance vicious attack ads against worker-friendly candidates. Such ads are always negative and are outright deceitful (more of the "big lie" strategy). However, they are effective because they directly appeal to fear and anger, as well as to more visceral emotions such as racial, sexual, or religious bigotry.

There has also been a relentless campaign waged by our political enemies to obstruct the voting rights of ordinary American citizens, under the guise of still another "big lie" known as alleged voter fraud, which is in fact virtually non-existent in America. Ideally, voting laws and procedures should always be structured to ensure the maximum possible participation of every American citizen, including same day registration, early voting, voteby-mail, and other voter-friendly provisions. However, our enemies oppose each of these common sense ideas because they would much rather mislead and obstruct than see a fair election process.

Fortunately, there are effective strategies to combat

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these insidious threats to our economic and personal freedoms. All the right-wing money in the world cannot buy this year's election as long as each one of us, and the voting age members of our families, actually shows up and votes! We still vastly outnumber our political enemies in terms of sheer numbers. However, the opposition *always* votes, while far too many of us do not, *even when our future is directly on the line*.

Make no mistake. *Everything is on the line* this time. It's your move. The future is ours to win - or to lose. When we unite for ourselves and for the common good of our nation and its people, we are an unstoppable force. In the words of Woody Guthrie...

Nobody living can ever stop me, As I go walking that freedom highway; Nobody living can ever make me turn back This land was made for you and me.

-- Joe Golonka Trustee

MISALC Endorsements

The Michigan State Association of Letter Carriers Executive Board and the Michigan AFL-CIO have voted to accept the following endorsements for the Tuesday, November 6th General Election.

National

President - **Barack Obama**Vice President - **Joe Biden**U.S. Senator - **Debbie Stabenow**

U.S. Congress

District #1 - Gary Mc Dowell

District #2 - No Recommendation

District #3 - Steve Pestka

District #4 - Debra Freidell Wirth

District #5 - Dan Kildee

District #6 - Mike O'Brien

District #7 - Kurt Haskell

District #8 - Lance Underle

District #9 - Sander Levin

District #10 - Chuck Stadler

District #11 - Syed Taj

District #12 - John D. Dingell

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State Supreme Court

Sheila Johnson - Partial Term Connie Marie Kelly Bridget Mary McCormack

Proposals

Proposal 1	(Emergency Manager)	NO
Proposal 2	(Collective Bargaining)	YES
Proposal 3	(Michigan Energy)	YES
Proposal 4	(Healthcare)	YES
Proposal 5	(2/3 approval)	NO
Proposal 6	(Bridge)	NO



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NALC

MITT ROMNEY AND PAUL RYAN WILL DESTROY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Mitt Romney and the GOP Want to Privatize the Post Office. Mitt Romney says, "The federal government isn't the answer for running...the post office." The 2012 Republican platform says the postal service is "mail delivery from the era of the Pony Express," that downsizing is "inevitable" and that "Congress should explore a greater role for private enterprise." (Politico, 3/5/11; 2012 Republican Platform, www.gop.com, accessed 9/14/12)

Mitt Romney Wants to Bust Our Union.

He wants to strip us of our ability to organize together and fight for our jobs, our wages and our retirement benefits, saying he will "stand up to the tyrannosaurus appetite of government unions." (Politico, 3/5/11; AP, 9/8/12)

☑ The Romney-Ryan Budget Would Cut Our
Fringe Benefits. Under their plan, postal employees
would pay more for health insurance and contribute 5%
more to our pensions—effectively cutting our pay by 5%
annually. (Congressional Budget Office, 3/29/12 & May 2011, NALC
Postal Record)

BARACK OBAMA WILL FIGHT FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE:

"We want to build an economy that lasts and that's why we're pushing back against the assault on unions, because the values you stand for—hard work, responsibility, looking out for one another—aren't just



union values. They're American values. That's why we're fighting to make sure that the United States Postal Service keeps delivering for the American people."

(NALC 68th Biennial Convention, 7/25/12)

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MISALC President Dan Florkowski and Branch President Mark Judd honor 60 year member George Bolash (above) and 50 year member Cary Black (below).



Recommendations of the Monroe/Lenawee Co. AFL-CIO CLC

County - Monroe

Sheriff - Dale Malone

Road Commissioner - Steve Pace

Drain Commissioner - David P. Thompson

County Commissioner - 3rd District **Al Potratz**, 4th District **Robert Lambert**, 5th District **Jason R. Turner**, 7th District **Jon Cook**.

Township

Frenchtown Supervisor - James A. McDevitt Bedford Trustee - Paul Pirrone

County - Lenawee

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County - Madison Charter Township

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