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Branch Meetings:

July 2010 - No Meeting
August 2010 - No Meeting
(7:30 p.m. - Union Hall)

Retirees Meetings:

July 2010 - No Meeting
August 2010 - No Meeting
(12:30 p.m. - Union Hall)

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President's Report

Picnic 2010

Neither rain nor wind nor threat of bad weather could stop the Branch 2184 Picnic. While other less hardy picnic goers would have been running for cover, the weather-tested and hardened Branch 2184 carriers were hardly fazed. The day seemed to have three parts to it. The first part proved to be a typical summer day with just a hint of a shower, but overall a bright and sunny start. Part II started when the ponies arrived and along with them a few dark clouds in the distance. It soon became apparent that the ideal weather with which we started the picnic would not last. The rain, wind and warning sirens started, alerting all to take precautions.

With that, our volunteers quickly moved the picnic into the Branch Hall and under the big top. While we were waiting for what turned out to be a legitimate weather threat to blow over, the picnic volunteers moved into high gear to secure the area and the supplies from the downpour and wind. After an approximately one-hour delay the clouds parted and we moved back outdoors. There was still an occasional downpour but the storm clouds were soon passing. Soon the grill was back in operation as well as the sno-cone, popcorn and cotton candy machines, not to mention the pony rides and moonwalk and the obstacle course.

Part III provided the all clear we were looking for. The skies turned bright and it was time to finish a fun yet sometimes wet picnic. While the turnout was surely dampened by the forecast, those who did attend seemed not to be too bothered by a little weather. Very special thanks to our concession crew who miraculously braved the storm and handled the weather emergency like real professionals. Thanks also to our Activities Coordinator Cindy Trzeciak who handled the arrangements for the picnic and to our outstanding "picnic grounds crew" Len Zawisa and Jim Powell. The picnic area and Branch grounds never looked better.

Have a great summer!

-- *Mark Judd*
President

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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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Address Correction Requested

When you move, change your name, leave the letter carrier craft, retire, or your phone number changes, we need to hear from you. Your member benefits, newsletter and other mailings may be affected if we don't have the new information. It only takes a phone call or drop us a note. We will do the rest.

Call 313-295-1640

EVP's Report

What are you going to do?

The Postal Service is on an all out attack on you, your wages, your benefits and your working conditions. And the only thing I ask you is; What are you going to do about it?

Are you one that believes if I just ignore the problem it will just go away?

OR

Are you one that believes that I don't have to do anything, let the union leaders fight this battle?

OR

Are you one that believes that I do have a say in what happens to my employer and I will do something about the problems that WE are now facing?

If you truly care about the future of the USPS then this is the time for you to do something about it. And here are some basic things that you as a member could do to ensure that you will have a future with the USPS.

1) Write or call your congressional representative and tell them that you oppose any plans by USPS management to go to a five day delivery and ask that they do the same. Ask them to co-sponsor the Sense of the House HR.173. HR.173 is the opinion of the House of Representatives that they oppose a 5 day delivery postal service. As of this writing only 5 out of 15 congressional representatives in the state of Michigan have signed on to this resolution. Not one of them is from any district that Branch 2184 represents.

2) Keep yourself informed by visiting the NALC website (www.nalc.org) and/or becoming an E-Activist. Attend your branch meetings the first Wednesday of the month starting in September. Remember knowledge is power, so empower yourself.

3) Give to COLCPE (Committee on Letter Carriers Political Education) at least 5 dollars a pay or

whatever you can give. These funds are voluntary, not from union dues that go to representatives (House/Senate) that support our interest in Congress.

These are just some basic ways that you can and should do your part. There are more ways to help but would require more time and effort that would surely be welcomed. These next couple months may very well determine the future of which way the Postal Service is going and how it will operate. So I strongly urge you to do your part in charting the course of the 'most trusted government agency'.

Yes, that is right. The United States Postal Service ranked first among 75 federal government agencies when it comes to safeguarding their personal information. This is according to a study (2010 Privacy Trust Study of the United States Government) done by the Ponemon Institute. Congratulations.

Just recently, June 28, Dearborn Heights Letter Carrier Frank Grosso passed away while delivering his assignment. Frank had carried mail in Dearborn Heights for 21 years and talked about retiring this December when he was to turn 62. Frank also honorably served his country during the Vietnam War. He was one of the easiest going people I have ever met and never spoke badly of anybody. This is a quality that I will remember Frank the most for. Frank Grosso will surely be missed.

As I report the passing of a fellow Brother, I wish to remind members to make sure that you are current with who your beneficiaries are. Time goes by people come and go into our lives. Births, deaths, marriage and divorce changes who is in our lives and who is no longer in our lives. As these changes occur so should your beneficiaries and who is to get your assets when you pass away. Take the time to do this, if not for your own reassurance do it for the one(s) who will survive you. If you wait till tomorrow it may be too late.

-- James Wolstencroft
Executive Vice President

GRADUATION FROM THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Following a total of three weeks of intense training and projects at the NALC Leadership Academy, I have graduated. On May 21, 2010, I, along with 29 other classmates from around the country received our Certificates of Completion.

Week three of the Academy focused on mentoring other future NALC leaders and sharing with our membership all the knowledge that I have learned.

Prior to arriving to the Leadership Academy in week one, I considered myself a confident Branch 2184 Officer. I was humbled the 1st day upon arriving to the Leadership Academy. With the help and support of my mentors Joe Golonka, Mark Judd and the Branch Executive Board, I made it through the most difficult training that NALC has ever offered in my union experience.

After graduation from the Leadership Academy, I was assigned to go work in our National Business Agent Pat Carroll's Office for a week. I worked in the NBA's office along with our two Regional Administrative Assistants, Jeff Fultz and Troy Clark. This was a great learning experience for me too. I had a chance to "shadow" our NBA

for a day and attend meetings in the Southeast District. We met with USPS Labor Relations and other management officials, as well as other union officials regarding multiple letter carrier issues.

The way I am to repay the debt that I owe to NALC for investing so much time and resources in the training I've received to date in my union career, is to "Pay It Forward". That means that I will pass on the knowledge and training that I have attained to future leaders of our great union. I will continue to defend letter carriers at every level that I work at within the NALC.

I would like to thank Branch 2184 members for supporting me and believing in me. This is only the beginning and we have a difficult task in front of us. Together, we can accomplish anything and that includes saving the Postal Service from itself by working against their foolish attempts to go five day delivery!

You can do your part in helping your NALC leadership by signing up for COLCPE automatic payroll deductions, by turning in leads for Customer Connect, by making sure you're signed up to be an e-Activist, and by staying involved with your local NALC branch.

I have the honor of attending our union's National Convention in August 2010, along with other Branch 2184 delegates. Branch 2184 will again be well represented on the Convention floor. Our delegates will bring back all of the latest information from this important convention that affects our membership. DO your part now, don't wait! Sign up for COLCPE! The job you save WILL be your own.

-- *Walt McGregory*
Branch 2184 COLCPE Coordinator
Leadership Graduate Class 09

Attend Your **Branch Meetings**

September 1, 2010

7:30 p.m. at the Branch Hall

Retirees

September 8, 2010

12:30 p.m. at the Branch Hall

Contract Corner:

Q: Management is sending injured letter carriers from another USPS Installation to my office to do letter carrier work. This is depriving carriers from my office of overtime that they should be entitled to. Can they do that?

A: Under the circumstances defined in this question, the short answer is yes, they can. There is a "pecking order" for assigning limited duty work (where a job-related injury claim has been accepted by OWCP). This is established in the Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM) section 546.142, which provides for the assignment of this work, even to an "imported" limited duty carrier, under specific fact/circumstances. Management's obligations involving the assignment of work to employees with job-related injuries are also incorporated into our Contract through Articles 13 and 21. Of course, if the work performed by an "imported" limited duty carrier results in the denial of **8 hours** daily work (not overtime work) to a carrier, or the arbitrary denial of the duties of a full-time bid assignment (again, **not** overtime work), then a contract violation (Article 41) would exist.

However, when sufficient work is not available within a limited duty carrier's work restrictions in their own Installation, management has every right – in fact, an obligation – to find work elsewhere, per the ELM 546.142.a (4). Finally, it is again appropriate to reiterate that no one is "entitled" to overtime work. Only when management chooses to assign work for overtime do the provisions of Article 8 apply. As discussed above, this work was properly assigned to a limited duty carrier at the straight time rate. Additionally, management's obligation to abide by the requirements of ELM 546.142 was recently reiterated in a National Level USPS document. It is duplicitous for the union to argue on one hand that management is failing to make every effort to provide limited duty work – as we do in National Reassessment Process (NRP) withdrawal of work grievances - and then claim

that other letter carriers are somehow entitled to this work for overtime.

Q: I called in sick last week and when I returned to work my supervisor called me into the office and said that I was "hooking" my sick days. What was she talking about?

A: Nothing of any contractual validity. Management's phony claim about employees intentionally "hooking" their sick leave absences with non-scheduled days is simply a persistent myth that is easily debunked by some simple logic and mathematics. Since all fulltime carriers in Branch 2184 have Sunday and a rotating weekday as non-scheduled days, about 65% of all scheduled days are already in conjunction with an NS day or a holiday. Thus a fulltime carrier, using random probability has a two out of three chance of having any sick leave absence "hooked" with one of more non-scheduled days. In fact, using management's "logic" a fulltime carrier could never use sick leave on a Saturday or a Monday without being accused of "hooking," since both days are always in conjunction with a non-scheduled day – Sunday. Since none of us can plan in advance when we might become incapacitated for work by illness or off-the-job injury, management's specious claim of "hooking" is simply more of the same unsubstantiated and distrustful paranoia that has characterized their labor relations approach for decades

Q: I was unable to work one day last week because I was sick. My supervisor told me to provide medical documentation, but when I gave it to him he said that it was unacceptable because it did not state that I was "totally incapacitated." Is that required when I get medical documentation?

A: No, it is not. Management requirements of "total incapacitation" are an offshoot of another erroneous management claim, that medical documentation must have a diagnosis and prognosis.

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Contract Corner:

Neither requirement is proper. The Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM) section 513.364 defines the requirements for the contents of medical documentation when it is requested or otherwise required. This provision states, in part, that "The documentation should provide an explanation of the nature of the employee's illness or injury sufficient to indicate to management that the employee was (or will be) *unable to perform his or her normal duties* for the period of the absence." Nothing in that language even implies a requirement of "total incapacitation." Moreover, an employee's inability to perform normal letter carrier work duties has nothing to do with "total incapacitation." One note of caution: Medical statements such as "under my care" or "was seen by" are by themselves insufficient for purposes of providing the required *explanation of the nature* (not a diagnosis) of the illness or injury. Finally, any demand for documentation of an absence that is three work days or less and is due to illness or off the job injury should always be responded to with a grievance once you have returned to work and the documentation has been provided, unless you are on restricted sick leave.

Q: I have some work restrictions because of an off-the-job injury and management gave me a letter that told me that in order to be provided light duty work I must update my medical restrictions every 30 days. Is that right?

A: No, that is not right. Employee requests for light duty work are voluntarily made in accordance with Article 13 of the Contract (note, *light duty* is for *off-the job* medical issues and should not be confused with *limited duty* which is for *job-related* medical conditions). Such requests must be initially accompanied by medical documentation from the employee's physician that sets forth what accommodations are necessary for the employee's regular duties. Ordinarily, the employee should provide updates whenever he or she has scheduled

medical appointments. However, an arbitrary requirement that these updates must be provided every 30 days is improper. A National level interpretive (Step 4) grievance settlement dated April 9, 2001 provides that "*the practice of requiring an automatic update of medical information every 30 days is contrary to the intent of Article 13 and, therefore, will be discontinued.*" Unfortunately, the existence of this language has not stopped management from continuing the "30 days" canard for medical updates of light duty.

2010 Food Drive Totals

Belleville	11,300
Dearborn Main	12,065
Dearborn Annex	23,000
Teleford	5,000
Dearborn Heights	14,600
Dundee	1,775
Flat Rock	2,200
Grosse Ile	8,160
Inkster	11,000
Lincoln Park	16,000
Monroe	14,000
Northville	18,500
Plymouth	14,200
Rockwood	9,480
Taylor	21,000
Temperance	4,600
Trenton	31,000
Westland	32,860
Canton	16,600
Ypsilanti	13,748
Grand Total	281,094

Stamp Out Hunger!

-- Cathy Tondreau and Cindy Trzeciak
Branch Food Drive Coordinators

NALC and APWU Settle Lawsuit with USPS Regarding OIG Misconduct

The NALC and APWU have settled a lawsuit that was filed against the USPS more than two years ago after it was discovered that agents of the USPS Office Of Inspector General (OIG) were visiting employee physician's offices and then attempting to coerce and intimidate the doctors and their staff to release confidential medical records about injured or ill USPS employees without the employee's consent. In Branch 2184 we have documented several instances of this occurring where our members have accepted claims for injury compensation (OWCP) or for protection under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

The settlement requires the OIG to provide a form letter to the physician(s) before interviewing them or requesting medical records/information. The settlement also provides that information obtained without meeting this requirement cannot be used by the USPS "for any purpose." However, this does NOT prevent OIG agents from continuing to show up at employee physician offices with the full intent of coercing and intimidating the physicians and staff. The only surefire, 100% effective method of combating this sleazy OIG conduct is for the physicians and their staff to merely tell the OIG to *get the hell out of their office*. Our injured and ill members should ALWAYS advise their physicians of potential misconduct by the OIG so that the physicians and staff can be prepared if it occurs.

-- Joe Golonka

Branch 2184 Injury Compensation Specialist

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What's Wrong With This Picture?

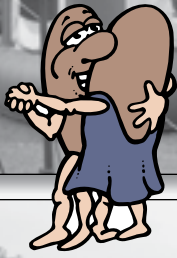
The USPS Office of Inspector General (OIG) recently released a report which criticized the Postal Service for incurring hundreds of millions of dollars in grievance-related costs. The report also contained some suggestions to supposedly address this issue, which were mostly just a call for additional administrative paper-pushing. Curiously, but not surprisingly, the report failed to even hint at the patently obvious solution to grievance costs in the USPS – simply abiding by the Labor Contract that they signed. A metaphorical description of management's cluelessness that is appropriate for the level of understanding of the average three year old (and thus, likely within the level of discernment for most USPS management types) could be related as follows:

After receiving a very high water bill, a man walked outside and noticed that a faucet on the side of his house was gushing water because the handle had been turned almost all the way to the left and thus the faucet was nearly wide open. Because he was not in USPS management, he quickly realized the cause of his high water bill and shut off the faucet by turning the handle back to the right. His neighbor, a USPS supervisor, discovered the same problem after also receiving a high water bill. Being the certified genius that our employer unfailingly recruits and promotes into management, he had an even better idea. After creating several DOIS reports and graphs charting and documenting his proposed solution, he determined that the faucet was not meeting its percent to standard and was thus underperforming – and so he promptly turned the handle even further to the left.

-- Joe Golonka

Branch Scribe





Top 5 Lame Excuses For Not Contributing To COLCPE

1) "I already pay union dues."

Reality Check: Union dues money is only used for Collective Bargaining-related purposes, such as Contract enforcement and cannot, by law, be used for political purposes. Thus, the only way that we can compete in the political arena is through voluntary political action funds such as COLCPE.

2) "I can't afford it."

Reality Check: A \$5.00 per pay contribution to COLCPE amounts to about seven minutes of wages and benefits for your work.

3) "They only give money to Democrats."

Reality Check: This is a politically motivated myth spread by anti-union politicians and their supporters. In fact, COLCPE money goes to ANY Congressman or Congresswoman that supports our issues – period. In a typical election cycle, about 20 – 25% of COLCPE distributions are made to Republican candidates. Here in Michigan, COLCPE money was distributed to Republicans Candace Miller (10th District) and Thaddeus McCotter (11th District) during the last election cycle. Additionally, it is not the fault of the NALC that most Republican politicians endorse anti-labor positions.

4) "All politicians are crooked, anyway."

Reality Check: Partisan politics is indeed a dirty and ugly, sometimes sleazy business. However, the only guaranteed way to LOSE in politics is not to play.

5) "I have a lot of seniority. Nothing is going to happen to me."

Reality Check: This belief is perhaps the biggest fallacy of all. In fact, everything that the union has gained, every right and protection that exists under Federal Law - including your retirement benefits;

everything of value to you and your family CAN be taken away through the legislative process. Moreover, there are many, many anti-worker politicians presently working relentlessly to ensure that this ultimately occurs. Only YOU can prevent them from succeeding!

Do you have an even lamer excuse? Send it to our "Lame Excuses for Not Contributing to COLCPE" Contest! **The winner will receive FREE assistance with completing their application for unemployment benefits!**

-- Joe Golonka
Retired Member



COLOR-CODED CALENDERS, for MDA!

Color-coded letter carrier rotating days off calendars for 2011 will be sold for \$5.50 per calendar, with all profits going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The calendars will be available in October at the Union hall or from your steward.

Please help the NALC deliver the cure.

Branch Picnic 2010

In the history of the Branch 2184 Picnic there have been some years where we have met with inclement weather. Never were we forced to take cover while tornadoes touched down in two nearby communities! But on June 27 that is exactly what happened. Had this been any other union picnic, there may have been trepidation. Fortunately our members are letter carriers and are not fearful of a little weather. Fun was had by all!

The Branch picnic is also a MDA fundraiser. The event itself is free to members and their families. But through sponsorships and a 50/50 raffle we are able to make a donation to MDA. Those who sponsored an event or made a donation include:

Congressman Dingell	Brookfield Uniforms
Allie Brothers Uniform Store	Cuda Uniforms
Brown's Bakery	Lyakawa VFW Post 7546
Donovan VFW Post 7910	Pfeiffer VFW Post 5572

I would like to thank the many members who volunteered their time and energies preparing for and facilitating the picnic. Their dedication and experience make the picnic a success every year. Those who volunteered include:

Mark Judd & Daughter	Andrea Smith
Jim Wolstencroft	Dianne Daley & Family
Cathy Tondreau	Lois Fritz
Leonard Zawisa	MaryAn Bommarito
Walt McGregory & Family	Michele Szafran
Casey Pennington & Family	Scott Watts
Jim Powell	Tony Conley
Gloria Warthen	Jim Crossey
Joe Golonka	Jim Hales
Carol Macieczni	Ed Sikora
Scott Wandyg	Calvin Winbush
Rose Miller	Al Swintek
Nancy Altman	Melissa Heffinger
Darryl Clay	Bob Kreager
Mel MacDonald	Sharon Baronowski

And a special thank you to all the members who chanced the weather and shared their day with their brothers and sisters of Branch 2184.

Hope to see you and blue skies next summer!

-- *Cindy Trzeciak*
Activities Coordinator

Branch 2184 2010 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 2010.**

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

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Customer Connect

Congratulation to the following Branch 2184 carriers who turned in customer connect leads which turned into sales.

Ed Sikora (Wayne) - \$21,000.00
 Michele Szafran (Taylor) - \$6,000.00
 Yvette Casey (Canton) - \$2,000.00
 Jim Crossey (Plymouth) - \$1,000.00
 Mark Winsky (Plymouth) - \$500.00
 Walt McGregor (Wayne) - \$12,000.00
 Walt McGregor (Wayne) - \$3,000.00
 Teresa Wisniewski (Lincoln Park) - \$120,000.00
 Chatrina Gensler (Ypsilanti) - \$35,000.00
 Jeanie Youtsey (Taylor) - \$500.00
 Larry Rowland (Ypsilanti) - \$35,000.00
 Cecelia Burja (Lincoln Park) - \$3,000.00
 Greg Manyak (Trenton) - \$10,000.00
 Mike Chevillot (Westland) - \$5,000.00
 Ricky Rosales (Plymouth) - \$10,000.00

Through Customer Connect, letter carriers are taking advantage of their special relationships to encourage business customers to use USPS instead of private delivery services. Since the startup in mid-2003, letter carriers have generated more than **\$989 million** in new revenue.

Branch 2184 Web Site

Carrier Pay Chart
 Retirement Information
 "OWCP" Forms
 Branch Calendar
 "FMLA" forms

Steward Resources:

Grievance Forms
 Grievance Guidelines

www.nalc2184.org

2010 COLCPE Contributors

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- ✓ Gregory Bodziak
- ✓ Bruce Prevost

Dearborn Main

- ✓ Darryl Clay
- Robert Panchenko
- ✓ Daniel Smith
- Jackie Wiggins
- ✓ Ed Williams

Dearborn Annex

- Nancy Altman
- ✓ Timothy Bailey
- ✓ Michael Bergin
- ✓ Mark Judd
- Thomas Klecha
- ✓ Roderick Leental
- ✓ Melvin MacDonald
- ✓ Carol Macieczni
- Rosemary Miller
- ✓ Karen Regentik
- Jerry Taylor
- Scott Wandyg

Dearborn Heights

- ✓ Roger Corpolongo
- ✓ Jim Hales
- ✓ Alan Swintek
- ✓ Christopher Tostige
- ✓ Denise Viola
- ✓ James Wolstencroft

Flat Rock

- ✓ Amy Degrand

Grosse Isle

- ✓ Kimberly Bumbul
- ✓ John Nellis

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On June 27, Letter Carriers from the MISALC (Michigan State Association of Letter Carriers) sponsored a MDA Camp Day. NALC attendees cooked a barbeque lunch, and sponsored games and activities for the campers. Branch 2184 could not attend this day at camp, since it was scheduled the same day as our annual picnic. However we were with them in spirit and a monetary donation. The MISALC plans to make this an annual event.

On June 30, Andrea Smith, Taylor carrier and steward, and I represented our Branch and the NALC at the annual MDA Appreciation Day at Camp Cavell. On this day various organizations and businesses are recognized for their contributions to MDA. Some of the attendees included representatives from the Firefighters Union, Target Stores, Lowe's Home Improvement, Walgreens Pharmacy, and HOG (Harley Davidson Owners Group). Andrea and I were proud to be NALC members, and honored to be members of this unique group.

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