

# BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
DECEMBER 14, 2017

## Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That Branch 343 donate a set of Cardinal tickets to the 2018 MDA Trivia Night on Sunday, January 14, 2018.
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- MSC That the branch send the president and up to four branch officers, to be determined by the branch president, to the Region 5 Rap Session in Overland Park, Kansas, on February 24-25, 2018, and pay their expenses.
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- MSC That Branch 343 purchase nine new office chairs for the conference room and desks not to exceed \$3,500.

## Recently Retired Members

Brian K. Gaither ..... Olivette ..... 11-30-17

## Deceased Members

Fred C. Marquart ..... Gold Card ..... 10-30-17  
Jaela M. Goss ..... Active ..... 11-04-17

## New Members

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|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Rohanna S. Anthony.....   | Weathers.....        | 11-16-17 |
| Yolanda R. Brown .....    | Weathers.....        | 11-16-17 |
| Wayne A. Cretter.....     | Des Peres .....      | 11-16-17 |
| Melanie S. Deau.....      | Carrier Square ..... | 11-16-17 |
| Barbara N. Dudkowski..    | Arnold .....         | 11-16-17 |
| Myesha S. Dupree.....     | Mackenzie Pointe ... | 11-16-17 |
| Shyneia D. Graham .....   | Affton .....         | 11-16-17 |
| Jennifer L. Haddad.....   | Affton .....         | 11-16-17 |
| Andrea R. Henderson ...   | Creve Coeur .....    | 11-16-17 |
| Amber M. Hoxworth ....    | Chouteau .....       | 11-16-17 |
| Stephanie A. Little.....  | Fenton.....          | 11-16-17 |
| Jessica A. Mays .....     | Chouteau .....       | 11-16-17 |
| Steven R. McDonald Jr..   | Chouteau .....       | 11-16-17 |
| Royce S. Murphy .....     | Chouteau .....       | 11-16-17 |
| Maxwell R. Price .....    | Union.....           | 11-16-17 |
| Vincent P. Pryor .....    | Oldham .....         | 11-16-17 |
| Chelsea S. Square .....   | Oldham .....         | 11-16-17 |
| Rashad J. Tompkins .....  | Creve Coeur .....    | 11-16-17 |
| Benjamin D. Vandiver ...  | Park Hills .....     | 11-16-17 |
| Robin Wilkins-Taylor .... | Oldham .....         | 11-16-17 |
| Diamond L. Williams....   | Carrier Square ..... | 11-16-17 |
| Brandi E. Wright.....     | Maryville Gardens .  | 11-16-17 |
| Amanda M. Coleman ....    | St. Clair.....       | 12-05-17 |
| Joshua A. Walters .....   | Washington.....      | 12-05-17 |
| Jen M. Lehman .....       | O'Fallon .....       | 12-05-17 |



Shop steward Arnina Robertson and Br. 343 President Barry Linan offer best wishes to retiring Olivette letter carrier Brian Gaither.



Br. 343 President Barry Linan and shop steward Stacie Scott offer congratulations to retiring Affton letter carrier Dan Brauchle.

## Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

**NBA's Report, RAA Charles Sexton:** Branch 343 is below national average for LCPF contributions. There were 273 LMOU impasses received, 58 LMOU impasses from Branch 343.

**Retirees Report, Tom Schulte:** A representative from the BBB spoke about fraud prevention at the December retirees' meeting.

**Labor Council Report, Mike Chenot:** There were 250,327 signatures certified as valid on the RTW initiative petition.

**MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland:** A change of address should be provided to MBA office in addition to NALC national secretary-treasurer.

**Health Benefit Report, Chet Drain:** Health benefits take effect on January 6, 2018.

**OWCP Report, Chet Drain:** Carriers should respond to a development letter within 30 days.

**Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte:** \$1 million donated to MDA since 1952.

**Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney:** Six applications have been received. The member must be in good standing for the applicant to be eligible.

**Safety & Health Report, Richard Thurman:** Postal approved shoes may be purchased through a podiatrist. The holidays can be stressful for some carriers, so speak with your fellow carriers to be sure they are doing okay and recommend EAP if they are having problems.

**Trustees Report, Tina Hunt:** The books were audited and found to be in good order.

**PAC Report, Mike Weir:** The House and Senate passed their versions of the tax plan. Vicki Rohrbach is the new MDA coordinator.

**Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin:** Thank you to everyone who worked on negotiating the LMOUs. Eight new stewards were trained. Trivia Night will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 14.

**Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Robert Rapisardo:** Financial report for Nov. read. Eight CCAs converted to career on Nov. 25. There are 42-43 residual vacancies that exist. On the last bid cycle, there were 28 no bids.

**Election Committee Report, Michael McClimans:** Total cost of elections is \$10,623.53. Thirty-five percent of total membership voted. Fifty percent of retiree members voted. Twenty-seven percent of active members voted.

**President's Comments, Barry Linan:** The Local Memorandums of Understanding (LMOU) for Arnold, Fenton, Fredericktown, Mexico, Park Hills, O'Fallon, Ste. Genevieve, and St. Louis were appealed to a higher level for settlement discussions. Do not comment about the USPS or perform illegal acts on social media. Five years ago today, the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School killed 20 young children.

*Respectfully Submitted, Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary*

## BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Blues vs. New Jersey Devils    | Tuesday 1/2 @ 7 p.m.   | Gene Bradford, Normandy       |
| 2. Blues vs. Ottawa Senators      | Thursday 1/23 @ 7 p.m. | Barry Linan, Creve Coeur      |
| 3. Gift Card from Lowe's for \$25 |                        | Derrick Williams, West County |
| 4. 50/50 Winner of \$21           |                        | Dean Werner, Mackenzie Pointe |