

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
MAY 10, 2018

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC That Branch 343 donate a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the Branch 343 Basketball Challenge for MDA to be held on Sunday, May 27, 2018.

New Members

- Tyrone Allen Harriet Woods 3-23-18
- Maria A. Arinze Kirkwood..... 3-30-18
- Kenisha S. Bean Carrier Square..... 3-16-18
- Kristopher S. Blanton .. Washington 3-16-18
- Cheryl Brooks..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 3-30-18
- Susan M. Eaisly O’Fallon 3-16-18
- Krystal M. Evans..... Carrier Square..... 3-16-18
- Jalayne T. Foster Normandy 3-23-18
- Rahn A. Harden Gaffney 3-30-18
- Dadra S. Hill..... Oldham 3-23-18
- Arnold L. Hale..... West County..... 3-16-18
- Dontaye M. Jones Des Peres..... 3-23-18
- Edward N. Jones Southwest..... 3-30-18
- John D. Littleton..... Sappington..... 3-16-18
- Katrece S. Merritt..... Des Peres..... 4-16-18
- Erica D. Mitchell Clayton..... 3-23-18
- Deja V. Morgan..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 3-23-18
- Justin B. Nixon Affton..... 3-23-18
- Shaka J. Outlaw South County 3-30-18
- Philip M. Owens..... Jennings 3-16-18
- Calvin P. Reed West County..... 3-16-18
- Kefeng Shi Southwest..... 3-30-18
- M.C. Smith..... Gravois 3-30-18
- Chanel V. Taylor Clayton..... 3-16-18
- Maleek A. Terrell..... Normandy 3-16-18
- Damian J. Wangler..... South County 3-16-18
- Michael J. Walton..... Harriet Woods 3-29-18
- Erica L. Williams Kirkwood..... 3-23-18
- Scott A. Wofford Rolla 3-16-18
- Joseph D. Woods West County..... 3-23-18
- Leshay S. Wysinger Carrier Square..... 3-16-18

Deceased Member

- Kenneth L. Roberts Active/Sikeston 5-5-18

Recently Retired Members

- Gary M. Guseman.....Sappington..... 3-31-18
- Christine L. BryantSappington.....4-30-18
- Carey D. Stout.....South County.....4-30-18
- Calvin McCloudCarrier Square4-30-18
- Janet S. NorthcuttSouth County..... 5-1-18

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

Break Away. MDA Fundraising Coordinator Erin Anselman was presented a \$1,267 check by Dione Gregory for the Bowling Against Dystrophy event and a \$11,000 check for the Reel in a Cure Open Buddy Bass Tournament.

NBA’s Report. NBA Mike Birkett - Heat Safety: management’s response to a carrier’s heat safety has improved. District management was instructing underlings that heat is not a reason to not make the numbers. National management’s response now is that if carriers need to take extra breaks to cool down, the carrier should keep track of that time so that the PO can deduct that time from your pay; LCPF: Iowa teachers can only negotiate their wages and cannot negotiate on benefits and working conditions, this can happen to carriers.

Legislative & PAC Report. Mike Weir - 2.1 percent projected COLA for retirees; S. 2629 Postal Service Reform Act of 2018 includes integrating Medicare into FEHBP, prefunding of future retirees’ health benefits would then be fully funded; S. 2755 Postal Banking Act will allow USPS to provide basic financial services

Retirees Report. Tom Schulte - Ole Timers’ Day honored 44 members receiving a 50-, 60- or 70-year pin, Geno lberg and Nicki Prado were awarded Retiree of the Year, National VP Lew Drass was the guest speaker.

Mound City Carrier Report. Tom Schulte - May issue of MCC contained profiles of scholarship recipients; take pictures of Food Drive so they can be sent to *Postal Record*.

Labor Council Report. Mike Chenot - Register to vote if you have not voted in three years, you may have been dropped from the rolls.

Health Benefit Report. Chet Drain - Read the June MCC article on all the treatments which are covered at no cost, do not be negligent on getting an annual exam.

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Political Action Honor Roll

ART BUCK★★★

J MARK SIMS★★	CHARLES SEXTON★★	CHARLES SCANLON★★	GERALD GALLEANO★★
JOE FITZJARRELL★★	ROBERT FLAHERTY★★	GENE BRADFORD★★	MIKE WEIR★★
STEVEN POWERS★★	TONY JASPER★★	DAN BRAUCHLE★	STEPHANIE STEWART★
DEAN WERNER★	KEN MEYER★	HENRY DEIBEL★	TOM HARMAN★
TOM SCHULTE★	GENO IBERG★	DARLENE TATE★	LAWRENCE McHAYNES JR.★
JOE POLITTE★	MIKE BIRKETT★	JOHN HAAKE★	CATHERINE CIARAMITRO★
MARION HARRIS★	BILL FISHER★	JAMES O'DAY★	MIKE CHENOT★
DERRICK WILLIAMS ★	TIFFANY HAGER★	RAMONA DROEGE★	ROBERT RAPISARDO★
BILL LISTER★	LAURA KEIM★	DICK LEONG★	WILBERT HUBBARD★

ROY HATCHARD JR.	BILL JIMAS	PAM STEPNEY	MICHAEL JENNINGS
LATONDA FAULKNER	JIM BRUGGEMAN	SAM GOODMAN	SARONDA SUTHERLAND
CLIF NELSON	JIM KLUEMPERS	FRANK ENLOW	LARRY STREIB
WALTER CLARK	PATRICK GLASER	NICKI L. PRADO	LAWRENCE McHAYNES JR.
CHET DRAIN	DON CHARTRAND	ROBERT STEEL	CATHERINE CIARAMITRO

The above honor roll gives special recognition to those members who give \$50 or more. Each star represents \$100

Nicki L. Prado

Tom Becnel

Mike Chenot

IS YOUR NAME LISTED? WHY NOT?
 SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO BRANCH 343, P.A.C.
MIKE WEIR
 612 CHARLESTON OAKS DR.
 BALLWIN, MO 63021-7387

(Donations are not tax deductible)

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OWCP Report. Chet Drain - It is difficult to find a doctor who will fill an OWCP claim; if you go to Concentra for the initial exam, at least you will have a claim number and then receive treatment at your physician of choice.

Safety & Health Report. Richard Thurman - Review the Safety Tools on *NALC.org*; in the future, the MDD scanner may be able to determine your body temperature and the temperature in the postal vehicle.

MDA Coordinator. Vicki Rohrbach - MDA summer camp is June 17-22, 2018.

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

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report. John McLaughlin - CCAs who are disciplined with removal are having their badges taken, being told to return postal clothing, and taken off the rolls after an impasse at Step B; the maximum airfare reimbursement for the National Convention is \$360, send John your paid receipt; Cardinal tickets can be purchased any time from the hall.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report. Brad Layton - Thank you to Tom Schulte, Geno Iberg, and Bob Rapisardo for help with Ole' Timers' Day; thank you to Bob Rapisardo for help on the Food Drive.

President's Comments. Robert Rapisardo - \$730 in donations for the Food Drive was gathered outside Shop 'n Save in Lemay, thank you to Diane Carter, her husband and son. Issues discussed in labor management meeting: (1) Constant violation of Article 41 in not posting routes in 14 days. (2) Removing CCAs from rolls after Step B impasse. (3) Not receiving Step A appeals from management. (4) Getting steward time for Step A grievances. (5) CCA conversion grievance went to ADR and the ADR remanded it back to the B-team, postmaster offered to resolve some of these with Bob.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary