

# BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

## Summary of Branch Action

MSC: To pay the branch bills.

MSC: Branch 343 donate a set of Cardinal baseball tickets for the MDA Bowl-A-Thon to be held on March 22.

MSC: Branch 343 donate two \$25 Visa gift cards for the MDA Bowl-A-Thon to be held on March 22.

## Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

**NBA's Report, RAA Dave Teegarden:** CCAs with 30 months of relative standing on February, 15, 2020 will be converted to FTR or PTF by March 14. Consolidated casing expansion on hold. A new Article 34 test will begin in late March in which a route will have no casing equipment. Walmart is in partnership with USPS in Florida for same day delivery of parcels. H.R. 2382 passed. A mandatory standup talk on the coronavirus should have been given on January 24. The neutral arbitrator has been selected to resolve the NA impasse.

**Retirees Report, Tom Schulte:** Retiree meeting cancelled because of weather.

**Labor Council Report, Mike Chenot:** If you see a RTW petitioner call the St. Louis Labor Council. Missouri union membership has grown.

**Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte:** The MCC contains the addresses and phone numbers of Missouri and Illinois representatives and senators. Trump's cabinet appointees are described in the managing editor's article

**Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney:** Ten applications for the scholarship have been received.

**Safety & Health Report, Richard Thurman:** All Uplanders will be replaced, 500 Promasters have been purchased for the District. Four manufacturers are in competition for the new delivery vehicle. A "We Are Hiring" sticker will be placed on the back of every postal vehicle. New employee applicants will have no interview and minimal drug testing.

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

**Legislative Report, Mike Weir:** The House of Representatives passed H.R. 2382 (USPS Fairness Act), we need the Senate to take action on the companion bill, S. 2965. The FY 2021 budget proposal asks for \$90 billion in cuts to USPS operations and workforce compensation but does not mention privatization.

**Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin:** Lights are installed on outside signs. Ten CCAs in the associate offices will be converted to career because they have 30 months of relative standing. The number of grievances has increased this year. Brian Grumwaldt, President of NALC Branch 984 is designated as the steward to file grievances concerning consolidated casing at Jennings.

## New Members

Arianna Dixon .....	Jennings.....	12-20-19
Clint Gaten .....	Harriet Woods.....	12-20-19
Damond Harrison.....	Jennings.....	12-20-19
Eugene Jones III .....	Jennings.....	12-06-19
Lynika Moore .....	Jennings.....	12-14-19
Robert Swift.....	Mackenzie Pointe .....	12-06-19
John Thomas .....	Southwest.....	12-06-19
De'Aries Tyler .....	Jennings.....	12-20-19
Demaura Whitlock .....	Gravois .....	10-26-19

## Recently Retired Members

Zena J. Scroggins.....	Town & Country .....	12-31-19
Christine J. Mitchell.....	Coyle.....	12-31-19
Michael E. Hamann .....	Maplewood .....	01-17-20
Wanda C. Searcy .....	North County .....	01-31-20
Robert C. Jackson Jr. ....	Carrier Square .....	01-31-20
Paul D. Strickland .....	Creve Coeur.....	01-31-20

## Deceased Members

Damon F. Talley .....	Retired.....	10-27-19
John J. Lewandowski.....	60 Year Pin.....	01-14-20
Robert V. Steel .....	Retired.....	01-16-20
Willis Lloyd .....	Gold Card .....	01-23-20
Robert T. Purk .....	Retired.....	01-27-20

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# Political Action Honor Roll

TED HEMPEN★★	RICHARD RHYNER ★★★★★	ART BUCK★★★	
JIM SCHULTZ ★★	CHARLES SCANLON★★	JOE FITZJARRELL★★	MIKE WEIR★★
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DERRICK WILLIAMS	MICHAEL JENNINGS	JAMES GOHEEN	MICHAEL "THUMPER" THARP
ROY HATCHARD JR.	MARION HARRIS	SARONDA SUTHERLAND	CATHERINE CIARAMITARO
GUS FRANK	MIKE CHENOT	LOREN LOERCH	SAM GOODMAN

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

Gary Robertson

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**Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Brad Layton:** Read financial report for November. 2020 branch union buttons are bagged up by station.

**President's Comments, Robert Rapisardo:** Branch 343 is registered for the food drive. 171 grievances filed last month. The number of delegates for the convention was entered electronically. The branch received a letter of praise from a carrier who was retroactively converted to full time regular. A pre-arbitration settlement dated September 6, 2017, made listed employees conversion to career status retroactive to July 27, 2013. A pre-arbitration settlement dated January 13, 2020, awarded each carrier \$300 for the delay in conversion.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary

## BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES FEBRUARY 13, 2020

1. Blues vs. New Jersey Devils	Tuesday 2/18 @ 7 p.m.	Lindsey Edison, Clayton
2. Blues vs. Arizona Coyotes	Thursday 2/20 @ 7 p.m.	Stuart East, Creve Coeur
3. Bottle of Wine	Chateau Ste Michelle 2018 Riesling	Shonna Randle, Carrier Square
50/50 Winner	\$26	Tamieka Mays, South County