

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JANUARY 14, 2021

Summary of Branch Action

MSC To pay the branch bills.

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

NBA's Report: No report

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: A plaque will be sent to Gus Frank honoring his wife, Janet, who passed away in December 2020. Retirees meetings are still not being held due to COVID-19.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: The AFL-CIO is asking for "\$5 for the Fight." All money collected goes to union workers.

MBA Report, Saronda Sutherland: No Report

Health Benefit Report, Chet Drain: Chet spoke on how much he enjoyed his nine years as health benefit representative. **Barry Linan:** NALC HBP is the only union owned and administered health benefit plan.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: The December issue arrived late at members' homes. The January issue will also be late. January centerfold features highlights of the 2019-2023 tentative agreement. The MDA bass tournament will be held in April.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: Seventeen applications for the John H. Haake Scholarship have been received.

Safety and Health Report, Richard Thurman: No report

Trustees Report, Frank Enlow: The books were audited and found to be in good order.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: Trump has been impeached a second time. There was some evidence that protestors had taken a tour of Congress lead by congressional representatives. Our local PAC fund needs donations, as most of the funds were spent in last election.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin: John was recently interviewed by

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New Members

Marche Belcher.....	Olivette	12-24-20
Ashley Bing.....	Maryville.....	11-25-20
Will Black.....	Maryville.....	11-21-20
Keion Butler.....	Mackenzie Pointe ...	12-05-20
LaShanda Bradford	Southwest	12-19-20
Austin Brown	Southwest	12-19-20
Malou Chua	Southwest	12-19-20
Cooper Cortez	Normandy	11-13-20
Alicia Dailey	Weathers.....	11-21-20
Alliyah Doyle.....	Jennings.....	12-10-20
Nasha Duff.....	Jennings.....	11-13-20
Jade Edwards	Southwest	12-11-20
Andrew Faulstich	Southwest	12-24-20
Morgan Fowler	Weathers.....	11-28-20
Chiante Grant.....	Kirkwood	12-11-20
Don Graham.....	Jennings.....	12-24-20
Tami Harvell	Sikeston	12-15-20
Tanesha Hackett.....	Weathers.....	11-21-20
Ryeon Holton Jr.	Gravois.....	12-19-20
Damon Jennings.....	Kirkwood	12-04-20
Mark Johnson	Jennings.....	12-24-20
Antionette Jones	Weathers.....	12-04-20
Darion Jones	Weathers.....	12-19-20
Shuconda McRoberts....	Gravois.....	12-19-20
Chyah McIntosh.....	Southwest	11-25-20
Dustin Motley.....	Park Hills	11-17-20
Ramona Nichols	Normandy	11-21-20
Bradley Patton	Wentzville	11-28-20
Joshua Reddick.....	Affton	12-19-20
Trasha Rucker	Carrier Square	11-21-20
Michaela Sanborn	Rolla.....	12-21-20
Frank Sands	Kirkwood	12-04-20
Katreavna Scott	Maryville.....	11-25-20
Brendan Talley.....	Sappington	11-21-20
Kathryn Thrasher	Washington.....	11-13-20
Jimmy Thompson	Gravois.....	12-04-20
Deladeia Turner.....	Town & Country	11-21-20
Antoine Watson.....	Veto Reid	11-21-20
JaNyla Wilkerson	Mackenzie Point	12-11-20
Michael Whitecotton	Rolla.....	12-21-20
Essence White	Affton	12-19-20
Roderick White	Maryville Gardens ..	11-25-20
Cadeesa Williams.....	Weathers.....	12-04-20

Recently Retired Members

Ronald K. Chambers.....	Rolla	11-30-20
Charles R. Grugett	Warrenton	12-18-20
Patricia Reichard	Sappington	12-31-20
Tracy M. Purk.....	Des Peres	12-31-20
Bennie B. McClellan	North County.....	12-31-20
Earl H. Bentley Jr.....	Normandy	12-31-20
Carol J. O’Neal	Weathers.....	12-31-20
Terry A. Simmons	Clayton	12-31-20
Joanne Holbrook	Creve Coeur	12-31-20
Kathleen A. McCarron ...	Creve Coeur	01-02-21



Br 343 President John McLaughlin and VP/Secretary Marvin Booker congratulate retiring Creve Coeur letter carriers Joanne Holbrook and Kathleen “Kitty” McCarron.

Deceased Members

Leonard P. Kratzer	70 Year Member	12-02-20
Daniel J. Bogdajewicz	60 Year Member	12-02-20
James W. Mayer.....	Gold Card.....	12-31-20
Benjamin M. Knudtson ..	Retired	01-07-21
Clemens R. Ruemker	Gold Card.....	01-08-21
Grace R. Mazzoni.....	Retired	01-12-21



Newly elected officers of Branch 343 taking the oath of office.

Political Action Honor Roll

RICHARD RHYNER ★★★★★

DON CHARTRAND★
STUART EAST★

TOM HARMAN★
GENO IBERG★

LAURA KEIM★
TOM SCHULTE★

MIKE WEIR★
DEAN WERNER★

CATHERINE CIARAMITARO

SAM GOODMAN

GARY ROBERTSON

SARONDA SUTHERLAND

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

Mike Chenot

Joseph P. Regan

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SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO BRANCH 343, P.A.C.

MIKE WEIR
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BALLWIN, MO 63021-7387

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Rocky Madden from Channel 2 News concerning mail volume and the effects of COVID-19 on the Postal Service. The branch is waiting for a letter from a plumber to get a refund on water and sewer charges. John would like to install a security camera and doorbell on the front door. Over half of the scholarship applicants were for grandchildren of letter carriers. The branch will benefit from a wealth of knowledge having Marvin Booker and Brian Littteken as officers. John thanked past officers and NALC friends who mentored him through the years.

John said it will be an honor to serve the members of Branch 343 as president.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Brad Layton: Read financial report for October 2020. Brad thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as VP/financial secretary saying it has been a privilege and honor.

President's Comments, Robert Rapisardo: President Rapisardo said it has been an honor to serve Branch 343. He is ready to retire and start enjoying himself.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina M. Hunt, Recording Secretary

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

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| 1. Home Depot Gift Card | \$25 | Brian Littteken, West County |
| 2. Amazon Gift Card | \$25 | La'tecse Littteken, Mackenzie Pointe |
| 3. Best Buy Gift Card | \$25 | Sam Fannon, Sappington |
| | \$25 | Yolanda Jones, Maryville Garden |

