

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
 SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills
-
- MSC That Branch 343 sponsor a hole for \$100 for the Jefferson City, NALC Branch 127th Annual Golf Tournament for MDA to be held on Sunday, October 10.
-
- MSC That Branch 343 send the health benefit representative to the virtual NALC health benefits seminar to be held Monday, October 18, and pay union time and any out-of-pocket expenses.

Recently Retired Members

- Carl ChatmanNormandy..... 08/31/21
 Robinette HensleyDes Peres 08/31/21
 Percival Parker-WilliamsCarrier Square 08/03/21

Deceased Members


- Gene Richard BlomkerGold Card 07/2/21

New Members

- Michele AronCoyle..... 7/30/2021
 JaMonta Gipson.....O’Fallon..... 8/14/2021
 Marshall Graham.....Clayton 8/7/2021
 Emily HensonCoyle..... 6/12/2021
 Christi Herkenhoff.....Fenton..... 8/14/2021
 Haley Howard.....Coyle..... 8/7/2021
 Danicah Jamison.....Mackenzie Pointe ... 7/30/2021
 Brionna Johnson.....Jennings..... 7/30/2021
 Darnesha Johnson.....Maryville Gardens . 6/12/2021
 Kenya Johnson.....Kirkwood 6/12/2021
 Sophia Johnson.....Weathers 7/30/2021
 Clayvia JonesWeathers 7/30/2021
 Jermond McGary.....Chouteau 7/30/2021
 Sarah McIntoshSouth County..... 8/14/2021
 Terra Merriweather.....Oldham 7/30/2021
 Eressia Neal.....University City 8/7/2021
 Marjorie Peterson.....Chesterfield..... 8/7/2021
 Marshay SimsGravois 7/31/2021
 Amaria SmithVeto Reid..... 6/12/2021
 Antoneice Smith.....Jennings..... 7/31/2021
 Ingrem Washington.....Weathers 7/31/2021
 Terrell Westbrook.....North County 8/7/2021

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cardinals vs. Cincinnati Reds | Saturday, Sept. 11, 6:15 p.m. | Barry Linan, Retired |
| 2. Cardinals vs. Cincinnati Reds | Sunday, Sept. 12, 1:15 p.m. | Mieka Lewis, Olivette |
| 3. Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers | Tuesday Sept. 28, 6:45 p.m. | Grant Gordon, Rolla |
| 4. Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers | Wed., Sept. 29, 6:45 p.m. | Mike Weir, Retired |
|  | \$22 | Rachel Guthrie, Southwest |

Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and excepted.

NBA's Report: No report.

7:36 p.m.: President McLaughlin called for a break from the regular agenda so that nominations for delegates to the state and national conventions could be taken and read.

8:11 p.m.: Meeting called to order to continue with regular agenda.

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: Mike reported that the PRO-Act — protecting the right to organize — legislation has passed in the House. This legislation will eliminate the Right-to-Work Act.

Retirees Report: Tom Schulte: Tom sent greetings from the retirees and said that all had a good time at the retirees' picnic in September. Due to the coronavirus, Ole Timers Day will not be held. Instead invites will be sent to the 2020 and 2021 award recipients asking that they come to the November 3 retirees' meeting to receive their awards. All retirees are still invited to attend.

Labor Council Report: Pam Stepney: St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones is scheduled to attend the November labor council meeting.

MBA Report: Saronda Sutherland: No report.

Health Benefit Report: Barry Linan: Reported that open season is November 8–13. Changes made during this time will take effect in 2022. Look for new NALC Health Benefit Plan brochures.

Mound City Carrier Report: Tom Schulte: The centerfold of the September issue includes the 2022 rotating day calendar in which alternating pay periods are shaded. The deadline for the October issue of the MCC is Monday, October 18.

Haake Scholarship Report: Pam Stepney: Asked that carriers post applications for the Haake, Coyle and national scholarships for high school seniors on the NALC bulletin boards at the stations and branches.

Safety & Health Report: Richard Thurman: Reminded everyone to not feed dogs on their routes as dog bites are the #1 cause of accidents for letter carriers. Reported that management teams are currently making rounds looking for safety violations. This is not the safety team, and these individuals can issue discipline.

OWCP Report: Barry Linan: Reported that most OWCP mistakes are caused by inexperienced supervisors and 204Bs. Asked that stewards please keep an eye on what is going on with injured workers.

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

Political Action Committee Report: Mike Weir: Read the names of PAC contributors. The 2022 COLA should increase to 6%.

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report: Brian Litteken: Reported that Liz Shuler is the first AFL-CIO woman president to be appointed. The council also appointed the first Black American to the secretary-treasurer position.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report: Marvin Booker: Read financial report for August. Reported that he would not have a report this month so that those in attendance could leave early to watch the Dallas Cowboys get whooped.

President's Comments: John McLaughlin: Reported that the Shop Steward Banquet will not be held this year due to the coronavirus. Officers will visit stations and branches to present awards to recipients. Mindy was unable to clean the Branch Hall one week because she had bats in her belfry, literally.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tina M. Hunt, Recording Secretary*