

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
MAY 9, 2024

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
- MSC To have a check of \$300 sent to Dr. Barbara Anderson for the evaluation and selection of the John H. Haake Scholarship winners.
- MSC Motion made to set aside the bylaws for Branch 343 to say thank you to the St. Louis Area Foodbank by making a \$750 donation, for all their assistance during the Food Drive.

Recently Retired Member

John Knowles..... Ferguson 4/30/2024

Deceased Members

Charles E. Baer Jr. Gold Card 02/01/2022
 Columbus C. Batt..... Gold Card 01/17/2023
 Robert W. Harvey Gold Card 03/25/2023
 James (JJ) Johnson ... Gold Card 03/21/2024
 David M. Knight Gold Card 11/13/2023
 Victor R. Thomas Gold Card 08/04/2023

New Members

Cesar Alarcon..... Maryville Gardens ... 4/20/2024	Atif Mahr Ferguson 4/06/2024
Crystal Bishop Mackenzie Pointe..... 4/06/2024	Felisa Matlock..... Clayton 4/06/2024
Frederick Brown Gaffney 4/06/2024	LaToya McKinney North County 4/06/2024
Hildre Carter Weathers 4/20/2024	Jimmy O'Neil..... Jennings 4/06/2024
Larry Clay Jr. Ferguson 4/20/2024	Levelle Partee..... Gravois..... 4/06/2024
Jalon Cockrell..... Harriet Woods 4/20/2024	Devante Perkins North County 4/27/2024
Tyla Conklin..... Chouteau 4/06/2024	John Ray..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 4/06/2024
Adrian Conway Normandy 4/20/2024	Nicole Sloane Park Hills..... 4/27/2024
Meosha Cooper Olivette 4/06/2024	Hnat Soroka..... Town & Country..... 4/06/2024
Jasmine Cosby Maryville Gardens ... 4/20/2024	LaQuan Thomas..... Maplewood..... 4/20/2024
Zamunda Davis Harriet Woods 4/20/2024	Michael Tillman..... Town & Country..... 4/27/2024
Robin Dillard..... Normandy 4/20/2024	Jonathan Traeger Union 4/06/2024
Jessica Escontrias Sappington 4/20/2024	Paris Turner Mackenzie Pointe..... 4/27/2024
Patrica Fernandez Creve Coeur 4/10/2024	David Tyson Affton 4/20/2024
Jahmal Flanigan Affton 4/20/2024	Stanley Ware..... Mackenzie Pointe..... 4/06/2024
Charlene Griggs..... Weathers 4/20/2024	Anita Washington Oldham..... 4/20/2024
Trey Hill..... Ferguson 4/20/2024	Charleston Wheelis... Mackenzie Pointe..... 4/06/2024
Alfens Johnson Maryville Gardens ... 4/20/2024	Ken Williams..... Maryville Gardens ... 4/20/2024
Trevon Johnson Weathers 4/20/2024	Da'Mar Young Jr..... Normandy 4/20/2024
Cory Mack Affton 4/20/2024	Medin Zahirovic Mackenzie Pointe..... 4/06/2024

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

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| 1. Cardinals vs Boston Red Sox | May 19 | Melissa Henniger, Kirkwood |
| 2. Cardinals vs Baltimore Orioles | May 21 | Marvin Booker, Union Hall |
| 3. Cardinals vs Colorado Rockies | June 9 | Danisha Marble, U-City |
| 4. Muny: Les Miserables | June 18 | Danisha Marble, U-City |
| 5. Muny: Dreamgirls | July 2 | John Mclaughlin |
|  | \$52 | Brian Gray, Southwest |

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 by Recording Secretary Richard Brown and accepted.

NBA’s Report, Patrick Baker (RGA)

- *Thanked the branch for allowing him to come to the meeting, NBA office recently did some training in Kansas and Iowa. The Steward College will run from June 2-4*
- *The RAP session will be at the same place. There will be an extra day of training on Friday. Dave is trying to get NALC Secretary Treasurer Nicole Rhine to do Branch Officer Training. He is not sure what happened with food drive cards but assured us it will not happen again.*

Legislative Report, Mike Weir: He spoke on **HR 7629** (Protect Letter Carriers), **HR 5995** (Federal Retirement Fairness Act) HR 82/S-597 (Social Security Act), 2025 COLA is currently 1.7%. He spoke on Trump and his antics. Asked everyone to contribute to LCPF and PAC fund.

Retiree Report, Tom Schulte sent greetings from the retirees. Ole Timers Day was Saturday May 4. We had eight 50-yr. pins, three retirees were present, and 16 60-yr. pins, with three retirees present and one 70-yr. pin.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney announced that car maker Volkswagen America, has signed up to become unionized.

- *She went to a luncheon for Women of Unions. A lady present gave a synopsis of what the Postal Service is going through. Branch 343 Vice President Marvin Booker stood up and talked about our Food Drive. He gave out some Food Drive posters and received the support of the Labor Council.*

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte advised the membership to read the May issue of the MCC regarding the HIPP training that Exec. Vice President Brian wrote about.

- *Tom also advised everyone to post the Heat Illness insert on the bulletin board in your office.*
- *Deadline for articles for the next issue is Monday, May 13.*

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: The John H. Haake Scholarship winners will be presented at the June regular branch meeting.

Trustees Report, La’Tecse Litteken: Books audited and found in good standing.

Reading of Bill, Recording Secretary Richard Brown: Motion to pay bills and properly second. Motion Passed

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, Brian Litteken: He has changed the reservations for all the delegates to their arrival and departure dates.

- *The deadline to cancel without being charged is still July 18. He spoke on Integrity Scans (how to load parcels and scan parcels before leaving office, and while on the route). Scan hold mail before leaving office, scan others at the address, if returning parcels to the station inform management and complete PS 1571 and endorse parcels). The method described will help keep you out of trouble. The UAW is trying to increase unionization in the South. The Toyota Plant especially, because of safety reasons. The governors don’t want the union because the workers receiving more pay will “threaten the values we live by.” He read out the available attendance prizes.*

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Marvin Booker reported that there is no food drive cards this year. Hopefully, the customers will remember the food drive and put food out anyway, he is optimistic about amount of food to be picked up. He is going to the City Hall on Friday 5/10 to get a Proclamation for Letter Carriers Food Drive Day. The Food Drive hub sites are Creve Coeur, Jennings, Affton, and U-City.

Moment of silence for deceased members.

Good of the Union, Chad Wallace from Weathers spoke on carriers safe-guarding themselves, especially during storms.

President’s Comments, John McLaughlin spoke on the route inspections completed at Affton. Several routes were not covered, and the mail did not go out. Lots of mail showed up after the inspection was completed. The REAT team found that management was changing (falsifying) clock rings, and a manager was walked off the floor. The union is hoping to throw the entire inspection out. There have been four managers put off the clock since our new postmaster arrived. Vice President. Marvin Booker has been successful speaking with the new postmaster.

Prizes: Five - three sets of Cardinal tickets, two sets of Mundy tickets

50/50: \$52 Brian Gray

Benediction: Chet Drain

Attendance: 36

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Brown, Recording Secretary

