



OIG Integrity Tests

This recent Holiday Season we have reported that there have been Postal employees disciplined and even removed for using gift cards that they found in collection boxes, on the street, and in some cases given to them by customers saying they found the gift cards in front of the Post Office. In all of these instances, the gift cards were planted by the OIG. Our office has learned that the OIG is again planting gift cards to test Letter Carriers.

In the recent examples that we have heard of, the OIG are conducting "integrity tests". In these tests, the OIG agents are placing gift cards that have values of \$25-\$50 in the outgoing mail slots, collections boxes and even in single-family mailboxes. As Letter Carriers, it is common for our customers to leave gifts in their mailbox even outside of the holidays, and we normally accept those gifts.

Where a Letter Carrier may get into trouble is when they accept cash in any amount or gifts (including gift cards) valued above \$20. This is where the OIG agents are testing our integrity.

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We Got Out the Vote

On Tuesday November 6th, voters turned out in record numbers for the mid-term elections to decide the balance of power in Congress and in state legislatures. In Washington, Democrats will take over control of the House of Representatives for the first time since 2010 when the 116th Congress is sworn in January 3, 2019. In the Senate, Republicans increased their majority with a couple of races still not officially resolved.



JoAnn Gilbaugh, Senator Tina Smith and Samantha Hartwig

Minnesotans sent a clear message by electing the full slate of Labor-endorsed candidates to statewide offices, putting a working families majority in charge of the Minnesota House, and sending five Labor-endorsed candidates to Congress.

NALC President Fredric Rolando stated the following regarding the

midterm election. "For the last two years, there has been one-party control of the House, Senate and White House. For letter carriers this imbalance has yielded numerous proposals attacking the jobs, benefits and bargaining rights of our members as well as efforts to dismantle and privatize our employer. With Democratic leadership in the House, there will not only be a line of defense to fight back against proposals that could potentially harm letter carriers but also a more balanced approach to how decisions regarding our jobs and employer are made."

"NALC will continue to support those who support us and the 116th will be no different," continued Rolando. "With over 88 new faces coming to Congress from both parties, we are committed to building bridges on both sides of the aisle and finding solutions to the issues that face letter carriers and their families. We congratulate all of the newly elected members on their victories and look forward to working with them."

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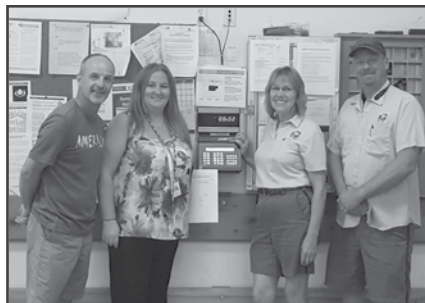
Welcome New Members

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Sadiqa L Dickens
Matthew B Elestrand
Michael H Flattum
Dylan L Garcia
Mohamed K Hassan
Uyen T Ho
Yonnette V Thorman
Kevin H Weeden
Carol J Yeung

RETIREMENTS



Jeff Comeau (Main Office) last punch with Steward Jenna Thro and Exec VP Samantha Hartwig. Enjoy Retirement!



Bruce Fulton (far left) and Linda Stipe (Fridley) take their last punch with Exec VP Samantha Hartwig and Steward Perry Korzenowski. Hope your retirement is great!



Steward Adam Minnick with Jim Fauskee (Osseo) as he makes his last punch. Best Wishes!

In Memoriam

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Happy Thanksgiving!

*May all the good things
of life be yours,
not only during this
Holiday Season,
but throughout the
coming year.*

*Branch 9
Executive Board*



Stacey Ellingson (Anoka) and Anna Dey (Champlin) dressed-up for the Turkey Give-A-Way at the Oct. GMM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Time to Give Thanks?

In November is a month for giving thanks. As I write this, it is 100th anniversary of Veteran's Day, originally called Armistice Day. This day was to mark the end the fighting in World War I at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The purpose of this day is to honor all those who have served, and all who are serving in the Armed Forces in war and in peace. On behalf of all the members of Branch 9, I would like to thank all the veterans for your service.

On November 22nd we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. There many things to be thankful for. Two days after the turkey, on the 24th, 17 of our Sisters and Brothers will be converted to career status. (15 in Minneapolis, 1 in Anoka and 1 in Osseo) It will also mark the date of our next contractual raise (2.1%) and the consolidation of grades one and two into one. In addition, the carriers from Loring Station 7 months removed from the fire that required the carriers to move to the Main Office will be returning to Loring Station the Monday of Thanksgiving week (just ahead of peak).

This month there are a few things that we are not so thankful for. November brought about the end of Daylight Savings Time for this year. While the extra hour of sleep has been nice, the loss of an hour of daylight is putting letter carriers at risk of working more hours in the dark. Routinely we have letter carriers working up to 8 o'clock in the evening and beyond. I know that this has occurred in other parts of the country, but it is happening here fairly regularly. If you are not on the overtime desired list or work assignment

and you are being assigned overtime work on another route, see your steward. If you are being told that you have to work after 8:00 pm for an OTDL carrier and 7:30 for a CCA and non-OTDL carrier, ask to see your steward.

The National Agreement does not prevent management from having you work overtime.

It does provide the necessary hoops that management must jump through before you can be required to work overtime. If you are not on the OTDL you cannot be required to work overtime on another route until and unless the overtime desired list has been maxed out to 12 hours or the OTDL carriers have worked 20 hours of overtime. The 20-hour limit is to ensure that the OTDL carriers are able to work 8 hours a day on their regularly scheduled days on their route. There is one exception and it is during the month of December. There is a four-week period that is referred to as the exclusionary period. During this period there is no hours of work payed at the penalty rate. There are also no 12 hour or 60-hour ceilings for carriers on the OTDL. Again, if you are not on the OTDL during the exclusionary period and you are being required to work overtime whether it's on you own assignment or on a different route, see you steward. If you are working overtime when you don't think you should, see your steward.

Elections have consequences

The midterm elections saw some changes on the federal level that should have an impact on the attacks that have been wielded against federal and postal employees. Our Congressional Delegation saw 5 new people being elected. In the 1st its



Mike Zagaros

Republican Jim Hagedorn, in the 2nd its DFL Angie Craig, in the 3rd its DFL Dean Phillips, in the 5th DFL its Ilhan Omar and in the 8th its Republican Pete Stauber. They will be joining DFL Betty McCollum in the 4th, Republican Tom Emmer in the 6th and DFL Colin Petersen in the 7th. Branch 9 has members who live in each of the 8 districts. While the ratio remains the same 5 Democrats and 3 Republicans, we have a new opportunity to educate the majority of our Congressional Representatives about the USPS. I am asking all of us to reach out to our respective Representatives. Most importantly Let them know who you are and how important your benefits are to you and your family. Also let them know why the Postal Service should not be privatized. On the Senate side, Minnesota is returning Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith. The same hold true that we need all of our members to contact their offices as well. While we say goodbye to three of our staunchest allies in Tim Walz who was elected Governor of Minnesota, Keith Ellison who was elected Minnesota Attorney General and Rick Nolan who did not run for re-election, we owe them a debt of gratitude for being there supporting letter carrier issues, every time.

Happy Thanksgiving!
-MZ

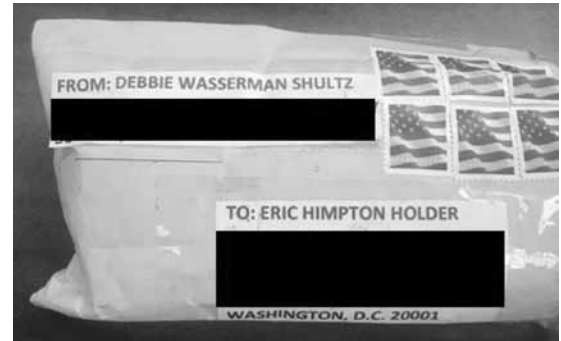
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Explosive devices discovered in mail packages; know the warning signs

Over the last several days, the media have reported on a number of explosive devices sent through the mail to prominent Democrats and vocal critics of the current administration. While the FBI have taken the devices for investigation, the Postal Service has issued a stand-up talk for letter carriers and other postal workers to help them identify any additional suspicious packages.

“Letter carriers should remember the warning signs,” NALC President Fredric Rolando said. “When in doubt, don’t take any risks and follow the protocols for treating it as a suspicious package.”



“Take every precaution to keep yourself and others out of danger,” Rolando said.

Characteristics to look out for include:

- Shape – Is it lopsided or uneven? Is it rigid or bulky?
- Look – Are there oily stains, discolorations, or crystals on the wrapper? Does it have a strange odor?
- Address – Is there a return address? Are there restrictive markings? Are there misspelled words? Is it addressed to a title rather than to an individual? Is it an incorrect title? Is it poorly typed or written?
- Packaging – Is it sealed with tape? Is there excessive tape? Is there excessive postage?

If you open a mailbox and see a suspicious item:

- Don’t touch it.
- Don’t put anything else in the mailbox.
- Leave the mailbox door open.
- Evacuate the immediate area.
- Isolate the area.

If you see smoke or hear sounds such as hissing, and think there is an immediate danger:

- Move to a safe area and call 911.
- Follow the instructions from first responders.
- Call your supervisor to report the incident.
- Call postal inspectors as 877-876-2455. When prompted, state “emergency” to speak with an inspector.

Even if you believe there is not an immediate danger:

- Move to a safe area and call your supervisor to report the incident.
- Call postal inspectors as 877-876-2455. When prompted, state “emergency” to speak with an inspector.

Exec Vice President's Report

Worker's Compensation Claims & Management

Since July of 2016 I have been working at the Branch 9 Union office on most Thursdays to better assist our members with their OWCP claims. Unfortunately, I have been discovering that many times, carrier claims don't make it out of the local station, which causes them to be delayed, and in some cases denied by OWCP.

The best thing anyone who suffers an on the job injury can do is keep in daily contact with the management at the local station. When an injury occurs, it is management's responsibility to assist with the claims process. The proper forms must be given to the injured employee, and an accident report must also be completed.

The accident report generates all the forms needed for any on the job injury, there is no excuse for management to not get claim forms to injured employees.

Management must do the following:

1. Get injured employee needed medical attention.
2. Complete the accident report at the station and print off all needed forms.
3. Give the forms to the injured employee for completion.
4. Employee returns claim forms to management along with ALL medical documentation for that injury. Only have 10 days to submit medical documentation from date of the injury.
5. Management completes the Notice of Receipt of Injury and gives that to the employee.

6. Management completes their portion of the forms and submits claim forms AND all medical documentation to the USPS injury Compensation Department immediately.

When management does not follow these steps, the injured employee is the one who suffers through delayed compensation payments, delayed medical payments, and even claim denials by OWCP. Any time management fails in their obligation to assist with the claims process a grievance needs to be filed.

Unfortunately, when a CCA is injured on the job, in almost every case I have assisted with, management has done even less to assist with the claims process than when a Regular Carrier is injured on the job.

The new obstacle management has thrown up to avoid paying Continuation of Pay (COP) to CCAs in traumatic injury claims is to not schedule the CCA to work, and not pay COP during the time not scheduled to work. CCAs have the right to receive compensation when injured on the job, and unable to work due to the injury. If the CA-1 is filed within 30 days, and the box for COP is checked, then management must either work the CCA within his/her restrictions; or pay COP for up to 45 days.

Management can't just stop scheduling a CCA because of the on the job injury. When a CCA suffers a traumatic injury and has worked for the USPS less than 12 months, the pay for the CCA is based on the average hours of a similar situated CCA. Anytime an injured CCA is not being scheduled to work; unless there



Samantha Hartwig

are medical restrictions, there should be a grievance filed, and the station steward needs to be informed.

Communicating with local management is critical for any injured carrier so that he/she knows what is happening with the processing of the claim from the beginning. Ask management what day they sent the claim forms to injury compensation, did they send in the medical documentation, and any other question you have. If management will not answer your questions don't wait for a denial letter, immediately ask your steward for assistance; or give the Branch Office a call for help at 612.781.9858.

There are far too many OWCP claims being delayed by management. Do not be afraid to ask questions, and do not be afraid to ask for help from the branch office.

Important phone numbers for Injury Compensation:

Phone: 612-321-5945
Fax: 612-349-4426

Halloween celebration at Columbia Heights



Carrier Ruth Pisk and Manager Jeff Wanhala with a couple of costumed children at the station.

Branch 9 Honored for being one of the "Top Supporters" for MDA

Branch 9 was honored during the MSALC Training Meeting in October as one of the "Top MDA Supporters" in Minnesota for our commitment to kids and adults living with neuromuscular diseases.

Thanks to all of our members (Active, CCAs and Retirees) and our sponsors for helping to make the Branch's efforts such a big success!



Joe Rian MDA Coordinator and Angelina Brown, a Brooklyn Park carrier that volunteers every year for the Camp Courage MDA Picnic, are pictured left with the plaque at the the October GMM..



V-Time (Penalty Overtime)



I would like to take the time to thank postal management for intentionally short-staffing my station over the 2018 fiscal year. I saved 9 months' worth of my V-time and purchased this wonderful Harley Davidson. Here's hoping 2019 is consistently mismanaged as my wife wants a new Lincoln!

Perry Korzenowski
Fridley 55432

West Edina Supports Breast Cancer Awareness



Late in the summer of 2017, Cynthia from the postal inspector's office next door came into the West Edina Post Office with an offer sheet for USPS Breast Cancer Awareness shirts. We all thought it would be nice to wear our new shirts on the same day to show our support. Unfortunately, we didn't receive our shirts until late November, so we decided to wait until this year to show our support. We almost forgot about our plan to wear the shirts, but we did and were able to do the above group shot on short notice.

It seems like everyone I talk to is somehow affected by cancer, whether a friend or family member. We want to figure out something to do next year, such as a fundraiser, or a joint effort with Branch 9 to help letter carriers and their families with this disease.

Mike Smith
West Edina

2019 Retiree Figures

In a recent article, I talked about statistics. Those can be fluid, malleable. But now I have some solid figures of interest to all our postal (and all federal) employees.

The Part B premiums for Medicare will rise next year; that's the bad news. But they won't rise very much, and will be more than offset by our pensions COLAs. For most retired letter carriers (unless you have some huge taxable income from other sources), our Part B premiums will go up a buck and a half, to \$135.50 per month. Still a bargain.

Yes, we have good news on our COLAs this time. The COLAs for CSRS employees (the old pre-1985 retirement system) and for Social Security will increase 2.8%. That's a very healthy sum, the largest COLA increase for us in 7 years. The news for FERS employees is not quite as good. Your Social Security will rise 2.8%, but your FERS pension will only rise 2.0%. That's because of the semi-complicated formula devised for FERS, to basically round down to screw later retirees. Don't blame me — Ronald Reagan's idea. Organizations like the NALC and NARFE are actively fighting this and have been for some years. But we're going to have to have a whole new Congressional and Executive lineup to make any progress.

And incidentally, you know what Republicans have proposed for the future for FERS COLAs, don't you? It will be very easy to compute: PERMANENTLY set at 0.0%. Elections, in case you haven't heard, have consequences.

Rodney Anderson
Director of Retirees

SEMI-ANNUAL CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

On October 17, the shaky truce between Branch 9 and dem guys across the river, Branch 28, was rudely shattered in the semi-annual cribbage tournament. And after the shelling stopped, the wounds sutured, and the truce re-established, the winner was ...

Well, we wuz outnumbered.

Seriously, a terrific time was had by all, as usual. MOSTLY retired carriers sharing cribbage, letter carrier war stories, a nice lunch, and general conviviality. One active Branch 9 carrier, Paul Woida,

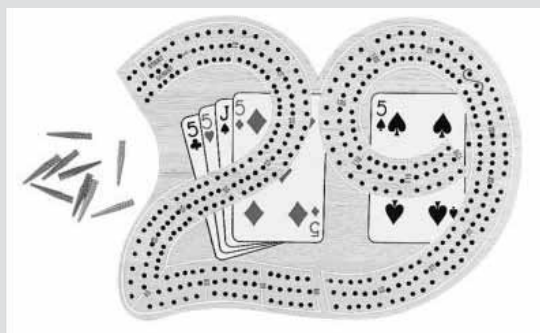
showed up on his day off, so please let me emphasize that ALL are welcome.

And when the dust settled, a split verdict, as usual: St Paul's Keith Proesch took first place (even after Branch 28 Prez Joel Malkush came in to check his sleeves), our own Rollie Matt came in second, and Branch 28's Marlin Danner rounded out the winner's circle.

Thanks to Tom Quinn, Bill, Weissinger, and the Branch 28 Retired Carriers group for hosting and feeding us. A wonderful time. Come join us in the future!



Left to Right: Keith Proesch, Branch 28, First Place; Marlin Danner, Branch 28, Third Place; Rollie Matt, Branch 9, Second Place.



15 Tips for a Financially Healthy Family

1. Track spending to know where your money goes. Identify expenses that can be reduced or eliminated and take immediate action.
2. Expect and prepare for emergencies. Aim for six months worth of expenses set aside in a liquid account. That's three more months than is recommended for those without children, so start saving now.
3. If housing costs are too high, consider downsizing, renting or home sharing with friends or family members.
4. Consider couples therapy or counseling to help prioritize values. Financial stress is a major factor in divorce.
5. Do not try to "keep up with the Joneses" - chances are they're in a worse position than you.
6. Explore nanny share care, babysitting co-ops, and subsidized daycare. Childcare is the single largest expense for most working parents, so investigate all reasonable options.
7. Calculate how much you could save (or come out ahead) if one parent were to be a "stay at home" or a "work from home" parent.
8. Unless you have endless funds, accept that you can't buy everything you want for your child. This is often harder than it sounds.
9. Remember that you are the single greatest role model in your child's financial education. He or she will remember everything, from arguments about money to how you deal with debt. Teach good habits now.
10. Pay for unreimbursed medical expenses and dependant care with pretax dollars using a flexible savings account. Check with your employer for availability.
11. Commit yourself to spending within your means. A line of credit should never be confused with an emergency fund or extra income.
12. Try breastfeeding your baby for the first twelve months - the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization recommends it for nutrition's sake - but it can also save between \$800 and \$1000 per year in formula costs.
13. Before you buy new clothes and accessories for your young children, ask friends and family for hand-me-downs. If you don't have this option, buy used. Babies triple their size in a year and outgrow clothes fast. You can save a huge amount of money by hitting the thrift stores. Only you will know.
14. Remember - you are not being "cheap" for the sake of saving a few dollars. You are doing it for the well being of your family over the long term, and will come out ahead by doing so.
15. Get professional assistance and support. **Contact your EAP for referrals. 1-800-327-4968**

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Open Season Health Benefits

Your once-a-year opportunity to make changes to your health coverage or choose a new plan, is November 12 - December 10.

Here's what you should know:

- All employees should review their coverage. The Postal Service encourages you to evaluate your options to ensure you have the coverage you need without paying for services you don't.
- **Several options are available.** Employees can choose from a variety of health, vision and dental coverage through the Federal Employees Health Program (FEHB), USPS Health Benefits Plan (USPSHB) for non-career employees, Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) and flexible spending accounts (FSAs).
- **You can explore your options online.** Log onto the Open Season LiteBlue page to review your health plan and find out what's available. You can compare multiple plans through Checkbook's Guide to Health Plans, an online guide.
- **You can make changes online, too.** To enroll or change coverage in FEHB or USPSHB, go to PostalEASE or call 877-477-3273 (select option 1). Some facilities also offer self-service kiosks that allow you to change your coverage. Use the Benefeds site to enroll or make changes to your FEDVIP coverage and the FSA Feds site to enroll in FSAs.
- **Help is available.** For assistance, call the HR Shared Service Center at 877-477-3273 (select option 5). The TTY number is 866-260-7507.

The Postal Service will provide additional information and reminders throughout open season.

OPEN SEASON FOR CITY CARRIER ASSISTANTS

For the few CCAs who had been receiving a USPS contribution toward one of the NALC consumer-driven plans, you should consider changing to the USPS Non-Career Health Benefit Plan. As part of the 2016-2019 National Agreement, CCAs will no longer be eligible to receive USPS's \$125 contribution toward "Self Plus One" and "Self and Family" coverage in one of NALC's consumer-driven plans.

Under the 2016 agreement, CCAs who choose "Self plus One" or "Self and Family" coverage in USPS's non-career plan will receive a contribution equal to 65 percent of the total premium during your first year of employment as a CCA and 75 percent of the total premium after the first year of employment as a CCA. This increased benefit negotiated by NALC will save CCAs hundreds of dollars in health benefit premiums.

The Agreement's revised Appendix B states: "The Postal Service will make a biweekly contribution equal to 65 percent of the total premium of any CCA employee who wishes to participate in the USPS non-career Health Plan (USPS Plan) for either self plus one coverage or family coverage during the CCA's initial year of CCA employment.

After a CCA's first year of employment, the Postal Service will make a bi-weekly contribution equal to 75% of the total premium for either self plus one or family coverage." During the current Open Season, CCAs may enroll in, or change their enrollment to, the U.S. Postal Service Non-Career Health Benefit Plan.



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Delivery After Dark

Daylight Saving Time has ended, and now there is less daylight hours for delivering mail and carriers will again be exposed to the possibility of delivering mail after dark.

What should you do? Is it safe to be delivering mail after dark? That depends. There is no uniform policy regarding delivery after dark. That's because we are not dealing with a consistent situation for everyone.

There are some delivery areas that may not be safe and should not be delivered to after dark. That depends on whether or not a carrier can safely make that delivery based on individual circumstances such as is it unfamiliar territory, a high crime area, is there poor visibility or other hazards (i.e. animals, uneven surfaces or other impediments such as fences, toys, etc).

The time to plan for delivering after dark is now before you find yourself literally in the dark. Are there parts of your route that are less hazardous than other to being delivered after dark (apartments with lighted entryways or well lit neighborhoods). Discuss these issues with your supervisor, steward and safety liaison then make a plan and write it down for the CCA's who may be delivering your route for the first time.

If you find yourself in a situation where you believe you'll be out delivering mail after dark, REMEMBER THAT YOU DO HAVE RIGHTS, and follow these instructions:

1. Inform your supervisor in the morning of your need of auxiliary assistance in order to complete your street duties before dark. **THIS MEANS FILL OUT FORM 3996 - HELP SLIP.**
2. Notify your supervisor prior to heading out to the street that you may not be able to complete your duties on the street by dark.
3. When on the street if you realize that you definitely will be out after dark, call your supervisor and make them aware of that reality. Stress your concern for your safety and again request auxiliary assistance.
4. Assuming no help arrives and you are faced with darkening conditions, attempt to continue.
5. **IF** while attempting delivery, you literally experience a safety hazard (i.e. stumbling, tripping, hear dogs barking, but unable to see that threat, not able to see potential dangers using your LLV/van's outside mirrors ...) call your supervisor. Explain your situation and notify them that you cannot safely continue delivery then return to your station.
6. **COMPLETE FORM 1571 - Curtailment form for the undelivered mail.**

Be sure to hand the curtailment slip to the supervisor, and ASK FOR A COPY. The copy is for your protection. You can also request a Form 1767 - Notice of Hazardous Working Condition. This will help you document the safety hazards you encountered while attempting to deliver after dark.

It is important to note that these instructions are not intended to endorse or encourage the unnecessary curtailment of any mail. It is about your safety and the protection of the mail in our charge.

There is not a single answer for every possible situation. It simply is the responsibility of each carrier to measure their safety and ensure that they are working safely. PERIOD.

Integrity cont'd from page 1

Although one wonders how these OIG agents would score on any test of integrity. That said, the rules are the rules and below is language from the Code of Federal Regulations 2635.204(a), which should be considered the next time one of your patrons, gives you a gift.

Gifts of \$20 or less. An employee may accept unsolicited gifts having an aggregate market value of \$20 or less per source per occasion, provided that the aggregate market value of individual gifts received from any one person under the authority of this paragraph shall not exceed \$50 in a calendar year. This exception does not apply to gifts of cash or of investment interests such as stock, bonds, or certificates of deposit. Where the market value of a gift or the aggregate market value of gifts offered on any single occasion exceeds \$20, the employee may not pay the excess value over \$20 in order to accept that portion of the gift or those gifts worth \$20. Where the aggregate value of tangible items offered on a single occasion exceeds \$20, the employee may decline any distinct and separate item in order to accept those items aggregating \$20 or less.

If you have any questions, regarding gifts from your customers contact your supervisor to get verification that it is acceptable to accept the gift in question. If you disagree with the supervisor's opinion based on the language above, contact your steward or the Branch office for clarification.

We Got Out the Vote cont'd from page 1

Minnesota AFL-CIO President Bill McCarthy issued the following statement responding to the 2018 election results: "Our volunteer-driven member to member political campaign, the largest and most strategic in Minnesota AFL-CIO history, reached tens of thousands of union members at their worksites, at their homes, on their phones, in their mailboxes, and on social media.

"Union members knew that our very freedom to join together was on the ballot this year and made sure our voices were heard loud and clear.



MN AFL-CIO President Bill McCarthy, Secretary of State Steve Simon and Mike Zagaros

"The 2018 election also sent a record number of Labor-endorsed union members and retirees into public office including Governor-elect Tim Walz, Auditor-elect & former MN AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Julie Blaha, and 22 members to the Minnesota House.

"The 2018 election showed that when working people organize, volunteer, and vote; we win. Minnesota's Labor Movement will continue the enthusiasm of this political campaign into our organizing and legislative work in the months and years ahead."

Thanks to all the Branch 9 members who got out there and

door knocked, phone banked and educated the voters on the labor endorsed candidates. We got out the vote.

Sources nalc.org and mnaflcio.org



Robb Petersburg (Lost Lake), Samantha Hartwig (EVP), State Attorney General Elect Keith Ellison and Christa Abraham (East Side)



Governor Elect Tim Walz and Samantha Hartwig



Keonia Adkins (Main Office) with 5th CD Elect Ilhan Omar and Samantha Hartwig

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Branch 9 Calendar

November 12- December 10

Open Season

November 27

General Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

December 11

Steward Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

December 19

Main Office Christmas Party
Northeast Yacht Club
801 Marshall St NE.
1:00 PM to 3:00PM

December 25

Christmas Day
OFF

January 1

New Years Day
OFF

January 8

Steward Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

January 22

General Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN



Northside Retiree Breakfast

1st Tuesday of the Month
9:30AM @ Elsie's
729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis

N Suburban Retiree Breakfast

1st Friday of the Month
8:30AM @ Denny's Restaurant
9020 Quaday Avenue NE, Otsego

Southside Retiree Breakfast

2nd Tuesday of the Month
9:00AM @ Fred Babcock VFW
6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

Nokomis Retiree Breakfast

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4th Monday of the Month
6:00PM - Labor Centre -2nd Floor
312 Central Ave, Minneapolis