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NALC ballots set to be mailed

The National Election Committee, appointed at the Detroit National Convention to conduct the election of national officers for NALC, met on Aug. 13 in Washington, DC, to set the rules and procedures for the contested national and regional elections, as laid out in the NALC Constitution. It also conducted a random drawing to determine the order of the names as they will appear on the ballot for each office.

Candidates for 12 of the 15 national business agent (NBA) positions were unopposed and elected by consent at the Detroit convention. Two candidates were nominated from the floor for each of the following positions: president, executive vice president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, assistant secretary-treasurer, director of city delivery, director of safety and health, director of life insurance, director of health benefits, director of retired members, and NBAs for Regions 2, 4 and 9. Five candidates were nominated from the floor for three national trustee positions.

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EARLY VOTING BY MAIL NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL YOUR VOTE, YOUR JOB

What is an easy way to do two things for our career? Vote early by First Class mail. We all know life gets busy, and if you leave it until after work on Election Day there is a chance something could happen and prevent you from voting. Why not have the option of filling out your ballot at home and dropping it in the mail at your convenience?

Early vote by mail is very simple and can be set up very quickly. All you have to do is google the Minnesota Secretary of State, click on "Elections and Voting" and the click on "Other Ways to Vote". When you do that you will be brought to a screen that gives you all your voting options. Just select "Vote by Mail", and then the online application link and you're almost done. I filled out my application for the general election and it took me under 3 minutes.



They will start sending ballots out on September 21st for the November election. Just make sure you fill it out, have a witness sign along with you and get it back before Election Day on November 6th. If you are not a political animal and aren't sure

who on the ballot supports our jobs, Branch 9 has made endorsements in all the races based on who will support Letter Carriers and the USPS and these endorsements are in this issue.

Whatever your political stripes, we need to protect the USPS by voting for candidates that will protect our jobs, pensions and the USPS as a whole. Let's stand together and make our voices heard!

-Johnna Lush,
Robbinsdale Carrier and
Political Coordinator Member

VOTE EARLY BY MAIL

To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You do not need to be registered to apply.

Apply online
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To complete this application online you must:

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- *Provide an ID
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 - Minnesota ID card or
 - the last 4 digits of your Social Security #

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In Memoriam

James W. Johnson

RETIREMENTS

Jay Hoffman's (Fridley) "Best Day Ever" with Steward Perry Korzenowski



Keith Brakke's (T Burnett) last punch with Steward David Feldmann. Happy Retirement!



Joe Shimota (Chanhassen) is all smiles as he takes his last punch!

Welcome New Members

Stefanie Anderson
Anders Carlson
Joe Duren
James Halverson
Jacob Johnson
Meghann Kirchner
Chao Leepanou
Hussein Mahamud
Maley Neil
Mitchell Smead
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In a bit of Macro and Micro thinking, we have politics and the workroom floor issues that are both at the top of agenda for all of us.

POLITICS: In a strange case of déjà vu, the President wants to privatize the Postal Service and has directed the Director of OMB to explore how to do it. When I first became a letter carrier in the mid-80's, this same scenario played out where the President wanted to privatize the Postal Service and he directed his Director of OMB to explore how to do it. Ronald Reagan was President at the time and he had his Director of the Office of Management and Budget then James Miller III begin making the case to Privatize the Postal Service to the American Public in the mid to late 80's. At that time, the NALC was at the forefront of that campaign opposing privatization efforts by educating the membership, testifying before congress, and educating the public.

There are a few differences between the two campaigns. The first being the establishment of The President's Taskforce on the Postal Service. This taskforce was made up of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Directors of OPM and OMB and report their findings by August 10th. The Director of the OMB who, as part of the Taskforce already decided what the results of the Taskforce recommendations would be 6 weeks before it was to be released. Well August 10th has come and gone. Rumor has it that the results of the Taskforce will not be released until after the mid-term elections.

Something else that is different is the House of Representatives

have gotten involved in a bi-partisan way. While we were at the National Convention, a group of 10 Representatives (5 Republican and 5 Democrat) introduced a Resolution (H. Res 993) which quite simply states, **"that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization."** While a resolution is not a law, traditionally when a resolution has a majority of the members of the House Co-sponsors (218) it is a statement that a bill on the same subject would be acted upon the same way. In the 8 weeks since the resolution was introduced 180 Co-Sponsors have signed on including Representatives. McCollum, Nolan and Walz from Minnesota. Representative Ellison has agreed to be a co-sponsor. If any of these are your Representative, please contact them and thank them and let them know you are a letter carrier. The same is true for Rep. Emmer, Lewis, Paulson and Peterson who have not signed on. At the State Fair, 1000 fair goers signed postcards asking their Representative to co-sponsor H. Res. 993. We need to continue to make our voices heard.

Now that the Primary is over the focus is now on November 6th and the General Election. We have all been hearing that elections have consequences, and beware of the drop-off voters emphasizing that this election is going to be about turnout. Focus on the people you work with and your families and friends to make sure they vote and to talk about the different options that are now available. To get that



Mike Zagaros

information, please go online to the MN Secretary of State website to vote in person <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-in-person/> or register to vote by mail <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/> It is only 8 weeks until the General Election questions will be answered for the better or not. If you want to get involved contact the Branch Office.

STAFFING: The biggest issue begins and ends with proper staffing, or the lack of staffing. Unit by unit we are hearing about. Whether we are talking about overtime, open routes and conversions. On conversions, we are seeing dribs and drabs, but the number of Unassigned Regulars has been steadily reduced which is bringing on pressure to convert. As we receive the information about conversions, we will get it to the field as quickly as we can. We are also seeing a similar dribs and drabs in bringing on CCAs. The new program that the Postal Service was implementing to speed up the application process has been put on the shelf for now. As we approach Peak we will need to bring on and retain more CCAs and convert CCAs to keep our

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The election will be conducted by mail ballot in accordance with the NALC Constitution. The Election Committee has retained the services of Hartsfield Resolution Group of St. Clair Shores, MI, to assist it in supervising the conduct of the election. The committee has also retained Mosaic, a print communications company located in Cheverly, MD, to prepare and mail the ballots. The committee has reviewed and approved all nominating forms and will create the ballot for mailing. Official election instructions will be included with all ballots mailed to eligible NALC members.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be a regular member of NALC and in good standing as of June 1, 2018. NBAs will be elected by the members in their respective regions. Beginning on Aug. 27 and continuing until completion, components of the election mailing will be printed. Starting on Sept. 4 and continuing through Sept. 14, ballots will be prepared, inserted and mailed.

As noted on the NALC website, any active or retired member who does not receive a ballot by Friday, Sept. 21, is instructed that he or she must notify his or her branch officers. Those branches are instructed to immediately contact the NALC Membership Department to request a duplicate, replacement ballot. The deadline for branch officers to contact the Membership Department is 4 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, Sept. 24. Only a branch officer can request a duplicate ballot. Ballots must be received by 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, to be counted. The counting of ballots will begin that day.

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routes covered. The next issue that is being impacted staffing is overtime.

There are two sides to the issue when we talk about overtime, there is either too much or too little. It depends on who you ask. Lately, people have been asking if we are dealing with a WOO again. **The quick answer is NO. There is NO AGREEMENT that OTDL carriers are to be off the street by 6:00 p.m. or that non-list carriers should be working overtime before OTDL.** If you are not on the overtime desired list or assignment only list can still be required to work overtime. But the rules have not changed. Management is still required

to follow the requirements in Article 8 Section 5. Management is required to maintain a list of those non OTDL carriers who are being required to work off their assignment on a rotating basis. **If you believe that you are improperly being required to work OT, contact your steward. Please don't wait and think that someone else will take care of it.**

The issues that we are facing both inside and out of the workplace need to be addressed. We need to get involved in this election and if we feel that something is wrong on the workroom floor, we need to hold management accountable and that is everyone's job. We can't afford to be on the sidelines

The following candidates have been endorsed by Branch 9 for the 2018 election.

Visit www.mnvotes.org to check your registration, register to vote, and find out where you vote.

Governor & Lieutenant Governor

[--] Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan

United States Senate

[--] Amy Klobuchar

[--] Tina Smith

Attorney General

[--] Keith Ellison

Secretary of State

[--] Steve Simon

State Auditor

[--] Julie Blaha

United States Congress

[--] Dist. 1: Dan Feehan

[--] Dist. 2: Angie Craig

[--] Dist. 3: Dean Phillips

[--] Dist. 4: Betty McCollum

[--] Dist. 5: Ilhan Omar

[--] Dist. 6: Ian Todd

[--] Dist. 7: Colin Peterson

[--] Dist. 8: Joe Radinovich

Minnesota Senate District 13

(Special Election):

[--] Joe Perske

Exec Vice President's Report

As I sit here trying to write this article I can't help but take a moment to stop, and think about how fortunate we letter carriers really are. We have a good paying job, especially when we get to the top of the pay scale. We have decent health benefits that allow us to take care of our families. We have paid annual leave and paid sick leave when we become career letter carriers. We have the right to collective bargaining for all those benefits I just listed, and several more benefits that I have not listed.

While we have all these benefits that make us fortunate, we always run the risk of becoming unfortunate. What I mean is that everything that we currently have was fought for us by the letter carriers who came before us, especially the 1970 strikers. If not for the Wildcat strike in March of 1970 that ultimately gave us the right to collective bargaining, which in turn has helped to improve our benefits we would be unfortunate. We would still need to go to the Congress of the United States and beg for all the benefits that we have been fortunate to gain since the 1970 strike. The unfortunate part to this story is that Congress could take all of those benefits away from us if we keep assuming that nothing will change.

While I was not around in 1970, and neither were about half of the current letter carriers in Branch 9; I feel that it is important to illustrate the age difference not to make any one feel old, but because I realize that most of us today have not really, truly had to fight to keep the benefits that the letter carriers in the 1970 strike did have to fight for. Most of us working now have always known the USPS and NALC to have a collective bargaining agreement, and are lulled into a false sense of security that the collective bargaining rights we enjoy will always continue to be

here as a matter of fact. I am very concerned that there have been members of the United States Congress that support privatizing the Postal Service, want to change our retirement from a high 3 to a high 5, who think that letter carriers are overpaid, and who have done nothing to fix the pre-funding mandate for future retiree health benefits, just to name a few items of concern. This is the United States Congress. Congress can take our collective bargaining rights away, and that would be very unfortunate for letter carriers everywhere. Letter carriers active and retired are under attack, and the only way to end these attacks on all letter carriers is to make friends in Congress. We need friends who will support the USPS, and support the rights of all workers. To make friends in Congress we need to pay to play. In other words, money will get us in the door; however, we still need to take the time to have a conversation with our representatives so that they understand what our letter carrier issues are, and ask for their support on our issues.

How do we begin to fight to protect letter carrier rights against all of the attacks coming at us from Congress? The first way is to donate money to either the Branch 9 Political fund (Pal 9), or the National Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF). Since union dues can't be used for politics and supporting a specific candidate we need to collect separate money for our local and National Pac funds. The money donated to Pal 9 truly does stay local. When you make friends at the local level, and they move to the National level, they tend to remember who helped them get to the National level.

There is also our National Pac fund that letter carriers may contribute to. Those funds we have much less control over at the local level. If this is something that letter



Samantha Hartwig

carriers want to contribute to the Branch can help sign you up for automatic deductions. These Pac funds have contributed to letter carriers making friends we need to help us in Congress, to protect our hard fought for benefits.

The other way to protect the rights and benefits we enjoy today is through door knocking. Door knocking is a great way to inform the public about our issues, and to help support our friends for election. The Branch has two door knocks scheduled for Sunday September 23rd, and Sunday October 14th. Anyone who is interested in this opportunity please call the Branch office to sign up.

For us to continue to be fortunate, and continue with our benefits we enjoy; now is the time to start to fight to protect what we have. Being complacent in a time when eyes are starting to focus on the USPS is our worst enemy. We can't continue to be lulled into a false sense of security.

This November we need to vote in candidates who support letter carriers, and our employer the USPS. Now is the time for us to start the fight. Fight by donating to one of our NALC Pac funds, by participating in door knocking, and by voting in November for candidates who support letter carrier issues, and making the USPS stronger for the future.

Federal judge overturns Trump administration's anti-federal union orders

On Saturday, a federal judge invalidated key provisions in three executive orders the Trump administration issued in May, which had made it easier for agencies to fire federal workers and placed strict limits on union activities. (The orders did not apply to the Postal Service and its unions.)

In her ruling, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia said the executive orders were a clear violation of the 1978 Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute of 1978. Under that statute, Congress gave federal employees the right to unionize and negotiate job contracts as a matter "of public interest."

"The Court has concluded that many of the challenged provisions of the Orders at issue here effectively reduce the scope of the right to bargain collectively as Congress has crafted it, or impair the ability of agency officials to bargain in good faith as Congress has directed, and therefore cannot be sustained."

The district court's ruling on August 25 resolved four lawsuits filed against the Trump administration by several federal employee unions, led by the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). The unions challenged the three orders Trump signed in May that rolled back labor protections for federal workers.

One order made it easier to fire

and discipline federal employees. Depending on the agency, firing an employee for poor performance could take six months to a year, not including the appeals process. This order gave employees only 30 days to improve their job performance, instead of the current limit of up to 120 days. It also instructed agencies to ignore contracts that prioritized seniority during layoffs.

Another executive order directed federal agencies to spend less time negotiating contracts with labor unions and set a goal of no more than six months to reach an agreement, after which the agencies would be free to



unilaterally implement contracts containing their "last best offers." This would have destroyed the agencies' incentives to bargain in good faith.

A third order placed limits on how much time employees in union leadership roles can spend on union activities during work hours. This is known as "official time," and it can include helping other employees file grievances or resolve other workplace problems. The administration sought to limit official time to 25 percent of an employee's yearly work hours. The administration said it has the legal authority to give such guidance to executive agencies that answer to the president. But the orders prompted immediate

litigation from government unions.

The American Federation of Government Employees, which is the largest union involved in the lawsuits, said the efforts were a "direct assault on the legal rights and protections that Congress specifically guaranteed to the public sector employees across this country who keep our federal government running every single day."

Judge Jackson's ruling described the Trump administration's defense of the orders as an attempt to do "verbal jujitsu" with the law. She rejected the argument that the administration

had the power to interfere with union negotiations that are protected under federal law.

"There is no rational explanation for Defendants' suggestion that Congress would have intended for the President to have the power to act in this fashion at all in regard to the matters that the FSLMRS specifically characterizes as negotiable. Quite

frankly, it is hard to even imagine a rational statutory exception that is intentionally designed to swallow the rule," she wrote.

Jackson effectively revoked most of the measures in the executive orders, although federal unions may need to take further judicial action to reverse actions taken under the improper executive orders.

"This is a huge win for all federal employees, including postal employees whose rights could have been targeted next" NALC President Fred Rolando said. "We thank our brothers and sisters at AFGE – and the other federal unions – for defending our rights under the law."

The Letter Carrier Political Fund

is a non-partisan political action committee (PAC) established for the purpose of electing qualified candidates who support letter carriers and who are committed to maintaining a strong and innovative U.S. Postal Service.

Each year, NALC fights to fend off attacks in Congress that threaten letter carriers' collective-bargaining rights, retirement benefits and livelihood. We've been successful so far, and we want to continue helping to elect House and Senate candidates who will protect us, promote our issues and deliver our message to Washington.

Since union dues can't be used to support candidates for political office, NALC relies 100 percent on member contributions to the LCPF, which in turn helps us support those on Capitol Hill who defend the issues that matter most to us. Our PAC brings together in Washington strong letter carrier advocates—from all political parties—who are dedicated to helping to defend a strong USPS that provides universal, innovative and affordable service.

Why should I join NALC's PAC, the Letter Carrier Political Fund?

The Letter Carrier Political Fund identifies and contributes to candidates who support issues important to letter carriers.

Joining the LCPF provides letter carriers with the opportunity to build electoral and legislative power required to ensure decisions that impact their lives are made with their best interests in mind.

Only NALC members can contribute to the LCPF.

Union dues are not used, and cannot be used, for political contributions. LCPF contributions are voluntary and can stop at any time. There is no open season.

We encourage LCPF members to make suggestions for political contributions and to attend local fundraisers.

LCPF members are encouraged to attend local events for members locally who support letter carrier legislative priorities.

As a member of the NALC, there are several easy ways to give to the Letter Carrier Political Fund:

1. **Payroll deduction:** Contribute automatically, using PostalEase (either online or by phone) to set up an allotment deduction from your USPS paycheck.
2. **Direct bank withdrawal:** You can authorize the fund to withdraw a monthly electronic contribution directly from your personal checking account
3. **Annuity deduction:** Retired letter carriers can elect to give monthly via an automatic deduction from your monthly annuity. If you need help getting signed up, please fill out the form on the left and NALC will contact you to assist you in signing up to contribute.

Branch 9 Wins LCPF Award



President Mike Zagaros with National EVP Brian Renfroe and Legislative and Political Organizer Ed Morgan.

Branch 9 was presented an award for the branch with the second highest per capita contribution for the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF).

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Letter Carrier Political Fund

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Phone Number*

NALC Branch Number*

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SUBMIT

USPS Board of Governors activity in Senate and White House

On August 28, 2018, the Senate confirmed the nominations of David Williams (D) and Robert Duncan (R) to serve as members of the U.S. Postal Service's Board of Governors, each for one term.

David C. Williams was confirmed to serve the remainder of a seven-year term that ends December 8, 2019. Williams has a long history of government service. He joined the Secret Service after a tour of military duty in Vietnam, and then served as part of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime Strike Force. Following his work on President Ronald Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime, he led the Office of Special Investigations at the General Accounting Office (since renamed the Government Accountability Office). He was then confirmed as the Inspector General (IG) for several federal agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Social Security Administration, the Department of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. His longest stint as an IG, at the Postal Service (from 2003 until his retirement in 2016), led to his nomination to the Board of Governors.

Robert M. (Mike) Duncan was confirmed to serve for the remainder of a seven-year term that ends December 8, 2025. He is a banker and currently the chairman and CEO of Inez Deposit Bank, as well as chairman of the President's Commission on White House Fellows. Previously, Duncan served on the board of the Tennessee Valley Authority and was chairman of the Republican National Committee from 2007 to 2009.

Additionally, the White House announced its intention to nominate two more individuals to the USPS Board of Governors, Ron Bloom (D) and Roman Martinez IV (R). Ron Bloom, who will be nominated for the remainder of a seven-

year term expiring December 8, 2020, began his career as an investment banker and union consultant before serving as the special assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers for many years. President Barack Obama appointed Bloom to serve as the Assistant to the President on Manufacturing Policy in 2009, when he helped rescue the auto industry during the Great Recession. In 2011, he returned to investment banking at Lazard Company, where he served as Vice Chairman, U.S. Investment Banking. During his time at Lazard, he advised the NALC on postal issues and appeared at both a national rap session and a national convention. Bloom is currently Managing Partner and Vice Chairman at Brookfield Asset Management, where he helps manage the firm's private equity investments.

Roman Martinez IV will be nominated for the remainder of a seven-year term expiring December 8, 2024. He began his career as an investment banker in 1971 at Kuhn Loeb & Company until it was acquired by the now-defunct global financial services firm, Lehman Brothers. Martinez worked there as the managing director of investment banking until his retirement in 2003. Since 2003, he has served on the board of directors for several different companies and has been involved in various Republican presidential and Senate campaigns.

If Bloom and Martinez are confirmed, four of the nine seats on the Board would be filled, enough to achieve a quorum if the Postmaster General and Deputy Postmaster General are present.

"NALC is pleased to see action taken by the Senate to fill the first two vacancies," said NALC President Fredric Rolando. "We encourage the Senate to begin consideration of these additional nominations and we urge the administration to fill the remaining vacancies with qualified nominees."

NALC will continue to work with the Senate and the administration to ensure that letter carriers' interests are represented.

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NALC members continue push for House Resolution 993

In mid-July, a bipartisan group of 10 representatives introduced House Resolution 993, which calls on Congress to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the Postal Service remains an independent entity of the federal government and not be subject to privatization.

The introduction of the sense-of-the-House measure by Reps. Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Stephen Lynch (D-MA) came in response to the recent Office of Management and Budget (OMB) government reorganization and restructuring plan titled "Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century." The report, which takes direct aim at numerous agencies, calls for privatizing the Postal Service.

NALC members have contacted their representatives requesting they co-sponsor the resolution. As this Bulletin was going to press, 130 House members had co-sponsored the resolution, but 218 co-sponsors are needed to achieve a majority. To send a strong message to Congress and the administration that any attempt to privatize the Postal Service is dead on arrival, NALC is asking letter carriers and their friends and families to call their representatives and ask them to sign on to H. Res. 993. You can find more information about the resolution and about contacting your representative on the NALC Member App for smartphones or online at NALC's Government Affairs page.

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Director of Retirees

STATISTICS- VOTING RECORDS

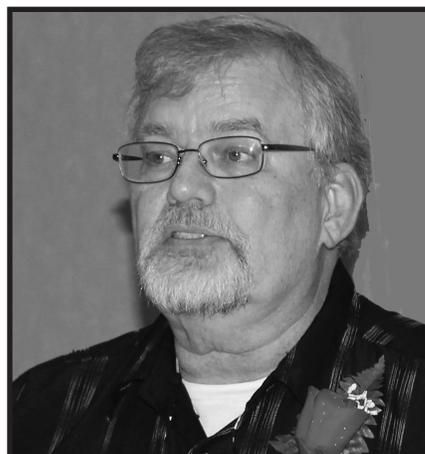
Letter carriers are justifiably leery of statistics. Everyone knows the mantra of Postal mismanagement (which they plagiarized from Mark Twain): "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics." And mismanagement unashamedly misuses them all.

Nevertheless statistics can be a powerful persuasive tool, and very useful IF the source is trustworthy. One of my favorite organizations, the Alliance for Retired Americans (www.retiredamericans.org), has released their Congressional report card for this years' election, as a guide not to the promises the various Congress people made, but to how various members of Congress have actually voted for (or against) our interests in this current Congress. The ARA is not a Labor organization per se, but has worked hand-in-hand with various AFL-CIO political efforts, and over the course of time has proven to be a worthy partner of our union political efforts. So take these

scores for what they're worth — they're worth a great deal to me.

It won't surprise you that both our Senators, Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, up for election this autumn have earned 100% scores in their Congressional votes on issues of critical importance to us. Amy and Tina have proven themselves leaders and advocates for the interests of Postal workers and federal Retirees.

The House of Representatives is likewise pretty lop-sided. Betty McCollum is 100%, for those of you who live in the East Metro; and Collin Peterson has voted for our interests 80% of the time in the more conservative West. Two other Congressmen are worthy of note, even though they are running for different offices. Both Tim Walz (currently running for Governor) and Keith Ellison (running for Attorney-General) have voted 100% in our favor during their Congressional careers, and we trust that they will continue to advocate for us in St Paul.



Rodney Anderson

Then there's the tiresome other end of the spectrum. It will astonish no one that Jason Lewis has voted for our interests exactly 0% of the time. Likewise, Erik Paulsen in the 3rd district — who is now campaigning as a guy who reaches across the aisle, and not the current President's stooge — has a voting record of 0%. Even Tom Emmer, who was at 0% two years ago, is up to 10% now.

As Bobby Baird always says, EDUCATE YOURSELF, and make sure you are an informed, intelligent voter!

-RA

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

10:00AM

PLACE:

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Maplewood, MN
651.771.0533



\$3.00 ENTRY FEE

Election Notice

This is an official notice of elections for the officers and delegates of Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 NALC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Nominations for the offices of: President; Executive Vice President; Recording Secretary; Financial Secretary; Treasurer; Editor; Sergeant at Arms; NALC Health Benefits Representative; Director of Retirees; three (3) Trustees; Delegates to the 2019 MSALC State Convention; five (5) Delegates to the Minnesota, AFL-CIO/Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation (RLF); three (3) Delegates to the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation (RLF) will be held at the September General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Crystal VFW, 5222 56th Avenue North, Crystal, MN 55429.

With the exception of MSALC delegates, the term for all offices will be three (3) years beginning in January 2019. The President and Executive Vice President shall be Delegates to the NALC Convention, MSALC State Convention and Minnesota AFL-CIO/Minneapolis RLF by virtue of their office. Candidates must complete the appropriate Letter of Intent and return same to the Recording Secretary at the General Membership Meeting in which they are nominated or within 10 days thereafter; by no later than 5:00pm.

Elections for contested officer positions and Minnesota AFL-CIO/Minneapolis or St. Paul RLF Delegates will be by referendum ballot that must be returned to the designated post office box selected by the Election Committee by 9:00am, Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Should an election of delegates to the MSALC State Convention be necessary, it will be held at the October General Membership Meeting on October 23, 2018.

The Following is a list of PAL 9 Paid Members for July & August 2018.

VERY CONCERNED MEMBERS

Herman A Metzler - Pam Donato

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Darwin J Rian

Submitted By Ron Lawrence Treasurer PAL 9



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Branch 9 Holiday Party

Sunday, November 18, 2018

12:00 to 4:00PM

**New Hope Cinema Grill
2749 Winnetka Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427**

\$5.00/Person

*Available space for 200 people - first come, first served.
Limit of 6 tickets per Branch 9 member (Active, CCA & Retired)
and immediate family only.*

*Watch the Christmas
Classic Cartoons on a
large movie screen*

Buffet Lunch
12:15 - 3:00PM

A fun day out with the family!

*Coloring for kids
of all ages*

Registration Deadline
Tuesday, November 13th

*Special Guest
SANTA!!*

*Return registration form and payment
(checks made out to Branch 9 Holiday Party) to:
Branch 9, 2408 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418*

Branch 9 Holiday Party Registration Form

Name: _____ Station: _____

Number of Guests: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Name of Guests (Please include ages of children): _____

Age: _____ Age: _____

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The Letter Carrier Political Fund is the anchor for NALC's legislative and political activities.



nalc.org/government-affairs/political-activity

Branch 9 Calendar

<p>September 11 Steward Meeting 7:00PM Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN</p> <p>September 16 Clay Trap Shooting Event 10:30 AM Metro Gun Club</p> <p>September 23 Election Door Knock 1:00PM Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN</p> <p>September 25 General Membership Meeting 7:00PM Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN</p> <p>September 30 - October 2 MSALC Training</p>	<p>October 8 Columbus Day</p> <p>October 8 NALC DAY OF ACTION</p> <p>October 9 Steward Meeting 7:00PM Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN</p> <p>October 14 Election Door Knock TBD</p> <p>October 23 General Membership Meeting 7:00PM Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN</p> <p>November 6 ELECTION DAY</p>
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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
4th Tuesday of the Month
9:00AM @ Fred Babcock VFW
6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

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