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The NALC Honors Deb Ochetti with a 2017 Hero of the Year Award

In the December 2015 issue of the Branch Nine News we honored Deb Ochetti with our Above and Beyond award. She had read about and joined a program called Be The Match®, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), a nonprofit organization that's dedicated to helping every patient get the life-saving transplant they need and is a partner with the Postal Service. 4 years went by and Deb finally received a call in March of 2015 to be a stem cell donator to a 42 year old woman with leukemia.

Fast forward to October 2017. Deb Ochetti has just been honored by the NALC in Washington, DC and awarded their Humanitarian of the year award.

Deb flew to Washington DC with her Steward Connie Beissel. In Connie's words here are some of the things that they saw and did.

Going out to Washington D.C. to attend the National Hero Awards with my best friend was the best trip to D.C. that I have ever had! Our national union kept us very busy from sun up to sundown. Deb and I spent 4 full days out there doing activities with the other Hero's and their families. Getting to know the other carriers who received awards was very enlightening. It was not a surprise that the judges chose the individuals that they did. Every one of those carriers deserved the acknowledgement that they received.

We had a wonderful tour guide who explained each monument in detail as we walked through and round them.

On our second day we toured NALC headquarters and had lunch with President Rolando at a nice restaurant along with preparing for the awards banquet.

Our third day was picture day and the awards banquet. After the awards banquet we were

Deb Ochetti (cont. on pg 8)



2017 NALC Hero of the Year Winners

Geneva Kubal (Coordinator for the Hero's Awards) did an outstanding job at keeping us busy. She made sure everyone knew what they were doing and what to expect next.

Our first night out there we all went on a 4 hour bus tour of the National Monuments and surrounding areas.



NALC President Fred Rolando, Humanitarian of the Year, Deb Ochetti and PMG Megan Brennan

RETIREMENTS



Pam Mayer (Anoka) takes her last punch with Steward Jim Nelson

VETERAN'S DAY



Branch 9 would like to thank our members who have served and those members who are currently serving.

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The Following is a List of PAL 9 Paid Members for July, August and September 2017.

Very Concerned Members
None

Regular Members
Karen Torell

Ron Lawrence
Treasurer PAL 9

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- Jordan Berndt
- Jay Danz
- Yassin Darar
- Melissa Davidson
- Steven Dehmer
- Yao (Nicolas) Egou
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Johnna Lush
Robbinsdale Carrier

MSALC Convention

At the beginning of this month, I had the opportunity to attend the Minnesota State Association of Letter Carriers (MSALC) State conference for the first time. When I arrived, I wasn't sure what to expect at this three-day convention, I didn't know anyone well who was attending and I had never even been to Brainerd. I hoped that the experience would be good, and that I would learn something and hopefully not have to eat every meal by myself. I needn't have worried on any of those counts. When I walked in, I immediately recognized people and was welcomed by friends and brand-new acquaintances.

The first full day of meetings was non-stop but actually moved by pretty quickly. As any letter carrier knows, if we were the type of people built for sitting in meetings all day, we would not be good carriers, but I was surprised how well everything moved and how much information was packed into those days. In addition to the staples of all good Union meeting – treasurer's reports, committee reports and officer elections –

there were speakers from across the state as well as the national office in DC informing us about the Union's priorities and work taking place across the nation.

Pam Donato, our former Branch 9 President, gave a strong presentation on the NALC's Veterans Group Initiative. The NALC Veterans Group wants to provide Letter Carriers (both current USPS employees and retirees) who have served in the military access to the information and tools specific to veterans' rights and benefits within the U.S Postal Service.

Brent Fjerestad, the Legislative and Political organizer for our region gave a talk about the upcoming budget and how it affects the Post Office. There are a number of proposals in the budget that would negatively affect our retirement and the USPS as a whole that the NALC is currently working against.

Those at the convention were also able to spend time with NALC Executive Vice President Brian Renfro. As a carrier with just about four years of seniority it seemed surreal to be sitting across the table from our union's National Executive Vice President, exchanging funny anecdotes as

well as important issues. I guess for me that was the ultimate takeaway from this convention. We are all brothers and sisters in the NALC, and although that may sound corny at times, I also believe that is really true. Under the NALC we all have the opportunity to have as much of a voice as we want in our Union and ultimately the direction of our work. No one at that convention was above anyone else whether they were like a me, a carrier with four years under their belt, a retiree (who has probably has forgotten more about being a letter carrier than I'll ever know), or someone like Brian Renfro who holds one of the highest positions in the NALC. We all came together in Brainerd and had our voices heard, shared frustrations, triumphs and funny stories and ultimately came out better informed, and reenergized to do our jobs and protect our rights.

I already look forward to next year's convention and urge all of you who are able to attend. It's a good way to be reminded that across the state and the nation we all have a voice and we are lucky enough to have access to union meetings and conventions where our voices can be heard.



NBA Chris Wittenburg administers the Oath of Office for the new MSALC Officers President Ruben Perez, VP Perry Schmidt, Secretary Baily Sens, and Treasurer T.A. Nelson - not pictured Chuck Glover, Editor, Melia Derrick, Director of Retirees and Connie Beissel, Executive Board

Web-Based Confidential Care You Can Do This

When it comes to your emotional health, finding the care and support you need can be hard. You have access to web-based confidential care to help you and your family members receive the support you need, when you need it, and in a way that is most comfortable to you.

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Depression



Insomnia



Addiction



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Exec Vice President's Report

Safety - Its Everyone's Responsibility

With the increased volume of parcels on our routes the space at these stations has and will continue to be an issue with safety. All the extra equipment, like the machines for sorting parcels, carriers, vehicles that are in garages and lots, and the increased gurneys full of parcels all have the walls of our buildings bulging. It is an obstacle course to move at all in our buildings on the work room floor. We have to be more attentive and conscious in every step we take in the office. Be aware of what is around your case and keep it picked up and if more space is required see your safety liaison or steward. Watch where you are walking and make sure the floor is free of waste and debris to avoid a slip, trip, or fall. While we walk from our cases to the throwback case or retrieve your post and roll your gurney back to your case be extra cautious with every step. Keep these things in mind when you move to the street and begin to load your vehicle by using proper lifting methods and making sure your mail is placed in the vehicle in a way to avoid it shifting. Mail should never be placed on the dash, floor or double decked on top of another tray as it will slide at every stop or turn. This could be a distraction and may cause us to be in a vehicle accident while trying to keep the trays in one place.

When on the street we deliver mail in an environment that is completely out of our control. We cannot control other drivers, bike riders, pedestrians, pets or even the weather (although that would be nice). Watch where you are walking and make sure the ground is level and free of debris

to avoid slips, trips, or falls. Take the time to be safe on steps and be assured that they are in good condition and if not make sure your supervisor is notified. Be alert and always be aware of the conditions around you whether it's the weather, dogs or the busy street traffic we contend with daily. Make sure that any park points you have on your route are safe for a carrier to stand behind the vehicle and load their satchels free from the danger on busy traffic streets. Never use your cell phone when vehicle is in motion period. Never exit the vehicle with it running or parking brake not engaged. **RULE; IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE SEAT THE KEYS ARE IN YOUR HAND AND BRAKE IS ON.** With the onset of Daylight Savings Time, winter and trying to stay on time, we have to be more attentive and aware of the driving and walking conditions in the outside environment.

Carriers on mounted routes should never work the mail from their laps. This is considered a safety issue despite the fact that many carriers have been observed doing precisely that by management (whether on a 3999 or street observation) and nothing is ever said to them. You have to walk and drive safely between stops whether the mail is ready to be put in the box when you get there or not. You need to take the time when driving to keep your hands and feet in control of the vehicle. On a park and loop route make sure you curb the wheels properly and apply the brake at each park point. Avoid any backing if possible and if you do have to check behind vehicle first and never drive up driveways to deliver post unless absolutely necessary. On a mounted route put the vehicle in neutral on level



Darrell Maus

ground or in park on unlevel ground at each box. With the changing weather conditions on certain days whether storms or hot weather you must be even more focused on safety. Do not take shortcuts that may put your safety at risk. We cannot sacrifice safety for time. It is our responsibility to be safe on the clock at all times. If ever an instruction is given to you by management that puts your safety at risk, see your steward.

As Mike and I has said at several safety talks "always leave yourself an out."

Gently Used Uniforms Needed

Branch 9 needs your help restocking our used uniform supply for new CCAs.

- Shirts,
 - Pants,
 - Shorts,
 - Winter Gear,
 - Rain Gear, etc.
- (we need everything)

Please donate your gently used (without holes or stained) and freshly washed uniforms.

Help letter carriers in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands hurt by hurricanes (updated)

Reprinted from News and Information - NALC.org website

Hurricane Maria's recent direct hit on Puerto Rico has devastated that U.S. island territory in the Caribbean, while the nearby U.S. Virgin Islands are continuing their own long journey toward recovery following Hurricane Irma.

St. Croix and St. Thomas are the two heaviest populated U.S. Virgin Islands. After Hurricane Irma roared through the Caribbean as a Category 5 storm on Sept. 6, the northern island of St. Thomas reported extensive property damage—one postal facility was a total loss, widespread communications and electricity cuts were commonplace, and fresh water was in short supply. Although the southern island of St. Croix received less damage, flooding was an ongoing concern.

As Irma moved westward, it inflicted some damage on Puerto Rico. The island was far less fortunate, however, with Hurricane Maria. On Sept. 20, after tacking just to the south of the U.S. Virgin Islands—delivering more winds

and flooding to that already battered territory—a Category 4 Maria moved on to make a direct hit on Puerto Rico, where it leveled homes all across the island and completely shut down its electrical infrastructure. Without power, effective communication between Puerto Rico and the mainland is almost impossible, and water treatment plants are inoperative, rendering drinking water scarce. It will be weeks, if not months, before systems get restored there.

Further complicating delivery of relief, the island is nearly 1,000 miles from Florida, and its powerless airports are trying hard to deal with damaged and debris-covered runways.

Despite the obstacles, we letter carriers still manage to find ways to help our own.

Puerto Rico has two branches: Ponce Branch 826 (431 active members) and San Juan Branch 869 (795 active members). In the U.S. Virgin Islands, there are

Charlotte Amalie Branch 6412 (St. Thomas, 27 active members) and Christiansted Branch 6413 (St. Croix, 14 active members).

If your branch would like to send immediate financial help or supplies to your brother and sister NALC members in the Caribbean, please see the updated list at right.

Donated money will help branches buy critical supplies once they assess what's needed. Highly sought material goods include water-filtration devices and systems, powdered food (such as milk and eggs) and crank-charge radios.

Beatriz Rosselló, first lady of Puerto Rico, is soliciting donations through the "United for Puerto Rico" initiative. Visit unidosporpuertorico.com to learn more.

For longer-term relief efforts, letter carriers can donate to the Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF). Visit postalrelief.com to learn more.

DONATIONS

Donations may be made directly to letter carriers in the Caribbean who were affected by Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. The four branches affected and the number of carriers in those branches are as follows:

Branch 869 (795 members):
John Kennedy Rivera, President
311 Eleanor Roosevelt
San Juan, PR 00918-2719

Branch 826 (431 members):
Efrain Colombani, President
270 Oeste Calle De La Candelaria
Mayaguez, PR 00682

Branch 6412 (27 members):
Vera Joyce-Thomas, President
P.O. Box 8755
St. Thomas, VI 00801

Branch 6413 (14 members):
Edelmira Molina, President
USPS 1 Mars Hill
Frederiksted, VI 00841

UNIFORMS

NALC branches in Houston and Corpus Christi have received an overwhelming amount of uniform and clothing donations sent for the letter carriers and families hurt by Hurricane Harvey—enough to support those in need. Therefore, those branches ask that any contributions planned to be sent to Texas be held pending available addresses in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands so they can be directed to our brothers and sisters and their families there.

The NALC Region 10 office expresses its great appreciation for all of the compassion and generosity shown to those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. On behalf of all our brothers and sisters and families there, the region offers its most sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped shine a light during a difficult time, and sends best wishes and prayers to all.

Voluntary donations can be made online at postalrelief.com or by mailing a check to: Postal Employees' Relief Fund, PO Box 7630, Woodbridge, VA 22195.

USPS responds to California wildfires

The Postal Service is continuing to move the mail in Northern California, where wildfires have claimed more than 30 lives and damaged approximately 3,000 homes and businesses.

No USPS facilities have been damaged, although service at 15 Post Offices have been affected due to road closures and power outages. Some offices have suspended retail operations, shifting these services to other locations.

Employees work this week at the Trancas, CA, Post Office, located in Napa County. Due to a power outage, it was too dark to work inside the facility.

“Every effort is being made to deliver the mail, safety permitting,” said Pacific Area Acting VP Larry Munoz.

Fed by gusting winds and dry conditions, the fires so far have consumed 122,000 acres of land and forced the evacuation of more than 200,000 people.

California’s wine country — including Napa, Sonoma and Medocino counties — has been hardest hit.

USPS is advising employees in the affected areas to call the national emergency hotline at 888-363-7462 to report their condition, while customers can check the USPS Service Alerts site for the latest updates.

Employees are also being provided with safety guidance and materials, including respirator masks for carriers who deliver in areas affected by wind and smoke.

At least 17 employees have lost homes to the fires. The Postal Employees’ Relief Fund and

Employee Assistance Program are available to help employees who are affected by natural disasters and other emergencies.

Munoz thanked the employees who are continuing to work despite hardships caused by the fires.

“I take great pride in the heroic efforts our employees are making, and I urge them to take every precaution during this challenging time,” Munoz said.

Source: Under fire | USPS News link



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“The carrier in question was honoring a request by a few customers who were being let back in the fire zone to retrieve personal items. A few customers asked the carrier to leave their mail if the mailbox was still standing because they could not get to the annex to retrieve it,” San Francisco USPS District Manager Noemi Luna told the Mercury News.

Photo taken by Douglas Thron, an aerial cinematographer. (Douglas Thron/REUTERS)

2017 Branch 9 and Branch 28 Cribbage Tournament

The semi-annual Branch 9/28 Cribbage tournament was held at the Branch 28 hall on October 4. No fists flew, no blood was spilled, it turned out to be just a merry old time with retirees from both branches sharing fellowship and food.

The winners were Ric Colburn of Branch 9 taking the top prize; and



his main henchman Rollie Matt coming in third. These two have been friends since childhood, and Rollie (at least) has played cribbage daily for the past 25 years, often with lifelong friend Ric. Second place went to our host, St Paul's Grand Old Man, Smoky Smekofski, who leads Branch 28's retiree group.

The cribbage was good, the brats were great, and the company was best of all. A fine time had by all. Thank you to Branch 28 for hosting us!

Deb Ochetti (cont. from pg 1)

scheduled to meet with all our state legislators. Deb and I got to meet with Congressman Jason Lewis in his office first. Then we met with Senator Al Franken in his private office beneath the U.S. Capital. Senator Amy Klobuchar met us in the capital also during a break in a private hearing on Iran. The next day Senator Klobuchar's staff members gave us a tour of the U.S. Capital. Along with touring a museum or 2 we also made time to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier before we had to leave.

It was a privilege to be asked to go with my friend and I want to thank the branch for paying my way to attend this well deserved. event for Deb Ochetti.



Deb Ochetti, Senator Al Franken and Connie Beissel



Moges Kebede
University Carrier

There was a gas leak at the University Station on Monday, August 7, 2017, and while Acting Manager Solaga and Supervisor Kriegs provided updates and information to the employees, it was City Carrier Moges Kebede that contacted the City of Minneapolis Fire Marshal.

As a result of this call and his initiative, postal vehicles were permitted to return to University Station rather than being left downtown. More importantly this also permitted carriers to access their personal vehicles to get home and then return to work Tuesday. The logistical nightmare Moges circumvented through his actions saved the Post Office a considerable amount of money and his co-workers a considerable amount of aggravation. Thank you Moges!

Tony Winkels
Steward University Station

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SACHEL STORIES

Hi Fireflies!

Recently a customer shared that there are 12 different species of firefly in our great state and that their light-up organ is called a lantern. Who knew?! Well, I'm writing to invite you to join me in a little lantern-activating project.

It has been said, ad nauseam, that misery loves company. Frankly, I don't buy it. Misery does not keep company long with me, I kick it to the curb where it belongs, with the trash and recycling. But Misery (yes, with a capital because this beast is alive!) has had a pretty good crack at my fellow Postal employees and I'm sick and tired of it making my co-workers sick and tired.

So, here's the deal, we encounter dozens of humans, hundreds of plants and animals, and thousands of inanimate objects every single day. We are exposed to unthinkable combinations of matter and motion. This is to say life is happening all around us every day and amazing things occur as the day unfurls. Yes, we are diligently fingering the mail while walking and safely making it to park points. But we are also witnesses to some pretty humorous, heartfelt, or harmonious happenings every single day.

I want you to tell us about it. Write in, share with us your sweet

encounter with a three year old who just test drove her first trike. Describe the most gigantic whale of a zucchini someone left out for you (like how many zucchini breads do you expect me to make with that thing, Susan?). We want to hear the poem you made up while walking along your favorite split. Tell about when the railroad crossing bells rang in time with the beat you were tapping on the steering wheel. Or when you watched a crow swoop low into a nearly botched landing, and then, as if embarrassed, looked around to make sure no one saw what happened.

We are surrounded by such immense potential for joy, for lightness, for laughter, for sweet and touching moments of humanity at its greatest. Don't be selfish with those moments! We need you to spread that light! Maybe we aren't fireflies with glowing butts, but we do certainly have a light organ and we want to hear what your heart can share about the joys of your job.

We'll start a little corner in the Branch 9 News to publish your joys, inspirations, and humorous encounters. Be kind, be generous, be playful. Your submission must include your full name if you want to see it published. E-mails can be sent to the Branch Nine News at: branch9news@branch9nalc.com or mailed to: NALC Branch 9, 2408 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418



Ashley Kuel
Minnehaha Carrier

Thanks for reading, we look forward to your stories. Shine on, you little fireflies!

MDA THANKS YOU!

Thank you for sponsoring Hole # 9 during the MSALC Golf Tournament and Annual Fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). With your help, we raised nearly \$7,000 for MDA during our annual State Convention in October.

I am so grateful for the support from our carrier's efforts to help children suffering from neuromuscular diseases. The funds we raise impact children and the families who love them, by empowering them with the assistance they need to grow stronger and live longer.

Thank you again for the incredible life-changing difference you've made for MDA families. Together we will one day Deliver a Cure.



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Delivery After Dark

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5th, and with that comes a decrease of daylight hours available. Carriers will once 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.



Branch 9 Holiday Party

Sunday, November 19, 2017

12:00 to 4:00PM

**New Hope Cinema Grill
2749 Winnetka Avenue North
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\$5.00/Person

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Monday, November 13th

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Branch 9 Holiday Party Registration Form

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Number of Guests: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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

Age: _____ Age: _____

Age: _____ Age: _____

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nalc.org/government-affairs/political-activity

Branch 9 Calendar

November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 28

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

November 11

Veteran's Day

December 7

Pearl Harbor Day

November 14

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

December 12

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

November 19

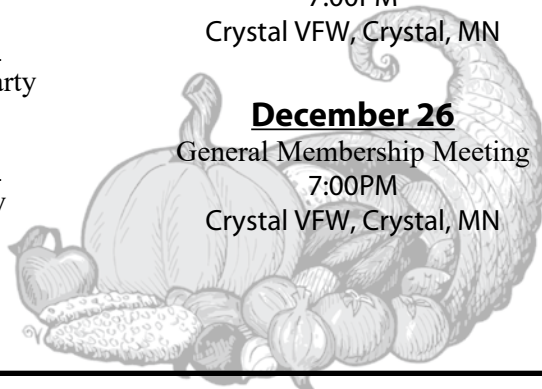
Branch 9 Holiday Party

December 26

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

November 23

Thanksgiving Day
Holiday



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

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