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DAY OF ACTION UNITES WORKING PEOPLE IN ST. PAUL, NATIONWIDE

By Michael Moore, Union Advocate

Working people filled the Capitol rotunda in St. Paul today, celebrating their freedom to join together for a voice on the job and pledging to fight corporate attacks with urgency and solidarity.

"Unions are here for the common good," former St. Paul teacher Mary Cathryn Ricker, now vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, told hundreds of people gathered for the Working People's Day of Action. "And we are here for good."

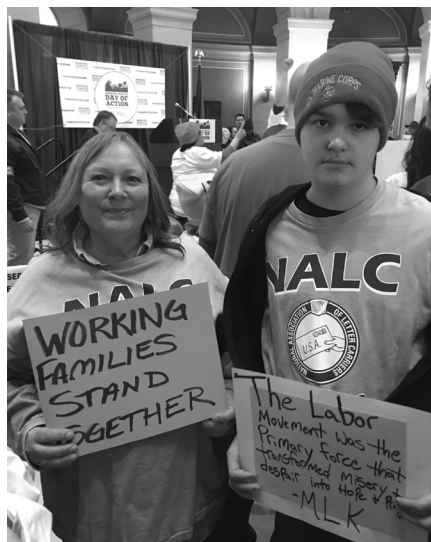
The rally in St. Paul was one of more than two dozen across the country highlighting the benefits of collective bargaining and the critical role union members play in their communities.

Anne Bipes, who works as a secretary in a west-metro school district, attended the rally with members of her union, Service Employees Local 284. She said strong unions mean more than "just pay and benefits" for workers like her.

"It's about equity and justice within our society, about equality for working people," Bipes explained.

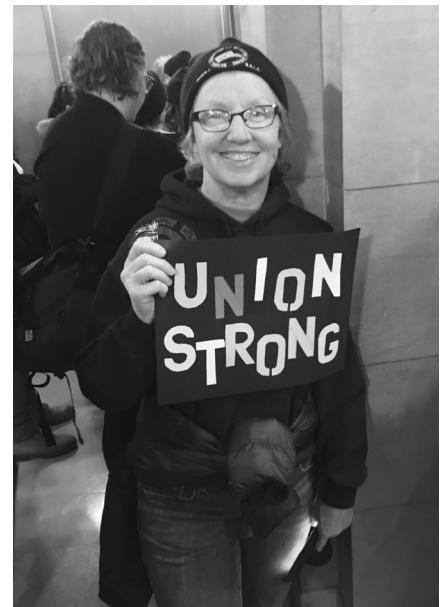
The day of action comes two days before the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in a lawsuit, bankrolled by corporate special interests, challenging the ability of Local 284 and other public sector employee unions to collect fair-share fees from workers they are legally required to represent.

The court's conservative majority is likely to side with the plaintiff in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*, and the decision, expected as early as April, could make right-to-work conditions in the public sector the law of the land.



Connie Beissel with grandson Graham supporting working families.

But public-sector workers aren't cowering. They traveled in busloads to the Capitol, wore their union colors and carried signs vowing that no court ruling will keep them from joining together to fight for themselves and their communities.



Melia Derrick (retiree) is "Union Strong"

Jim Glazer, a teacher in the South Washington County Schools and member of Education Minnesota, joined the rally to be "part of the energy" fueling actions across the country today.

"Janus is really going to test our unions' ability to stick together," he said. "That's the point of it, to drag us apart. But we have a common

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RETIREMENTS



Fmr. Branch President and newly retired NALC National Director of Community Services Pam Donato, receives her retirement watch and pin from President Emeritus Lenny Larson and President Mike Zagaros.



Rosemary Wallace (Eastside) is all smiles during her last punch with Stewards John Helgeson and Blake Linnemeyer.



Dave Samuelson's (Champlin) last punch with Steward Anna Dey, who surprised him by wearing a turkey suit reminding him of the issues dealing with the turkeys on his route everyday.

Welcome New Members

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MDA Muscle Walk

Join Branch 9 for the 2017
MDA Muscle Walk of the
Twin Cities, MN

May 6, 2017

Rosland Park
4300 W 66th St.
Edina, MN 55435

Registration - 9:00 AM
Walk Starts - 11:00 AM

Donate to Team
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Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

I was driving back from Jim’s Chicago Service, when a woman stopped abruptly in the road and started waving. At first it seemed like she was trying to hand me a letter. Then it became apparent that she was choking. I pulled over to the side of the road and attempted to perform the Heimlich Maneuver several times. I also tried patting her on the back and then called 911. Another man stopped to help and we continued our efforts. Luckily we were able to dislodge the food and she was able to continue her drive home safely.

Colin Mulcahy
CCA Nokomis station



Kristine Selbitschka
Eastside Station

I was carrying overtime on route 1308 at approximately 6:30 pm. I was on the 400 hundred block of University Ave NE. I happened to look across the street and witnessed a man falling off the roof, head first, of the house he was working on. I immediately ran across University Ave while calling 911. When I got to him I saw a very horrific scene. The man was lying on the cement sidewalk, bleeding severely from his head and mouth. I sat down next to him held his hand. I told him I was on the phone with the police. I was doing my best to comfort the man and assure him I was not going to leave him, until help arrived. Help arrived. There was little time to get him to hospital. I remained at the scene and spoke with the man’s wife, who spoke little English. I tried to explain what happened and where they were transporting him. I wanted to make sure she understood me on where he was being taken so I decided to write down the name of the hospital and its location. That’s when his wife told me his name is Angel. For two weeks I tried to make contact with the family to find out what his condition was. I finally got a note from the regular carrier with the contact information of his daughter Anita. I called her. She told me he lived. The doctors are optimistic for full recovery and if it wasn’t for me being at the right place at the right time, he would not have lived. She said I was Angel’s Guardian Angel. She thanked me for saving her fathers life and wants to remain in contact with me, to give me follow-ups on his progress and would also like to put a face to the person who saved Angel’s life.



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P.A.L. 9 ANNUAL LETTER

January 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It almost seems as though this annual PAL 9 solicitation letter to our members is unnecessary. In light of all that is currently happening in the political arena, one would think that the citizens of our great country would be up in arms demonstrating in the streets and raising hell about the attacks on working people and the very democratic principles our nation was founded. Apparently this is not the case.

There are far too many issues that confront us as active carriers and retirees to list here. Go to the Branch 9 and NALC websites; seek out news beyond the traditional media outlets. Educate yourselves quickly. If you don't learn about the potential dangers to our careers, health and retirement benefits and taxes, you will in short order be asking yourself "what the hell happened". We cannot win these battles with an uneducated membership unwilling to take our fight to Congress.

The time for political correctness must come to an end. Stop worrying about alienating those of us who have different opinions. If we continue politics as usual with no reasonable discourse we will all eventually be literally be screwed. It is time to stand up to the uber-rich and stand up for the poor and middle class citizens.

Although this letter is traditionally a solicitation for money to fund our legislative efforts, this time out please consider it to also be a call to arms. The average person has never been in more danger of losing the middle class dream. Please contribute not only your money but also your time and energy to preserve our jobs and way of life. Let us all get involved and show the politicians the power of the people.

Lenny Larson
President PAL 9

Ron Lawrence
Treasurer PAL 9

Name: _____

Address: _____

___ \$ 25.00 Annual Dues

___ Very Concerned Membership (\$50.00 or More)

___ Active Carrier (Station _____)

Clip & Mail to: Ron Lawrence

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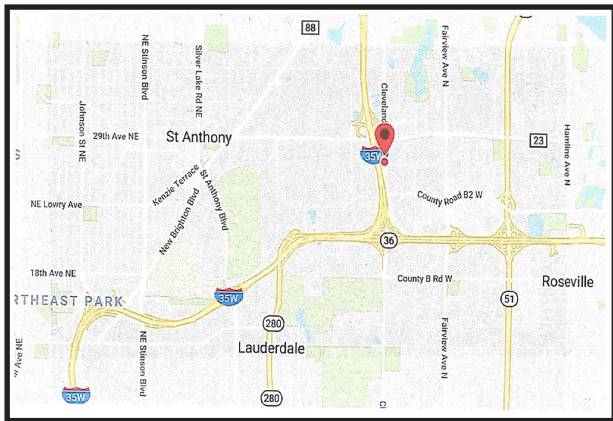
Ron Lawrence
Treasurer PAL 9

2018 Red and Gold Retiree Banquet

Sunday, May 6, 2018

NEW LOCATION

**Radisson Hotel Minneapolis/St. Paul North
2540 Cleveland Ave, Roseville, MN 55113
(Off of 35W and County Road C)
(651) 636-4567**



TIMES:
Registration: Noon - 1:00PM
Social Hour: 12:30 - 1:15PM
Lunch: 1:15 - 3:30PM

REGISTRATION FEES:

Retirees & Guests - \$12.00/person
Station Stewards - \$12.00/person
Active Members - \$18.00/person

The Registration Fee for Retirees is refundable upon arrival.

2018 Retiree Banquet Registration Form

Name: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Retired

I would like a ride to the Banquet
Phone # _____

Active

I am willing to give someone a ride
(Please call Rodney Anderson to
volunteer at 651.270.7807)

*Return by April 28 to:
Branch 9, NALC
2408 Central Avenue NE
Minneapolis 55418*

Amount Enclosed: _____

**Branch 9
Ron St. Clair MDA Bowl-a-thon**

Saturday, April 21, 2018

LOCATION

NEW HOPE BOWL
7107 42nd Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427

TIME

7:00 - 9:30PM

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- ◆ 30 lanes of bowling
 - ◆ Teams of 4 - 5 - **FAX your teams including names of the bowlers** to the Branch Office at 612.781.9849
 - ◆ \$40 per bowler MDA - checks made out to Branch 9
 - ◆ \$20 per non-bowler MDA - checks made out to Branch 9
 - ◆ Bowlers will receive 2 games, shoe rental, pizza and a fun filled evening! Cash bar and restaurant on site
 - ◆ Silent auction, 50/50 and raffle drawings
 - ◆ Contest for best gift basket - winning stations (3) will receive donuts
 - ◆ Deadline for registration is **Tuesday, April 17th**
 - ◆ All proceeds will go to MDA

**If you have any questions, please contact
Joe Rian at the Branch office
612.781.9858.**

Remembering the Day the Mail Stopped

At 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 1970, a courageous band of letter carriers in New York City launched what is now called the Great Postal Strike. On its 48th anniversary, the NALC remembers their actions and the legacy it left.

It's important to put the strike in its context. Postal workers had suffered a 50-year losing streak beginning with World War I.



Pay scales were frozen, then cut back, and even the "happy days" of the 1950s passed them by as President Eisenhower vetoed four postal salary bills.

By 1967, things were so bad that post office job turnover was around 25 percent a year. Under the gun from their bosses, local managers became increasingly authoritarian and letter carriers became increasingly exasperated and tired of being bullied and denied a living wage.

The National Association of Letter Carriers was caught between a political rock and a legal hard

place—a political establishment unwilling to deliver good wages, a decent workplace, and there was a legal ban on strikes by government employees.

At the stroke of midnight, members of Branch 36 began throwing up picket lines around post offices throughout Manhattan and the Bronx. Within hours, other branches joined in and the wildcat strike spread across the land.

There is much more to this story, as told in the NALC history, Carriers in a Common Cause, but the key result was the adoption of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, which created the U.S. Postal Service. The act gave postal unions

the power to bargain for wages and benefits, and the ability to arbitrate contract disputes and enforce members' rights.

As bargaining begins on a new national agreement, we take a moment to say **THANK YOU** to the men and women who put their jobs on the line to protect themselves and the carriers who have followed in their footsteps.

From the NALC Postal Record
Read more at

<https://nalc.org/about/our-history/carriers-in-a-common-cause>

CCA and New Career Employees Mtg. Thursday, March 22 7PM

Crystal VFW
5222 56th Ave N
Crystal MN 55429

Branch 9 Retirement Seminar Thursday, April 12th 6:30 PM

Crystal VFW
5222 56th Ave N
Crystal MN 55429
RSVP - 612-781-9858

Retiree Cribbage Tournament Wednesday, April 18th 10:00AM

NALC Branch 28
1715 Van Dyke Street
Maplewood, MN
651.771.0533

\$3.00 Entry Fee

If you have any questions call
Rodney Anderson at 651.270.7807

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50 Years Ago, the Strike That Brought MLK to Memphis

In his final days, Martin Luther King Jr. stood by striking sanitation workers.

Black sanitation workers had been attempting to organize since 1960, when T. O. Jones and O. Z. Evers began signing workers up with the Teamsters. However, many blacks were afraid to unionize due to fear of persecution. This fear proved justified in 1963, when 33 workers (including Jones) were all fired immediately after an organizing meeting they attended.

The workers had made a few attempts to strike, but their efforts had failed to attract the support of the clergy or the middle class. By February 1968, things had changed. Memphis' mayor, Henry Loeb, refused to negotiate with worker representatives and rejected a pay raise for workers that the city council had approved.

Years of poor pay and dangerous working conditions, and provoked by the crushing to death of workers Echol Cole and Robert Walker in garbage compactors, over 700 of the 1300 black sanitation workers met on Sunday, February 11, and agreed to strike.



Before he died on April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. also took an active role in mass meetings and street actions. He first visited the Memphis strike on March 18, speaking to an audience of thousands at Mason Temple.

They then did not turn out for work on the following day. They also sought to join the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1733.

The strike thus came to represent the broader struggle for equality within Memphis, whose many black residents lived



Workers began holding nonviolent marches; the use of mace and tear gas against demonstrators galvanized support for the strike.

disproportionately in poverty. **"I Am A Man!"** emerged as a unifying civil rights theme.

The Memphis sanitation workers' strike is remembered as an example of powerless African-Americans standing

up for themselves. It is also remembered as the prelude to the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

One hundred-fifty local ministers, led by the Rev. James Lawson, a friend of King's, organized to support the workers. King came to town and on March 18 delivered a speech to a crowd of around 15,000 people. He returned ten days later to lead a march. Though King's hallmark was nonviolent protest,

the demonstration turned violent, with stores being looted and the police shooting and killing a 16-year-old. Police followed retreating demonstrators to a landmark church, the Clayborn Temple, entered the sanctuary, released tear gas and, per one authoritative account, "clubbed people as they lay on the floor to get fresh air."

King's assassination on April 4, 1968 intensified the strike. Mayor Loeb and others feared rioting, which had already begun in Washington, D.C., Federal officials, including Attorney General Ramsey Clark, urged Loeb to make concessions to the strikers in order to avoid violence. Loeb refused.

On April 8, a completely silent march with Coretta Scott King attracted 42,000 participants. The strike ended on April 16, 1968, with a settlement that included union recognition and wage increases, although additional strikes had to be threatened to force the City of Memphis to honor its agreements. The period was a turning point for black activism and union activity in Memphis.

source: smithsonian.org and wikipedia.org



TOGETHER AS ONE, WE ARE INVINCIBLE!

Last November, there was an event recognizing the Navajo Code Talkers from World War II. Peter MacDonald, the President of their organization spoke. Unfortunately, the antics of President Trump detracted from the focus of the occasion. MacDonald explanation of the need to preserve the Code Talkers' history was as follows: "What we did truly represents who we are as Americans. America, we know, is composed of diverse communities. We have different languages, different skills, different talents, and different religion. But when our way of life is threatened, like the freedom and liberty that we all cherish, we come together as one. And when we come together as one, we are invincible. We cannot be defeated."

These powerful words need to be heard and taken to heart. Our America is full of those who seek to divide rather than unify. It is very much the same at the Postal Service. Our NALC membership is one of great diversity. There are many languages, skills, talents and religions represented

among our ranks. When we work together, we can reach the common goal of providing for our family, improving our lifestyle and planning for our future.

Sadly, the continuous antics of management strive to undermine our voice as carriers and our message as a union. CCA's are worked to the bone and isolated from those of us who would inform them of their rights. Management takes advantage of carriers who speak English as a second language who may not understand or be afraid to speak up. The needs of those with disabilities are ignored. Management plays favorites and pits carrier against carrier. Unless we pull together and we learn to better communicate with each other, management has the upper hand.

We can overcome. We are a diverse community, and when management pursues division, we need to stand together. It's necessary not only for today, but to build a legacy for those who will follow. Because "when we come together as one, we are invincible. We cannot be defeated." An injury to one is an injury to all. Solidarity brothers and sisters; solidarity prevails.

JoAnn Gilbaugh
Lowry Station



SATCHEL STORIES

So one day in late January I was delivering my route in Burnsville. I was thankfully on a residential street enroute to pick up my collection boxes, doing about 20 mph when I heard and felt a "thump". My first thought was "what did I hit" and upon checking the mirror it looked like my tire was passing me. I parked the truck and exited to find the rear axle and tire had detached from it's proper place. Luckily this wasn't on a busy county road or highway.

I called the supervisor and advised him that I wasn't going to make my 8 hour day. I described the damage and requested a tow truck.

Upon the supervisors arrival to the scene, he found it funny and commented "somebody needs to lose weight". I responded that I needed a route adjustment, and if they added a sidecar with a CCA packages could get delivered from that.

I found out from the mechanics that two LLV's in Minneapolis have experienced this situation in the last month.

Brad Knutson
Burnsville



2018 Minnesota AFL-CIO Scholarships

UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FORM

(Entry Deadline: April 30, 2018)

The Minnesota AFL-CIO sponsors scholarships for high school seniors graduating in 2018. There are three requirements for the Minnesota AFL-CIO scholarships. To be eligible, you must:

- be a **union member** or a **dependent** of a union member whose local union is affiliated with the Minnesota AFL-CIO;
- have a **straight “B” average** or better (*2.0 in a 3.0 grade point system/3.0 in a 4.0 grade point system*);
- attend a post-secondary institution located *within the state of Minnesota*.

Winners will be selected by lot by the Minnesota AFL-CIO Education Committee.

Please submit ONE application only. Duplicate entries will be disqualified.

Select One Option Only:

Applying for college or university

DAVID K. ROE SCHOLARSHIP

(two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

David Roe served as president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO from 1966 – 1985 and is President Emeritus.

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY MEMORIAL AWARD

(two \$1,000 scholarships awarded)

Hubert Humphrey served as U.S. Senator from Minnesota, and Vice President of the United States.

Applying for vocational/technical

DONALD PILLA MEMORIAL AWARD

(one \$1,000 scholarship awarded)

Donald Pilla was a young union trade unionist killed on the picket line.

PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT: (Please print or type)

Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

High School _____ Year of graduation _____

Parent’s Name _____ Phone (____) _____
(or Guardian)

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

AFL-CIO Local Union Affiliated with the Minnesota AFL-CIO _____
Local No. Name of International Union

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PART II – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT: (Please print or type)

Date of birth _____ Age last birthday _____

What is your post secondary education objective? _____
_____Which College, University or Vocational Technical or Trade School located *within the State of Minnesota* are you planning to attend? _____**PART III – TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL UNION OFFICER :** (Please print or type)I certify that _____
(applicant or parent or legal guardian of applicant)is a member in
good standing of _____ Local No. _____
Name of International Unionand has held membership in this local union for a period of one year prior to the date of this scholarship application, and that *our local union is an affiliate of the Minnesota AFL-CIO* (a requirement for the applicant's eligibility).Local Union Officer _____
Name TitleAddress _____
Street City State Zip

Signature of officer _____

Date _____ Phone (____) _____

PART IV – TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, COUNSELOR OR ADVISOR:

This applicant has at least a straight "B" average in senior high school.

Signature _____ Date _____
Principal or Counselor or Advisor**SPECIAL NOTE TO COUNSELOR:** After Parts I, II, III and IV are completed, please attach to this an official transcript of the applicant's high school record – including that of first trimester/quarter of senior year – and mail postmarked *no later than April 30, 2016*, to:Minnesota AFL-CIO
Education Committee
175 Aurora Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

(651) 227-7647 or 1-800-652-9004

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cause here: workers' rights and freedoms."

Public-sector workers aren't standing alone either. Private sector union members bolstered their ranks at the Capitol, as did allies from immigrant rights groups, faith organizations and the business community.

"What affects public workers will affect all workers," said Deb Haugen, a registered nurse at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis and member of the Minnesota Nurses Association. "For many years unions have set the standard for conditions in the workplace. If our voice is weaker, it's not only going to be felt by union workers, but by all of us."

Wendy Anderson, a Century Link retiree who remains active in her union, Local 7201 of the Communications Workers of America, said the landscape for unions is changing, but she thinks working people are up to the test.

"It doesn't matter if you're in the same union as me," Anderson said. "We're brothers and sisters, and we support each other."



2018 Minnesota AFL-CIO Labor Leadership Grants

Sponsored by the Minnesota AFL-CIO for members of affiliated unions seeking to develop their abilities and skills as union leaders.

The Tobey Lapakko Labor Leadership Grant ***(a total of \$1,000 in grants will be awarded)***

Available to women who are union members in good standing to help defray the cost of classes, programs or conferences sponsored or endorsed by the AFL-CIO or affiliated organizations.

The Charles McKenna Leadership Grant ***(a total of \$1,000 in grants will be awarded)***

Available to men who are union members in good standing to help defray the cost of classes, programs or conferences sponsored or endorsed by the AFL-CIO or affiliated organizations

Martin Duffy Adult Learner Scholarship Award ***\$500 Tuition Scholarship for use at any accredited University, College or Vocational School.*** ***Two Scholarships are awarded each year.***

No academic performance standards or records required for eligibility. Awards must be used within one year of receipt of notification letter.

Please submit ONLY one application.
Duplicate entries will be disqualified.

Information and applications available at
<http://www.mnaflcio.org/about/scholarships-awards>



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**J. Wesley Woods
\$1,000 Scholarship Application Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

High School _____

Member parent's name _____

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School to attend (if known) _____

**Jerome J. Keating/Austin B. Carlson
\$2,000 Scholarship Application Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

High School _____

Member parent's name _____

Work unit _____

School to attend (if known) _____

**Walter E. Couillard/Eugene P. McNulty
\$2,000 Scholarship Application Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

High School _____

Member parent's name _____

Work unit _____

School to attend (if known) _____

**High School Seniors,
please submit your scholarship
applications to Branch 9 by
May 22, 2018 or bring to
that night's GMM**

Every spring, Branch 9 awards three scholarships to graduating seniors: the J. Wesley Woods Scholarship (\$1,000); the Jerome J. Keating/Austin B. Carlson Scholarship (\$2,000); and the Walter E. Couillard/Eugene P. McNulty Scholarship (\$2,000). These awards have made it easier for many students to begin their post-secondary education while honoring the sacrifices and contributions of important Branch 9 Leaders.

The following rules apply to all three scholarships:

- A. Any senior graduating from high school and is a dependent of a Branch 9 member is eligible for these scholarships.
- B. The scholarships may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university.
- C. Three names will be drawn for each scholarship. The first name picked will be the winner, then first and second runner-up respectively. The winners of any drawing will not be eligible for the other drawings.
- D. The application for the drawings will run in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News. The drawing will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. The applications shall contain the following information:
 1. The applicant's name, address, and home phone number.
 2. The name of the applicant's parent or guardian who is a member of Branch 9.
 3. The intended school of choice, if known.
- E. Payment to the winners will be made after they have enrolled and can show proof of payment towards their tuition.

Members with dependents who graduate from high school this spring and who plan to attend an accredited educational institution next fall, should complete the applications and return them to the Branch Office by May 22 or bring them to that night's GMM. All three forms should be submitted as there are three separate drawings for each scholarship. Please enter the three scholarship drawings only once.

Adult Learners Scholarship

Leonard A. Larson/ Barry J. Weiner Scholarship

**Adult Learners,
please submit your scholarship
application to Branch 9 by
May 22, 2018 or bring to that
night's GMM**

**Leonard A. Larson/Barry J. Weiner
Adult Learner Scholarship
Application Form**

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Active or Retired _____

Work Unit _____

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The following rules apply to the two scholarships:

- A. Any member active or retired in good standing of Branch 9 is eligible for one of the two scholarships.
 - B. The scholarships may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university. The Adult Learner Scholarships may also be used for any community, county or state adult educational program.
 - C. One name will be drawn for each scholarship. The first name picked will be the winner. The winners of any drawing will not be eligible for the other drawings.
 - D. The application for the drawings will run in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News. The drawing will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. The applications shall contain the following information:
 - 1. The applicant's name, address, and home phone number.
 - 2. Whether active or retired.
 - E. Payment to the winners will be made after they have enrolled and can show proof of payment towards their tuition.
 - F. Benefits under the Adult Learner Scholarships expire one year from date of drawing.
- Members who plan to attend an accredited education institution should complete the application and return it to the Branch Office by May 22, or bring to that night's General Membership Meeting.



Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship A Labor and Education Partnership

This scholarship provides financial assistance to racial/ethnic minority union members and their families who wish to pursue post-secondary education at one of Minnesota's State Universities or at one of the two year community and technical colleges that are part of the Minnesota State colleges and Universities (MnSCU).

Application for 2018 - 2019 academic year now being accepted.

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Branch 9 Calendar

March 18 1970

The Great Postal Strike

March 22

CCA & New Career Mtg.
7:00PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

March 27

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

April 10

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

April 12

Retirement Seminar
6:30PM
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

April 21

Ron St Clair MDA Bowl-a-thon
7:00 PM
New Hope Bowl

April 24

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

May 6

Red and Gold Retiree Banquet
Noon
Minneapolis Ramada Plaza

May 8

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

May 12

Stamp Out Hunger
25th Anniversary

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