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THE RON ST CLAIR MDA BOWL-a-THON

By JoAnn Gilbaugh, **MDA Co-Chair**

Sunday, April 25th marked the 2nd Annual Ron St. Clair MDA Bowl-a-Thon. Over 100 Branch 9 members and their families gathered at Memory Lanes for an afternoon of bowling fun, 50/50 drawings and silent auction. Attendees were greeted by Theresa Oelrich and Susan Becker.

There were over 80 bowlers, including our MDA ambassadors, Cody and Josiah Felling and Donovan Carlson. It was great to see them again, and they had a good time bowling with us. Lake Street station continued their Bowl-a-Thon winning streak, posting high series once again! Julie Waldemar had an afternoon of fun planned for the kids. In addition to bowling, she kept the kids busy with scavenger hunts, prizes and coloring. Pete Wilson ensured that everyone

had a chance to participate in one of the many 50/50 drawings. His hard work raised almost \$1000 for MDA! Mike Zagaros acted as our MC in charge of drawings, announcements and updates of the silent auction. Karen Pederson, Amanda and Veronica Greer did an excellent job setting up the silent auction items and making sure that everyone had a chance to place their bids. The silent auction baskets were awesome! The basket themes ranged from pet care, camping, a day at the beach, to pilates classes and Harley Davidson items. Both Twins baskets hit a "home run". One basket included tickets and the other baseball cards

> Burnsville station deserves an honorable mention for their very creative live tree decorated with gift certificates. Richfield station raised the most money in the silent auction and will receive a station breakfast from the



Registration desk staffed by Pete Wilson, Theresa Oelrich, Susan Becker.

Branch. Lane sponsors once again played a big part in the success of our event. A very special thank-you goes out to Steve Boice of Ames Uniforms, the Fink Agency, Betts and Hayes and Memory Lanes. Our annual Bowl-a-Thon is always such a fun event and this year was no exception. The total of our pledges,

and silent auction raised more than \$7000 for MDA!

drawings,

MDA Ambassador Donovan Carlson

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Last Punch Bunch



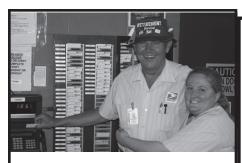
Brooklyn Park steward, Jim Hendrickson watched as Chuck Haberle clocked out for the last time.



Champlin carrier Daryl Wetzstein makes his final ring



The final ring for St. Louis Park carrier, James Hessian (l) with Steward, Steve Rowland



Eastside Steward, Samantha Hartwig gives a congratulatory hug to Ken Sederstrom as he glides into retirement.

Branch 9 Casino Run

The Casino Run to Turtle Lake Casino Sunday, March 21 was the Branch 9 sponsored poker bus trip to Turtle Lake Casino. 41 carriers and couples boarded a charter bus to try their hand at lady luck. While on the way, our casino hostess entertained us with bingo games and small prizes for the winners, with the little green turtle as the most sought after prize. For a measly \$10, a carrier had a free bus trip, \$5 dollars for gambling, plus a great buffet. Gimme5 contributors rode free. Turtle Lake, is a smaller casino with a relatively less smoky atmosphere. The bus trip was a good way to mingle with other carriers, engage in good natured fun., very little shop talk, and all in all a great way to spend a Sunday. Thanks to

Is it a Strike?



MDA Ambassador Cody Felling at this year's Bowl-a-Thon. If the smile on his face is any indication, then Branch 9 bowled a perfect game for MDA.

Entertainment Chair, Ken Jambois, and Branch 9. Consider joining us for the next trip; you won't regret it.

Chuck Glover



Turtle Lake Casino Bus

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President's Report

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT!

National President Fred Rolando came to Minneapolis May 1st to conduct a Rap Session as a part of a week long Region 7 Training. Many Branch 9 Stewards and activists were there to hear his update on several topics, like a new route adjustment process, NRP and upcoming contract negotiations next year. The most anticipated report was the NALC's assessment and plan to respond to the USPS disastrous idea to reduce the days of mail delivery. Unlike Postmaster General Potter, President Rolando took the time to explain the complex circumstances we face, both in the USPS and as a union representing the workers. President Rolando gave factual information about the financial circumstances of the USPS with specific details about "the numbers" being thrown around by Potter. (Every letter carrier knows the USPS folks love to throw numbers around. as if the numbers are sufficient to justify whatever it is they want to do...never mind the details of reality and truth!). President Rolando's straightforward approach and attention to the details provided a clear base of knowledge and a plan of action for all of us. Branch 9 will continue to educate our members, our partners in the Labor Community, Congress and yes, even the public on the importance of the USPS and our work delivering for the American people.

President Rolando then visited Lake Street station in Minneapolis May 2. It had been over 20 years since our National President made a station visit here! Lake Street station was a perfect station for such a high profile visit. The carriers are as vibrant and diverse as the community they serve, they are very active in every single event and aspect of the Branch and the NALC, and they are 100% union and a COLCPE role model for every station. Best of all, carriers at Lake Street station, while they respectfully share their own views, also offer creative solutions. Stewards Tim Bergstrom and Cathy Burton are tremendous leaders and innovators. They would be the first to tell you that station stewards serving before them like Aaron Kriz, Amanda Greer and Bruce Okeson should be given the credit for laying a strong union foundation at Lake Street. AGREED! As with all union work, it is a collective effort of many!

President Rolando spent 1 ½ hours going case to case and talking individually with every carrier. Carriers were polite and thanked him for all that he has done and is doing to represent them. They also asked tough questions about the USPS plan to reduce the days of mail delivery, negotiating our contract and the future of the USPS. Fred took the time to answer all questions, and then asked some of his own! It was a privilege to have President Rolando in Minneapolis and Lake Street represented our entire Branch very well!

President Rolando finished his stay in Minneapolis by presenting this year's 50 and 60 year member honorees at our Red and Gold Retiree Banquet. As keynote speaker, he went into detail explaining the NALC's position on the current challenges facing the USPS and our



Pam Donato Branch 9 President

strategy to protect that institution for the American people and grow it into the new world economy. This banquet is always a special event of the Branch. Having President Rolando there made it first class too!

MANY HANDS OF HELP

This time of year, many great Branch 9 events collide together on the calendar. The MDA fundraisers, political conventions, Food Drive, May Day parade, Twins game, Regional Training and Retiree Banquet all keep us on the move. And though it seems impossible on a calendar, with the army of volunteers in Branch 9, it's not only possible, it's fun too! I was soundly reminded during our "show and tell" two days with President Rolando just how lucky we are to have so many people involved in keeping our union family strong here in Branch 9! We have challenges, we have frustrations and we sometimes have differing opinions. But, we serve our communities, our employer and our own interests in ways that should make you all proud! I am!

BY LAW MEETING

During last month's annual By Law Meeting (held in conjunction with our General Membership Meeting), most of the By Law proposals passed (as printed on page 4). I did however

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The Following is a list of Paid Members of PAL9 for March 2010

Very Concerned Members

Michael T Zagaros KieranHughes Jeremy Rothstein Dale Forde

Regular Members
Deborah Ochetti
Hibbert W Hill Jr
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DouglasTWaldhoff
Dwayne H Olson
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Kritsana T Pregent

HBR REPORT

REMEMBER... maintaining good health for you and your family is important to the Plan. Our preventive care benefit for adults includes 100% coverage for routine adult screenings, such as mammograms, osteoporosis and colorectal screenings, routine pap and chlamydial testing, diabetic and PSA testing, and certain adult routine immunizations endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), when performed by a CIGNA PPO provider. When the NALC Health Benefit Plan is your primary carrier, you can get your pneumococcal, influenza, or H1N1 vaccine free at a local NALC CareSelect pharmacy.

REMEMBER... you pay just \$15 for office visits, consultations and routine physical exams, including



Julie Waldemar Health Benefits Rep. 612-963-6252

school, camp and sports physicals, when you use a PPO provider. The initial office visit associated with a routine colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy is also covered.

Covered lab tests associated with a routine physical, are also paid in full. We pay 100% for all other medically necessary lab charges when you use Quest Diagnostics or LabCorp.

By-Law Proposal Update

At the April General Membership meeting on April 22, Bylaw proposals previously printed in the April Branch Nine News were presented.

The proposed change to the language in **Article 1**, **Section 4** was withdrawn by the maker of the proposal.

The proposed change to Article 2, Section 8.D was passed by a 2/3 majority and now reads: Applications for the drawings will run two months in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News.

The proposed change to the language in **Article 3**, **Section 14** was amended and passed by a 2/3 majority and now reads:

The President of Branch 9 shall also appoint <u>at least two and up</u> <u>to</u> eight Election Tellers for the election of Branch 9 Officers, State and National Delegates and Alternatives.

The proposed change to the language in Article 3, Section 15 was amended and passed by a 2/3 majority and now reads: Stewards must report to the Branch full time officers their involvement as a representative for a city letter carrier in any of the following forums; OWCP (Office of Workers Compensation), MSPB (Merit Service Protection Board), EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity), and Unemployment Hearings. This notice must be given in writing and be made as soon as the steward is aware they will be

representing a city letter carrier.

The proposed change to the language in **Article 6**, **Section 1.4** was amended and passed by a 2/3 majorityand now reads: *One larger stamped envelope with space for the member's printed full name and his/her signature and address in the upper left corner.*

The proposed change to Article 6.D, Section 3.A was passed by a 2/3 majority and now reads: Check the return envelope to see that the name of the person voting in the upper left hand corner corresponds with the name on the eligibility list.

All adopted By-Laws are being forwarded to the NALC National Board of Laws for further action

Mike Smith-chair

Executive Vice President's Report

Who Do You Trust ... The Survey Says ...

It seems that every time you turn around somebody has to do a survey or a poll. Millions of dollars are being spent on surveys and the surveyors say that they are an accurate reflection of what people think. There is a company that asks the Public to rate governmental agencies in the areas of trust and privacy. For the fifth year in a row the Postal Service has been recognized as the most trusted government agency. It is not just that we are the best, but our scores are improving every year. This achievement is almost totally attributed to letter carriers. Why, because we are the face of the Postal Service. It's your face that people recognize. This is who they are putting their trust in. As President Rolando said, it's not just because we deliver the mail that people trust us.

The reason carriers are trusted by so many people is because of all the other stuff letter carriers do in and around the community. The last few weeks here at Branch 9 has been a prime example. On a Sunday afternoon in April over 100 letter carriers and family members got together to raise over 7,000 dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the 2nd Annual Ron St. Clair Bowl-a-Thon. The NALC was the first corporate/organization sponsor for MDA back in the 50's we're still here working to help find a cure

Then there is the Food Drive. On Saturday, May 8th carriers participated in the largest one day food drive in the nation. Early conversations with carriers picking up food say that this should be a banner year. Which is a good things seeing that the need is so great this year. These are just two examples of the services letter carriers provide to the community. It's not because it our job, but it's because of who we are. When you add in the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), and the things that carriers do everyday on their routes (many that save lives), it's easy to see why the American Public trusts the face of the Postal Service the letter carriers. In fact we are not only the most trusted government agency, but another survey found that we are in the top 10 (number 6) of most trusted companies for privacy in the world. (Don't look for UPS or any other government agencies because they aren't there FedEx is number 18.)

It is with the trust of the American Public that we are going to have to fight our own Postal Service to make sure we remain vital and viable. While the rhetoric about 5 day delivery may have toned down it is not forgotten. Not by a long stretch. They are merely taking a breather. We need to make sure that our message about the pre-funding for future retiree health benefits and the 75 billion dollar overpayment stay on the front burner with members of Congress and the Public. We have to be truth tellers. They need to know that, but for the pre-funding requirement, there would be no financial crisis in Postal Service. The Postal Service would have been



Mike Zagaros Executive Vice President

in the black overall. They need to know that no one else has to make these payments at the rate the Postal Service is. Imagine if the Government decided to repay the Postal Service the 75 billion dollars that we overpaid to the Civil Service Retirement Fund. That would take care of our indebteness as well as any pre-funding requirements for future retirees health benefits.

These facts probably didn't make it on the survey that the Postal Service says the Public wants to eliminate a day of delivery. It would be interesting to see if the Public truly wants to get rid of 6 day delivery if they had all the facts.

I wonder if the same people who formulated the Voice of the Employee (VOE) survey were the same ones who said that Americans would rather give up Saturday Delivery?

Surveys can serve as a valuable tool if you want to know what people think. But is does matter who is asking the question, and whether you want to know the answer. The results of the first Union Members Survey are found on pages 6-8. Your steward should have the individual unit totals. Thank you to all you who participated and let us know what you think.

The Truth - The Branch 9 Union Member Survey

The chart below represents the results of the Branch 9 Survey we conducted through the Branch 9 News paper earlier this year. We have reported the responses below by grouping stations in their postal cluster. Minneapolis is separated into the North, Central or South areas. Our Associate offices are grouped as follows:

MPOO 7 - Champlin, Chanhassen, Elk River, Jordan, Mound, Shakopee

MPOO 9 - Anoka, Andover, Burnsville, Savage, Osseo

Each station steward was given the number results specific to their station. We presented Minneapolis Postmaster Cindy Larson with specific station numbers for Minneapolis offices only. We presented District Manager Tony Williams with specific station numbers for Minneapolis and both MPOO areas. Per our agreement with both, they will have 90 days in which to positively affect poor work environments in their areas.

The written comments that were shared with these survey results were invaluable in painting a picture that numbers alone could not. Branch Officers Melia Derrick, Jeremy Rothstein and Mike Smith tabulated and organized those comments into an additional station report that was included with the numbers report to Larson and Williams. No information that might reveal anyone's identity is being shared in any way with anyone. Mike and I have the original survey responses and have begun using them ourselves to provide necessary training, mentoring and resources in individual stations.

Thanks to each carrier who took the time to complete this survey. Thanks to Nick Verrall for proposing the idea and the wisdom of the membership for making it a reality. The results were clear. While we all may have differing opinions on specific suggestions and the exact degree of challenge and need, everyone agreed that improvements need to be made!

1. Overall, working conditions at my workplace are...

	Deteriorating at an alarming rate	Getting somewhat worse	About the sar	ne Improving	Dramatically better
MPLS NORTH	23%	39%	32%	4%	2%
MPLS CENTR	AL 42%	33%	23%	2%	0%
MPLS SOUTH		25%	30%	4%	1%
MPOO 9	18%	28%	54%	0%	0%
MPOO 7	11%	44%	28%	6%	11%

2. My experience is that management meets their responsibility to treat its employees with dignity and respect...

	Almost never	Not often	Sometimes	Most of the time	Almost always
MPLS NORTH	12%	28%	26%	28%	6%
MPLS CENTRAL	17%	28%	28%	26%	1%
MPLS SOUTH	21%	22%	28%	24%	5%
MPOO 9	21%	18%	25%	36%	0%
MPOO 7	21%	5%	21%	32%	21%

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3. My experience is that when ever I give input, it is given consideration...

	Almost never	Not often	Sometimes	Most of the time	Almost always
MPLS NORTH	29%	35%	23%	10%	3%
MPLS CENTRAL	34%	28%	24%	11%	3%
MPLS SOUTH	26%	38%	26%	8%	2%
MPOO 9	29%	21%	39%	11%	0%
MPOO 7	26%	16%	42%	16%	0%

4. The overall level of stress at my workplace is...

	Very high	High	Average	Fairly low	Very low
MPLS NORTH	20%	45%	24%	7%	4%
MPLS CENTRAL	39%	38%	18%	5%	0%
MPLS SOUTH	32%	39%	25%	2%	2%
MPOO 9	22%	25%	39%	14%	0%
MPOO 7	11%	42%	32%	16%	0%

5. There is no discrimination of any sort at my workplace.

	TRUE	FALSE	
MPLS NORTH	35%	65%	
MPLS CENTRAL	39%	61%	
MPSL SOUTH	33%	67%	
MPOO 9	41%	59%	
MPOO 7	44%	56%	

6. I believe upper management holds local management accountable to the commitment of dignity and respect in the workplace as outlined in the Joint Statement of Violence and Behavior in the workplace.

	TRUE	FALSE	
MPLS NORTH	32%	69%	
MPLS CENTRSAL	29%	71%	
MPLS SOUTH	25%	75%	
MPOO 9	41%	59%	
MPOO 7	37%	63%	

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7. I am confident there are effective processes available to ensure a safe and respectful work environment.

	TRUE	FALSE	
MPLS NORTH	60%	40%	
MPLS CENTRAL	47%	53%	
MPLS SOUTH	43%	57%	
MPOO 9	54%	46%	
MPOO 7	32%	68%	

8. I believe the Joint Statement on Violence and Behavior in the workplace has been equally enforced for both craft and management.

	TRUE	FALSE	
MPLS NORTH	45%	55%	
MPLS CENTRAL	38%	62%	
MPLS SOUTH	32%	68%	
MPOO 9	50%	50%	
MPOO 7	32%	68%	

9. There is no tolerance of harassment, intimidation, threats or bullying by anyone at my station.

	TRUE	FALSE	
MPLS NORTH	41%	59%	
MPLS CENTRAL	39%	61%	
MPLS SSOUTH	31%	69%	
MPOO 9	46%	54%	
MPOO 7	53%	47%	

10. Safety at my station...

	a top priority management	Is becoming priority	Isn't part of ou	ur Compromised for the sake of time	Merely a poster at the time clock
MPLS NORTH	9%	31%	12%	37%	11%
MPLS CENTRAL	12%	15%	9%	43%	21%
MPLS SOUTH	11%	18%	17%	38%	16%
MPOO 9	11%	39 %	14 %	25%	11%
MPOO 7	11%	16%	10%	42%	21%



St. Paul **Fighting Saints**

VS.

at Midway Stadium 1771 Energy Park dr. St. Paul, Mn 55708



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Join Branch 9 for a Day of Baseball Sunday, June 13th at 1:05 PM Midway Stadium

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1 reserved seat plus a picnic lunch prior to game in the Tailgate Area *Only 150 Tickets Available* **Deadline to Order Tickets is June 5th**

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Address:_	
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	\$ Amount Enclosed:
	Send to: Branch 9 NALC, 2408 Central Ave. NE, Minneapolis, Mn 55418-3712

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withdraw one of my proposals that concerned the scheduling and location of our meetings. After input from several respected members, I moved a new proposal through the Stewards Board meeting May 11 by a required 2/3 majority. That new proposal is printed in this BNN issue on page 12. This new proposal will be considered at the June 22 General Membership Meeting.

IN THE END...

With the many complicated issues

in front of all of us, from the daily drip, drip, drip of forced pivots, to the core question of the purpose and responsibility of the USPS, to the upcoming contract negotiations in 2011, it comes down to communication. The communication with our public, our Congressional representatives, our stewards and our union officers are all key to our success. While good communication will not eliminate all of our frustration or anger about the challenges we face, it will ensure that each of us

understands the issues, has accurate information and knows our position. It is through communication that we will educate our members on their rights, their responsibilities and their role in securing their career and benefits.

In Solidarity, Pam

Adult LearnersScholarship

Leonard A. Larson/Barry J. Weiner Scholarship

Adult Learners:

Submit scholarship application to Branch by May 25, 2010

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

Name
Phone
Address
Active or Retired
Work unit

Two (2) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded.

The following rules apply to the two scholarships:

- A. Any member active and retired in good standing of Branch 9 are 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, April, and May 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 25,or bring it to that night's meeting.

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

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High School	
Member parent's name	
Work unit	
School to attend (if known)	
Jerome J. Keating/Au \$2,000 Scholarship A	
NameF	Phone
Address	
High School	
Member parent's name	
Work unit	
School to attend (if known)	
Walter E. C	
Eugene P.	•
\$2,000 Scholarship	Application Form
NameP	Phone
Address	
High School	
Member parent's name	
Work unit	
School to attend (if known)	

High School Seniors: Submit scholarship applications to

Branch 9 by May 25, 2010

Every spring, Branch Nine awards three scholarships to graduating seniors: the J. Wesley Woods Scholarship (\$1000); the Jerome J. Keating- Austin B. Carlson Scholarship (\$1000); and the Walter E. Couillard- Eugene P. McNulty Scholarship (\$2000). The awards have made it easier for many students to begin their post-secondary education while honoring the sacrifices and contribuiton of important Branch 9 Leaders.

The following rules apply to all three scholarhips:

- A. Any senior who is graduating from high school and is a dependent of a Branch Nine 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 drewing will not be eligible for the other drawing.
- D. The application for the drawings will run in the March, April, and May 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 belongs to Branch Nine.
- 3. The intended school of choice, if known.
- E. Payments 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 education institution next fall, should complete the applications and return them to the Branch Office by May 25 or bring them to that night's meeting. All three forms should be submitted as there are separate drawings for each scholarship.

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By-Law Proposal ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4

Currently Reads:

Branch Steward Board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The General Membership Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M.. The place of the meetings will be determined by a standing motion of the Branch.

By decision of members in atten-

dance at a General Membership Meeting, future meetings may be combined or cancelled, or meeting night changed for legitimate business reasons.

Change to Read:

The General Membership and Steward Board Meetings of the Branch will be held not less than once per month. The time, date and location of these meetings will be determined by the General Membership

after an informed recommendation of the Executive Board.

By decision of the members in attendance at a General Membership Meeting, future meetings may be temporarily modified (such as combined, canceled or meeting night changed) for legitimate business reasons.

submitted by Pam Donato

To be acted up on at the June General Membership Meeting June 22, 2010

Branch Nine Calendar

May 25

Nokomis Retiree's Breakfast 9AM- Fred Babcock VFW 6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

May 25

General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM Crystal VFW Post 494 5222 56th Ave North, Crystal

June 1

Northside Retiree's Breakfast 9:30AM Elsie's 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis

June 6

Food Drive Repack
11:00 AM 2nd Harvest
3100 California St NE
Picnic to follow

<u>June 8</u>

Southside Retiree's Breakfast Fred Babcock VFW-9AM 6715 Lakeshore Dr, Minneapolis

June 8

Stewards Meeting 7 PM Crystal VFW Post 494 5222 56th Ave North, Crystal

June 13

St. Paul Saints Baseball 1:05PM Midway Stadium 1771 Energy Park Dr. St.Paul, Mn picnic 1 hour prior to game

June 22

General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM Crystal VFW Post 494 5222 56th Ave North, Crystal

July 5

Independence Day Observed