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Branch 9 Director of Retirees, Rodney Anderson.

Life After Cheryl

I have been asked to serve out the last four months of Cheryl Stately's term as Branch 9's Director of Retirees. I accepted with the understanding that I am not "replacing Cheryl", because that is impossible.

Cheryl Stately was an amiable and much-beloved dynamo for Branch 9. Whatever the Branch was up to, from the Food Drive to bowling for MDA to golf tournaments, Cheryl was along for the ride. When she couldn't find enough shenanigans to get involved in, she invented her own, such as the on-going cribbage tournament between Branches 9 and 28.

"Above and Beyond" was her credo

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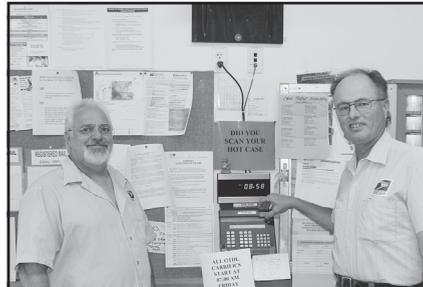
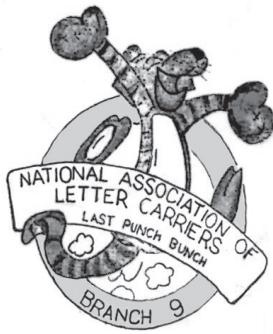
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Fridley Steward Don Yuronich with Robert Ditsch during his last punch.



Thomas Burnett letter carriers who received their 25 & 30 year NALC Pins. Congratulations!



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President's Report

The National Agreement vs. the WOO

It has been four months since the Minneapolis Postmaster initiated various operational windows for the station and branches. Since then, the Associate Offices of Anoka, Burnsville, and Osseo have followed suit. The result has been carriers not on the OTDL being required to work overtime off their assignments to meet this new window. Worse is when those same carriers are being forced to work their non-scheduled day when there are carriers on the OTDL who could work some or all of those hours. At the stations, the question is how long is this going to go on? When will the WOO end? The short answer is that it's not ending anytime soon. Yes, the stewards are grieving what we believe are contract violations and thank you stewards for continuing to hold management accountable to the protections of Article 8. The first of these cases is scheduled to be arbitrated on October 11th. The issue the arbitrator will be asked to decide is whether or not management violated the National Agreement when they worked carriers who weren't on the OTDL off their assignment before they maxed out carriers on the OTDL. Both sides will be awaiting the arbitrator decisions. Until then management has not given any indication that they will be changing their actions anytime soon.

Everyone knows that the primary driver to this situation is staffing. Yet nothing has been done to correct this. Management still has not hired career carriers and the annual quest to find out if TEs will be brought back for another term continues. We

have been told that management has requested that the TEs who break in October be brought back and the requests are in and awaiting approval. But that won't address the problem as more carriers are retiring and they are not being replaced. Branch 9's offices are once again under withholding for potential clerk excessing. To date only one clerk has been excessed into Minneapolis. At least this time we have no PTFs waiting to be converted into the residual vacancies in Minneapolis because we have none (the Associate Offices have a few PTFs). Management's refusal to increase staffing is leading to mandatory overtime at more and more offices on a daily basis. More and more offices are reaching the point where there are not enough carriers to cover the N/S and vacation board with carriers on the OTDL. When challenged, management has the same answer, the Area won't let them hire career carriers; that they are at the TE cap nationally and they haven't "earned" any more of the existing TE carriers from other offices. Unfortunately this scenario is not unique to Minneapolis or the Northland District.

Management appears to be waiting for something else to happen. Perhaps they are waiting for Congress to act. The plans for closing processing plants around the state are continuing to move forward with closings expected to begin in 2013. Management has changed delivery standards by shrinking the size areas that receive overnight first class service. Congress does not appear to be willing to address the Postal Service until after the elections. Perhaps the Service is waiting for the arbitration on the National Agreement to be



Mike Zagaros

resolved. Will the arbitrator allow them some type of contractual relief to address this matter? Traditionally, arbitrators have not been willing to make wholesale changes in the National Agreement. Locally, management has asked what it will take to stop the union from filing so many grievances. Our answer is simple, stop violating the contract.

Labor 2012

The political party's conventions are over and the election season is shifting into high gear. It is time to begin the contest to see who represents us as ... (you fill in the blank). One of the things that we have learned over the last couple of years is that the 2010 elections had severe consequences on working families on just about every level. On the National level, the current ideological gridlock has removed almost hope for a legislative solution to the Postal Services financial issues. Instead they have turned it into a game of kick the can down the road.

On the State level we saw much the same gridlock as working families and unions are attacked and blamed as the cause of all of our problems. It DOES matter who gets elected. That's why we are back asking for

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Rodney Anderson
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of service to her fellow carriers. Three years ago, when I was bogged down as the Main Office steward, Cheryl called me and cheerfully volunteered to take over planning the Main Office Christmas/Retirement party, and as usual did a terrific job. Only last autumn she called some of us retirees, asking if we could come down to the Branch office to stuff envelopes at about 11AM. Of course, everyone agreed, not only to do something for the Branch but also because Cheryl was just so much fun to be around. When we got there, we discovered that she had been there since 7:30AM helping Angie put the address labels on 2000 envelopes.

Cheryl Stately was a terrific Branch sister, a wonderful fellow worker, a kind friend, and a marvelous lady. I will take over the job and serve out her term just because they need a warm body. But no, I'm not replacing Cheryl. No one can.

Steward Bits

Put time extensions and requests for information in writing

Yes, we all know that there is no contractual requirement to put requests for information or extensions of time limits in writing. But, if you don't, you are simply asking for trouble. You have nothing to put in your grievance file to prove that you had that extension or that you requested that information. It's your word against theirs. Not a chance you want to take.

Are you going to the General Membership Meeting?



Nope, too busy.

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your help. We need people to participate. We don't have the financial resources to match those who want to see us and our good paying jobs go away. We can't afford to sit idly by and hope that someone else will make sure that we can continue to receive the wages and benefits we enjoy. We can't afford to allow the continued attacks on unions and collective bargaining on the state level and hope that it won't impact us. It really is up to us to get involved and work to get people elected who will stand up and protect working families and the Postal Service. We are seeking volunteers to participate in phone banks and door knocks for candidates. Contact the Branch Office to find out where you can help. Autumn is a time when the seeds that have been planted are harvested. Here's hoping that our efforts (seeds) bring forth a bountiful harvest.



Nicole B. Theyson, daughter of Jeff (Thomas Burnett) and Kathy Theyson.

I would like to personally thank the Branch for awarding me with the 2012 J. Wesley Woods Scholarship. I greatly appreciate the scholarship and am thankful that I will be able to use the scholarship to further my education after high school.

I am a 2012 graduate of Lakeville North High School and I plan on attending Winona State University this fall. At Winona State I will be pursuing a nursing career in the universities four year nursing program. I want to again thank the Branch for allowing me the opportunity to receive financial support which helps make my higher education possible.

Did you hear what's in H.R. 2309?



Naw, too busy to look.

Executive Vice President's Report

STATE FAIR

It's now September and the second major event of the summer of 2012 is now just a memory. The State Fair was once again a major success and it comes on the heels of a very successful National Convention. As with the convention, the fair would not have been accomplished without the great volunteerism that has become a trademark of this Branch. Enormous THANK YOU'S go out to all the volunteers that helped staff our kiosk at the AFL-CIO House of Labor building this year. With all the staffing issues currently going on in the Post Office and the value of time off our carriers seem to get so little of now days, for them to volunteer their free time is truly an example of dedication. But none of this would have been accomplished if it weren't for the volunteered hours and planning by two of our most professional and experienced E-Board members (Chuck Glover and Julie Waldemar). Chuck and Julie step forward year after year and always make the state fair the success that has come to be our norm. Every member of this Branch owes an enormous THANK YOU to these two. Their dedication and hours worked on this Branch function for the past several years is a real phenomenon.

When people walk by our kiosk and see a letter carrier in uniform they make an effort to stop and say how much they like and enjoy their carrier. After talking with fair goers for a few minutes and informing them of what the plans are for Postal Service customers (no matter what party they are voting for) their responses were unanimous: they

don't want things to change with their mail or their carriers. I feel this is the most disheartening issue facing our Branch right now and that is the fact that so many people do not know what is going on now and what could happen in our legislative arena. People are astonished and some become angry and want to know what they can do to help derail this out of control political train that is coming our way. That leads me into the second part of my article.

POLITICAL ISSUES

This is exactly how bills become law and afterwards will question each other wondering how this could happen without the America public ever hearing of the proposed actions until it's too late. Welcome to the new world of politics where it isn't what you know, but rather what they (politicians) want you to know by saturating you with ads that are so far from the truth that they scare you into voting for an issue without ever informing the majority of voters what the true facts are. A wise man once said "figures never lie, but liars figure." Nothing could be a better example of this than the political information and actions currently in the eyes of the voting public.

Every officer of this Branch is aware of the issues that are taking place on the workroom floor. Anyone that has carried mail for any period of time can easily see that staffing is the real contributing factor to the majority of these issues that are causing the environment at the stations to be in turmoil. If it was within the powers of this Branch to hire, it would be done. The disputes are being filed and our stewards are in constant



Darrell Maus

contact with the branch office to stay on top of all the issues. But the scary part is that while these workroom floor issues are a major problem, without a solution in sight, they all pale to the issues that could and will affect us in the political arena if we fail to keep informed and motivated during the upcoming elections. We have far more to lose there than anything that is happening on the floors of our stations. And it can happen before we even know it if we fail to make all the members of this branch aware of the issues. Just as we have had successful functions this summer, we must have a successful fall with our dedicated volunteers showing up (as always) to make this election as successful as the convention and the state fair.

So if you have not given to COLCPE or PAL 9, do so now. If you have not signed up to be an E-Activist on the nalc.org website, do so now. If you have not volunteered for door knocking or phone banking, do so now. For the actions or worse non-actions of each and every branch member in this upcoming election could leave us with unfavorable political decisions that will take us years to recover from. Now is not the time to rely on only the regular volunteers that show up, but rather the entire membership.

Reprinted front page article from the April 1980 Edition of the Branch 9 News

Elimination of Six-Day Delivery

Although I realize that it is not popular in the letter carrier craft to be against the elimination of 6-day delivery, I believe that each and every member should examine their own conscience in regard to this. The basic function of a union is the protection of all of the members in that union. The fact that the majority of the carriers want Saturday off should not cloud the fact that a minority of the membership will lose their jobs and that, by going to 5-day delivery, we may also see the end of the Postal Service. There are two points that I feel should be put forth in regard to saving 6-day delivery.

The first point is that there is no guarantee, if the Postal Service goes to 5-day delivery, that Saturday would be the non-deliver day. The reason is that, if there is no delivery on Saturday and Sunday, you will have a delay of 3 days in delivery of local mail, and 5 times a year when we have a Monday holiday, you would have a 4-day delay in delivery. For out of town mail such as a letter to New York, it would have to be mailed at least by Wednesday because if you mailed it on Thursday, it would not arrive until the following Monday, and with your holidays, it would be the following Tuesday. There are many businesses that do want their mail 6 days a week including Saturday. If we cut out a delivery day, then firms such as Mail Dispatch will gain even more business. It was proven when business deliveries went from 3 deliveries to two and from two to one that business would pay extra to have their mail picked up and delivered 2 and 3 times a day. The more we cut service, the more likely we are to lose the Private

Express Statutes. The best example of an industry that lost because of cutting service is the passenger service provided by railroads. They continued to raise their prices and cut back on service, the result being that people switched to the airlines. If we continue to cut service and raise our prices, Mail Dispatch and other companies like it will continue to take more and more of our business. We need only look at what happened to our parcel post and how, by cutting service and raising prices, we created the monster called United Parcel Service.

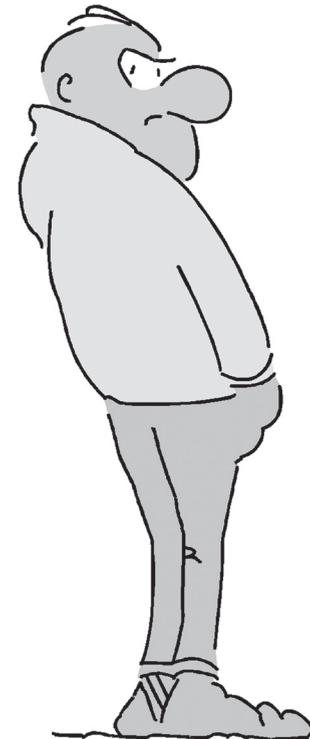
The second reason is the fact that approximately one-sixth of the carrier force will be either laid off (if they were hired after September 15, 1978) or excessed into the clerk craft. On a nationwide basis, we are talking of approximately 25,000 carriers. The fact that many people will not worry about these people losing their jobs in order that they might possibly gain Saturday off is similar to what is happening to us regarding our civil service annuity. Congress continually is chipping away at our annuity, and because some of the things they take away do not affect all of us, we sit back and say "Let those that are affected fight for that; when they try to take something away that affects me, then I'll fight." This is the same attitude that has contributed to the tremendous loss in routes over the last 6 years. If management had decreed that 30,000 routes were going to be eliminated effective on a certain date, there would have been a nationwide strike. Instead, management took away 30,000 routes a few at a time, and although the members complained and felt sorry about good old Joe losing his route, they were not willing to take any type of strong action.

Everyone agrees that the Union should do everything in its power to save our civil service annuity, but what good will it do if we save the civil service annuity if we allow the

Postal Service to go broke. You cannot draw your annuity if there is no Postal Service.

By: Former National Business Agent, Retiree and Branch 9 Hall of Famer, Gene McNulty

Did you see the updates on the Union board?



Nope, too boring.

Steward Bits

Office Efficiency Tool M-1769 ...No carrier shall be disciplined for failure to meet standards, except in cases of unsatisfactory effort which must be based on documented, unacceptable conduct that led to the carrier's failure to meet office standards.

NO
NO
NO
NO

Voter ID Amendment?

NO
NO

“Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the State to provide free identification to eligible voters, effective July 1, 2013?”

Sounds simple, but the devil is in the details, or lack of. The actual language passed by the legislature says, **“All voters voting in person must present valid government issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot.”**

No government issued ID? No vote. Don't drive? No vote. Living in a nursing home or in a hospital? No vote. Student away at college? No vote. Active duty military overseas? No vote. The Minnesota legislature makes no provision to address these situations.

“The State must issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of this section.”

The “get government out of our lives” people will cost Minnesota taxpayers an estimated 36.5 – 77.6 million dollars to implement, according to the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office. Local counties and municipalities will incur increased property taxes to create and administer a new election system.

“A voter unable to present government-issued photo-

graphic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner provided by law.”

This would affect same-day registration, and absentee balloting. The voter will have only a few days to get a government issued ID with his/her current address. They must first locate, and then travel to a local election office and show identification or their vote will not be counted.

“All voters, including those not voting in person, must be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted.”

Who decides what is “substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification”? The information desk at city hall? The janitor? Very ambiguous language and not well thought out.

Why did the Minnesota Legislature find it necessary to try to change the State Constitution now?

We have to go back to 2008's Minnesota Senate Race. Then candidate Al Franken ran against Senator Norm Coleman. After recounting all votes and being certified by the Minnesota Supreme Court, Al Franken won the election by 312 votes.

Minnesota Majority, a conservative watchdog group, conducted a study in which they claimed that at least 341 convicted felons voted illegally, in largely Democratic

Minneapolis and St. Paul, in the Senate race. Subsequent investigations into these claims found that some had the same name as a convicted felon; some were felons who had their voting rights reinstated after serving their sentences, and some felons who registered to vote but did not vote in 2008. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, after an extensive investigation, filed six charges against felons ineligible to vote. Norm Coleman's office went on a conservative news station and originally claimed that over 3500 ineligible voters cast votes in Minnesota's 2008 elections.

3500 alleged versus 6 actual. Quite a difference.

Dan McGrath, Minnesota Majority's Executive Director, is quoted on the fixed news station: “We aren't trying to change the result of the last election. We are just trying to make sure the integrity of the next election isn't compromised.”

The League of Women Voters, AARP, ACLU, and Jewish Metropolitan Interfaith Community Action, are just some of the coalitions and church groups who oppose this voting rights restrictive legislation.

I am voting NO, and I urge all to vote NO. Our voting system isn't broken, but our legislative maroons in St. Paul sure seem to be. VOTE.

By: Chuck Glover
Editor

**Vote NO
VOTER ID**

A Day in the Life of Labor 2012

By Cathy Burton (Lake Street)

Brothers and Sisters, I have been released by our National Legislative office in Washington D.C. to work on our 2012 labor campaign titled "Delivering Victory". Thanks to COLCPE contributions this project is made possible.

As I write this, it is around 10:30pm and here is what a typical day may look like. This morning I phone banked from 10:00am to 1pm targeting union households. I then headed out to District 49A and B to fulfill my door-knocking shift. I have been door-knocking for the last week and a half. Once I completed my packet, I head to the Edina Community Center where I attended a candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Once the forum was over, I spoke with Paul Rosenthal, the Labor endorsed candidate for State Representative 49B, about the importance of door-knocking and also the importance of letter carriers in the community among other topics. Paul is one of the labor friendly candidates running for the house in the district that I have been door-knocking in. This work is so important to all of us here in Minnesota. We have to elect labor friendly candidates.

During my day, I have conversations with constituents from both sides of the aisle. I listen to them and also educate them on the two amendments on the ballot. I am voting no to both and this is why: Photo ID... way to vague, expensive and suppressive for me. I'm just like

everyone else, I want fair elections but this isn't the bill to do it. Anti-marriage gets a no vote from me as well. While I realize this may be a little bit more personal than the other amendment, why in the world would I want something so hurtful to become part of Minnesota's constitution. The Constitution is here to protect our rights, not take them away. There is no place in our great state for this sort of discrimination.

In closing, I want each and every one of you to know how we really could use some more help on the ground. I challenge all letter carriers to commit to 3 hours of volunteer work before the election. You can door-knock, phone call, lit drop or even register voters. We need to do whatever we can to support labor friendly candidates. This is about our jobs and our future. Please always remember, as President Rolando so eloquently said at the National Convention this year..." City Letter Carriers have a secret weapon... we have each other." See you out there.

Cathy Burton has been released to the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation to work on Labor 2012.

State Fair 2012

by Chuck Glover (Burnsville)

The Minnesota State Fair is history. Many thanks to the dedicated members who showed up to engage fair goers in postal issues. Politics will be center stage this fall. The future of the Postal Service will rely on an informed public. This leads to the crux of my article. The public is completely unaware that if

H.R. 2309 is passed, door to door delivery will end for at least 75% of American homes.

The only state fair patrons who knew of the House Bill 2309 were postal employees who willingly signed our postcards "Say NO to H.R. 2309". These cards will be forwarded on to members of Congress. What prompted all visiting fairgoers to sign our cards was the understanding of the possibility of losing door to door delivery. Nearly all said that they weren't aware of this fact, and why didn't the general public know about this.

We as a union organization must inform voters to the pitfalls of H.R. 2309. For the NALC to get our message out to the general public we must enter the 21st century.

A possible solution to effectively inform the most people is through a full or half page ad in the Twin Cities two Sunday papers, the two city labor review papers, and the Teamsters magazine. KEEP THE MESSAGE SIMPLE AND USE WORDS THAT WORK. Listing our Branch 9 website as a link to more detailed information would also help. Once door to door delivery is ended, should H.R. 2309 pass, it will never return no matter who is elected afterwards. Now is the time to maximize our effort to defeat this bill through voter education.

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for COLCPE**



Congress' inaction on Postal Service default disgraceful

Editorial Commentary from Federal Times: July 16, 2012

Barring some unexpected intervention from Congress, the cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service will default on Aug. 1, when it fails to pay \$5.5 billion into a retiree health care fund, which is required under law. Two months later, on Sept. 30, the Postal Service is likely to default again, this time on a \$5.6 billion payment to the same fund. It's a monumental failure — but it's Congress, not the Postal Service, that should be ashamed.

Congress set this slow-motion train wreck in motion way back in 2006 when it passed the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, which required the Postal Service to pre-pay expected health care costs for future retirees within 10 years. Compressing the payment period to just 10 years is why the annual payments are a whopping \$5.4 billion to \$5.8 billion apiece.

No other organization in the country carries such a burden. Congress insisted on a 10-year payment period in order to capture the impact of the law on the deficit. The Congressional Budget Office's arcane "scoring" rules require that the impact only be scored over 10

years. Forcing all liabilities to be pre-paid within 10 years enabled CBO to declare the bill to be deficit-neutral. That, in turn, provided the political cover Republicans needed to support the bill.

Aside from that, however, there was no reason to make the payments so large and to collect them so fast. The Postal Service has asked for years for relief from the oppressive weight imposed by these payments, and Congress has failed, time and again, to do its job and find a better solution.

Four senators — two Democrats and two Republicans — sponsored a bill to stretch out those pre-payments over 40 years, lowering the annual payment to roughly \$2.5 billion. The Senate approved the measure, but House Republicans balked, calling the plan a multibillion-dollar bailout of the Postal Service. Not that Congress hasn't come through with bailouts before, as with General Motors or AIG, the insurance giant that made "too big to fail" a household expression.

If the Postal Service were a private entity, lawmakers would be rushing to ensure its 630,000 jobs were protected. They'd rail about how it's too big to fail, and why saving the institution is the right thing to do. In truth, though, re-amortizing the Postal Service's payments into its future-retiree health care fund is not a bailout. This is money that's being set aside and invest-

ed, not payments to creditors or shareholders. The fund is a best guess at the amount that will be needed decades from now. It is not an immediate pressing debt.

The House's failure to act is disgraceful. Through their inaction, Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and House Government Oversight Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., are demonstrating contempt for the Postal Service and a lack of respect for the law and for the obligations of their own institution. Or perhaps, they are making a point: By allowing the Postal Service to default without consequence, they are recognizing the ineptitude of their own branch of government and their personal failure to lead by example.

Did you get your E-Activist alert?



I'm too busy to get involved in that stuff, besides, who cares



Rodney Anderson
Branch 9 Director of Retirees

“What Has The Union Done For Me?”

I agreed to serve out Cheryl Stately’s term after her tragic departure from us. Among other minor duties, I find myself going to the Southside breakfasts (I’m a Northsider). I write this the evening after my first such event, at the Babcock VFW in Richfield. I found myself sitting with a bunch of brothers, fellow retirees who I didn’t know, and enjoyed listening to their tales and observations.

I found it a humbling experience. I guess I’m too used to many brothers or sisters in this very tense labor environment, who often lash out at anyone they can in their (understandable) rage and frustration. This might include fellow carriers, or Branch 9, or the NALC generally. “What has the Union done for me?” is something I have heard.

I wish you had been along with me today. One gentleman, a retired letter carrier whose name I don’t even know (but I’m sure as hell going to learn it), told us exactly what the union has done for him.

EVERYTHING.

He said that he had received some sum of money. He simply turned it over to COLCPE. Further, he has an automatic \$10 per pension check sent to COLCPE --- when less than 1 in 8 of all Branch 9 member even contribute \$5.

He talked about programs such as COLCPE and the NALC Health Benefits Plan, and concluded, “I can’t thank the NALC enough for the good life they’ve given me.”

Wow! I thought. We should make a training film out of this guy. All I can conclude is that the next time some idiot asks me what the NALC is doing, I know exactly where to refer them.



What if...

Congress were to pass legislation to reduce 6-day delivery to 5 or 4 days.

Postmaster General furloughs 17,000 letter carriers. How could this happen, and why did the union allow this to happen?

**You are the Union
Get involved and sign up for Gimme 5, and become an E-Activist.**

CONTRACT LANGUAGE

Choose your words carefully.

WHEN APPROPRIATE – could be interpreted to allow full discretion to management.

WHEN PRACTICAL – only slightly more compelling than “when appropriate.” Though there is some room or argument that something is practical, management still decides what is practical.

WHEN PRACTICABLE – really means “workable” which is decided by management, but leaves some room for argument.

NORMALLY – allows management to decide when the situation is other than normal.

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICAL – allows management to decide if the action is “practical.”

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE OR WHEN POSSIBLE

if it can be done, it will be done. This is very compelling. The only argument for inaction would be that it is not possible, a very difficult position to support.

2012 State Fair. Dedicated Volunteers Got the word out on H.R. 2309.



Samanth Hartwig (Eastside) gets another fairgoer to sign a postcard to his member of Congress, saying NO to H.R. 2309.



Outstanding volunteer's: Pat Rottach (Lake Street), Amanda Greer (Lake Street), Chris Wittenburg (Region 7 NBA) and Jeremy Rothstein (Normandale)



Julie Waldemar (Golden Valley) explaining the short-sightedness of H.R. 2309 to a young group of fair patrons.



Darrell Maus (Exec. Vice President) explaining the pitfalls of H.R. 2309 to a customer.



Jeremy Rothstein had a pleasant conversation with Senator Al Franken.



Director of Retirees, Rodney Anderson chatting with fairgoers about our goal to preserve 6-day delivery.



Minnesota Lt. Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon stopped by the letter carrier kiosk and chatted with Chuck Glover (Burnsville).



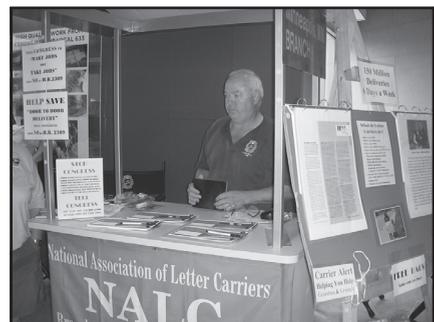
Rodney Anderson ready to greet fairgoers.



President, Mike Zagaros showing the Branch 9 Above and Beyond winners to U.S. Congressman, Keith Ellison.



Darrell Maus with 6th Congressional District candidate, Jim Graves.



Rain storms forced our kiosk indoors, but did not stop us from getting our message out to Congress.

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Branch Nine Calendar

October 2

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

October 23

Nokomis Retiree Breakfast
9:00AM
Fred Babcock VFW
6715 Lakeshore Drive, Richfield

November 11

Veterans Day
Thank a Veteran
Remember those who gave all

October 9

Southside Retiree Breakfast
9:00AM
Fred Babcock VFW
6715 Lakeshore Drive, Richfield

Tuesday, October 23

General Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Golden Valley VFW Post 7051
7775 Medicine Lake Rd
Golden Valley

November 13

Southside Retiree Breakfast
9:00AM
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October 9

Stewards Meeting
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