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## Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 NALC Celebrates its 125 Anniversary on March 24, 2015!

The dedicated men and woman who came before us were the future of this organization. They lobbied and fought for the benefits we now enjoy. Sometimes we take for granted the fact that we have a forty hour week, higher pay for overtime, postal vehicles to drive, collective bargaining and binding arbitration to protect us, a survivable wage and benefit package and Cost of Living Adjustments.... We are the benefactors of 125 years of hard work and diligence.

**Jerome J Keating**

**Branch 9**  
**NALC**  
**125**  
**years**

The active brothers and sisters of Branch 9 are now forging the future of those who will come after us. The challenges (of a new Congress, increased parcel delivery and different methods of mail delivery) will create many changes. We will keep vigilant in our efforts to preserve our benefit and wage packages while maintaining progress on improving our working conditions.

Let us give thanks to those who came before us, and persevere to do justice for those who will follow.

25 years ago former Branch 9 President Jan Wild said these similar words. Those words were true then and are still true today. We look back at the history, the challenges, successes and look toward our future.



**Branch 9's office located at 2408 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN**

## RETIREMENTS



*Mark Inzerello is all smiles as he makes his last punch with Loring Stewards Karen Pederson and Laurie Harry looking on.*



*Golden Valley Steward Adam Tingles-tad congratulates Lorna and Daniel Lyrek during their last punch.*

### CCA & NEWLY CONVERTED CARRIER MEETING

**Thursday, March 26  
7:00PM**

**Crystal VFW  
5222 Bass Lake Road  
Crystal, MN**

**Bring your questions  
about being a carrier.**

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Merlin Byers**

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## BE CAREFUL WHAT WE WISH FOR

Early in February, we all received a letter from our new Postmaster General, Megan Brennan. It sure seems like she wants all of us to keep thinking we can increase business by cutting back on service. Where have we heard this before? That's correct from the recently retired Postmaster General, Patrick Donahoe. Hopefully, Ms. Brennan will work with NALC President Rolando better than Donahoe did. We all can only hope.

Recently retired Donahoe started out in the post office nearly 40 years ago as a clerk, and worked his way all the way to the top. He was recently honored at the National Press Club due to his retirement, and I was shocked to read about some of his comments. First he stated *"Most young people aren't looking for a single employer over the course of their careers. In today's world, does it really make sense to offer the promise of a government pension to a 22 year old who is just entering the workforce? And how reliable is that promise?"*

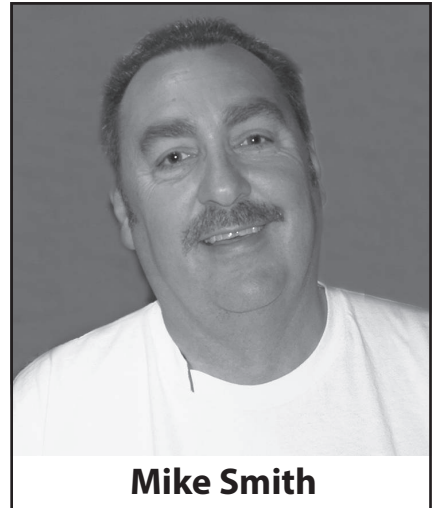
Former Postmaster General, Donahoe went on and on about what the future of the post office and the mail will look like. He stated *"It will not be a person putting a piece of mail in a blue mailbox, but instead a far leaner organization with a smaller workforce with LESS generous health care and pension benefits, that competes for e-commerce business, online advertising and other Internet based services."* This was said

by a man who spent his ENTIRE career at the post office.

Mr. Donahoe went on to make some parting shots at the postal unions (of course he did) for fighting to preserve jobs and benefits. He also took shots regarding the shortsightedness of the mailers for trying to keep postal mailing rates affordable. Donahoe sure showed his feelings about workers having no guarantees or contracts and having to keep bouncing around every few years from job to job.

Megan Brennan is the first female to assume the position of Postmaster General. I hope she has differing aspirations for what is possible for the USPS and its workers than the former postmaster general did.

The post office is the second largest employer in the United States, and the largest employer of our Veterans.



Mike Smith

We are ALL vital to our nation's economy. Our new career employees and CCA'S deserve a promise from our employer for the hard work they do every day, in all kinds of weather.

Carrying mail is not just a job, but is a profession and a career.

In Solidarity,

Mike Smith  
Branch 9 Trustee  
West Edina Steward



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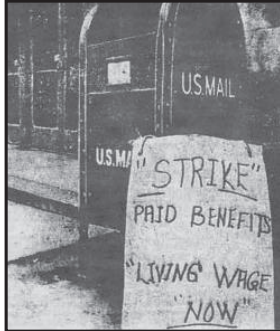
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# Executive Vice President's Report

## WE MUST NEVER FORGET

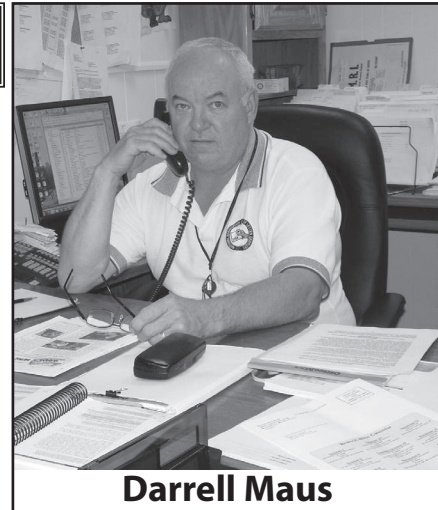


Branch 9 members voted at a special March meeting in 1970 to go out on strike.

This was not just Union chatter and idle talk these carriers followed the vote with action. On the morning of March 21, 1970 carriers from Branch 9 did not report to work. Instead, they showed up in mass at a parking lot to grab picket signs and then walked over the Hennepin Ave. Bridge to the Main Post Office in Minneapolis. Postal Inspectors were also there (on the higher floors) taking pictures as evidence of the unlawful action of the carriers that were participating in the strike. Our members walked with **"ON STRIKE"** signs defiantly hoisted in the air. Branch 9 had now joined the other NALC branches from across the country. In the days to follow we saw continued strike activities. President Nixon got involved and ordered the National Guard in to sort and deliver the mail.

That did not work out so well. The troops were coming to the letter cases with no idea of what the job involved. Some carriers had taken their case labels home leaving the guardsmen with no idea of what and where to deliver the piles of mail. In the Branch 9 archives we have news articles and other artifacts from here in Minneapolis and also from around the country. This is a rich piece of our own Labor History, and it is not only important but also informative for our current members to hear and learn from these brave men and women involved in this strike. They all (I'm sure) would gladly share their personal recollection of these events, the financial sacrifice (as they certainly did not get paid by the US Postal Department while on strike!) and the fear they had of losing their jobs as a result of the illegal strike. At the time of the strike, letter carriers made \$3.06 per hour, and literally had to beg for raises from Congress.

Each March, we must remember and recognize these bold letter carriers and the stand they took together. They showed what is possible when everyone works toward the same goal and not be afraid of what might or could



**Darrell Maus**

happen because of their actions. They were not to be denied or overcome, (over 200,000 Carriers stopped working around the country!), and the strike was only possible and successful because each carrier made the personal decision to act in Unisom with their other brother and sisters of this Union! The current members are and will continue to be eternally grateful to those Carriers for their heroic efforts in knowing what is right and having the strength and courage to reach their goal. Our current pay and benefits are a direct result of the actions taken by our previous members. **THANK YOU**

### PS Form 1571

This form is better known as a Curtailment Slip. Previously there have been articles written

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# BRANCH 9 ORIGINAL CHARTER, MARCH 24, 1890



To whom it may concern, Greeting:

## THIS CHARTER

IS GRANTED BY THE

## National Association of Letter Carriers

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

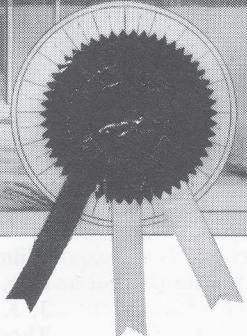
To the Officers and Members of Branch No.        of        State of        and their successors, authorizing and establishing them as a Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, for the purpose of participating and sharing in the business, benefits, and emoluments of said National Association of Letter Carriers.

*[Handwritten signatures and names]*  
       Post-Office        Post-Office  
       Secy.        Secy.

And we do hereby agree to be guided and governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said National Association of Letter Carriers now in force and with such alterations or amendments as may from time to time be enacted for the guidance or control of said National Association: otherwise this Charter to be Null and Void.

*[Signature]*  
President N. A. L. C.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary-Treasurer





## FIRST MINNEAPOLIS CARRIERS

Going back over the records of those early meetings on the floor of the old halls, we sort of read between the lines and gathered that they, too had battles against outside forces as well as within. We note the ancient and honored names of fighting officers and directors and trustees - ever gaining more and more for the letter carriers... Not rapid strides... Sometimes going off on a tangent but always moving forward with the interests of all carriers at heart, until the closest observer in the good old days, were he alive today, would hardly be able to recognize his baby after it had grown up.

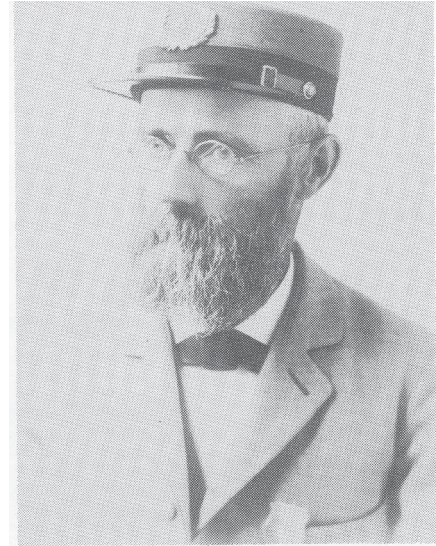
Follow the history of Branch 9 by the words and deeds of the members who helped make it happen.

The free delivery service was established in Minneapolis in 1873. At that time the city of Minneapolis was divided into seven routes. These seven carriers were the original city carriers of Minneapolis. First of these, probably because of his initials, was Albert Ashenden. The routes were immense even though the population of our town was only 30,000. The number of carriers grew until **1883 when 26 men were on the force. This is the year that the Minneapolis Letter Carriers Association was formed**, with Albert Ashenden as its President. Branch Nine, as we know it today, was organized in 1890.

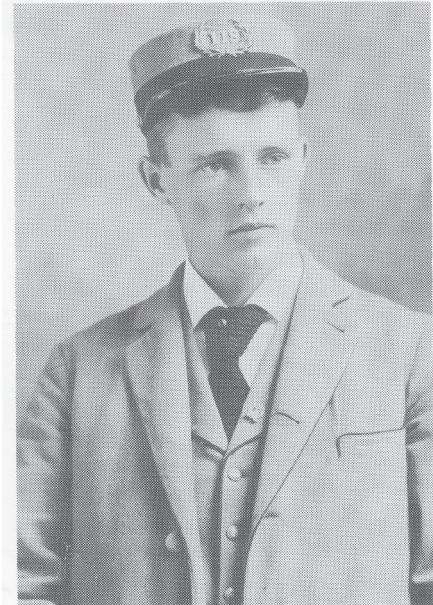
Ashenden carried mail until he was 79 years old. At that time he was on "light duty" by carrying the Post Office and the nearby territory. He started to feel his age about this time and decided to hang up the sack. His son Frank, a letter carrier also, suggested he take a leave of absence until Congress passed the retirement law. Congress passed a retirement law so Albert Ashenden went on pension when he was 80 years old.

He had the distinction of receiving the No. 1 check to be given under the new law to a letter carrier. He enjoyed his pension for two years until he passed away in California on September 30, 1922. May 25 was his birthday and he was born 150 years ago in England. His son Frank continued as a letter carrier and received his 50 year Gold Card membership at our retiree banquet in 1950.

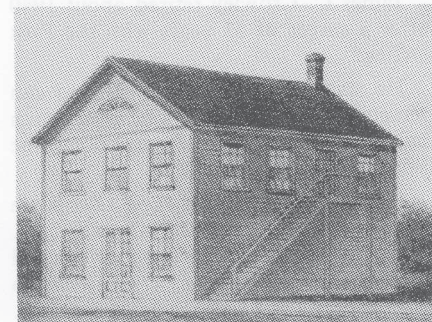
The six carriers appointed with Ashenden were Paul Van Cleve, Clarence Timson, Peter Lemmor, Eugene King, Andrew Slotten, and Albert Whitmore. One of the carriers describes his route back in those days by saying, *"I made one trip a day and when you consider I had to walk from the Post Office (214 Nicollet in them days) to Cedar Avenue and all the way over the stretch of country to Lake Street it is surprising that I covered that territory every day."*



Albert Ashenden



Albert's son Frank Ashenden (circa 1900)



In 1854 the growing community on the west side of the river, sometimes referred to as Minneapolis, opened this Post Office. Hezekiah Fletcher was Postmaster and the first years receipts were \$138.71.

## Director of Retirees

### EXCEPTIONS - ANNOYANCES

I've spent the past few months pontificating about how retirement works, what to do and what to anticipate. I've found it a perilous path. Of course, as is always the case, I find myself then having to backtrack when some small clause or circumstance proves me wrong. And, I find, I am wrong with laughable frequency. Just like postal supervisors. The difference between me and them is that I am inclined to admit my errors.

A couple of cases in point. I made a big point of warning prospective retirees that you MUST be in the NALC to participate in the NALC Health Benefit Plan. A lady called me who is married to an NALC Retiree and asked me, What about her? If her husband (the letter carrier retiree) were to die, would she be thrown out of the plan? I couldn't imagine it, but appealed to Julie Waldemar (Health Benefits Rep) and Mike Zagaros. They both agreed that no, she would not be thrown out of the Plan. A survivor of an NALC annuitant may continue in the plan, even though she/he had never carried mail. That rule is an exception.

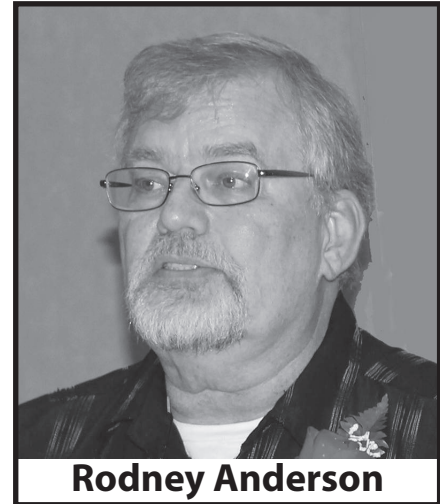
One newly retired carrier decided they wanted to change their survivor's benefits — was it too late to do so? You cannot change your survivor's ben-

efits except in the case of a Life Changing event UNLESS you are newly retired, and your paperwork has not yet been finalized. That too is an exception.

One old friend of mine who is still an active member wrote me to ask about joining Medicare: He asked, must they sign up for Part B while still active? That one threw me as well. I knew that until they retire, that their present health care plan is primary and Medicare is secondary (the opposite for is true for retirees). But he solved this one himself: he MAY sign up for Part A of Medicare and delay signing up for Plan B without penalty if he signs up for Part B within 30 days of retirement. An exception.

If you are aware of all the manuals and handbooks, it's easy to find lots of exceptions. In fact, in 42 years of dealing with postal matters, I can think of only one thing of which I am unaware of any exception: postal supervisors are brainless idiots more interested in their career advancement than you, your performance, your needs, or your life. Mean, loud, abusive, and not-too-bright. As far as I know, I've never seen an exception to that.

For you Retirees without computer access, I have a few telephone numbers for you to keep handy:



**Rodney Anderson**

### OPM: (Office of Personnel Management)

1-888-767-673 or 724-795-2005  
Monday thru Friday  
7:40AM to 5:00PM (EST)

### NALC Health Benefit Plan

Monday thru Friday  
8:00AM to 3:30PM (EST)

### Basic Plan information

1-703-729-4677

### Customer Service

1-888-636-6252  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00AM to 3:30PM (EST)

You can reach a nurse at any time by calling 1-877-220-6252

### The Mental Health and Substance Abuse

24/7 line - 1-877-468-1016

### NALC Nat'l Retirement Office

1-800-424-5186  
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**CRIBBAGE**

It's time to Gather the Clans. Ladies and Gents, we have been skewered, abused, eviscerated, and are now being INSULTED by our friends across the river.

I'm talking about Branch 28 in Minnesota's Capitol City. The Beloved and Grand Old Man of St. Paul, Smokey Smekowski, and I have organized a **cribbage tournament for Tax Day, April 15, from 9:30 until noon or so.**

Branch 9's fortunes have fallen on hard times as of late; and just before Smokey and I ended a phone call, he said me, *"And this time, bring somebody who can play cribbage."* Say what? He's talking about YOU, and YOU, and YOU! Minneapoltans, are we gonna take that crap?????

I hope all you Branch 9 cribbage players show up at Branch 28's office, to help avenge ourselves and save our prestige!

Seriously, it's a good time with lots of great guys from both sides of the River, and Smokey usually manges a nice lunch for everyone. If you're a cribbage player, come over. You won't be sorry.

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on the importance of a 3996 and a lot of the time the PS 1571 may be used at the same time that the instructions on a 3996 has been handed back to a carrier by their supervisor. The contract does not allow a carrier to delay mail without authorization from a manager or supervisor. When you are instructed to curtail, request the PS 1571 and your supervisor must provide it to you. You need to fill the form out in its entirety (see below):

- \*Enter your delivery unit.
- \*Enter your route number and the date.
- \*Estimate the number of pieces to include letters, newspapers, magazines, flats, samples, and any mail left at your case (including leftover street skultch from the days before). Whether by piece count or footage count make sure to enter the footage under preferential (first or second class), bypass or bulk flats, coverages, or parcels.
- \*Make sure to do this same function on any mail that you have attempted to deliver on the street, but were instructed to stop delivering a coverage or parcels if you are instructed to forego their delivery to make it back to the station in time. Any mail left at your case at any time should have a Curtailment Slip.
- \*Enter the reason for the curtailment of mail. It may be as simple as "per management's instructions". Make sure to include the name of the supervisor or manager.

\*Be sure to sign the form and make sure to fill in if you're the Regular, T-6 or Replacement carrier.

The PS 1571 will be your protection if some mail happens to appear at your case after you leave for the street with the name of a supervisor or manager on the form it will prove that you were instructed to leave mail. Remember we cannot curtail mail (only management can allow us to curtail) except when we are instructed to do so.


The **M-41 Handbook** states:

**131.44** Report on Form 1571 all mail undelivered-including all mail distributed to the route but not cased and taken out for delivery. Estimate the number of pieces of mail.

**131.45** Do not curtail or eliminate any scheduled delivery or collection trip unless authorized by a manger, in which case you must record all facts on Form 1571.

**131.46** Before you leave the office, enter on Form 1571 the mail curtailed; when you return, add any mail which was not delivered and which was returned to the office. Follow any special local procedures set up to identify errors and corrective actions for mail because it was out of sequence.

**The 1571 (Curtailment Slip) has to be part of your daily routine when warranted.**

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**Branch 9**  
**RON ST. CLAIR MDA BOWL-A-THON**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015**

Location

**New Hope Bowl**  
**7107 42ND AVE N**  
**NEW HOPE, MN 55427**

Time

**7:00-9:30 PM**

\*15 lanes of bowling

\*Teams of 4-5 FAX your teams including names to the  
Branch Office at 612-781-9849

\*\$40 per bowler minimum collected for MDA.

Make checks out to Branch 9

\*Bowlers will receive 2 games, show rental, pizza and a fun  
filled evening! Cash bar and restaurant on site.

\*Silent auction, 50/50 and raffle drawings

\*Games for the kids

\*Contest for best gift basket- winning stations (3)  
will receive donuts

\*Deadline for registration is Friday, April 10th

All proceeds will go to MDA



## The Annual Ron St. Clair MDA Bowlathon has a new location for 2015

The annual Ron St. Clair MDA Bowlathon is set for April 18 at the New Hope Bowl in New Hope. Money raised during our Bowlathon will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

MDA's mission is to save and improve the lives of people fighting muscle diseases. Seventy seven cents of every dollar that is donated is used to find treatments/cures and to support the families in their struggles to understand and cope with the disease.

The money collected will help pay for (1) One day of medical supplies at a MDA Summer Camp (it typically costs \$53 a day for each child), (2) Support a group session (\$100 to educate and it also allows parents time to network with others having like experiences), (3) Physical therapy (consultations run \$150), (4) Repairs (for wheelchairs and/or other equipment \$500) and (5) For the kids to have a camp where they can enjoy themselves and have professional counselors available that are trained in the special needs required by these children (\$800 for a week of summer camp).



Branch 9, MDA needs your help! Branch Niner's working together will have an enormous effect on the total dollars raised at the Bowlathon. The money raised will send several children to summer camp and seeing these kids smile and having fun will be nothing short of mission accomplished.

There are several ways every carrier can participate. Come bowl 2 fun games, eat some pizza and have a few refreshments. Have a great time watching as your fellow co-worker score 6 strikes in a row or to see the challenged bowler, bounce their ball off the gutters and still score a spare. The talk at the station will be interesting. There is a \$40 minimum pledge and no maximum limit. Lane sponsors will get their company name posted in large print at the Bowlathon.

While you are bowling, enjoy the full service restaurant/beverage center where many relaxing beverages will be available. And in between games order some nice crunchy fries and place a bid on one of the many fabulous baskets created by the Branch Niner's. There is always a good



**Carol Garnto**

deal to be had at the silent auction. Typically, there are several types of baskets including, but not limited to baskets with beverage, food, tools, gift certificate, and personal care products. Something for everyone to enjoy!

We understand that not everyone can attend this event, but there is still a way you can participate: Take up a collection at the office and donate a basket to the silent auction. A basket can be put together for less than \$50. This is a perfect price range. The station with the (1) Most unique basket, (2) Most useful items basket or (3) Most daring basket will be treated to sweet rolls and donuts covered with sprinkles. There are 3 chances to score points for your station and ultimately score dollars to help the kids achieve the most they can through the use of MDA and their continued research and support of those with muscular diseases.

The MDA flyer is in this issue. Carol Garnto (Lost Lake) is the chairperson and can be reached at [cgarnto56@gmail.com](mailto:cgarnto56@gmail.com) or 612-709.8815.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Member parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Work unit \_\_\_\_\_

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 26, 2015**

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 education institution next fall, should complete the applications and return them to the Branch Office by May 26 or bring them to that night's meeting. All three forms should be submitted as there are three separate drawings for each scholarship.**



# 2015 Minnesota AFL-CIO Scholarships

## UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FORM (Entry Deadline: April 30, 2015)

The Minnesota AFL-CIO sponsors scholarships for high school seniors graduating in 2015. 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 Union

and 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 Title

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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, 2015*, to:

**Minnesota AFL-CIO  
Education Committee  
175 Aurora Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103**

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



# Adult Learners Scholarship

## Leonard A. Larson/ Barry J. Weiner Scholarship

**Adult Learners,  
please submit your  
scholarship application  
to Branch 9 by  
May 26, 2015**

**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.

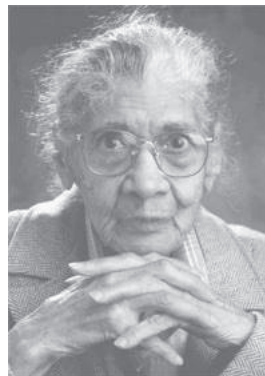
D. The application for the drawings will run in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News. The drawing will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. The applications shall contain the following information:

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 26, or bring it 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 2015 - 2016 academic year now being accepted. <http://www.nelliestone.org>

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## Branch 9 Calendar

**March 10**  
Southside Retiree Breakfast  
9:00AM  
Fred Babcock VFW Post 5555  
6715 Lakeshore Drive  
Richfield

**March 10**  
**\*NEW LOCATION\***  
Steward Meeting  
7:00PM  
**Crystal VFW**  
**5222 Bass Lk Rd, Crystal**

**March 11**  
**CSRS Retirement Seminar**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Branch 28**  
**1715 Van Dyke St.**  
**Maplewood, MN 55109**

**March 12**  
**FERS Retirement Seminar**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Branch 28**  
**1715 Van Dyke St.**  
**Maplewood, MN 55109**

**March 17**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

**March 20**  
1st Day of Spring

**March 21**  
Anniversary of the  
1970 Strike

**March 24**  
125th Anniversary  
Jerome J Keating Branch 9

**March 24**  
Nokomis Retiree Breakfast  
9:00AM  
Fred Babcock VFW Post 5555  
6715 Lakeshore Drive  
Richfield

**March 24**  
**\*NEW LOCATION\***  
General Membership Meeting  
7:00PM  
**Crystal VFW**  
**5222 Bass Lk Rd, Crystal**

**March 26**  
**CCA/Newly Converted**  
**Carrier Mtg**  
**7:00PM**  
**Crystal VFW**  
**5222 Bass Lk Rd, Crystal**