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# The Largest One Day Food Drive in the Nation is on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

For more than 20 years, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has conducted its annual nationwide food drive on the second Saturday in May.

Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam as they deliver mail along their postal routes.

*effort that brings out the best in so many Americans. Six days a week, letter carriers see first-hand the needs in the communities where we work, and we're committed to helping meet those needs."*

You may wonder why the NALC food drive is in the late spring instead of in the fall or winter? The reason is food banks and pantries suggested that late spring would be the best time for the drive, since most of their food donations are received over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods, leaving the food shelves depleted by spring. Making matters even worse for many, school breakfast and lunch programs are not available during the summer, placing an even greater responsibility on local food pantries and food shelves.

HELP US SOLVE THIS! THERE'S ONE PIECE MISSING...



In 2015 NALC branches along with the help of many organizations and volunteer groups (the United Way, Salvation Army, many different church and faith groups, various youth and Rotary Clubs) that have worked with us throughout the years, we collected more than 70 million pounds of food. Over the course of its history, the food drive has collected a cumulative total of 1.4 billion pounds over the history of the drive.

JEFF KEANE We are looking forward to another record breaking year in 2016, as we...

By using the unparalleled postal networks, letter carriers collect non-perishable food donations in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, including the District of

*"Many people in this country struggle with hunger every day," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "We are honored to be able to help people in need by leading an*

**BUILD ON A BILLION!**

**The Following is a list of  
Paid Members of PAL 9  
for March 2016.**

**VERY CONCERNED MEMBERS**

Ronald Barker  
Pamela K. Donato  
Troy Fredenburg  
Patrick D. Keeler  
Linda L. Olson  
Eugene Panser  
Jonathan E. Peterson  
Patrick A. Rottach  
Cyril Toay  
Jon D. Thompson

**REGULAR MEMBERS**

Michael R. Adams  
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Steven H. Ukasick  
Herman M. Weidner  
Gary Weihl  
Stephen Williams  
Joseph P. Wineman

Submitted By  
Ron Lawrence  
Treasurer PAL 9



**Welcome New Members**

Norine Francis  
Terry Frost  
Joel Griffin  
Rachel Grochowski  
Selamawit Habteyes  
Litiesha Hayes  
Terry Holte  
Alfred Korboi  
Charles Lane  
Spencer Lodin  
Megan Rahn  
Peter Rozycki  
Wayne Sibell  
Tory Stone  
Karen Thompson  
Shenelle Williams  
Yu Yang

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



*Danette Warner, the most senior female carrier in Minneapolis, has retired. Her fellow Eastside carriers/friends (Kristine Selbitschka, Rosemary Wallace, Danette Warner, Lois Fimmano, Mary Awsumb and Ann Szalewski are all smiles as they wish her a Happy Retirement!*

**In Memoriam**

Robert V. Andersen  
Gary Kvistberg  
William Morris  
Thomas Radtke

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### The Blitz

April and May are a busy time of year here at Branch 9 with a lot of events happening one after the other. I think it was Branch 9 President Emeritus Lenny Larson who first coined the term for these two months as the "Blitz." This year we have even more events happening and there is definitely something for everyone.

**April 23rd, the Ron St. Clair Bowl-a-Thon and Silent Auction for MDA** – There was an excellent article in last month's Branch Nine News by Bowl-a-Thon Chair Carol Garnto (Lost Lake) which explains how you can get involved. As the first National Sponsor for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the NALC has been involved in the fight to end neuromuscular diseases for over 60 years. The Branch has several MDA events going on throughout the year, but our largest event is the Bowl-a-Thon. *If you haven't participated in the past, give it a try, there is room for you. Saturday night April 23rd at the New Hope Bowl (7107 – 42nd Avenue North) in New Hope.*

**April 25 – 29, Region 7's 37th Annual Regional Training Seminar** – Our National Business Agent Chris Wittenburg will be hosting a week long training seminar at the Radisson Hotel in Roseville. The training seminar is broken down into 2 parts. On Monday and Tuesday, there will be Basic and Intermediate Stewards training along with an advance class led by the University of Minnesota Labor Education Service. Wednesday through Friday there will be general sessions and workshops. **The highlight of the week occurs on Wednesday afternoon when National President Fred Rolando**

**will address the attendees and provide us with the latest information that he can about what is happening with the NALC and the USPS. Even if you do not attend the training seminar, but have that day off (April 27th - Black Schedule) and would like to hear your National President speak this is a good opportunity to do so. For more information, you can contact the NBA's Office or the Branch Office.**

**May 1st, Branch 9's Annual Red and Gold Retiree Banquet** – *There is an old saying that you can't know where you're going unless you know where you've been.* The Retiree Banquet is the perfect opportunity for everyone to learn about our own history as we recognize our retirees. **We will be honoring 18 of our members for their 60 years of membership and 17 "Gold Card" members for their 50 years of membership in the NALC, as well as our "Retiree of the Year."** This banquet is a great opportunity for our newer members to meet and talk with our retired Brothers and Sisters who did the job before them. I want to especially encourage our station stewards to attend. Stewards will be refunded their registration fee for attending the banquet. At this time, we do not know which National Officer will be attending our banquet. I hope to see both, active and retired members, at this year's banquet.

**May 8th, The 24th Annual Twin Cities Race for the Cure** – Branch 9 is MAD (Making a Difference) by participating in this year's Race for the Cure in memory of our Sister and Friend Julie Waldemar and also in honor of everyone who has been touched by breast cancer. Branch 9's team will take part in the 5k (3.1 mile)



**Mike Zagaros**

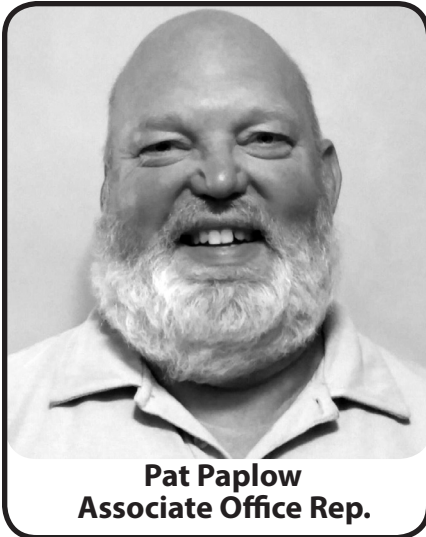
walk around Lake Cornelia in Edina. We will be meeting at the Southdale Center Parking Lot (on the corner of 66th and France Avenue - across the street from the water tower) on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th at 8:15AM.

Julie was a longtime supporter of this event. For those that wish to participate, please print and fill out the registration form (available on our web site [www.branch9nalc.com](http://www.branch9nalc.com)) and **mail it with the registration fee (\$35/adults and \$17/children 12 and under) to the Branch Office BEFORE April 22nd.** You will also receive our special NALC Breast Cancer team shirt in remembrance of Julie. There is a limited supply of t-shirts available for purchase (\$15/ea) and all of that money will be donated to help find a cure for breast cancer. If you have any questions, please contact the Branch Office or Carol Garnto (Lost Lake).

**May 14th, The 24th Annual Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive** – It's time for the NALC's largest annual community service event - the Food Drive! For the past few years Branches 9 and 28 have collected over 1,000,000 pounds in food and monetary conversions. Our Food Drive Coordinators Samantha Hartwig (Zone 4/54) and Michelle Guzman (Coon Rapids) have been working with your stations food drive

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**Pat Paplow**  
Associate Office Rep.

First of all I want to introduce myself. My name is Pat Paplow and I am the Associate Office (AO) Representative on the Branch 9 Executive Board. I have 20 plus years of service with the Post Office. I started my career in Burnsville and eventually transferred to Andover/Anoka. I still work at and am the steward for the Andover Post Office which is one of our Associate Offices.

My job as the AO Representative is to represent the view points and concerns of our members in the Associate Offices and to bring

## ASSOCIATE OFFICE REPORT

my findings back to the E-Board. I have met some of the stewards from the different offices and will hopefully be meeting the rest soon. I am also looking forward to visiting all of Branch 9's Associate Offices to meet with the members so that I can better represent you and your issues during the E-Board meetings.

What are your concerns and what are your ideas? Hopefully things are going well and you feel you are being heard! If not, perhaps I can help.

Some of the AO offices either do not have a steward or for some reason the steward is unable make the monthly meetings. It is MY view that it takes activity on both sides to make progress and to communicate. I am asking you all to please become more active in the UNION. **We are all in this together and our unity, solidarity and commitment will help create a stronger union.**

I personally have challenged all the carriers at my station to attend one General Membership

Meeting (GMM) a year. Have I been successful? NOT 100%, but the more members that attend a meeting, the better they will understand what's going on. I know that many of you have other obligations, be it kids, family issues, work or outside commitments, **but learning about what's going on in the Post Office and how to save your job is worth a couple hours a month. Isn't it?**

You are a member of this union and you should know what is going on with your job. So make the commitment.

Stewards Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month. Go, get trained and discover what is actually in the contract! General Membership Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month, they. Both meetings start at 7:00PM and are at the Crystal VFW, 5222 - 56th Avenue North (Bass Lake Rd) in Crystal.

In Solidarity,  
Pat Paplow  
Cell - 612.554.7586



**Deb Ochetti (Burnsville)**

In the December 2015 issue of the Branch Nine News (page 8) there is an article titled *Branch 9 Carriers Going "Above and Beyond."*

## Congratulations Deb Ochetti and Thank You for Going "Above and Beyond"!

One of the carriers mentioned in that article was Deb Ochetti from the Burnsville Post Office. Deb was awarded the Branch 9 Above and Beyond award because, like so many of our carriers, she saw a need and helped out in her community,

In the article Deb discussed how she heard about and joined the "Be the Match" program. After 4 years on a waiting list she was finally contacted in March 2015 and asked to donate her marrow through PBSC (Peripheral Blood Stem Cell) which was done locally in St Paul, MN.

Through this selfless act Deb was

able to give a 42 year old woman with Lukemia a second chance at life.

### **Jumping forward to today.**

Because Deb went above and beyond she has now been nominated and selected to represent the USPS at the Civil Servant of the Year Public Service Recognition Program. This program honors Federal employees whose outstanding performance has earned them the distinguished title of "Civil Servant of the Year."

Deb will be receiving her award on May 5th.

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coordinator to make sure this year's drive goes as smoothly as possible. **If you have the weekend off, and are interested I'm sure your station could use your help to pick up food donations. Or if you would like to help out elsewhere contact the Branch Office and Michelle or Samantha will get back to you.**

*"Our goal is to help those in need in our own communities. Remember, the people who need help are not unlike your own family, immediate or extended. They are working families, the elderly and children. They are the families of those actively serving in the military. They are single parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, parents dealing with a child's serious health condition and families in which a parent has lost a job. These are folks doing everything "right," often working more than one job, but still unable to make ends meet.*

*They go to your place of worship. They have the same values and goals as you do. And as we learned from our own members last year, some in the NALC have been on the receiving end of this kind of help at some point in our lives." Pam Donato December 2015 Postal Record.*

**May 19th, CCAs and Newly Converted Regulars Meeting –**

Three times a year, the Branch has a meeting specifically designated to addressing and hopefully answering the questions and concerns of our newest members, the CCAs and also the newly converted Regulars. **The Next CCA and New Regulars meeting is on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Crystal VFW.** The topics to be discussed are determined by the people in attendance. I understand that some of our newer members may not be able to attend. If you have questions

or concerns, that you would like addressed and are unable to come, please feel free to give them to your steward or you can e-mail me at [mikez@branch9nalc.com](mailto:mikez@branch9nalc.com). Our second meeting will be held sometime this fall.

**May 22nd, 2016 NALC Legislative and Political Summit –**

As I mentioned in last month's Branch Nine News, we are planning on conducting a training seminar that will be available to all of the branches throughout the state. The purpose of this summit is to provide the attendees with the latest information about where we stand legislatively on issues such as the various incarnations of Postal Reform and what the impact will be on us and our families. We also want to work to develop the next generation of political leaders for our Branch and to get ready for the upcoming elections.

In addition, we will be working to establish a Branch Committee to address issues related to race and economic equity in our Branch and our communities. We also have our Officer and Steward's Board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and the General Membership Meetings (GMM) are on the fourth Tuesday of every month. We also have four different retiree groups that meet for breakfast each month. Look for the times and places on the Branch Calendar.

As you can see, our calendar is quite full, and there truly is something for everyone.

The one nice thing about the April/May Blitz is the light at the end of the tunnel - Memorial Day (May 30th) which marks the beginning of Summer.

Enjoy!

**Being Questioned by Management**

Your supervisor comes up to you on the workroom floor and says I want to talk to you in the office. What should you do? The first thing is to remain calm. You are probably the subject of an investigatory interview. Your supervisor may call it a "day in court".

**So what is that?** In simple terms; If your boss, supervisor or someone else who represents the company with the authority to, starts asking you questions and you believe you could be punished because of the answers, you have the right to a union steward. **The key is your belief.** Since you are the only person who knows what the answer is your belief that you could get into trouble is all that is needed to justify your request." (from [freeuniontraining.com](http://freeuniontraining.com))

This right stems from a US Supreme Court Case often referred to as your "**Weingarten Rights.**" As a carrier you have 3 basic rights in an investigatory interview:

1. The right to request to have a union representative present during an interview where you reasonably believe disciplinary action may result.
2. The right to know the nature of the interview or investigation (what it's about).
3. The right to speak privately with your union representative prior to participating in the interview.

In the majority of offices represented by Branch 9, there is a long standing agreement that when management wants to talk with you about your attendance, performance or conduct a steward is to be present unless you specifically do not want them in the room. **This agreement DOES NOT APPLY TO QUESTIONING BY THE OIG OR POSTAL INSPECTORS.**

In these situations, you must specifically say "**I want my union steward here before I answer any questions**" and then you wait for them to arrive.

# 2016 Proposed By-Law Additions & Changes

## ARTICLE III, SECTION 7

### CURRENT LANGUAGE

The Treasurer shall perform the following duties: The Treasurer shall receive receipts for, and disburse all monies of the Branch, and keep a regular account thereof. He/She shall pay all warrants on him/her by the Recording Secretary voted by the Branch and signed by the President, and have all accounts receipted upon payment of the same. He/She will publish a monthly report of Branch expenditures. He/She shall, whenever requested by the President, and at the end of his/her term, make a report showing his/her receipts, disbursements and amount of money on hand; deliver his/her books, papers and money to his/her successor in office, when qualified; and to insure the faithful performance of his/her duties, he/she shall be required to furnish a bond in such sum as the Branch may direct. *The Treasurer shall be paid the sum equivalent to 13 hours of top grade letter carrier pay each month.*

### PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE SECTION 7.

The Treasurer shall perform the following duties: ...

**The Treasurer be paid the sum equivalent to 20 hours of top grade carrier pay each month.**

Submitted By  
Elizabeth O'Neill

## ARTICLE VI.B

### NEW ADDITION SECTION 6

**A. At the August General Membership Meeting of the year of the bi-annual MSALC training meeting, the Branch shall decide what compensation will be allowed to the attendees.**

**B. All members who meet the eligibility requirements and properly request funding will be entitled to an equal amount of available funds to defray the claimed expense for attendance at the bi-annual MSALC training meeting. Funding will come from dollars allocated under the training budget of the year the bi-annual MSALC training meeting is held.**

**C. Eligibility for payment of the expenses of any attendee of the bi-annual MSALC training meetings will include:**

1. Attendance at 2 of the 12 General Membership Meetings immediately preceding the MSALC training meeting.
2. A Letter of Intent to attend, along with a Request for Funding if desired, submitted to the Branch Recording Secretary by July 1 of the year in which the bi-annual MSALC training meeting will be held.
3. Be a member in good standing at the time of the bi-annual MSALC training meeting.

Submitted By  
Joe Rian

## ARTICLE VI.D, SECTION 11

### DELETE

When an elected office is vacated, the Branch President shall fill all vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise with a person duly qualified until the next regular election.

### PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE SECTION 11

**A. When an elected office is vacated by death or otherwise, an election following procedures described in ARTICLE VI.D of our By-Laws will be held to fill the vacancy unless such election would have to take place less than 100 days before the next regular election. In this instance, the Branch President shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill the vacancy until the next regular election.**

**B. The Branch President will appoint an election committee and tellers for oversight of this election per ARTICLE III SECTIONS 13 and 14 of our By-Laws.**

Submitted By  
Joe Rian

***Branch 9 members will be voting on the above listed By-Law proposals at the April 26, 2016 GMM***



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## The Twin Cities Postal Headquarters



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St. Paul, MN 55103  
651- 224 - 7567



**MANAGEMENT DISCONNECT WITH CUSTOMER CONNECT**

Customer Connect. What a great idea. Use the postal workers that customers are familiar with to promote the business. The customers would get better support and better services. A win for everyone, Right?

Wrong. Great for the United States Postal Service but, what about our customers?

We are not delivering the mail we have now in a timely manner. Amazon is suppose to grow 30% this year. Now we are doing to delay the mail even more? Now add promoting Customer Connect. What do I tell my customers? How about the truth?

**Here is the truth as I see it.**

We are running short staffed. Management is doing clerk work. There is 30 minute wait times at the window. The carriers are waiting for post and mail to ready. Priority Express, certified, domestic registers and business reply mail are not getting done for the carriers in the morning and not being delivered timely.

We forgot that the second "S" in USPS is service. It's not a big deal when a Priority Express mail piece is delivered a day or two late. Management's response was "they will get their money back". My customers are complaining about their business reply mail being late. Mail takes over a week in the cities.

**It's easy to point out the problems. Here are my solutions.**

The Post Office needs to decide if they want to cut costs, services

and down size the business. Or, be like Domino's Pizza, admit there is a problem and try to fix it. If the Post Office decides to add business then they need to spend money to make money.

You need to have the correct amount of trained staff to support the service you want to provide. You need to provide better services. Focus on delivering the mail in a timely manner.

Give us the carrier, a good service to promote to our customers. Give us the man power to deliver the mail in a timely manner. Help us to help you (the Postal Service). It would be easier for me to promote Customer Connect if management is supporting the program, not just in words but through their actions.

If you think my opinions about staffing and the quality of our service is wrong, ask around. Ask the carriers, clerks, customers and social media. Why are we doing the bare minimum? Happy customers mean return business. Customers will pay for good service. Look at Byerly's. One manager told me that "we only have to be as good as our competition." Trust me my customers are seeing that very thing.

A Postal commercial on TV says, "Our priority is, was and always will be you the American people... Let us prove it to you".

We Are Waiting....  
Mike Erhard - Carrier  
Elmwood Station

**Branch 9 NALC  
City Carrier Assistant and  
New Career Employees  
Meeting**

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

7:00PM

**Crystal VFW  
5222 56th Avenue North  
(Bass Lake Road)  
Crystal, MN 55429**

This meeting provides City Carrier Assistants (CCA's) and new career employees a great opportunity, in an informal meeting setting, to learn more about your rights at work and your future with the Postal Service.

***Remember, if you don't  
know your rights,  
you have none!***

**UNIFORMS NEEDED**

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

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

**Donate your gently used/  
freshly washed uniforms to us.**



**Br. 9 Retired Letter Carrier  
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# Branch 9's Annual Red and Gold Retiree Banquet

## Sunday, May 1, 2016

**Minneapolis Ramada Plaza  
1330 Industrial Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN**



*Menu*

*Garden Salad*

*Merinated Vegetable Pasta Salad*

*Grilled Flank Steak in a  
Chimichurri Sauce*

*Roasted Chicken Breast in a  
Tomato-Basil Cream Sauce*

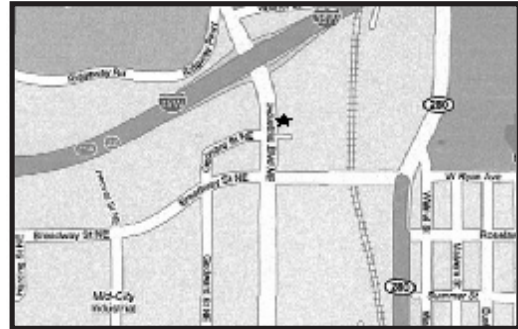
*Garlic Mashed Potatoes*

*Wild Rice Pilaf*

*Fresh Seasonal Vegetables*

*Assorted Rolls and Butter*

*Fruit Pies*



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

*Registration Fee for Retirees and  
Station Stewards is \$12.00/per person.  
Cost for Active Members is \$18.00/per person*

*\*The Registration Fee for Retirees  
is refundable upon arrival.*

*For more than 50 years Branch 9 has honored its retirees with the Red & Gold Banquet. Please join us for a day of good times and good fellowship, as we say thank you to those who have come before us. Active members are also welcome to join in the festivities.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Retired       I would like a ride to the Banquet

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

*Return by April 26 to:  
Branch 9, NALC  
2408 Central Avenue NE  
Minneapolis 55418*

*Amount Enclosed* \_\_\_\_\_



A decorative border of bowling pins surrounds the central text. The pins are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with some at the top, some at the bottom, and some along the left and right sides. Each pin is a simple line drawing with two dark bands near the top.

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

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**LOCATION**

NEW HOPE BOWL  
7107 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North  
New Hope, MN 55427

**TIME**

7:00 – 9:30PM

- 
- 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 - checks made out to Branch 9
  - Bowlers will receive 2 games, shoe rental, pizza and a fun filled evening cash bar and restaurant on site
  - Silent auction, 50/50 and raffle drawings
  - Contest for best gift basket - winning stations (3) will receive donuts
  - Deadline to register your team is **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - All proceeds will go to MDA

**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 24, 2016 or bring to  
 that night's GMM**

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

The following rules apply to all three scholarships:

A. Any senior graduating from high school and is a dependent of a Branch 9 member is eligible for these scholarships.

B. The scholarships may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university.

C. Three names will be drawn for each scholarship. The first name picked will be the winner, then first and second runner-up respectively. The winners of any drawing will not be eligible for the other drawings.

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

1. The applicant's name, address, and home phone number.
2. The name of the applicant's parent or guardian who is a member of Branch 9.
3. The intended school of choice, if known.

E. Payment to the winners will be made after they have enrolled and can show proof of payment towards their tuition.

**Members with dependents who graduate from high school this spring and who plan to attend an accredited educational institution next fall, should complete the applications and return them to the Branch Office by May 24 or bring them to that night's GMM. All three forms should be submitted as there are three separate drawings for each scholarship. Please enter the three scholarship drawings only once.**

# Adult Learners Scholarship

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

**Adult Learners,  
please submit your scholarship  
application to Branch 9 by  
May 24, 2016 or bring to that  
night's GMM**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Active or Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Work Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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

The following rules apply to the two scholarships:

A. Any member active or retired in good standing of Branch 9 is eligible for one of the two scholarships.

B. The scholarships may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university. The Adult Learner Scholarships may also be used for any community, county or state adult educational program.

C. One name will be drawn for each scholarship. The first name picked will be the winner. The winners of any drawing will not be eligible for the other drawings.

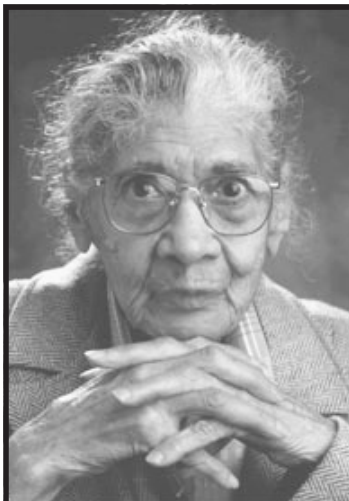
D. The application for the drawings will run in the March and April issues of the Branch Nine News. The drawing will be held at the May General Membership Meeting. The applications shall contain the following information:

1. The applicant's name, address, and home phone number.
2. Whether active or retired.

E. Payment to the winners will be made after they have enrolled and can show proof of payment towards their tuition.

F. Benefits under the Adult Learner Scholarships expire one year from date of drawing.

Members who plan to attend an accredited education institution should complete the application and return it to the Branch Office by May 24, or bring to that night's General Membership Meeting.



## Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship A Labor and Education Partnership

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

Application for 2016 - 2017 academic year now being accepted.

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## **Branch 9 Calendar**

**April 23**

Ron St. Clair MDA Bowlathon  
7:00PM  
New Hope Bowl

**April 26**

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

**Sunday, May 1**

Red & Gold Retiree Banquet  
12:00 - 3:30PM  
Minneapolis Ramada Plaza  
1330 Industrial Blvd, Minneapolis

**Sunday, May 8**

Komen Race for the Cure  
Southdale Center, Edina, MN

**May 10**

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

**Saturday, May 14**  
**NALC Food Drive**

**Sunday, May 22**

Political Conference  
1:00PM  
Branch 28, Maplewood, MN

**May 24**

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

**May 30**

Memorial Day  
HOLIDAY

**Northside Retiree Breakfast**

1st Tuesday of the Month  
9:30AM @ Elsie's  
729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis

**N Suburban Retiree Breakfast**

1st Friday of the Month  
8:30AM @ Denny's Restaurant  
9020 Quaday Avenue NE, Otsego

**Southside Retiree Breakfast**

2nd Tuesday of the Month  
9:00AM @ Fred Babcock VFW  
6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

**Nokomis Retiree Breakfast**

4th Tuesday of the Month  
9:00AM @ Fred Babcock VFW  
6715 Lakeshore Dr, Richfield

**POCUM**

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