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Rolando emphasizes consensus reforms during Senate committee hearing on USPS

On January 21, the Senate's Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (HSGAC) conducted a hearing to discuss the "Reality of the Postal Service." The major emphasis of the hearing was to determine the state of the Postal Service as it relates to its finances—specifically revenue, expenses, liabilities and debt—and to discuss the impact of the legislative and regulatory burdens to which USPS is subjected.

The hearing consisted of two panels of witnesses. NALC President Fredric Rolando was on the second panel, and he focused his testimony on the effect of the congressional mandate on USPS to pre-fund its retiree health benefits fund (RHBF).

In his testimony, Rolando called on the committee to address three major impediments to the Postal Service: **1) the pre-funding mandate, which accounts for 86 percent of USPS' \$57 billion in reported losses. 2) the policy that requires all postal retirement funds to be invested in low-yielding Treasury bonds. 3) The scheduled expiration in April of the 4.3% exigent rate increase.**

"NALC has suggested a variety of legislative measures to address the prefunding mandate," Rolando said. "Reforms to the FEHBP program to maximize participation in Medicare among eligible postal

retirees would all but eliminate the \$50 billion unfunded liability for future retiree health, while raising Medicare spending by less than two-tenths of one percent annually."

The committee paid particular attention to investment of the retiree health benefits fund, and Rolando called on the committee



to "undertake prudent investment change to raise the long-term rate of return on the retiree health fund's assets, to achieve pre-funding goals, to offset the cost of postal Medicare integration, to relieve upward pressure on postage rates, and to reduce the misguided impulse to cut services."

Rolando said that the pension accounts under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS), when combined with the postal RHBF, account for nearly \$340 billion in Treasury securities. "That makes the Postal Service and its employees the third largest creditor of the U.S. federal

government," the president said: "just behind China and Japan.

"No private company in America would invest its retirement assets in such an unsophisticated way," he said, "especially during a period when Treasuries are yielding two to four percent returns while health care costs grow five to seven percent annually."

During the hearing, much attention was focused on a discussion of postal stakeholders' consensus on the **principles of successful postal reform, including: 1) stabilizing postal finances by making the exigent increase permanent while freezing capped postage rates until the Postal Regulatory Commission's (PRC) review is complete. 2) resolving the pre-funding burden by maximizing Medicare integration in FEHBP among postal participants. 3) sensibly changing the way USPS invests the retiree health fund.**

"All four unions, the Postal Service, and a wide range of companies providing financial services, prescription drugs, newspapers, direct mail products, and e-commerce sales have agreed on a set of principles," Rolando said. "the evolving needs of the nation."

To read more on the committee hearing go to www.nalc.org/nalc-updates

RETIREMENTS



Kathy Bolton (Loring) with Steward Darius Hall - Happy Retirement!



Eloyd Thornton (Burnsville) with Exec VP Darrell Maus congratulating him on his retirement.



Judy Thorbus & Paul Federly (Lost Lake) take their last punch with Steward Robb Petersburg.



Newly retired Dave Breid (Burnsville) is congratulated by Exec VP Darrell Maus.



Jayme Griesling, Bob Pullis, Mark Holtey, Jacqueline Werdien & Scott Putnam (CR) are all enjoying their recent retirements.

Branch 9 donates to the Alexandra House in Blaine, MN

During the Stewards meeting in December volunteers gathered to help create personal care hygiene packets (shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brush, etc.) for people in crisis.



If you need help or want to donate your time and/or money visit the Alexandra House website at alexandrahouse.org/

Ice Fishing

Once again Branch 9 had its annual Ice Fishing Event from January 17 - 18 at Twin Pines Resort located on Lake Millie Lacs in Garrison, MN.



Ron Peterson (BC) was the winner of the Ice Fishing contest. He caught the largest walleye of the weekend at 21-1/8" long. Congratulations Ron!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Is that a light at the end of the tunnel?

It is the start of a new year, and the beginning of a new term of office, but more importantly it is a time of change for Branch 9 and the NALC.

So what do I mean by change?

What I am talking about, is the changing face of our union. The changes or turnover of the membership.

As an organization that is over 125 years old, there have been numerous turnovers of the membership as senior carriers retire and new carriers are hired and join the union. **I call it a generational shift as the post-Vietnam era carriers (late baby-boomers) have and are retiring.** If you were to look at Branch 9's seniority roster, you would see that the carriers in the first column (often referred to as death row) have 30+ years of service in the USPS and NALC. **These men and women are often asked "when are you going to retire?"** As one of those on death row, and in the position of leadership there is a question that I find myself asking **"are we doing enough to get the union ready for the next turnover that is coming at us like a freight train?"**

It seems like it was just yesterday that I became a steward at the Brooklyn Center station and began attending union meetings. At that time, we were at the start of another **'generational shift'** in our membership. Back then I played a different role. I was one of the new kids and I was being asked to get involved with the union and to step up and do my part.

Then, in what seemed like a blink of an eye thirty years had passed

and the USPS and NALC are facing another generational shift, but this time I am a senior member and officer of the Branch. My role now is to prepare and help us get ready for the next turnover and to encourage the newer/younger members to get involved and to step up in our union.

In January and February, 2016, we saw several examples that this generational shift is coming and that we need do everything we can to ensure that every voice in Branch 9 is heard and included in the discussions we have about our membership in order to continue to build and strengthen our union for the future.

During the Martin Luther King holiday, the NALC held the first, of what I hope will be repeated, National City Carrier Assistant Conference. This conference had 200 branches represented from all around the country to talk about the issues effecting CCAs and to also give them a chance to learn about the NALC from our National Officers. The representatives were current and recently converted CCAs. Unfortunately, each Branch was limited to just one representative. I selected Michelle Guzman (Coon Rapids) to attend. Her feedback on the conference was that it was informative and she learned a great deal about being a CCA and the NALC.

In January, we also had the first of our tri-annual CCA and newer employee meeting with over 40 people in attendance. These meetings are specifically tailored to address the issues of CCAs and newly converted regulars. The agenda of the meeting is determined by the attendees and we stay until all of their questions



Mike Zagaros

are addressed. **Our next meeting is scheduled for May 19th and it will be held at the Crystal VFW.**

Manny Peralta, (NALC Director of Safety and Health) managed to escape the DC Blizzard and attend our January General Membership Meeting to install the officers and stewards of Branch 9 for the 2016 – 2018 term of office.

It was exciting to see all of the new stewards taking the oath of office for the first time. We have 9 stewards who started out their careers as CCAs. This is even more proof that CCAs are indeed the future of our union and we need to continue encouraging them to participate. In order to achieve this goal, a Motion was passed by the membership to form a committee that will come up with new ideas and an agenda on how to increase new employee participation within the union.

Why, some may ask? In 2013 USPS management determined that 60% of our current membership were or would be deemed eligible to retire within 5 years. It is that shift in our membership that has many of us concerned and asking ourselves **who will be the NALC activists of the future?** If you are interested, or have ideas that you think should be discussed, please free to contact me via email at

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

Saturday, April 23, 2016

LOCATION

NEW HOPE BOWL
7101 42nd Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427

TIME

7:00 – 9:30PM

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- 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 15th**
 - All proceeds will go to MDA

Executive Vice President's Report

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Sometimes, when we in need help the most, we are the least likely to recognize it.

Suffered the loss of a loved one? HELP! Been diagnosed with a major illness? HELP! Divorce? HELP! Financial problems? HELP! Work issues/severe stress? HELP! **Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)** with symptoms peaking at this time of year? HELP!

Most of us can identify with the enormous impact these issues create in our lives, both at home and at work. We see it, we extend our sympathies with cards and calls, we even try to lend an ear, and/or try to urge them to seek medical help. Far too often our show of concern falls on deaf ears and something tragic happens.

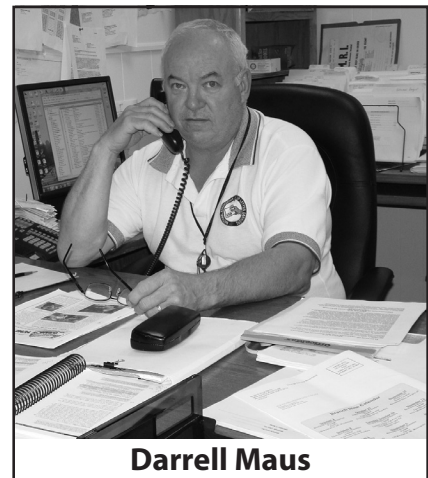
Here are some statistics that show what can happen when people feel their lives are out of their control:

- **EVERY MINUTE SOMEONE IN THE UNITED STATES ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.**
- **EVERY 16 MINUTES SOMEONE DIES BY SUICIDE.**
- **WORLDWIDE MORE PEOPLE DIE BY TAKING THEIR OWN LIVES, THAN ARE KILLED BY WAR AND HOMICIDE COMBINED**
- **WOMEN ATTEMPT SUICIDE TWICE AS OFTEN AS MEN.**
- **MEN DIE BY SUICIDE FOUR TIMES AS OFTEN AS WOMEN!!!**

These listed facts must move us to recognize and not shrug off any "red flags" we may witness or see in our families, friends and co-workers that we see daily.

EAP is an excellent resource and we must continue to remind our friends in need that there is help available. We cannot and should not let our reservations of talking with our co-workers or family member or friends stop us from opening up a line of communication. We do not have to be doctors or specialists to do this. Listen to them, question them and refer them to EAP. Unfortunately, there is no definitive list of reasons or times to use EAP. Moodiness, anxiety, problems sleeping, energy loss, and irritability may be some of the warning signs trying to get our attention. Realizing and acknowledging the issues that are going on in our lives is key to what we believe our choices are in dealing with them.

With that in mind, I encourage anyone who is reading this issue to take a closer look at your families, co-workers and even yourself. Certain actions and behaviors called "stressors" can often be discounted and ignored. Separately, these "stressors" don't make the "front page" news of events that are in need of special consideration or attention, but over time they pile up, one on top of another: Financial problems, trouble with the in-laws, spouse loses a job, child going off to college, serious illness of a parent or family members, drug problem, changes in work schedules/methods, management or co-workers behavior at the office. The list is endless, and the issues can and usually will continue to grow until there's an elephant in the



Darrell Maus

room, and no one has a clue on how the heck it got there or how to get rid of it!

The big issues are easier to see and more readily acknowledged, but the world today is far more complex than it used to be and the demands of handling stressful situations no matter the size (large, medium, or small) need to be acknowledged and dealt with sooner rather than later.

Remember, EAP is FREE to you, your family and anyone living in your household (except tenants and live-in employees). Your privacy is strictly protected. If you are a letter carrier's family member and you wish to use EAP anonymously, you can! You do not need approval, permission or to notify anyone to utilize this resource, and your participation is completely confidential.

We must try to be diligent and make sure our families and co-workers know there's help available. All it takes is a phone call.

- Joe Boyle 612-349-4421
- Patricia Randall 651-681-2576

•National Hotline
1-800-EAP-4-YOU
(1-800-327-4968)

Branch 9 CCA and Newly Converted Carrier Meeting



Branch 9 held its first 2016 CCA and Newly Converted Career Employee Meeting on Thursday, January 21.

A variety of topics were covered (hold downs, conversion, annual leave, moving from station to station and Sunday delivery) The main focus was on the questions and concerns of the CCAs and newly converted carriers that attended.

During the CCA meeting Michelle Guzman (newly converted regular carrier and Coon Rapids Steward) who was Branch 9's representative made a presentation on the first NALC CCA Conference.

The conference was held in St. Louis over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Brian Renfro, NALC Director of City Delivery and his staff presided over the conference along with the approximately 200 current and converted CCAs that were sent by their branch to attend.

Topics included a presentation from President Fred Rolando, NALC history, contract bargaining, grievance arbitration, retirement, health benefits, uniforms, DOIS and union involvement. During the CCA meeting Michelle made a presentation discussing what she had learned from the conference.

The highlight of the weekend was the open forum in which attendees could give suggestions and ask questions of their leaders.



Welcome New Members

Barbara J Addington
Araceli Aguilar Alatorre
David M Baker
Peder A Bruvold
Marcus L Burris
Pamela Cavanaugh
Gordon T Chapman
Aaron A Christoffersen
Daniel J Cooper
Pema Drongmebaro
Kristin E Dubois
Peter J Evenson
Heidi R Fahey
Mohamed A Felema
Thedford J Grady
Stephanie Green
Neil E Guyot
Daniel Hanson
Elle G Hansen
Timothy J Heinlein
Chie I Herr

Jorie J Jackson
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Jon E Koessler
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Tyler J Morin
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Michael P Nelson
Tsering Ngodup

Matthew S Nuernberg
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Leland V Owens
Chantia T Pasley
Kevin J Pater
Elisa Prowell
Merri A Quick
Carmen M Reed
Claire Steinberg
Hue Thao
Jack Thompson
Myron S Trejo
James H Vance
Brian M Vanderwerf
Christopher T White
Pao Xiong
Michael A Yaeger
Andy Yang
Daniel T Zelekeho

Branch 9 Newly Elected Officers and Stewards are Installed

"I do solemnly promise on my honor that I will faithfully execute the laws of the National Association of Letter Carriers. I will perform, to the best of my ability, the duties of the office to which I have been elected, guard all property placed in my charge and, at the expiration of my term of office, turn the same over to my successor. I will do all in my power to promote the welfare of the National Association of Letter Carriers and its members."



STEWARD LIST BY STATION

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Patrick Paplow | Andover | Joe Tiemann | Golden Valley |
| James Nelson | Anoka | Adam Tingelstad | Golden Valley |
| Vicki Fleming | Bloomington | Kathy Carlson | Jordan |
| Ken Jambois | Brooklyn Center | George Kell, III | Lake Street |
| Nicholas Zagaros | Brooklyn Center | Bruce Okeson | Lake Street |
| Melia Derrick | Brooklyn Park | Darius Hall | Loring |
| Vince Froehlich | Brooklyn Park | Robb Petersburg | Lost Lake |
| Connie Beissel | Burnsville | Jacob Carter | Lowry |
| Bradley Knutson | Burnsville | Cindy Fossum | Lowry |
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| Elizabeth O Neill | Coon Rapids | James Keenan | Nokomis |
| James Spencer | Coon Rapids | Roger Maas | Osseo |
| Kyle Mulcahy | Diamond Lake | Joe Wineman | Powderhorn |
| William Devries, III | Eastside | Joe Rian | Richfield |
| Matt Peterson | Eastside | Chad Zutter | Robbinsdale |
| Kevin Rood | Edina | Mark Olufson | St Louis Park |
| James Julik | Elk River | David Flynn | Thomas Burnett |
| Michael Erhard | Elmwood | Tony Winkels | University |
| Jeffrey Johnson | Elmwood | Mike Smith | West Edina |
| Perry Korzenowski | Fridley | Tom Taykalo | Zone 4/54 |

Letter Carrier Perfect

City carriers perform an important function in the United States Postal Service. They serve millions of families and business firms daily. City carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedicated service, especially during national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions. You are a member of this group of faithful and dedicated employees. These articles will help you provide high quality service that you will be proud of.

Carrier Route Book

Check form 1564A, Route Instruction, to find the location of collection boxes, relay points, park and loop locations, route schedule, lines of travel and the authorized lunch locations. (M-41 251-252)

Flats and SPRs

When casing flats and small parcels and rolls (SPRs), the carrier stands directly in front of the flat case holding approximately 50 pieces (6 inches) in the left arm while distributing with the right hand. The carrier will not pick up pieces individually from the case ledge. (M-39 121.16)

Local management determines what is, or is not, a "thin flat" and whether a carrier will fold "thin flats" and place them in the letter case. (M-00402 11/15/77)

Casing Letters

To case letter mail, the carrier stands a few inches back from the center of the case where labels can be easily read and letter separations reached without moving the feet. The carrier picks up 2 or more inches of mail with the left hand. (M-39 121.14)

Hold to one side — letters for streets and block numbers of streets which do not appear on the case. These are probably intended for other routes but have been mis-sorted.

- a. Return mis-sorts to the distribution case before leaving on any trip and as far in advance of leaving time as possible.
- b. However, mis-throws that can be handed to a nearby carrier should not be returned for distribution. (M-41 224.17)

Casing Standards

Management may not charge or impose discipline upon a carrier merely for failing to meet the "18 and 8" casing standards. M-00386 7/11/77



Latest Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

Based on the January 21, 2016 release of the December 2015 Consumer Price Index (CPI), the accumulation toward the seventh Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement remains at \$0.

NALC and the U.S. Postal Service settle two national-level cases.

Q06N-4Q-C-09106125 (M-01868) concerning the excessing rules when employees from other crafts are excessed into the letter carrier craft outside of their original installation.

Q11N-4Q-C 15037141 (M-01867) concerning the effective date that coverage begins after selecting a health benefits plan following a conversion from non-career status to career status.

E-ACTIVIST

Join together with tens of thousands of other letter carriers at <https://forms.nalc.org/e-activist> to make your voice heard! The NALC will send you e-mail alerts when it's time to act on issues affecting active and retired letter carriers and the future of the Postal Service.



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In February, the AFL-CIO and the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation sponsored a hearing on Racial and Economic Justice. The hearing was held before the members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council who make up the Labor Commission on Racial and Economic Justice.

There were two sessions on Friday, February 12, 2016 as well as Town Hall the previous evening. The purpose of the Town Hall was to give union members, that were able to attend the Friday morning session and give the community partners an opportunity to take testimony and provide ideas for ways to improve the diversity of our unions, grow our labor movement and retain workers of color in our unions. There was individual testimony and an opportunity for everyone to participate in group discussions that centered on the topics of race and equity in the labor movement.

The Friday morning session was open to union members to once again testify before the commissioners. The afternoon session was a closed session for further discussions on racial and economic disparities in our unions and communities.

Branch 9 was well represented at both the Town Hall and the morning session. Cathy Jones (Lake Street) and I were invited to participate in the afternoon session.

This forum provided a safe environment for discussions that were both frank and honest from each person's perspective. While there are many differing opinions all who were there agreed that these conversations were only the beginning and need to continue.

Every month we see the results of the generational shift. Many, but not all, of our newer members are new to the work force and many of these newer members have young families. We can and need to do more to get the next generation of NALC leaders and activists ready and participating in the business of our union.

We need to do more in the area of training on the contract as well as, in politics and legislation as these can and will impact our daily lives. We also need to look at possible barriers that our members may face that could keep them from participating in the activities of the Branch. We also need to continue to have to discussions that address the hard subjects like race.

We have a lot of work to do, because that light at the end of the tunnel is the membership turnover train coming around again.

The Ron St. Clair MDA Bowl-a-thon

**April 23, 2016
7:00PM**

**New Hope Bowl
7107 42nd Avenue N
Minneapolis, MN 55427**

Teams of 4
 Cost: \$40 per person
 (collected donations)

Each station can help increase Branch 9's donation to MDA by providing a basket (\$50 value) for the silent auction.

PRIZES FOR:

- *MOST RISKY BASKET
- *MOST INVENTIVE BASKET
- *MOST PRACTICAL BASKET

AND

50/50 Drawings, Silent Auction, Food, Beverages and Bowling

MDA Muscle Walk of Twin Cities MN

**May 14, 2016
9:00AM**

**Rosland Park
Edina, MN**

Team Captain

Mike Zagaros
 Branch 9 NALC

Go to www.walk.mda.org/ to join or donate



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P.A.L. 9 ANNUAL LETTER

January 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

It's that time of year again when our members must decide if they want to stand up and take part in the political process or just stand on the sidelines and let others determine the outcome of the 2016 elections. While there are many ways to engage in this process, PAL 9 allows us to not only financially support politicians favorable to our issues, but to meet with them personally to reinforce our agenda. Like it or not, money is still the boss when it comes to elections.

The next election year will be particularly important to all workers and the very future of the American values we were raised with. You surely have noticed by now the extreme negativity that many of the candidates are espousing. It is pretty apparent that a number of them don't give a damn about the average citizen. Their solution to every problem in the country is to cut or privatize Social Security or any safety net that helps the disadvantaged or retired. They want to engage in more war but desert the veteran when he or she returns from battle. If these or other social issues don't concern you, unfair trade agreements and loss of job security should. Never forget that our job as Letter Carriers can be upended with the stroke of the Congressional pen.

PAL 9 lost its' greatest benefactor Howard Lamson recently. He singly contributed nearly fifty percent of our donations in the past five years or so. Its' time for ALL of us, active and retired, to step up and make up for what this one individual provided for all that time. After all, it is your career and pension that are at stake.

Lenny Larson
President PAL 9

Ron Lawrence
Treasurer PAL 9

Name: _____

Address: _____

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___ Very Concerned Membership (\$50.00 or More)

___ Active Carrier (Station _____)

Clip & Mail to: Ron Lawrence
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___ Retired Carrier

The following is a list of Paid Members of PAL 9 for January 2016.

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POCUM
6:00PM - Labor Centre -2nd Floor
312 Central Ave, Minneapolis

February 23

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

February 23

General Membership Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW
5222 Bass Lk Rd, Crystal

March 1

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

March 4

N Suburban Retiree Breakfast
8:30AM
Denny’s Restaurant
9020 Quaday Avenue NE, Otsego

March 8

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

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Steward Board Meeting
7:00PM
Crystal VFW
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