



Branch 9 is MAD (Making a Difference) For Julie!

The Twin Cities Race for the Cure was held at Southdale Center on Mother's Day. There were lots of people, the weather was gorgeous, and it was all for a great cause.

It was incredible to see so many people! I had heard over 30,000 people attended. Everyone was wearing pink clothes, and some had pink wigs. Even the firefighters had pink oxygen tanks. At one point, there were people as far as the eye could see.

We couldn't have asked for a better day to go on a walk. I sometimes feel like we skip right over spring and go right into

Branch 9 had T-shirts made with a special patch embroidered on the sleeve in honor of our sister Julie Waldemar, who we lost in September.



Branch 9's MAD (Making a Difference) Team.

As I sat up late on Sunday, I was saddened remembering the ones we lost, but uplifted to know some of the many survivors who won the battle. This was my first Race for the Cure, and I had a great time. The amount of organization was impressive considering how many people were involved. There were so



Chuck Glover (retired) & Pam Donato (NALC Headquarters)

summer, but not on Mother's Day. It was a perfect blend of warm sun and cool air. Flowers were coming up, birds were singing, and the apple trees were blooming.

Most of us know someone who has been afflicted with breast cancer. It's amazing that it can bring so many people together to celebrate life.

many wonderful stories to hear and share with others. Rain or shine, I'll definitely be attending this event again. I hope to see more Branch 9 members at Race for the Cure 2017!

Robb Petersburg
Lost Lake Carrier and Steward



Angie Syverson (B9 Office) & Samantha Hartwig (Zone 4/54)



Robb Petersburg (Lost Lake), Carol Garnto (Lost Lake) & Melia Derrick (BP)



Coon Rapids - Jenna Crider, Pam Donato, Lisa O'Neill, Mike Zagaros, Margaret Savaloja, Madison Burggraff & Daniel O'Neill

RETIREMENTS



Greg Pajak is all smiles as he makes his last punch at Brooklyn Center with Stewards Nick Zagaros and Ken Jambois looking on.

The following is a list of PAL 9 paid members for April 2016.

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Submitted By
Ron Lawrence
Treasurer PAL 9

In Memoriam

Norris Gilbert
James McCabe
Raymond Mika
Norma Jean Peterson
Ernie Saice

Welcome New Members

Thomas Arnold
David Bare
Juan Berrezueta
Mackenzie Byrne
Diane Cantu
Heidi Casillas-Cordero
Charlotte Copeland
Justin Dobratz
Rosa Espinoza
Andrew Gregg
Evan Hanson
Sarah Hayden
Robert Hodge
Andrew Jackson
Shanice Johnson
Steven Johnson
Jules Koudaya
William Krannich IV
Danielle Langehaug
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Executive Vice President's Report

Are We One As A Union?

With all of the changes and issues happening currently on the workroom floors we cannot lose sight of the fact that we need to work together and support each other and every day.

Carriers are concerned about what the future may hold for the Post Office. Most carriers are concerned about their benefits. CCA's are concerned about their future employment and how soon they will become career employees so they can enjoy the benefits available. Senior carriers are concerned about their retirement and the possibility of losing future benefits. We as a Union have to remind ourselves that because of the ongoing political battle, led by some to destroy the USPS, we must stay focused and watch out for one another. No matter how big the issues are on the workroom floor, our biggest concern needs to be focused on the damage that can be done to us in the political arena. With that being said, we still must help each other in our daily work at our offices.

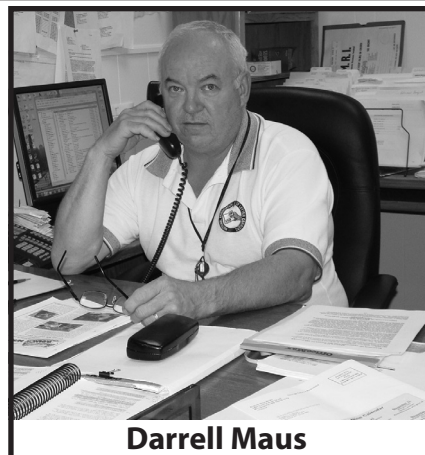
If you see management treating a fellow carrier in a way that is disrespectful, you need to step up even if it is merely by finding a steward and informing them of the situation. Yes, it is much easier to not get involved, but that is not what we as a Union can allow. The Joint Statement of Violence and Behavior in the Workplace was written and agreed upon for these reasons. Everyone is to be treated with dignity and respect. Behaviors such as intimidation and threats will not be tolerated. When you witness such actions taking place in your office your role does not have to be the person trying to resolve the situation, it can be merely acting as a witness and informing your steward of what has transpired.

In the offices that Mike and I have recently visited, it appears to us that the stations where the carriers have taken it upon themselves to watch out for each other and to voice their opinions regarding inappropriate behavior by management, the issues seem to be of a lesser nature. This by no means insinuates that there are not issues at every station that we represent; it only means the levels are varied. We can not work through the issues at our stations by hoping things will get better in time or that eventually the problem will just go away. We also cannot have the attitude of eyes down and mouth shut when a supervisor or manager is yelling at your co-worker and have a "thank goodness it's not me" moment. We have to support each other and keep your steward informed of any actions you feel may be in violation of the Joint Statement. The Branch also needs to be notified because improper behavior by supervisors and managers will not be tolerated by not only the officers and stewards of Branch 9, but each and every member of this Union. **That is what a Union is all about "an injury to one is an injury to all."**

Self Test

After reading the above article ask yourself the following questions and see if you are a part of **"Are we one as a Union"**.

1. What kind of a Union member am I?
2. Am I supporting my fellow members at work?
3. Am I attending Union meetings regularly?
4. Am I volunteering for Union charitable events (i.e. MDA, NALC food drive or any of the other numerous events we have each year?



Darrell Maus

5. Am I keeping informed of Union and political issues?
6. Am I volunteering for political activities at the Union's request?
7. Am I contributing to LCPF and PAL 9?

To be a good Union member today it takes more than simply paying dues. We must maintain the standards and ideals that past members have had. Whether, it was the strikers from the 1970 strike or the current members that are always volunteering their time and/or money to our political funds. To be a good Union member today, you have to be able to answer "yes" to the above test questions and not be reserved when it comes time to talk about current issues concerning our Union, and ask yourself, why do we continue to allow non-members to enjoy the same benefits as we do without paying dues?

We must all recommit ourselves to the standards and ideals that benefit us all and not rely solely on the elected officers to accomplish these feats on our behalf.

In closing, I hope Mike Zagaros and I will see more of you at the Branch Union meeting and events in the future.

CCA Ranking as of May 14, 2016

1	Lundquist, Kyler B	2/14/2015	2	61	Moreside, James	10/10/2015	5
2	Bixler, Joylynn C	2/14/2015	3	62	Halbert, Ayanna	10/10/2015	9
3	Anderson, Caresse J	2/14/2015	5	63	Madsen, Roxanne R	10/17/2015	2
4	Holmes, Nikia T	2/14/2015	6	64	Edgington, Hilda N	10/17/2015	3
5	Taylor, Chavonn D	2/21/2015	4	65	Yang, Cheng	10/17/2015	5
6	Tangen, Kyle C	2/21/2015	6	66	Carlson, Anthony J	10/24/2015	5
7	Xiong, Choua	2/21/2015	7	67	Rothstein, John C	10/24/2015	6
8	Amegnenou, Komivi	2/21/2015	8	68	Weeldreyer, Angela K	10/24/2015	7
9	Neal, Evalina L	2/21/2015	9	69	Deweever, Tara L	10/24/2015	9
10	Bowman, Verna L	2/21/2015	10	70	Mortinson, Matthew J	11/7/2015	1
11	Hernandez, Moises A	2/21/2015	15	71	Burris, Marcus	11/7/2015	2
12	Ware I, Lyneatta K	3/21/2015	5	72	Linnemeyer, Blake	11/7/2015	3
13	Staiert, Stephanie A	4/28/2015	1	73	Burke, Sean	11/7/2015	4
14	Thor, Chue N	5/6/2015	1	74	Fredrickson, Haley J	11/7/2015	5
15	Zajac, Renae	5/30/2015	5	75	Bradford Sr, Christopher L	11/7/2015	6
16	Dennen, Robert	5/30/2015	7	76	Baker, Brittney K	11/7/2015	7
17	Lekmon, Tenzin	5/30/2015	15	77	Keul, Ashley	11/7/2015	8
18	Jeong, Kaym	5/30/2015	21	78	Milbrath, Nathaniel A	11/7/2015	9
19	Merchant, Donald S	5/30/2015	23	79	Ojala, Weston	11/7/2015	10
20	Yang, Sayee	5/30/2015	25	80	Tacoronte, Charles G	11/7/2015	11
21	Grisham, Gordon C	5/30/2015	27	81	Mather, Deena M	11/7/2015	13
22	Michilot, Jordan B	6/27/2015	5	82	Lloyd, Katie M	11/7/2015	14
23	Flagg, Christopher E	6/27/2015	6	83	Finley, Jennifer	11/7/2015	15
24	Ross II, Randall K	6/27/2015	9	84	Tierney, Aron T	11/7/2015	16
25	Jones, Marvin C	6/27/2015	12	85	Schroeder, Carla J	11/10/2015	1
26	Li, Feifei	6/27/2015	18	86	Heinlein, Timothy J	11/14/2015	43
27	Barnum, Cynthia J	6/27/2015	19	87	Christoffersen, Aaron A	11/21/2015	5
28	Mazzara, Shannon M	6/27/2015	20	88	Guyot, Neil	11/21/2015	7
29	Poulsen, Richard M	6/27/2015	21	89	Chapman, Gordon T	11/21/2015	9
30	Gyeabour, Gordon D	6/27/2015	24	90	Yaeger, Michael A	11/21/2015	11
31	Dolo Jr, Moses S	6/27/2015	25	91	Reed, Carmen M	11/21/2015	15
32	Gordon, Erwin J	6/27/2015	74	92	Hansen, Elle G	11/21/2015	17
33	Gonzalez, Brian J	7/1/2015	1	93	Bruvold, Peder A	11/21/2015	21
34	Yeboah, Patrick K	7/4/2015	4	94	Pater, Kevin J	11/21/2015	23
35	Lee, Kongshia	7/8/2015	1	95	Cooper, Daniel	11/21/2015	27
36	Carter, Donald W	7/20/2015	1	96	Moua, Kong	11/21/2015	29
37	Sellers, Gabriel N	7/25/2015	1	97	Fahey, Heidi R	11/21/2015	31
38	Hill I, Caitlin M	7/25/2015	3	98	Addington, Barbara J	11/21/2015	33
39	Turrentine, Joel S	7/25/2015	9	99	McMoore, Daryl	11/21/2015	35
40	Hill, Christopher T	7/25/2015	15	100	Janowski, Nicolas E	11/21/2015	37
41	Linn, Mike J	7/25/2015	17	101	Koessler, Jon	11/21/2015	39
42	Grotkin, Christopher R	7/25/2015	25	102	Nuernberg, Matthew S	11/21/2015	43
43	Hune, Kanika S	7/25/2015	27	103	Nelson, Michael P	11/21/2015	45
44	Sarenpa Jr, Michael E	7/25/2015	37	104	McCaleb, Latasha	11/21/2015	49
45	Balchun, Travis A	7/25/2015	39	105	Owens, Leland	11/21/2015	53
46	Egan, Ashley M	7/25/2015	41	106	Felema, Mohamed A	11/21/2015	57
47	Nunez Mendez, Jose A	8/8/2015	2	107	Loushin, Karl	11/28/2015	1
48	Onduto, Metuselah N	8/15/2015	1	108	Martinez, Jose M	11/28/2015	9
49	Myrmel, Robyn S	8/29/2015	1	109	Steinberg, Claire	11/28/2015	11
50	Staehnke, Jill M	8/29/2015	3	110	Knox, Sir D	11/28/2015	13
51	Jones, Dustin C	8/29/2015	11	111	Aguilar Alatorre, Araceli	11/28/2015	15
52	Schorman, Max P	9/12/2015	1	112	Johnson, Timothy M	12/5/2015	2
53	Oorlog, Christopher C	9/12/2015	3	113	Kelly, Noreen L	12/5/2015	3
54	Brown, Darrin O	9/19/2015	1	114	Vanderwerf, Brian M	12/12/2015	3
55	Brocks, Sharmeen	9/19/2015	2	115	Trejo, Myron	12/12/2015	5
56	Lamer, Melina	9/19/2015	5	116	Cavanaugh, Pamela J	12/12/2015	9
57	Paul, Adam	9/19/2015	6	117	Emery, Jim	12/16/2015	2
58	Beckman, Ann R	9/19/2015	7	118	Bethea, Devon L	12/19/2015	1
59	Sitterley, Tracy M	9/26/2015	1				
60	Quigley, Timothy T	10/3/2015	1				

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119	Thao, Hue	12/19/2015	3	168	Mangseth, Mitchell	4/9/2016	25
120	Ebner, Kayla	12/19/2015	7	169	Steinhorst, Wayne A	4/9/2016	27
121	Drongmebaro I, Pema T	12/19/2015	9	170	Rocha, Ralph	4/9/2016	29
122	Hanson, Daniel	12/26/2015	1	171	Sparkman, Glinda L	4/9/2016	31
123	Claiborn, Quantavious L	12/26/2015	5	172	Johnson Jr, Steven J	4/9/2016	33
124	Lodin, Spencer	2/20/2016	1	173	Bare, Daud	4/9/2016	35
125	Thompson, Karen I	2/20/2016	5	174	Mohamed, Kadiga S	4/16/2016	1
126	Sibell, Wayne L	2/20/2016	7	175	Welch, Kisha R	4/23/2016	1
127	Frost, Terry A	2/20/2016	9	176	Helgeson, John	4/23/2016	3
128	Stone, Tory	2/20/2016	13	177	Henry, Ashley	4/23/2016	5
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132	Pennock, Christopher C	3/12/2016	1	181	White, Equonda D	4/23/2016	15
133	Grochowski, Rachel	3/12/2016	3	182	Halttunen, Josh	4/23/2016	17
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136	Meester, Alexander L	3/12/2016	13	185	Fleck, Alexander R	4/23/2016	23
137	Lavalle, James M	3/16/2016	1	186	Bradley, Quinn P	4/23/2016	25
138	Stangler, Leslie	3/19/2016	1	187	Brock, Benjamin W	4/23/2016	27
139	Hanson, Evan D	3/19/2016	3	188	Bolinske, Cody	4/23/2016	29
140	Stoumbelis, Stephanie	3/19/2016	5	189	Rodriguez Pinos, Nancy J	4/23/2016	31
141	Thro, Jenna	3/19/2016	7	190	Vang, Xai	4/23/2016	33
142	Copeland, Charlotte L	3/19/2016	9	191	Bergman, Jared T	4/23/2016	35
143	Taylor, Yahtia	3/19/2016	13	192	Ulleberg, Douglas B	4/23/2016	37
144	Arnold, Thomas W	3/19/2016	15	193	Mohamed, Anhar S	4/23/2016	39
145	Lofton, Shanya L	3/19/2016	17	194	Njine Ngangley, Sylvain Noel	4/30/2016	3
146	Byrne, Mackenzie O	3/19/2016	19	195	Cannavino, Thomas	4/30/2016	3
147	Berrezueta, Juan C	3/19/2016	21	196	Murray, Britten	4/30/2016	5
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149	Wenwoi, Samantha	3/26/2016	3	198	Laker, James D	4/30/2016	9
150	Krannich IV, William	4/2/2016	1	199	Belevender, Kari H	4/30/2016	11
151	Casillas-Corder, Heidi L	4/2/2016	3	200	Dahiye, Sulub A	4/30/2016	13
152	Koudaya, Jules A	4/2/2016	5	201	Hanson, Tasha M	4/30/2016	15
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154	Yang, Tou T	4/2/2016	9	203	Johnson, Samuel H	4/30/2016	19
155	McFerson, Ester L	4/2/2016	11	204	Romero, Jesus M	4/30/2016	21
156	Swanson, Tyler A	4/9/2016	1	205	Crowe, Travis	5/7/2016	1
157	Hintz, Heidi	4/9/2016	3	206	Anderson, Jacob R	5/7/2016	3
158	Richards, Diane D	4/9/2016	5	207	Malmin, Brandon	5/7/2016	5
159	Gregg, Andrew S	4/9/2016	7	208	Ferguson, Samuel J	5/14/2016	1
160	Chatwin, William	4/9/2016	9	209	Olson, Chad	5/14/2016	3
161	Hayden, Sarah L	4/9/2016	11	210	White, Mitalo	5/14/2016	5
162	Perez Marquez I, Estefany	4/9/2016	13	211	Jackson, Tamekia	5/14/2016	7
163	Leaks, Girbaud	4/9/2016	15	212	Hughes, Amy J	5/14/2016	9
164	Wallner, Michael A	4/9/2016	17	213	Tawane, Mogow	5/14/2016	11
165	Hodge, Robert L	4/9/2016	19	214	Jones, Asia A	5/14/2016	13
166	Lattery, Steve T	4/9/2016	21	215	Sandiman, Amy S	5/14/2016	15
167	Olson, Kyle L	4/9/2016	23	216	Burk, Otha D	5/14/2016	17



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NORTHLAND DISTRICT CUSTOMER CONNECT FY16 CONTEST!

The office/station in each category to meet all the following requirements will win a catered breakfast served by District Manager, Tony Williams and NALC National Business Agent, Chris Wittenburg.

The program will have 3 categories- Large, medium and small offices:

- A. Large- offices with 40 carriers and up
- B. Medium- offices with 15-39 carriers
- C. Small- offices with 1-14 carriers

Requirements:

- Top in # of “quality” leads, carrier participation and revenue (all leads and participation deadline is Sept 30, 2016. Revenue totals deadline is Oct 14th, 2016.)
- 100% all service talks completed, signed (paper form) and certified online
- Audits completed (online) by both CC Coordinator and Management Rep

The Customer Connect Bi-weekly report provided by Headquarters and the MPOO District Report compiled by Northland District CC Coordinator Kelly Buesgens will be used as the data source to verify # leads, carrier participation, revenue and letter carrier count per office.

* In the event of a tie, the Station CC Coordinator and/or Union Steward will be required to write a short paragraph on their role as the coordinator and why their office/station deserves the breakfast.



Spring Cribbage Tournament

On April 13, we had our semi-annual Cribbage Death Match against St. Paul....

You may think that sounds a little extreme, but Minneapolis (Branch 9) and St. Paul (Branch 28) retirees take this tournament very seriously.

We met at the Branch 28 office in Maplewood for (in truth) a morning of cribbage, good times, terrific fellowship and of course a nice lunch.

Well Branch 9, we did it. The trophy is back in Minneapolis! Branch 9's own Ric Colburn won first prize! He had a bit of family luck on his side with his own personal magic cribbage board. This board was handmade by Ric's grandfather many years ago. I'm thinking he'll be using it from now on. St. Paul's Keith Proesch and Roger McClure took home Second and Third place (respectively).



Roger McClure (Third Place), Ric Colburn with his magic cribbage board (First Place), and Keith Proesch (Second Place)

Thanks Smokey for hosting us, and Florence for the lunch. As always, a wonderful time was had by all.

Come join us this autumn to find out what you're missing!

Should I keep my savings in the TSP after I retire?

You've reached the retirement "promised land" and now you're getting a lot of advice, solicited or otherwise, about what to do with your Thrift Savings Plan account. Most people plan to spend their savings over many years, perhaps decades. You will remain an investor long after you retire—and how you invest your TSP savings still matters.

The first question you will face is: **Should I take my money out of the TSP and invest it elsewhere?**

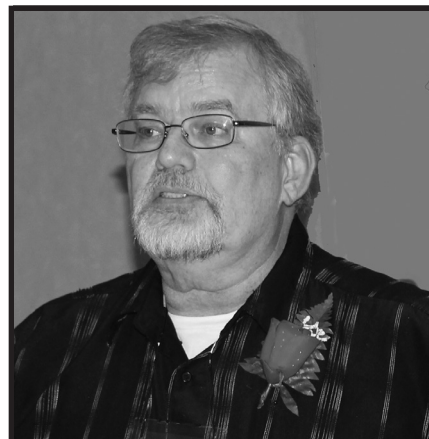
Perhaps you have seen an advertisement urging you to roll over your TSP funds into a high-rated investment fund with a strong reputation or perhaps your brother-in-law is an investment wizard who says he can provide superior returns and more attractive investment options. Maybe you want more flexibility on the way you withdraw and manage your TSP funds. It's a big decision.

The most important thing to remember is: **Take your time and do your due diligence. When you retire, you don't have to roll over your TSP funds into another kind of retirement account (an IRA, a former or a new employer's 401(k) plan, etc.), much less a taxable investment account. In fact, for most retired letter carriers, the best option is to keep your funds in the TSP.**

- First, even once you stop contributing to your TSP accounts, **the earnings on your investments will accrue tax-free until they are withdrawn** (unless you have Roth TSP investments).

- **Second, virtually no other investment option can match the low cost of investing with the TSP**, which currently charges an administrative fee of .029% on invested assets. That's less than 30 cents for each \$1,000 invested.

- Third, even if you can find a tax preferred investment fund with



**Rodney Anderson
Director of Retirees**

investment managers who can consistently out-perform the markets over time—which is rare indeed—**your actual results will depend on the fees you are charged by such managers. Fees of 1% or 2% are not uncommon. Over 35 years, a 1% charge on investments would reduce the value of your assets by as much as 25%.** That's the power of compound interest.

Can that new hot fund or your brother-in-law really beat the overall market by 25% over time?

In the past, for some annuitants, the decision to move their funds out of the TSP was less about better investment options and more about greater flexibility in how they could withdraw their funds. The TSP, for example, does not allow multiple lump-sum withdrawals or variable withdrawal schedules. Fortunately, the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board is working on proposed changes to dramatically increase the flexibility of its retirement options, changes that should take effect in the next couple of years.

If you do decide to move your funds out of the TSP, be careful. Know the tax implications of any change before you do anything. Make sure the funds are safe and run by reputable investment managers. And fully understand: Once you take your money out of the TSP, you can't return to the TSP later if the alternative doesn't pan out.

Branch 9 Letter Carriers attended a Twins game on Monday, May 9 to promote the 2016 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

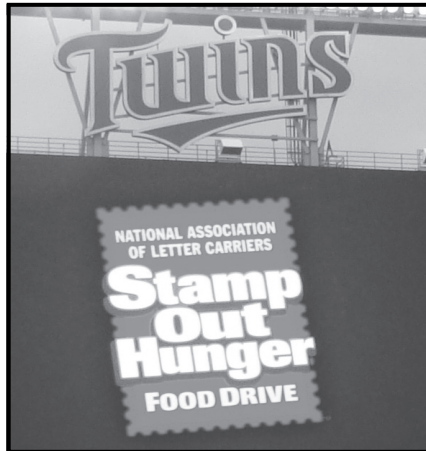
The Minnesota Twins were once again gracious enough to help Branch 9 promote the NALC Food Drive. They provided our volunteers tickets a chance to watch the Twins vs. Baltimore Orioles and although the game was postponed because of rain it was still a lot of fun.

Letter carriers were given their 5 seconds of fame by having their images projected on the Jumbo Tron while standing on the field near home plate.

We also were given a kiosk where we took in cash donations and became carnival barkers by promoting the food drive as Twins fans walked by. This was an easy way to get involved as a Letter Carrier to promote a good cause. Former NALC President Bill Young said it best, "Letter Carriers know their place in society by helping out in the largest food drive in the nation".

Will you be a part of next year's promotion? Can you get your group outside the Post Office to be of help at your local food bank? When it comes time to negotiate a new contract, decision making members on the other side of the isle will remember that we are an important part of society, not just workers.

In Solidarity,
Jim Nelson
Anoka Carrier, Steward & Sgt at Arms



At the April General Membership Meeting, there were three By-Law proposals that were acted upon. These proposals addressed 1. a change in the compensation for the Branch 9 Treasurer; 2. A new section that would identify how the selection and compensation of participants at the MSALC State Training meetings would be handled; 3. A change in how midterm vacancies of elected Branch 9 Officers would be dealt with. After extensive discussion, the members present and voting made the following decisions:

By-Law Proposal #1: Changing the monthly compensation for the Branch 9 Treasurer was adopted. **Following approval from the NALC Board of Laws, Article III, Section 7 will read: The Treasurer be paid the sum equivalent to 20 hours of top grade carrier pay each month.**

By-Law Proposal #2: Participants to the biennial MSALC training meeting. **A motion to table this proposal until the September General Membership Meeting following the 2016 National Convention was passed by the members in attendance.**

By-Law Proposal #3: Changing how vacant officer positions are filled midterm **was not adopted by the members present and voting.**

By-Law Proposal #1 has been submitted to the NALC Board of Laws for approval.

Submitted by:
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2016 Red and Gold Retiree Banquet

The 2016 Branch 9 "Red and Gold" Retiree Banquet was held on Sunday, May 1st. This year Branch 9 recognized and honored 35 of our retirees as they celebrated reaching the milestones of 50 and 60 years of membership in the NALC.

**60 Year Members
(joined in 1956)**

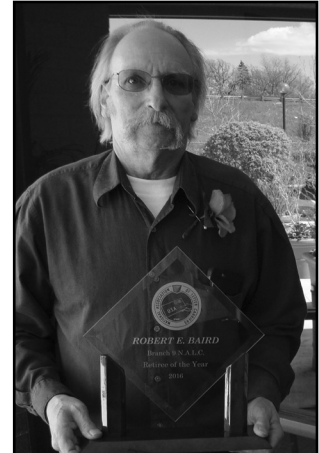
- Marvin Fischer
- Arthur Heikkila
- Marlin Holm
- Kenneth Johnson
- Gary Kvistberg - deceased
- Gerald Mattox
- James McCabe - deceased
- Lawrence Molstad
- Carl Palm
- Vernon Wehage
- Robert Zastera

**50 Year Members
(joined in 1966)**

- Ernest Anderson
- Dennis Bahn
- Ronald Barker
- Daryl Blatzheim
- Gerald Broman
- Richard Fischer
- Ronald Fodstad
- Richard Hansen
- Edward Issenhuth
- Thomas Laughlin
- Robert Moening
- Alf Mork
- Maurice Savoye
- George Skrbich
- Dwane Thompson
- Herman Weidner
- Robert Yost
- Vernon Zierman



Branch 9 members receiving their Ruby pins for 60 years of membership in the NALC.



**2016 Retiree of the Year
Robert Baird**



Branch 9 members receiving their Gold Cards and pins for 50 years of membership in the NALC.



**Greg Pajak, Branch 9's
newest retiree (2 days).**

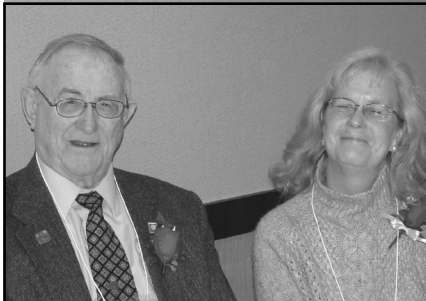


Yvone McCabe with grandson Jordan accepted Honoree James McCabe's (who was unable to attend) 60 year Ruby pin.



The 1970 Strikers!

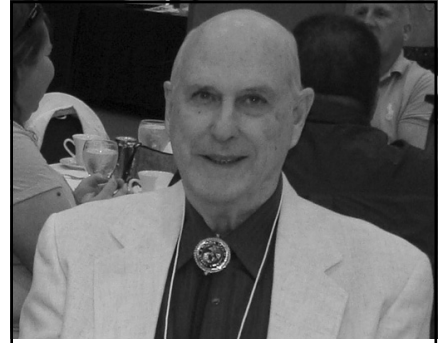
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Gerald & Marion Broman



**Norma & Vernon Zierman
and Jack Burmis**



Wain Pearce



Bill & Shirley Mechels



**Steven Oehlerich, Pamela &
Jonathan Peterson and Sally Menefee**



**Ralph, Dorothy, Douglas &
Margaret Buystedt**



Rodney Anderson and Richard Hanson



Jim Hendrickson and Gary Ruhl



Kent & Joyce Cleland



**Rose & Louis Kovacs and
Richard "Groucho" Patterson**



Carol & Timothy Bearth



**Dallas Holmes, Lenny Larson
and Jon Frick**

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Steve & Jean Philson



Barbara & Dave Burandt



Gordon Balfe and Andro Hiben



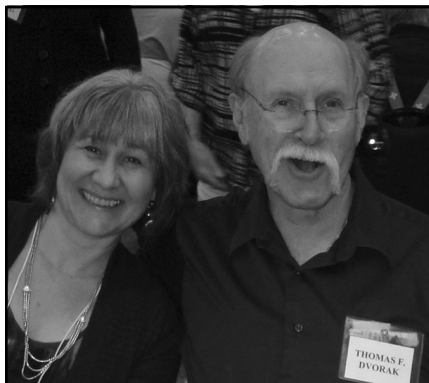
James & Vicki Hamilton



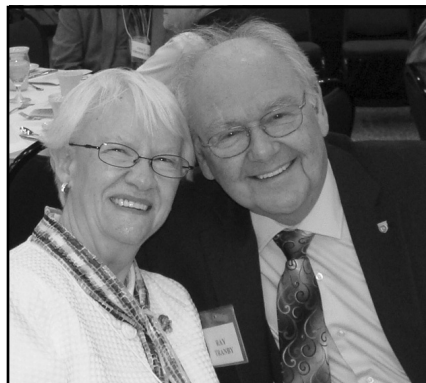
Ruth & Dwane Thompson



Larry Blesi and Jerome Bona



Nancy Hammerstad & Thomas Dvorak



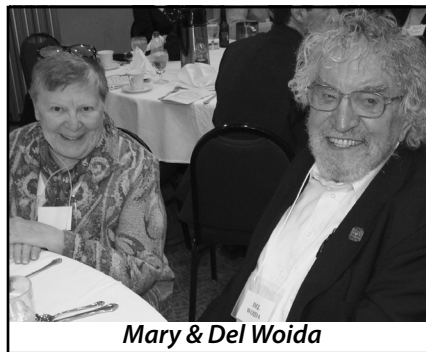
Carol & Ray Tranby



Gloria & Ron Lawrence



Mike Zagaros, Brian Hellman and Darrell Maus



Mary & Del Woida



Barry Weiner, Joe Bedor, Kathy Speiss and Karin LeBak

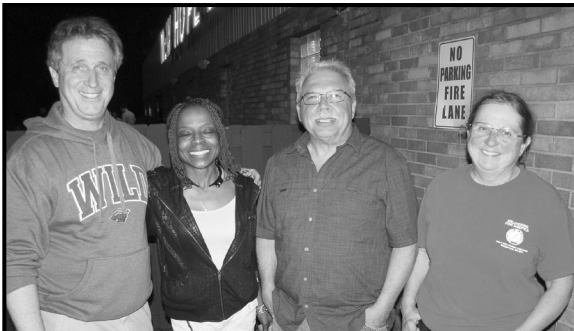
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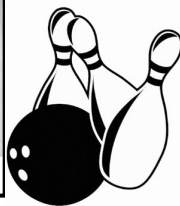
Joe Rian, Angelina Brown, Jim Hendrickson & Carol Garnto



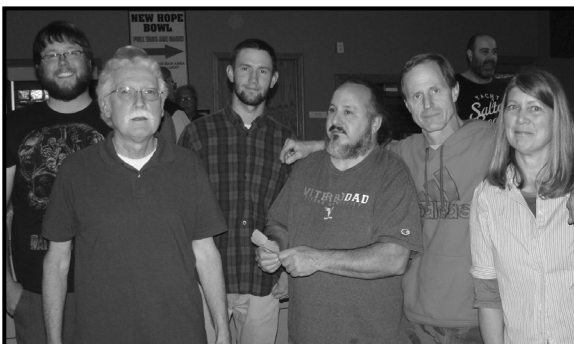
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Retirees



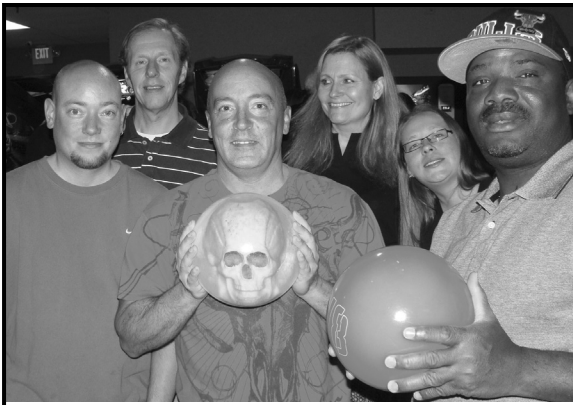
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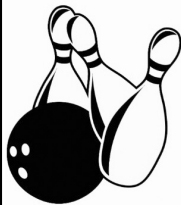
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Minnehaha



Carol Garnto
MDA Co-Chair

The hard working volunteers of a fund raising event determine the success of the event. Branch 9 Letter Carrier families and friends went above and beyond for the 2016 MDA Bowlathon.

We raised \$11,557 during this years MDA bowlathon in April. After the expenses of \$1,138 were taken out our total donation to MDA was \$10,419. This money will be sent to MDA and be used for research on neuromuscular diseases and to send kids to camp.

There were 32 baskets to choose from during our silent auction, there were also numerous single auction items, 50/50 drawings and we had 10 lane sponsors (\$300 each) and 111 bowlers. This event came together because of union Branch 9's working together for a common cause. Union workers at their best.

The baskets were amazing. There were fantastic drink baskets with shiny drinking cups, international cigars, assorted gift cards, food, home-made canned good items, road trip baskets, home-baked goods and take care of myself baskets. All were gone by the end of the evening and good deals were galore.

There were 3 categories for the best basket contest. The winners will be awarded the prize of early morning donuts for their entire station. The competition was intense. There were several possibilities for each (Most - Practical, Unique, Risqué) category. The winners were a tough choice. Most Practical winner was a



Road Trip basket by Lake Street station. The actual basket was a small tire and in the center were all the items you would need for your road trip adventure. The items were an I-Tunes gift card, oil change, a pink flamingo, maps, deck of cards, jerky, thermos, stamp for a postcard, flat tire fix goop, 2 bottles of waters and the

list goes on. The pink flamingo is a mystery road trip necessity. Just ask the creator of the basket and you will find out the true use of the bird. You will be surprised! Bidding was intense, there was definitely a demand for this basket. No doubt, the flamingo was a magnet.

Most Unique basket winner was from Brooklyn Park. The basket was filled with home baked goodies and baking items. Merely looking at the bags of cookies pulled your hand to the bidding paper. The baker even brought a sample of baked goods for you to try. What a ingenious advertisement!

And Most Risqué went to Brooklyn Center Office. There was a night's stay at Mystic and several adult items (let your imagination run wild). Those B.C.'rs.... Naughty!

The bowler's bowled 2 games each, ate pizza, laughed with friends over drinks and had a chance to reunite with carriers that they had worked with at previous stations. The atmosphere was one of happiness and the noise level was deafing for most of the evening.

Joe and I would sincerely like to thank everyone that came to and worked behind the scenes at this year's bowlathon. You guys are the best! THANK YOU!!!!

Carol Garnto and Joe Rian
P.S. See you next year!



Ken Jambois and Ann Baird



Darrell Maus, Gina Lansing (MDA), Molly Charbonneau (MDA) and Joe Rian

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Branch 9 Calendar

May 30

Memorial Day
HOLIDAY

July 4

Independence Day
HOLIDAY

June 14

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

July 12

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

June 28

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

July 26

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



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