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### **Director of Retirees Report**

Finally! Victory! Postal Reform easily passed the House with rare, wide bipartisan support (342-92) back in February. Then in the Senate there was a little political indigestion after the bill stalled a bit there. Would this be another bill that died in the barely functioning Senate? But, finally the roadblock ended and by another lopsided vote (79-19) Postal Reform crossed the finish line. By eliminating the repugnant mandate to pre-fund retiree health benefits, the USPS will save \$5.6 billion yearly. Further, it assures 6-day delivery and requires retirees to enroll into Medicare when eligible. This is a big win for the Postal Service.

There is some misinformation out there that because of this Reform, retirees will lose their Federal Health Benefits insurance when they turn 65. Yes, retirees will have to enroll in Medicare when eligible. But their FEHB insurance remains intact. Currently, over 80% of retirees automatically enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B to complement their other insurance. Medicare becomes primary and the FEHB insurance picks up the rest. In the future all retirees will be required to enroll in Medicare. This is not a bad outcome. It saves the Postal Service money, because they will not be the primary payers

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### **Postal Reform Act passes in Senate, sent to President Biden's desk**

On 3/08/2022, in a 79-19 vote, the Senate passed the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (H.R. 3076). Following House passage on Feb. 8, the bill will now be sent to President Biden for his signature to become law.

"This is a monumental victory for letter carriers and all Americans who depend on the Postal Service for affordable and high-quality universal service," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "I want to congratulate and thank all the NALC members who lobbied their members of Congress to win passage in the Senate and the House. Thanks to your support, dedication and action, bipartisan postal reform, that was 12 years in the making, has finally passed in both chambers."

Key provisions of this bipartisan legislation repeal the mandate to pre-fund retiree health care benefits decades in advance, and codify a minimum of six-day delivery of mail and packages into federal law. This will eliminate the need to renew the six-day requirement every year through the congressional appropriations process. The bill also maximizes the integration of future postal annuitants into Medicare.

The legislation, which was led in the Senate by Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) Chairman Gary Peters (D-MI) and Ranking Member Rob Portman (R-OH), reflects a broad bipartisan consensus that is supported by the four postal unions, the mailing industry and Postal Service management.

"NALC commends Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman for their bipartisan leadership to get this critical bill passed in the Senate," President Rolando said. "We also appreciate every senator who voted "yes" on this bill."

Visit the NALC Legislative Action Center to thank members of Congress who voted "yes" on H.R. 3076.



**RETIREMENTS**



*Jeff Headrick (Champlin) last punch with Stewards Anna Dey and Nicole Goodin. Best Wishes!*



*Neil Rokke (Lost Lake) retirement with EVP JoAnn Gilbaugh. Congrats!*



*Julene Vesledahl (Powderhorn) last punch with Steward Joe Wineman. Happy Retirement!*

**Branch 9 members will be voting on the By-Law proposals at the April 26, 2022 GMM**

**NEW MEMBERS**

- Aaron Huss
- Cole Landwehr
- Theodore Leonard
- John Opsahl
- Theodore Provencher
- Suzanne Quinnell
- Lowanda Richardson
- Kelvin Rivera Martinez
- Aaron Wallick
- Kabbee Yang

**In Memoriam**

- Jerome Bona
- Maurice Savoye



Mark Sundberg (Golden Valley) caught a 19.5 inch walleye at the Branch 9 ice fishing event. Way to go Mark!

Good food, family and friends, a fun fishing time was had by all.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March has been a very busy month with the purchase of the new Branch Office, and the sale of our old property at 2408 Central Ave NE Minneapolis, all in the first week of the month. After some minor remodeling the Branch Office will be moving from the temporary location to the new



Final signature to purchase our new home.

*Pictured: EVP JoAnn Gilbaugh, Treasurer Barb Watzak, Financial Sec. Stacey Ellingson and Pres. Samantha Hartwig*

building April 11th. Between April 8th and April 12th, we will have limited access to our office phones and internet as we relocate. We have also been given a time limit extension on all grievances pending Formal Step A and moving to Step B while the office is being moved. There are plans in the works for having an open house, possibly at the end of June. I am in the process of appointing a Branch 9 History Committee and already have a few members interested. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, and have not spoken to me yet, please let me know.

### Politics

Postal Reform has finally been passed. As I write this article the bill will be heading to the President Biden's desk, which we anticipate him to sign into law. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work over the years since 2006 to get this important and vital legislation passed in Congress. As we get updates, they will be shared with you.

### Injured on the job

I have brought on carrier Ben Reed from the West Edina Post Office to help us out at the office when there are on-the-job injuries, and someone wants to file a claim with the Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP). Ben will be at the office on most Thursdays. If you want help with your OWCP claim you can give us a call at the office or use the new email address we created specifically for injured carriers with OWCP claims: [OWCP@branch9nalc.com](mailto:OWCP@branch9nalc.com). As a reminder if you get injured while working and want to file a claim, I highly encourage the use of online claim filing at [WWW.ECOMP.DOL.GOV](http://WWW.ECOMP.DOL.GOV). Filing your own claim online eliminates the need to rely on management for timely submission of paperwork to OWCP. There have been too many delayed and denied claims due to management error. When you do file your claim online there will be updates sent directly to your email on the progress of claim, making it easier to track.

### Food Drive May 14

Normally this time of year we are in full swing and preparation mode for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, on the second Saturday in May. After several meetings with Second Harvest Heartland, who we partner with, it has been decided that Branch 9 and Branch 28 (St. Paul) will not be holding the traditional food drive. Second Harvest no longer has the logistical resources to move any food donations around



**Samantha Hartwig**

due to their staffing issues. At the last GMM a motion was passed for Branch 9 to donate \$1,000.00 to Second Harvest. Going forward if there are stations that want to conduct a food drive out of their office, please let us know. We are looking for creative ways to help out our local food shelves, so if you have any ideas, please share them with us.

### Convention

This year the National Convention is from August 8th through August 12th in Chicago. All of Branch 9's delegates have been registered online. We are now waiting for notice from National to book hotel rooms. If you want the Branch to book your hotel room, please send us an email with the names of who is in the room, and the dates you will be staying. At every GMM meeting we will have meeting attendance for the delegates to review for funding. Please check to make sure you will have 18 of 24 GMM meetings by the July GMM this year to qualify for funding to the National Convention. If we do not hear anything from you for reserving the hotel room, you will be on your own for accommodations.

This month is the anniversary of the 1970 Wildcat Stricken that gave letter carriers collective bargaining. I want to thank all the letter carriers who came before us and fought for our right to collectively bargain.

In Solidarity,  
Samantha Hartwig



**2022 Proposed By-Law Additions & Changes**

**ARTICLE II SECTION 3**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE**

As of January 1, 1989, forty percent (40%) of one month's dues, per year, per active and associate member shall be placed in the Convention Fund to be used for State and National Conventions. Revenue producing fund raisers may also be used to augment this fund.

- a) Eligibility to receive funds for conventions is determined by Article V of these ByLaws.
- b) The Convention Fund shall not be used for any other purpose unless so ordered by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership in a referendum ballot. The ballot to state the purpose and amount of such demand.
- c) The convention fund will be capped at sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000). Once this amount is achieved, contributions will be discontinued and reallocated in equal amounts to organizing, training and education and legislation.

**PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE**

**As of January 1, 2022, thirty-five percent (35%)** of one month's dues, per year, per active and associate member shall be placed in the Convention Fund to be used for State and National Conventions. Revenue producing fund raisers may also be used to augment this fund.

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Submitted by the Branch 9 Executive Board

**ARTICLE II SECTION 4**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE**

As of January 1, 1995, thirty percent (30%) of one month's dues, per year, per active and associate member shall be placed in a fund to be known as the Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 Building Corporation. These funds to be transferred to the Branch Building Corporation monthly as accrued.

**PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE**

**As of January 1, 2022, thirty-five percent (35%)** of one month's dues, per year, per active and associate member shall be placed in a fund to be known as the Jerome J. Keating Branch 9 Building Corporation. These funds to be transferred to the Branch Building Corporation monthly as accrued.

Submitted by the Branch 9 Executive Board

**ARTICLE I SECTION 4**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE**

Branch Steward Board Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The General Membership Meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M. The place of the meetings will be determined by a standing motion of the Branch. By decision of members in attendance at a General Membership Meeting, future meetings may be combined or cancelled, or meeting night changed for legitimate business reasons.

**PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE**

Branch Steward Board Meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month. The General Membership Meeting will be held on the first Saturday of each month. The meetings will be held at 6:00PM.

Submitted by Nate Serie

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of retiree health care costs but pick up the 20% or so that is not covered by Medicare.

And that leads to another rant against Medicare Part B premiums. Monthly, our costs are \$170.10 following the largest increase ever. Why? Some of the rise was simply inflation and more use of the services offered. But half of the increase was due to the controversial approval by the FDA of the Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm (it has been shown to lower levels of a brain protein linked to Alzheimer's, but so far it has not been shown to slow cognitive decline). The increase was to create a contingency reserve to cover the cost of the drug and associated fees. At the time, the drug was reported to come with \$56,000 annual costs. The drug company, Biogen, decreased the costs by half after some big public outcry. In an unprecedented move, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra ordered a reassessment of the Part B premium increase which had already taken effect, considering the Aduhelm price drop. Don't hold your breath. But maybe, next year, no increase??

Bill SF2637 in the state senate seeks to repeal the Minnesota tax collected on your Social Security. Introduced by Paul Gazelka, it seeks an immediate repeal of this tax which 352,000 seniors pay. Minnesota is one of only 12 states still collecting this tax, projected in 2019 to pull in \$400 million dollars; a big pot of annual money to just let go. In 2022 with \$6-7 billion in supposed excess revenue, the push to repeal may be strong. Your state senator needs to know your opinion.

Stay Tuned In  
Melia Derrick

# Exec. Vice President's Report

On February 20th, Branch 9 held our Annual Ice Fishing outing on Lake Mille Lacs at the Twin Pines Resort & Motel. Twenty-five carriers, family and friends made the drive to spend time on the ice with the hope of bragging rights for catching the largest fish.

While I have fished upon occasion, I am not a fisherwoman by any stretch of the imagination and being on the ice – well that was an adventure. Although I'm a native Minnesotan, ice fishing has never been a part of my winter repertoire! I was assured by Linda, the owner of the resort that I would be just fine driving on the

ice, and it turned out she was correct. It was fun to visit each toasty-warm ice house to meet and greet everyone.

The fishing was slow in the afternoon, and I joked that people should take pictures of their bait to win the largest fish competition. By dinner time, a perch caught by Adam Minnick (Osseo Station) was in the lead. Afterwards, everyone headed back out on the ice to fish, play cards, etc. and tip a few beverages.

Overnight things got more exciting, as the fish decided it was time to bite. Mark Sundberg



**JoAnn Gilbaugh**

(Golden Valley) caught a beautiful 19 1/2' Walleye, and Ken G. (friend of Cliff Estlie, retired) hooked a 37 inch Northern! Bragging rights indeed!

In Solidarity,  
Jo



**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, 2022**

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. 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, 2022 or bring to that  
night's GMM**

**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.

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

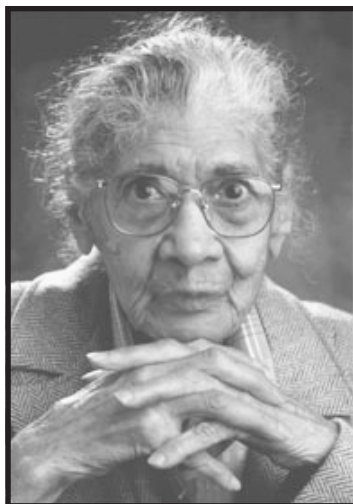
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



## 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 2022 - 2023 academic year now being accepted.

<http://www.nelliestone.org>

## Remembering the Day the Mail Stopped

At 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 1970, a courageous band of letter carriers in New York City launched what is now called the Great Postal Strike. On its 48th anniversary, the NALC remembers their actions and the legacy it left.

It's important to put the strike in its context. Postal workers had suffered a 50-year losing streak beginning with World War I. Pay scales were frozen, then cut back, and even the "happy days" of the 1950s passed them by as President Eisenhower vetoed four postal salary bills.

By 1967, things were so bad that post office job turnover was around 25 percent a year. Under the gun from their bosses, local managers became increasingly authoritarian and letter carriers became increasingly exasperated and tired of being bullied and denied a living wage.

The National Association of Letter Carriers was caught between a political rock and a legal hard place—a political establishment unwilling to deliver good wages, a decent workplace, and there was a legal ban on strikes by government employees.

At the stroke of midnight, members of Branch 36 began throwing up picket lines around post offices throughout Manhattan and the Bronx. Within hours, other branches joined in and the wildcat strike spread across the land.

There is much more to this story, as told in the NALC history, *Carriers in a Common Cause*, but the key result was the adoption of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970,

## 2022 Minnesota AFL-CIO Labor Leadership Grants

**Sponsored by the Minnesota AFL-CIO for members  
of affiliated unions seeking to develop their abilities  
and skills as union leaders.**

**The Tobey Lapakko Labor Leadership Grant**  
***(a total of \$1,000 in grants will be awarded)***

Available to women who are union members in good standing to help defray the cost of classes, programs or conferences sponsored or endorsed by the AFL-CIO or affiliated organizations.

**The Charles McKenna Leadership Grant**  
***(a total of \$1,000 in grants will be awarded)***

Available to men who are union members in good standing to help defray the cost of classes, programs or conferences sponsored or endorsed by the AFL-CIO or affiliated organizations

**Martin Duffy Adult Learner Scholarship Award**  
***\$500 Tuition Scholarship for use at any accredited  
University, College or Vocational School.***  
***Two Scholarships are awarded each year.***

No academic performance standards or records required for eligibility. Awards must be used within one year of receipt of notification letter.

***Please submit ONLY one application.  
Duplicate entries will be disqualified.***

***Information and applications available at  
<http://www.mnafcio.org/about/scholarships-awards>***

which created the U.S. Postal Service. The act gave postal unions the power to bargain for wages and benefits, and the ability to arbitrate contract disputes and enforce members' rights.

As bargaining begins on a new national agreement, we take a

moment to say **THANK YOU** to the men and women who put their jobs on the line to protect themselves and the carriers who have followed in their footsteps.

*From the NALC Postal Record  
[https://nalc.org/about/our-history/  
carriers-in-a-common-cause](https://nalc.org/about/our-history/carriers-in-a-common-cause)*



# 2022 Minnesota AFL-CIO Scholarships

## UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FORM

(Entry Deadline: May 27, 2022)

The Minnesota AFL-CIO sponsors scholarships for high school seniors graduating in 2022. 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 the first trimester/quarter of senior year - and mail postmarked no later than May 27, 2022 to:

**Minnesota AFL-CIO  
Education Committee  
175 Aurora Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103  
(651) 227-7647  
mnaflcio@mnaflcio.org**

## The following is a list of Paid Members of PAL 9 For January, 2022

### Very Concerned Members

Connie Beissel  
Larry Dahlberg  
Rodney Anderson  
William Halos  
Ron Lawrence  
Bradley Knutson  
Sharon Spooner  
Philip Wixsten  
David Wallentiny  
Melia Derrick  
William Tuffs  
Joel Carter  
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Jeffrey Stanko

Kent Cleland  
Steve Peterson  
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Doris Swanson-Gbala  
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Larry Melander  
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## **Branch 9 Calendar**

### **March 22**

General Membership Meeting  
7:00PM

\*In person and ZOOM\*  
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

### **April 12**

Steward Meeting  
7:00PM

\*ZOOM only\*  
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

### **April 26**

General Membership Meeting  
7:00PM

\*In person and ZOOM\*  
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

### **May 8**

Mother's Day

### **May 10**

Steward Meeting  
7:00PM

\*In person and ZOOM\*  
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

### **May 14**

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### **May 24**

General Membership Meeting  
7:00PM

\*In person and ZOOM\*  
Crystal VFW, Crystal, MN

**Most BRANCH 9 Meetings and events have been modified, please continue to check the website and Facebook page for the latest information on Branch 9 meetings and events.**

### **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

### **Fridley Retiree Lunch**

2nd Tuesday of the Month  
11:30 AM

Route 47 Pub and Grub  
7820 University Ave