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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



I want to thank all those who participated in the verification of the mail count. By the time you receive this I am sure we will see some movement on where this could verification could lead. It will be discussed at the National Convention and hopefully the membership will decide on what tact we should take as a Union. Whatever is decided, it has to be better than the system that is in place now. Route inspections are not fair to the carrier. They are a constant source of ill feelings and distrust between both sides. In order to reach any kind of agreement, the mail count must be verified. That is the first step. I will keep you apprised of any new information that develops in the near future.

I want to reiterate something I touched on several months ago in an article. It seems to be an ongoing problem throughout the district. It is very important that you as a carrier are very accurate with your clock rings. Let me expand on that; if you are "auxing" on another route you need to make the proper clock rings showing the time worked on the other route. It is always an issue during route inspections because

some carriers are not getting the credit they should, (especially those not on the OTDL). During an inspection management has the option of using the week of inspection or your past data (1840b). In many cases they will use the lesser of the two.

Postal reform is moving swiftly. The house committee on Government Reform passed the first Postal reform legislation in over 30 years. The legislation is looking good. If you have not signed up for the NALC e-Activist network you need to do so. Keep informed of the issues. There will come a time when you might be asked to write a letter to your representative in the near future. If you think this is waste of time you are absolutely wrong! The voice of many is much louder than the voice of a few. For those of you that are just starting your careers as a letter carrier you need to get active in your surroundings and this branch. For those of you that think it is a waste of time just think where we would be today if not for those before us that paved the road for the rest of us to follow. Where would we be today if they



had displayed that same attitude. We would still be underpaid and working in unsafe conditions. Now you have guarantees, benefits and a decent wage.

**Remember,
Keep fighting the good fight!
Rocco Evangelista**

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TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT BOB SOLT

With 2004 being a Presidential Election year, we as active and retired Letter Carriers all need to become not only educated politically but politically involved as well. We have voter registration forms here at the Union Hall. Each Letter Carrier, whether active or retired, should register and vote. We encourage Carriers to also have their family and friends register. Do a good deed and take an elderly neighbor to the polls on Election Day. The 2004 Presidential Election is extremely important to Letter Carriers and working families. Information from Forester Research Inc. predicts that American employers will move about 3.3 million white-collar jobs and \$136 billion in wages overseas by 2015. According to the Washington Post, health care spending has risen 10 percent a year under the current administration in Washington D.C., while the numbers of Americans without health care coverage has risen to 43 million. Information supplied from the Ohio AFL-CIO contends the State of Ohio has lost

224,000 jobs in the last three years and the numbers change daily. Become involved-contribute to the NALC's COLCPE. The Union must rely on voluntary contributions. No money from Union dues is allowed by law to be contributed to political campaigns. The NALC contributes to the campaigns of both political parties. Sign up to become an E Activist. It will not cost you a thing and it will enable you be informed on the issues that are important to Letter Carriers and the USPS.

Each month, the Branch has a Stewards meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Branch 78 Trustee Carl Demko for his assistance with the June meeting. The meetings are at 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of each month. We try to distribute information that we receive from the National offices and National Business Agent Bill Cooke's office that is important to Letter Carriers. We are seeing Carriers show up for the meetings that are not Stewards, usually when their Steward is not present. Every Branch 78 member in good standing

is more than welcome and encouraged to attend the Steward's meetings. An elected or appointed Steward is



compensated to attend the meetings. Is your Steward getting the needed information to you?

Recently Branch 78 President Rocco Evangelista and I had the opportunity to attend a ceremony to honor a Carrier with an award for 40 years of service to the USPS. Congratulations to Branch 78 officer Bobby Kirk! What I cannot comprehend is how a Carrier with this much seniority has allowed himself to bid on the absolutely worst route at Eastland Station.

Fraternally,

Bob Solt

Branch 78 Vice President

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Congratulations De

After 25 years of dedicated service Branch 78 would like to wish Deotha Pannell well and a big thank you for her dedicated service. Dee's last day was May 28th. Numerous freinds and familiy gathered at the branch office to see her off. Dee, we wish you well!



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A MESSAGE FROM YANA

I hate to disappoint you but I have no caustic article this month, my muse is not running the floor.

In this issue you will see information on the group I have mentioned in other articles and in Branch meetings, CIRCLE OF SISTERS. These are Union women working to get the labor vote out come November. Join us, come to the meetings, and help make a difference this fall. There is a VOTER REGISTRATION FORM that you can tear out, complete and MAIL IN. Ray Mitchell suggested doing this so

that people wouldn't have to ask for forms. You can do this in the privacy of your home and save the embarrassment of showing up on the non-registered voter lists that are being sent to Union offices nationwide. Thanks Ray for the suggestion. There is information on the Branch Picnic, note the date, it's later this year. Also info on the Golf Outing, get your sheets filled out and returned to the Branch with your entry fee.

I am sorry I was unable to attend the PAT MORAN LUNCHEON; I trust that you all had a great time.

If anyone took pictures and wouldn't mind sharing, I would love to run them in the next bulletin. If you could send them to the Union Hall ATTN: YANA it would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, congratulations to the newly converted PTFs to Regulars.



APOLOGY

To anyone that traveled May 23 to the charity basketball game I must offer a sincere apology on behalf of the Social Rec Committee.

Our newest member became angry with the rest of the committee at our last meeting and stormed out before the meeting was over. He attempted to get the clerks to drop out of the game, but they didn't choose to follow him so he called the Rec Center Director and informed him the event had been cancelled. He then gave the President of his Union a note of resignation from the committee, stating we (the committee) were more interested in competition than charity. He left a note Saturday in the Chairperson's mailbox that the Rec Center would not be open for the game. I have never seen such a display of selfish egotism and total disrespect for others as displayed by this person's actions. People had given up their time to practice and participate in an event to benefit the Victory Mission Food Pantry. At the price of gas, no one wants to make unnecessary trips anywhere. There was no way to notify people of what he had done in advance, so the rest of the Committee stood outside the center, that Sunday, to explain to players, Refs and spectators what had transpired. Again we apologize to any and all who were inconvenienced by his actions. We will attempt to reschedule the game for another day and hope that you will come out loaded with can goods for Victory Mission.



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CIRCLE OF SISTERS

Come and bring friends!!

Please join the women of the Executive Board of the Central Ohio
AFL-CIO and the President of CLUW in an evening of
food, fun and activism.

Hear about the Partnership of Ohio Women—the Women Vote
Initiative of the Ohio AFL-CIO.

Dates: The last Wednesday of every month:
June 30, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Place: UFCW #1059 Hall
4150 East Main Street
Columbus, Ohio

Pizza and soft drinks provided. We look forward to seeing you!

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SOCIAL REC CHARITY BASKETBALL GAMES

Sunday June 13th, two Letter Carrier teams battled for court dominance. Carrier Two team: White, Hawkins, Cunningham, Davis, Murphy and Wilson; Carrier ONE team: Womack, Vincent, Winslow, Mills, Willmer and Womack; yellow versus red played hard. Initially team Two was racking up the points then team One got into their groove and came from thirteen behind to moving out front and the lead went back and forth through the rest of the game with team One winning by one point, 59-58. Great game guys!



Next up the Mailhandlers in blue: Wilson, Collins, Ballour, Myers, W. Johnson, Jones, Mike and S. Wilson; Against the Clerks in white: Hull, White, Prentess, Wilson, Holmes, Hall, Harris, Moore and R.F. coached.

This game didn't have the finesse of the first game but it was physical. Someone should have told them they weren't getting paid. The game went into triple overtime before the Mailhandlers emerged the winners by two 38-36. Way to play!



We were honored to have the DC Gospel Quest open the event with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. There was a nice crowd that grew right up until the final whistle which provided a nice collection of canned goods for the Victory Mission. During each half time the children shot free throws for gifts. Steve Halley did an awesome job as Ref for both games. The Carrier team requested a playoff between them and the winner of the second game. We will see if that can be arranged in the next couple months. Everyone seemed to have had a good time. So watch for announcements of the Championship game. Make sure you come out and cheer the team's efforts.

See you there!

Submitted by
Yana Miller





BRANCH 78 ANNUAL



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SEPTEMBER 26, 2004 ST. ALBANS GOLF COURSE

SHOTGUN START - TEEING OFF 9AM

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Voter Registration Form

Please read instructions carefully.

To qualify to vote, you must be:

- (1) a U.S. citizen;
- (2) 18 years old on or before the next general election;
- (3) a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before election day;
- (4) registered to vote at least 30 days before election day.

Use this form to register to vote *or* update a current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

NOTICE: Your registration or change must be *received or post-marked* 30 days before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice prior to election day, call your county board of elections.

Lines 1 and 2 are required by law. If you do not answer *both* of the questions, your registration will not be processed.

Registering in person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the *last four digits* of your social security number on line 10.

Registering by mail

If you register by mail and do not provide either a current Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number, please enclose a copy of one of the following with your registration application:

- Current valid photo identification card showing your name; *or*
- Current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document showing your name and address.

If you register by mail and do not provide one of the above at the time of submitting your registration application, you must provide one of the items when you vote for the first time.

Your Signature

Your registration cannot be processed without your signature. On line 14, your completed legal signature or mark should not touch surrounding lines of type. If signature is a mark, include name and address of the person who witnessed the mark beneath the signature line.

Please type or print clearly with a black pen.

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1. Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Will you be 18 years of age on or before the next general election? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.

3. Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial		Jr., II, etc.	
4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)				Apt. or Lot #	5. City or Post Office		6. Zip Code
7. Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary)					8. County where you live		
9. Birthdate (MO - DAY - YR)		10. Ohio driver's license No. OR last 4 digits of Social Security No. (required)			11. Phone No. (voluntary)		
12. ADDRESS CHANGE ONLY - PREVIOUS ADDRESS							
Previous House Number and Street				County		State	
13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY		Former Legal Name			Former Signature		
I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and I will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.							
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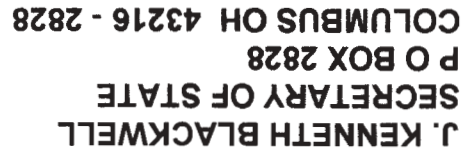
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ANIMALS, OIL, OUR BLOOD, OUR JOBS

When I was a young TE in the lovely city of Marysville, we were always told to buy American-made Union products. My steward, Jim Lockwood, even had a list of companies to avoid due to antiunion activities. We have gotten so far away from those days, and it's affecting our lives as well as our livelihood.

Oh sure, we're still told to buy some union-made products, but not others. Certain special interests have become stronger politically than labor unions. Labor is thrown the occasional doggie biscuit, but the environmental and foreign medicine supporters have far more power in Washington than we laborers.

Prescription drug programs from Washington are politically assassinated because they discourage the purchasing of

medicines from foreign countries. Sure they're cheaper, but they're not American made.

The real power holders are the activist environmentalists. We are forced to buy oil drilled in the Middle East and South America because of the concern for animals. We must buy Un-American oil from nations that support terrorists, as well as high priced Central American oil (which the Venezuelan govt. gives to Cuba for free).

Our brothers and sisters are dying overseas so that some animals can live freely in Alaska. Actually, it's been shown that wildlife does well around the warm pipelines.

High oil prices are damaging our Postal Service. As gasoline prices rise, so does the cost of delivery. High gas prices affect delivery, the

trucks going from station to station, our planes, etc. This will cause mgmt to look for more ineffective plans to cut costs. Stamp prices will rise again, and our customers will look for other avenues.

Unemployment and gas prices will fall as American Union members drill, transport and refine American oil. We union members need to do away with herd mentalities, educate ourselves on issues and candidates, and demand more of our elected representatives.

Special interests dictate that furry critters and medicine are far more important than American jobs. And yes, I am offended.

*Darren Fleck
City Letter Carrier*

ATTENTION

The August & September newsletter will be combined.

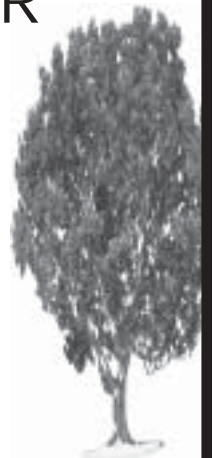


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THING TO DO:
REGISTER
AND VOTE**

WESTERVILLE POST OFFICE DEDICATES TREE IN REMEMBRANCE OF LETTER CARRIER

On May 28th 2004 the Westerville Post Office dedicated a tree and monument to deceased Letter Carrier Sarah Johnson. Sarah was killed by a drunk driver doing one of the things she loved most-riding her bike. Many were in attendance including most of Sarah's family. It was a beautiful and fitting dedication. In my eyes the tree that was planted is a symbol of life and joy. May the family of Sarah reflect on the tree as it grows and may it be a remembrance of her impact on others.

Rocco Evangelista



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