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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Branch 78 2006 Family Picnic

I want to thank all of those that attended the branch 78 picnic. It seemed everyone had a great time. There was plenty of food, entertainment and a variety of activities for all ages. Carl Demko and Trevor Payne put in many hours of hard work to make it so successful. They also had numerous volunteers to help with the setup, games and so on. Mike Iacoboni took care of the food which was delicious. Please plan to attend in 2007 and bring the family.

Contract negotiations began on August 28. Delegates at the 65th convention in Las Vegas passed numerous resolutions that will give the negotiators for the NALC a path to follow. Before the convention convenes, local branches or state associations

may submit to the NALC executive board resolutions that will be considered by the delegates. If it is passed by the committee, it will be placed on the table at negotiations. If it is not passed by the committee it will be discussed on the convention floor for reconsideration. Branch 78 submitted several resolutions, one of which passed and will be entered into negotiations. (See NALC bulletin dated 8/28/06) It was approved that any unused clothing allowance be carried over to the next year.

Another resolution submitted by Branch 294, Flushing, NY addressed DOIS. "DOIS is a management tool that has created workplace conflict and discord and has no benefit to the Letter



Rocco
Evangelista

Carrier Craft whatsoever" the resolution said. "The only true measure of our work is an honest days pay for an honest days work the resolution added".

DOIS has and will be at the forefront of workroom conflict. In my opinion it is not the current operating system itself, but the way it is being used. Front line supervisors need to take into consideration the other duties the Letter Carrier has in his/her daily routine. Parcels, SPRs and accountable items need to be considered. The only way they will be considered is when a supervisor takes the time to give you credit. Yes, it is a little extra work but it will benefit them also. **GIVE THE CARRIER THE**

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A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT BOB SOLT

On December 6, 2006 we will have our annual Stewards



Bob Solt

Appreciation Dinner. This event is when we pay tribute to the Branch 78 Stewards for their hard work and dedication to

Letter Carriers throughout the year. Being a Union Steward is often one of the most difficult jobs in our Union. The Steward is more often than not the first line of defense a Letter Carrier has to protect them from an unsophisticated contractually challenged supervisor. Time and again the Union Steward will have the knowledge and determination to successfully tutor a supervisor that has a reduced amount of intelligence with reference to our National Agreement. All Branch 78 Stewards, their Alternate Stewards, guests and families are invited to attend. Last year I extended an invitation to National Business Agent Bill Cooke to attend the dinner. Unfortunately he was on an assignment in Washington, D.C. from National President Bill Young and could not attend. I felt fortunate when the Regional Administrative Assistant for Bill Cooke, Dan Toth, asked if he could attend since it was for the Stewards and he wanted to help honor them in anyway he could. National Business Agent Bill Cooke and Regional Administrative Dan Toth will both be invited to attend

this year. I am looking forward to a positive response from both of them. If you are able to attend or have any questions please contact me or the volunteers consisting so far of: Branch 78 Head Trustee Carl Demko and Trustees Gary Boller and Todd Hornyak.

As summer comes to a close we have seen many social activities sponsored by our Branch. We have had the Retirees Picnic at AMVETS on Westerville Rd., the annual Branch picnic at Fran Bar Park on East Broad Street and our golf outing among others. These are extremely enjoyable events that require a lot of dedication from the people that work to ensure the success of these events. Whether you are an active Letter Carrier or Retiree you, your significant others and families should attend these branch functions.

November will bring the elections that we will constantly be reminded of on television, radio and any source of information out there. As voting constituents we need to be informed of the issues, candidates and most importantly which of the officials whether residing in Ohio or Washington D.C. will be the most supportive of the issues that are of the utmost importance to the National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service. The NALC will be having an election for the office of National Business Agent for Region 11 that is held by William J. Cooke. Prior to becoming our National Business Agent Bill Cooke was the Administrative Assistant for

Region 11 for many years. I have had the pleasure to know Brother Cooke for several years and he has always been there for Branch 78 while I've served as the Vice President of Branch 78 and as an individual. Brother Cooke and his staff have always been an endless source of information and assistance. All of the coming elections are extremely important. With any candidate we need to know their policies and certainly most important their experience.

The Branch still has many used, slightly used and a few new uniform items here at our Union Hall. These uniforms are provided free of charge to any Branch 78 member in good standing. The uniforms are usually taken by the new PTF's but are available to any Branch 78 member.

We continue to have members that are not Union Stewards attend the Stewards meetings. Any Branch 78 member is sincerely invited and more than welcome to attend. As always, Branch 78 President Rocco Evangelista and I welcome any suggestions the members may have regarding guest speakers or what they would like to have addressed at the meetings.

Fraternally,

Bob Solt

**TOGETHER
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!!!**

MILLER'S MUSINGS

It has been a busy time around Branch 78; just back after a national convention which is always invigorating. We had our annual Retiree Picnic September 5, the Branch Picnic September 10; the MDA Golf Outing September 24 and coming up is the Retiree Appreciation Dinner October 7. The outcome of the November elections is pivotal and the National is putting forth additional effort in Ohio.

I was unable to attend the Retiree Picnic but was told it was a nice affair. The weather even turned around and cooperated. There was a good turnout and it's always a pleasure to honor our Retirees with something just for them. I heard no one left hungry!

The Branch Picnic was one of the best in years. Penny Kurelic and Michael Iacoboni took on the food again and did an outstanding job. They did the shopping, some preparation and made sure the buffet line stayed well stocked which is not an easy task. Ed Stewart and Trevor Payne manned the grill and kept the meat trays full, never complaining about the heat. Shellie Demko made sure everyone got a ticket for the gift raffle as they arrived besides all the other tasks, prior to the event. Beechwold won the volleyball tournament. Carl Demko was overly enthused about the addition of a Corn Hole tournament which was won by Eastland. Roger Noble, again DJ'd the event for free, in appreciation of the

job Letter Carriers do for the Nation. He has been doing this since the anthrax attacks because he felt no one ever acknowledged our contributions like they do the police, firefighters and military. He plays a variety of music so if anyone needs to hire a DJ give him a call. We were pleased to have NBA Bill Cooke and RAA Dan Toth attend the picnic, they are there for us when we need them so it's nice to have them for a relaxing family gathering since they are part of the Branch 78 family.

The National sees Ohio as having one of the most watched gubernatorial and congressional races in the country. They assigned our regional Legislative Liaison, Kate Staymen-London, to work here in Columbus to assist the candidates and the AFL-CIO "Take Back Ohio" initiative in which they're investing \$5 million. The National has committed COLCPE monies to Mary Jo Kilroy and Zack Space running in the 18th district for Bob Ney's congressional seat. Kate is working out of 395 E. Broad St. and would appreciate any time

you can volunteer whether it be working phone banks, helping map out the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday walks, stuffing envelopes or whatever you can do for one hour to a day a week till the elections. She is playing a huge role in the VOTE BY MAIL campaign. Oregon has gone to an all mail voting process and has had 86 percent participation since its inception. IF FOR SOME REASON YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE OCTOBER 10 IS THE LAST DAY TO DO SO AND BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. If you have moved,

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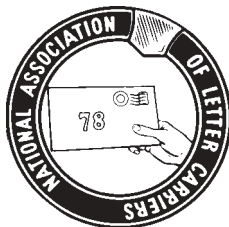
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1994 - 2006 **National Business Agent**, Region 11

Endorsed by: Ohio State Association Executive Board
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Bill was endorsed by his opponent and his Branch in 1994, 1998 and 2002. Here's what Bill's opponent had to say about Bill in 2002: "Bill Cooke has been our National Business Agent for the past 8 years and he has always delivered every time the leadership of this Branch has asked for help".

VOTE FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP
SUPPORT THE
YOUNG - ROLANDO - COOKE
TEAM

Paid for by the committee to re-elect Bill Cooke for N.B.A. Cincinnati Region 11

2006 Retiree Picnic



PRESIDENTS PAGE

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TIME IT TAKES TO DO THE JOB! If you as a carrier need time because you have numerous parcels over your average, you have to ask for the time. Do so by filling out a ps form 3996. It is not a waste of time. Put the decision back on the supervisor. Do not go out and cut your lunch, you are only hurting yourself. Remember, minor adjustments are based on your demonstrated performance. Be professional, get into a routine and do your job the way it should be done.

Branch 78 instituted a Scholarship program this year for our members' children. We have awarded a five hundred dollar scholarship to the daughter of Debbie Kinsley (German Village) and also to the daughter of Carol Baugus (Northwest Station). Both

of these young ladies were very worthy of the awards for their outside activities and the scholastic integrity that both showed through high school. I want to thank the Scholarship Committee: Trevor Payne, Gahanna; Roger Eaglin, Delaware and Dave McCartney, Beechwood for taking the time and dedication to make the decision. I believe next year we will see more applications from those who can benefit from this worthwhile program.

My heartfelt condolences go out to the family of James Wallace, Upper Arlington Carrier who passed away on August 9, 2006. Jim was carrying his route, felt ill and came back to the unit and was rushed to the hospital. He passed away several hours later.

From those that knew him, he was a man that did not ask for much and kept his pain to himself. He will be missed.

In closing I would like to thank Dorlene Fitzgerald, supervisor of the main office for her life saving actions. She received a call from Bill Pagano, Main office carrier and Treasurer of Branch 78 who stated he was not feeling well. She went out to the route and quickly made the determination to call 911. Bill was transported to the hospital and had bypass surgery soon after. If not for her actions Bill might not be here with us today. Thank you, Dorlene.

Remember-Keep fighting the good fight!

Rocco Evangelista



BRANCH 78 2006 FAMILY PICNIC





**Attention All Members
You're Invited**

*Annual Retiree
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**When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006
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Br 78 Annual GOLF

Outing to Benefit Muscular Dystrophy



Winners of the 2006 MDA Golf Outing



MILLERS MUSINGS

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changed your name or the address on your ID does not match you must get it corrected with the Board of Elections by 10/10/06. You are required to show a valid state issued ID to cast your ballot. So make sure you are able to vote by insuring all your information is correct. We need every vote to count if we are going to regain the House and Senate. Current election information is available at afl-cio.org then click on the Labor 2006 section, click on state of Ohio and you will get information on candidates, voting records, etc. **DON'T WAIT-PARTICIPATE!**

There will only be one election for the NALC and that is ours Region 11. You should receive your ballot about a week into October. Be sure to follow the instructions, mark your ballots and return them by the date instructed.

We had a Customer Connect meeting to discuss the Columbus PC participation. Our target was 22 percent we reached 27.94 percent. Three stations were recognized for outstanding performance Dublin 61.11 percent increase, Newark 21.43 percent increase and Shepard 21.11 percent increase. The

Customer Connect representatives from those stations were presented awards by District Manager Kate Wiley. There will be a full time Customer Connect Carrier Assistant detail to be filled soon. President Young made it very clear that he is looking to get a portion of the Customer Connect revenues we have generated returned to us in this next contract so if you haven't generated any leads do get started. Anything we can do to make the Service a viable entity in these days of lost first class revenue is to all our benefits.

Submitted by Yana Miller

CUSTOMER CONNECT TOP PERFORMERS



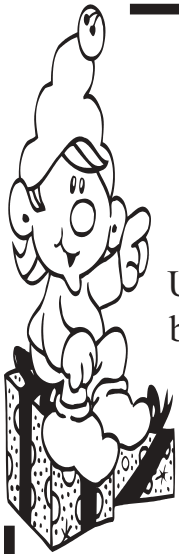
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Shepard Station



IT IS ONE NEW TOY TIME

Please get started collecting, cajole or connive your coworkers into contributing. Upper Arlington hit an excellent sale and has delivered a \$2800 retail cost, load of books, games and toys all ready. Don't let your station come in short get to those sales now. Those of you that want the elves to do your shopping and want on the payment plan should give their steward or ONT chair \$5 per pay the next four pay periods to purchase a gift or gift card. The Elf Committee has decided to split our donations between the Y Family Center and Franklin County Children's Services. Gladden has opted to primarily work with the Firefighters. The other two agencies were thrilled with our help last year so for now we will work to provide as many toys and gift cards as we can for them. I trust you to come through as you have in the past to make this holiday a little brighter for those less fortunate. Remember to make your checks out to **ONE NEW TOY or Branch 78 One New Toy.** If you have questions please contact Tom Wilson, Upper Arlington or me at West Worthington.

Thanking you in advance, Yana Elf



Branch 78 News Flash

Correction, the name pulled in the member drawing in the August meeting was DEBBIE NEWTON for \$240, she wasn't there either.

September meeting Richard James would have won \$250, but he didn't attend the meeting.

So it continues to grow each month. **WILL YOU BE THERE?**

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