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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The golf outing for MDA went well. I want to thank Jason Fry and his lovely wife Jen for all their hard work and dedication. It took months of preparation to make this outing successful. There were over 108 golfers in attendance with a team from Eastland winning the tournament. As a matter of fact Eastland had two teams in the top four finishers. There must be something in the water out there or them folks are getting off early and spending much more time on the golf course. The Eastland station, Gary Boller, Gahanna and Beechwold all sponsored holes for the outing which help bring in money. The proceeds from the outing help sponsor children with special needs to spend a week at Recreation Unlimited Camp. Letter Carriers have always stepped up through years to help in many causes. I thank all of you that participated and to all those who spent their Sunday helping with this worthy cause.

By the time you read this I expect the votes will be counted and we will know if we are working under a new contract. Many of the carriers I have spoken with seem to favor the tentative agreement. At this point in the game I believe it is better to negotiate rather than take our chances with an arbitrator. I am still waiting on more specific language on the memorandums of understandings especially the one pertaining to DOIS. I personally think sequence mailings and third bundles will no longer be an issue once the flat sorter system is in up and running. The contracting out of letter carrier work is also a major issue. The NALC organized a major push on bringing that battle to our representatives in Washington, educating them on the pitfalls of letting anyone carry the mail. With all the co-sponsors signed on to the bills introduced in the Senate and the House, it has made the Postal Service and the Board of Governors re-think their



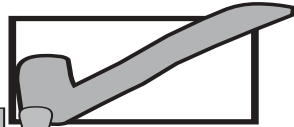

Rocco  
Evangelista

position on contracting out the sanctity of the mail service. By the way-COLCPE donated \$1000.00 to the campaign of Patrick Tiberi, my representative in the 12<sup>th</sup> District. Pat was a co-sponsor of HR-282 which discourages the contracting out of mail services.

Management will start a new round of route inspections in the fall. Several city stations that will be moving to the second floor of the Main office (850 Twin Rivers Dr.) are going to be inspected. In the spring numerous city stations and several AO's will be inspected

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**UNION YES**  
United We Stand!



# A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT BOB SOLT

At this time there is no news yet on the proposed new National



Agreement. All ballots received by September 6, 2007 will be counted. This is the ratification process for the

tentative National Agreement for 2006-2011. The National Association of Letter Carriers was founded in 1889 and will continue the fight for the betterment of Letter Carriers.

The Retiree Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday October 13, 2007. Plan to save the date. The dinner will be held again at the Berwick Party House at the corner of Refugee Road and Winchester Pike in the beautiful Eastland Station delivery area. It is easily accessible from Route 104 and also Route 70. The dinner is a night of good food, good friends, old and new. This a perfect opportunity to meet with the Letter Carriers that have helped pave the way for a lot of the benefits we now enjoy and to hear about the good old days. The price this year will be the same as last year. Contact the Union Stewards for active Carrier tickets. More information will be put out closer to the date of the dinner.

Just when you think it can't get any more ridiculous management surpasses their last idiotic tirade. It seems that one of the last grievances I was involved with was about a Letter Carrier

being told they would have to come in early if they wanted to use the restroom. The Carrier told me about the circumstances and I admit I had some skepticism. But, as the grievance was investigated we found included in management's grievance file a signed statement from another supervisor that corroborated the Carriers accusations. Going on this supervisors theory, if you have reason to believe that you will or even if there is a slight possibility that you will have to use the restroom before you clock out to the street everyone in the office needs to get to work well in advance of their starting time. The Carrier also stated he was told he could not talk to his neighbors and that talking was a privilege. A possible solution might be to have at each case a container so the Carriers could relieve themselves there and not waste valuable USPS time by walking to the restroom like civilized adults. If the Carrier did not have to use the restroom the container could possibly be placed on their heads to eliminate those who might dare to talk. With the advent of a people friendly USPS and their desire to keep the employees happy we can come up with many viable deterrents for those who might want to talk or use the restroom.

On August 19, 2007 Branch 78 held the yearly golf outing to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The golf outing was held at the St. Albans golf course in Alexandria, Ohio. Branch 78 will donate approximately \$3,000 to MDA this year to help discover

a cure for this devastating illness. Once again Jason Fry organized the golf outing. Jason is to be commended for his hard work, dedication to the MDA and Branch 78. It ran extremely well except for a few of the scores that were questioned by some of the other golfers.

And once again – if you receive any type of discipline – file a grievance immediately.

On August 24, 2007 I had the pleasure to attend the 2007 Operation Feed Outstanding Campaigns Awards Reception. The reception was held at the Bob Evans Corporate Offices on South High Street. Special recognition was given to our own Branch 78 President Rocco Evangelista. Rocco served Operation Feed as this year's Labor Chair. It was pointed out that this is Rocco's third year of serving in this position and was graciously thanked for his dedication to helping the less fortunate in our communities. Branch 78 was proudly listed among the few organizations that were able to contribute between 50,000 and 99,000 meals to the 2007 Operation Feed Campaign.

*Fraternally,*

**Bob Solt**



# MILLER'S MUSINGS

Who could have guessed we would have swamp conditions in central Ohio most of the summer.

This has to have been a record setting streak of high, humid conditions. I overheard some seniors at one of the retirement homes on the route commenting that Al Gore was full of crap trying to push this global warming. That was a few months ago, I wonder if they still feel it is a hoax. This has been my worst summer a far as weather conditions, actually that's not the only factor to contribute to being the worst. The heat tends to intensify everything else. Temps are more likely to flare. After last month's bulletin I became the Salman Rushdie of the Columbus District. It seems that some in management were incensed by my article and wanted retribution. I had to go back and read and sure enough there was a) comments were from a coworker and b) a disclaimer that not everyone fit that description. I can only surmise that there was a lack of reading comprehension and perhaps the reason I have received discipline suddenly. I have not been a model carrier but never fell into the frequently disciplined category either. The people that matter most, my customers, feel that I am exceptional and that is the opinion that carries the most weight. I may have to seek asylum if the pressure continues.

We have a new contract to ratify or refuse. The issues that most of us wanted clarification on were the third bundle, DOIS and S-999 mail. Unfortunately they are still only somewhat resolved and not to the benefit of carriers. The

monetary remunerations are adequate and the change in health plan premiums understandable considering the difference paid by other federal employees. There were some other items that were a definite improvement. I only hope that everyone took the opportunity to VOTE, whether for or against, you need to vote.

In no time at all it will be ONE NEW TOY time. I want to remind people that write checks, please make them out to ONE NEW TOY not Branch 78 or Yana F. Miller. That said it is time to start collecting within your stations. Another issue that comes with the holiday season is, where do I send Santa letters. If you pick them up you should answer them or at least make sure there is a return address. We at Branch 78 have not answered Santa letters for many years. A few of us have taken on the task in past years but there is no formal group so if you pick up Santa letters be prepared to answer them yourself or put a return address on them a put them in the mail stream, I believe the clerks still answer letters. If you need a sample to work from, ask and we can send you one. Basically you never promise anything just remind them to be good and help around the house. You can admit to being one of Santa's helpers or through in some reindeer updates. It can be a fun activity, every so often you get a letter that tears at the heart strings. Some stations still adopt families and/or do food baskets. If your station does one or both please send some information to the Hall so we can put it in the bulletin.

Since we now know that so many people outside Branch 78 enjoy reading our publication,



Yana Miller

let me say that it is a shame that carriers within a short time of retiring have to spend their final years in the Service under the conditions DOIS has created. There is a lack of respect for an individual's quality of work. People in a rush tend to make foolish mistakes and have accidents because they are concentrating on the clock not what they are doing.

*By Yana Miller*

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## OHIO STATE CONVENTION

I would like to thank the membership for nominating me to represent Buckeye Branch 78 as a delegate at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Ohio State Association Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. Branch 78 was well represented with several officers working on State Committees. Branch 78 President Rocco Evangelista was the State Officer on the Mileage and Per Diem Committee, Vice President Bob Solt was on the Retirees Committee, Assistant Recording Secretary Yana Miller was on the Officers Report Committee. I was appointed to the Audit Committee, EEO Officer Michael Iacoboni was on the Election Committee, Head Trustee Carl Demko was on the Greetings Committee and Trustee Trevor Payne was on the Credentials Committee.

The state unanimously moved to change the state by-laws to conform to the NALC National Constitution that was changed at the National Convention August 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Central Regional Field Coordinator Jonathon Kohn presented a slide show on the Legislative and Political field plan for the NALC. NALC National Vice President Gary Mullins delivered a power point presentation on the recently negotiated proposed national contract.

Branch 78 was well represented at all the general sessions of the convention. Several branch members asked pointed questions during presentations and the question and answer sessions. Branch 78 President Rocco Evangelista was re-elected Director of Education for the Ohio State Association of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The 64<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention is scheduled for Akron in 2009. All Carriers that have red for their scheduled day off are entitled to administrative leave for the Ford Day, National Day of Observance January 3, 2007. All P.T.F.'s that worked in pay period 26, 2007 and



**William Young National President presents Todd Hornyak with certificate of completion of arbitration training.**

pay period 1, 2007 are entitle to administrative leave equal to the average hours worked pay period 26. This must be used prior to the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2007. The employees involved should request the leave on PS Form 3971 following the normal leave procedures, write Ford Day of Observance in the remarks section. I hope to see everyone at the picnic.

***Todd Hornyak***

## A MESSAGE FROM JACKIE MITCHELL

I had the pleasure of meeting some friends at Red, White, and Boom earlier this month. This was a first for me, and I truly enjoyed it, there were plenty of activities to keep my girls entertained as well as myself. Having never been, I can only think of good things to say about it, and I'm pretty sure we will make a yearly habit to go as long as there plans to keep it at the post office or some place with minimal traffic. I ran into some people who I had not seen for some time, one of these people being Bobby Connell, and also got the pleasure of meeting his fiancée, Sally Dye, also a letter carrier. I was one of the lucky ones that was able to not only work with Bobby but also call him my friend. Unfortunately, we lost Bobby and Sally less than two weeks later. It's amazing how life can change in such a short time. Bobby will never realize how much of an impact he made on other peoples lives. After

seeing the outpouring of concern for their families, not only from fellow employees but also from patrons out on their routes, it made me realize just how much we come to mean to our customers. We get to know about them and their families as they get to know about ours. There are not too many jobs out there like we have as letter carriers, and it 's a shame that the post office is trying to change that. I, personally, like having that relationship with my customer's. I don't always have time to chat, but I always have a smile for them. Something, the customers always like seeing from us. And it seems like the post office is so worried about customer service, or so they say, when in fact they are trying to do away with customer service, by installing NDCBU's, gang boxes, etc. and to add to that now they are looking to implement these new FSS machines. I understand that the post office has to keep up with

the competition, and they are trying to save money. But, I for one, do not really need somebody from the post office sending me letters telling me how great we are doing then having a supervisor try to tell me that I am an hour light, and need to pivot. It seems to me that the information is not always entered correctly, and that if I go by there expectations, I would be pivoting an hour this month, and by the end of next month, maybe an hour and a half. Bottom line is this, be stronger than they are. Remember, it takes a certain type of person to be a letter carrier. On a more positive note, during the last heat wave, my thanks goes out to those supervisors and/or managers who provided water for the carriers. We are lucky enough to have one of those managers, who provided the water himself, because he was not able to get approval from downtown in a timely manner, kudos to him.

### DON'T FORGET!

## To Make Your Contribution To COLCPE

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**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO COLCPE**

Mail to: **Buckeye Branch 78**  
1029 Harrisburg Pike  
Columbus, Ohio  
43223-2524

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FOR  
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FROM YOUR  
PAY CHECK  
OR  
CHECKING  
ACCOUNT!



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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also. I am sure the schedule will change, I will keep you posted. The branch will host several route protection classes closer to the inspection time to help inform you of your rights and to help you prepare for the weeks ahead. All we teach you in the classes is what it states in the handbooks and manuals and how your rights as a letter carrier fits into that criteria. If you as a carrier work by the rules agreed to, you will work much less harder than you did today. Letter carriers in the Columbus

District have a very good work ethic sometime going above and beyond what is expected of them. I encourage all letter carriers to read the M-39 and M-41 handbooks along with all NALC books that address route inspections. Refer to the NALC web sight and plan on attending the meeting concerning route inspections.

**Remember**

***Keep fighting the good fight !***

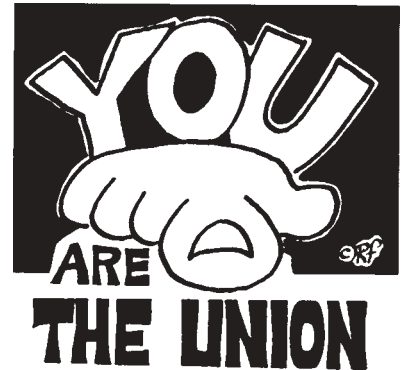
*Rocco Evangelista*



*Dave Nelson, West Worthington Station, formerly of the Eastland Station clocks out for the last time. Enjoy your retirement Dave.*

***In Remembrance  
To The  
Men and Women Who  
Sacrificed Their Lives...***

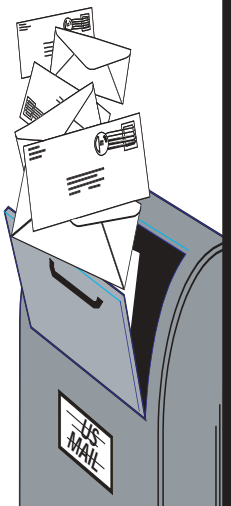
***For Our Freedom....***



## MEMBERS OF BRANCH 78

If you have something to share with us. Please send us your article before the 1st Wed of each month.

**GET  
INVOLVED!**





## 2007 GOLF OUTING





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# NBA REPORT

The latest organizing report is out and it shows Region 11 at 95.4% organized which ranks as 3<sup>rd</sup> among the 15 NBA Regions.

A simple increase of two tenths of a percent would move us to second place.

Please continue signing those non-members.

The Top Ten Lists follows:

## **LARGE BRANCHES (200 or more)**

1. Branch 29	Albany, NY	99.7%
2. Branch 3	Buffalo, New York	98.2%
3. Branch 210	Rochester, NY	97.8%
4. Branch 100	Toledo, OH	97.5%
5. Branch 182	Dayton, OH	96.4%
6. Branch 358	Schenectady, NY	96.1%
7. Branch 43	Cincinnati, OH	96.1%
8. Branch 134	Syracuse, NY	96.1%
9. Branch 148	Akron, OH	95.7%
10. Branch 40	Cleveland, OH	95.5%

## **MEDIUM SIZE BRANCHES (51-199)**

1. Branch 3688	Willoughby, OH	100%
2. Branch 280	Marion, OH	100%
3. Branch 196	Elyria, OH	99.1%
4. Branch 1629	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	99.1%
5. Branch 4195	Mentor, OH	97.8%
6. Branch 238	Canton, OH	97.7%
7. Branch 426	Hamilton, OH	96.5%
8. Branch 583	Lorain, OH	96.1%
9. Branch 21	Elmira, NY	95.8%
10. Branch 482	Ashtabula, OH	95.5%

## **SMALL BRANCHES (100%)      Members**

1. Branch 661	North Tonawanda, NY	45
2. Branch 800	Niles, OH	31
3. Branch 997	Athens, OH	31
4. Branch 721	Ashland, OH	21
5. Branch 413	Tiffin, OH	20
6. Branch 123	Piqua, OH	19
7. Branch 97	Oneonta, NY	16
8. Branch 301	Geneva, NY	15
9. Branch 288	Washington C.H., OH	15
10. Branch 898	Dover, OH	14
11. Branch 140	Ironton, OH	14

*Bill Cooke*



**Attention All Member's  
You're Invited**

*Annual Retiree  
Dinner*

**When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007  
Where: BERWICK PARTY HOUSE  
3250 REFUGEE RD.  
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***COME HONOR OUR NEWEST GOLD  
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HAVE A GREAT MEAL***

**Time: Cocktails 6:00-7:00 PM  
Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Donations: Retirees and escort \$7.00  
Active and escort \$10.00**

**For Reservations Contact  
*Jack LeVally*  
614-875-2220  
or contact your shop steward**

## Branch 78 News Flash . . . .

**WE HAD A WINNER OF THE MEMBER DRAWING  
AT THE AUGUST MEETING**

**SPENCER LYMON WON \$350.00.**

**NOW IT STARTS OVER WITH \$10.00.**

**SPEND AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS  
ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS!**

**STEWARDS MTG-6:30 P.M.**  
First Wednesday of  
each month

**OFFICERS MTG-6:00 P.M.**  
The Monday preceding  
Steward Meeting



**BRANCH MTG-6:30 P.M.**  
Second Wednesday  
of each month

**RETIREES MTG-1:00 P.M.**  
First Tuesday of  
each month

## NALC Retirement Picnic



**September 4, 2007**

**AMVETS**

Call the union office for details, 279-2778

3535 Westerville Road

# BRANCH 78

## ANNUAL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

Fran Bar Park

Noon - 4



Food & Beverages

Clowns & Face Painting



Pony Rides



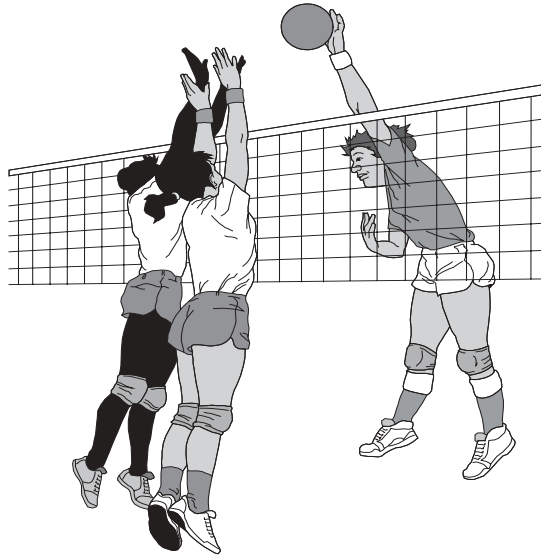
Balloons

Games

Fishing Pond



# Branch 78 Picnic



## Volleyball Team Signup

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Players (6 minimum):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Signup form to:  
Trevor Payne  
1029 Harrisburg Pike  
Columbus, Ohio 43223-2524

Return by September 1, 2007

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# LOOK

FOR THE

# UNION LABEL



**THE JOB YOU SAVE  
COULD BE YOUR OWN!**

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