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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Someone once said that “old men start wars and young men fight them”. I apply that analogy in part for route adjustments. Someone in Washington is making decisions that effect Letter Carriers on a daily basis. With the FSS, mail volume on the decline and MIARAP, Letter Carriers in the Columbus District have the potential to be on the street for over seven hours. When I was younger I thought “the sooner I get out of the office, the happier I am”. That still stands but in today’s environment office time equates to less than an hour. The more time a carrier is on the street, the more wear and tear he/she places on the body. As I have stated previously, the human body is not made to walk seven hours a day, every day with a bag on your shoulder. Couple the walking with the motion of going up and down steps with the added weight it can only lead to your body wearing out at a faster pace than the normal cycle we are used to.

Am I wrong-I hope so. I can only hope that someone in Washington will have the vision to realize that future route adjustments will have to take into consideration how long the street time is. How do they do that, I do

not have the answer. I only want to know “Are you thinking about it?”

I have asked numerous times to adjust routes that are under FSS. A grievance was filed and it could be going to arbitration. Management has stated that they are taking time with the FSS adjustments because they want to do them correctly and do not want to rush. I think three months in some cases are long enough so lets get them adjusted. Routes should be close to eight hours as possible. I am of the belief that Letter Carriers do not want to pivot, they want an eight hour route. The Columbus District is mandated to use CORE when making the route adjustments (under FSS). If that is the case, union participation is very limited.

I want to thank all of you for making “one new toy” a huge success again this year. Eastland and Westland once again led the way on donations this year. Numerous stations stepped up and helped out the cause with donations of toys and money. I want to thank especially Yana Miller Farney and Tom Wilson for there efforts throughout the year to keep this worthy cause in the spotlight. Many families benefit from the



**Rocco
Evangelista**

generosity of Letter Carriers wether it is One New Toy, the NALC Food Drive, or MDA. Letter Carriers always step up to offer a hand up to the community. I believe over seven thousand dollars was raised this year and this could not be done without the efforts of a few. Thanks again. On a bad note, my heartfelt sorrow go out to the families of Charlie Trott and Kenny Wooten. Charlie Trott was a longtime clerk at the Oakland Park station, his father Charlie Sr. is a retired letter carrier. Kenny is the father of Terry Wooten, letter carrier and was also an officer in the branch for several years. Time is short so make the most of what you have

Remember-keep fighting the good fight.

Rocco Evangelista

A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT BOB SOLT



Bob Solt

The Eastland Station, active and retired, Letter Carriers have once again gone

above and beyond the typical expectations in their quest to help with the Branch 78 One New Toy program this year. This year Eastland Station has had the honor of a single station raising the most money city wide for our One New Toy program. Eight hundred and forty four dollars as well as a gargantuan amount of new toys worth approximately nine hundred and fifty dollars were donated to One New Toy by the employees of Eastland Station.

This illustrates the compassion the active and retired Eastland employees have for the financially disadvantaged in our community. Eastland Station is truly the pride of the East side, Branch 78 and quite possibly the Postal Service as well. Their actions exemplify the true meaning of progressive Unionism, working together for a common cause.

This year, Barnes & Noble, at Tremont and Fishinger, went above and beyond, in their helping us with One New Toy. They have been making donations to the cause for a few years now but this year they had a month long sale, just for us. Alice, Ann and the rest of the gang at B & N are now One

The annual Union Stewards appreciation dinner was held on Dec 2nd at our recently remodeled Union Hall. This is the event where we attempt to show our gratitude to the men and women who each day serve the members of Branch 78. Union Stewards make the decision to serve their fellow Letter Carriers and the Branch as Stewards for an assortment of reasons. Some are tired of seeing some of the Carriers being mistreated by what seems to be less than human supervisors. Some want to speak for those who do not want to confront management. It is usually a basic reason that men and women take on what is probably the worst job in the Union. To attempt to assist other Letter Carriers that at times desperately need help. Stewards are constantly bombarded with questions from the other Carriers. Management usually places the blame on the Steward for anything that goes wrong in the office or the entire Postal Service. If the FSS run is late some supervisor that is contractually and socially handicapped will undoubtedly try to blame it on the Union Steward.

I want to thank the Union

New Toy elves like the rest of us. Alice spoke to me about halfway thru the sale and said "Tom, I sold 100 books for you guys this week and next week I want to sell 120." I told her that it's the "One New Toy Virus" and once it gets you, you're like the rest of us. Crazy! But, we love it!

Stewards for their hard work, long hours and dedication to the members of Branch 78. I know you do not hear it often enough but you are appreciated by your fellow Letter Carriers and the officers of Branch 78. You do make a positive difference in a workplace that is usually a vast sea of insanity. Thank you.

I also want to thank all of the Branch officers and wives that attended, your help is greatly appreciated and of course to our Branch President. Rocco was kind enough to share with me the requirements of a successful event. The 3 P's, preparation, preparation and presentation. He shared this with me after he had worked many hours in our kitchen.

Again this year we had a surprise visit from a magnificently dressed Santa Clause, otherwise known as Eastland Carrier Dave Ford.

Hopefully everyone had a joyous holiday season and will have a prosperous new year.

***Fraternally,
Bob Solt***

We received some great assistance from the Anderson store at 161 and Sawmill and from the Sawmill Road Meijers. Both stores were very generous and very helpful with our annual shopping excursion. Many thanks to all who helped!

Tom Wilson



MILLER'S MUSINGS

Another year draws to close and we find the Postal Service to be in financial disarray. I don't know if this is the worst it's been but it has to be a close second. In spite of the short term help from Congress on prefunding future retirees' health costs, the numbers are pitiful. Most of us feel the way to boost our numbers would be to return to providing service to the American public. Stop giving service lip service and let us provide it. It would take a lot. The biggest challenge is to get mail to carrier units early so that we can be out on our routes early. Retrain management so we are all on the same page. Stop wasting money on useless tool like DOIS, CORS and GPS. Use the machine mail to get it cased faster rather than fiddling with it on the street. Have it all collated and ready to put in the box with minimal fussing about. Have scanners to truly track the mail not track us to have more reasons for discipline.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza or what every your celebration is called. I wish to thank Westland, Eastland, Upper Arlington, West Worthington, Gahanna, Worthington, Marysville, Northland and all of the individuals that made One New Toy a success, again. Every year we sweat bullets hoping you will come through and at the eleventh hour, you did just that. This year our collections were split between Central Community House and the Central Ohio Labor Council's One New

Toy that helps needy union families. Knowing how many of our labor brethren are laid off and the fact that we are still holding on, it seemed like a good thing to do. Tom Wilson procured sixteen boxes of books from the Tremont Barnes & Noble. These were really nice mint condition books for all different age groups tiny to teens. We purchased gift cards from Meijer since they are a union employer, \$4000 worth to be exact. These went to the seniors and teens. We bought toys at the Anderson's and Meijer on Sawmill. Tom Wilson coerced Anderson's in to giving a very nice discount and Meijer gave us \$300 in gift cards. Our shopping team was Michelle Sayers (Mrs. Mitch), Mikel and Dad, Greg Tatman, Dawn Shepard Ganz, Tim Nelson, Ed Ralston, Gary Porter, Jacki Mitchell, Brenda Stidams, my hubby, Dwayne and I. We were missing the Head Elf Tom Wilson and his Missus, Gloria; they had a death in their family and had to go out of state. He wanted to leave after the service and drive back to help deliver. After much consoling, pleading and assuring we would get the job done, he accepted a pass for this year. It wasn't the same without him but the need will still be there next year. Jodi and Amber tallied us at The Anderson's; Nida and Erica did the same at Meijer. I don't think Erica ever wants to do gift cards again after our purchase. Ed, Bob Solt, Dwayne and I had the joy of delivering. There

was so much appreciation in the smiles, hugs and tears. Those of you that gave made Christmas very special for a lot of children and seniors that otherwise would have had nothing. I am very grateful for your continued support and generosity. Oh yes, you gave us about \$7800 to work with.



Yana Miller-Farney

*Thank you and
Happy New Year!*

Yana Miller-Farney

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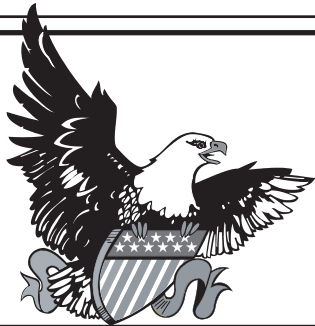
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STEWARDS MTG-6:30 P.M.
First Wednesday of
each month

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The Monday preceding
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Second Wednesday
of each month

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



SAFETY FIRST



Under ARTICLE 14 of the national agreement, the postal service is to provide safe working conditions within the postal facilities and develop a safe work force. Employees have a obligation to observe all safety rules and procedures, management must also correct unsafe conditions and equipment and ensure that our work place is safe. Management must make available the form PS 1767 (REPORT OF HAZARD, UNSAFE CONDITION) that carriers or other employees can report unsafe or unhealthy conditions.

Your station safety captain should be able to direct you to where these forms are located, if not ask your supervisor or manager. In addition, employees must report all accidents and occupational injuries and illnesses on a PS FORM 1769 (ACCIDENT REPORT) within 24 hours, and management must provide the employee with a copy of the PS FORM 1769 upon receiving a written request from the employee involved in the accident.

Under article 14 if a employee feels that or believes

they are being required to work under unsafe conditions they should request to speak with their UNION STEWARD to file a formal step A grievance within 14 days of notifying management if no corrective actions has been taken during the employees tour.

Again, employees have a obligation to observe all safety rules. Let's start 2010 with a safe and injury free year.

STAY FOCUSED!

*Gary L Porter
Safety & Health*



BRANCH 78 MEMBER UPDATE FORM

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Work Station: _____ Route Number: _____

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