

## NEW YEAR UPDATES ON NDC ISSUES

**ARTICLE 12** The proposed excessing that was to have resulted in clerk craft employees being involuntarily reassigned outside of this facility has finally been officially canceled. The official notice was received this week. As far as the proposed changes to start times for this facility there has been no new information in the past few weeks. We are still waiting to see how the management plan plays out. As always, we will ensure that the contract is followed and that our members are informed.

<u>VER / FEDPREP SEMINAR</u> By now everyone should be aware of the Voluntary Early Retirement being offered by the USPS. Details are available on-line and will also be mailed out directly to all eligible employees. Local 7048 is hosting another retirement seminar by Federal Prep like we have done a number of times in the past. The seminar will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the APWU hall located at 2075 Byberry Rd. There are two times for anyone wishing to attend. The first seminar will start at 2:45 PM and the second seminar will start at 5:15 PM. They last about 2 hours and there is a wealth of useful information for those considering retirement either in the near or not-too-distant future. You must sign up if you want to attend. See any officer or steward for the sign-up form.

STEWARD SEMINAR / NEW BLOOD APWU Local #7048 will be holding a new steward seminar within the next several weeks. An official date has not yet been set but it is coming very soon because we have a couple of people already interested in stepping up and getting involved in the day-to-day operation of union activities. Anyone interested, please give your information to any officer or steward. The steward seminar lasts about four hours and we will provide lunch during the class. Attending the seminar is a great first step towards getting involved and provides you with a better understanding of the labor/management process. As the current leaders get closer and closer to retirement, it becomes more important than ever that we have people ready to carry us forward as an organization.

**TELECON TOWN HALL BY APWU**Finally, APWU national leadership is reaching out to allmembers to be involved during upcoming CBA negotiations. Stop by the union office to register forthe telecon which takes place on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM and 6 PM. If you have questions/interest in theupcoming contract negotiations, this is an excellent opportunity for you.

In Solidarity, Chuck Camp President Local 7048