

# News & Views



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## On your marks – get set - let's GO – CHICAGO

**Make Plans today to attend the 2014 Auxiliary National Convention**

By Kathy Danek, President

Standing up – Fighting Back is the theme of the 2014 National Convention. Have you marked your calendars? Are you looking at flights or other travel arrangements to get to Chicago? We need all of you – we need our local and state Auxiliaries to hold their elections to send delegates to the 2014 National Convention. It's just four short months away – beginning on July 21 and ending on July 25, 2014. The convention itself is being held in the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, IL. There are a host of wonderful events being planned, including a COPA Celebration, an Auxiliary Celebration luncheon and much more.

On **Sunday July 20**, we will be holding **PRECONVENTION WORKSHOPS** including officer training and parliamentary procedure/first timers classes. We are continuing on our quest to raise a minimum of \$20,000 for the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team. This project was selected by the 2012 delegates in convention at Los Angeles. We've come together as an organization with a variety of fund raising opportunities. And many of our members have created innovative fund raising projects in their states and locals to also benefit the WWAST Human Relations Goal. But it won't happen if we don't all work together.

This is your opportunity to shape the direction of the Auxiliary. You'll need your credentials, so contact the Secretary, Pat Lewis if you haven't already received them. After you've reviewed the Constitution & Bylaws, maybe you want a change to be considered. You of course can present a proposed resolution at your local and/or state meeting. If it is adopted at that level, then it should be forwarded to the National Auxiliary Secretary & President. Yes, you can send it by email to both of them. But we still need an official copy signed by the appropriately elected officers in your state or local. OR, you might have a couple of ideas on projects you'd like us to adopt. Miscellaneous resolutions are the avenue for those ideas. Speaking of Committees, don't forget to sign up for an Auxiliary Convention Committee. They include: Nominations & Elections; Consolidated Report; Rules; Credentials; Constitution & Bylaws Resolutions; Miscellaneous Resolutions; Planning & Ideas; Finance & Audit; COPA & Political Action; and Human Relations.

And we will honor our first recipients of the Auxiliary's Achievement Awards program. You can get your form on our website at [www.apwuauxiliary.org](http://www.apwuauxiliary.org) OR by contacting any national officer. It's an honor system form, so you are totally responsible for the submission and events.

## April Notes 2014

### Save the Date!



Thursday, April 24, 2014



Check out our website  
[www.apwuauxiliary.org](http://www.apwuauxiliary.org)

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# Electronic IRS Form 990-N

Trisa Mannion, Treasurer

Our Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, July 23. Don't forget to send in the names of those you wish to honor. We will also hold nominations for officers following the service.

Elections will be held on Thursday, July 24.

The Auxiliary will again be assisting the National APWU with delegate registration beginning Friday, July, 18th, and ending Monday, July 21st. If you want to volunteer to help out, contact President Danek. We would be most appreciative of your help, but more than that, it's an opportunity to network with other Auxiliary members from across the nation. Friend building, sharing ideas, taking advantage of learning opportunities. Yes – that about sums up a National Convention experience.

And all we need to complete the experience is You – and YOU – and YOU and YOU. If you need information on becoming a delegate, or obtaining credentials to be seated, contact us at [kmdanek@apwuauxiliary.org](mailto:kmdanek@apwuauxiliary.org) OR [kmdanek@aol.com](mailto:kmdanek@aol.com)

FINALLY – Where do you want to stay? The APWU has contracted with six hotels in the downtown Chicago area. Four of them are at the gateway to the Magnificent Mile, on the banks of the Chicago River. The Auxiliary convention headquarters is the **Swissotel Chicago**. The APWU headquarters is the **Hyatt Regency Chicago**. The **Wyndham hotel** is a couple blocks east of the Hyatt, while the **Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers** is located on the north side of the Chicago River. Just a short walk south would be the **Palmer House Hilton**, a historic Chicago hotel in the hub of restaurants, two “subway” stops within 2 blocks, and lots of local shopping. The final hotel is adjacent to the Convention Center and called the **Hyatt Regency McCormick Place**. If you are driving, please check with your individual hotel for parking rates. If you are flying, Chicago is served by two airports. O'Hare International and Midway. Taxi costs are as follows: O'Hare is approximately \$50 each way, Midway is approximately \$35 each way.

The APWU will have shuttle busses from the convention hotels to the McCormick Convention Center during convention events.

It's time for all of us to Stand together and Fight Back to protect the jobs of the APWU. Our families, our communities and our nation depend on these jobs. This is our opportunity to continue building that coalition of friends and forge a path for the future.

WE NEED YOU! Hope to see you there.

Scan QR code to get connected to the Auxiliary Website.



<http://epostcard.form990.org//default.asp>

If your fiscal year ended December 31, it is time to complete this 10 minute task?

Use the link above to take you to the site.

Call me and I will help you file. Make certain you receive the "Accepted" status email. Please forward that email to me so I can preserve the record for your local or state.

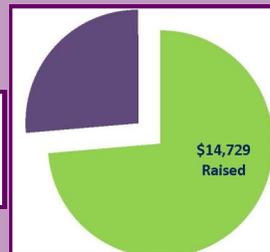


Trisa Mannion , Treasurer  
Auxiliary to the APWU



**We Still Need Your Help!**

**Our Goal is to Raise \$20,000**



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# 2014 Convention Hotel Information

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** The APWU has negotiated special room rates with the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Palmer House Hilton, Sheraton Chicago, Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront and Swissotel. The Hyatt Regency Chicago has been designated as the headquarters hotel.

Reservation cutoff dates are listed below for each individual hotel. After these dates, rooms and rates will be based on availability. You must use a credit card when booking online.

You will receive a confirmation of your reservation via e-mail. Questions regarding hotel reservations should be directed to the individual hotels.

For each room, a one-night's-stay deposit, plus tax is requested with payment by credit card. Failure to notify the hotel of a change in arrival date will result in cancellation of the reservation and the deposit will be forfeited. Information regarding cancellation and incidental deposits are listed below next to each individual hotel.

Early departures are subject to a penalty, set by the individual hotels. If you do not cancel per the dates listed below or do not arrive on your confirmed arrival date, your full reservation will be cancelled. (Please note that APWU locals and state organizations may pay by check, but must send the full amount to the hotel 30 days prior to arrival.)



## 2014 APWU AUXILIARY CONVENTION- CHICAGO

### Convention Hotels and Rates

The negotiated rates listed below, plus tax, are per night, single or double occupancy.

| HOTEL NAME & INFO   | POLICIES FOR EACH HOTEL   | RATE  |
|---|---|-------|
| <b>APWU HEADQUARTERS</b><br><b>Hyatt Regency Chicago</b><br>151 E Wacker Dr.<br>Chicago, IL 60601<br>Reservations: 888-421-1442 | Group Code: APWU<br>Registration cutoff date: June 17, 2014<br>Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival<br>Incidental deposit: \$100/day (credit card or cash)                                | \$189 |
| <b>AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS</b><br><b>Swissotel</b><br>323 E Upper Wacker Dr.<br>Chicago, IL 60601<br>Reservations: 312-565-0565  | Group Code: American Postal Workers Union<br>Registration cutoff date: July 1, 2014<br>Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival<br>Incidental deposit: \$50/day (credit card or cash)         | \$189 |
| <b>Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront</b><br>71 East Wacker Drive<br>Chicago, IL 60601<br>Reservations: 312-346-7100              | Group Code: 07156835AM<br>Registration cutoff date: July 1, 2014<br>Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival<br>Incidental deposit: \$50/day (credit card or cash)                            | \$176 |
| <b>Sheraton Chicago</b><br>301 E North Water St.<br>Chicago, IL 60611<br>Reservations: 800-233-4100                             | Group Code: American Postal Workers Union or APWU<br>Registration cutoff date: July 1, 2014<br>Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival<br>Incidental deposit: \$50/day (credit card or cash) | \$189 |
| <b>Palmer House Hilton</b><br>17 E Monroe St.<br>Chicago, IL 60603<br>Reservations: 877-865-5321                                | Group Code: APC<br>Registration cutoff date: July 1, 2014<br>Cancellation policy: 48 hours prior to arrival<br>Incidental deposit: \$50/day (credit card or cash)                                   | \$189 |
| <b>Hyatt Regency McCormick Place</b><br>2233 S Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.<br>Chicago, IL 60616<br>Reservations: 888-421-1442 | Group Code: American Postal Workers Union<br>Registration cutoff date: June 17, 2014<br>Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival<br>Incidental deposit: \$100/day (credit card or cash)       | \$195 |



Hearing is a critical component of language development, communication, learning and social skills. In the United States more children are born with hearing loss than any other congenital health issue. According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, various studies estimate that between one to six per 1,000 newborns are born with hearing loss. Ninety percent of the children are born to hearing parents who have no experience raising a child with hearing loss.

There are several ways in which hearing loss affects children's ability to learn. Vocabulary develops more slowly in children who have hearing loss. Children with hearing loss have difficulty understanding words with multiple meanings and have difficult learning the meaning to more complex words.

Hearing loss also affects children's ability to speak. Children with hearing loss may not hear their own voices when they speak and may speak too loudly or not loud enough.

Children with hearing loss have difficulty with all areas of academic achievement, especially reading and mathematical concepts. In fact, a recent study indicated that children with mild to moderate hearing losses, on average, rank one to four grade levels lower than their peers with normal hearing.

The earlier hearing loss occurs in a child's life, the more serious the effects on the child's development. Similarly, the earlier the problem is identified and intervention is begun, the less serious the ultimate impact. If you have any concerns about a child in your family, set-up a free hearing consultation using your American Hearing Benefits. Your benefits are good for immediate and extended family. Simple call today 1-888-863-7222.



1-800-222-2798

[www.apwuhp.com](http://www.apwuhp.com)

## Take Part in a Great Convention!

By Barbara Maciejewski-Leg. Aid/Editor

### It's Almost Convention Time!

This Convention is a new beginning for two very important People, APWU President, Mark Dimondstein and Auxiliary to the APWU President, Kathy Danek. Our conventions in the past have always been grand, fun and productive but now it's a new time to shine. Many changes across the country have taken place and we want as an auxiliary to be part of this very important time. Opposing Staples use of their employees in privatizing Postal retail operations is critical. Remember the National Day of Action on Thursday, April 24, 2014. Check out the APWU.org website for more information.

You will see new things at this 2014 Auxiliary Convention. A membership contest, Achievement Awards, COPA Raffles that will knock your socks off and many things that you can only experience by attending the convention. Our Wednesday luncheon theme will be announced next month, but I am leaving little picture clues throughout the paper to give you hints. The new coloring contest to show off your children's art work, with all of them being winners is something new as well.

There is so much to see in Chicago. Navy Pier, beautiful grand fountains, parks, shopping, eateries, theaters, Shedd's Aquarium, the Museum of Science and Industry, did I say Shopping?

If you are a history buff, historical buildings and stepping back in time is always just around the corner. Send as many members as you can and bring your family to one of the greatest cities in the world.

Take part in as many workshops and committees as possible. We are always looking for volunteers for different projects and tasks, so if you have a little extra time come see us and be part of a grand experience.

Remember to take part if you can in any of the APWU special events. A lot of hard work goes into a convention and there is nothing better as a sign of appreciation than attending these events.

So last thing this month is PLEASE bring any donations for COPA that you can. Homemade items are always just as appreciated as purchased. If you are flying, you can send them to my address listed on the back of the paper before July 10th, and I will bring them with me.

Let's make this the best convention ever!  
Till next month,

Barb M.

## Auxiliary Achievement Award

By Bonnie Sevre-District 3 Coordinator

The first Auxiliary Achievement Awards will be presented at the National Auxiliary Convention in July.

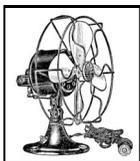
We are excited to see all of the hard work our auxiliary members are doing across the country and look forward to handing out lots of Auxiliary Achievement Award pins at the Convention!

Be sure to fill out your form and submit it so you can be recognized! *Auxiliary Achievement Award forms can be found on the Auxiliary website, [www.apwuauxiliary.org](http://www.apwuauxiliary.org).* Don't forget to include your name, local, etc. on the front of the form. *If you do not have access to a computer, please contact your district coordinator by phone or mail OR chairperson Bonnie Sevre for a blank form. One will be mailed to you.*

If you have earned enough points to be eligible for a pin and your Auxiliary Achievement Award form is sent after June 15th, you will still be recognized with your pin, just not at the Convention.

To be one of those to receive your award at the Convention fill out the form and submit it to:

Bonnie Sevre  
2836 Highway 88  
St. Anthony, MN  
55418  
e-mail  
[bsaux@aol.com](mailto:bsaux@aol.com)



## 2014 National Convention Education Classes

By Mary Lois Clayson-District 2 Coordinator

We are excited for our 2014 National Auxiliary Convention, which will be held this year in Chicago, IL from July 20th-24th! Our General Session will begin Monday afternoon, but by coming in on Sunday, you may participate in these fabulous classes:

Classes: "First Timers", and "Officers Training"

Times: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Teachers: District Coordinators Debra Stewart, Clara Hill, and Colette Phillippe

Price: Free

Please pre-register now by e-mailing me your name, Local Auxiliary, address, phone number, e-mail, and your choice of classes so that we will be prepared for you. Plan now to join us for these informative and energizing classes.



Mary Lois Clayson,  
Education Committee Chairman  
e-mail address: [mlcaux@aol.com](mailto:mlcaux@aol.com)

## 2014 Nilan Scholarship

Applications for the \$750.00 scholarship are available on the Auxiliary to the APWU website.

All you need to do is:

Fill out the official application form.

Write an essay on the 2014 topic:

**“Why is buying USA or Union-made products so important?”**

All essays must be typed, double-spaced on white paper and be between 175-250 words.

Send your **application and essay** together in an envelope via Certified Mail, Return Receipt requested, to:

Mary Lois Clayson  
180 W. Apple Blossom Way  
Salem, UT 84653

Entries must be postmarked on or before **July 1, 2014.**

You will be notified by mail whether or not you have won.



**“Why is buying USA or Union-made products so important?”**



# Book Of Memories

## *Book of Memories* *Auxiliary to the American Postal Workers Union*

Please list name **EXACTLY** as you want it to appear in the Book of Memories.  
Please type or print legibly.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local APWU or Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Send Acknowledgement card to:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

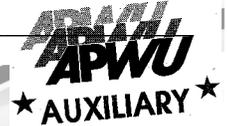
**\$10.00 MINIMUM DONATION SUGGESTED**

All proceeds go to the Auxiliary

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with donation to Treasurer, Trisa Mannion

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### Convention Coloring Contest Rules

Would your Child or Grandchild like to win a gift or a ribbon for participating in a coloring contest while at the APWU or Auxiliary National Convention? It's simple to enter. Have them color the Illinois State Bird (The Cardinal) on the next page and bring it in to the Auxiliary office when they attend. Each Child may submit one masterpiece, but if you need to make copies of the following page for them to practice on that's o.k. remember... their final art work should have the information part attached. Any type of markers, crayons, pencils, glitter etc. is acceptable. Let them be as creative as they would like and we will post all of them for everyone to see. The art work might also be posted in the exhibit hall at the Auxiliary booth. This contest is only for the children attending the convention so please make sure all information is filled out properly so that your child may be recognized. The Auxiliary loves to include your children at convention, so if they would like to be pages on the Auxiliary Convention Floor, please contact us via the website so that we can get them signed up.

Barb Maciejewski



# National Convention Coloring Contest 2014

Illinois State Bird—Cardinal



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Auxiliary Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member State and Local \_\_\_\_\_

Submit at Auxiliary Office in McCormick Center by 1:00 p.m., Monday July 21st, 2014

1 Winner in each of three age groups—write age in group category 2-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Winners will be announced and displayed on Tuesday July 22nd, 2014 in Auxiliary Convention Hall

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## Save the Date

National Convention to be held  
in Chicago, Illinois  
July 21st-25th, 2014  
Look for preconvention work-  
shop information inside.

**REMEMBER!**

Get your membership dues  
sent in as soon as possible.



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