

The Twig of the Branch



Branch 1477 West Coast Florida Letter Carriers



Serving:

**St. Petersburg — Largo — Dunedin — Pinellas Park — Indian Rocks Beach
Punta Gorda — Englewood — Bradenton Beach — Palmetto — Ellenton**

VOLUME 591

VOICE OF BRANCH 1477

DECEMBER, 2018

Inside This Issue:

President's Report <i>by Joe Henschen</i>	1-2
Executive Vice President <i>article—Hubble's Troubles by Chris Hubble</i>	2-3
First Vice President <i>article by Zulma Betancourt</i>	3
Minutes of the Branch <i>by Secretary Ken Grasso</i>	3-5
MBA Update <i>article by Ben Hamilton</i>	6
Editor's Corner <i>by Judy Dorris</i>	7
Potluck Dinner	8
Auxiliary 181 News <i>by Dottie Tutt-Hutchinson</i>	9
Meetings and Breakfast Attendees	10
Union's Data Page	11
Calendar	12



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By President Joe Henschen
Twitter @JaHe1

With shorter daylight hours, and later start times, carriers are once again dealing with delivering mail after dark. This means you may wind up working in the dark. This causes issues every year. So, what is safe? "Safe" depends on you and your route. There is no blanket policy regarding delivery after dark, because the very core issue to contend with is whether a particular carrier on a particular route can safely make mail delivery. Bottom line: Each carrier must weigh individual circumstances about the type of delivery to be carried (door-to-door walking, mounted, apartments, cluster boxes, etc.), surroundings (unfamiliar, high crime, many steps and hills, etc.) and past experiences with after-dark deliveries.

Arbitrators have ruled that darkness in and of itself is not unsafe. Darkness can contribute to an unsafe situation. For example: You are on a walking route, it is not well lighted, and you trip over a crack in the sidewalk. A few feet later you stumble over something else. You may want to declare that loop as unsafe and move to the next task. As you deliver on the next loop, the same rule applies. If it is well lighted, then deliver the mail. If you stumble due to poor lighting, then stop. Move to the next loop. There are several things you can do to keep safe while delivering when it is dark. If you are on a walking route and it is not well lighted, then you don't cut across lawns. You want to walk where it is safest. This is normally the driveway and sidewalk. If the area is not well lighted, then you probably cannot finger the mail while walking since you may not be able to see the addresses well enough. Additionally, if it is

NEXT BRANCH MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 AT THE LETTER CARRIER HALL

not well lighted, you cannot see where you are walking with your peripheral vision, so you actually need to watch where you walk.

You can have problems delivering on cluster box routes and dismount and mounted delivery due to darkness as well. If you have to turn on the overhead light to sort the mail for delivery, you may need to let your eyes adjust to the dark again before driving to the next box. Not allowing your eyes to adjust can result in a vehicle accident. For a cluster box, there may not be enough light to sort the mail at the box, and you may have to sort it at the truck and then head for the boxes to make the delivery. Dismount delivery is very similar to a walking route in the respect that you may not be able to sort the mail while you walk to the box. Management's plan requiring pivoting routes daily, may require you to be delivering in the dark on a route you are not familiar with. Everyone needs to case in the dog warning cards. It becomes more difficult to tell where the barking dog is when it is dark. You are the only one who can keep yourself safe.

If you choose to bring back the mail, let your manager know. You will need to be able to defend the decision with specific safety problems on the territory you brought back. Complete PS Form 1571 for all mail curtailed.

It is important to note it is not the intent of any carrier or of this office to endorse or encourage the unnecessary curtailment of any mail. It is about each carrier's safety and the protection of the mail in our charge and management's responsibility to manage. This is also not a blanket policy or approach. It very simply is the responsibility of each carrier to measure safety and report to supervisors any unsafe conditions encountered. It is management's responsibility to provide a safe environment, period.¹

I hope each of you have a safe holiday season and here's to hoping the Christmas season fills your home with the warmth and joyfulness that you and your family deserve.

¹ References from NALC Safety and Health Department

A word about 3999's...

Recently Chuck Cavicchio, (*Steward in Dunedin/ Branch Secretary*) and I were given the opportunity

**All stewards are excused from the
December 20th Stewards Training
meeting**



Hubble's Troubles

*By Executive Vice President,
Chris Hubble*

to work with District Operations on a mutually agreed upon route adjustment process. The first adjustment was completed in Palmetto and resulted in one full route as well as a Carrier Technician (T-6) position.

The other adjustments were in the St Petersburg installation at Midtown and Gulfwinds stations. The outcome was the creation of six full routes, four at Midtown and two at Gulfwinds. In addition we will be looking at the T-6 strings that move between multiple offices to possibly realign so as to avoid the traveling from station to station.

The good, bad and indifference, were the PS Form 3999's (*Inspection of Letter Carrier Routes*). Using the most recent 3999's in DOIS to adjust the routes with the use of COR (*Carrier Optimal Routing*) proved troublesome with integrity of the data. The 3999's were full of errors and not accurate in many cases. Many were manually completed, basically pencil whipped. Sadly, many supervisors are not trained on completing a proper 3999, they're just giving the hand-held computer (*DCD*) and shown the start and stop buttons.

The basic principles in the study of the 3999, is to move one section of a route to another for the purpose of making adjustments. The street allied time is just as important as the actual delivery time. It includes load and unload time, travel to and from the route. Time spent collecting from blue boxes and pick-ups. It also includes the delivery of parcels and accountable mail as well as street breaks and comfort stops.

I urge all carriers to request a summary of the 3999. Compare the printout of the original Form 3999, the DOIS generated Form 3999 and Audit Trail Report which lists any changes made to the actual 3999. Make sure the 3999 is representative. If the supervisor won't provide those items in a reasonable time, then they either haven't entered it into DOIS or just hiding the fact they are not confident in what they were doing.

Just a brief *caveat*, edit books...they too are important. You can't get any time associated with new deliveries if the edit book is not up to date. Be sure to include new construction, business and residential, as soon as you come aware of the physical address and how many possible deliveries.

Letter Carrier Political Fund Update:

The February 2018 Postal Record listed the names of 88 Active and Retired Members of Branch 1477 that contributed to the Letter Carrier Political Fund in 2017. (6.3%)

Currently that number has dropped to 32. (2%) members

You won't even miss it!

Brothers and Sisters

In the next few weeks, we will be working to increase our percentage of participation



First Vice President

By Zulma Betancourt

in the LCPF of Branch 1477. Our efforts together will help the NALC open doors to those in Washington, D.C. that support the issues important to Letter Carriers across the country. We cannot do it without you. I am asking each of you to consider setting up a contribution to the LCPF. Once you do, then ask a co-worker to contribute. It's easy and in December you won't even miss it.

On November 24, 2018 all Grade 1 and Grade 2 CCA's will receive and Upgrade/Pay Schedule Consolidation of 3.1%, While FTR's receive a 2.1%

For a top Wage Grade 1 Full Time Carrier that's an increase of .53 to .65 an hour. CCA's an increase of about .53.

A \$5.00 donation to the Letter Carrier Political fund per pay period runs you less than a penny – an hour. You won't even miss it, about .06 an hour.

If you need any other information or assistance getting started do not hesitate to contact me.

Zulma Betancourt

813-597-8363

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President

**Minutes of November 8, 2018
Membership Meeting**

Joe Henschen.



Secretary

Ken Grasso

Invocation by Greg Welsh

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Joe Henschen.

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion to accept as printed in last month's Twig, by O.D. Elliott, seconded by Jim Bumbul. Motion passes.

Reading of Official Correspondence by Ken Grasso: None

New Members: Karla Kerkela, Justin Sims, Susan Huzzy, Joshua Dragich, Kevin Boshers, Sonia Arjona, Claudia Atkinson, Manuel Planos, Ingrid Heise, Steven Kershner, Roxie Hannah, Kristine Almadovar, Summer Leoni, Sabrina Sherrill

Branch by the Numbers: Active 853, 237 being CCA's, 616 Full Time Regulars, Retirees 588, Gold Card Members 53, Total Membership 1441.

I would like to welcome Sarah Beth Barnes from Absolute Quality Interpreting Services LLC. I would like to welcome from Branch 2008 Clearwater Howard Fuller who is a classmate of Zulma Betancourt at the Leadership Academy

Treasurer: Chuck Cavicchio— Motion to accept Report of the Treasurer by Pat Kelly, seconded by Greg Welsh. Motion passes.

Director of Retiree Affairs: O.D. Elliott—1 new Retiree, Mike Proper. I am still working with the release staff from NALC along with the AFL-CIO Labor group.

Health Benefits Representative: Gene Carroll—Excused

Political District 13 Liaison: Gene Carroll—Excused

Trustee Report: Greg Welsh—Books audited, all in order, next Audit will be next Thursday.

MBA Representative: Ben Hamilton—All information is in the front or we can mail it to you.

Sergeant at Arms: Glenn Fagan—No Report

Editor: Judy Dorris—Articles for Twig, deadline is next Thursday.

Second Vice President Report: Tom Phillips—Scanners have been updated, leave choices should be up now.

First Vice President Report: Zulma Betancourt—Still working on the Political Fund and thanks to those who participated in the task force.

Executive Vice President Report: Chris Hubble—Chuck Cavicchio and I have been busy doing minor adjustments in Palmetto and St. Petersburg.

Welfare Reports

Sad:

- Heather Vincent Gates, Steward Northside—Father-in-Law passed away
- Wayne O'Riley, Largo—Wife had surgery (Steve O'Riley Crossroads, Mother and Ben Hamilton Mother-in-Law)
- Kathy McGinnis, Retired Carrier Largo—Daughter passed away
- Roger Williams, Retiree—Nephew and Sister-in-Law passed away
- Liz Dombrowski, Carrier Northside—is ill.
- Suzette Dombrowski, Steward Northside—Brother passed away
- Marty Baxley, Madeira Beach—Mother had surgery
- Ken Grasso, Retiree and Branch Secretary—had surgery
- Gene Carroll, Retiree—Serious illness due to a spider bite
- EAS Supervisor, Keith Collier, Dunedin—has been awarded the Supervisor Position in St. Petersburg Crossroads Station

- Jackie Davenport, Carrier Crossroads—had a vehicle accident
- Matt Comfort, Supervisor Crossroads—seriously ill
- Ted Winkelbauer, Carrier Seminole—Father passed away

Glad:

- Dunedin EAS Supervisor Keith Collier has accepted a position at the Crossroads Station
- Mo Collins, Carrier St. Petersburg—Son voted best high school composer
- Tom Phillips, 2nd Vice President—Wife's daughter had a baby girl.

Presidents Report:

Last month the membership voted to accept the Executive Board's adoption of the finance committee recommendation to send 35 delegates to the FSALC State Convention in St. Petersburg. Total cost is estimated at \$ 6157.97. Rooms will not be provided to delegates within the normal commuting radius.

NALC Regulations Governing Branch Election Procedures, Part 6.0 states that upon nomination every nominee must certify that he or she has not served as a supervisor for the 24 months prior to being nominated. Without that certification your name will be dropped from the ballot when mailed. The following members have asked their names to be placed in nomination. Each has attested that they have neither served nor applied for a management position in the last 2 years:

Scott Tyler, O.D. Elliott, Donny DeMilta, Ken Grasso, Joe Henschen, Don Lyerly, Greg Welsh, Chris Hubble, Zulma Betancourt, Ben Hamilton, Sandra Pagan, Glenn Fagan, Tom Phillips, Willie Cochran, Jim Bumbul, Judy Dorris, Dee Grant, Gene Carroll, Ken Domingos, Chuck Cavicchio, Heather Vincent Gates, Brian Andrews

President Henschen then opened the floor for any nominations for Delegate to the FSALC 75th Biennial Convention. The following members nominated as they would appear in order on the ballot:

1. Willie Cochran
2. Jim Bumbul
3. Dee Grant
4. Ben Hamilton
5. Eric Short
6. Javier Urrutia
7. Scott Tyler
8. Rudy Betancourt
9. Ken Grasso

10. O.D. Elliott
11. Chris Hubble
12. Tom Phillips
13. Joe Henschen
14. Judy Dorris
15. Sandra Pagan
16. Gene Carroll
17. Heather Vincent Gates
18. Ken Domingos
19. Ana Ramos
20. Patrick Jacques
21. Zulma Betancourt
22. Joel Baez
23. Sam Hadaad
24. Joe Rudolph
25. Brian Andrews
26. Sheldon Jones
27. Chuck Cavicchio
28. Chris Kotonski
29. Eliud Torres
30. Bert Lewis
31. Clay Hansen
32. Donny DeMilta
33. Nick Worthington
34. Greg Welsh
35. Pat Kelly
36. Glenn Fagan
37. Don Lyerly

CFC Season began on September 10 and runs through January 11, 2019. OPM Office of CFC Operations administers the CFC.

Health Benefits Open Season begins on Monday November 12, 2018 through Monday Dec 10, 2018. This is the time to evaluate your health insurance needs or changes.

Choice Leave picks begin November 10 in most of our cities with Palmetto beginning Dec 1 and Bradenton Beach Dec 8

The branch webpage has been updated and running again. My goal is to update it on Fridays so if there are any retirements, birthdays, retiree breakfasts or office celebrations, send me pics so we can keep the page fresh.

Our Facebook page is also updated, please like the page and post positive messages.

Uniforms Shirts is an item that we have been discussing at the Executive Board. The Board has voted to purchase new shirts for all new CCA employees. The cost is about \$60 for 2 USPS uniform polo shirts one time for each new employee. We will try to accommodate only those that were hired in the last 60 days and any new hires. This is to assist the new employees with some nice clean

new shirts before they get their started with their allotment. We always have an abundance of shorts and pants in the closet.

We received an Arbitration Decision in our favor. Phone calls and text messages to a carrier from his/her Supervisor can be distracting and result in focus being affected. If you are receiving multiple texts or scanner messages please notify your steward with the details.

President introduced Clearwater Branch 2008 Howard Fuller who is also attending the Academy to present his Leadership Project to the membership.

Unfinished Business:

Old Business/New Business; None

Winners of drawings:

50/50: \$48.00- Tom Phillips

Lotto/Power Ball: Chris Kotonski

Two \$ 25 Gift Certificates donated by Joyce Keller of Arslan Uniform the winners are:
Sam Haddad
Tom Phillips

Auxiliary raffle drawings:

Brenda Mavretic, Clay Hansen (twice), Joe Henschen, Sheldon Jones (twice), Bert Lewis, Zulma Betancourt (four times), Chuck Cavicchio (twice), Terry Johnson (twice), Rick Renshaw

Motion to Adjourn

Greetings Branch 1477! This month's article goes out to those we all love so dearly, those we keep on speed dial, and those we thank so often for taking those last two loops, streets, or buildings. Yes, this Bud is for you CCAs. How many of you are thinking about your future? How many of you have a 30-year plan? A 30-year pace? How many of you have time to think? I'm writing to encourage you, "the future of our union", that the time is now to invest in and to secure your future.

A couple days ago, I opened my thrift savings (i.e. your investment opportunity when you become regular) to find that my investments have tripled since I became regular. Yes, there is light at the end of the tunnel. I began thinking, "How did this happen? Why? How could I have done more?" The answers to the first two questions were easy with a little reading and research. Common answers like the state of the economy, investing with a steady



MBA Update

By MBA Representative,
Benjamin L. Hamilton

fund, the effect of having a good job paired with the best union, etc. However, the answer to the third question was even easier.

I was a CCA for more than two years before gaining regular status. Upon making regular status and, like many, I put in the maximum I could afford. I thought to myself, "everyone does it, it is how the system is set up". Have you ever heard the saying, "There is no better time than now"? Let me share some findings:

"According to data compiled by the Social Security Administration:

- *A man reaching age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 84.3.*
- *A woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.6.*

And those are just averages. About one out of every four 65-year-olds today will live past age 90, and one out of 10 will live past age 95."

—www.ssa.gov

"Let's look at what happens when you invest \$10.00 per week at 8% beginning at age 30. At age 65 your initial investment of \$18,200 will have grown to \$99,402. That's \$81202 in earnings. Now, let's look at what your investment would be if you started 10 years earlier at age 20. Your initial investment of \$23,400 would have grown to \$228,563 at age 65 -- \$129,161 more in earnings."

—www.forbes.com/sites/moneywisewomen

The answer was simply this, I didn't put anything away prior to making regular. And the reason was...the days were long, the loops were too many, and I watched the sun set on my route too often, working seven to thirteen days straight, often getting home beat, tired, and just in time kiss my children good night...Plainly, there is no excuse.

Your union has a starter plan geared towards contributing to your retirement. Granted, you will not be a CCA for the next 30 years, but this plan will get you started. The NALC CCA Retirement Savings Plan administered by the Mutual Benefits Association offers a *tax-deferred* Traditional IRA (Individual Retirement Arrangement) and a *tax-free* Roth IRA. Those defined as follows:

"tax-deferred: In a Traditional IRA, the contributions you make each year can be deducted from your federal taxes. In addition, earnings accumulate tax-free until the time of withdrawal. Upon distribution at age 59½ or older, the earnings and principal are taxed as ordinary income.

tax-free: Contributions to a Roth Individual Retirement Account are not tax-deductible, but earnings accumulate tax-free. At the time of withdrawal, earnings are free from taxes if the owner has held the IRA for a minimum of five years and is at least 59½ years old.

—www.nalc.org

These plans begin with as little as \$15 (\$1/day) per pay period (up to \$6500 per year depending on age) and can be deducted directly from payroll. Most importantly, when you become regular, you have the option to transfer all funds into your thrift savings. Consider it a boost; an extra opportunity to invest and grow your money early all for the cost of being a member to your union, the NALC. Stay safe 1477!

Going the extra mile...

Recently in the Seminole Post Office, some quick thinking and a little "Detective" work by Carrier Chrissie Curran saved a customer from mail and identity theft.

She was given a request for a Premium Forward. The request looked a little different from previous ones, but it came from the USPS website with a confirmation number. It was to be for a 2-month period and specified that the mail for the **entire household be forwarded.**

The problem was that she did not recognize the name of the individual. Rather than just accepting the order, she decided to go to the door and verify that they wanted their mail forwarded to Miami.

The customer was shocked and very grateful. They were not going to be away and did not want their mail forwarded! Obviously, thieves are even willing to lay out the money that a Premium Forward costs to be able to steal someone's identity.

Please be alert to this new method of thievery. This saved a customer from tremendous harm and grief.

As she does on an everyday basis, Chrissie went the extra mile to provide excellent Customer Service, treating her customer's mail as she would if it were her own.



Editor's Corner

By Editor, and Largo/Seminole
Steward, Judy Dorris

I'd
like
to
wish

everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

*** On a sad note, we learned that Betsy Vlamakis' Mother passed way.



2018 FEHB Open Season
Monday, November 12, 2018 through Monday,
December 10, 2018.

It is time to start comparing 2019 rates. "It is my hope that every letter carrier, active or retired, who is not currently in the Health Benefit Plan (HBP) takes the time to review our Open Season material. As letter carriers, you trust NALC with your job, so why would you trust someone else with your health care? I think you will be surprised by both the benefits and the quality of service the Plan offers. If you have questions about the Plan, you can always speak with one of our customer service representatives at 888-636-NALC (6252)."

Stephanie Stewart, NALC Director, Health Benefit Plan

MBA and CCAs

NALC CCA Retirement Savings Plan is a retirement income plan designed for City Carrier Assistants (CCA's) to supplement your pension. You make small payments to the plan while you're young, so you can receive a lifetime of monthly payments after you retire—even if you live to be 200! Under the NALC CCA Retirement Savings Plan, you can also request a guaranteed number of monthly payments.

City Carrier Assistants who participate in the plan may transfer their Traditional IRA funds to the Thrift Savings Plan once they become carrier letter carriers.

For more information call:
Ben Hamilton, Branch 1477 MBA Representative

With the rush of December there will not be a printed Twig of the Branch in January. There will be an expanded version in February.

Please see the Branch webpage at [Branch 1477nalc.org](http://Branch1477nalc.org) for updated information and articles.

ARSLAN UNIFORMS :

Serving Englewood, Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte
Rochelle McDevitt (239) 691-4474

Residence: Cell: (727) 743-5395 Home: (727) 772-8383 ganneken@msn.com Palm Harbor, FL Business: (513) 621-4787 (800) 543-0379 Fax: (513) 621-0483 Postal Fax: (888) 724-7882

ROY TAILORS UNIFORM CO., INC.

Postal Uniforms - Shoes
Your Union Preferred Uniform Company
Spouse of NALC Branch 1477 Member

TERRI ANNEKEN
Sales Representative

1905 Dalton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214



Arslan Uniforms
UNION MADE

JOYCE KELLER
President Auxiliary 181

For Branch 1477 St. Petersburg FL

6972 81ST AVE. N.
PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781-2005

HOME: 727-541-2194
CELL: 727-409-1075

FAX: 727-623-9209
kellerjoyce6@gmail.com

Branch meeting night:

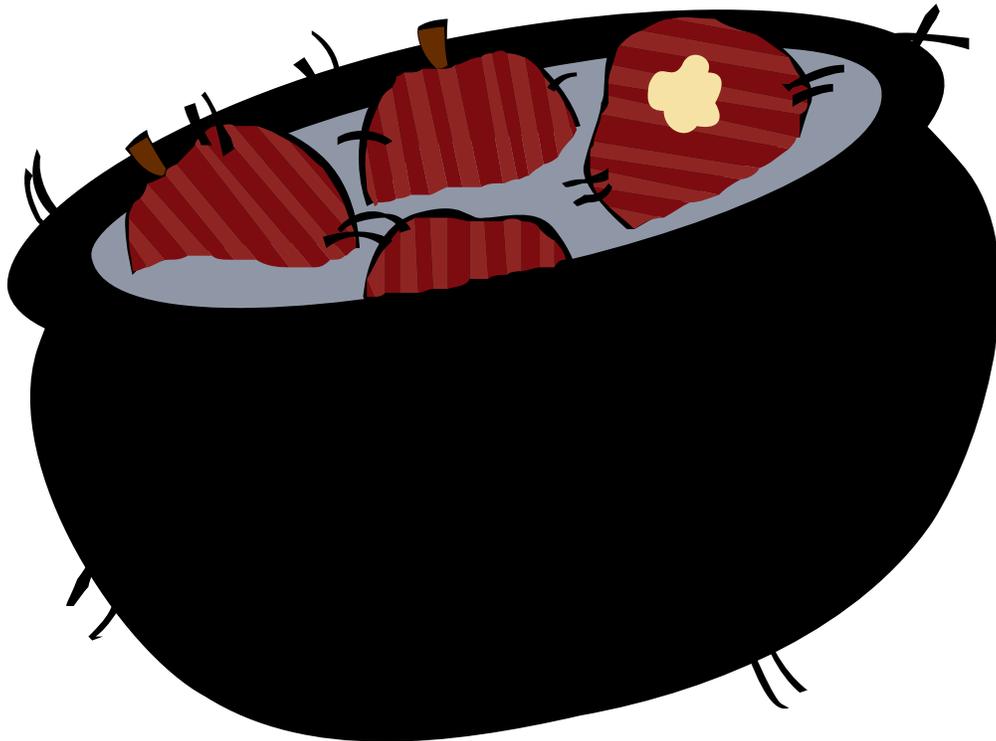
The ladies auxiliary will be serving pot luck at
December's meeting.

The ladies auxiliary will provide the meat.

They are asking that anyone who is planning on
Attending to bring a covered dish.

It can be anything from vegetables/dessert. If you
Need to bring it in early just let TC know and she will
Be there for you to drop it off.

PLEASE HELP our annual POT LUCK be a success.....



Auxiliary 181 News
By Dottie Tutt-Hutchinson

Clarence Killer is keeping the Christmas spirit alive, with some help from Joyce. Instead of selling it, they donated his almost brand new, high tech scooter, costing over \$7,000 to a young person afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy. Joyce feels sure that Clarence is smiling down from heaven for putting his "wheels" to such good use. They have given the young teen a new lease on life.

Speaking of the holiday spirit, we helped a CCA family at Thanksgiving with a grocery gift card. We're still getting names of Carriers who could use a little help this Christmas. Let us know of anyone who is undergoing hardship. We appreciate all the Union members who buy our raffle tickets for baked goods throughout the year and donate some of their hard-earned wages for them, too. We thank all our Auxiliary members for baking each and every month. Besides doing good, I think the raffle brings a little fun to the Union meetings.

Our December meeting will be a short one, at the beginning of our Christmas party on December 9th, at 2:00, at Joyce's home. Sandy Hart will host. Make sure you sign up to host a month and bake goods in 2019. Joyce will make the main dish, and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share for 18 people. We are exchanging Christmas ornaments. If you have not purchased anything for the Gift basket to raffle at the Union meeting, you could still donate 5 or 10 dollars.

Thanks to Zulma Betancourt and Joyce for hosting the November meeting, and for Sandy, Joyce, and I for baking for the raffle. Zulma, Lorie Davenport, and I will bake for the raffle on December 13th.

Know of any Carriers with financial hardship this holiday season?

Please, let us know, we'd like to help.

Call Union Hall, Joyce Keller, shop stewards and Auxiliary

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone. Blessed new year.

Auxiliary 181 Phonebook:		
President	Joyce Keller	541-2194
Secretary	Sandy Hart	397-7587
Treasurer	Sally Madden	391-8055
Sunshine Lady	Sue Elliott	526-6358
Chaplain	Alice Wannike	851-2569
News	Dottie Tutt-Hutchinson	347-0371



Meeting and Breakfast Attendees

The All Craft Retirees Breakfast was held on November the 7th @ Denny's on Missouri. In attendance: Ivan Davidson, Peggy & Ron Eichelman, Tom Youngedyke, John Blackard, Wayne Moore, Jim Disney, Cherie Mayer, OD Elliott, Bill Nilsson, Loren & Barbara Buckley, and yours truly Bernie.

A respectable turnout for November which is the warm up for the "really big one" coming in December. Yes, our annual Christmas breakfast is fast approaching with an anticipated thirty-five to forty retirees showing up for this gala! As usual, door prizes will be given away, so you don't want to miss this one. Denny's knows help will be needed to service all of us. **SO MARK THE DATE – DECEMBER the 5th, WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.!!!!**

Here was the buzz for the November breakfast – Postal Dreams (More like Nightmares). For all of you non-retirees get ready for this real, terrifying, re-occurring and unwanted event. Oh, sure you say – not me! Well I beg to differ and when you do, remember, you were warned! DAMN, can't we just retire and collect our monthly stipend without this crappy baggage following us? Also covered was 204B stories. We all had our favorite to tell and laughter was not in short form. As we were telling our stories my phone rang and it was from Bill Loomis, a retiree who lives in North Carolina. He called to say hi and so I passed my phone around and he chatted with his buddies. BTW, he retired in 1995 and had a nickname of "Jay Dog". Since Loren Buckley, retired VOMA, was present, I tried to get him to fix my SUV but refused saying something about a repair tag! That's Loren!

Welfare news: Paul Rumpf called me to say he was having a medical procedure and would miss this breakfast. Also, Ken Tennis was having knee surgery and likewise would not be in attendance. Hope to see these gentlemen next month – all healed up. Birthdays: Bette Williams, Ed Sax, Bernie Ososky, Don Sine, Bill McLaughlin and Rose Hardy. Free Breakfast – Bernie Ososky. Oldest Retiree – Wayne Moore ('92). Youngest Retiree – Jim Disney ('17).

Next & Final Breakfast for 2018 – December the 5th, Denny's. Come early and get your favorite seat! That's how it happened from my perspective and always remember – Get Out There And Enjoy The Hell Out Of The Rest Of Your Life!

First Tuesday of the Month Bunch

The following Retirees attended the Pinellas Park November 6th Retiree Breakfast:

Johnny Wagner, Bill Butler, Bob Shokey, Dave Meier, Rick Barker, Leon Jernigan (breakfast winner), Willie Santiago, Ron Hearon, Roy Vanderveer, Lester Ray, Joe Henschen, Felicia Wojack, Debby Huff

Next Breakfast—December 4th

St. Pete Retiree's Breakfast

The attendee list for the November 21st breakfast not available at time of printing and will be in the January Twig.

Steward's Meeting

The following attended the Nov. 15th meeting led by Chris Hubble:

Tom Phillips, Javier Urrutia, Patrick Jacques, Pat Kelly, Anthony Roger, Clay Hansen, Eric Short, Jim Bumbul, Ben Hamilton, Brian Andrews, Bert Lewis, Ana Ramos, Cheryl Anderson, Ken Domingos, Sheldon Jones

South Meeting

The following attended the Oct. 25th meeting led by Joe Henschen:

Todd LaManna, Susan Chavez, Josh LaGrew, Chris Kotonski, Kris Beal, Mike Novak, Dean Kauffman, Brenna DeMay, Chris Larson, Sam Haddad

The following attended the Nov. 15th meeting led by Joe Henschen:

Sam Haddad, Chris Kotonski, Ingrid Heise, Joe Bailey

BRANCH 1477 PHONE DIRECTORY

UNION HALL: (727) 531-1477

UNION FAX: (727) 531-1478

EMAIL: branch1477@tampabay.rr.com

WEBSITE: branch1477nalc.org

OFFICERS OF BRANCH 1477

PRESIDENT

Joe Henschen (727) 608-6772

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Chris Hubble (727) 643-8087

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Zulma Betancourt (813) 597-8363

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Phillips (727) 531-1477

SECRETARY

Ken Grasso (727) 744-2578

TREASURER

Chuck Cavicchio (727) 798-8506

EDITOR

Judy Dorris (727) 403-2173

DIRECTOR OF RETIREE AFFAIRS

O.D. Elliott (727) 608-6027

MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Hamilton (727) 735-5125

HEALTH BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVE

Gene Carroll (727) 742-1640

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Glenn Fagan (727) 741-2006

TRUSTEES:

Jim Bumbul (727) 460-3581

Willie Cochran (727) 687-4163

Greg Welsh (727) 804-4726

STEWARDS OF BRANCH 1477

St. Petersburg:

Crossroads 9	Ken Domingos	(716) 598-1205
Alt	Bobby Maultsby	(727) 667-0944
Crossroads 10	Pat Kelly	(203) 228-0947
Alt	Ben Hamilton	(727) 735-5125
Euclid	(union hall)	(727) 531-1477
Gateway	Tom Phillips	(727) 531-1477
Gulfwinds 7	Rich Ramos	(941) 204-7373
Gulfwinds 11	“ “	“ “ “
Alt (7 & 11)	Jon Modica	(727) 939-1225
Madeira Beach	Patrick Jacques	(727) 218-2721
Alt	Greg Welsh	(727) 804-4726
Midtown 5	Javier Urrutia	(813) 484-2499
Midtown 12/15	Joel Baez	(787) 629-3596
Alt (all zones)	Willie Cochran	(727) 687-4163
Northside 2	Suzette Dombrowski	(727) 644-9924
Northside 16	Heather Gates	(727) 460-8852
Open Air	(union hall)	(727) 531-1477
St. Pete Beach	Cheryl Anderson	(727) 531-1477
St. Pete Main 13	Anthony Roger	(813) 507-4082
St. Pete Main 14	Sandra Pagan	(813) 454-9269
Alt	Anna Ramos	(727) 531-1477

Bradenton Bch	Brian Andrews	(941) 748-5594
Dunedin	Chuck Cavicchio	(727) 798-8506
Alt	Chris Hubner	(727) 848-8828
Ellenton	Bert Lewis	(941) 266-2109
Englewood	Josh LaGrew	(763) 232-8954
Indian Rocks Bch	Clay Hansen	(727) 744-2456
Largo— (chief)	Judy Dorris	(727) 403-2173
Largo 70/71	(union hall)	(727) 531-1477
Largo 73/78	Eric Short	(727) 251-9846
Palmetto	Sheldon Jones	(941) 580-1058
Pinellas Park 81	Nick Worthington	(610) 809-4891
Pinellas Park 82	Alicia Gary	(973) 981-2174
Punta Gorda	Chris Kotonski	(330) 212-1777
(PC Annex)	Sam Haddad	(941) 219-9306
Seminole 72/74	Judy Dorris	(727) 403-2173
Seminole 76/77	Ken Bushery	(727) 267-3966

Congressional Liaisons: District 13: **Gene Carroll** 727-742-1640 District 17: **Lori Bell** 941-815-6042



Branch 1477, N.A.L.C.
 5369 Park Boulevard North
 Pinellas Park, FL 33781-3421

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 ST. PETERSBURG, FL
 PERMIT 5489

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

«AddressBlock»

December, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Pinellas Park Retiree BK	5 Largo All Craft BK	6 Executive Board	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 General Membership	14	15
16	17	18	19 St. Pete Retiree BK	20	21	22
23 /	24 /	25 Christmas Day	26	27 South Branch	28	29
30	31					