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President's Report:

Branch 79 Turns 125 Years Old

-Jo Ann Pyle-

At our December 9th branch meeting we celebrated our 125-year birthday. It's hard to believe that our branch was formed that long ago. I believe we are stronger than ever and ready to continue on for another 125 years.

I wrote about some of our history in my recent article about the passing of past president Bill Guiberson so I won't repeat what I wrote there but I still wanted to mention this historic occasion.

We invited members to attend our special meeting where we had food catered in and also had a big cake for the celebration. We also had branch history trivia questions and at the end of the meeting we gave

away eight \$125.00 gift cards.

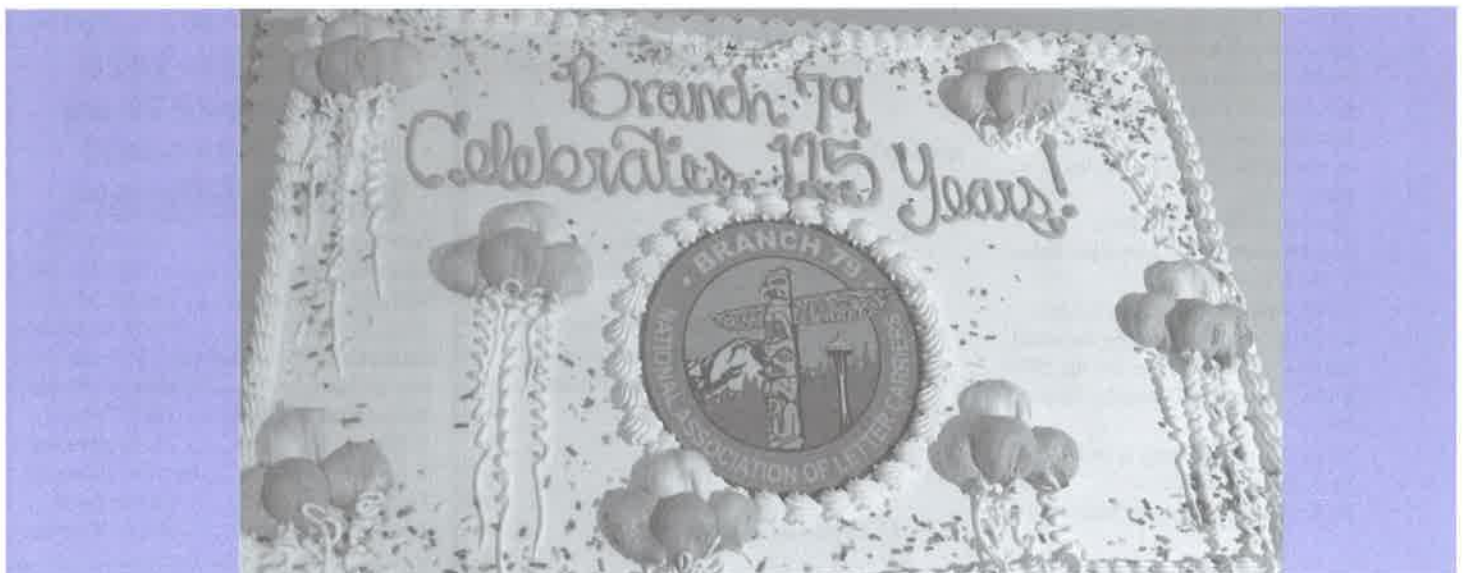
Jack Hayes did a caricature of the officers to advertise the event and I asked Garrett to print it in this issue of the newsletter. (PAGE 14) Although the event is over I thought all should see the drawing because it is fun.

I also want to thank Brian Wiggins for doing a presentation of lots of old (and new) pictures set to music. It was really great and we are planning on expanding the presentation and perhaps share it when we host the state convention in May.

Local Hero

In the November issue of *The Seventy-Niner* we ran a story about Riverton carrier Leo Herrera and how he helped an injured customer on his route. I sent the story to the NALC editor and it was featured in the most recent issue of the *Postal Record*. National President Fred Rolando sent a letter to Leo and asked me to present a NALC "Hero" pin to him at this station. I was able to read the letter from President Rolando and present the pin to Leo during a standup. It is so great to receive recognition for things we do well.

Congratulations Leo. I've also included a photo. (See letter page 7 and photo page 11)



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Auburn.....Sharlamar Alderin
 Auburn.....Son Nguyen
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 Ballard.....Michelle Holthaus
 Ballard.....Matt Rollins
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 Bellevue Annex.....Eric Magat
 Bellevue Crossroads.....Alia Chaudhry
 Bellevue Crossroads.....Tisha Peterson
 Bellevue Main.....Cory Carlson
 Bitterlake.....Ron Jilk
 Bitterlake.....Carol Ford
 Bothell.....Susan Mulholland
 Bothell.....Terry Nixon
 Burien.....Tracie Steele
 Columbia.....Rick Hoang
 Des Moines.....John Flynn
 Enumclaw.....Steve McMullen
 Georgetown.....JV Cortez
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 Interbay.....Jose Martinez
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 Kirkland.....Alfredo Dwan
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 Mill Creek.....Brian Wiggins
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 North City.....Bay Young
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 Renton/Hlds.....Deborah Znak-St.Germain
Renton/Main.....
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 Riverton.....Curtis Matthews
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 Seattle Carrier Annex.....Garrett Scott
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 Term Station.....Corey Cloin
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 Twin Lakes.....Kevin Gottlieb
 University.....Will Collins
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 Wallingford.....Nick Simmons
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 Westwood.....David Detogni
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Dates to Remember

Branch Meeting Swedish Club

1920 Dexter Ave N
January 13th / 7 pm

Next Month's Meeting
February 10th/ 7 pm

and at each meeting's conclusion:
Drawing for \$50 Gift card

Retired Club

IHOP

10002 Aurora Ave N
January 19th @ 11:00 AM

Steward Council

Branch 79 Office

210 Queen Anne Ave N
January 27th / 7 pm

GOLD CARD MEMBERS

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 Charles Roberts
 James Robinson
 Don Sanders
 Gerald Samson
 Ray Schwan
 Donald Shannon
 Griffith Stockwell
 Robert Stumpf
 Jimmy Terada
 James Wood

Branch 79 Scholarship Program

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. At the time of application applicant must be the son, daughter, or dependent of an active, retired, or deceased regular member of Branch 79 as defined in Branch 79's by-laws.
2. Applicants who have one parent in management and one parent a Branch 79 member are eligible, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied.
3. When making application, applicant must be a high school senior or in her or his freshman year of college, community college, university, or vocational/technical institute.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a complete school transcript or SAT and/or ACT scores reflecting the national average. GPA or SAT and/or ACT scores must accompany application.
2. Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. One from a community member and one from a member of any union (must include name of union).
3. Application must be signed by the President or Secretary of Branch 79 to verify parent's Branch 79 membership.

REGULATIONS

1. Scholarship will be paid to the student and the college after acceptance to the college.
2. Scholarship may be used for any accredited trade school, vocational/technical institute, community college, or university.
3. Scholarship is non-renewable. Past recipients are ineligible to apply for future scholarships. Scholarship applications are valid for current year only.
4. Winners will be selected by a random drawing at the May branch meeting.
5. Four scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each will be awarded.
6. Applications must be postmarked by April 1st.
7. The Scholarship Committee will administer the program as it relates to advertising, applications, selections etc.

Branch 79 Scholarship Application

Must be postmarked by April 1, 2016. Fill out and mail to:
 Branch 79 Scholarship Committee 210 Queen Anne Ave N #201 Seattle WA 98109
 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Please accept my application for a Branch 79 Scholarship. I am a senior in high school in the year 2015-2016, or a freshman in college, community college, university, or vocational/technical institute in the school year 2015-2016.

Branch 79 Member Name _____ Active Retired Deceased

Relation to Branch 79 Member _____ Daughter Son Dependent

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's home address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Applicant's Phone Number _____

This is to certify that the above named Branch 79 parent is a member in good standing in Branch 79.

 (Signature of Branch 79 President or Secretary) Date _____

I certify that the foregoing information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have included all required items with this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Below is the letter I was pleased to read at the standup, - Jo Ann



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November 25, 2015

Mr. Leonardo Herrera
3355 S 300th Place
Auburn, WA 98001-2232

Dear Brother Herrera,

Letter carriers have a long and proud history of providing service to the public. That service often goes beyond delivering the mail. Letter carriers look out for the well-being of their customers and communities. On occasion, a letter carrier like you goes the extra mile.

It has come to my attention that this past Fall, while on your route, you noticed a woman running frantically back and forth near her driveway. You then noticed her husband in the driveway by his pickup truck drenched in blood. You asked him if you could help in any way. The husband told you that he had been clearing brush with a machete and accidentally hit himself in the ankle. Realizing the severity of the injury, you immediately called 911 and then took action to stop the bleeding and steps to prevent the man from going into shock. Shortly thereafter, the paramedics arrived and took over. Your actions insured emergency responders were notified and likely prevented possible loss of life or limb.

I am proud of your efforts. Your commitment to the customers and the community you serve is commendable. This type of dedication and willingness to help is the reason letter carriers are and have been the most trusted government employees for several years.

You will soon be hearing from your Branch President to arrange the presentation of a small, yet meaningful token of appreciation from your brother and sister letter carriers. I hope you wear it proudly.

On behalf of over 270,000 of your brother and sister letter carriers, I thank you for your selfless actions and commitment to doing what letter carriers do best - serve and protect in our communities day in and day out.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Fredric V. Rolando, President

CC: NBA Paul Price
President, Branch 79, Jo Ann Pyle

(Plum-Stuffed from Page 8)

they may try to use them to fabricate a “bullyrag” – create for themselves a statistical trudgeon to bludgeon workers into submission. Those stat “Dada” data sheets are not a fair representation of anything, except a demonstration of whether or not the printer needs more ink. We’re not playing Money Ball here. Those sheets are not you! A piece a paper is not a person.

The MAGIC, NASTY, LIAR lists do exist in their way. Stats with your name and your route and your movements plotted out – designed to leave you quaking in your boots – are real. So be honest and work as diligently as you can. Don’t lie, cheat or steal– that, I believe, would be crossing crafts. But, please do ask for copies of any of their “lists” – especially those that have your name on them. Bring them down to the Union office, if nothing else they’ll be good for a laugh. It’s helpful to know when you’re being bamboozled – especially when you’re getting all worked up over their paperwork. Mostly in the end you’ll find – you’re fine! They construct this great, big boogiemans out of paper to scare you, and like the boogiemans of legend - used to frighten children - you’ll find it’s simply plum-stuffed with oddities. Like those make believe MAGIC, NASTY, LIAR lists of fatuous hot air. You’ll discover it’s mostly myth.

Welcome New Members

Seoung Ahn
 Cameron Ho
 Kris Lethin
 Anthony Nguyen
 Nguyen Cao
 Jimmy Yee
 Daniel Erickson
 Johnty Jackson
 Rogelio Posadas
 Mei Fong
 Janssen Jo
 Miguel Laygo
 Kevin Mai
 Kevin Kross
 Kevin Moua
 Letasi Launiuvao
 Barbara Baldwin
 Rennie Caoagdan
 Danilo Ardiente
 Curtis Cooper
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Congratulations Recent Retirees

**Joyce L. Crawford
Bob Tansey**



***Congratulations
Brother Bob
Tansey (left)
taking that well
earned final
clock ring on
November 30th***

Riverton carrier Leo Herrera and Pres. Jo Ann Pyle. See article from front page.



at Branch Meeting December 9th, 2015



2015/12/09
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Legislation Watch



House of Representatives

H. RES 12

(Maintain 6 Day Delivery)

227 Cosponsors including:

- Suzan DelBene (WA-1)
- Derek Kilmer (WA-6)
- Rick Larsen (WA-2)
- Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-3)
- Jim McDermott (WA-7)
- Denny Heck (WA-10)
- Adam Smith (WA-9)

H. RES 28

178 Cosponsors including:

- Suzan DelBene (WA-1)
- Derek Kilmer (WA-6)
- Jim McDermott (WA-7)
- Adam Smith (WA-9)
- Denny Heck (WA-10)

H. RES 54

(Restore Service Standards)

226 Cosponsors including:

- Suzan DelBene (WA-1)
- Derek Kilmer (WA-6)
- Rick Larsen (WA-2)
- Denny Heck (WA-10)
- Jim McDermott (WA-7)
- Adam Smith (WA-9)

H. R. 784

(Further Restore Service Standards)

102 Cosponsors including:

- Suzan DelBene (WA-1)
- Derek Kilmer (WA-6)

H. R. 973

(Social Security Fairness Act)

134 Cosponsors including:

- Suzan DelBene (WA-1)
- Derek Kilmer (WA-6)
- Rick Larsen (WA-2)

Congressional Contacts

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- WA-1 Suzan Del Bene (425) 485-0085
- WA-2 Rick Larsen (425) 252-3188
- WA-3 Jaime Herrera-Beutler (360) 695-6292
- WA-4 Dan Newhouse (509) 452-3243
- WA-5 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (509) 353-2374
- WA-6 Derek Kilmer (253) 272-3515
- WA-7 Jim McDermott (206) 553-7170
- WA-8 Dave Reichert (425) 677-7414
- WA-9 Adam Smith (425) 793-5180
- WA-10 Denny Heck (253) 208-6172

Senate

- Patty Murray (206) 553-5545
- Maria Cantwell (206) 220-6400

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