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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By President Joe Henschen

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Lessons from Kindergarten

There are a lot of things I should write about in the monthly space I have allotted here. Unfortunately, I can't think of a timelier message. The NALC has always identified our organization as a microcosm of the United States. Politically and Socially, we are a cross section of what makes up the strengths of our Nation. We have different backgrounds, religious beliefs and varied opinions on every subject. We vote our mind. We mirror the country and that's not always a good thing.

Society seems to be bent on saying anything without consequence. Consideration to the feelings of others, no longer exists. In the news, in tweets, we seem to say anything, and it continues on the workroom floor.

I've often talked and written that when a Manager or Postmaster directs less than respectful treatment to a Supervisor or Carrier, it promotes the same response. Like "Newtons Cradle" if you take one suspended metal ball and drop it the opposite end reacts in an equal and opposite way. It's a physics thing. The point is if you treat people in a way the same treatment most always returns. That's true for labor relations or with co-workers.

If you have ever had the pleasure of reading "All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten" You will recall what I mean.

NEXT BRANCH MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018 AT THE LETTER CARRIER HALL

The premise of the book is: that life's major truisms, from international politics to basic sanitation, are learned not on the "graduate-school mountain" but in the sandpile.

They include: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Take a nap every afternoon. Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder, Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So, do we. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all – LOOK

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together. ¹

I meet a lot of Carriers in their first days with the Post Office. Some before they even interview for the job. I tell them my philosophy of the workroom floor includes: finding a co-worker that they have something in common with. If they are the type of person that smiles at people even strangers – then look for someone else that does that too. If you shake hands or are a hugger than look for others that do the same. Build a circle of friends like a family and hang on to them. (Carriers spend as much, or more time at work than with family)

Remember, we don't always "like" every member of either family but its easier to sit away from them at Thanksgiving than to criticize the reasons openly.

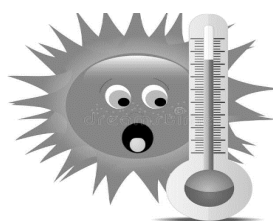
¹ "All I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN" by Robert Fulghum

"It's HIPP to be cool!"



Hubble's Troubles

*By Executive Vice President,
Chris Hubble*



As a matter of general interest the Postal Service has created a **Heat Illness Prevention Program, (HIPP)**. A main purpose is to equip employees with the knowledge needed to recognize and abate heat-related illnesses. The **HIPP** is triggered when any employee in any facility is exposed, or reasonably anticipated to be exposed, to heat index temperature exceeding 80 degrees Fahrenheit for extended periods of time, six hours or more, over the course of a workday or work shift.

April 1 through October 31, each day the **MDD (Mobile Delivery Device)** messaging will be disseminated from the National level addressing issues related to heat exposure and the prevention of heat-related illness, with a focus on matters such as proper attire, sufficient hydration, effects of personal medical conditions or medications. As well as how to recognize signs and symptoms of heat-related illness, other weather related concerns and guidance on how to respond in an emergency.

The Postal Service will also implement procedures to ensure that: Stickers will be in every vehicle identifying the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness; postal vehicle fans are included in all preventative maintenance inspections and any necessary repairs are made; an escalation process is put in place to prioritize all requests for HVAC repairs and temporary abatement efforts in postal facilities.

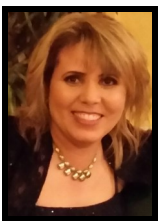
Section 866.1 of the **Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM)** provides that *“In the event of a medical emergency, immediate and appropriate medical care must be provided.”* As soon as possible, employees should report any signs or symptoms of heat-related illness to their supervisor, who should then call 911 immediately if it is determined that medical attention is necessary. However, if it is determined by the employee that medical attention may be necessary prior to calling the supervisor, the employee should call 911 first.

The **NALC** requests that an employee of an on the job heat-related illness or a union representative fill out the **Initial Heat Injury Report** and return it to the Branch President. A copy of this report is reprinted in this month’s Twig. Be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat stress and take preventative measures.

A copy of the NALC form *“Initial Heat Injury Report can be found on page 8)*

PREVENTABLE ACCIDENT

About a month ago Supervisor Tabitha McNeil conducted a tour talk about driver safety. She spoke about a carrier that



First Vice President

By Zulma Betancourt

would have been involved in a tragic fatal accident, while delivering mail if he was not alert of his surrounding area.

The following day I interviewed carrier Richard Ramos to share with me exactly how he prevented the tragedy. He said it was a long day and at the end of the tour his supervisor asked if he could deliver a 45 minute curbside auxiliary piece. Carrier Ramos said sure, and began loading the mail into the LLV. Then carrier Ramos stated that he delivered about 10 houses and needed to do a broken U-turn, before making the U-turn he passed 3 kids 2 girls approx. 10 years old and a young boy around 12, bouncing a basketball. Carrier Ramos stated that he passed them, made the broken U-turn and the boy bouncing the ball raised his hand for

him to stop. While bouncing the ball lightly on the door of the vehicle, the boy asked him for some rubber bands and who was his favorite team and players.

Carrier Ramos then stated that, the 2 girls were waiting on the front side of his LLV. Carrier Ramos told the kids, “I have no rubber bands” and who his favorite teams and players were. The young boy wanted to continue talking with him but he cut him short and told the boy he needed to get back to work.

At that time the LLV was on drive with his foot on the brake pedal. Carrier Ramos then looked in the front of the LLV and saw only one of the girls, not seeing the other girl, he then looked to the passenger side to see if she was there. He then looked in the mirror to see if she was on the other side of the LLV but she was nowhere to be found. He decided to shift the LLV into park. The sound and the movement carrier Ramos getting off the vehicle caused the young girl to pop up from the front of the LLV saying “you found me”. The little girl was laying down on the ground in front of the bumper and after popping out she began to laugh and then ran away from the scene.

That same night carrier Ramos couldn’t sleep thinking that he could have killed her and it would have been his fault. All night he just kept thinking what answer would he have given to the police officer, management, co-workers, his family and worst of all her parents. All night he kept seeing the face of that little girl and hearing the sound of her laughter reminded him of his own daughter. Just imagine if carrier Ramos would have been talking on the cellphone or listening to music with headsets while talking with this kid.

We are all held to high standards with the training and tour talks that are conducted just about every day. We need to be aware of our surrounding area at all times. Be careful when children are around because they are unpredictable.

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



Great Jobs 1477



Minutes of June 14, 2018 Membership Meeting



Invocation by Greg Welsh

of **Secretary** Pledge
Ken Grasso

Allegiance led by President Joe Henschen.

Minutes of previous meeting as printed in last month's Twig: Motion to accept, O. D. Elliott, seconded by Terry Johnson. Motion passed.

Reading of Official Correspondence by Ken Grasso: Three

New Members: Melissa Hopkins, Richard Decola, Alexander Charriez

Branch by the Numbers: Active 816, 214 being CCA's, 603 Full Time Regulars, Retirees 584, Gold Card Members 53, Total Membership 1461.

I would like to welcome Diana Sharp from Absolute Quality Interpreting Services LLC.

Treasurer: Chuck Cavicchio – Motion to accept Report of the Treasurer by Liz Dombrowski, seconded by Rich Ramos, Motion passes.

Director of Retiree Affairs: O.D. Elliott – 2 new Retirees, Barbara Brooks, Derek Wilkins. Went down to Punta Gorda to assist a carrier regarding retirement.

Health Benefits Representative: Gene Carroll- 14 Eye Glass Applications 12 members, 5 dependents

Political District 13 Liaison: Gene Carroll – We have 1388 members in the Branch but only 75 members give to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. That's only 5.4%. Update about President Trump's Executive order concerning Federal Employees does not apply to the Postal Service. President Henschen briefly discussed about the PAC (Letter Carriers Political Fund) and its intent that it is strictly on a volunteer basis.

Trustee Report: Willie Cochran – Month of May Books not completed, next audit will be on next Thursday.

MBA Representative: Ben Hamilton – No Report

Sergeant at Arms: Glenn Fagan- Excused

Editor: Judy Dorris – Articles for Twig need to be in by next Thursday, Stewards who have any pictures of Food Drive Day send to Branch email.

Second Vice President Report: Tom Phillips – Vehicle gas cards not working, carriers using own money and trying to be reimbursed. Dog incident reports not being acted upon by Management properly.

First Vice President Report: Zulma Betancourt – If you have been observed on the street by a postal supervisor be sure to ask for Street Observation Form 4584 when you get back in to the office.

Executive Vice President Report: Chris Hubble – At St. Augustine training took a class about Heat issues and the proper steps to take if this occurs. National and Headquarters have started a program Heat Illness Prevention Program (HIPPP) and they are required send messages over your MDD if the heat index is over 80 degrees from April through October.

Welfare Reports

Sad:

- Brian Andrews—Bradenton Beach had foot surgery
- Zulma Betancourt—Gulfwinds—Father had a heart attack
- Joe Vermette—Retiree St. Petersburg—Wife passed away
- Paul Grossman—CCA Englewood—passed away, 36 years old
- Liz Dombrowski—Northside—underwent surgery
- Sue Dombrowski—Northside— having a medical issue
- Cindy Pollock —Retiree— Brother passed away
- Mike Hill—St.Petersburg— had surgery

Glad

Joyce Keller—Auxiliary—Grandson DJ getting Married
Anthony Randazzo—Seminole—got engaged

CCA Robert Hughes—Seminole—bought his mother a scratch off ticket for Mother's Day and she won a million dollars.

Chad Huddy—St.Petersburg—got married

Presidents Report:

Scholarship Drawing:

Bernard Baxley Scholarship
Winner: Megan Hernandez daughter of Wilfredo

Hernandez (Punta Gorda)

Alternate: Erin Andrews daughter of Brian Andrews (Bradenton Beach)

George B. & Annie R. Elliott Branch 1477
Scholarship
Winner of the Girls: Alanys Zoe Mercado daughter of Miguel Mercado (St.Petersburg)

Alternate: Erin Gabriel daughter of Joe Gabriel (Retired)

Winner of the Boys: Shane Butler son of Bill Butler (Largo)

Alternate: Alexander Hill son of Mike Hill (St. Petersburg)

President Henschen received notification from Delegate Rick Renshaw indicating that he would not be attending the National Convention in July. Executive Board recommended Chris Kotonski who is next in line, be authorized funding as a paid delegate .

We have a Delegate's Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27th at 7:00 p.m.

At the FSALC Training it was announced that most of the CCA back pay issues have been resolved.

Executive Vice President back pay issue has been discussed and reviewed by Executive Board. Branch By-Laws are specific about loss of accrued leave while being in an LWOP status, to include TSP contributions. The Board has authorized a payment of \$ 694.14 for missing TSP contributions and lost A/L and S/L in the amount of \$2088.00, Motion by O.D. Elliott to pay the amount to Executive Vice President Hubble, seconded by Jim Bumbul. Motion passed.

New starting time changes in St. Petersburg with a pilot program to be Mon and Tues 7:30 A.M. and 8 A.M. the remainder of the week. Break times, all St.Petersburg Stewards have received resolve language included in a break time grievance.

Unionized UPS workers have authorized a strike if the two sides are not able to come to an agreement as their contract expires July 31.

Hatch Act and Social Media—employees can not engage in any political activity via Face book or Twitter while on duty or in the workplace. Be aware that you could be being monitored.

CCA Breakfast at Midtown on June 8 was attended

by 11 carriers along with EVP Hubble and 2nd VP Phillips as well as President Henschen.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to come to the membership to approve the computer programming repair costs and updates of \$2749.25, in May 2018 at July Membership Meeting

Food Drive Results are in and Branch 1477 collected 1,312,092 lbs

MDA—last year the Branch received a Bronze Award, although we collected more than any other Branch in the State of Florida in 2017 collecting \$13,573. The National Award is determined by Branch size. We had about 90 members, spouses and friends that participated in MDA Fundraising. There are opportunities to be trained for upcoming Bucs schedule. Next available date is June 16. If interested contact Sandra Pagan or the branch office.

Old Business/New Business; None

Winners of drawings:

50/50: \$45 - Joe Rudolph

Lotto/Power Ball: Rick Renshaw

Two \$25 Gift Certificates donated by Joyce Keller of Arslan Uniform, the winners are:
Joe Henschen, Chris Hubble

Auxiliary raffle drawings:

4th of July Basket- Terry Johnson

Baked Goods: Zulma Betancourt (twice), Eric Short, Sandra Pagan (twice), Heather Gates, Anthony Roger, O.D. Elliott, Terry Johnson, Liz Dombrowski

Motion to Adjourn

**“If you can't feed a hundred people,
then just feed one.”** Mother Teresa

The food drive figures for the 2018 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive have been tallied.

Branch 1477 collected **1,312,092 pounds!** That's 312,000 pounds more than in 2017. In our last hurricane season, the loss of electricity for almost a week, meant loss of food for many. This will go a long way to replenish the local food banks and pantries.



**Sunshine City Carriers Charities
MDA Update**
By Sandra Rios

While at the St. Augustine, Florida State Association Training Seminar the Branch MDA Booth raffled off 5 prizes for MDA, raising \$530.

On Saturday June 16th The Flying Boat Brewery, 1776 11th Ave N. St., Petersburg, 33713 hosted an MDA Silent Disco with a portion of the cover charge going to our MDA efforts. Part of that event also included a raffle. Donations from the event raised an additional \$346. Thanks to all that attended and helped out.



I want to share Flying Boats Mission Statement and ask if you get a chance please patronize this great business and thank them for their support for local area charities.

“We’re more than just beer. We believe in giving back to the great community where we reside.”





Editor's Corner As

*By Editor, and Largo/Seminole
steward, Judy Dorris*

Largo's Food Drive coordinator, I'm happy to say that the combined total for Largo and Seminole was **84,063** pounds— 25,000 pounds more than 2017.

I need to thank several individuals who helped with all the organizing, etc. At Seminole, Susan Vandervliet handled **all** the details, once again doing a fantastic job.

Steward Ken Bushery and Station Manager Harry Lockart grilled food together for the carriers. See photo, page 4, bottom center!

Largo Steward Eric Short helped once again with heavy lifting. His wife Michele and Daughter Bella's Girl Scout Troop worked tirelessly for hours unloading trucks and loading tubs onto the pallets. They got excited anytime an LLV pulled in, never once complaining about the work! Natasha Patterson, the FLRLCA Vice President/NRLCA Assistant District Representative (Rural Carriers) was involved from the beginning, even attending the Branch's Pay Ahead Food Drive Party. She went out and unloaded several trucks when carriers got overloaded.

Last, but not least, I want to commend the Largo Carriers. They had several obstacles to overcome when their last truck of the morning was 1 ½ hours late. Most didn't leave the office until 11:00 or later with their trucks full of Mother's Day parcels. They had an extremely long day! Even so, at the end of the day, there were few complaints. Most were tired, but vocalized that it was for a great cause. Thanks for all your hard work.

Beat the Heat, Stay Cool

It's that time of year again, when the temperatures begin to rise, and the potential risk for heat related illnesses become a factor during your daily work routine. Here are some quick tips for battling the heat:

1. Hydrate before, during and after work. Drink at least 8oz of water every 20 minutes.
2. Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear light colored, loose fitting, breathable clothing to keep your body temp down.



3. Wear a hat or sun visor to avoid

Alicia Gary

Steward, Pinellas Park

direct sunlight.

4. Utilize shady areas to stay cool, when possible.
5. Try to freeze wristbands and hand towels.
6. Think before you drink, avoid caffeinated, alcoholic and sugary drinks.
7. Know the signs of heat stress. Some things to look out for:
 - Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
 - Headache
 - Confusion or dizziness
 - Nausea
 - Muscle Cramps
 - Weakness or Fatigue
 - Rash

HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES:

Heat Rash- Also known as "Prickly Heat", occurs when the skin sweat glands are blocked and the sweat produced can't get to the surface of the skin to evaporate.

Heat Stress- Occurs when the body has to work too hard to cool off. The body's core temperature gets too high for the body to cool off quickly enough.

Heatstroke- Occurs when your body can't throw off enough heat to sustain a normal temperature. Heatstroke is life threatening. Victims need to be cooled off as soon as possible and receive immediate medical attention.

If you are experiencing signs of heat related illnesses notify your supervisor and/or call 911. You can also download the OSHA NIOSH heat safety app to help you with the heat index. **STAY SAFE, COOL and HYDRATED!!!**

ARE YOU HURRICANE READY

The 2018 Hurricane Season officially began June 1 and continues through November 30. Employees are reminded to prepare for hurricane season before dangerous weather conditions occur.

Take these steps to prepare:

- Replace all items in your emergency home supply kit (batteries, flashlight, manual can opener, cash, and toiletries)
- Store enough food and water to last at least

three days. One gallon of drinking water per person per day is recommended.

- Complete a personal preparedness plan, take a household inventory, and locate all important documents.
- Replace all items in your first-aid kit.
- Make plans for pets
- Keep contact info current
- Prepare your home (windows and doors)
- Pack an evacuation bag
- Have an evacuation plan

National Employee Emergency Hotline
1-888-363-7462

sun that causes the most damage. UV rays burn the skin, eventually causing wrinkles, spots and the scariest result of skin cancer. Fortunately, skin cancer can be prevented. The key to reducing the risks of skin cancer is to find it early. The best way to do this is to perform regular skin checks.

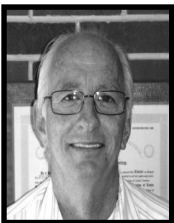
- Stand in front of a mirror and use a handheld mirror for hard-to-see areas.
- Learn to recognize the moles, freckles and other marks on your skin so you can spot any changes.
- Do a skin check once a month.
- See your doctor if you have questions or notice any unusual changes.

What else can you do? Make sure to protect yourself by being healthy in the sun. Avoid sunburns by wearing protective clothing or sunscreen, and make sure to reapply sunscreen if you plan on being in the sun for extended periods of time. Finally, as stated above and I must reiterate, see your doctor if you have any questions about a change on your body. You may also want to speak with your physician about your risk factors.

Brian Hellman

Protect your skin

Warm weather has finally arrived, summer is right around the corner, and it's time to enjoy some outdoor activities. So what is on the agenda for this summer? Maybe a vacation at the beach, working in the yard, picnics at the park with the family, or maybe you'll just sit on the deck and relax in the hot rays. Sounds like a great plan to me; however, it also sounds like a lot of sunshine. Yes, we all love sunshine, but we must remember to protect ourselves and our families, as skin cancer is the most common of all cancers.



Health Benefits Representative

by Gene Carroll

According to the American Cancer Society, about 3.5 million cases of basal or squamous cell skin cancers are diagnosed in this country each year, and melanoma will account for more than 73,000 cases of skin cancer in 2015. As skin is the largest organ in your body and protects the internal organs from the outside world, we must take preventative measures to protect it. Toxins in the environment can be hard on your skin, air pollution clogs pores, tobacco smoke dries the skin's surface and reduces blood flow, but it's the

President Trump issued an executive order creating an inter-agency task force to study the future of the Postal Service. The order directs Steve Mnuchin, the secretary of the Treasury, to chair the task force. It also names the director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Mick Mulvaney, and the director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Jeff Pon, as members of the task force. Pon, after less than two months on the job at OPM, sent a letter to speaker of the House Paul Ryan calling for

Legislative Update

By Gene Carroll, LCCL, District 13

legislation that would eliminate the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) annuity supplement that allows 30-year veterans of the Postal Service to retire before qualifying for Social Security benefits; slash Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and FERS pension benefits for new annuitants by using a "high-5" instead of a "high-3" average salary in the calculation of retirement benefits; impose pay cuts of up to \$4,272 annually on letter carriers by raising FERS employee patrol contributions to 7.5 percent of pay; and cut federal

retiree benefits by eliminating all COLAs for FERS basic annuity and reducing COLAs for CSRS benefits by one-half of 1 percent each year.

Choose the candidate you feel will best represent you and your job now and in the future.

2018 Florida Congressional Races:

Florida 11 congressional district is made up of Sumter County, Citrus County, Hernando and central Marion County as well as the far northwestern corner of Lake County. The district stretches from Ocala southwest to Spring Hill. The district is currently represented by Republican Daniel Webster and Dana Cottrell is running for the Democratic Party against him.

Florida 12 congressional district is made up of New Port Richey, Pasco County and parts of north Pinellas County and Hillsborough County. The district is currently represented by Republican Gus Bilirakis and you have Chris Hunter, Stephen Perenich and Robert Matthew Tager representing the Democratic Party and Angelika Purkis representing the Independent Party running against him.

Florida 13 congressional district is made up of area of Clearwater down to St. Petersburg. The district is currently represented by Democrat Charlie Crist and you have George Buck and Brad Sostack running for the Republican Party running against him.

Florida 14 congressional district after the district boundaries were changed in 2016 it is located entirely inside of Hillsborough County. The district is currently represented by Democrat Kathy Castor. No Republican candidates filed for this position.

Florida 15 congressional district is made up of northern parts of Hillsborough County, Florida and Polk County. It includes many of the eastern suburbs of Tampa including Brandon, Plant City, Lakeland and Bartow. The district is currently represented by Dennis Ross (R) (not running) and you have Neil Combee, Sean Harper, Danny Kushmer, Curt Rogers, Ed Shoemaker and Ross Spano running for the Republican Party and Kristen Carlson, Andrew Learned and Raymond Pena Jr running for the Democratic Party.

Florida 16 congressional district is made up from Bradenton in Manatee County to North Port in Sarasota County. The district is currently represented by Vern Buchanan (R) and you have Jan Schneider and David Shapiro of the Democratic Party running against him.

Florida 17 congressional district is made up of a large area of central Florida from eastern Tampa Bay to the western shores of Lake Okeechobee. The district is currently represented by Tom Rooney (R) and you have Bill Akins, Julio Gonzalez and Greg Steube running for the Republican Party and April Freeman and Bill Pollard running for the Democratic Party.

Recently, a Branch 1477 member contacted me concerning leaving the Postal Service. He was considering resigning with only 17 years of service and not being eligible for voluntary retirement. He wanted to know about a deferred annuity versus withdrawing the retirement funds he had paid in. While I certainly wouldn't try to advise him on which course of action he should take, I could tell him about deferred annuities.



Retiree Update

*By Director of Retiree Affairs,
O.D. Elliott*

Deferred annuities are when a carrier (or other Postal Employee) leaves the USPS before being eligible for regular retirement, with plans to take their retirement at a later date when they become eligible (CSRS & FERS- age 62 with at least 5 Yrs of service). Should the carrier die while in this "waiting" period, their surviving spouse would have no entitlement to any annuity, since none had been earned. The carrier's estate would only be entitled to any funds contributed to the retirement plan prior to having left the service. Also, health benefit entitlements are lost under a CSRS-deferred annuity and are suspended with FERS-deferred retirement.

This same loss of entitlement can occur when a person is on worker's compensation (OWCP) and is subsequently separated from the USPS. While they continue to draw their entitlement from the Dept. of Labor, they are not an employee. If they should die from a condition other than their job-related injury/illness, their spouse would lose that income. A person who is on OWCP and has been separated

from the rolls of the Postal Service needs to file for disability retirement within one year of the separation. If they are eligible for regular retirement at the time of the separation, they also need to apply. They can elect to remain on compensation, but it would guarantee their surviving spouse an annuity should death occur outside the compensatory condition.

We so enjoyed getting together with our Auxiliary members on June 3rd at Olive Garden for our traditional Mother-Father day dinner. Almost everyone came, laughed, and told all about their summer plans. I learned that Alice Wannike is going to New York for her niece's wedding, then heading to Louisiana to visit with her daughter. I asked how Megan was doing in college and Alice proudly told me her granddaughter had a perfect 4.0

Auxiliary 181 News
By Dottie Tutt-Hutchinson

average. I read, in the social column of the Tampa Bay Times that Sally Madden's granddaughter Kara Kennedy, was named to be in this year's St. Petersburg Debutant class, quite an honor. Sally is so modest, I'm sure she would have felt that she was bragging if she mentioned it to us. She did tell us that Kara changed her major from English to Graphic Design at U of F, and is so happy with her decision. Of course, I had to crow about my 2 grands, getting all A's on their report cards, too. Joyce Keller's grandson DJ is engaged and will get married in September in Colorado. Joyce gave him her and Clarence's ring, a lovely gesture.

We were so spread out on our long table that there were 3 conversations going on at the same time. Because I was in the middle, I could catch bits and pieces of what each group was saying. Sandy Hart (a former emergency room nurse), Joyce Keller, and Lorie Davenport told of their own experiences in child birthing. Poor Ryan Davenport was close to the labor pain talk, so I offered to trade places with him. I should have thought of it sooner as he was getting greener by the second... Shirley and Bill Moran, Sally, and I reminisced about camping, canoeing, and traveling by motor home. I envy their trips all over the United States. Zulma and Rudy Betancourt, Alice, and Alan were animatedly talking comic books and TV shows. I couldn't hear it all, but they sure were laughing a lot. As long as we've

known each other, it always surprises me of the new connections we find with each other.

We'll next meet at Frida's on Ulmerton on July 11th at noon, for lunch, dessert, and maybe even a movie afterwards.

A dozen or so broken bones sounds awful, in itself, but Lorie is having more complications neurologically and with some bone not mending correctly. Its been a whole year since she got hurt, and is undergoing more tests to repair the damage. We hope it will all turn out all right soon.

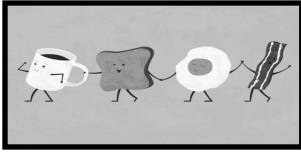
Thanks to Sandy and Joyce for baking for the raffle in June. Zulma and I will bake for the July 12th Union meeting and we pitched in to raffle a 4th of July basket, too.

Belated birthday wishes for Sally on June 18, Pat O'Donnell on June 21st, and Shirley on June 25. Belated anniversary wishes to Roger and Susan Chavez on the 2nd of June, and Alvern and Ralph Brown on June 14th.

Happy birthday to our July friends- Alan Hutchinson (5), Rudy Betancourt (16), Diana Keller (21), and John Bourlon (29).
 Happy anniversary to Shirley and Bill on July 5th.

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Meeting and Breakfast Attendees



The All Craft Retirees Breakfast was on June the 6th @ Denny's on Missouri. In attendance: Tom Youngedyke, Cherie Mayer, O.D. Elliott, Jim Disney, Gerry Timmons, John Blackard, Wayne Moore, Bill Nilsson, Harry Conn, Paul Rumpf and yours truly, Bernie.

As expected, a small turnout this month but better than last with eleven retirees present. It's going to be this way for a couple of more months before attendance gets back to normal. OK, they say history sometimes repeats itself so here's the deal! Our local union has a free breakfast drawing every month via a raffle. Six or eight months ago, Cherie Mayer was the only female at that breakfast, and because of that, was asked to draw the lucky winning ticket. Well, she pulled her own number and was given \$10 towards her breakfast. What, her own number! Needless to say, she got harassed. Yes, you guessed it, fast forward to this month's breakfast, Cherie was again the only female, asked to draw the winning ticket, and did it again!! Once lucky but Twice! If she does it again for a third time, she will be asked to pick six numbers for the state lottery or something and we'll all jump on board. Nice going Cherie! Retiree Bill Loomis called from North Carolina so the phone was passed around and he spoke to several of us old timers. Again, Nice! Finally, stories and supervisors from the past were surfacing where some of us were going, "oh yeah, I remember that or I remember that level 15 supervisor or 204B." Great stories, fun remembering, but most of all, wonderful to be retired!

Welfare news: Nothing bad or updates on current retirees experiencing problems. Birthdays: Rick Martin, Peggy Eichelman and Dave Bennett. Free Breakfast – Cherie Mayer. Oldest retiree – Wayne Moore ('92). Newest retiree – Jim Disney ('17).

Next breakfast – July the 4th. We know it's a holiday but activities are at night so this day should be OK! You know where, Denny's on Missouri. 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 Retiree Breakfast:

June 5th: Johnny Wagner, De Thompson, Roy Vanderveer, Bill Butler, Denny Elliott, Ann Friel, Fran Friel, Ray Lee, Bob Shokey, Willie Santiago, Dave Meier (breakfast winner), Hal Gladson, Leon Jernigan, Ron Hearon, Nancy Long, Linda Leporati, Lester Ray

St. Pete Retiree's Breakfast

June 20th:

Hank Goettelman, Ron Cherry, Don Kosior, Joyce Keller (breakfast winner), Dennis Jones, O.D. Elliott, Al Henderson, Ellen Kirschner, Dawn Rogers, Terry Johnson, Bob Kaufman, Dee Kaufman

Steward's Meeting

The following attended training by Joe Henschen on June 21st:

Chris Hubble, Heather Gates, Judy Dorris, Ken Bushery, Nick Worthington, Alicia Gary, Suzette & Liz Dombrowski, Tom Phillips, Cheryl Anderson, Patrick Jacques, Anthony Roger, Clay Hansen, Ken Domingos, Jim Bumbul, Pat Kelly,

South Meeting

The following attended the May 24th meeting:

Joe Henschen, Chris Hubble, Mike Novak, Chris Kotonski, Sam Haddad, Dean Kaufman, Josh LaGrew, Susan Chavez

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