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The Struggle for Freedom – *it never sleeps and it never ends*

By: Kathy Danek, president

Auxiliary News and Views Win Awards at PPA Conference

Let me start with a big CONGRATULATIONS to our Legislative Aide Editor Bonnie Sevre on three (3) awards at the 2017 Postal Press Association Conference in Des Moines Iowa. In the field of Journalism, Community Service, - a First Place award went to Sevre and District 7 Coordinator Joyce Tanguay for their article “National Auxiliary Visits Children Incorporated.”. Honorable Mentions were awarded for Overall Excellence - Best Non Professional (B) for a self produced newsletter. That means she edits, publishes, produces, collates, folds, stuffs, labels and mails our newsletter. And Bonnie received an Honorable Mention as the Hank Greenberg Best New Editor. We are so very proud of the Auxiliary’s newsletter and our fantastic Bonnie Sevre. Thank you Bonnie for all your hard work. It definitely shows that this is a labor of love.

You Are Invited: - to attend training classes on October 3 at the All Craft Conference in Las Vegas. If you will be attending the conference with your family and want to be a part of these classes, please pre-register on the Auxiliary’s website or via US Mail to: Debra Stewart, Chair 6400 Guilford, Fort Worth TX 76119; OR email to kmdanek@apwuauxiliary.org. All pre-registrants for the Auxiliary training classes will be entered into a drawing for a prize – if they follow through and attend the classes. All attendees will be placed into a separate drawing as well. So join us, there will be prizes, refreshments and fun.



The Struggle for Freedom – it never sleeps and it never ends.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed....” - taken from the Declaration of Independence, 1st Continental Congress, 1776.

Most of us learned these words in our history classes. We celebrate them every July 4 and hopefully we emulate and embody these words as a nation. We built a republic, a representative

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Remembering Marie Clark - Past National Officer

By: Kathy Danek, President

Former Legislative Aide Editor and District 1 Coordinator Marie C. Clark passed away August 22, 2017, after a valiant fight against breast cancer.

Marie served as a National Legislative Aide Editor and District 1 Coordinator for our Auxiliary, chaired numerous committees, mentor to hundreds of Auxiliary members across this nation through her 50 years of service to our organization. She was a beloved friend to everyone she met. She lived a life of service to others through her work, through her faith, and service within her state and local Auxiliary. She was a guiding force in the Portland local Auxiliary - which will celebrate their 90th birthday the spring of 2018. Marie was honored by the National Auxiliary with lifetime membership in April of 2017.

Her legacy will live on in each life she touched. She has been an active member of the Portland Oregon Local and Oregon State for decades and has been a friend, mentor, coworker, and advocate to many of us in the Auxiliary. She epitomizes the meaning of Auxiliary, truly understanding "Something for Everyone".

Her ability to deal with fairness and justice prompted

her appointment as the chairperson of a special committee for protection of our membership rights. She understands that the members need to feel engaged, heard, and represented. Locally Mrs. Clark has held numerous state and local offices. She is considered a leader by all who know her. She is a person of enormous faith, always looking for the best in everyone and helping all to find the common good.



Condolences can be sent to her daughter, 11435 SW 55th Ave. Portland Or 97219 Memorial address and additional info will be released as soon as it is finalized. Services Sept. 13 at 11 am Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Portland Oregon. She died after a valiant fight against breast cancer.

Let Your Member of Congress Know How You Really Feel About the 2018 Budget

This article from the APWU Web News Service gives an overview of the cuts to the postal service that would take affect if the White House and House Budget Committee proposals are passed. Be sure to **contact** your legislator at 844-402-1001 and urge them to vote **NO** on the house budget.

Say NO to Moving the Postal Service "ON Budget"

The House bill includes a recommendation to put the Postal service "on budget," making it part of the overall federal budget. The Postal service currently operates "off budget," relying solely on the sale of postage and other postal services for funding.

Moving the Postal service "on Budget" could potentially:

- Put caps on Postal Service spending
- Subject the Postal Service to Federal shutdown

Moving the Postal Service "on budget" could severely hinder Postal operations and is an obvious attempt to move the Postal Service closer to privatization.

Oppose Cuts to Pay and Retirement Benefits

Additionally, the White House and House Budget Committee proposals include recommendations for cuts to the hard earned pay and benefits of postal/federal

workers.

The House 2018 Budget calls for:

- Increasing employee pension contributions into the Federal Employment Retirement System (FERS). This could result in a cut to the take home pay of thousands of dollars a year for each FERS postal employee.
- Ending the Social Security supplement currently covering the gap in FERS benefits for those who retire before they are eligible for social security benefits.
- Eliminating pensions for new hires.

There is also a concern that Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) on FERS retirement benefits will be eliminated and COLAs on current civil service retirees will be reduced as previously proposed by the White House.

Tell your legislator to stand up for workers and vote NO on the proposals.

Last Chance to Enter Raffle!!!



Buy Your Tickets Today - \$5 each
Win an Apple® - 9.7-Inch iPad® Pro
with
Wi-Fi + Cellular - 256GB
Value approximately \$1,000

Drawing will be held at the 2017 All Craft Conference in Las Vegas Nevada
October 4, 2017



Make checks payable to: Auxiliary to the APWU

Need not be present to win

Tickets may be purchased from any National Auxiliary Officer or by contacting Trisa Mannion, Treasurer, 3038 Cloverdale Ct, Grand Junction CO 81506 or on the Auxiliary website: www.apwuauxiliary.org Follow the links to buy tickets.

All proceeds go to the Auxiliary to the APWU Equipment Fund (Risograph copier)

September Happenings

September 4, 2017 - Labor Day

- Labor Day honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country.
- Labor Day is considered the unofficial end of summer in the United States.

September 11th - Remember 911

- Forever in our Hearts

September 22, 2017 - Autumnal Equinox

- Also called the September equinox—is the astronomical start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The September equinox can occur at any time from the 21st to the 24th day of September.





“Underneath it All”

A Children Incorporated Project

By: Joyce Tanguay—District 7 Coordinator



It has been brought to our attention while working with Child Incorporated (our Human Relations Project) that many of the children in the impoverished areas of this country are in great need of socks, undies and undershirts. Child Inc. has “Underneath it All” drives, and with so many of us out there we thought it might be fun for us to have one, also.

We are asking each and every one of you who will be attending the All Craft Conference in Las Vegas to bring a package of either socks, undies, or undershirts

for boys or girls ages 2 to 12 OR a Gift card from Target and drop them off at the Auxiliary Booth. We will continue this drive from now until the National Convention in Pittsburg where we will deliver the items to needy children in the Pittsburg Area. Many of you know that we try to do something in the host city whenever possible. We believe that this will be a great opportunity for us to help out those in need.

If you are not attending the All Craft and would like to participate you may send gift cards from Target to Human Relations Chair, Joyce Tanguay (address on the back of this newsletter) and she will pick up the necessary items for you. You will receive an acknowledgement for your own records. Hope to see you in Vegas!

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government, instead of a direct democracy. It was supposed to be more expedient and the elected representatives were supposed to “REPRESENT” their electorate. That is our history and for all of its warts, it has worked for over 240 years. Yet, I feel we are being tested as a nation. What is our moral compass in this nation of millions of citizens and 50 states?

Over the past month we have witness a collision set in Charlottesville, Virginia, - the home of Thomas Jefferson’s beloved Monticello. A young woman died and many others were injured. SO I am taking this opportunity to find a voice that reminds us that we fought for equality in this country and around the world. In World War II, we worked with a coalition of the world to defeat and destroy the Nazi threat to our world. The Nazi legacy includes the murder of 6 million people of Jewish descent. It left thousands dead and the world was changed forever. Our aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, and great grandparents gave us this legacy in a fight to end oppressive behavior. We cannot be silent when we are fighting for freedom.

We are still a nation trying to create a more perfect place. We had a fight for freedom during the Civil War 1860 to 1865. The abomination of slavery was finally eliminated, but freedom still looked different and divided. We were still working on this as a nation. Heck, women of all races didn’t receive the right to vote until August 26, 1920 when the 19th Amendment to the

constitution was finally ratified. It finally said all American women, like men, for the very first time deserved all the rights and responsibilities as citizens of this nation.

We had the Civil Rights movement where people of color were afforded the same right to vote that whites enjoyed. Heck, we were fighting for a right to sit in the same places in a restaurant, ride a bus (thank you Rosa Parks and others), equal educational opportunities in schools. And it looked like we were on our way.

And today that struggle continues. We have people working to limit our right to vote, the very thread of our democracy. Each of us must stand and be counted in this most beloved right. Men and women have fought for this right for more than 240 years. We are required by our very Declaration of Independence to stand and be counted, to be heard in the fight to preserve, protect and provide equal protection for all our citizens. We must be open as a nation of immigrants to our people who do not look like us, dress like us, or speak like us. We must extend a helping hand to our neighbors in this nation and those around the world. The democracy we enjoy is strained, but it is not dead. We must stand as a united voice to protect the right to vote and equal protection under the law. We must protect our right to organize in our workplaces, our very legacy as a union family. Thank you for all you do as part of the American Postal Workers Union and our Auxiliary.



Event Invitation:
Auxiliary Training
Class

Bally's Las Vegas

October 3, 2017

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

“Each One Reach
One”

OCTOBER 3, 2017

AUXILIARY TRAINING CLASS

- OFFICERS TRAINING AND ORGANIZING
- BASIC IDEAS OF HOW TO BUILD THE ORGANIZATION
- WE HAVE AN AUXILIARY - NOW WHAT?
- OFFICERS EXPECTATIONS

Please RSVP by September 27, 2017 to:
National Auxiliary Treasurer Trisa Mannion
Trisa Mannion email: tmannion@apwuauxiliary.org
Or:
www.apwuauxiliary.org (preferred)
On Facebook

APWU NATIONAL AUXILIARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CHECK at
REGISTRATION BOOTH
OCTOBER 1st or 2nd



Ask Tina? *About the Health Plan*

STICK WITH LABS THAT DELIVER QUALITY CARE AT LITTLE TO NO COST.

High Option

Did you know that if you go to a national lab such as Quest Diagnostics or Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp), you are covered by APWU Health Plan at 100% and still get the same quality service? Even though other labs may be part of the Cigna network, you'll get even bigger savings when you go to Quest and LabCorp for your lab work. And with hundreds of locations nationwide, they make it easy to get lab services at no cost to you.

Keep the cost of lab work low with these savings

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General health panel	\$21.85	100%	\$0	\$43.59-\$191.32	10%
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Prostate screen (PSA)	\$12.62	100%	\$0	\$27.58-\$71.26	10%

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PPA Conference - Another Huge Success

By: Bonnie Sevre - Legislative Aide Editor

Legal issues: who pays for what I say, public speaking: becoming a better spokesperson, re-designing your publication, writing and editing for the union communicator, and communicating to win: case studies of effective communication in recent struggles and victories were some of the courses offered in which I participated.



Jennifer Sherer - director of the University of Iowa Labor Center teaching a class on writing and editing for the union communication, and communicating to win.

I left each class was filled with a wealth of new information. The instructors were extremely knowledgeable about their subject matter. The classes were small enough that there was time to ask questions. Also, there was a lot of interaction in the classes with the students participating in a variety of writing exercises. Hopefully, some of the things I learned will be reflected in coming issues of News and Views.

Along with informative classes we had an opportunity to hear Joan Walsh, a National Affairs correspondent for The Nation magazine and an MSNBC political analyst who was the keynote speaker at the conference. After giving the delegates her take on the Washington scene, she allowed time to take questions from the floor.

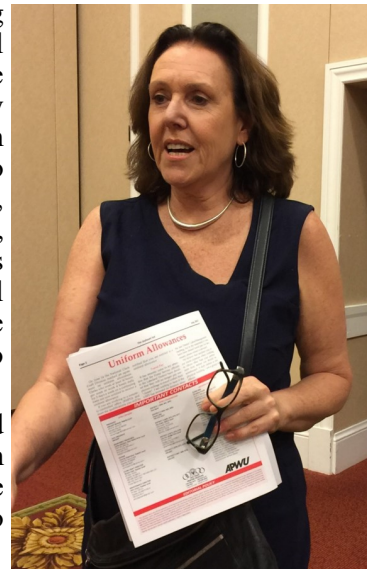
Judy Beard, legislative director spoke on legislative issues on Thursday afternoon. Her aide spoke in more detail on Friday afternoon. There was a lot of discussion on the White House Budget proposals aimed at Federal and Postal Employees.

On Thursday evening the Des Moines Iowa local provided hospitality at the race track. You may wonder why a function would be held at a casino and race track. However, Grand Meadows Hotel, Casino and Race Track is 100% union operated. All of the monies raised at the casino and race track go to support the community.

Mark Dimondstein held a press conference on Saturday afternoon where delegates had a chance to ask questions.

On Saturday evening the awards banquet was held. I was very excited when the Auxiliary won three awards for their publication, News and Views.

I left the conference inspired to put some of the suggestions into upcoming issues of News and Views.



Joan Walsh, MSNBC political analyst was the keynote speaker at the PPA conference



Bonnie Sevre receiving an award for the Auxiliary News and Views with Tony Carobine, PPA President and Mark Dimondstein, APWU National President

2016-2018 Human Relations Project

By: Joyce Tanguay - Human Relations Chair

"People who give will never be poor" ~Anne Frank~

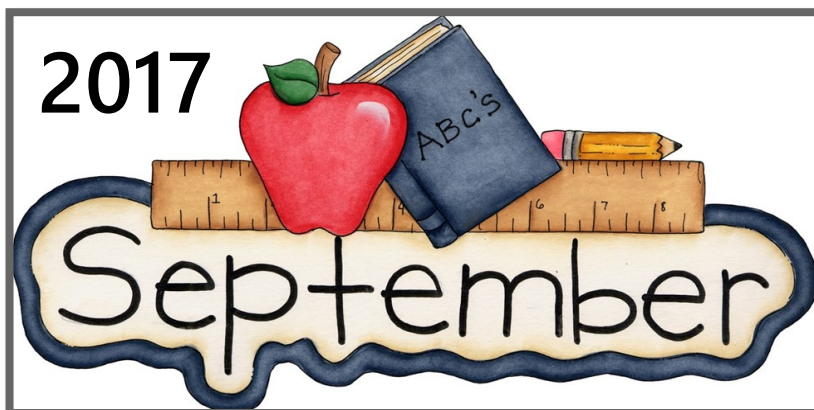
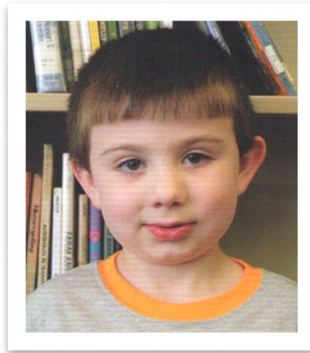
As we move into September getting ready for another busy year, I hope your memories of summer are all good ones. Here in Maine the weather was great and as we welcomed the tourists in June, we bid them a cheerful farewell in September.

In saying that I'm wondering how many children in the impoverished areas of this country could say that they have happy memories of their summer. Did they have food to eat, clothes to wear, and shelter from the many hot days that this summer brought across the nation? Were they able to participate in some of the great summer programs that are offered in so many of our communities? Without our help the answer is "no" to those questions.

If you have children and they are fortunate enough to have all of the above OR if you or someone you know has ever been in a situation where they would have said "no" to all, then we hope you will consider helping out with this very important Human Relations Project. Please take the time to go to Childrenincorporated.org to find out more about why we feel that it is so important to help these boys and girls.

Those of you who have been receiving News & Views for a while are used to seeing our request for support of our projects. To those of you who are just now receiving an issue, we work on a Human Relations Project for two (2) years, from National Convention to National Convention. We try to put a brief article about our current project in each issue as a reminder to each of you and hopefully if you have not yet had a chance to donate, you will consider doing so.

No amount is too small (or too big) and checks may be made out to Auxiliary to the APWU, Trisa Mannion, 3038 Cloverdale Court, Grand Junction, CO. 81506. If you have any questions concerning Child Inc. please do not hesitate to contact Human Relations Chair, Joyce Tanguay at jetang@maine.rr.com.



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