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State of an Election – Sharing our Voice with Opportunities for THIS Election

By: **Kathy Danek, President**

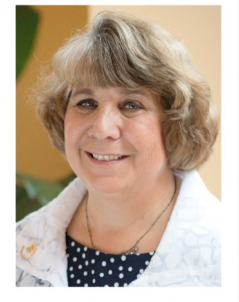


With just a few short weeks until the 2016 election I find myself concerned, engaged and anxious. We will be electing a President of our United States, one third of the United States Senate and the entire House of Representatives. The stakes could not be higher for organized labor and our APWU. This election is the epitome of different ideals and needs. Do we want steady leadership or a fly by the seat of the pants leader? Do we really think our interests are served by a corporate philosophy or a philosophy of public service? Who really will have our back?

While in convention, the delegates at the 2016 National APWU Convention endorsed the candidacy of Hillary Clinton for President. The choices are stark, but the selection is up to each of us and how we make that selection will guide our nation for more than four years. It will be decades as we look to the selection of justices for the Supreme Court, the inaction of the past four years, and

finally and most importantly to our members, the preservation of the United States Postal Service.

V – VOLUNTEER and make your VOICE heard. Work to elect senators and representatives who share our values, our needs and the collective needs of our nation. We need to rebuild our infrastructure. Bridges and roads need to be updated. Those are good paying jobs. There are many careers that need a highly trained work force. Not all of them require four year college degrees, but they do have good pay, strong benefits and are needed in every community. Construction, electrician, plumbing, technology, engineers, transportation all are careers that require a strongly trained work force. We need to volunteer for candidates who will be our voice and lead from our vantage point.



O – It is OBLIGATION, OPTION AND OPPORTUNITY to make sure we are engaged in this election. You have plenty of opportunities to share your time and talents. It might be phoning, canvassing, handing out literature, hosting a fundraiser or writing letters to the editor. States like Florida, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Ohio, North Carolina, Nevada, Arizona, New Hampshire, are very important in the Electoral College picture. They also have very important House and Senate seats up for election. Are you informed? Do you know who

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Bridge Builder Award and Guidelines

By: Clara Hill, Chairperson
Bridge Builder Committee

The Bridge Builders Award deadline is lurking around the corner and will be here before we know it. While it is fresh on your minds, why not take a moment and submit a nomination for someone you know who is worthy of this award. It only takes a few minutes and is so worth the time.

Read over the guidelines and follow them to make someone you know a very happy person, and they are not even aware of it until the award is presented to them. It is kept "secret" so they will be surprised, and it means a lot to the person receiving it.

The deadline is **December 31, 2016**, and the person nominating must be an Auxiliary member whose dues are up to date. Any APWU or APWU Auxiliary member is eligible to win, with the exception of the National Auxiliary Executive Board.

Please don't let me hear you saying you don't have anyone who fits the criteria, as many dedicated members as I met in Orlando in August we should be flooded with nominations. So get busy and nominate someone today. You may even be nominated and receive the award yourself and be

BRIDGE BUILDERS GUIDELINES

Rewarding a lifetime of Auxiliary Dedication

The Bridge Builders Award was designed to recognize those members of either the Auxiliary or the APWU who have shown support for the Auxiliary. Those who are honored with this award are active in one or more of the following areas:

1. Assisting the Union/Auxiliary
2. Human Relations
3. Legislation
4. Political Action
5. Public Relations
6. Organizing/ Recruiting

This award is given only once a year and to one person per state. The letter of nomination must come from an **Auxiliary Member** and must list the areas the person is active in. The person may only receive the award one time. We encourage all Auxiliary members, in good standing, to submit a letter of nomination for a member Local or State Auxiliary or APWU. That person may be someone that no one really sees. It may be the member who sells all those entire rolls of raffle tickets to help raise funds, or the member who lugs all the boxes and helps set up. That member may have written countless letters to their representatives or helped during a campaign. The list goes on and on. Those members are out there and they deserve to be recognized and rewarded. Take a few minutes to tell us about that member.

The deadline is December 31, 2016.

Be sure to include name, city and state, local name and tell us about the accomplishments they have done in the areas above.

Please use black ink to fill out the nomination form.

You may mail the completed form to: Clara Hill at wavechill@att.net OR

Mail the form and optional letter by certified mail to: Clara Hill, Chairperson, 2710 Waverly Street, Knoxville, TN. 37921

I know there are members out there that deserve this award. Take a minute and read the guidelines and if you have such a person in your local or state, nominate them for the award.

BRIDGE BULDERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please send (via US. Mail, fax or email) completed form of nomination to Clara Hill,

2710 Waverly St, Knoxville, TN 37921 or contact her at Wavechill@att.net, fax # 865-637-1867

Deadline December 31, 2016

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR NOMINATION.

LETTER OF NOMINATION IS OPTIONAL, BUT IF IT IS SENT, IT MUST BE DATED AND SIGNED!

If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper!

All Nominations will receive a letter of acknowledgement from the committee.

	Please write answers in this column	
1. Name of person being nominated:		
2. City and State that nominee is from:		
3. Which of the following areas has the nominee been active in? (Check one or more that apply)		
a. Assisting the Union/Auxiliary ___	b. Human Relations ___	
c. Legislation ___	d. Political Action ___	
e. Public Relations ___	f. Organizing/Recruiting ___	
g. Other ___ Please specify:		
4. Please give details of what they have done in the above areas:	Please tell us about any Community Service or Activity they are or have been involved in:	
5. Has nominee been or is an Officer in the AP-WU/Auxiliary?	6. Offices held and what level (state/local, etc.)?	
	State	Local
7. How many years has this person been a member?		
<i>Optional question please included with any further details.</i>		
8. Is their family involved? (Please give a brief description of involvement.)		
9. Did they chair any committees for their local or state? (Please give details.)		
10. Did they implement any new programs at the state or local level? (Please give details.)		
11. Name, address and local of person submitting this nomination.		
Date submitted:		
Submitted by (name & Local)		

Backpack Project a Major Success

\$1,000 and UP

480-481 Area Local Michigan
Des Moines IA Local 44 Auxiliary
Illinois Auxiliary to the APWU
Maine State APWU
Montana Postal Workers Union
North Alabama and Alabama State Auxiliary
Northwest Illinois Area Local



\$500 to \$999

Baltimore MD Area Local APWU
Bi-State Illinois APWU
Braunstein, Roy - AZ
Central Florida Auxiliary to the APWU
Greater Connecticut Area Local
Kentucky State Auxiliary
Minnesota Auxiliary to the APWU
Nebraska Auxiliary to the APWU
Norfolk NE Auxiliary to the APWU
Palm Beach FL Postal Workers
Pennsylvania Postal Workers Union
Richmond VA APWU
Southern Maine Labor Council
St. Louis MO Postal Workers Union
Texas Postal Workers Union
Texas State Auxiliary APWU
Western Maine Labor Council
Western Michigan Area Local APWU

\$250 to \$499

Boise ID Postal Workers Union
Boston MA Metro APWU
Greater Smoky Mtn TN Area Local
Hartford CT Postal Workers Union
Heart of Illinois Postal Workers Union
Louisville KY Area Local
Montgomery County AL Area Local
Montgomery County, MD Area Local
Montgomery AL PWU
Providence RI Postal Workers Union



Up to \$249

Atlanta GA Postal Workers Union
Belleville IL Area Local APWU
Bohlender, Treva - OK
Braun, Anna - IN
Breedon, Renee - AZ
Canton OH APWU
Cape Cod MA Area Local
Caron, Dr. Denise - ME
Carter, Margaret VA
Central Kentucky Area Local
Collin, Sharon - ME
Danville VA APWU
Daytona Beach FL APWU
Decatur GA APWU
Decatur IL APWU
Denver CO BMC
Dubuque IA APWU
East Bay CA Area Local
El Paso TX Area Local
Eldorado AR APWU
Elliott, Donna - OK
Evans, Michael - CA
Fall River MA Postal Workers Union
Florida State Auxiliary
Fort Scott KS
Fredericksburg VA Battlefield PWU
Garcia, Gracie - CA
Gee, Pamela - WY
Gloucester MA Postal Workers Union

Greater Grand Forks ND Area Local
Greater Hicksville NY APWU
Greater Kansas City MO Area Local
Greenlee, Geneva - IN
GSMALAPWU TN Auxiliary
Hill, Michael - ME
Hyannis MA Area Local APWU
Illinois 604/605 Area Local #6266
Jennings, Mark - MD
Jones, Christal - CA
Jonesboro AR APWU
Lafayette LA Postal Workers Union
Lancaster PA Postal Workers Union
Laurens SC APWU
Lincolmland NE Auxiliary
Madison WI Area Local
Maine State Auxiliary
Manatee FL Area Local APWU
Minneapolis MN Area Local APWU
Minnesota State Postal Workers Union
Minnillo, Mike - CO
Missoula MT Postal Workers Union
Missouri Auxiliary to the APWU
Mosher Lisa - OK
Nelson, Joyce - MA
New Castle PA APWU
North Central Florida APWU
Nova-Comito, Teresa - CA
Ohio Postal Workers Union

Pierce, George - NC
Pineres, Javier, CA
Portland ME Local 458 Auxiliary
Portland Oregon Local Auxiliary
Portland ME APWU
Puerto Rico Postal Workers
Queens NY Postal Workers Union
Quincy IL Postal Workers Union
Raleigh NC Cosmopolitan Area Local
Roanoke VA APWU
San Antonio TX Alamo Area Local APWU
Sanders, Tom - NE
Sarasota FL Local APWU
St. Charles MO Auxiliary to the APWU
St. Paul MN Postal Workers Union
Swift, Karen - OH
Thibodaux LA APWU
Tri-County PA Postal Workers Union
Tucson AZ Area Local
Velazquez, Thomas - LA
Vincennes IN Local APWU
Walker, Dorothy - WY
Walsh, Kevin - NY
Waterville ME Postal Workers Union
Waycross GA APWU
Wheeling WV APWU
Wilkes Barre PA PDC APWU
Youngstown OH Postal Workers Union

Thank you to the many individuals, locals and states who donated to the Back Pack Project. If any state or local has been left out please contact one of us. Again, thank you all so much for your tremendous support.

Chair - Joyce Tanguay

Co-chairs - Rebecca Kingsley, District 2 Coordinator

Bonnie Sevre, Legislative Aide Editor

Human Relations Project Highlights

By: Joyce Tanguay, Human Relations Chairperson



Mary Pomeroy, Bernita Jones, Janice Gillespie, Sasha Hausman from the Central Florida Second Harvest Food Bank, Joyce Tanguay, Rebecca Kingsley and Anna Braun presenting Hausman with a check for \$2,000.00 for the Central Florida Back Pack Program.

As we close out our 2014-2016 Human Relations Project and move on to our next project, please know that none of what we do could ever be accomplished without the continued support of all of you, our Union and Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters and your friends and families. With a total of over \$25,000 raised for the Back Pack Program we were able to send checks to many Back Pack programs across the country. These donations have touched the hearts and lives of many, many children and for that we applaud all of you. We cannot thank you enough.

Be true to yourself. Make each day a masterpiece. Help others.

Child Inc.

2016-2018 Human Relations Project

At the 2016 National Convention of the Auxiliary to the American Postal Workers Union the delegates voted unanimously to support **Child Inc.** as the Human Relations Project for 2016-2018. Thirteen million children in the United States live in poverty. The Mission of this program is to provide children with the hope, opportunity and education that will enable them to grow to contribute to their communities. It was founded in 1964 and serves the physical, emotional and educational needs of children. This program also helps children with food, clothing, healthcare and education. Although it is both a US and International program, the donations we receive will be used to sponsor children here in

the United States, only. Your donations will help break the cycle of poverty and give a child hope for a brighter tomorrow. Some information taken from their website at <https://childrenincorporated.org>. Please take the time to check it out.





Fewer teens are smoking or showing interest in cigarettes and cigars, but e-cigs a concern

THURSDAY, Sept. 22, 2016 (HealthDay News) -- U.S. teens seem to be losing interest in smoking cigarettes and cigars, a new federal report finds. The same can't be said of e-cigarettes. Fewer students reported trying cigarettes or cigars between 2012 and 2014, the new research showed. The report was a joint effort from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products. The report also found that fewer teens reported being curious about cigarettes or cigars. The same, however, can't be said of smokeless tobacco. The study found no change in teen use or interest in smokeless tobacco -- such as chewing tobacco -- during this two-year period.

But, teens are still showing a worrisome level of interest in e-cigarettes. The CDC released a survey in June that found last year just 11 percent of high school students said they'd smoked cigarettes in the previous 30 days -- a significant decline since the 1990s. However, 24 percent said they'd used vape products, such as electronic cigarettes, within the last month. E-cigarettes are electronic devices that vaporize a fluid that often includes nicotine and flavorings. The federal researchers behind the new study cautioned that any exposure to nicotine -- whether it's from traditional cigarettes or cigars, smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes -- during the teen years could have a harmful effect on brain development. "These findings underscore the importance of addressing the factors driving curiosity about tobacco, which can inform ongoing and future efforts to prevent all forms of tobacco use by U.S. students," wrote the researchers, led by Alexander Persoskie from the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products.

For the new study, the researchers looked at information from the 2012 and 2014 National Youth Tobacco Survey. It's a nationally representative survey of middle school and high school students. The study showed the percentage of teens who ever tried cigarettes dropped 4 percent. Meanwhile, the proportion of students who never used or were definitely not interested in cigarettes rose 3 percent. Between 2012 and 2014, the percentage of students that ever used cigars fell nearly 4 percent. The proportion of young people who never used cigars or were not interested in them increased almost 3 percent. The researchers also checked on teens' interest in e-cigarettes. The proportion of young people who were "definitely" or "probably" curious about these products but never used them was almost 11 percent in 2014.

More information: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides more information on trends in [teen tobacco use](#). -- Mary Elizabeth Dallas

SOURCE: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, news release, Sept. 22, 2016



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Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws

As adopted by the 2016 National
Auxiliary Convention

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE V, SECTION 1(B) REPRESENTATION

CHANGE: Dues must be paid current through the first day of the month following the National convention.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, new (D) REPRESENTATION

CHANGE: State Auxiliaries are entitled to representation at National Convention. Such delegates shall have a total of ten (10) votes. A state representative cannot act as a delegate for his or her respective local auxiliary.

(All remaining subsections be renumbered accordingly).

ARTICLE V, SECTION 3

CHANGE: substitute the word *delegation* for the word Auxiliary,

ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 REPRESENTATION

Be deleted

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHANGE: *the words "Wednesday morning" to as the last order of business on Tuesday afternoon,*

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHANGE: Prepared ballots will be furnished for election to be held on *Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.,* or until all eligible ballots have been cast. All voting delegates must be in line before *2:00 p.m.*

ARTICLE VIII, DUTIES OF OFFICERS

CHANGE: SECTION 1(M) be increased to receive \$450.00 monthly, SECTION 2(N) be increased to receive \$400.00 monthly, SECTION 3(N) be increased to receive \$450.00 monthly SECTION 4(J) be increased to receive \$400.00 monthly.

ARTICLE XII – SECTION 2(D)6:

CHANGE: *Add an additional sentence after the first sentence that will read:* Upon receipt of the report, the secretary of the body, or appropriate officer, shall send a letter to the accused and the accuser informing them that the hearing board has been held, a decision has been made that requires further action by the Board, and when and where that action shall take place.

State of an Election

President's Report - continued

represents the needs of you and your family? Get informed – that is your obligation. Be an informed voter before you share your opinion. Don't make this an Ordinary election – make it extra-Ordinary. Get involved.

T – Be part of a TEAM of volunteers dedicated to protecting our rights as organized labor. All you have to do is TRY. THOUSANDS of opportunities are available – and they are in every community and state across this country. Be TENACIOUS and TRANSPARENT – don't be afraid to let people know where you stand. Translate that voice into action and work in a campaign. If you live close to a swing state, they can put you to work there as well. WE have just a few short weeks to really impact the outcome of this election.

E – EARLY voting changes how we ENGAGE with EVERY voter. We need to be a part of a ground game that is mobilized to get our members, supporters and families to the polls. It will take EVERY APWU, Auxiliary and RETIREE member to get a positive result from this ELECTION. Yes – this is an ELECTION. Everybody counts and everybody is needed. We need you EARLIER rather than later and we will be EXCITED to work with you.

The stakes have never been higher. Our VOICE, our OBLIGATION, our TEAMWORK and EACH and EVERY one of you make the difference. Let's VOTE – let's be informed VOTERS. And let's make a difference in this election. You hold the power in this representative democracy by electing leaders that reflect our views of our nation. It is up to you. VOTE.

VOTE!

November 8th



Tina Beaton— New District 3 Coordinator

By: Tina Beaton

The National Auxiliary Executive Board is pleased to welcome Tina Beaton as the new District 3 Coordinator. As you read about her I am sure you will agree that she will bring a lot of new ideas and expertise to the organization.

I was born in Westminster, CA. I have been married for 21 years to my wonderful husband Jeff Beaton. I have two beautiful daughters - Heather, 19, and Ashley, 16. I have lived in the Kanas City, MO area for 20 years now.

I am an Assistant Underwriter for Philadelphia Insurance Company and have been employed with them for 11 years.

My husband has worked for the Post Office for 19 years.

I love animals. I have 3 dogs and 2 cats. I have spent time volunteering at our local animal shelter - Wayside Waifs.

As my children have gotten older, I have been looking for something to do with my time. I have always enjoyed volunteering and helping others. I have now found something that I can do these things for and with others who enjoy doing the same, and it is working with the Auxiliary. I am excited to get started!

My goals are to assist the local and state Auxiliaries in my region to find new ways grow their membership and provide positive support to ensure their efforts are successful. I would also like to focus on building public support for our Unions causes, through both public outreach, and supporting charitable organizations.



Joyce Tanguay (L) and Carolyn Denton (R) displaying the quilt Carolyn designed and quilted - which she donated to the Auxiliary to the APWU in celebration of their 100 year anniversary.

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