

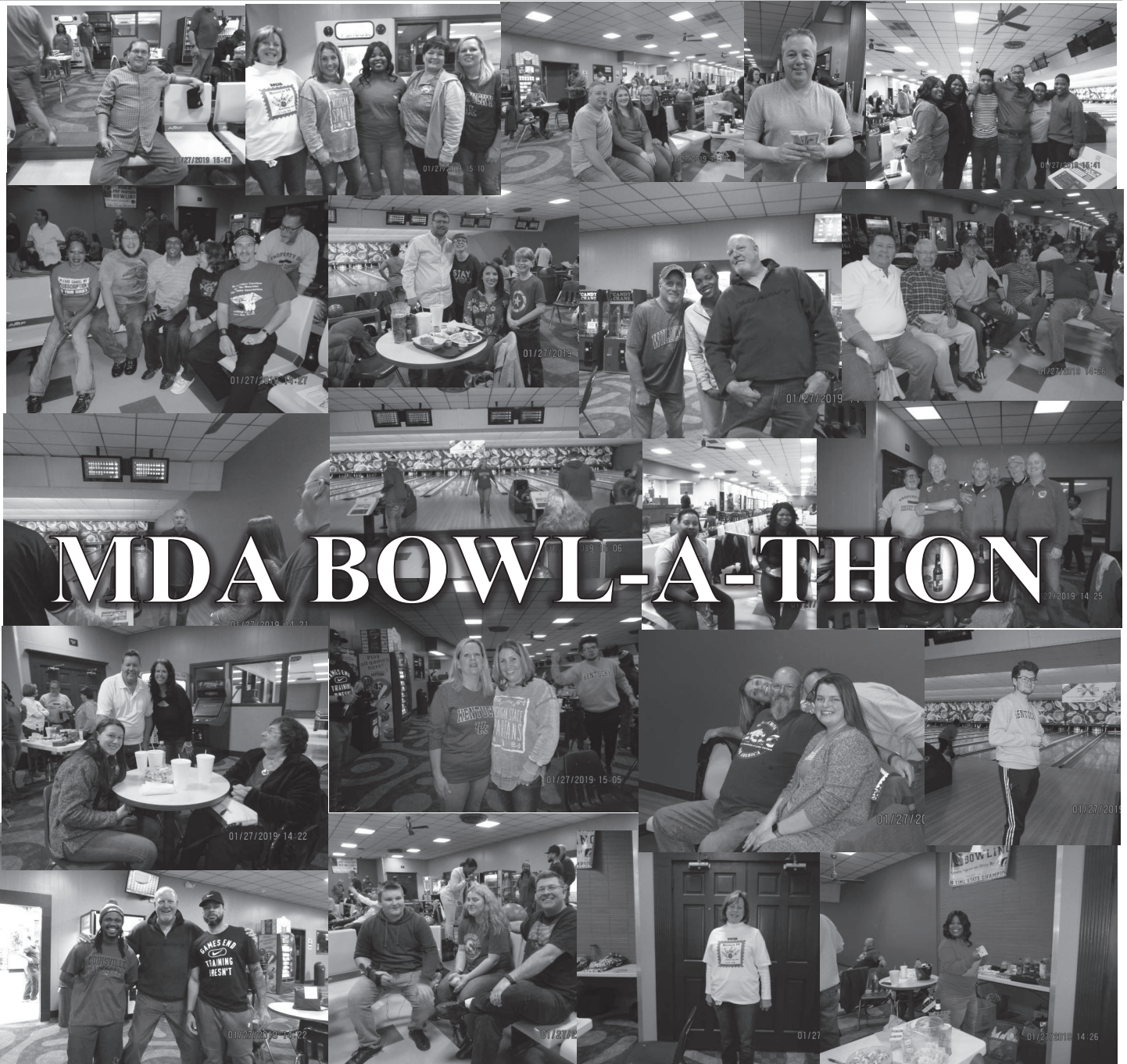
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FEBRUARY 2019





TONY WEDDLE
President

Many of you are probably aware that 2018 was the wettest year on record in Louisville, but it looks like we're well on our way to breaking that record this year after enduring the rainfall we've seen so far this month. Most of you can agree that working in constant rain just makes for a miserable day. Not to mention longer days due to an uptick in sick calls –mmm? But let's hope that the weather turns for the better this Spring. You know, like mid 70's and no rain for all of April and May. I mean, who wants to cut grass anyways?

But for this month's article for our monthly Newsletter, I want to express appreciation to all the members, active and retired, who've "voluntarily" contributed to the Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF) in 2018. This month's Postal Record lists the names of all the members in the NALC that contributed a few bucks out of their paychecks to support folks who support us. To explain the purpose of LCPF, in a nutshell so to speak, is to make sure we have friends in Congress that share our interest. We all know that our political system is basically broken since legislative votes are often given to the highest contributors. In other words, if you want to make sure you have friends in Congress that are willing to stand with you and vote on legislation that's in your best interest – it comes with a cost. That's just how it is folks. And we must acknowledge that it takes a heck of a lot more of us working folks to raise just a fraction of the money some special interest groups or billionaires contribute to make sure legislatures are voting in their interest.

After reviewing the names listed in the Postal Record, it's found that 112 members of Branch 14 contributed to LCPF in 2018. That's just 9.68% of the Branch membership. And a lot of those members listed are retired members. That's an indication that many of our retired members are still participating in our interests, the protection of our jobs and our retirements, and understand that we must have legislators who are willing to vote in our interest. As a branch, we've got to acknowledge that our retired folks have fought their battles over their careers and that it's time for more of our younger members to step up and play a bigger role at protecting our interest and our

jobs. So, I think we can and should do better in the participation rate of members contributing to LCPF.

There are instructions listed in the Postal Record for anyone who wants to start contributing to LCPF. It's not difficult to sign up and you can choose the amount of money that fits your budget to donate each month. And for some reason you need some assistance, we always have someone available at the end of every union meeting that can help you out. But again, donations are entirely voluntary.

Once again, thanks to all the following members who contributed to LCPF in 2018:

Randall Allen \$60	Gilman Anderson \$60
Mary Austin \$130	Billie Berry \$130
Robert Bracy \$120	Richard Brown \$100
James Cecil \$130	Melissa Cline \$68
Robert Cosby \$60	Devin Coy \$130
Delson Craig \$130	Gregory Craven \$350
Charles Davis \$190	Tina Davis \$65
Mark Deason \$130	Deborah Devore \$52
Joseph Drescher \$60	Erica Durr \$110
Daria Duvall \$150	James Elder \$130
William Enteman \$60	Sharon Escue \$60
Theodore First \$60	Ronald Frye \$100
Carol Gast \$130	Ronald Gast \$520 \
Mike Grabowski \$130	David Gravatte \$60
Robert Grissom \$10	Robert Hack \$60
James Halbauer \$130	Madonna Hardin \$130
David Harman \$65	Melissa Harris \$190
Jerry Harrison \$60	Jason Hawkins \$380
Louis Hellmueller \$60	Charles Hickey \$120
Logan Hickey \$110	Jesse Higgs \$60
Henry Hopson \$25	Herbert Houston \$130
Carl Hulsewede \$130	Joseph Jecker \$120
Jeffrey Jenkins \$42	Larry Johnson \$70
Donald Johnson \$130	Thomas Karins \$130
Ronald Klein \$130	Eric Lasher \$95
Angela Lewis \$130	Timothy Lindley \$65
Huron Little \$60	Coulter Marvewl III \$100
Jerome Mattingly \$60	Renee McCoy \$130
John McLaughlin \$60	David Meisner \$130
Otto Miller Jr. \$60	Vincent Miracle \$130
Anna Mudd \$260	David Mudd \$1080
Floyd Nall \$48	Adam Nowland \$130
James Olges \$45	Paul Olges \$130
John Osborne \$130	Ronald Osborne II \$130
Harry Palmer Jr. \$60	Bruce Parson \$130
Denise Peace-Wheeler \$220	
Michelle Peterson \$143	Eric Pippin \$130
Daryl Priddy \$130	Ricky Rachford \$130
Tim Rasche \$120	Greg Ray \$200

Paul Reinhardt \$60	Jeffrey Rhodes \$130
John Roberts \$130	William Roth \$60
Daniel Rudolph \$65	Edward Rudolph \$60
Reggie Sanders \$130	Adriane Shanklin \$130
Steven Sharp \$60	James Shawler III \$120
Larry Shepherd \$60	Richard Shiner \$130
David Shuttleworth \$130	
Jarett Sims \$130	John Sims Jr. \$60
Paul Sinnott \$120	Kerry Slahta \$60
Bruce Smith \$130	James Spaulding \$60
Jack Sprauer \$130	Kenya Sumblin \$130
Donivan Taylor \$110	Sean Terry \$130
Lawrence Terry \$120	Stephen Terry \$260
James Thomas \$60	Neil Travis \$60
Brian Tucker \$130	Kirk Tudor \$9
William Vinson \$60	Richard Walts \$55
James Warner \$25	Thomas Webb \$150
Anthony Weddle \$260	Matt Weegens \$100

Hope to see many of you at our next union meeting. Until then, be safe and keep placing the right mail in the right box.



SOLIDARITY REPORT

Branch 14's "Full-Time" Carrier Union
Membership stands at 99% - Impressive!!!!

Non-Members:	Delivery Unit:
Joseph Hannigan	St. Mathews
Larry Myers	DTCU
Christopher Osborne	Shelby
Dartanion Williams SR	Iroquois
Kenneth Averette	Shively

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40220.....	Tony Olges
40222.....	Bill Davis
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40229.....	Logan Hickey
40241/42.....	Adriane Shanklin
40243.....	Vacant
40258.....	Brian Tucker
40272.....	Brian Tucker
40299.....	Eric Pippin
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Lebanon.....	Ron Osborne
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Springfield.....	Ron Osborne
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The Trucks Competing to Be the Next USPS Delivery Vehicle!

All Truck photos are courtesy Truck.com

VT HACKNEY WORKHORSE →

An all-electric prototype with a small BMW gasoline engine that acts as a generator to extend the range of the truck.



← MAHINDRA

The truck uses a 2.5-liter engine from General Motors and may be available with a mild hybrid powertrain option.



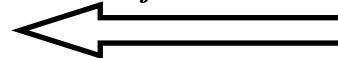
AM GENERAL LLC →

This mail truck prototype — designed and developed in Livonia, Mich., combines “highly reliable, low-maintenance, fuel-saving powertrain options and advanced safety systems into a durable, low operating-cost vehicle.”



KARSAN OTOMOTIV/MORGAN OLSON

Karsen is based in Turkey and submits a fully electric mail truck for consideration.



→ OSHKOSH CORP/FORD MOTOR CO.

Oshkosh, a defense contractor based in Oshkosh, WI, is working with Ford Motor Company on Mail Truck Prototypes.



STEVE TERRY
Recording Secretary

Lost gas cards, missing vehicle keys, 'CFS' flat mail - that should be forwarded but returned to you three days in a row, good mail mysteriously sent through 'CFS', letters to 'CFS' returned with no forwarding order label attached - and you have the 'COA' on a 3982, etc.... These are just a few things that occur at work and when they do, I get upset.

If I said I have no idea why these events continue to happen, I would be lying. Some of these issues come from people who continuously take shortcuts to save time. Some of these events happen because some people are careless in performing their duties. Some of these issues come from people doing their job improperly.

Regardless of the reason that the events I mentioned happen, they should not! And I believe the main reason for these issues is that management has forgotten what their job is, which is to manage people and equipment effectively to deliver the mail of businesses and individuals around the world. Somewhere along the way, the numbers have screwed up their thinking process.

I have been an employee for more than 40 years and I do not know everything there is to know about how our employer moves mail around this earth. As a matter of fact, I know very little. But what I do know is that first class service is achieved through dedication and diligence to SERVICE. And this means that each employee should attempt to do their job to the best of their ability every day. This is what I try to do every day.

As I said earlier, I have been a letter carrier for over 40 years and I still like the job. I try to do the best every day because I believe every postal customer deserves first class service. Occasionally I make a mistake and give myself a tongue lashing for screwing up. After that I go on and try to do my job right. I hope you do to!!

Planning to Move?

Please notify the
Branch.

Help the branch to
maintain an accurate
address database

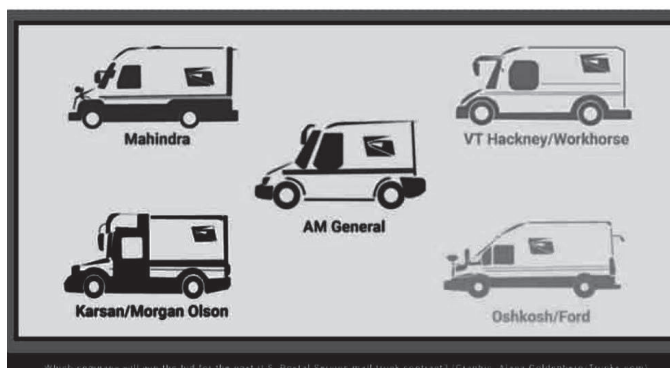


SIGN ME UP!

**FOR LETTER CARRIER JOB
INSURANCE**



NALC
Health Benefit Plan



Any picture that you would like to see in the Branch 14 Newsletter should be emailed to the editor (billrock2k@yahoo.com) or brought to the union hall on a thumb drive or camera card to be downloaded on our computer. You can also text photos (with a short explanation) to the editor at 502-345-3732 Thank you, Bill Davis.



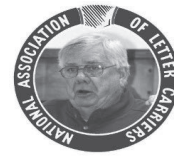
DEE DUVALL
Community Activities Coordinator

The recent MDA Bowl-a-thon was a huge success. Even after finding out on Thursday afternoon that we had to move to another bowling alley, we had a great turnout (40 bowlers!) and raised \$1750 for MDA. Along with the regulars that bowl every year, we had many new faces and families having a good time. I think we overwhelmed the staff at Dixie Bowl. They weren't ready for a bunch of hungry and thirsty letter carriers! But they handled it well and we appreciate everything they did for us that day. Thanks to "Bill" the owner of both Ken-Bowl and Dixie Bowl for the fantastic rate he gives us to bowl. This enables us to give more to MDA. Please visit one of these establishments when you are planning some bowling fun.

A great big "THANK YOU" to Jarett Sims for getting the Super Bowl jackpot going. \$950 was raised for MDA. Thanks to everyone who participated and Adriane, Carol, and Missy who helped sell it out. I can't tell you how wonderful it is to have these people coming up with new ideas and ways of raising funds for MDA. The E-Board has always been supportive of everything we do for MDA, but we now have fresh ideas and people who will make these fund raisers happen from beginning to end. Branch 14 just installed some very special people who not only care about the union, but also care about giving back. What a blessing!

This time of year, I get e-mails from Ky Kingdom, Bats, Lou City, etc. offering deals to bring our group for an outing. Please discuss this at your next stand-up and see if there is any interest. We have even discussed reviving the Branch 14 picnic that we had for many years. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

Please be safe out there. Hope to see you at the union meeting.



TOM WEBB
Health Benefits/Retirement

Explanation of Benefits;

The explanation of benefits (EOB) is the statement of service that was provided to you by a preferred provider or facility. The EOB contains the providers name and service provided, date of service, billed charges, and Remarks Code. This is a very important document to both you and the NALC Health Plan. Carefully review the EOB statement that you receive from the Plan for accuracy to ensure that you have not been billed for services that you did not receive.

The Remarks Code column will contain one or more series of three numbers, they contain information that explains the services provided. These numbers are necessary if you need to contact the NALC Health Plan concerning the service provided. The Claim Summary has the cost of service that was covered under insurance or coinsurance, any discounts, and your out of pocket liability.

Health Care Fraud increases the cost of health insurance for everyone and increases your Federal Employees Health Benefits premium. If you suspect that a provider has charged you for services that you did not receive, billed you twice for the same service or mis-represented any information, contact the provider and ask for an explanation. If that does not resolve the matter, call 703-729-4677 or 888-636-6252. The final option is to contact O.P.M. at 877-499-7295.

Fabian (Butch) McCue passed away on Feb,9, 2019. Butch was a retired carrier, union member, and a good friend, he will be missed. Our prayers are with his family and friends.





ADRIANE SHANKLIN
Sergeant at Arms/Scribe

January flew by and February is nearly done. The good news is that the groundhog supposedly saw his shadow! Spring is on the way. Hopefully just in time to get rid of this horrific weather. I don't know whether to bundle up or put on some shorts (and I've seen carriers in shorts)!

This month I wanted to discuss, on the job injuries. If you don't know me personally, I was injured on the job in July of 2018 while carrying my route. Long story short. A customer had their dog on a tethered line. Instead of going back to the truck, I walked out further in the yard to distance myself from the dog. The dog had another idea! Bite the mailman! The dog ran the line and broke the line. When something traumatic happens and they ask did your life flash before your eyes; well yes sir it did. The dog came after me, and I landed on my (&%\$#).

The purpose of me telling you this is to inform you of what not to do. I reported this house several times to my supervisor, and nothing was done. Why did I continue to give this customer chances? I thought I was being a professional letter carrier! Now the hard part. Dealing with OWCP! If you are ever injured on the job make sure you report it immediately to your supervisor, and I recommend you contact your steward as well. Management may ask, "well are you sure you want to report this, it goes on your record, and I have to call the post master." Well yes, you still want to report your injury, and you need to fill out all paperwork before seeking medical attention if possible. All this information can be found on our branch website. Knowledge is power!



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QUARTERLY AUDIT**TREASURERS REPORT**

FOR THE PERIOD OF OCT 1 THRU 31 DEC , 2018

GENERAL CHECKINGINCOME FOR THE PERIOD OF
1 OCTOBER THRU 31 DECEMBER 2018

CHECKING BALANCE	
BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 59,658.83
UNDEPOSITED INCOME	\$800
DEPOSITS FOR THE	
QUARTER	\$ 90,693.63
TOTAL	\$ 151,152.46

DUES	\$ -
NEWSLETTER ADS	\$ -
BUILDING FUND	\$ 250.00
DUES WITHHOLDING	\$ 81,740.27
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 10,078.28

DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 87,480.29
ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 63,672.17

(Golf Scramble, MDA, misc.)

TOTAL \$ 92,068.55

SAVINGS ACCOUNT
WITHDRAWALS/
TRANSFERS

\$ -

SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 23.66
CHECKING INTEREST	\$ 1.92

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
BALANCE	\$ 51,057.74

TOTAL INTEREST \$ 25.58

MORGAN STANLEY	\$ 101,603.25
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GRAND TOTAL \$ 92,094.13

TOTAL CASH NET WORTH	\$ 216,333.16
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ATTENTION**ATTENTION****The Annual Retiree's Dinner will be on Sunday, April 28th, 2019.****Doors open at 1p.m. and food will be served at 2 p.m.****Retired members of Branch 14 are invited and may bring a guest.****Please return the bottom portion of this form to the Union Hall by April 22nd, 2019.****Send to:**

**Steve Terry
NALC Branch 14
4815 Poplar Level Road
Louisville, KY 40213**

Retiree's Dinner Reservation Form**Retiree Name (Please Print):** _____

Will you be bringing a guest?	Yes	No
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UNION MEETING

Date: _____

Br 14 Union Meeting Attendance by Zone

Annshire 40205	1
Annshire 40213	2
Annshire 40218	6
DTCU 40202	1
DTCU 40203	0
DTCU 40204	0
DTCU 40208	0
DTCU 40210	0
Fern Creek 40228	1
Fern Creek 40291	0
Hikes Point 40220	1
Iroquois 40209/14	3
Iroquois 40215	1
J-Town 40299	3
Lyndon 40222	3
Lyndon 40241/42	1
Middletown 40243	1
MLK 40211	2
MLK 40212	0
Okolona 40219	2
Okolona 40229	2
PRP 40258	0
PRP 40272	1
Shelby 40217	0
Shively 40216	1
St Mathews 40206	1
St Mathews 40207	3
Bardstown 40004	0
Eminence 40019	0
Ft Knox 40121	3
LaGrange 40031	0
Lebanon 40033	0
Radcliff 40160	0
Shelbyville 40065	1
Springfield 40069	1
Vine Grove 40175	1
Retired	10
Guests	0
Total	52

**Officers & Stewards Excused: Burriell,
Hickey, Richards**

Officers & Stewards Absent: None

**MDA 50/50 Drawing.....\$74 to MDA
.....\$74 to Steve Dancy**

\$25 Door Prize.....Daria Duvall

NEW MEMBERS

**ASHLEY SAMUELS
JAMES FERGUSON
JOVANNA ADDISON
REN ALVEY**

IN MEMORY OF:

**GEORGE ABLE
FABIAN "BUTCH" McCUE
PAT WEIGANDT
ROBERT BOND
TODD EVERS**

"MAY THEY REST IN PEACE"

***Next Union Meeting
February 26th at 7:30pm***

Steward Meeting 6:30 pm

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