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We are Thankful for You.

By: Trisa Mannion-President



The Auxiliary has much to appreciate this year. We have two new 100% locals, three new chartered locals, three more locals in the process of being chartered, and hundreds of new members. We are thankful for all the members who have participated in rallies, ZOOM meetings, in-person meetings, child labor classes, and assisted at the various events.

The APWU officers, members, and staff have been very good to us, and we have noticed your kindnesses and appreciate you. So, yes, we are thankful to be part of this wonderful group of people and help you in your endeavors.

We are grateful for the public that rallied around us in the fight to save the Postal Service from Louis DeJoy, PMG, and his intentions to privatize.

We are looking forward to a new year with lots of plans and ideas to implement. It is good to be hopeful for the days ahead, so we value the days we have in this life filled with the people we enjoy working with to improve the lives of postal workers and their families.

We are grateful to **Anna Braun** and **Christine Sarcone** for their years of service and dedication to this organization. Anna Braun proved to be a terrific Human Relations Chairperson who has stuck with the Fisher House Project for more than three years when we only hoped for two years. She personally donates a lot of money and time to ensure the project is successful and helps as many people as possible. Her efforts are making a big difference. Christine Sarcone is the retiring President of Des Moines Local. She started this

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The “Not Good” 10-Year plan

By: Janice Gillespie-Legislative Aide-Editor

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s 10-year plan to cut costs was implemented on October 1st.

Three-day delivery has turned into five days in many locations, causing late bill payments and delays in important documents for many across the country. Paul Steidler, a senior fellow at the Lexington Institute and an expert on the postal service says *"Everything in American society is getting faster, it seems, except for the mail delivery — which is now going to get slower."* This is very troubling but true. This is just another way to weaken the public’s faith in the USPS.

The delays in mail delivery are due to the 43% of regular mail that used to be flown in planes that will now be transported by trucks or trains.

The consolidation of 18 mail-processing plants is another part of the 10-year plan. Facility closings right before the holiday mailing season cannot be good.

To make matters worse, for the American people, prices are going up for the holidays. The price increases, which went into effect on Oct. 3 and run through Dec. 26, will affect all

domestic U.S. mail, including anything sent to military or diplomatic postal addresses overseas.

The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), the federal regulator that oversees the USPS, and a bi-partisan group of 40 lawmakers are questioning if the postal service's plan to slow delivery standards would save money.

Undermining the public’s faith in an entity that has been around before this country was formed is not what the United States Postal Service needs. It is not what the United States needs. The postal service is just that-a service.

As advocates for the postal service we need to educate and communicate with as many people as we are able. We are the ones “in the know”. We know that the changes made by DeJoy are causing mail delays. Share your knowledge. Let everyone know what DeJoy is doing and how members of the community can help. Spread the news and contact information for members of Congress and members of the Board of Governors. The post office needs help from the people it serves. Spread the word.



Make the Connection USPS Board of Governors

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Board of Governors
USPS-Headquarters
475 L’Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20560-0004

Thanks and Wishes

Joyce Tanguay: Secretary

I am thankful for family and friends who have come through the past year in a positive way. I am thankful for those who have had COVID and survived. I am blessed by those who have reached out to someone when times were difficult.

My wish for this holiday season is that whether you are a Democrat or Republican or whether you have had the Covid shot or not that you will treat everyone equally and with love and respect.

Bonnie Sevre: Treasurer

Family and friends are things that I am thankful for. Each day is a blessing for which I am grateful. Thankfully, I still have my mind so that I can appreciate what each day has to offer.

My wish is for everyone to learn to live in harmony.

Janice Gillespie: Legislative Aide-Editor

I am thankful for my family. My wild and crazy immediate family, my extended family, my postal and auxiliary family, and my family of friends.

My wish is that the pandemic has made all of us slow down and appreciate our time with loved ones.

Rebecca Kingsley: District 2 Coordinator

I am thankful that as life continues to throw challenges every day, I have been surrounded with love and support. I want to send my Holiday best to everyone. I am super excited for our next convention season.

My wish is that we will be able to push forward in a non pandemic world. Have a blessed and cheerful Turkey Day and Wintery Festive Season.

Karen Wolver: District 3 Coordinator

I am thankful for every day. Every day is a new beginning. We wake up, take a deep breath, smile, and start again.

My wish this year is that we can all be a better person and citizen to help make our world a better place. May we all be the best person we can be and make a difference.

Debra Stewart: District 4 Coordinator

I am thankful to be celebrating the season and appreciating friends and family.

I am wishing the best to all this beautiful season.

Donnita Cameron: District 5 Coordinator

I am thankful to be amongst the many people that are still living today. I am thankful for my husband, children and grandkids that are doing well in spite of all that's going on in the world.

My wish is that we be mindful of others and appreciate the little things that we so often take for granted.

Arline Holmes: District 6 Coordinator

I am thankful for my blessings.

My wish is for everyone to think of others and share their blessings for the best holidays ever.

Lisa Beer: District 7 Coordinator

I am thankful for ALL of my family and friends both near and far. I am thankful for modern medicine working everyday to get us one step closer to beating this pandemic.

My wish, which are lyrics from a song and I tell my children all the time, "is that this life becomes all that you want it to, your dreams stay big and your worries stay small"



Bridge Builder Guidelines



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 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 January 1, 2022.

Be sure to include name, city and state, local name and tell us about the accomplishments they have made in the areas above. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper, and attach it to the nomination form.

Please use black ink to fill out the nomination form.

You may email the completed form and optional nomination letter to: Arline Holmes at amholmes6@yahoo.com OR send the form and optional letter by mail to: Arline Holmes, 8205 Tarkington Dr., Richmond, VA 23227.

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.

Arline Holmes, Chairperson
Bridge Builders Committee



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local with a small handful of members and a lot of ideas. The membership has grown to 75+ members and is very active. They host Christmas parties, provide food for the Retirees group meetings, join in the rallies, parades, protests, and all kinds of other activities. She organized a calendar for the yearly events, made the meetings fun but functional, and helped build friendships. I am personally thankful for both leaders.

I am pleased to see new faces on the Zipline meetings. I am thrilled to have the people that attend each time we have a

function. Locals and states meeting during the pandemic, ZOOM or in person, are all helping with our purpose, to help others.

The National Officers that I have the opportunity to work with are all extraordinary people who are always willing to give of themselves and their time. We are very fortunate to have them as a dedicated team working for all of us.

Wishing you a long list of blessings.

BRIDGE BUILDERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please send (via U.S. Mail or email) completed form of nomination to Arline Holmes,
8205 Tarkington Dr, Richmond VA 23227 contact her @ aholmes@apwuauxiliary.org

PLEASE USE BLACK INK TO FILL OUT FORM

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR NOMINATION

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

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

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: _____

5. Please tell us about any Community Service or activity they are or have been involved in: _____

6. Has nominee been or is an Officer in the APWU or Auxiliary to the APWU? _____

7. Offices held and at what level? _____ State _____ Local _____

8. How many years has this person been a member? _____

9. Is their family involved? (brief description) _____

10. Did they chair any committees for their local or state? (Please give details) _____

11. Did they implement any new programs at the state or local level? (please give details) _____

12. Name, address and local of person submitting this nomination: _____

Date submitted: _____

Submitted by (name and Local) _____

Why were Auxiliaries Formed?

The only way to write the history of this wonderful organization is to remember why we were formed originally.

Most Auxiliaries that make up the Auxiliary to the American Postal Workers Union have been organized and active for many years.

We were organized for a unique purpose and specific reasons -to be of service -to extend cooperation and assistance -and to lend support to members of our Parent Body.

We have certainly tried to follow and preserve the aims and ideals set out for us by those who contributed so very much through the years.

We must build on their wisdom, and we must meet the demands of today just as they did.

We must remember the great heroes that went out on strike, some with 30 years of service, who were willing to stand up for their rights and for the rights of those who came after them.



Our Auxiliary must and will go forward, we are built on a firm foundation, we believe in the APWU and its programs and goals and we will always be there to help and be of service to our Great Union.

Remember join the Auxiliary to become part of a great organization that will always fight for the rights of postal workers and workers everywhere.



Zipline Meeting Learn About Survivor Benefits

Join us for the next Event!

When: December 7 Time: 8:00 pm ET
<https://zoom.us/j/368309307>

Show Your Support Order Your Window Clings



1 Cling	\$ 2.00	Prices include Shipping They are USA and Union-Made A great way to show your support for the United States Postal Service. They are a 6X6 cling that can be placed in a car or house window and will remove easily. If you need larger quantities you can contact Treasurer Bonnie Sevre for pricing details.
3 Clings	\$ 5.00	
10 Clings	\$ 15.00	
50 Clings	\$ 75.00	
100 Clings	\$140.00	
101 +	Call for Pricing (612) 788-3440	

Send Checks payable to:
Auxiliary to the APWU
2836 Highway 88 Minneapolis MN 55418



January 1st will be here before we know it which is when most members' dues will expire. Treasurers from many state and local auxiliaries will be sending payments to the National Treasurer. We have a few requests to make sure that monies will be credited correctly.

- ◆ Type the list.
- ◆ Spreadsheets work great if the font is readable.
- ◆ Landscape printing is helpful.
- ◆ Sort the members by local then last name then first name.
- ◆ List the exact amount of National dues paid.
- ◆ Make notations of pertinent information (i.e.: if you have set dues years May to May)

You may be receiving a reminder that your dues are about to expire. If your payment has crossed in the mail, thank you for your continued support.

Please mail your dues to:
National Treasurer: Bonnie Sevre,
2836 Highway 88,
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418

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HEALTH PLAN

NEW 2022 BENEFITS!

CHOOSE A HEALTH PLAN THAT PUTS YOU FIRST.

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www.apwuhp.com



HIGH OPTION

100% COVERED SERVICES

- ✓ Preventive care and treatment
- ✓ Lab tests (covered blood work performed at LabCorp and Quest Diagnostics)
- ✓ Maternity care
- ✓ Accidental injury outpatient services within 72 hours
- ✓ **NEW** Medicare Advantage benefits.
- ✓ Diabetes generic oral medications
- ✓ Visits to a registered dietician/nutritionist
- ✓ Tobacco cessation and weight management programs
- ✓ Breast cancer screenings for women (starting at age 40)



2022 PREMIUMS

APWU Career Biweekly and Retiree Monthly

Self Only enrollment code 471		Self Plus One enrollment code 473		Self & Family enrollment code 472	
Biweekly	Monthly	Biweekly	Monthly	Biweekly	Monthly
\$106.39	\$230.51	\$212.96	\$461.41	\$268.83	\$582.46

CONSUMER DRIVEN OPTION

100% COVERED SERVICES

- ✓ In January, the Health Plan funds a Personal Care Account (PCA) members can use for covered medical services. Members are covered at 100% until the PCA is exhausted. The Plan funds the PCA at \$1,200 for Self Only and \$2,400 for Self Plus One and Self and Family.
- ✓ Preventive care and screenings
- ✓ Well-woman care
- ✓ Maternity care
- ✓ Healthy pregnancy and tobacco cessation programs



2022 PREMIUMS

Biweekly and Monthly | No Rate Increase!

Self Only enrollment code 474		Self Plus One enrollment code 476		Self & Family enrollment code 475	
Biweekly	Monthly	Biweekly	Monthly	Biweekly	Monthly
\$69.65	\$150.91	\$151.38	\$327.99	\$165.14	\$357.81

APWU Special Rates Biweekly | ★ Reduced Rate

APWU career less than a year	Postal Support Employees	APWU career greater than a year in FEHB	APWU career less than a year	Postal Support Employees	APWU career greater than a year in FEHB	APWU career less than a year	Postal Support Employees	APWU career greater than a year in FEHB
\$69.65	\$69.65	\$13.93	\$151.38	\$151.38	\$30.28	\$165.14	\$165.14	\$33.03

This is a summary of benefits and features offered by the APWU Health Plan. All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions set forth in the Plan's Brochure (RI 71-004).

Human Relations Project

By: Karen Wolver - Human Relations Chair

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill

Make A Difference

Jane Goodall said it best. "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."



As a group, we get to decide where we want to make a difference through our Human Relations Project. This is no easy choice seeing all the many needs in the USA.

Where do we want to focus our time, energy, and monetary donations towards? What do YOU care most about? What are YOU sympathetic about?

We have had a few suggestions turned in already, but feel we need to do some more digging and research before bringing these ideas to our next convention. Yes, our convention isn't until next August, but before you know it, it will be here! They say time goes fast the older you get! And boy, does it ever!

Let's all put our thinking hats on folks and share those ideas. If you are watching a show, reading the newspaper, a book, a magazine or just scrolling on-line and something tugs at your heart, write it down and share it with us. While I was reading The Patriot which is a publication from Fisher House, it mentioned two programs for me to check into. It's really that simple. Remembering to write it down and send it to us can be just as simple.

Do you every wonder why somebody else didn't suggest that idea? We need to realize that WE are that somebody. Be that somebody! Thank you so much for the time and effort each of you give to this great organization.

Happy Holidays

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