

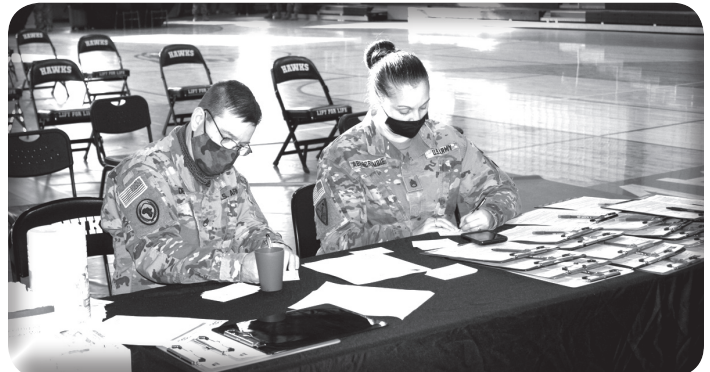
Press On

*St. Louis Gateway District Area Local
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On March 22 and 23, the St. Louis Gateway Area District Local hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in conjunction with the Urban League and the National Guard. This clinic was open to all postal employees. Our local president, Becky Livingston, was instrumental in organizing this event. The dates and the type of vaccine were provided by the Urban League. Becky did a great job organizing the event.

Many people, including Becky, had to drive for hours in order to get the vaccine. The union was able to set up this clinic to make it easier to get this vital protection. We will continue in our efforts to bring vital services to our postal family.

President's Report

By *Becky Livingston*

As president of the local, I was honored to be able to work with the Urban League-St. Louis, the National Guard and Lift for Life Academy to organize an event available to all St. Louis Gateway District Area Local/APWU represented employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. I was only given a few days to make sure we were able to secure the number of vaccines that we would need. Unfortunately, all employees who called were not able to secure a vaccination due to time restraints. I have shared contact information with the post office and we hope to hear soon that another opportunity will be given to those who were not able to secure a vaccination at this two-day event. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic it has been a priority of the APWU to make sure that we keep everyone safe while they are providing an essential service to the communities that we serve. This started with making sure everyone had access to masks, hand sanitizer and the appropriate cleaning supplies. The local made the decision to provide every member a cloth mask to emphasize the importance of wearing a mask and in making sure we were properly social distancing. The decision to get a vaccination is a very personal one. Underlying health conditions and worry of the unknown of the long-term side effects was at the top of the list of reasons why some employees were not interested in receiving the vaccination at this time. The post office cannot make the vaccination a condition of employment, but the APWU along with the USPS is encouraging everyone to get the vaccination. Protecting yourself and your family along with your co-workers is very important. We still have a long way to go to get back to "normal" and getting vaccinated is a good start. We are still months away from even knowing what the new "normal" will be. What we need to remember is that the proper mask wearing and the social distancing is still a USPS and CDC guideline that we must follow. Discipline is being issued to employees who refuse to follow those instructions. These disciplines have resulted in loss of pay for employees who refused to wear a mask. I do not see these guidelines changing any time soon.

What I do know is the essential services that you provide are more important than ever. The USPS is just now reporting that we are getting caught up from Christmas.

However, I am getting reports from APWU officers and stewards that mail is still being delayed, with complaints coming from as far away as Cape Girardeau because they had just received flats to manually sort that were over two months old. How did this happen? The answer to this question has a lot of moving parts. COVID-19 related illnesses and absences, along with unprecedented amounts of parcels since last year and the retention rates being so low for new employees are just a few of the reasons for mail delay that comes to mind. To all of you, all I can say is **job well done, but there is still work to do!** In the last year you have been challenged in many ways and have met those challenges. We continue to work with management to address the zero tolerance policy issues and are hopeful that we can dramatically improve morale and the hostile work environment issues that we are facing. The Postal Service zero tolerance policy applies to all employees; this includes management. Everyone, to include management, is accountable for their own actions. Overtime is at an all-time high and everyone is COVID-19 exhausted, but you continue to come to work because you know the importance of making sure the job gets done as quickly and safely as possible. Please be regular in attendance. Your job may depend on it. The United States Postal Service is being scrutinized on job performance and delivery standards and that starts with us. We have to continue to provide the customers with the services they expect and have become used to. Just the worry of protecting yourself and your family during this difficult time has been one of the biggest challenges. All of us have lost a loved one, a friend or a co-worker or you know someone who has suffered a loss this past year. Over time this can affect us both mentally and physically. Please remember that EAP (Employee Assistance Program) is there for you or anyone living in your household; 24 hours a day. This is a great resource that can provide help to you and your family during these difficult times.

On December 31, 2020, the COVID-19 leave that had been in place since April 1, 2020, came to an end. I am happy to report that effective March 12 the American Rescue



Plan Act (ACT) provides employees with up to 600 hours of paid emergency federal employee leave (EFEL). This leave is available to employees beginning March 12 (there will be no retroactive pay for COVID-19 related absences prior to this date), continuing through September 30, or until the funding established in the emergency federal employee leave fund for reimbursement is exhausted. There will be more detailed information shared once it is received from OPM (Office of Personnel Management) and APWU headquarters. Please submit a 3971 to your supervisor along with supporting documentation that states that you were unable to work due to one of the following qualifying reasons:

- Has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19
- Is caring for an individual who is subject to such an order as being required to quarantine
- Is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking medical diagnosis
- Is caring for the employee's son or daughter if the school or place of care of the son or daughter has been closed, requires or makes optional a virtual learning instruction model, requires or makes optional a hybrid of in-person and virtual learning instruction models, or if the child care provider of the son or daughter is unavailable

- Due to COVID-19 precautions, is experiencing any other substantially similar conditions
- Is caring for a family member with a mental or physical disability or who is 55 years of age or older and incapable of self-care, without regard to whether another individual other than the employee is available to care for such family member, if the place of care for such family member is closed or the direct care provider is unavailable due to COVID-19
- Is obtaining immunization (vaccination) related to COVID-19 or is recovering from any injury, disability, illness, or condition related to such immunization.

Please know that with this Emergency Federal Employee Leave there are conditions in place. All career and non-career employees, regardless of tenure, are immediately eligible for EFEL. EFEL does not count as creditable service toward an employee's retirement benefits and employees cannot contribute to Thrift Savings Plan while on EFEL. Please use this benefit of emergency federal employee leave (EFEL) responsibly.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the Union Hall at 314-231-7665 or contact me directly at 314-810-499 anytime.

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Executive Vice President

By Gene Hollenbeck



I would like to welcome the new career employees. During the month of March we were able to get about 34 PSEs converted to career status. Thirty of them were due to the MOU signed off by the national office. The others were due to residual vacancies. We have requested to meet with the newly converted employees to inform them of their rights as a career employee.

We have been notified that we will be converting 10 more PSEs no later than May 22. This is due to another MOU that has been signed by our national officers.

We are getting ready to go into negotiations for a new contract. Our national officers will begin the process very soon. National is looking for a new tagline for the contract negotiations. Go to apwu.org and look for the contract slogan contest.

We are still under the pandemic, so remember to wear

your mask, wash your hands, and continue with social distancing. This is the only way to stop this pandemic.

To know where we are going, we have to know where we have been.

Fifty years ago marks the first ever Postal Strike in this country. It all started because we had no bargaining rights. All we had was “collective begging” of Congress and the White House to get wage increases. In 1970 the starting pay was a meager \$6,176 annually then after working for 21 years workers would reach the top rate of \$8,442 annually, barley subsistence level. (*The American Postal Worker, April 1993*)

To sign up for the zoom general membership meetings go to www.stlapwu.org.

Fighting Today for a Better Tomorrow

The federal retirement process is unique, as there are a plethora of factors to consider. FEFA's reputation as the premier federal retirement planning service for employees across the country is built on our comprehensive, purpose-driven approach to the individual needs of each federal worker. We have grown from word of mouth referrals, now working as a retirement resource for more than 150 union locals and branches. Our informative, non-solicitation services are second to none. We are committed to providing all federal employees with complimentary assistance, regardless of their career or financial position, in exchange for good word of mouth which helps our continued growth of the FEFA brand.

FROM HIRED TO RETIRED.

FEFA Retirement Tip #17

When you separate with annual leave, you'll be paid a lump sum at your base rate for the remaining EARNED hours. Any hours we sell back allow us to "Double Dip," getting paid as both an employee and a retiree at the same time. Let's take a look at this example:

Debbie is a 57 year old FERS employee with 30 years of service at the post office. She makes \$72,000 per year, or \$34.50 an hour.

Scenario 1: Debbie decides to use her entire two months of annual leave before she retired, adding two months to her retirement pension. She will get paid \$12,000 at her normal rate, earning an additional 32 hours to sell back for having completed 4 pay periods, plus she'll have an extra \$600 worth of matched contributions in her TSP. In total, this comes in around \$13,700 with about \$10 per month added to her retirement pension.

[Hourly Pay \$12,000 + New Annual Leave \$1,100 + TSP Match \$600]

Scenario 2: Debbie instead decides to retire with all of her vacation time. She receives the same \$12,000, plus two months of retirement pay worth about \$5,850. For each month in retirement she'll receive \$1,800 from her pension, and about \$1,125 with the FERS supplement. With \$4,150 more because she used her annual leave, Debbie will have to be retired at least 34 years (more than her working career) to offset the \$10 pension difference from the first scenario.

Regardless of your age, there are dozens (if not hundreds) of similar strategies that you can be utilizing as a federal employee. When you add it all up, these seemingly subtle decisions can go a long way toward procuring your future retirement. If you would like any further clarity or would like a retirement planning session, feel free to reach out. There is no cost and no solicitation involved. Being your local's retirement resource, we're happy to help you optimize your retirement.

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Secretary-Treasurer Report

By *Robbie Robertson*



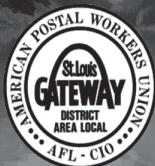
No General Membership Meeting Highlights Zoom Meetings since September 2020

Hello my brothers and sisters. Our goal is to keep our members informed when they do not attend general membership meetings. We would like to keep you informed via our St. Louis Gateway District Area Local website and our Press On mailing. We are currently having general membership meetings via Zoom. The union has provided a caption translator at every general membership meeting. Please sign up and participate from the comfort of your home. The next two scheduled general membership meetings are April 10 at 9:30 a.m. and May 2 at 3 p.m. Please sign up at www.stlapwu.org and you will receive a Zoom link via your email two days prior to the general membership meeting.

Stay safe.

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Editor's
By Shelia Patton-Harris
Corner


HELP!!! We need your cooperation. Too many employees are receiving discipline for their attendance. We, as the union, need you to pay attention to your attendance. I know how hard it is to remember when you have to use sick leave or emergency annual leave, but here are some things you should do:

- Come to work whenever possible and when scheduled.
- If you are going to be absent, don't forget to call in. Write down your confirmation number.
- If you are hospitalized, bring documentation when you return to work.
- When you return to duty, make sure you sign your 3971s. Make sure the leave listed on your 3971 is the leave type you requested. Make sure you read the 3971 before signing.
- If you have a problem or questions, call the steward booth or the Union Hall.
- Keep track of your absences in a datebook or on your phone.

Employees are being asked to sign their 3971 weeks after taking the leave. Who can remember why you took off in February? What type of leave did you request? You need to keep track of your leave usage in case there is a mistake. If you are issued discipline, tell the steward of the mistake, after your PDI. Don't give management the opportunity to

change the dates. Tell the steward about any problems with the discipline when you file your grievance.

Not reported as scheduled is being held against you. Not being able to get on the roof is not a valid reason for being late. I know it is a hassle with only one ramp being open, but we must govern ourselves accordingly. If you have to come a little earlier or find another means of getting to work, that may be your answer.

We all have our trials and tribulations. Nobody knows what you have to deal with at home. Nobody wants to get discipline, especially if you are dealing with other issues. Try to minimize the things you can control so that job loss will not add stress to your life.

COVID-19, child care issues, and all the overtime are making job life difficult. If you need a schedule change, ask for one. You do not want unemployment to add to your stress.

The stewards do the best with what they have. Your attendance is in black and white. We need your help so that we can defend you to the best of our abilities. It is next to impossible to explain AWOLs. We cannot change your attendance, that is something only you control. If you have chronic health conditions, remember you can use FMLA if you qualify.

Ultimately you are responsible for your attendance.



Health News

From the APWU Health Plan

Exercising regularly can be an effective way to lose weight and to keep your weight under control. But starting a new workout routine when you're overweight can be hard, especially if you haven't been active for a while. Focusing on the benefits of exercise can help motivate you to get started and keep going. Of course, always talk with your doctor before you start any exercise program.

Benefits of regular exercise

When you're out of shape, it's hard to feel good about yourself. Worse, being overweight puts you at greater risk of developing health problems, including high blood pressure, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes. According to the American Heart Association, even a little weight loss can produce many health gains. In fact, if you're overweight, losing just five to 10 pounds may help lower your blood pressure and reduce the strain on your heart.

Exercise can also improve your cholesterol. Physical activity raises your HDL cholesterol (or "good" cholesterol), while lowering your LDL cholesterol (or "bad" cholesterol). Plus, you're more likely to get a good night's sleep, which can improve your concentration and productivity.

Best of all, regular exercise makes you feel better. And that boosts your self-confidence.

Make exercise a regular part of your daily routine

Starting an exercise program doesn't mean you have to join a gym or begin training for a half-marathon. First, check with your doctor to make sure you're healthy enough to begin an exercise program. The easiest way to start exercising is to find ways to fit physical activity into your day:

- Skip the elevator and take the stairs.
- Park far away from the entrance at the grocery store.
- Sit on an exercise ball at work to strengthen your core and back muscles.
- Go for a walk at lunch or after work.
- Use hand weights or resistance band while you watch TV.
- Turn on some music and dance.

Increase your activity to lose weight

If your doctor recommends that you lose weight, it's time to get moving. It won't be long before you find that the benefits of regular exercise are well worth the effort. To get started exercising, follow a few simple tips:

- **Start slowly.**
If you haven't been active for a while, ease into your new exercise program and give your body time to adjust to the activity.
- **Do something you enjoy.**
Take in the scenery as you walk or bike through a neighborhood park. Listen to podcasts while you use an elliptical machine.
- **Exercise with a buddy.**
Connecting with others can keep you motivated to exercise more.
- **Stay hydrated.**
Drink plenty of water before, during, and after you exercise.
- **Change your workout routine from time to time.**
A variety of physical activities helps you stay motivated and prevents boredom.
- **Wear a fitness tracker.**
Health apps and fitness trackers can help you set goals. Keeping track of your progress can be motivating.

How much exercise do you need?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that most healthy adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise a week, along with strength training at least two days a week and flexibility and stretching exercises. If you're overweight, focus on activities that put minimal stress on your joints, like walking, swimming, or water exercises.

If the idea of 150 minutes of exercise every week sounds daunting, break your workout routine into smaller chunks. Your goal should be to get 30 minutes of exercise a day, five days a week. But you don't have to get all 30 minutes of exercise at the same time. You can work out for 10 minutes at a time and still realize the benefits.

When you're working out, stop if you ever experience chest pain, shortness of breath, nausea, pain in the neck or jaw, or muscle or joint pain.

Celebrate your success

Making fitness a regular part of your life is easier when you have an incentive to keep moving. Find ways to celebrate your weight loss milestones. Buy new workout gear after you achieve a goal. Or, indulge in a massage after you lose five pounds. Just make sure your rewards don't contradict your goals.

'Imperfect storm' has eroded faith in the U.S. Postal Service

By Mark Dimondstein

The mail system is in chaos. Postal workers are tired and frustrated. Customers are angry.

Despite the courageous efforts, hard work and dedication of postal workers throughout this dangerous pandemic, service has deteriorated to levels never seen in modern times. On-time first class mail delivery had fallen below 50 percent in many areas. Medicines, greeting cards, holiday gifts and vital correspondence are arriving late, not by days, but by weeks.

Several factors have created such an "imperfect storm." The Postal Service suffers from chronic understaffing. COVID-19 pressures have exacerbated staffing issues, as has large turnover of the workforce. Packages have reached record volumes, Congress has still not resolved the manufactured postal financial crisis created by the absurd 2006 mandate to pre-fund retiree health benefits.

One can debate how much the arrival of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has led to this debacle with the mail. Certainly, some problems were inherited, other are results of management policies. We certainly welcomed the recent positive step of increasing career staffing in mail processing.

But there is no argument that DeJoy is the captain of the ship that is sinking on his watch. He must be held fully accountable by the postal board of governors, elected officials and the public for the delays, loss of revenue and business, and for breaking the bond of trust between the people and the public Postal Service.

The postal board of governors is responsible for setting the policy and

direction of the Postal Service. The board, not the U.S. president, hires, fires and directs the postmaster general.

The APWU initiated a petition campaign urging President Biden to quickly nominate strong postal advocates to the four vacant board positions. More than 400,000 signatures, many from members like you, were recently presented to the White House.

These are critical appointments; we have submitted recommendation for passionate pro-worker, pro-postal nominees to the Biden administration. A strong board can go a long way to holding the current postal leadership accountable to the needs of the people and the requirement of the law that promises "prompt, reliable and efficient" services.

We can influence the direction of the Postal Service in other ways, as well.

National negotiations for a new union contract (collective bargaining agreement) are around the corner. Our current contract expires September 20 and official negotiations commence in June. We will be dealing with many issues critical to postal workers — including wages, COLA, job security and safety. It is also a great opportunity to "bargain for the common good."

We have a role to play in defense of the people and their right to robust public postal services. Issues including staffing, expanded services such as financial services, reducing turnover in the workforce and increasing hours of retail operation can all be discussed and bargained with management. We plan to do so.

Others have helped light the way of progress through unity between unions and the needs of the people. Karen Lewis, the outstanding former leader of the Chicago Teachers Union, recently passed away after a long illness. Her passing is a huge loss for the labor movement.

A major part of her wonderful legacy was positioning the union on the side of parents and students — bargaining for smaller classroom sizes, more social workers and keeping neighborhood schools open. In turn parents and students stood with the workers. Unity between the workers and the community has been key to their union's success in winning better public schools and education, along with better working conditions.

The only way that postal privatizers can succeed is to break the tremendous bond between the people and their post office. The union will continue to defend and build this bond as it is the key to ensuring good jobs and a vibrant public Postal Service for generations to come.



“Do You Know Your Weingarten Rights?”

By *Claudella Suggs, Sergeant-at-Arms*

“I had the right to remain silent, but I didn’t have the ability.” -*Comedienne Ron White*

WEINGARTEN RIGHTS

Present this card whenever you fear that what you say can affect your position. Management must provide your union representative or anything you say will be invalid.

If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal working conditions, I respectfully request that my union representative be present at the meeting. Without representation, I choose not to answer any questions.

If the supervisor denies the request and continues to ask questions, this is an unfair labor practice and the employee has a right to refuse to answer. A union member cannot be disciplined for such refusal, but it is required to sit there until management terminates the interview. The union member should refuse to respond and must stay in the room to hear the manager out. This is why a member once making their Weingarten protection statement to management should remain quiet and write down anything said by management until you are dismissed by management. The union member should write detailed notes stating they requested union representation and the request was denied followed by writing down the questions that management asked so they can be referred to later. Immediately contact a steward to file a grievance for unfair labor practice.

**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic,
the St. Louis Gateway District Area Local #8 will sponsor a**



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Associate Office Director's Report

By Melani Brown

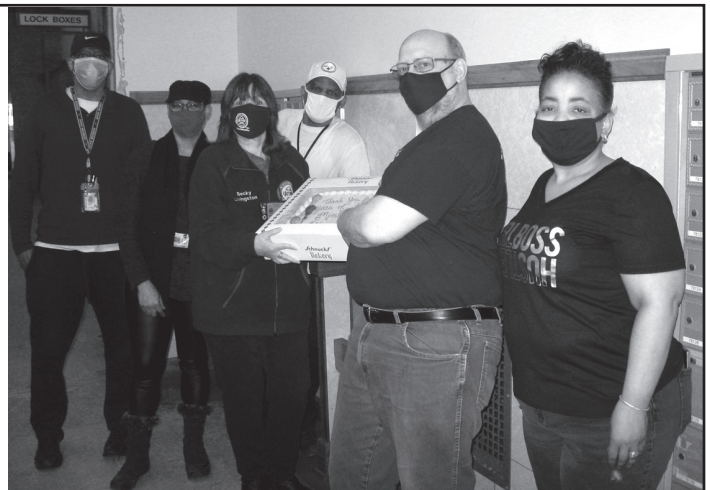
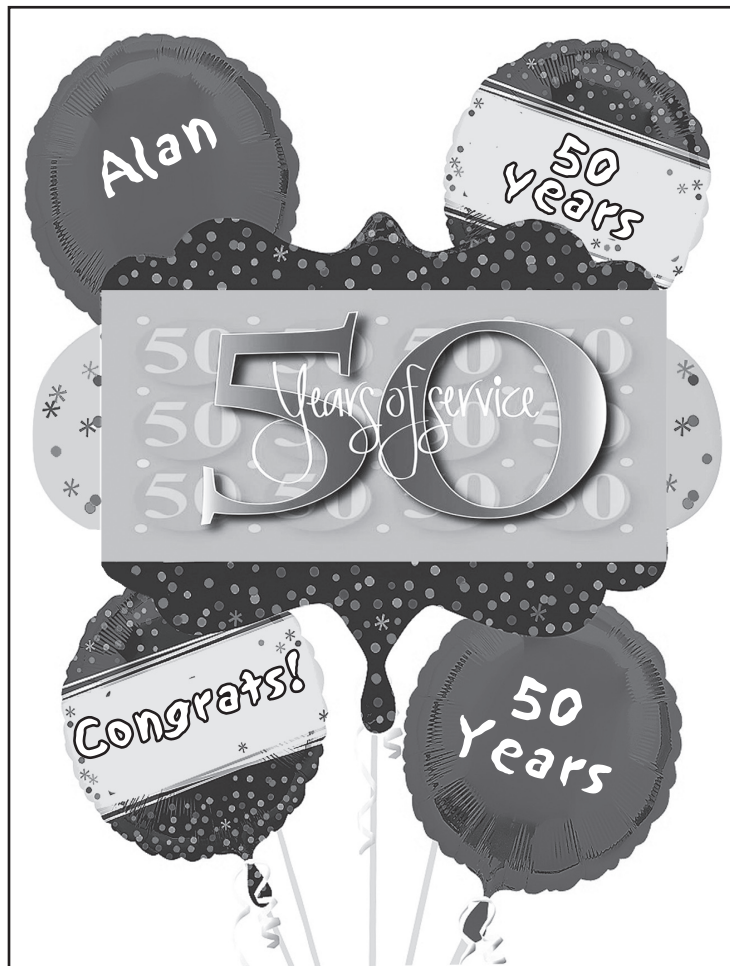
Greetings Members. Recently I have received quite a few phone calls about trying to transfer to other offices. In one instance the clerk was denied the transfer because when they signed their 3971s they did not read the document to make sure that the leave type they requested was correct. At any time you can request to see your floor file and your 3972 which shows what date you were off work and what type of leave you were charged with.

Also make sure that any training certificates that are required are in the file. Next you can go on line and look at your OPF file. This is the file that Postmasters request when someone is trying to transfer. It contains your attendance record, your safety record and all live discipline. If you have any discipline in your OPF file that should have been removed and is still in the file you must submit a written re-

quest to have that removed.

Please remember that even if you have an FMLA case, if those absences are unscheduled, they are still considered unscheduled even if they are FMLA protected. The FMLA protects you from discipline and gets you paid. If you leave early and use LWOP if you are Away from Scheduled Overtime or if you are AWOL these are all things that can keep the transfer from happening. Management also looks for a pattern when looking at your sick leave, did you call in, in conjunction with a holiday, did you call in, in conjunction with your scheduled day off, and even whether you called in on the days before scheduled annual leave.

So, the next time you think about calling in when you are not really sick- Don't!



Alan Schweiger had completed 50 years of service with the Postal Service. This momentous occasion was celebrated with his friends and co-workers.

Congratulations, Al!



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GATEWAY LOCAL CALENDAR

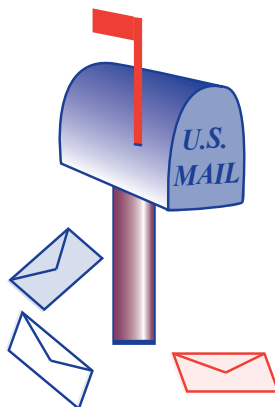
April 7 (Wednesday)	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)
April 10 (Saturday)	General Membership Meeting (9:30 a.m.)
April 12 (Monday)	Steward Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
April 28 (Wednesday)	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)
May 2 (Sunday)	General Membership Meeting (3 p.m.)
May 10 (Monday)	Steward Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
May 31 (Monday)	Memorial Day Holiday

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Zoom meetings will replace in person meetings and training until further notice. A closed caption interpreter is available for all General Membership meetings.

More information is available on the website. stlouisapwu.org

There will be no General Membership Meetings in the months of July and August.

The Union Hall will be closed on holidays.



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