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## A Rose by any Other Name ...

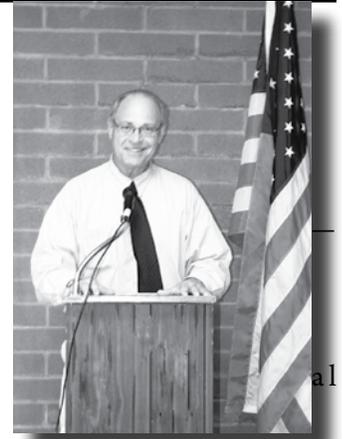
By Frederick Wolfmeyer, President

Sisters and brothers, what is in a name? “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet,” or so says Juliet in Shakespeare’s play *Romeo and Juliet*. What does this have to do with us or with the Postal Service? My answer is that ‘right-sizing, optimizing, and efficiency’ by any other names would still smell. That’s right — smell, but not very sweet.

Most all of you know what is happening in the St. Louis installation and it all smells like rotten baloney. In March, I met with the plant manager and he was concerned because he was short 50 clerks and he said he needed to fill those vacancies in order to hire more PSEs to get to cap and get the mail out. He said St. Louis was in good shape and had closely watched its complement and as a result he was confident that his Function 1 report would be favorable, or in other words, he would be able to increase his workforce. Then he went to a meeting in Chicago or D.C. or some fictitious city to meet with upper management and when he returned he had changed and not by a little, but one of those 180 degree changes. All the sudden he had 64 too many clerks and he needed to reduce his workforce. It was an amazing turn around, one of miraculous proportions, and not because of the change in the numbers (50 too few / now 64 too many), but because he actually was sold on this idea and spoke it at all the Town Hall meetings. His change was the change of miraculous proportions one that made me scratch my head and ask what the heck happened in those meetings with upper management. Did someone there change water into wine? This change was so opposed to what he had just told me in our meetings only weeks earlier that it was hard to believe that this was the same guy.

Who or what do we have to thank for this conversion or change of attitude? Well according to him and manage-

ment in Customer er Service yes they have seen the light too — the USPS has a new computer model, created by some magnificent industri-engineer that says they have been operating terribly wrong and inefficiently and they must change. The service has to right-size, match its workforce to its workload, optimize its operations. And to do this, all it has to do is reduce its workforce, change start times and the non-scheduled days of its workforce, even though the arrival times and departure times of the mail will remain the same. This is not like 2015 when the arrival and departure times of the mail changed and the USPS had to change start times and non-scheduled days to match up with the new times, no, this is simply to match the new times and non-scheduled days with those cranked out by this new computer model the service is using. The model says that the service needs to make these changes to be efficient and to optimize its workforce. Will it work? It is hard to say because none of these industrial engineers have ever worked on our workroom floor. In fact I do not know if any have ever worked for the post office, but darn it, their computer model says this is what needs to be done and management is going full steam ahead. Oh, but they forgot about those employees who will be excessed to the carrier craft, or mailhandler craft or perhaps maintenance. This may be the start of a real push to privatize the service because it is downsizing not rightsizing that we are looking at here. Yes, 44 clerks are to be excessed across craft lines within a 50 mile radius and some of you have been excessed from your section.



Now mind you, the mail will arrive and depart at the same times, but volumes, according to the service, have declined therefore the changes.

I was walking the floor at the plant this afternoon and heard some of our clerks asking a managerial person from In-plant Support questions about the letters they had received about the new bids. One young lady asked if this would be the end of all the changes. The answer given to her by the In-plant person was disheartening to say the least. She said, "... We don't know, for all we know they could change again next week." Now that statement does little to instill confidence in this new computer model. What I can tell you and be confident in saying is that this is a change driven by the USPS, and from conversations I have had with management, if the changes do not work, they intend to follow a philosophy that they will make them work. So be prepared for another labor scheduler, or change in the operational window process where a constant state of flux will exist. However, this is where you and I must be very vigilant and watchful. Do not be the nice guy when you have to work on that machine by yourself. Gather your data and file grievances. Do not look the other way when supervisors are doing your work because if you let them even more clerks will be excessed. File a grievance and get paid. This time it is to

keep our jobs. The service is the culprit here and I understand your frustration and anger. I feel the same as you and it makes me want to fight, to stand up against these changes and take control of my workplace.

I have heard people asking why the union is letting this happen. The union doesn't let this happen. This is an employer decision and the actions are theirs not ours. What the union did do was prepare for this by negotiating a 50 mile limit on excessing, a no layoff clause for every one covered by this contract, so our members can continue to earn a good wage and keep their benefits and not have to try to live on unemployment. The union negotiated retreat rights so if this big move does not work out and employees are needed back in the craft later, these people can come back and regain their seniority in their former craft. As irritating as these changes are, you will not lose one dime of your salary, you will keep your vacation, sick leave, health insurance, and will not be laid off. These negotiated benefits are the silver lining to this cloud of change or the sweet smelling roses that Shakespeare wrote about.

In closing, you can always call me if you have any questions or want me to explain anything about these coming changes. You do not need an appointment to see me or to call me. Stay strong and we will persevere.

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# Executive Vice President

By Gene Hollenbeck



I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July holiday. Let's talk about holidays and how you are scheduled. The holiday scheduled must be posted on Tuesday of the week preceding the week in which the holiday falls. The holiday schedule consists of three days. So for a Monday holiday the schedule would be Saturday, Sunday and Monday. On Tour 1 this would be Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday night.

If your off days are Sunday-Monday, your designated holiday would be Saturday. If your off days are Monday-Tuesday, then your holiday would be Sunday.

On tour 1 if your off days are Saturday night (Sunday)-Sunday night (Monday), your designated holiday would be Friday night (Saturday). If your off days are Sunday night (Monday) – Monday night (Tuesday), your holiday would be Saturday night (Sunday).

The holiday volunteer list shall be posted soliciting volunteers to work the days of the holiday schedule. This volunteer list will be posted 21 days prior to the Tuesday that the holiday schedule must be posted. The volunteer list will be posted for 14 calendar days.

APWU employees will be scheduled for holiday work in the following order:

1. All full-time and part-time regular (where applicable) employees for whom it is a holiday or their "designated holiday," and who have volunteered to work, by seniority;
2. All full time and part-time regular (where applicable) employees, by seniority, who have volunteered to work their non-scheduled day(s) which is a holiday or "designated holiday" for others even if overtime and/or overtime guarantees are incurred;
3. All postal support employees;
4. All full-time and part-time regular (where applicable) employees for whom it is a scheduled day off, but have not volunteered, even if overtime guarantees are incurred, shall be instructed to report by inverse seniority;
5. All full-time and part-time (where applicable) employees for whom it is the holiday or their designated holiday but have not volunteered, shall be instructed to report by inverse seniority.

This is the way management selects who works on the holiday. This is done for all holidays and, yes, the junior employees may be drafted for every holiday.

# OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE



# UNION STEWARDS!

Attend Your  
Union Meetings  
and Make  
Your Voice Heard!



# Missouri State Convention

By Robin Robertson



Greetings my brothers and sisters, Again it is a pleasure to represent St. Louis Gateway District Area Local 8 at the 20<sup>th</sup> Missouri Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO Convention in Branson, Mo. As an elected official and steward, I believe representation and communication among each other is key. We had several national officers and staff who attended this year's convention including; Sharyn Stone (central region coordinator), Nancy E. Olumekor (retiree director), Steve Brooks (support services director), Javier Pineres (MVS, assistant director), Robert (Bob) Kessler (clerk NBA), Daniel Skemp (clerk NBA), Jeff Beaton (NBA maintenance), D.D. Johnson (NBA MVS), and Roosevelt Stewart (executive assistant to the secretary-treasurer).

As the secretary-treasurer I feel that it is important to stress to our members the importance of contributing to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). TSP is a savings plan created by the Federal Employee's Retirement System Act of 1986 for current or retired employees of the federal civil service. The thrift savings plan is a defined-contribution plan de-

signed to give federal employees the same retirement savings related benefits that workers in the private sector enjoy with 401(k) plans.

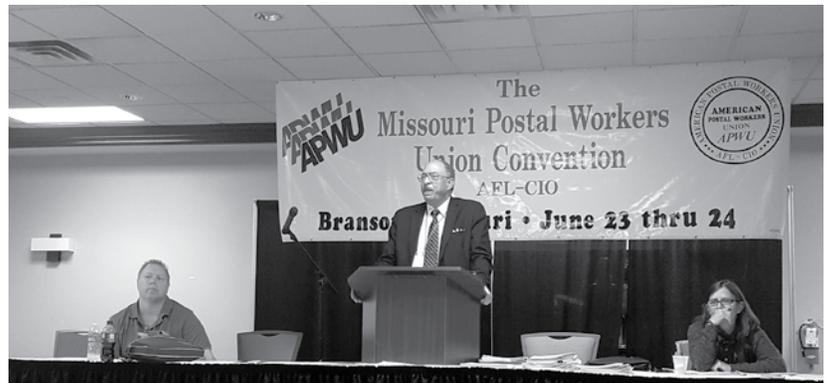
Contributions to the plan are automatically deducted from each paycheck.

MVS Assistant Director Javier Pineres mentioned, the United States Postal Services (USPS) employees declined \$200 million in free money by not taking advantage of TSP. Pineres emphasized the importance of contributing to TSP and how postal employees are giving away money by **not** contributing to TSP. The agency will match dollar for dollar your contribution up to 5%. As of today, St. Louis Gateway District Area Local is at 83%, meaning 17% of our members are **not** contributing to the plan. Did you know that you need at least \$452,000 in your TSP before retirement to live comfortably? When was the last time you actually reviewed your TSP balances? **If you are not contributing to TSP start today!! Pre-tax or Roth (after tax)!**

RETIRING COMFORTABLY IS THE KEY!



Hervette Days,  
Triia Manion,  
Sharyn Stone



Missouri State President Teddie Days



Swearing in of new state officers



## There Are Better Ways

Suicide is not the answer. Killing yourself might solve **your** problems but think of the hurt and pain you would be causing your loved ones. They would try to figure out what they could have done to stop you from taking your life. They would always blame themselves. They would suffer from guilt and anxiety over your death.

Depression is a horrible disease. Most people don't understand that this is not something you simply 'get over.' Everybody has feelings of sadness at some point but this is much more. Depression can cause you to overeat or not eat at all. Some people can't sleep while others can't get out of bed. Other self-destructive behaviors such as heavy drinking, drug abuse and even promiscuity may be cries for help. People become withdrawn and get little pleasure from activities they once enjoyed. Depression can manifest itself in many ways and it differs from one individual to another.

A chemical imbalance in the brain is

thought to be the cause for depression. This is a real medical condition and it is highly treatable. Sometimes the mental pain that goes along with depression can be unbearable. You may feel like you are in a deep, dark hole with no way out. The walls may feel like they are caving in. If you find yourself in this situation, recognize that help is available. We have a free EAP service for you and the members of your household. Before you do anything drastic, call EAP, the number is **1-800-EAP-4YOU**. EAP is available 24 hours a day. **Make the call.** If you believe in a higher power, pray. Talk to understanding clergy, friends and relatives. Above all, don't be embarrassed to ask for help. Having a problem is nothing to be ashamed of. If you broke your leg, you wouldn't be ashamed to seek treatment? Think of this in the same way.

How do I know so much about depression? At one point in my life I was so depressed that I contemplated killing myself. I had not been able to sleep for a week and I couldn't eat. No one knew

how bad the situation was but I felt that in any minute I was going to explode. But I put on a brave face and acted like everything was fine. On my way home from work one morning, I decided that I would kill myself by running into the wall on highway 70. Some still rational part of me convinced me that wasn't a good idea because I might hurt or kill somebody else. When I finally made it home, that same voice convinced me to call somebody. I didn't know about EAP back then but I called a hospital emergency room. They advised me to have someone bring me to the hospital. By the time I got there I was hysterical. I was admitted immediately. That call saved my life and got me the help that I so desperately needed. I have not had a major depressive episode for over 20 years.

If you are feeling down and you don't know why; give EAP a call. They can help you sort out your feelings and recommend further treatment if needed. Don't suffer in silence. Life is too precious.

## THE ISSUE

### 1 suicide is too many

- Over **41,000** suicides occur each year making it the **10th highest cause of death for all ages** (CDC).
- Each year, self-inflicted injury accounts for **836,000** emergency department visits (CDC).
- **Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for men 25-54** in the United States (CDC).
- Men die by suicide **4 times as often as women.**
- Women attempt suicide **twice as often as men.**
- More people die from suicide **than from motor vehicle crashes** (CDC).

# ATTENTION

## All APWU Members

We will be starting  
New Steward Training Sessions

Beginning  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the APWU union offices at 1705 South Broadway.

The first class will start at **9 a.m.**  
with an evening class starting at **6 p.m.**  
These start times will be subject to change to fit the varying schedules of the participants.

Any member interested in attending this training should contact:

Dean Hathaway  
Director of Research and Education  
Phone: 314-231-7665  
Email: [hathaway@stlouisapwu.org](mailto:hathaway@stlouisapwu.org)

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### REQUEST TO ATTEND NEW STEWARD TRAINING

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Craft: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ N/S Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: H: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that taking this training class does not guarantee that I will be selected to become a union steward.

Return to: Dean Hathaway - 314-231-7665 - 1705 S. Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63104

# Fighting for Our Jobs

By Sergeant-at-Arms Robin McCurry



I want to address all the employees, full time and PSEs. The post office is trying to abolish 44 jobs, which means the post office could take the last of the newly converted PSEs and place them in another craft such as the carrier craft, maintenance craft or other positions within a 50 mile radius.

Help the union to help you. For years we have tried to educate our members about reporting and filing grievances if you see managers, supervisors, CCAs, regular carriers, even maintenance employees and postmasters performing clerk craft duties. We should all know our jobs. If there are any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to address you on this. Now the time has come that the service

is saying that the stations, branches and downtown are at their capacity for employees. I guess if you have all these other employees from all these other crafts doing our work you don't need as many clerks. I have heard the following reasons why clerks don't want to file:

- I'm retiring soon.
- I don't care.
- I'm scared of retaliation (file anonymously).
- I'm tired and need the help.
- The union already knows (no we don't if you don't tell us).
- They're mad about something or at someone.
- I'm just trying to do my eight and leave (your eight will become 10 and 12).
- It ain't my job.

Management is good at telling the employees lies about the union and its stewards — what we are doing, not doing, have done, will not do, or have said. Then I hear it after the fact. If at any time you have questions or concerns you can always call me (314-225-1335) or the Union Hall (314-231-7665). You don't have to wait until you want to file a grievance or if there is a problem, a lot can be solved without having to file.

Please just don't sit back and hope somebody will do it. Let's all fight for our jobs. If you don't know, ask the stewards and/or call the Union Hall with your questions and concerns. I can't emphasize this enough.

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### Contact Fred Wolfmeyer:

Real Estate Agent | 314-313-6530  
17050 Baxter Rd., Ste 100 Chesterfield, MO 63005  
fwolfmeyer@bhhsall.com



- Guide on How to Pick an Agent
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- Guide to Resolving Distressed Property Issues
- Maximize Home Sale Value When Divorcing
- Is It Better to Rent or Own a Home
- Downsizing with Distinction
- Guide on Ineffective Marketing (Why your home didn't sell)
- How to convert from For Sale By Owner to having it Professionally Marketed



### Contact Jack Dudek:

Senior Mortgage Banker | 314-568-4796  
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# Associate Office Issues

By *Rebecca Livingston*



I have just returned from the Missouri State Postal Worker's Convention where we were addressed by clerk craft Central Region coordinator Sharon Stone and the clerk craft national business agents, Bob Kessler and Dan Skemp. They covered everything from Article 12 Excessing to Reversions and Abolishments of Jobs. Sharon Stone said that right before she left to attend the convention she received several large boxes of excessing notifications and did not yet have information on what offices would be impacted. The St. Louis Gateway District Area Local has received notification of an excessing event that is taking place at the St. Louis Post Office and the P&DC. This will affect the lives of 44 clerks by being sent possibly to a different craft up to 50 miles away. The only positive coming out of this is that according to our contract, bargained for you by the APWU, they cannot lay anyone off, but will be required to find jobs for the excessed employees and guarantee their salary for two years. Remember, they cannot send anyone to another job more than 50 miles away and you are guaranteed 40 hours per week.

I know from recent phone calls that rumors are starting to circulate around the associate offices. Trust me, as soon as I know something official about your post office, I will be contacting the impacted employee directly and will be addressing the issues through the grievance process. While we all know the postal support employees are a vital part of the daily operations, our job is to protect our full-time regular positions. The number of PSEs in an office and the total amount of hours they receive will also need to be addressed. This is where you, the

employees, will need to make sure you hold the postmasters and supervisors accountable. For the Level 20 and above post offices the following rules would apply. Please do not allow management to perform bargaining unit work. Please do not allow management to scan the post office box section until all of the work has been completed. Please do not allow management to accept mail in the back end and distribute everything from express to priority mail to the carriers. I know they can deliver express but they are not permitted to scan as arrived and do the accountable mail part of the process. For the clerks working at the Level 18 and below post offices you will want to make sure that postmasters are held to the correct amount of hours they are allowed to work per the 1.6 B global settlement. The settlement states that bargaining unit work performed by postmasters or supervisors should be consecutive hours to the extent practicable, so as to minimize the necessity for split shifts for clerk craft employees, whenever possible. All time the supervisor or postmaster spends staffing the

window during the day will be counted towards the permissible bargaining unit work limits. If the postmaster puts their drawer in at 8 a.m. and doesn't run final reports until 4 p.m. every day, we have a problem. I have a feeling that some of the postmasters are doing this and are not accurately tracking all time spent performing bargaining unit work. If you have specific questions related to these issues, please give me a call. Hang in there folks. Excessing events have happened through the years and the APWU has been there to make sure the process is done correctly. Just remember, the APWU has provided us with good-paying jobs with great benefits and that is not going to change, no matter how hard the Postal Services tries. Strength in numbers has never been truer than now. Being a member of the American Postal Workers Union has provided us the means to support our families and live a good life. The struggle continues!

As you know the Postal Service is going through some major changes. Most of you have been affected. This is all due to the fact Congress has once again failed to take up postal issues before going on vacation. For those of you who wrote your senators/congressmen and asked for their help to resolve our issues I would like to say **thank you**. If you have not written to them it is never too late. Take the time to write and ask them for their help. It was a lame duck Congress that put us in this situation. It will take a working Congress to get us out.

Here are the addresses and phone numbers to send your message.

#### Postal Board of Governors

475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20260  
 Phone: 202-268-4800

#### Postmaster General

475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20260  
 Phone: 202-268-4264

#### Congressional Members

Capitol Hill Switchboard  
 Phone: 202-224-3121

#### President of the United States

1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20500  
 Phone: 202-456-1414

# Medicaid Cuts May Force Retirees Out of Nursing Homes

**M**edicaid pays for most of the 1.4 million people in nursing homes; it covers 20 percent of all Americans and 40 percent of poor adults.

On Thursday, Senate Republicans joined their House colleagues in proposing steep cuts to Medicaid, part of the effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Conservatives hope to roll back what they see as an expanding and costly entitlement. But little has been said about what would happen to older Americans in nursing homes if the cuts took effect.

Under federal law, state Medicaid programs are required to cover nursing home care. But state officials decide how much to pay facilities, and stated under budgetary pressure could decrease the amount they are willing to pay or restrict eligibility for coverage.

“The states are going to make it harder to qualify medically for nursing home care,” predicted Toby Edelman, a senior policy attorney at the Center for Medicare Advocacy. “They’d have to be more disabled before they qualify for Medicaid assistance.”

States might allow nursing homes to require residents’ families to pay for a portion of their care, she added. Offi-

cial could also limit the types of services and days of nursing home care they pay for, as Medicare already does.

A combination of longer life spans and spiraling healthcare cost has left an estimated 64 percent of the Americans in nursing homes dependent on Medicaid. In Alaska, Mississippi and West Virginia, Medicaid was the primary payer for three-quarters or more of nursing home residents in 2015, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

With more than 70 million people enrolled in Medicaid, the program certainly faces long-term financial challenges. Federal Medicaid spending is projected to grow 6 percent a year on average, rising to \$650 billion in 2027 from \$389 billion this year, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

While most Medicaid enrollees are children, pregnant women and non-elderly adults, long-term services such as nursing homes account for 42 percent of all Medicaid spending — even though only 6 percent of Medicaid enrollees use them.

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## Come One! Come All! Family Day is here again!!

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Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ Pay Location/Section \_\_\_\_\_

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# FERS Retirement Seminar

Presented by: The Federal Employees First Alliance

Hosted by: Local 8

ALL UNION POSTAL EMPLOYEES WELCOME

## Date:

Sun., Aug. 20, 2017

9-10:30 A.M.

2-3:30 P.M.

## Where:

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1717 S Broadway  
St. Louis, MO 63102

## RSVP to:

202-858-3332

Or

Local8@fefalliance.org

If you have any further  
questions, please contact:

Mr. Andrew Stringer  
President & Founder  
(636) 575 – 4327

**Federal Employees First  
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Address: 1101 Brickell Ave  
South Tower Miami, FL 33131  
Phone:(636)-575-4327  
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## RSVP TO ATTEND



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  - Strategically the best time/date to retire
- **Retirement income**
  - How to calculate your pension income
  - How to maximize pension income
  - Survivor benefit
  - Social security strategy
  - Social security supplement
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  - Changes to expect with cost and coverage
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Million Mile Club (L-R) APWU steward John Fritz, Million Miler Mike Cooper, Million Miler Stanley Kidd, Million Miler Sean Connelly, APWU steward Dave Childers

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Our Condolences to  
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Mother of Lon Embrey, Support Service  
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Mother of Kenneth Bland, Maintenance  
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**Michelle Harris**

Sister of Dorothea Burns, APWU retiree

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Mother and brother of  
Kenneth Bradley, Tour 3, Automation

**Christopher Watson**

Grandson of Sandra Highsmith-Lee, Tour 3 AFSM  
and John Lee, Tour 2 Maintenance

**Melanie Tally**

Mailhandler

Mother of Tiffany Smith, Clerk at South County Annex

**Roy Lee Morris**

Clerk-Retiree

**David Steinmeyer**

Brother of James Steinmeyer  
and Brother-in-law of Patricia Steinmeyer

**Congratulations**

Robin McCurry, the shop steward for 631 stations and branches has made history. She is the first African American woman and the first woman to become the local's sergeant-at-arms. This was due to the resignation of our former sergeant-at-arms Al "Mickey" Miller.

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## GATEWAY LOCAL CALENDAR

<b>July 4</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	<b>Independence Day Holiday</b>
		No General Membership Meeting
July 17	(Monday)	Stewards' Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
August 9	(Wednesday)	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)
		No General Membership Meeting
August 14	(Monday)	Stewards' Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
August 27	(Sunday)	Family Day Picnic
<b>September 4</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
September 6	(Wednesday)	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)
September 10	(Sunday)	General Membership Meeting (3 p.m.)
September 11	(Monday)	Stewards' Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

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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