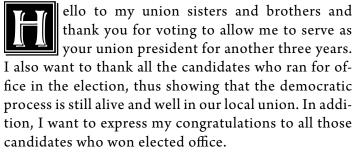
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# **Support S. 316 and H.R. 630**

By Frederick Wolfmeyer, President

#### **Challenges Ahead**



Now that the election is over, we face many challenges, some that have carried over from the first three years and many new ones that may very well determine the future and very existence of the Postal Service. Currently, postal reform is being discussed in both the House and the Senate. Our ever present adversary, Rep. Darrell Issa, has proposed a new bill that would end door-to-door delivery, Saturday delivery, and continue to allow the closing of processing plants thus continuing the deterioration of service standards. In addition, he would privatize several parts of the service and gut all collective bargaining agreements.

He contends that the elimination of door delivery would save \$2 billion and only impact a small portion of the country's population, but that is not the case. There are some 37.8 million door delivery points representing almost one quarter of all delivery points for the Postal Service in the United States. How is 37.8 million delivery points only a small portion of the country's population? He also bases the money saved on a cost comparison of door delivery (\$353 per address per year), curbside mailboxes (\$224 per address per year) and cluster box delivery units (\$160) per address per year. He is trying to simplify the math which does not account for what would be lost in the elimination

of door delivery. What would be lost? Since it is a reduction of service and there would be no decrease in the rate for this reduction in service, the answer is **customers**. Would you pay the same or more money for less service? Neither will our customers, thus perpetu-



ating the loss of mail volume and revenue, while still being obligated to pay the pre-funding mandate. With this type of legislation, the service will be broke in no time, therefore opening the door to privatization. This is the legislation challenge we all face now and into the near future. Only Congress can fix this problem and only we can stir up our co-workers and friends and family to rally to our support.

Another challenge, brought about because of the lack of reasonable legislation, is management's blatant disregard for the contract and/or arbitration awards that come down on the side of the union. Whether it be the PSE cap, converting PSEs to career, paying money owed on grievance settlements, or just adhering to the contract, management does not care. If an arbitrator such as Shayman Das states in his award that the service cannot downgrade the level of post office, then the service cannot violate that award, but they are. At a post office in our district, the postmaster has already been ordered to work 25 hours per week performing clerk duties. This is a violation because he is in a level 18 office which, according to the contract and Arbitrator Das' award, cannot be downgraded during the life of this agreement and management can only perform 15 hours of



clerk work per week in that level 18 office. However, management plans on exceeding the hour limitation and has downgraded the level of the office.

This is the prevailing attitude among all of management. Violate the contract and force the union to file grievance after grievance. Just recently in Florida, a case from year 2000 was decided at arbitration regarding an RI-399 issue on the FSMs. In that case management blatantly violated the contract and now they will pay nearly \$14 million dollars in back pay to the clerks in that facility. Will this force management to honor the contract? I doubt it very much.

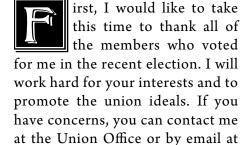
There are other issues such as FMLA, light duty, mandatory overtime, crossing crafts, management performing BUW (bargaining unit work), etc., and we will be meeting those challenges together in the coming three years.

In closing, I visited the plant a week ago, but will be coming back soon. I will continue to visit and listen to your concerns and take them back to upper management in order to attempt to resolve them for you. In the meantime, please be vigilant in regards to your jobs, and write your senators and congressional representatives. Ask them to co-sponsor Senate bill S. 316 and H.R. 630.



# From the Desk of the Executive Vice President

By Gene Hollenbeck



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Our biggest concern right now is with Congress.

In the House of Representatives, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., introduced H.R. 2748, which will do little to correct the service's problems. Postal legislation must contain legislation that will:

- 1. Eliminate the retiree prefunding requirement.
- 2. Maintain the service standards.
- 3. Permit the service to offer non-postal related services.
- 4. H.R. 2748 does little to address any of these concerns.

In the Senate, Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., who we thought was a friend

of labor, and Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., have introduced S. 1486. If this bill were passed, after a one-year delay, it would destroy 80,000 full-and part-time jobs by eliminating Saturday delivery. This will also harm millions of businesses that want Saturday Delivery. After a two-year delay, the USPS would be allowed to reduce service and delivery standards and close hundreds of processing facilities and thousands of post offices, mainly rural, along with ten of thousands of additional jobs. This bill mandates the elimination of door-to-door delivery for all business and new households and to phase out door delivery to millions of established households, eliminating another 16,500 jobs.

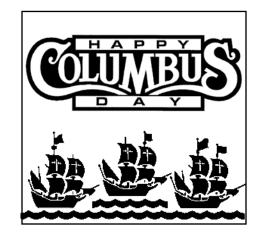
If this was not enough, we are in the midst of our national union elections. I am not going to tell you whom you should vote for; all I am asking is that you vote. This election is one of the most important elections that you will have a say in. This election will determine the direction this union will take for the next three years. Please take the time to vote.

This is the first time that the retirees have a vote for the general officers of the union. Please vote. You have earned the right, please use it. Let them know that retirees are still involved in their union.

For the latest information go to www.apwu.org.

To contact your representative go to www.house.gov.

To contact your senator go to www.senate.gov.



## Midwest and Southern School for Union Women Workers

# Follow our Lead: Leadership skills for union women August 15-18, 2013

By Secretary-Treasurer Robin (Robbie) Robertson



he University of Arkansas in Little Rock (UALR) Labor Center was pleased to host the 2013 school. Sponsored annually by the United Association of Labor Education, this year's school is held in cooperation with the Arkansas Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, with support from the Berger-Marks Foundation.

The school provides high-quality education in key leadership and representation skills along with opportunities for women from a range of unions to learn from one another and build solidarity.

Recently, I attended the Midwest and Southern School for Union Women in Little Rock, Ark. While there, I attended Community & Organization and Collective Bargaining Agreement seminars. Both seminars proved to be very beneficial for me and the organization as a whole. They helped me understand the history of the union movement and how women were vital spokespersons for the union. The union movement dates back to the early 20s and people died for equality. Ask yourself, where does your mentality stands with the union? What is your American dream? How are you going to leave this legend for the next generation?

After attending the community and organization seminar, I had to ponder on the issue of religion vs. politics. Growing up, I was always the passive one in my family and tried to stay far away from topics on religion and political issues. Now at the age of 41, I am in the middle of it all and appreciating every moment of it. I am a learner and want our members to understand the importance of being part of the union. I take constructive feedback and use it to my advantage by correcting or learning from the issue.

A leader's religion and politics has become a touchy subject dealing with communities and organizations. At the end of the day, we deal with politics and faith daily. Regardless of your religion, the church and the labor union share common goals and values. As leaders and union members, we agree that we want dignity for all. As union activists we believe in giving and helping others within our community, meaning that we oppose poverty. As union members, we believe that we can achieve more together and, believe it or not, church leaders feel the same way. Both the church and union members rely on an active membership in order to succeed. We both hold monthly and annual meetings to

consolidate collectively. Most of all, we report to a higher authority — whether it's a bishop or a president.

As union members we need to be mindful about "Why unions still matter."

The collective bargaining agreement was a whole different monster because we had different unions that were fighting for lower health insurance, pay, 401(k), three weeks paid furlough, and pension. I was thinking in the back of my head "dang, we're spoiled." The APWU got a sweet package and most of our members do not appreciate it or should I say, we're too spoiled to realize what we got is better than others. One labor union mentioned that her members, "are laid off two weeks out of the year and they are not notified until April 1." So if the employee used their vacation before the two weeks layoff, they would be on leave without pay. Oh yes, I forgot to mention that they get Christmas and Thanksgiving off (vacation leave only).

I would like to thank everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to exercise their right to vote. A special thanks to the Election Committee members for making the transition and working diligently with one another to get this mission accomplished. We must realize that it takes a team to help build a community. My brothers and sisters, we are a community. The St. Louis Gateway District Areal Local (APWU) is a community. A community of postal workers striving for equality, and the only way we're going to build this community is by helping one another. We do not have the time or energy to be downgrading one another and stepping on each other's toes. We have to learn that regardless of what position we hold in the union, we are all leaders. Special thanks to all the crafts that selected me to be your next secretary-treasurer. This position is now a part-time office. The union only pays me when I'm performing secretary-treasurer duties. The USPS pays my salary and my benefits. Congratulations to all the newly or re-elected officers. May God continue to allow Local 8 to strive to higher heights. Please encourage co-workers, family, and friends to stay in the union; because it was their parents, aunts and uncles who worked for as little as \$2.18 in the 70s. They fought hard for the decent living we now earn. Please talk to your non-members and encourage them to become members. I love you all. I am looking forward to serving Local 8 as your newly elected secretary-treasurer.





#### Retirement

#### By Director of Industrial Relations Melvin Sanders



want to thank all members for exercising their right to vote in the recent APWU local elections. You, the membership, gave these officers the privilege to serve you for the next three years.

#### **How Much Money Do I Need?**

There have been many articles and TV ads promoting a rule of thumb for retirement planning. Most people say that you must be able to replace 80 percent of your preretirement income. It's not as difficult as you think to get close to the 80 percent mark once you add up all sources of retirement income.

The 80 percent theory relies on gross pay, and assumes that after you retire, the withholdings for retirement from your salary will cease and you will pay less income tax on your retirement income than you paid on your salary.

The withholdings that stop at retirement include;

1. **Retirement itself:** For employees under the Civil Service Retirement System, that equals 7 percent of pay. For those under the Federal Employees Retirement System, the figure is 0.8 percent for most

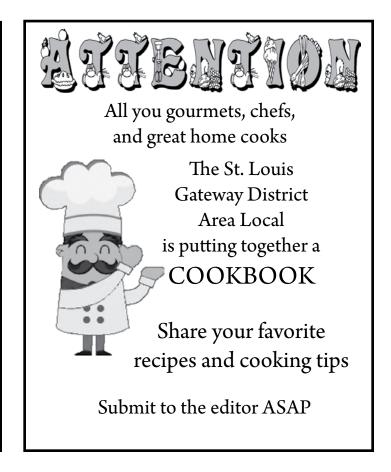
- employees. Thrift Savings Plan Funds, this amount varies from individual to individual. Social Security taxes, 6.2 percent of salary, along with another 1.45 percent for Medicare.
- 2. Income Tax: If your retirement income is less than your salary, you may be in a lower marginal tax bracket that can cause you to pay less income tax. In addition, a portion of your CRS and FERS retirement benefits are tax free (the part that represents your contributions). Illinois and now Missouri don't have an income tax or exempt all of retirement benefits from taxation. A portion, or in some cases, all of Social Security retirement is tax-free.

Hopefully, this information can help you make one of life's most important decisions — retirement.



# Postal Workers Building Corporation Meeting

The annual shareholders' meeting of the Postal Worker's Building Corporation will be held on October 7, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Union Hall 1705 S. Broadway





## Is the Sky Falling?



ongratulations to all the winners in the recent election. This is a challenging time in the Postal Service. We need leadership that will stand up and face the coming onslaught.

I attended the National Postal Press Association conference in Madison, Wisconsin. If you are not aware, Madison has been the site of ongoing protests against the Wisconsin governor's war on public sector employees and their unions. Thousands of people have converged on the capital to picket and protest his cuts that affect teachers, police and firefighters, just to name a few. Some protesters have taken to singing in the capital as a form of protest. The singers are subject to arrest by order of Wisconsin's tyrannical Governor Walker. Members from our delegation went to the capital and participated in a sing-a-long.

One fact that was striking are the stories from other parts of the country involving plant closings. The Postal Service is not only closing stations and branches, but processing plants as well. Some clerks are being bussed to other facilities to work because their processing plants have been closed. They are making a 2-hour commute one way, working 3½ hours, and riding 2 hours to get home. They take their breaks and lunches on the bus. A former ET was explaining that he is now a level 10 custodian because of plant closing.

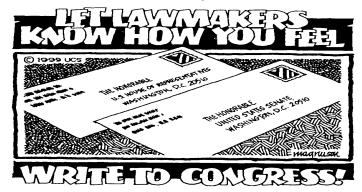
Those of us in St. Louis have not yet felt the brunt of plant closings. We have been the gaining installation. That is why we are comfortable in the notion that it can't happen here. If Congress gets its way, a bus ride will be the least of our concerns. We won't even have jobs, let alone a processing plant.

We have to become more aware of pending legislation at the national level. Some of these bills take away our collective bargaining, our insurance, our no-lay-off clause, and many more of the rights that we have fought for since 1971. I don't know about you, but I can't afford to pay more for my health care while taking a pay cut.

I know you are thinking that I sound like Chicken Little. I keep telling you that the sky is falling, but all you can see is clear blue with not a cloud in the sky. If you just do a little research on the internet, go the APWU website and read a few articles, look at some of the bills being put before Congress, you will understand why things are not looking so rosy for the future of the Postal Service.

Don't be fooled into believing that the destruction of the Postal Service is inevitable. People in this country seem to have forgotten that we elect Congress to represent us. We are supposed to be in charge. We have a voice. For too long we have remained silent. It is time to use that voice. Fifty years ago, the 'March on Washington' helped to dismantle institutionalized racism in the country. Those marchers could have stayed at home, safe and sound, and thought that protest won't make any difference. Why should I get up and put myself in harm's way? But they "showed up and showed out" and it did let the powers that be know that people would no longer stand by and accept the status quo. It was time for a change.

I know you have been asked to write to Congress, to call Congress, to send postcards and letters. The only way that they will respond is if the numbers are so overwhelming that they have no choice but to at least listen. I am asking you to do one more thing. The second half of this article is a handout for your family, friends, churches, social clubs, beauty shops, and barber shops, etc. — any place that the message can be spread. If the Postal Service fails, all other unions will be on the chopping block. When Hitler took over Nazi Germany, the very first thing he did was to eliminate the unions. Closing of the Postal Service will have a domino effect. If they know they brought down one of the largest unions in the country, who will be next? Make copies of the handout, give them to anyone who will listen and have them write or call their congressman or senator.





#### **POSTAL SERVICE HANDOUT**

Many falsehoods have been spread concerning the Postal Service. Here are the facts;

- The Postal Service receives NO tax dollars. Most people are under the assumption that the Postal Service is supported by their tax dollars. This is not the case; the post office is supported by the sale of stamps and its other products.
- The Postal Service is amassing huge losses. This is not true. If not for a law passed in 2006 requiring the Postal Service to pay for the retirement and health benefits of people not even born, we would not be in the red. No other agency has to fund health care and retirement benefits 75 years into the future that's right 75 years.
- If we lose the Postal Service there will be massive changes in this country. There are over half-a-million postal workers. Most of them have families. The economic impact alone would be devastating. The poor and elderly, who depend on the Postal Service would have no way of communicating, receiving medications, checks, and other mail that they now receive.
- There would be no more universal service. Right now the post office delivers to every household in America. If private companies are allowed to dismantle our service and take over, there is no guarantee that daily door-to-door mail service will continue.

Please pass this information on to your friends and family. The Post Office is a vital institution in this country and should not be allowed to be destroyed by Congress.

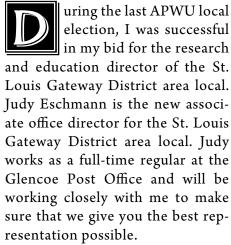
Call or write to your congressmen and senators so that we can preserve the Postal Service.

#### Take action now!

To contact your representative by phone, call the Capital switchboard at 202-224-3121. To send an email message, visit http://capwiz.com/apwu.

### **Associate Office Steward**

By Rebecca Livingston



While I am excited about the new position, I remain most proud of the work I will continue to do as the associate office steward. There have been many highs and unfortunately, just as many lows over the past few months regarding the new contract. While we have been successful in some offices concerning excessing, we were unable to prevent a long-time career clerk from the Washington Post Office from being placed into the carrier craft. During this time the clerk, Harry Brush, decided to retire, and I would like to wish him many happy years of retirement. Good luck, Harry!

The APWU is starting to see movement in filling vacant clerk bids, and we are hopeful that relief is com-



ing soon to all of the post offices that are so short-staffed. Right now, we have clerks going through some tough times because they filed a grievance on supervisors/carriers performing bargaining unit work. I am so proud of these clerks for the way they have handled themselves despite the retaliatory attitudes of management. I know first hand how hard it is to know the contract is not being adhered to and asking for a steward so the violation can be addressed.

It has been brought to the AP-WU's attention that managers are telling clerks they cannot call the APWU without going through them first. This is so **not** true. If you are being called into an office with management and feel that discipline could be issued as a result, you can request to see a steward before the meeting is held. If you have received discipline, you would need to request a steward so we can file a grievance on your behalf. Failing to do so would result in the discipline staying live for two years. Please do not let this happen. If you are having a problem with a co-worker or supervisor, please request to see a steward and let us help resolve the problems. Requesting to see a steward is the only way we can enter postal facility. The postmaster/supervisor



is to call and set an appointment with the APWU so we can represent you.

On the other hand, if you have a question or concern or there are violations occurring, you most certainly can contact me any time, provided you are off the clock. I know everyone works different hours, which is why my cell phone is always on, and I will take your calls whenever you have time. Please do not call the union while you are on the clock, as this can create problems for yourself and the APWU. We have to be respectful of the process, but so does management. You have the right to call and ask questions; and if after talking with me I recommend you request to see a steward, you are within your rights as an employee of the United States Postal Service to make this request.

I look forward to continue serving as your steward and please keep me informed on how everything is going. We have been working together and have become a very successful St. Louis Gateway Associate Office team. Please keep the calls coming!

## **Election of National APWU Officers**

Ballots for the APWU National Election will be mailed to you on or about September 15, 2013. Let's increase our turnout in this important election. Bring your completed and sealed ballot to the Union Hall and be entered into a raffle for a big flat screen TV and other nice prizes. You must show proof of mailing to qualify for the drawing. When you get your ballot, make your choices and bring it to the Union Hall or give it to your steward, but make sure you have proof of mailing. Let's have a big turnout!



# LABOR DAY PARADE



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# Clinician's Corner..

Monthly Advice from the Deer Oaks Clinical Team





In today's busy world, it can seem nearly impossible to attain that perfect balance between the working world and your personal life. If you're like most working adults with a family, you feel as if you're constantly juggling deadlines, projects, soccer games, and parent teacher conferences. Although you can't add extra hours in the day (though that would be nice!), you can find ways to enrich the time that you do have with your family.

- Family homework time: Have to bring work home? Gather the family at the kitchen table. Kids already struggle with having their personal time consumed with school work, so seeing you do the same will not only make it easier on them, but create a sense of family cohesion.
- Highs and lows: Whether you have time at dinner or make time before your kids turn in for the night, take turns sharing your high and low points of the day. Congratulate and reinforce your kids for their achievements, and take a moment to talk about their lows. Help problem solve and be emotionally available. If you don't have time to do this daily, keep a diary that you send back and forth with your kids. They'll enjoy getting letters from mom and dad!
- Find activities to look forward to: If your week truly feels so jam packed, schedule a fun weekend activity with your family something everyone can enjoy. If its game night, movie night, or anything that you enjoy doing together, enlist family members in helping you plan what would be the most fun for them. Talk about it throughout the week to remind you and your loved ones that there is an end in sight.
- Set boundaries and limits: Although it's easier said than done, try to keep as much separation between work and home as possible. Sometimes it's inevitable, but aside from those circumstances, unless it's a family emergency, work-related emergency, or part of your job, make sure that you're trying to keep your roles as separate as they can.

Written By: Kira Rogers, PsyD, SAP Regional Clinical Manager Deer Oaks EAP Services



### Poem of a Vietnam Soldier

By Unknown

Lord God I have never spoken to you But now I want to say how do you do You see God, they told me you didn't exist And like a fool I believed all this Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky I figured right then they had told me a lie Had I taken the time to see the things you made I would have known they were not calling a spade a spade I wonder God if you'll take my hand Somehow I feel you'll understand Funny I had to come to this hellish place Before I had time to see your face Well I guess there isn't much more to say But I'm sure glad God I met you today I guess zero hour will soon be here But I'm not afraid since I know you're near The signal, well God I'll have to go I like you lots I want you to know Look now this will be a horrible fight Who knows I may come to your house tonight Though I wasn't friendly to you before I wonder God if you would wait at your door

Look, I'm crying, I'm shedding tears

Strange now that I've met you, I'm not afraid to die

I'll have to go God, goodbye



This article does not reflect the views of the editorial staff or union officers Submitted by Don Morehead, co-chair benevolence committee

On behalf of all the candidates, we would like to thank those of you who took time out to vote and encourage those who did not participate to vote in the upcoming national election.

Your vote is your voice!!!



#### **Research and Education Director**

By Rebecca Livingston

would like to thank everyone for their support as I assume the responsibilities of the research and education director. I have received much encouragement from my APWU brothers and sisters and can't express how much I appreciate you allowing me to serve in this position. I will be responsible for the continued education of the APWU stewards and hope to have a new steward training class before the end of the year. With the help of President Fred Wolfmeyer and the new Executive Vice President Gene Hollenbeck, I plan to keep everyone up to date on all of the changes we are still going through regarding the new contract and hope to get the stewards involved by submitting suggestions for class topics. We may have a guest speaker now and then to give us insight into other aspects of the job we have representing our membership. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. See you in class.

# Healthcare, Retirement Benefits Now Available to Same-Sex Spouses of Postal, Federal Workers

(APWU Web News Article 082-2013, July 1, 2013)

s a result of the Supreme Court's recent decision that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announce guidelines for the extension of employee benefits to federal and postal workers and annuitants who have legally married a spouse of the same sex.

OPMs announcement also included guidelines for how legally married same sex spouses can apply for federal retirement benefits and flexible savings accounts.



# Three Amigos

would like to offer a personal thank you to my three heroes from this morning. I fell asleep in my car after work and left my lights and radio on. When I woke up the battery was dead. Three guys from the motor vehicle craft were leaving to go home. They came over and helped me to get back on the road. They were off duty and did not have to take the time to help me. Hubbard, Courtney, and the other gentleman whose name I didn't get, thank you for proving that there are still good people in the world.



# Do Yourself a Favor

## **Attend the General Membership Meeting**

Saturday, October 19, 2013 9:30 a.m.

> at Lift for Life Academy 1717 S Broadway

Protect yourself and your family with a **FLU SHOT** and/or a **PREVNA 13**, the new pneumonia vaccination for those over 50 years young

**Free** to those who have BC/BS APWU Health Plan and Medicare

You must contact Stuart Federman 314-381-1818 to reserve your free vaccination

Many adults are not vaccinated against common diseases. Get vaccinated now!





## A PSE Victory!!



he American Postal Workers Union achieved a significant victory on August

13, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that strengthens and clarifies the seniority rights of postal support employees (PSEs).

The MOU on PSE reappointment stipulates that after their break in service, PSE reappointments must be based solely on the PSE's relative standing (their seniority) on the installation's PSE rolls.

In some parts of the country, the USPS had claimed that PSEs who have completed a 360-day appointment had no contractual right to be reappointed based on their seniority. The Postal Service asserted that management was free to retain more

junior PSEs — or even hire new PSEs — rather than reappointing more senior PSEs who had completed a term of appointment.

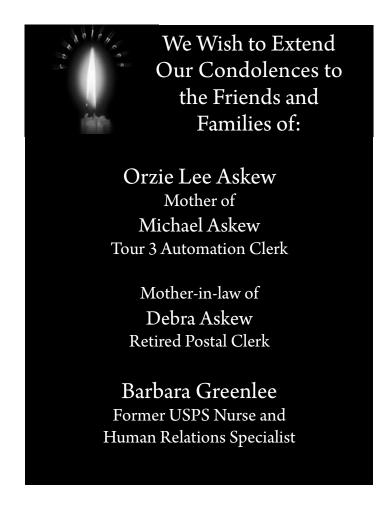
"This (MOU) makes clear that PSEs enjoy protection against favoritism and arbitrary decisions by management," stated Industrial Relations Director Mike Morris.

"PSEs may not be bypassed for reappointment as a substitute for discipline," he added. "They must be reappointed upon completion of their 360-day term based on their seniority." The MOU clarifies several points that had been in dispute as follows:

- PSE separation due to lack of work must be implemented installation-wide by juniority.
- PSEs who are separated due to

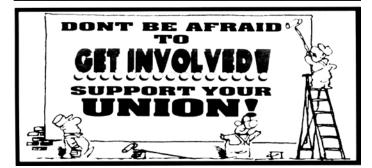
- lack of work must be reappointed ahead of more junior PSEs.
- PSEs who are separated due to lack of work must be reappointed before management hires new PSEs if need for hiring arises within one year of the separation.
- When a PSE's five-day break occurs and the USPS determines there is a need to reduce the number of PSEs, the PSE with the most seniority must be reappointed and the most junior PSE in the installation must be separated instead.

"This agreement clarifies and cements the fact there is indeed a path for PSEs who wish to become career employees," Morris said. "Clearly, for the PSEs as well as career employees, it pays to belong to APWU!





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October 14 (Monday) Columbus Day Holiday

October 7 (Monday) PWBC Shareholders Meeting (4 p.m.)

October 16 (Wednesday) Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)

October 19 (Saturday) General Membership Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

October 21 (Monday) Steward Training (9 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

November 11 (Monday) Veteran's Day Holiday

November 13 (Wednesday) Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)

November 17 (Sunday) General Membership Meeting (3 p.m.)

November 18 (Monday) Steward Training (9 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

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

The Union Hall will be closed on holidays.



#### Moving?

Send us your new address so we can stay in touch.

Help Nancy, our office secretary, by sending us your address changes. Your union spends many work hours and pays significant postage fees to obtain your correct address. We cannot get your union paper to you on time without your correct address. Thank you.