



WE MUST DO MORE AND WE WILL

President's Report

By Becky Livingston

Over the last several weeks the St. Louis Gateway District Area Local has participated in rallies that were held throughout the area regarding very important issues that we need to address. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States and on June 19 the St. Louis Gateway District Area Local joined with CBTU and other local unions to make our voices heard! Black Lives Matter! It is time for us to all take action toward real and lasting change. The people of this country are standing with us in defense of the Postal Service and our good union jobs, and we must also stand with our communities' demands for justice and peace.

In 2016 at the APWU National Convention, 2,000 delegates from around the country, and all races, unanimously supported a "Black Lives Matter" resolution. It stated in part ... "The APWU will encourage its members to participate in any rallies, petition drives or other actions pursued by the campaign against racial discrimination and for transparency in policing. Here we are in 2020 and this resolution is more important than ever before! Now is the time to demand change. If you are not able to participate in rallies, we can all do our part by treating each other with dignity and respect.

Everyone deserves to be treated fairly. We demand to be treated respectfully at work and no one should have to expect anything less when we are living our lives outside the Postal Service. I can't tell you how many grievances we have had to file because Postal Service employees (this

includes management) won't treat each other with dignity and respect. This right shouldn't have to be demanded, it should be and is expected. Grievances shouldn't have to be filed to respect each other and treat each other the way we want to be treated.

Now is the time to continue the discussions and make our voices heard. Members of the St. Louis Gateway District Area Local also joined with the AFL-CIO in the Workers First Caravan for Racial and Economic Justice. America's Five Economic Essentials that were brought to the public were to keep front-line workers safe and secure; to keep workers employed and protect earned pension checks; to keep state and local governments, our public schools and the U. S. Postal Service solvent and working; to keep America healthy by protecting and expanding health insurance for all workers; and to keep America competitive by hiring people to build infrastructure.

The last rally that some St. Louis Gateway members participated in was the #SaveThePostOffice day of action. On June 23 there were two million signatures delivered to Congress demanding urgent postal funding. Due to a drop in revenue because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Postal Service will run out of cash without financial assistance from Congress. The House of Representatives



passed a \$25 billion emergency appropriation for the Postal Service in the HEROES Act on May 15, and the Senate is currently discussing additional stimulus legislation. For the White House to immediately declare the United States Postal Service workers essential when the COVID-19 pandemic hit then turn around and refuse to properly fund the Postal Service so we can continue to deliver the life-saving prescription medications, Social Security checks, absentee ballots and other vital services during the COVID-19 pandemic is a real issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

Due to COVID-19, voting by mail for all states may be a very real possibility for the November election and the Postal Service is up to the task. We are still the most highly regarded agency in the government and with the essential services the Postal Service employees have been providing to the communities over the last four months, the appreciation for postal workers is at an all-time high! That is due to every one of you! Despite the anxiety over the COVID-19 pandemic you are getting the job done!

If you haven't taken time to contact your senators, congressmen and your governors, please contact them and remind them of the vital services that you provide to the country every day. Your job may depend on it. I know privatization has been being talked about for years but the time for action is now. This is as real as it gets and

while we are the people's post office, we need to make sure that the people's voices are heard. Please make sure you vote in the upcoming elections and also encourage your family and friends to vote. It is time to make sure our voices and our votes count!

Please remain diligent regarding social distancing and if you are not able to social distance (working at least 6 feet apart) make sure you are wearing your masks. If you don't have easy access to gloves and masks please give me a call. The COVID-19 pandemic is still a worry. Over the last two weeks the number of positive cases in the St. Louis Gateway District has drastically increased. It is management's responsibility to make sure supplies are available and that we social distance and follow postal guidelines. In an agreement between the Postal Service and the APWU we must follow the established guidelines to make sure everyone stays safe or be subject to discipline, which could result in loss of pay! The St. Louis Gateway District Area Local has been working closely with management to make sure mandatory stand-up talks are given and the deep cleaning as established in CDC guidelines is performed. We have all come too far to not follow the rules today as strictly as we did when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Please stay safe and if you have questions or concerns contact your stewards or please give me a call.



Executive Vice President

By Gene Hollenbeck



I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July holiday.

Please remember to wear your mask, wash your hands and social distance where you can. This pandemic is not over by a long shot and we need to do whatever we can to help lower the curve. Please be safe at work and outside of work. We need all of you to keep this service working for the American people.

Don't forget to write your congressman/woman, and your senators. Let them know that the service is still a vital service.

I would like to welcome our five newest career employees. We have been notified that the five senior PSEs will be converted on August 1. We will continue to discuss more conversions in the months ahead.

For our new career employees I have decided to rerun one my old articles. This is the procedure that management must follow when bringing employees in during the holiday schedule. The holiday schedule is a three-day schedule and must be posted per the contract.

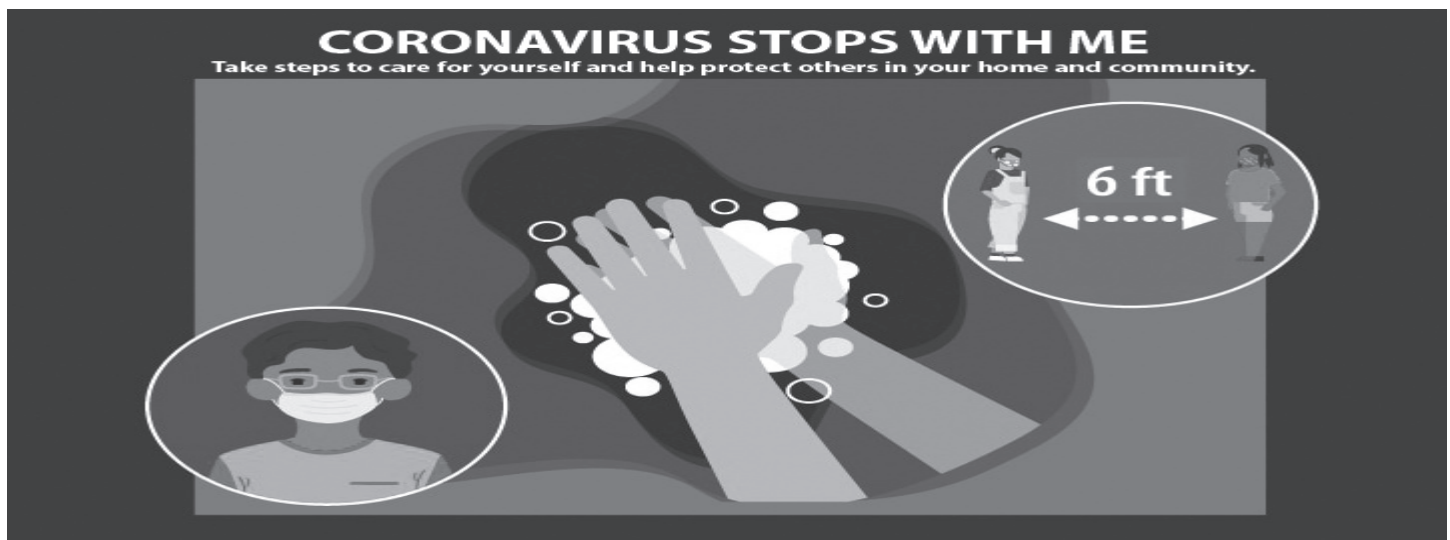
Let's talk about holidays and how you are scheduled. The holiday scheduled must be posted on Tuesday of the week preceding the week in which the holiday falls. The holiday schedule consists of three days. So for a Monday holiday the schedule would be Saturday, Sunday and Monday. On Tour 1 this would 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.



Secretary-Treasurer Report

By *Robbie Robertson*



Pray all is well, my brothers and sisters. These last few months have been a hard pill to swallow but with your dedication and commitment the APWU has risen to the challenge! Our finances look awesome. Our local is fortunate to be financially stable. The union has saved a lot of money this year. During this pandemic, the local executive board has kept spending at the bare minimum, literally. During an executive board meeting it was agreed that we wanted to show our appreciation to our members. With a unanimous decision it was decided that each member will receive a token of appreciation for all of their dedication and continued support of the American Postal Workers Union. Over the next several weeks all full dues-paying union members will receive a gratitude of thanks for working so hard during this COVID-19 pandemic. All full-dues-paying union members will receive a St. Louis Gateway District Area Local APWU face mask. The mask(s) are **not** for sale until each full dues paying union member has received their **free** mask.

Vote! Vote! Vote! We are currently in challenging times and we need our members to exercise their right to vote. We have a total of 100 union members out of 1,533 who are unregistered voters. The community needs you; the union needs you, and the Postal Service needs you. Exercising your right to vote gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on who is the best candidate. I won't go into my soapbox, but I am asking you to please to take the time to register to vote. Thank you in advance.

Let's organize! Let's organize! We are stronger in numbers! Solidarity starts at ground zero. Please take the time and read through the non-members list and see if you have any friends and/or co-workers on the list. Register a career non-member and both will receive \$25. Yes, you and the new member will receive \$25. Register a PSE and you will receive \$10 and the PSE member will receive an apron, a backpack, or hat. We are only strong united, being divided during this time is **not** an option.

Following is the non-members list for the St. Louis Gateway District Area Local:

WORK FIN NUM	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	WORK FIN NUM	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	WORK FIN NUM	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
287142	Aaron	Jessica	287196	Booker	Yvette	287136	Cronister	Tyler
282760	Adams	Clifford	287142	Bowen	Linda	287136	Cui	Yunlong
287136	Akinyemi	Akintunde	287144	Boyd	Cleo	287142	Curry	James
287136	Altamimi	Abdullah	287142	Branch	Otis	287151	Dash	Joan
287181	Andrews	Jabrilah	287142	Branch	Otis	287142	Davis	Robert
285454	Angel	Jeff	280408	Breeher	Gary	287144	Davis	Vicki
287136	Arnett	Justus	287136	Brookshire	Paul	287144	Dee	Robin
287142	Atkins	Crystal	287144	Brown	Gary	282688	Dee	Robin
287142	Augustine	Curtis	287142	Brown	Katurah	287151	Dickson	Briana
285958	Austin-Bastain	Celestine	287142	Brown	Markeisha	287151	Dorsey	Omar
287083	Bailey	Andrew	287136	Bryant	James	287136	Dorsey	Ross
287142	Ball	Phillip	281483	Budenz	John	287136	Eastman	Benjamin
287136	Barbeau	Tyler	287142	Burns	Corey	287136	Ellis	David
287142	Barbeau	Tyler	287142	Burrow	Tranise	287136	Engle	John
287142	Barnard	Carl	287136	Burton	Cole	287142	Evans	Rodney
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285544	Bean	Mary	287142	Cambre	Anthony	287136	Fagnani	Anthony
287136	Beckemeier	Cord	282760	Carter	Nikkia	285958	Farrar	Robert
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282688	Berrong	Susan	287142	Champ	Andrea	287142	Fitzgerald	Debra
287136	Bhattacharyya	Surya	287142	Chaplin	Curtis	287151	Fitzpatrick	Sharonda
287142	Bickell	Glenda	283732	Chase	Margaret	287142	Foster I	Emmanuel
287136	Bierce	Anesya	287136	Chen	Jin	287200	Franz	Kurt
287136	Bierce	Robert	280014	Christian	James	285454	Fuhrman	Amy
287142	Birkhead	Annetta	287142	Clayton	Rosalind	287136	Gangireddy	Sudhakar
287137	Blackmon	Antha	287142	Clerkley	Yolanda	285958	Gant	Teresa
287142	Bland	Mark	287142	Coleman	Guren	285958	Godbee	Matthew
280450	Bock	Kristina	287142	Coleman	Guren	287133	Grant	Clairita
287142	Bolden	Patrick	287139	Connors	Gayle	287142	Green	Latekia
287142	Bollinger	Edwin	287142	Cook	Aaryana	287142	Grover	Wanda
287142	Bollinger	Edwin	287142	Crawford	Corey	287144	Grover	Wanda
287136	Bone	Floyd	287151	Crayton	David	287142	Guenther	Dolores

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287142	Hardy	Jerrell	288094	McCormick	Dennis	287183	Silver	Kevin
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287142	Hayes	Shellie	287142	McDougler	Lavaughn	287136	Singh	Himanshu
287136	Held I	Gregory	287136	McFarland	Andrew	287142	Smith	Annamarie
287144	Hemphill	Sharon	287185	McGee	Rebecca	283378	Smith	Brittany
287142	Henderson	Naomi	287136	McHatton	Alexander	287142	Smith	Waylan
280522	Henson	Christy	287142	McInnis	William	287136	Sproull	Chad
287151	Hightower	Britney	287200	McKenna	William	285958	Steward	Robin
287136	Hoelscher	Brian	287186	McKinney	Mia	287142	Stinson	Cheryl
287142	Hoey	Annie	287142	McTyer-Johnson	Jan	287142	Stout	Dennis
287142	Holmes	Mamie	287142	Meekins	Kiara	285040	Stroud	Dominique
287142	Holston	Schuyler	287136	Michael	Maেকে	287180	Sutherland	Debbie
287136	Hong	Jeffrey	283609	Miller	Breah	287136	Svoboda	Timothy
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287191	Johnston	Anthony	287136	Nadikota	Srinivas	287133	Walsh	Cynthia
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285454	Keathley	Teri	287136	Pecaut	Bruce	287190	Whitaker	Paul
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287142	Lockhart	Phyllis	287136	Salter	Deborah	287136	Yee	Jonathan
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Editor's

Corner

By Shelia Patton-Harris



A Brief History of Forced Labor

Too many black Americans have experienced bigotry and discrimination first hand. You might have never been denied access to a restaurant or movie theater simply because of the color of your skin but racism takes on many forms. This article describes a very shameful period of history known as the Redemption.

After the Civil War, Northern soldiers left the newly freed blacks to their own devices and went home. A period of lawlessness and violence ensued known as “the Redemption.” During this time many Southern Blacks were forced into a form of slavery. Tens of thousands of men and women were forced into labor camps by dubious legal maneuvering. Using trumped up charges or minor charges with extreme penalties requiring extended jail or prison terms, blacks were incarcerated and their terms leased out to mines, farms, logging companies and a variety of industries, both public and private. These people worked in horrible conditions, long days, six days a week, poorly fed, poorly housed and they were often severely beaten. People died by the score and were buried in unmarked graves. The period was particularly violent toward blacks as indicated by the many lynchings and murders of black men not just in the Deep South but also in some Northern cities.

During the “Redemption,” “forced labor” became the organizing concept upon which the “new slavery” was built. It appeared in several guises, past due debts, sharecropping, indentured or contract servitude, forced work camps, and prison release farms, as well as ordinary prisons, among others — all forms that were clearly both illicit and illegal.

Various forms of forced labor served the immediate needs of a fearful and defeated South. Through it, Blacks were effectively returned to slavery. The system was allowed to flourish due to the collusion between big Northern corporations, such as U.S. Steel, and corrupt Southern municipal officials such as local town judges, sheriffs and others, who together saw it as their patriotic duty to deny and bar Negroes from exercising their newly won freedoms. This also served to eliminate them as potential competitors of the white working class.

Immediately after the Civil War and up until about 1950, in most cities of the South, black men without jobs,

could be swept off the streets and hauled into court, fined, and given lengthy jail sentences. Rules that required a prisoner to “work off his fine,” meant that even light sentences often became indeterminate.

After many hard fought battles, blacks were finally able to utilize organized labor to get some measure of fairness. Unions, even though they fought integration kicking and screaming, were some of the first organizations that offered a measure of equality. They knew that if blacks were not allowed to join labor unions, when they called for a strike, employers would simply replace white workers with blacks. This helped to bring about the end of forced labor camps.

Many of you may not see the relevance this “Redemption” has today. But those who fail to learn from the past are destined to repeat it. Discriminatory “crack” cocaine laws, which, when coupled with incarceration for failure to pay child support and spousal abuse, results in a disproportionately large number of young single black men being swept off the streets and into the nation’s jails. In today’s society, sentencing guidelines are used capriciously to mete out much harsher sentences to blacks than to whites.



We salute all medical personnel and workers who are rightfully being applauded as the heroes in this COVID-19 crisis.

However, there are also unsung heroes — the store clerks, sanitation workers, truck drivers and **us, all USPS employees.**

Postal workers are essential employees in this “new normal.” Stand up and give yourself a round of applause!

Associate Office Director's Report

By Melani Brown



Greetings members, it's that time again. I would like to discuss a few things in this issue.

Let's talk about 3971s. Whenever you submit a 3971 you should always do so in duplicate. Have both copies signed and dated on the day they were received by management. Hold on to your copy as you would the Golden Ticket because without the proof that you turned one in you may be staying home instead going on a long awaited trip.

Now let's talk about using the non-revenue button on the POS system. This is one of the ways the Postal Service decides whether we get to keep a

job when someone retires. All things that we do that are non-revenue are on the POS machine to push and get time credit for. Vacation pick ups, request for supervisor, vacation hold cards, COA cards, clerks get time credit for all these things, by pushing this button. It shows that even though you weren't making any revenue you were still working. The same goes for moving on the clock from one operation to another. Management is using this lack of actions as reasons for reverting jobs

Last but not least there are many clerks out there who do not believe that they need to take their lunch, either so they can go home early or get overtime. **Lunches are not an op-**

tion! There are no 801s in the clerk craft. Every office where the clerks are not taking their lunches are losing jobs because those hours are not being covered by another clerk when they should be. There are a lot of clerks out there who are simply thinking about how to benefit themselves. Those same clerks are the ones who complain when the jobs end up getting reverted. We all need our jobs, if we didn't we wouldn't be working. So work smart and let's save all clerk positions.

In Solidarity

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HEALTH NEWS

Mask Up! Don't Let Down Your Guard Against COVID-19

TUESDAY, June 30, 2020 (HealthDay News) -- Even as the United States reopens, it's crucial that people wear face masks when they can't maintain proper social distancing, experts emphasize.

"While it's tempting to view [things] as being back to normal, that's simply not the case," said Dr. Patrick Gavigan, a pediatric infectious disease physician at Penn State Children's Hospital.

"The virus is still out there. We still have cases every day," he said in a Penn State Health news release.

In fact, 36 U.S. states are now seeing increases in COVID-19 infections, with Texas, Arizona and Florida posting record-breaking case counts in recent days. Much of that increase is being fueled by younger people testing positive for COVID-19, experts note. By Monday, the U.S. coronavirus case count passed 2.5 million as the death toll neared 126,000, according to a New York Times tally.

Wearing a face mask, social distancing and hand-washing are essential defenses against transmission of the coronavirus, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

Face masks or other face coverings are especially important because research shows that people become contagious before they start having symptoms or feeling ill. And some people who test positive never have symptoms.

But Dr. Ping Du said less than half the people she sees — especially young adults — are wearing a mask when they should be.

"Current cases indicate that more and more young people are getting the disease. Maybe they feel they're not at risk or they'll only get a mild form of the disease," said Du, associate director of the doctor of public health program at Penn State College of Medicine.

"For whatever reason, they're not wearing their masks. They might have mild symptoms or be asymptomatic, but they can pass COVID onto others who are at greater risk of getting sick. Everyone should be wearing masks," added Du.

Face masks should be worn by anyone 2 years and older whenever and wherever social distancing measures are not possible, the CDC advises.

"It's easy to get mask fatigue and fatigue from all of the COVID-19 restrictions across the nation," Gavigan said. "But we can't let our guard down. Masks right now and for the foreseeable future remain a key part in keeping us safe..."

More information: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has more on COVID-19 protection.

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Help Save Our Postal Service

(Excerpts from Labor Notes article by Jamie Partridge)

Jamie Partridge is a retired letter carrier and NALC Branch 82 executive board member in Portland, Oregon.

Nationally the postal unions are rumbling into gear to build public pressure beyond individual messages to Congress (necessary, but not sufficient). A handful of local leaders and rank and filers have already organized standout protests and car caravans, but it will take much more widespread activity to **put the brakes on the privatizers' designs**. Here are some ways you can help:

ORGANIZE (SAFE) GROUP ACTIONS

- **Organize a local or statewide “day of digital action”** to phone zap or Twitter storm your congressional officials, as activists did in Philadelphia.
- **Organize a “chalk art” day**, at homes and post offices, as Rise and Resist activists did in New York. Post photos to social media.
- **Organize a rally or car caravan** at your post office or mail processing plant to honor essential workers and call on Congress to save the Postal Service. Alert local news media in advance. Activists in Portland are organizing a parade of decorated cars that will circle a post office, a grocery store, and a hospital. Organizers have timed it carefully so that workers will be outside to see.
- **Organize a webinar** on the crisis in the Postal Service. Invite postal workers, elected officials, academics, faith leaders, and union leaders to participate.
- **Persuade your local union to order union-made “Save Our Postal Service” face masks**. Ask window clerks and carriers to wear them at work, and everyone to wear them while commuting or out in public. Celebrities and elected officials could wear them for photo ops.

LOBBY CONGRESS

- **Sign a petition to Congress** at bit.ly/postalpetition.
- **Email your senators and representative, three times a week**. This link makes it easy: bit.ly/postalemail. Fill in your name and zip code, and you can be done in a few clicks. The website supplies a form letter, which you can edit or not.
- **Mail a paper letter or postcard, often**. Write to: The Honorable (Name), U.S. Senate (or U.S. Congress), Washington, D.C. 20510
- **Call, often**. The Congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121 will connect you to the office of any senator or representative.

TELL THE WORLD

- **Write a letter to the editor or an op-ed** for your local media site, especially if you live in a rural area.
- **Put up a window sign**: Print one out for free at labor-notes.org/saveourpostalservice and post it in your home, car, or store window, or on your mailbox. Share a selfie with your sign.
- **Ask your city or county council to pass a resolution** calling on Congress to fund the Postal Service, especially if you live in a rural area.
- **Recruit others**. Ask members of your union, local faith-based groups, community groups, or organizations of veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, or small businesses to join any of these actions.
- **Join our new “Save Our Postal Service” Facebook page** at bit.ly/SaveOurPostalService, where you can share published letters, selfies, city resolutions, action photos, and more ideas.

Ask your congressman/woman to support
 S 4174, the Postal Service Emergency Assistance Act;
 HR 6800, the HEROES Act; and
 HR 6425, the Protect Our Post Offices Act,
 to inject \$25 billion into the postal budget and forgive the debt.

The local has been very active in the Black Lives Matter movement and the quest for racial justice and police transparency.



St. Louis Gateway took part in the AFL-CIO Workers First Caravan for Racial and Economic Justice.



Buie, Trinity	Kirkpatrick, Mary
Burns, Corey	Ragland, Jason
Davis, Reginald	Stout, Dennis
Halper, Kurt	Thomas, Alexis
Keller, Chauna	Wacker, Trent

Happy Retirement!



Two icons of the St. Louis Gateway Area District Local have retired. Nancy Kolb, (top) the long-time secretary at the Union Hall and Wendy Scales, (bottom) shop steward on tour 2, joined the ranks of the retired. We wish you the best of luck and enjoy.



We Wish to Extend
Our Condolences to
the Friends and
Families of:

Rosa Lee Thomas
Mother of
Mark Thomas (MVS)

Francille Powell-Skinner
Grandmother of
Janelle Powell (Support Services)

Larry Gibson
Brother of
Patricia Harvey-Morris

Jo Ann (Poivey) Mitchell
Loved one of
Donald Mock

Lula Colyer
Loved one of
Brenda Minor, Patricia Steinmeyer, James
Steinmeyer, Stephanie Scott



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GATEWAY LOCAL CALENDAR

No general membership meeting in July

July 4 (Sat.)	Independence Day Holiday	
July 8 (Wed.)	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)	Zoom Meeting
July 13 (Mon.)	Steward Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)	Zoom Training

No general membership meeting in August

Aug. 5	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)	Zoom Meeting
Aug. 10 (Mon.)	Steward Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)	Zoom Training

Sept. 7 (Mon.) **Labor Day Holiday**

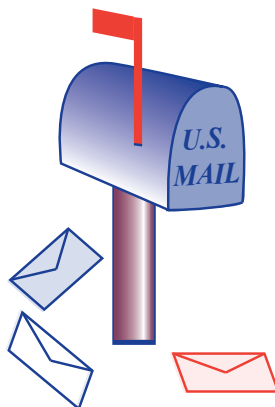
Sept. 9 (Wed.)	Executive Board Meeting (2 p.m.)	Zoom Meeting
Sept. 13 (Sun.)	General Membership Meeting (3 p.m.)	Zoom Meeting
Sept. 14 (Mon.)	Steward Training (9 a.m. & 6 p.m.)	Zoom Training

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

The Union Hall will be closed on holidays.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Zoom meetings will replace in person meetings and training until the CDC deems it safe.

More information is available on the website, stlouisapwu.org



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