

# EVERGREEN POSTMASTER

Postmasters serving their communities in Washington State and beyond

## Under Construction Our State Newsletter & the USPS leadership

Winter 2014 –2015

Save the dates... Plan to attend one or more events...

- 2015 WINTER CONVENTION  
HOODRIVER, OR
- 2015 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
WASHINGTON DC
- 2015 STATE SUMMER CONVENTION  
KENNEWICK, WA
- 2015 NAPUS NATIONAL CONVENTION  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

JANUARY 23 & 24, 2015

MARCH 14—18, 2015

JUNE 11-13, 2015

AUGUST 29-SEPT 3, 2015



**Bill Carlton** President of Washington State is welcomed by New Jersey hosts at the National Convention. He gets a ride around the convention floor in a human powered cart. Similar to the carts on the boardwalk of Atlantic City.



*Newly Appointed*

**Postmaster General**

**Megan Brennan**

First female Postmaster General in the history of our national postal system

## Postmaster of the Year Lon Posenjak



Diana Schuler-Elhers, Postmaster of Ferndale, WA presents a "Postmaster of the Year" Award to Lon Posenjak. He is a retired Postmaster who keeps on giving. His participation at events and his encouragement towards being an active member in NAPUS.

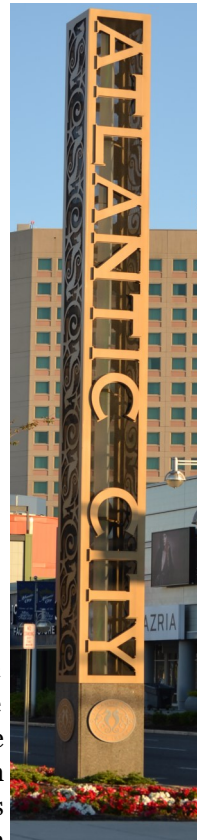


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Welcome  
President of NAPUS  
**Tony Leonardi**  
\*~\*~\*  
Farewell  
Postmaster General  
**Pat Donahoe**  
retires



This year's National Convention designated the ALS Association as its NAPUS charity. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. ALS strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70, and as many as 30,000 Americans have the disease at any given time. ALS has cut short the lives of other such notable and courageous individuals as Hall of Fame pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Senator Jacob Javits, actors Michael Zaslow and David Niven & creator of Sesame Street, Jon Stone.

Photos provided by Lynn Wilson of Oklahoma



These  
courageous  
Postmasters  
take the  
Challenge

*ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in honor for Jeff Johnson, Tony Leonardi's friend who lost his life to this disease*

# WANTED

Ideas, stories and photos  
of your community efforts

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NAPUS WA State Chapter

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*It's not too LATE....*

*Join us at*

OREGON-WASHINGTON NAPUS

2015 CONVENTION

JANUARY 24th – 25th, 2015

WHERE: Hood River Inn Best Western Plus

1108 E Marina Way 541-386-2200

Hood River OR 97031 [www.hoodriverinn.com](http://www.hoodriverinn.com)

Reservations:

REGISTRATION: includes meals - \$85.00

EXTRA MEALS for non-registered Guests:

Saturday Luncheon - \$10.00

Saturday Banquet - \$25.00

Sunday Brunch - \$ 15.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_

Title: PM \_\_\_ OIC \_\_\_ Retiree \_\_\_

Associate Member \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: OREGON NAPUS Chapter #11

phone 541-979-2097

Mail registration payments to:

Verni Knight, Registration Chair

P O Box 123

Crabtree OR 97335-0123

Please note number of guests & their names,

if name badge desired.

# Atlantic City

National Convention 2014 New Jersey

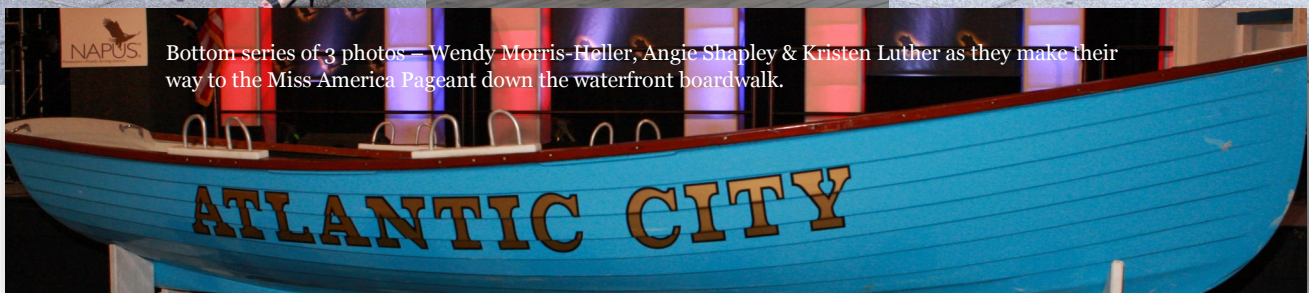
Home of the Miss America Pageant



Imagine being crowned Miss America by this bronze statue. Placing your head in the right location triggers a button to magnify the song in this park. Here she comes...Miss America. Top left—Deanna Neilson Middle—Vic Rohret Top Right—Eric Soles



Bottom series of 3 photos — Wendy Morris-Heller, Angie Shapley & Kristen Luther as they make their way to the Miss America Pageant down the waterfront boardwalk.





Atlantic City National Convention was more than voting on issues for our members Association. It was exploring this East Coast City that is struggling to stay afloat in our economic crisis, it's about engaging in new friendships to help support our careers and surviving the Post Plan that comes to a two and half year close. The active Postmasters & Retirees that attend these events are amazing. They show and inspire us to keep going, stay active and make a difference.

Whether active or retired, you do make a difference!

Thank you for having the heart of a Postmaster.

Thank you for being a community leader that holds NAPUS close to your heart.

# EVERGREEN POSTMASTER

## Stay Connected, reach out to your neighboring Postmasters



Wendy Allen  
Postmaster  
WA Chapter Secretary



Post planned Shaw PO  
Open now 4 hour per day

Hello to all my fellow Honorable Postmasters. When was the last time you were addressed in such a manner as "Honorable"? I have been a postmaster 6 years and that number was zero until this past spring. I now can say I have received exactly three pieces of mail addressed to me as Honorable Wendy Allen, one official and two at my personal address. I was so surprised to receive the official mail piece, I called the postmaster, whom I'd never met, to thank her. I then asked her why she would address me so. After her laugh, she explained that, once upon a time, all postmasters were addressed with honor. Where has such an honorable and respectful environment gone? I'd like to see us get that honor back. I think we can, but it will have to start with us postmasters. I challenge you, the next time you mail something to another postmaster, retired or active, add Honorable to their name. I truly believe it will make a difference to them, even if just gives a positive moment in their day.

Keep your heads up! Times are tough, offices are short-staffed and every day we are doing more for less and not getting fairly compensated for it. Amazon Sunday delivery is coming to your neighborhoods and the APWU arbitration is now at our front door. All of that is summed up to create a lot of stress in our lives. With that being said, we all tend to forget about our own

health. We need to make our health a priority because without it, we aren't any good for our families as well as our business. Are you having a bad day today? Call a neighboring postmaster to tell them about it. It's not only a great stress release but also keeps you networking with other postmasters. Also, put yourself on that check list that you have at work. Make sure you get to the doctor annually. It's not just the LLV's that need servicing!

I hope to see all of you in January at our NAPUS Mid-Winter Conference the weekend of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be joining the Oregon chapter in hopes to get more people to convention. With the Post Plan in full swing and now the APWU decision coming down the pike, there has been a huge negative impact on our memberships. If you are interested in attending and need a roommate please contact me and I will help with getting you matched up with someone. It's a great way to get connected and save money by sharing costs.

Lastly, my thoughts and prayers go out to all the postmasters and their communities that were affected with the losses caused by the fires in North/Central Washington. I know that some of our NAPUS families have been directly affected by this.



## Postmasters serving their communities in Washington

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### Thanks to NAPUS members we have a great team effort.

Looking down the road just a bit I see the end of my tenure as your Chapter President coming quickly. As a matter of fact this is probably my last article in this role. First I would like to thank my fellow officers for their support during these past two years. Teri Johansen, Kristen Luther, Wendy Allen, Michelle Lee, Diana Ehlers-Schuler, Wendy Morris-Heller and Deanna Nielsen have been very helpful and willing to step up during these challenging times. Special thanks go out to Lisa Davis for her contributions as our PM Representative for the beginning of my Presidency. Lisa did a fantastic job and I am confident that Deanna will continue as the current PM Representative. The Washington State Retirees have also been instrumental in providing some of the best service to our organization. They take their "Relax and Enjoy" time and turn it into the "Labor of Love" of NAPUS. Karen Lemmon has done a phenomenal job in our hospitality room over and over again. Jackie Gurr coordinated all of the events including those in which she wasn't

responsible for. She constantly reminded me of the requirements and timelines to ensure that our events were first-class. We as an active Postmaster Organization will miss Jackie's contributions but rest assured she will be around to serve the Retirees. Jackie also remains active and serves through our Credit Union. The Washington State Chapter of NAPUS hosted a National Convention during my tenure as well. Angie Shapley was the convention chairperson; she took on all the responsibilities.



Bill Carlton  
Postmaster  
NAPUS President  
Washington State

### Scholarship Fund, Donations welcome

Hi All --- This is a memo from **Fur's Class Non Cents** otherwise known as Harriet Stay, PM retired

Since you didn't get to read my chatter in *The Evergreen*, I decided this may be the only option I have to reach most of you. I was thinking about the day I was first sworn in as a Postmaster and Dick Smith gently presented me with an 1187 to sign. He said all of the Postmasters join Napus. Yes, of course I signed. What I did over the years is get involved, volunteered, but I made choices. I would go to the Legislative Conferences rather than all the national conventions. It was a question of time and money.

What I volunteered for last year was to be the college Scholarship Chair. But, now there's a terrible problem. With so few of you attending conventions and conferences, I have no idea how I'll be able to hold an auction to raise money for our own college-bound students. I need your help!! If you're planning to go to Mid Winter in Hood River, OR, please bring something dazzling for the auction. We don't use any of our dues for this project. It's member-supported. If you can't attend, please send our treasurer, Kristen Luther, a donation. Send whatever amount you feel you would have spent bidding on items. I think that's fair and is most likely the only way we can continue to help your children or grandchildren with a monetary boost to off-set college tuition. The fees are skyrocketing.

I'd much rather you attend Mid Winter and bring an item for our auction. It's only a weekend, January 24th & 25th, and it's especially important to regroup and plan what can be done for the benefit of our Postal Service and for you, personally. I see it sliding down the rabbit hole.

Whether you have a college-age child or grandchild doesn't matter. We are talking about the future. I believe our children have the best chance of doing some good in this world. Postmasters are made of stronger stuff. My younger daughter and son-in-law were out of work for almost a year. They, unfortunately, live in a depressed area and were considering moving when they could not find decent-paying jobs. But --- they did! And why? They both have college degrees. My daughter returned to college and got her master's degree and is now teaching biology at a college. Wow! Am I impressed. It does make a difference. You can make a difference. Won't you?

Okay, this "hare" has more work to do.

I need to find something special to bring.

My love to you all,

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Please consider sending a donation if you are unable to attend.

*Kristen Luther*

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**Please notate your check ~ Scholarship fund**

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