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# NAPS Newsletter

*The Newsletter of Postal Supervisors, Branch 43*  
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**The next NAPS meeting will be held on January 09<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in Room 3001C at the General Mail Facility 25 Dorchester Ave. The Executive Board will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the NAPS Office Room B-15**

Here's hoping that you all had a joyous and wonderful holiday season.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the following months; January, March, September, and November. In addition, a brunch is scheduled during the month of November.

**Annual Scholarship & Retirement Brunch:** was held Sunday, November 12th at Montvale Plaza 54 Montvale Ave. Stoneham, MA. This may have been the last Bruch to be held at Montvale Plaza as we received word that it is being sold. If you have any suggestions on future locations please use the "Tell it to Naps" on our local website.

**SPAC Raffle:** Prizes awarded at the November Brunch were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500, to Al Ciccone, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$300, to Jay Coyne, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$200, to Rich Grady. Door prizes were won by Lisa Ronchetti, Ken Mason, and Dan Tobin.

**Annual Scholarship Awards:** Congratulations to this year's scholarship award recipients. The awards were presented at the November Brunch.

## Scholarship Winner

## Parent

Aimee Locke	daughter of Robert Locke
Aiden Grady	son of Rich Grady
Robert Munroe	son of Robert Munroe
Marisa Balleani	daughter Ron Balleani
Michele Dejoie	daughter of Charles Dejoie
Andrew Guthrie	son of Steven Guthrie
Harrison Newcomb	son of Kimberly Newcomb
Sabrina Sek	daughter of Paul Sek
Thomas Grogan	son of Mary Grogan
Courtney O'Connell	daughter of Gerald O'Connor

**Change of Address:** If you have moved in the last six months, please send us your new address.

**Delegates to 2018 Conventions:** Delegates to all conventions shall be confirmed at the regular January meeting in the year of the Convention. To be eligible to be a delegate a member must:

1. Be a regular or associate member in good standing with his/her dues paid up to and including the day of the January election
2. Have attended at least 3 complete meetings in the previous calendar year (the year prior to the convention) or 2 meetings and the November Brunch.
3. File with the Ballot Committee by the close of the November meeting in the calendar year prior to the convention year. Nomination papers must bear the signature of at least 10 members in good standing.

**Tell it to NAPS:** This is one way to make your voice heard. If you have any feedback or issues you wish to make your NAPS officers aware of, please use the Tell it to NAPS webpage. Remember, if we are not aware of a problem, we can't do anything about it.

**Legislative News:** President Trump signed into law “The TSP Modernization Act” , introduced by Reps. Elijah Cummings, D-MD, and Mark Meadows R-NC, This law would allow federal employees and retirees to make multiple age-based withdrawals from their Thrift Savings Plan and remain eligible for partial withdrawals after they leave the government as well. The bill would also allow those receiving monthly payments to change the amount of their annuity at any time, instead of only per year. Participants could change the frequency of payment as well.

To get additional information go to <http://www.naps.org> and look under issues of the Postal Service to find a link regarding Q and A's of questions referencing this new bill.

**Retirees:** On October 19<sup>th</sup> the Social Security Administration announced that the 2018 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security recipients and annuitants in both Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) will increase 2.0 percent. This is the first year that the COLA has been 2.0 percent or higher since 2012.

**See you at the Next Meeting January 09th – Room 3001C in the GMF**