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## President's Report

by Jim Good

President - Branch 599

### Retirees - Steward Installation Dinner

On the evening of Saturday, January 20, 2007 Branch 599 held our Annual Retirees - Shop Steward Installation Dinner at our union hall. This was a special affair because we were honored to have a number of national officers present, either currently serving in their elected positions or retired. Jim Souza, who served as a National Trustee and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, was present, as was Don Southern, recently retired Director of Retired Members. Matty Rose, long time National Business Agent for Region 9 who retired a few years ago was here, as was Judy Willoughby, who was appointed to complete Matty's term of office when he retired. Judy went on to run unopposed in 2006 after being nominated at the Las Vegas National Convention. She became the NALC's first female NBA when she was appointed to fill Matty's position in April of 2004.

As you know we were once again honored to have NALC President Bill Young present as the installing

officer for the shop stewards. After the installation ceremony he spoke about the ongoing contract negotiations and H. R. 6407, the "Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act". As he told us in the Postal Record, the only major sticking point is the inclusion of a restriction on Continuation of Pay. The "Act" states: "A Postal Service employee may use annual leave, sick leave, or leave without pay during that 3-day period, except that if the disability exceeds 14 days or is followed by permanent disability, the employee may have their sick leave or annual leave reinstated or receive pay for the time spent on leave without pay under this section." This was supposedly added to discourage fraudulent claims, but as I said in last month's article if the claim is not approved by OWCP the employee must repay the COP anyway.

As far as the update on the contract is concerned President Young said there is still hope of having a contract to submit to the membership. It seems that when the Postal Service became aware of the scheduling of the National Rap Session on January 28<sup>th</sup> they sent a message that they wanted to resume contract talks. President Young made it clear that the contracting out of letter carrier work was the "dealer breaker" and that we must stand strong on that issue. He promised to explain his plan on battling this major attack on letter carriers' jobs in detail during the rap session in Los Angeles.

We had over 230 people in attendance at the dinner and everyone said they had a very enjoyable evening. Once again



"Catering by the Family" did an outstanding job with the food and service. We set the hall up a little bit differently this year and it seemed that everyone liked the change.

We have a new office secretary, Rodna Kirk, who was here for the dinner and got to meet all the branch officers and shop stewards.

I think a great time was had by all and I, speaking for Branch 599, feel honored to have so many friends from our national office attend our dinner. I also want to say thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this affair successful. For all the carriers who didn't make it this year, try to make it next year because you missed a really good time!

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**RETIREES BREAKFAST  
(In Tampa)****First Monday of Every Month****9:00 AM at****The Coffee Cup****4407 N. Hubert****in Drew Park****RETIREES BREAKFAST  
(In Brandon)****Second Tuesday of Every Month****8:00 AM at****Buddy Freddy's****134 Gornto Lake Rd S.****in Brandon**

**Executive Vice-President's Report**

**by Detlev Aappel**

*Executive Vice-President - Branch 599*

***What Works, Works***

**A**s most of you know, the choice vacation selection process was run a little bit differently this year. In years past carriers had to submit a first choice, second choice, and third choice by a given date in hopes of securing up to fifteen days of choice vacation leave. If everything went perfectly management would notify you 30 days after the open period closed whether or not you got your choice and which choice it was. This system had several very serious draw backs. If you were a senior carrier then you would submit your choice and wait for the open period to close and then wait 30 days while the supervisor processed the leave requests. If you were a less senior carrier then you would have to submit your leave request plus additional leave requests that would come into play if your original choice was already taken by a senior carrier. Keep in mind that you would have no way of knowing which weeks were already earmarked by those senior to you. Junior carriers had to formulate several contingency plans in the hopes of securing a leave period that would fit into their

plans. Then these junior carriers would have to wait for the open period to close and then wait 30 days while the supervisor processed the leave requests. No matter what your seniority you were expected to submit perfect 3971 leave requests. The dates had to be Sunday through Saturday not Saturday through Friday. Your seniority had to be listed in the upper left. You had to identify which choice was first, second, etc. You had to remember to sign the 3971. If any of the above mentioned steps had not been properly done then your request was disqualified. Sometimes the supervisor made errors in recognizing seniority or in entering the days properly or in some cases omitting some carrier's requests all together.

The new system was vastly improved. The shop steward shepherded the actual leave calendar from carrier to carrier by descending seniority. The carrier would look to see which weeks were taken and which were available for selection. If need be the carrier could call his significant other to coordinate plans. Once the carrier decided which choice period he or she wanted

their name was entered in the appropriate days and the 3971's were filled out. Finally, the shop steward verified that the forms were filled out properly. In this way the carrier knew right away which weeks they had and could begin making plans, purchasing tickets, etc., immediately. No need to wait until the open period closed and then wait 30 days for the supervisor to process the requests.



This process was used in all stations in the city. Most carriers understood the obvious advantages at once. A very few carriers were a bit confused and put off by this method in the beginning but soon these carriers saw the obvious advantages to all carriers regardless of seniority. Most supervisors were glad to be freed from this arduous burden. This new system is actually the method used in the majority of NALC branches around the country. What works, works.

In Solidarity...

**President's Station Visits**

<b>COMMERCE</b>	<b>33602</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7</b>
<b>SEMINOLE</b>	<b>33603</b>	<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9</b>
<b>SULPHUR SPRINGS</b>	<b>33604</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14</b>
<b>YBOR STATION</b>	<b>33605</b>	<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16</b>
<b>HYDE PARK</b>	<b>33606</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b>
<b>TAMPA CARRIER ANNEX</b>	<b>33607</b>	<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b>
<b>TAMPA CARRIER ANNEX</b>	<b>33609</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28</b>
<b>PRODUCE</b>	<b>33610</b>	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 8</b>
<b>INTERBAY</b>	<b>33611</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14</b>
<b>INTERBAY</b>	<b>33629</b>	<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 16</b>
<b>FOREST HILLS</b>	<b>33612</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21</b>
<b>FOREST HILLS ANNEX</b>	<b>33613</b>	<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 23</b>
<b>HILLDALE STATION</b>	<b>33614</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28</b>
<b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY</b>	<b>33615</b>	<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 3</b>

**February Meetings**

- Thur 2-1-07 - Executive Board Meeting  
Union Hall, 6:30 PM
- Thur 2-1-07 - Branch Meeting  
Union Hall, 7:30 PM
- Tues 2-20-07 - TLC Board Of Directors Meeting  
Union Hall, 7:00 PM
- Tues 2-27-07 - Shop Stewards Meeting  
Union Hall, 7:00 PM

**Health & Welfare**

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Gustavo Vasquez and Valentine Picciandra, both of whom are recovering in the hospital.

**Arslan Uniform Drawing**

The jackpot for the drawing sponsored by Bill Moran and Arslan Uniforms is up to \$50.00.

Just show up for the branch meeting, and if your name is drawn it's your money.

On top of that, you just might learn something new about what's going on concerning your job.

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## Unionism

## Article 27 Employee Claims

**Y**ou are at work and you are wearing a brand new uniform. You walk past a crab cage on the workroom floor and you hear a loud tearing sound. Your new uniform shirt has been ripped by a piece of the crab cage that is sticking out and caught your shirt as you squeezed past on the crowded workroom floor. What can you do?

This is a situation for which Article 27 is specifically designed. Article 27 Employee Claims is for damage or loss of personal property. It is necessary to understand exactly what is meant by personal property to fully understand the workings of Article 27 so several definitions are in order:

**Personal Property:** Cash, Jewelry, Clothing, Carrier Uniforms and non motorized bikes. There is exclusion for automobiles and their contents and motorized bikes as damage to these items are handled through the Federal Tort Claims Act.

**Damage or Loss:** Must be a minimum of \$10 to qualify for the claims process.

Article 27 has some requirements that

must be met if a claim is to be filed and paid. First you must be able to answer two questions:

1. Was it necessary for the employee to have the damaged or lost item in their possession at work?
2. Was the value of the item so great that the employee should not have risked losing or damaging it at work?

In examining the above questions think about what they mean. Is it reasonable and/or necessary for someone to wear a \$3000 dollar watch to work, or a \$2000 diamond ring? These are the thoughts of the previous questions and, while I may have picked extreme examples, I think you get the picture.

The claim form PS2146 is used to file claims for loss. When this form is filed one must present the proper documentation, information on depreciation as well as wear and tear of the item. These items are used to verify the claim and set the proper value for any potential payout.

The time limits for filing your claim are within 14 days after the loss or damage was suffered. Contractually the employee is expected to know the proper procedures as well as the time limits for

filing a claim.

Once the claim form is filled out and it, plus the supporting documentation as well as recommendations from the Employer and the Steward will all be forwarded by the Employer to the B Team within 15 days for determination. Should the B Team decide to Impasse the claim appeal rights to Arbitration would apply as normal with any grievance.

The information for this article is taken from the JCAM and I recommend that you take the time to read it when you get a chance.

Remember, *knowledge is the key.*

Yours in brotherhood,

Brian Obst - Chief Steward, Branch 599

by Brian Obst

Chief Steward - Branch 599



### Retirees - Shop Steward Installation Dinner



Dook Ramotar, NBA Judy Willoughby, President Bill Young and Branch 599 Exec. V.P. Detlev Aeppl



National President Bill Young with Branch 599 President Jim Good

And The Beat Goes On

by Ray Wallace

Backwards

Well, here we are 2007 and what has changed? Not much, just another year. We're all one year older and from what I hear from most Post Office employees, it's one less year to go before they retire. It's a damn shame that the Post Office is run so badly that people can't wait to leave. If the right people were in charge, the Post Office could be run productively and have a much happier group of employees.

The other day, as I waited for a Fed Ex truck to make a turn, I was thinking that forty years ago this company and many more like it didn't exist. The Post Office and United Parcel were the only parcel companies around. United Parcel has gone up the ladder with deliveries all over the world and with electronic tracking. You call and they can tell you exactly where anything is. As we all know, the Post Office has gone backwards.

One example: When I was working, a manager came to me and asked if I had any J.C. Penny flyers. I looked at the stack of flyers on the floor and said, "Yes, I do. Should they have gone out yesterday?" (We will get to them

soon.) How can you stay in business when people pay you to deliver on time and you don't? No wonder the newspapers are full of ads and no wonder there are tons of delivery trucks all delivering parcels. The Post Office threw it away. There is no such thing as service to the customer any more, whether it's parcels or mail.

There was a time when management treated their employees with respect and it was a happy place to work. Most craft employees know it would be easy to do the job right and keep craft and management happy. From what I hear, most managers are counting the days until they can retire. It's not only craft but local managers as well who are unhappy with the way the job is run. When the crew is upset with working conditions, we can live with that. However, when management and crew are all upset, then it's time to throw the captain of the ship overboard. This is what happens in the movies but we all know it will never happen in the Post Office. Damn!

This is another true story that happened years ago in Brandon. An assistant to the Postmaster would listen to nothing. It was his way or the highway. The highway, to me, was one grievance after another. Any good shop steward will deal with the man and meet half way. Well, down the road

upper management saw there was a problem in Brandon and it was not the union. I met with some upper managers and this S.O.B. supervisor was sent to another office and a new manager was sent in. I sat down with the human being manager and we went through the stack of grievances, one by one. Neither side got all they wanted but we did agree on most and both sides came out happier. With that S.O.B. out of the office, moral went up as did productivity. Sick calls went down and there were very few, if any, grievances. So it all boils down to who is running the ship. It's against the law to strike so you can't do a mutiny. As my story points out, at that time upper management did care but it seems that today nobody gives a damn. Wear your life jackets!

My condolences to a past officer of Branch 599, Alan Peacock, on the passing of his son.

Congratulations to Gilbert Cabanas on his retirement from the Post Office after forty one years. Forty one! Can you believe that? Wow!

And the beat goes on . . .



Retirees - Shop Steward Installation Dinner



President Young with former NBA Matty Rose & friend



Pres. Young being introduced to TCA steward Mike Sovan

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## A Point of Personal Privilege

by Leslie Ray Garcia

*Death of Unionism*

In 1935 Congress enacted the National Labor Relations Act which protected the rights of workers to organize. It was to help restore “equality of bargaining power between employers and employees” to remove “sources of industrial strife” and was to “safeguard commerce.” With the establishment of the NLRA all workers’ rights were justified allowing the strengthening of the entire economy of the United States. The NLRB is a “quasi-judicial” entity and its members are appointed by the President. This entity is allowed to adjudicate labor disputes and actually sets the rules that govern those disputes.

However, the current Republican-dominated and anti-worker NLRB is not enthralled with the betterment of the U.S. workforce. “A recent case involving the Oakwood Healthcare decision the NLRB in its usual 3-2 Republican majority vote excluded a group of Michigan nurses. Most of the important labor laws were despicably denied on technical grounds that the nurses were considered “supervisors” not “employees.” In one stroke of Union busting potentially tens of thousands will lose the rights to join unions and to have collective bargaining to improve wages, work hours, safety, etc. In September the board struck down the right of employees to wear union buttons at work. This case came out of San Diego at the ‘W Hotel’ in which the owners, the Starwood Hotels & Resorts chain, seek to have their guests experience a “wonderland” and that they should receive “whatever they want, whenever they want it.” The employees are mostly low-paid Latino laborers that wore buttons bearing four words including the name of their Union, “Justice Now! Justicia Ahora!” Their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights were trampled by the ruling from the NLRB because the buttons were deemed “controversial.” The ruling is now ‘precedent setting’ and must be adhered to by all workers in labor dis-

putes. In Jacksonville, Texas (President Bush’s home state) back in 2000, the employees of a small meat-cutting department at a Wal-Mart voted to unionize. One week later, Wal-Mart announced that it was phasing out in-store meat-cutting departments nationwide. The speedy NLRB took 6 years to rule that Wal-Mart had unlawfully retaliated against workers trying to unionize. The administrative law judge was totally ignored by the NLRB even though Wal-Mart violated the law and allowed Wal-Mart not to have to restore the unionized meat department!

Due to many such anti-worker decisions by the NLRB during the Bush years, the total effect has been devastating for our global economy. Worker rights have been eroded because of the cheap labor conditions and costs in countries such as China, India, Vietnam, Mexico, Pakistan, etc. “A nationwide study by the University of Illinois at Chicago found that: 1) 30% of employers fire pro-union workers. 2) 49% threaten to close a work site when workers try to unionize. 3) 82% hire consultants to fight union-organizing drives. 4) 91% force employees to attend anti-union meetings with supervisors.” “Our research clearly shows that firings, bribes and threats are pervasive and these actions greatly impede workers’ ability to form unions,” said Nik Theodore, director of the university’s Center for Urban Economic Development.

President Bush continues to point to ‘low unemployment’ and a ‘resurgent stock market’ as indicators of a strong economy. However, median incomes are flat, healthcare costs increase daily, pensions are allowed to be de-funded, corporations are allowed to renege on established contracts with unions. The home insurance industry in ‘supposed’ areas of natural disasters are allowed to cancel policies or increase premiums that price out almost all middle class and poor home owners. Even with many of these same problems within Florida the 2006 mid-term state,

county and city elections resulted in a stay the course Republican majority. I guess ignorance is bliss?



In November of 2004 all over New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, American Indians were seized by indecision. It seems they drove or walked in the thousands to the voting polls only to say “Who cares?” and left without voting for President? A voting bird flu type epidemic hit McKinley County, New Mexico, which is 74.7% Navajo Indian and “less than one in ten of these voters picked a president.” The absentee or paper ballot voters voted overwhelmingly for John Kerry but the machine-counted vote said the Indians couldn’t make up their minds or just plain didn’t care. The new touch screen machines were wheeled into the voting polls the day of the election and later indicated that one in twelve Native Americans didn’t vote for president! Hey, “White Eyes,” almost all of the American Indians are Democrats! In that specific community there are no registered Republicans? They even had the “Ketchup Queen,” Teresa Heinz Kerry at a luncheon even though Laura Bush was too busy elsewhere. It seems that only one out of ten Mexican-American voters chose a president? Or so the touch screens implied. George W. Bush won New Mexico by only 5,988 votes but suspiciously 21,084 ballots showed no vote for president? The data tabulated from the New Mexico vote indicated that if you were of Hispanic descent the chance your vote would not record on the machine was 500% higher than if you were ‘Caucasian’ or ‘White’. The blank vote by Native Americans was well above the 500% figure! Documented evidence indicated that the “Black, Hispanic and Native American” voters cast less than 89% of the no choice votes! In Ohio, the trick was to allocate more voting machines in strategically Republican strongholds in which there were air conditioned polls with numerous personal facilities but in the predominantly Democratic areas there was

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## Around The Horn

by Tony Diaz

Financial Secretary - Branch 599

**Contract Negotiations**

**B**rothers and Sisters, as I mentioned in last month's article we were not able to reach a settlement for a new contract with the U.S. Postal Service in November. To better prepare for this impasse in the NALC's collective bargaining negotiations and to outline the union's preparations for interest arbitration, the NALC will meet for a National Rap Session. The session will be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles on Sunday January 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Every branch has been asked to send at least one representative to this meeting. President Young truly feels this is the most important Rap Session in NALC's history. President Jim Good will represent Branch 599; hopefully we will have a detailed update at our February Union Meeting. The status of contract negotiations will be covered along with debates concerning the future of our union and the United States Postal Service. The Contracting-out of new territories and routes will also be a hot subject, we must combat this practice now before we loose more and more valuable area that should be delivered by the City Letter Carriers. New residential and

commercial developments, high-rise buildings, shopping malls and apartment complexes are all candidates to be contracted-out. Contractually, we cannot fight the United States Postal Service on this issue; we will lose territories through this approach as we did with the rural routes. I believe we must be creative in our battle to keep and retain new areas of development. One idea President Young mentioned, is going public, to notify and educate America as to what is occurring throughout our communities. This plan could be carried-out through television and radio announcements, informational pickets, billboards and door-to-door contact. I believe we need to make this a National Security Issue. Through the Senate and Homeland Security we could build momentum that would help us in our cause to combat contracting-out. Think about it, security at our work places throughout the country is the number one priority. Since 9/11, the Postal Service has spent millions of dollars to update and install new security to better defend against attack. We are held accountable for every piece of mail now more so than ever before. Locked vehicles, pinned entry doors, wearing identification badges, signing for accountable mail and collection keys are all things taken much more seriously now than

ever. In reiterating our daily, high priority procedures, I believe it is these practices that can help us in our fight. Should America trust the security of the mails to just anyone who wins a bid to contract-out? Should doctors, lawyers and corporate America trust their important documents and checks to any person hired off the street to deliver these contract areas? Who are these present and future contractors? Are they felons? Embezzlers? Terrorists? Possibly Anti-U.S. Government supporters? Will they be properly screened? Given background checks? All valid questions we must challenge and make an issue of, in order to protect the future of The City Letter Carrier. As most of you know who read my articles, I am big supporter of President Young. I feel confident with him and the rest of our union leaders the right decisions will be made in a most critical time in the NALC's history. The preparation now for these big issues is vital to the continued success of our Great Union.

I look forward to talking to you again on the next *Around The Horn*.

**Personal Privilege** (from page 8)

no A/C and very little to no personal facilities. It seems that close to 70,000 minority voters of Ohio, *Black* and *Hispanic* had to stand in long lines for over 7 hours but left because of frustration or they had to leave! Throughout the nation in strong John Kerry democratic precincts 265% of the absentee voters had their ballots rejected and did not have their votes counted for president! Afro-American voters had a higher fatality rate than the white Democrats in the amount of 316% .

*"Few people can be happy unless they hate some other person, nation, or creed."*  
Bertrand Russell

**Retirees - Shop Steward Installation Dinner**

Retirees Corner

by Jose Oliva

Trustee - Branch 599

# Tampa Carrier Annex Christmas Party

I hope to see everyone at the Union Meeting on February 1st and all the retirees at the breakfast on February 5th.



On January 20, 2007, Branch 599 held their annual Retirees Dinner and Installation of Shop Stewards at the Union Hall. President Bill Young was the installing officer. National Business Agent Judy Willoughby also attended the dinner. We all had a great time at the dinner.



I also attended the Christmas Party at the Tampa Carrier Annex; I was a letter carrier there for 35 years. The food was wonderful and I enjoyed spending time with my friends for the holidays.

Branch 599 also held a Christmas Party on December 17, 2006 for the children. The children took pictures with Santa Claus, played games and enjoyed plenty of pizza, ice cream and popcorn.



Retirees - Shop Steward Installation Dinner



# It's never too late or too early to start saving for your retirement!

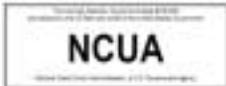
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