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Branch 351, Serving The Letter Carriers of Olympia,
Lacey, Tumwater and Shelton, WA since 1892

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NALC Branch 351

Annual Picnic

August 25, 2013

Noon till ???????

Columbus Park

5700 BLACK LAKE BLVD SW
Olympia, Wa 98512

360-786-9460



Items Are Needed for Raffle

Donated items for raffle are needed no later than the 22nd
of August

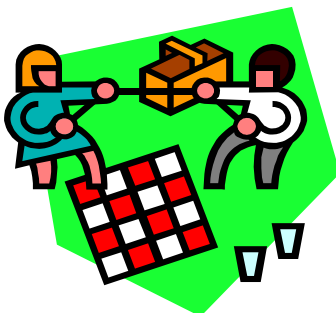
Points of Contact for Donated Items: Vince Corsi (Lacey)

Al Floyd (Downtown)

Branch will provide everything for the picnic except some
side dishes

Families are asked to bring a dish to pass

Games for all ages



Minutes of Meeting: August 2nd, 2012

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 pm, at the Labor Temple, on 119 ½ Capital Way N. Olympia.

“Eight” members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Al Floyd.

Roll Call of Officers: All Branch Officers were present with the following exceptions, Lisa Wooden, absent. The Dir. of Retirees, MBA, HBR and one Trustee positions are vacant.

Minutes of the Previous Month: A motion was made to accept the June minutes as printed, seconded and carried.

Applications for Membership: Cory Shupp and one CCA.

Communications: A letter was received stating a local is being sent to arbitration, to add CCA's to vacation picks. Tom Gates passed away July 2, past Oregon State Director of Education for 30 years. Regional Assembly will be in White Fish, MT. Sept 29 thru Oct 4. Apple Bee's sent a \$25 gift card for inquiring into fund raising.

Committees: Annual Picnic set for August 25. Ric Zassenhaus will loan his sound system for the Christmas Party. Ric said our food drive totals were down this year, but we were still eight nation wide for our branch size. A motion was made to raffle the Apple Bee's gift card at the annual picnic, seconded and carried.

MBA: No Report.

HBR: No Report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Good of the Association: T-6's that lost a route due to the route adjustments are an Unassigned Regular. Al has info for a Mariners game-night next week

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and after a very long discussion on moving money within the budget to cover negative line-items, it carried.

50/50 COLCPE Drawing: None.

MDA Drawing: None

Food for next month's meeting: Meconi's Subs

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM.

Submitted by Stephen Ambeau

Vice-President Report by Debbie Dixon – July 2013

The 6th of 10 Great Moments in Letter Carrier History

First Workers' Compensation law

Another reality of turn-of-the-century working conditions that seems especially brutal to workers today is that when carriers were injured on the job, they had no guarantee of receiving any kind of compensation for that injury. In fact, the employer could actually sue the injured employee for being careless! If you were lucky, a company representative would appear with a proposed settlement—a few dollars, perhaps enough to cover a funeral if the employee had been killed—and in return the employees or their families had to agree not to sue the company.

That harsh reality changed for letter carriers in 1916. Intensive lobbying by the NALC resulted in a landmark piece of legislation—the first Federal Employees' Compensation Act. This law ensured that postal and federal employees who were injured on the job would receive compensation and medical benefits. Again, dedicated union leadership backed by the full support of members—now totaling some 32,000 carriers in 1,694 branches—achieved a powerful victory that literally saved carriers' lives and livelihoods. (reprinted from the NALC website at www.nalc.org)

The progress made from our Union Brothers in the past on compensation and benefits is in jeopardy today. Union leadership is needed once again to save Carriers' lives and their livelihoods. Still to this day, we have Carriers dying out on their routes for one reason or another; we have Carriers being injured for life due to the physical nature of being a Letter Carrier. FECA is a necessity when the jobs being performed daily are so physical.

While it is wonderful if you are a Letter Carrier who can say that they have not had a need for workers compensation, it is likely that you will have a need before you reach a 30 year retirement; whether it is compensation for a surgery (a couple months), a few surgeries (a couple years) or for a permanent injury (until retirement). On-the-job injuries will happen. We are all human. To think differently would be unrealistic.

In Unionism,
Debbie Dixon



Enjoy the Nice Weather, Relax and Have Fun Outdoors



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