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Presidents Report

After having time to look at the new contract, I firmly believe our national leaders did an excellent job in preserving the main issues we were concerned with, such as the preservation of wage and benefits, contracting out, and keeping the no-layoff clause. I know the one portion of the agreement that has bothered some members was the way the TE's were reclassified. Remember, when you go to arbitration, you put your fate in the hands of an outside party and are never sure what the outcome will be. If you look deep into this agreement the new "TE's" or CCA's have a lot better future than the old TE's did. There was no future for the old TE's, but now there is! I understand the hourly rate has been drastically cut, but remember, they offered a higher rate in order not to offer any other benefits. With this new agreement there are a lot more benefits with the best one the opportunity to become a career employee. Once hired, they will have a chance to get to the top salary in the same time as previous new carriers. They also have opting rights to hold down vacant assignments and a full uniform allowance, among many other things. They now have rights under Article 16, unlike before, when they could be removed without any progressive discipline being taken. I ask each TE to look at the positives of this agreement and that you will all be hired to a carrier position and have a long future in the postal service. Don't be surprised if you see management offer some sort of incentive to the CSRS and eligible FERS carriers to retire, since there is a large hourly and benefit difference between the two classes! There are rumors being floated out there, so stay tuned! I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has stepped up and began giving to COLCPE since our last appeal in September. If you looked at this month's postal record, you will see Branch 908 was the 4th highest percentage increase (1.98%) in branches of our size between 500-999 members. If you have given to this important endeavor, you will see your name in print in the Postal Record. Let us keep this upward trend going. In keeping with that acknowledgement we have once again included this month our **Branch 908 Honor Roll** for those who have given to COLCPE and have signed on as an E-Activist. We have doubled our E-Activist and COLCPE numbers from last year, which is awesome, but I would once again ask those of you who do not appear on the Honor Roll to ask yourself the question, "Why am I not on this list"? The strongest part of the union is the memberships' togetherness. We are only as strong as sum of our parts. Please join your brothers and sisters who have done their part and show your true union strength by doing your part and sign up as an E-Activist and giving to COLCPE. Thanks again for all your support.

Gary DiGiacomo- President

Next Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting of the Branch will be held on **Wednesday, February 20th @ 8 p.m.**, at the American Legion Hall, 502 Colonial Ave., North Woodbury. The regular monthly meetings of the Branch are held on the Third Wednesday of each month @ 8 p.m., The Branch Board of Officers and Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The Board of Officers meet @ **7:30 p.m.**, and the Executive Board @ **8 p.m.** The next meeting of the Board of Officers and Executive Board will be on **Wednesday, February 13th, 7:30 and 8 p.m.** respectively.

Attendance Prize Now Stands at \$50

Had he been in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Branch on **Wednesday, January 16, John Martin**, a member from our Deptford Office (Barrington) would have been the recipient of the **\$25** attendance prize. The prize now increases to **\$50** and will increase **\$25** per meeting, up to a maximum of **\$250**, until a member in attendance has their name drawn.

6th Annual Branch Banquet- April 13th, 2013

The **6th Annual Branch 908 Banquet** will be held on **April 13, 2013** from **7:00 – 11:00pm** at **Kelly Ann Ballroom Highland Blvd. & Sylvan Ave. Gloucester City N.J.** This is a great night to eat, drink, dance, and socialize with good friends and especially to honor those members who have retired in the past year as well as those who have been selected to receive Branch Awards. If you have retired since the last banquet or you will retire before **April 13, 2013** contact Branch Recording Secretary, Mike Powell at 908recordingsec@comcast.net. All Branch Members, family and friends are encouraged to attend at a cost of **\$20pp**. **The cost for current Branch retirees is \$10**. Tickets may be picked up from Branch Recording Secretary **Mike Powell** at any Branch Meeting, or by mailing the form below with checks made out to NALC Branch 908, to PO Box 375, Gloucester City, NJ 08030.

Name: _____
(Please print)
Check One: Honoree () Retiree () Other ()
Total Number Attending:
Amount of remittance enclosed:

Send to PO Box 375, Gloucester City, NJ 08030 by March 31, 2013. Members of the Branch who have retired since our last Banquet will be honored and presented with tokens of our appreciation. **If you have retired since the last Banquet or you will retire before April 13, 2013, please contact the Branch Recording Secretary, Mike Powell @ 856-287-8768 or 908recordingsec@comcast.net.**

Nominations for Shop Steward of the Year

The Shop Steward of the Year Award will be awarded at the Branch Retiree's Banquet. Simply write on a piece of paper the following information: Name of Steward being nominated, Office, Person making nomination (must be from Steward office), and statement including accomplishments, knowledge of contract, ability to deal with co- workers and management, and dedication to the NALC and 908. All submissions must be received by March 28, 2013. The winner will be selected by the Awards Committee and kept confidential until the presentation at the Banquet.

Phone Numbers to Remember

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908 Honor Roll of Involvement

COLCPE Contributors

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2013 Branch Budget Passed

Those in attendance and eligible to vote at the regular monthly meeting of the Branch held on **January 16th** unanimously approved the Branch 2012 Budget. The budget estimates the receipt and expenditures of the Branch at **\$281,357.00** for 2013.

Postal Service to Cut Saturday Mail to Trim Costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The financially struggling U.S. Postal Service says it plans to stop delivering mail on Saturdays, but continue delivering packages six days a week. In an announcement scheduled for later Wednesday (2/6/13), the service is expected to say the cut, beginning in August, would mean a cost saving of about \$2 billion annually. It was not immediately clear how the service could eliminate Saturday mail without congressional approval.

Vincent R. Sombrotto, 1923-2013

Jan 10, 2013 --Vincent R. Sombrotto, 89, a towering figure in the history of the National Association of Letter Carriers and one of the most significant U.S. labor leaders of recent decades, died Jan. 10. "Vince's long tenure and tireless work for this union, at both the local and national levels, has left a lasting, positive impact on all the men and women who have carried the mail since the Great Postal Strike."