

908 News

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Presidents Report

Happy New Year everyone! I would like to commend everyone on their excellent job this Holiday season in delivering our record number of parcels. Our Amazon pilot was a complete success, as we delivered 99.9% of their packages. Great job in understanding the importance of this endeavor. What still boggles my mind is how we still had some “A-Hole” managers out there harassing our members with DOIS during this period. “REALLY?” Our carriers were trying their best to get the packages delivered fighting darkness and all the other elements, but we still saw some managers pushing DOIS down their throat! The good managers understood there was no way to project street times in this time when there were 5 times as many packages as SPLY, even though their POOMS tried to tighten the noose around their necks. I applaud those offices that had smart managers, and are embarrassed by those offices that had “clowns” running their office. We know who you are, and will continue to monitor your actions going forward. You guys and gals are pathetic. On to some good news to report for our PTF’s. As of December 29th, we began to see many of our PTF’s converted to regular carriers in offices that had residual Q-1 vacancies. I know it has been a long time coming for many of our PTF’s who had to sit idly by while vacant assignments were being held for excessed employees due to Article 12. Well, the perseverance has finally paid off and we are getting all of our PTF’s converted. Thanks to the many clerks taking the buy-out and the new TE memo, it looks like we can now get back to business as usual and get promotions when we have openings. Congratulations to all PTF’s who are now regulars. If you are in an office with residual vacancies and have PTF’s who have not been converted please let your steward know so we can find out the reason why there has not been a conversion. The next item I would like to report on is the financial state of your branch. Thanks to the Trustees and Treasurer, and specifically head Trustee Chairman Jim Comuso, who has made sure our monies are being spent economically and properly, we are financially strong in an environment that is shaky. There had been a downward spiral in our membership over the last year or so, but that now seems to have leveled off and I expect the numbers to rise with the recent influx of TE’s. I hope that with a new agreement there will be a provision to get our TE’s the first crack at being hired in the career workforce when the need to hire arises. If you attend the monthly meetings, you can see where all of your money goes and how it is used to keep this Branch running. I ask everyone to attend the meetings to see how our Branch functions and what your Officers do. We will be voting on this year’s budget at the start of the meeting this month, so if you would like to see where our monies go and have a question on any of our items in our budget, please attend and voice your opinion. Just remember, this is your union, and we are just holding down the fort for the future officers and members. The next issue we are waiting on, and the most important, is our new contract. As I stated at the December meeting, we are hoping to get news on a new agreement sometime this month. I hope that I will have some news at our regular meeting later this month. Lastly, as I write this month’s article we have appeared to escape being included in any legislation to fix the postal service during the lame-duck session of Congress. That does not mean we can rest, but means we have time to mobilize our efforts for the fight this coming year on making sure we get our leaders to do the right thing. That being said, I would like to thank all those members who have

signed up as an **E-Activist** and have signed up as a **GIMME 5 for COLCPE** during the past year. We are starting to increase our membership totals in both these categories and I ask you to once again consider being a part of this most important part of your union duties. We are the strongest when we are all together. Regardless of your political affiliations, we all need to be in this together if we want this institution to survive going forward. Thanks all for your support.

Gary DiGiacomo- President

Next Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting of the Branch will be held on **Wednesday, January 16th @ 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, January 9th, 7:30 and 8 p.m.** respectively.

The NALC Flu and Pneumococcal Vaccine Administration Network

The NALC Health Benefit Plan offers influenza, pneumococcal and seasonal flu vaccines to NALC Health Benefit Plan members and their eligible dependents at NO COST *when the NALC Health Benefit Plan is the primary payer for medical expenses*

The NALC Flu and Pneumococcal Vaccine Administration Network is comprised of more than 51,000 local NALC Preferred and NALC Care Select pharmacies (including more than 7,000 CVS Pharmacies and Longs Drugs stores) pharmacies. When administered by a pharmacist at a participating pharmacy, the following vaccines are available free of charge:

- Injectable Seasonal Flu Vaccine
- Intranasal Seasonal Flu Vaccine (FluMist®) & Intradermal Flu Vaccine
- Injectable Seasonal Flu High Dose (Fluzone® High Dose) Vaccine
- Adult Pneumococcal Vaccine
- Pediatric Pneumococcal Vaccine”

To find a pharmacy near you that participates in the NALC Flu and Pneumococcal Vaccine Administration Network, visit http://pharmacyshots.com/vaccine_network_01.pdf, or you can call CVS Caremark Customer Care at 1-800-933-NALC (6252). **Don't forget recall on Atorvastatin. For details Call your pharmacist, or contact the NALC health plan at 1-888-636-NALC(6252). All Optical claims please send to George Greenwood, HBR, 1083 Chews Landing Rd., Laurel Springs, NJ 08021. Have a Safe, Healthy New Year.**

George Greenwood -HBO

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