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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KIMETRA LEWIS



The 2020 pandemic forced the cancellation of the NALC convention scheduled for Hawaii; however, the 72nd Biennial Convention held in Chicago, Illinois filled in the void the cancelled convention created. The Chicago convention was strategically organized and provided the delegates with a multitude of workshops and evening activities which overcompensated for the disappointment we experienced in 2020.

Branch 132 was supported by forty-four (44) delegates. The morning and evening workshops were very informative on issues affecting active and retired letter carriers. During the convention sessions, the delegates had an opportunity to vote on proposed amendments to the National Constitution and proposed resolutions that could potentially affect our national agreement. Our national officers brought in powerful speakers for union rights from across the country to enlighten and inspire the delegates of the essential need for letter carriers. Awards and presentations were given to the first-place branches for their contributions to the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). A movie depicting the 1970 NALC strike led by former President James Rademacher and City Carrier, later to become National President, Vince Sombrotto. Among other things, there was the announcement of the Cost-of-Living Adjustment of \$2455 which takes effect on August 27, 2022.

At the National Convention we witness the ending of one journey and the beginning of another one. Our National Business Agent, Javier Bernal was honored for his dedicated service to NALC during a celebratory retirement dinner on Thursday night of the convention. On the behalf of the branch, I presented

NBA Bernal with a token of our appreciation for the educational tools he equipped Branch 132 with in our fight for justice. His willingness to help others will have a lasting impact upon Branch 132 for the years to come.

From our NBA's exit comes the beginning of a new chapter for our very own Shawn Boyd. I was personally moved by his request for me to endorse him as National Business Agent for Region 10 and found it to be a privilege and an honor. Following the announcement of his nomination, he was elected National Business Agent for Region 10 by acclamation. Without a doubt, our newly elected NBA will take the torch handed to him and continue to elevate the members of Region 10 to higher accomplishments.

Shawn Boyd has demonstrated to us all that something big can come from something small. Shawn was a city letter carrier assigned to the Sulphur Springs Post Office, an office that has only nine city routes. Shawn took the skills he acquired and utilized them for the betterment of NALC. He is now being positioned to lead Region 10 to greater heights through his leadership. As members of Branch 132, we should all be proud that once again one of our own will be serving as a national officer for NALC.

To sum things up, the convention was an overall success. I would like to encourage those of you who have never attended a convention, to start getting more involved with your union. There is so much more to your union membership than what you witness on the workroom floor. Greater things are ahead for Region 10, Branch 132 and NALC as a whole. Do not hear about them second-hand. Be one of the first to know. You can start by coming to our monthly branch meetings held every first Monday at 7:30 pm at the Union Hall located at 8451 Endicott Lane, Dallas, Texas 75227. Delegates for our State and National Conventions are nominated in October. Any nominated active member who attends six meetings will be considered a paid delegate to those conventions. The State Convention is held in the odd years and the National Convention is held in the even years. Do not get left out! Get involved! You are the "U" in Union.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

At the July Branch Meeting, the scholarship winners for 2022 were announced. Treasurer Steve Ellenberg coordinated the Scholarship Committee. The branch gave four scholarships of \$1000 each and the Auxiliary gave out a \$1000 scholarship. The recipients of the branch scholarships are Taylor Reese Dickson, Essien Cooper, Caitlyn Gloria and Riley Dean Kirk. Brandi Meredith received the scholarship from the Auxiliary. At the August meeting, Graduate Essien Cooper, along with her family, and President Kim Lewis gathered for a group picture. Best wishes to all of the graduates.

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AFL-CIO Council meets third Thursday of each month.

Branch meeting 7:30 PM first Monday of each month unless deferred by membership vote.

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Taylor Reese Dickson
Granddaughter of Julie D. Rooks - Desoto MPO
Taylor will be attending Texas Tech University



Essien Cooper
Daughter of Edwin D. Cooper - Mesquite MPO
Essien will be attending The University of Texas San Antonio



Caitlyn Gloria
Granddaughter of Juan Gloria - Oaklawn Station
Caitlyn will be attending Navarro College



Riley Dean Kirk
Great Grandson of Jerry Dean Kirk
Riley will be attending Central Texas College



Brandi Meredith – Auxiliary 28
Granddaughter of Bobby G. Meredith
Brandi will be attending The University of Arkansas



President Lewis gathered with Graduate Essien Cooper and family for a group picture.



The National Scholarship Committee



JANINE SINGLETON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

JUNE 2022

National Dues	\$73,199.80
OWCP Dues	538.44
Annuity Withholding	777.70
Active Dues	0.00
MBA Rebate	0.00
TSALC Rebate	
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	2.34
TOTAL \$	\$74,518.28

JULY 2022

National Dues	\$109,337.71
OWCP Dues	901.35
Active Dues	193.50
Retiree Dues	24.00
MBA Rebate	0.00
TSALC Rebate	0.00
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	2.61
TOTAL \$	\$110,459.17

MONTHLY INCOME REPORT

PP-01	1971	1760	57030	36011
PP-02	1959	1756	57601	37716
PP-03	1992	1799	58549	37456
PP-04	1997	1771	58541	37415
PP-05	1979	1789	58334	37259
PP-06	1988	1781	58614	37508
PP-07	1964	1769	58036	37020
PP-08	1965	1758	57650	36705
PP-09	1945	1754	57624	36778
PP-10	1964	1779	58637	37693
PP-11	1965	1743	57417	36482

TREASURER REPORT

JULY 2022

General Fund	\$316,778.32
Regular Shares	25.00
Money Market	511,723.76
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	124,779.46
<i>Convention Fund</i>	85,000.00
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	5,750.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	3,610.57
<i>Education Fund</i>	20,900.00
<i>Money Market</i>	271,683.73
MDA Fund	2,207.91
CD 18 Month	107,225.76
CD 18 Month	104,494.70
CD 12 Month	103,432.53
TOTAL \$	\$1,145,887.98

AUGUST 2022

General Fund	\$331,503.54
Regular Shares	25.00
Money Market	511,767.22
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	124,228.37
<i>Convention Fund</i>	85,000.00
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	5,750.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	2,857.57
<i>Education Fund</i>	20,900.00
<i>Money Market</i>	273,031.28
MDA Fund	2,208.10
CD 18 Month	107,289.53
CD 18 Month	104,556.84
CD 12 Month	103,485.25
TOTAL \$	\$1,160,835.48

SICK & WELFARE REPORT

Addison – Joyce Crawford; Jesse Garcia; Eric Hill; Larry Neal.

Caesar Clark – Reso Washington; Michelle Hubbard's father and aunt passed away.

Collections – Latresha Clayton-Webb is a new grandmother of a baby boy, Legend Armon Jones, weighing in at 6 lbs., 7 oz.; Wencheng Wang.

The Colony – Gwendoln McClendon.

Downtown – Greg Allen's mother passed away.

Kaufman – Stephanie Manuel.

Longview (Northwest) – Scott Eades.

Parkdale – Locquetta McCoo.

Pleasant Grove – Ron Stover's mother-in-law passed away.

Seagoville – Miguel Concha.

Retirees – Jeff Miller had knee surgery on both knees on July 13, 2022.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sid Simmons

In 2005, NALC President Emeritus Bill Young created a mentor/training program called the Leadership Academy. The premise was that branch and regional officers would mentor the next generation of leaders, that showed promise and potential. If selected by headquarters, the experienced officers would pledge in writing to support and guide applicants, once they had completed an extensive training program.

During my tenure as branch president from 2007 through 2015, I mentored at least three of our members, that are currently having successful post Leadership Academy careers. One of them is Shawn Boyd.

Shawn Boyd began his career as a steward in Sulphur Springs, Texas. It didn't take long for me to recognize his abilities. As a result, in 2010, I appointed Shawn to serve on a full-time Formal A Team for all associate offices. He effectively served in that capacity, until such time his abilities came to the attention of our national leaders. It was during that period, when headquarters needed a select few national level advocates to arbitrate grievances for our injured members. After a very successful win rate at arbitration, the NALC hired Shawn to work at headquarters in Washington, D.C. He served in that position, until such time he was appointed Regional Administrative Assistant for Texas and New Mexico by NALC President Fred Rolando. Shawn is currently serving in that position.

Our current National Business Agent is Javier Bernal, who has done a great job. However, he recently announced that he would not be seeking re-election. As a result, President Rolando made the decision to support Shawn Boyd to be our next National Business Agent for Region 10.

I am very pleased to announce that Shawn Boyd was elected by acclamation, at the National Convention in Chicago, Illinois on August 10, 2022.

I am very proud of my good friend, and fellow member of NALC Lone Star Branch 132. I wish Shawn many more years of success as National Business Agent and beyond.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Currently, the branch meetings and steward training are being held at the union hall and being simultaneously broadcast over Zoom. With new developments, these plans could change, so be sure to keep up with the latest information on the branch's Facebook page at "NALC Branch 132 Connection" or check the website at: "nalclonestarbranch132.org".

September 1 – 7:00 pm – Steward training

September 5 – Postal Holiday – Labor Day

September 12 – 7:30 pm – Monthly branch meeting

September 26 – Executive Board Meeting (Members may address the board by making an appointment.)

October 3 – 7:30 pm – Monthly branch meeting

October 6 – 7:00 pm – Steward training

October 10 – Postal Holiday – Columbus Day

October 10 – National Business Agent Javier Bernal - Region 10 Small Batch Training 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
(All members are welcome)

October 31 – Executive Board Meeting (Members may address the board by making an appointment.)

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT WINNERS – DOMINO WINNERS



Texas Hold 'em winners (left to right):
Sid Simmons - 3rd place; James "Pawpaw" Degarso - 1st place; Elliott Harris - 2nd place.



Damon Lofton - 1st place



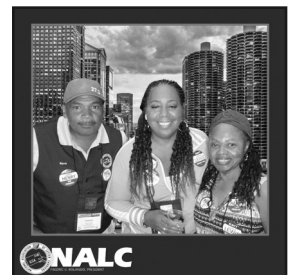
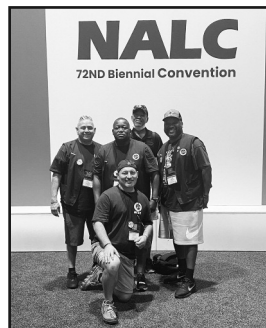
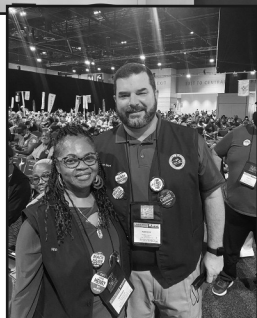
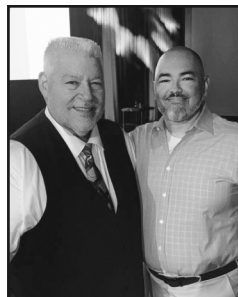
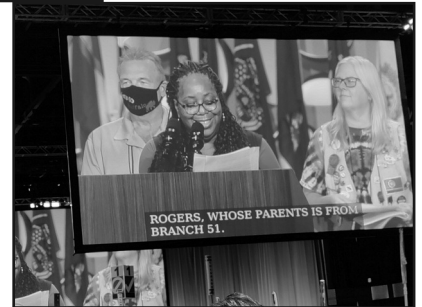
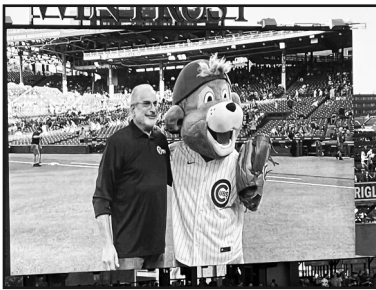
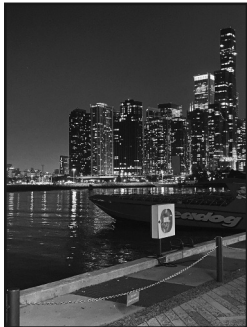
Domino winners

Teeke White - 2nd place

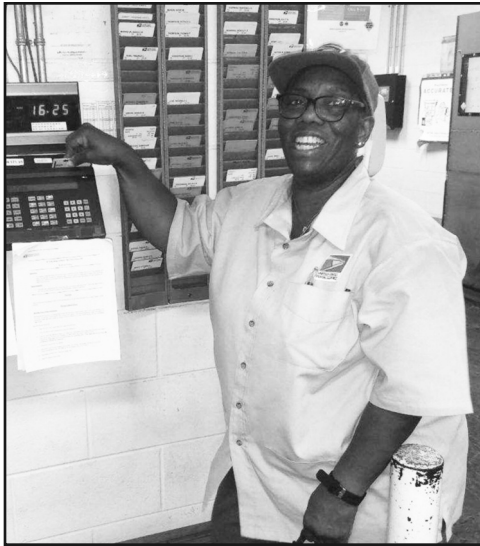
CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The YouTube address below will show all of the speakers and videos shown at the convention, including “The Revolt of the Good Guys” the 1970 Postal Strike.

[youtube.com/user/ThePostalRecord](https://www.youtube.com/user/ThePostalRecord)



LAST PUNCH BUNCH



CATHY WOOLRIDGE

LONGVIEW NORTHWEST - 42 YEARS



MICHAEL GRANT

LEWISVILLE MPO - 33 YEARS

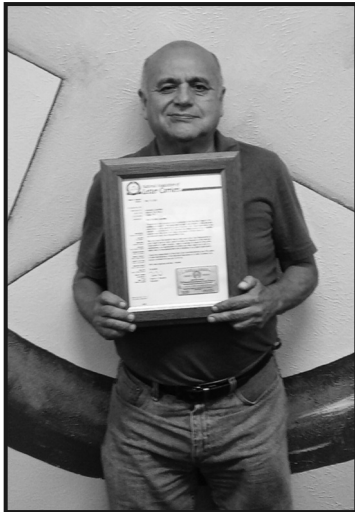
BRANCH 132 WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

APRIL 2022

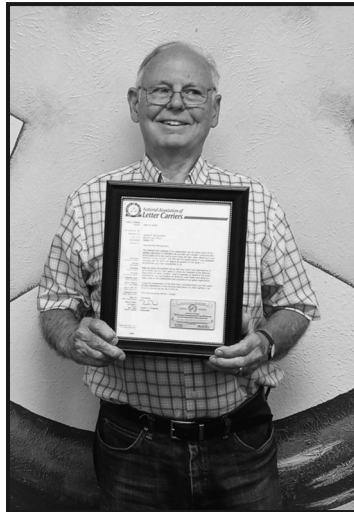
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Aaron Hammer	Breunsha Chandler
Taylor Ervin	Alicia Haynie
Damian Estralla Rangel	Kahla Smith
Erica Jackson-Lynch	Olivera Mark
Cristian Sanchez	Joshua Scales
Reginald Summers	Jasper Williams
Marcy Gaston	Akeem Stevenson
Tamikki Williams	Medina Morris

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

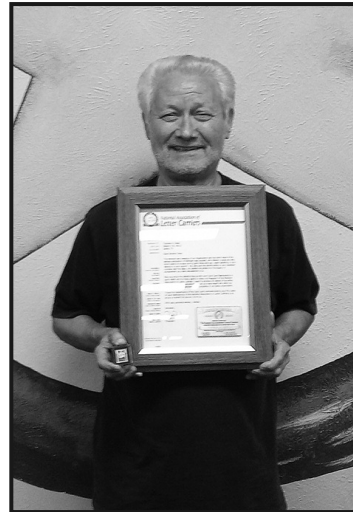
At the July Branch Meeting, congratulations went out to three members who reached gold card status. They were recognized for their 50-year commitment to NALC and Branch 132. With this status, each member is privilege to NALC membership without having to pay dues. Congratulations to Armando Castilleja, James R. Montgomery and Tommy H. Vines on their achievement. Also, congratulations go out to Anna Gunn for her Million Miles award presented to her by the management staff at the Ennis Post Office.



Armando Castilleja



James R. Montgomery



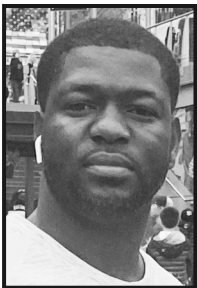
Tommy H. Vines



Anna Gunn

STEWARDS' CORNER

TWASKY SMITH, SR.



Hello, my name is Twasky Smith, Sr. I began my journey as a steward at the University Station nine years ago. Currently I serve NALC Branch 132 as the Chief Steward at Oaklawn Station, an Informal and Formal A representative at Carrollton MPO, and a Formal A representative at the Medrano Station. I am passionate and dedicated to my role as a union advocate and take great pride in my work. I am a firm believer a Union is only as good as its leader and its membership. With that being said, thanks to our President Kim Lewis and all the stewards and members who have helped me along my journey. I am grateful for the opportunities that have been presented to me and I am looking forward to my next venture when I attend the Formal A and Beyond Training.

I conclude by saying, "Reach one, teach one!" God bless NALC Branch 132.

JUNE 2022

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

A quorum of members on Lone Star Branch 132 met on June 6, 2022.

- President Kim Lewis called the meeting to order.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson and the Pledge was led by President Lewis.
- Resolution of Sympathy was read for Sister Peggy J. Neil.
- There were no Executive Board Recommendations.
- Proposed By-Law changes first read on April 4, 2022 and were posted in the May Metro Carrier Newsletter.
- The By-Laws were read and discussed at the June meeting.
- Proposed By-Law change to **Article VI Officers and Bonds** the vote was 46 for the change and 76 against. (Proposed By-law change failed)
- Proposed By-Law change to **Article VII Expense and Duties of Officers** vote 54 for the change and 64 against. (Proposed By-law change failed)
- Food Drive awards were given to the top three stations in Dallas city and to the top three stations in the Associate Offices for the most total pounds of food collected during the food drive.
 - Joe Pool won 1st place with 12,940 lbs., Robert E. Price 2nd place with 8,600 lbs. & Northaven 3rd place with 7,150 lbs.
 - Grand Prairie won 1st place with 19,282 lbs., Lewisville MPO 2nd place with 13,782 lbs. & Marshall 3rd place with 12,179 lbs.
- The district total amount of food collected was 591,000 pounds of food.
- The branch financial reports will be posted in the Metro Letter Carrier Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Hilliard,
Recording Secretary

JULY 2022

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on July 11, 2022

- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Lewis led the Pledge.
- Resolution of Sympathy Brother Calvin R. Jordan.
- There were no Executive Board Recommendations.
- The branch scholarship was awarded to Taylor Reese Dickson, Essien Cooper, Caitlyn Gloria and Riley Dean Kirk. The Auxiliary 28 scholarship went to Brandi Meredith.
- President Lewis presented Gold Cards to three members; Armando Castilleja, James R. Montgomery and Thomas H. Vines.
- Guests from Intire Health Group addressed the membership about their services for injured members.
- Members of the joint route check team will be Javier Carrizales, Marshall Sherman, Madilyn Mitchell and Clubber Targton will serve as backup.
- President Lewis reminded everyone that they are required to wear approved uniforms in performance of their duties.
- A motion was made to purchase a gift for our retiring NBA Javier Bernal not to exceed \$200.00 to be given to him at the retirement dinner at the convention (motion passed).
- The branch financial reports will be posted in the Metro Letter Carrier Newsletter

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Hilliard,
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I desire to place my name in nomination as a delegate to the 2023 State Convention in Houston, Texas.

I affirm that I have not served or applied for a supervisory position with the United States Postal Service in the last 24 months.

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

This form must be received by the Union Hall no later than October 3, 2022. Confirmation of receipt will be provided by the Recording Secretary. Please notify the branch office if you do not receive proof of submission.