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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KIMETRA LEWIS



Are You Ready to Give?

Get ready! Get ready! For the “Stamp out Hunger” Food Drive scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2024. Throughout the history of the “Stamp out Hunger” Food Drive, both the NALC and the Postal Service expressed through media advertisement their strong commitment for this cause. Millions of families throughout its history have benefited from the single largest food drive ever conducted. Letter carriers

of the NALC across the nation as well as the Postal Service were recognized for their joint effort to stamp out hunger. As we have in the years past, we reached out to the District Manager to obtain his support. However, apparently the promised support expressed by the Postmaster General has not made its way through the channels. As of the writing of this article, the District Manager has not responded to the Union but that will not change or stop anything.

While the Union cannot force the Postal Service to continue with their commitment of yesteryears; our food pantries depend on us, the letter carriers, and they will be expecting some semblance of what we have shown them in the past. We made great strides last year in our comeback following Covid-19 and will continue to do so as we move forward with or without the Postal Service’s support. We must remain steadfast to our commitment to use this one day of service to provide food for the communities we serve. The impact of this one day of service supplies most food pantries across our branch with a sufficient supply of food to feed the communities we deliver to throughout the entire year.

This is why your generous help is needed. So, ask yourself, “Are you ready to give the extra effort to make this year’s “Stamp Out Hunger” Food Drive a success?” Can you be committed to delivering the postcards distributed to your case to guarantee that we are able to announce the food drive to all the residents on your route? Then, will you commit to collecting the non-perishable foods donated by your customers. Can you promise to do your part in blessing the underprivileged? It is not asking a lot for you to make this one-day sacrifice to help stock the food pantries in the communities you serve for the benefit of those who are in need.

I want to take the time to encourage each of you to make a conscientious effort to make this year’s food drive a success. I am asking you to deliver all cards and bags distributed to your case and to graciously collect the food so generously donated by your customers. As you are doing so, remember it is not about the Postal Service or even about yourself. It is about stamping out hunger. Families are depending upon us. We can do this with pride as we give of ourselves. Let’s make a difference to ensure no one goes hungry!



Together, we can deliver hope for those in need. Hunger exists in every community in the nation. Let us do our part th Stamp Out Hunger in the communities we serve on May 11th.

Serving Addison, Athens, Canton, Carrollton, Carthage, Center, Commerce, Corsicana, Dallas, Daingerfield, Denton, DeSoto, Duncanville, Ennis, Fairfield, Ferris, Gainesville, Gilmer, Gladewater, Grand Prairie, Grand Saline, Greenville, Henderson, Jacksonville, Jefferson, Kerens, Kaufman, Kilgore, Lancaster, Lewisville, Longview, Marshall, Mesquite, Nacogdoches, Seagoville, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, Waxahachie, White Oak, Wills Point, Wilmer, Winnsboro

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Stewards meet 7:00 PM the first Thursday of each month in the Branch Office.

Executive Board meets 7:00 PM last Monday of each month.

AFL-CIO Council meets third Thursday of each month.

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

Opinions expressed in this paper are those of the writers, and do not express the opinions of the editor or the Union. All articles for publication must be signed and received by the Editor no later than the 1st of each month. If you wish to run your personal or business ad, rates are available on request and must be received by the 10th of each month to be inserted in the next month's issue. The editor's email address is RitaWilder05@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sid Simmons

Well, the time has come for me to write my last article. After 31 years and 4 months as a branch officer, I have decided to resign my position as Executive Vice President to pursue another opportunity with the NALC. For your information, I have accepted a part-time position as an Assigned Assistant for National Business Agent Shawn Boyd, when his office is relocated from Houston to Flower Mound in the near future. Also be advised, that President Lewis has agreed to allow me to continue to serve the branch as a Formal A for some of our smaller Associate Offices. I will also continue to be responsible for New Employee Orientation and will continue to represent our members within the EEO Redress Process.

As Recording Secretary for 13 years, President for 9 years, and the last 8 plus years as Executive Vice President, I must admit that it is going to feel a little weird not sitting at the podium area during branch meetings as I have for the last 376 months!

In closing, I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as an officer of NALC Lone Star Branch 132 for all those years. I always took my many responsibilities very seriously, and always gave my very best effort.

I look forward to seeing you somewhere down the road.

NEW MEMBERS

MARCH 2024

Eduardo Villeda Barcenas

Jamie Olivares

Sean Gomez

Simon Lopez

Sandra McIntyre

Brandon Fletcher

Bradley McDonald

Clayton Goodpaster

Darius Love

Kobe Beed

Jose Carabella Rivera

Douglas Southerland

Shakera Coleman

Shawn Servis

Turwoner Allen

Comarderie Heard

Romeo Hill

Devin Guice

Marcus Merida

Clovel Larzeia

Jacquale Stevens

Lebaron Wallace

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Jose Jasso

Carl Cox

Jason Smith

Roy Samuel

Jose Salazar

Camela Webb



STEWARD'S CORNER SCOTTY COX

After serving in the Army for four years, 1990-1994, I was hired as a letter carrier at the Sherman Post Office. I was soon elected Chief Union Steward by my peers, and I have served in that position for over 20 years. Over those 20 years, I have learned a lot and had received great guidance from the leaders at Branch 132 like Earl Hibbs, Sid Simmons, Steve Ellenberg, Shawn Boyd, and the current president Kim Lewis to name a few.

Being a steward can be stressful working with all types of carriers and managers but it also rewarding. In my opinion the role of the NALC and our local branch is invaluable for city carriers. I have seen the benefits of being a member firsthand in many cases over my career.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW APPOINTMENTS

Executive Vice-President Sid Simmons has rendered his resignation after accepting a part-time position as Assigned Assistant for National Business Agent Shawn Boyd. Branch Treasurer Ron Stover will now serve as Executive Vice-President throughout the remainder of the term. Clubber Targton has been appointed Branch Treasurer to replace Brother Stover. Trustee Eugene Johnson has been appointed as Director of Retirees for the remainder of the term. Twasky Smith has been appointed Trustee to replace Brother Johnson.



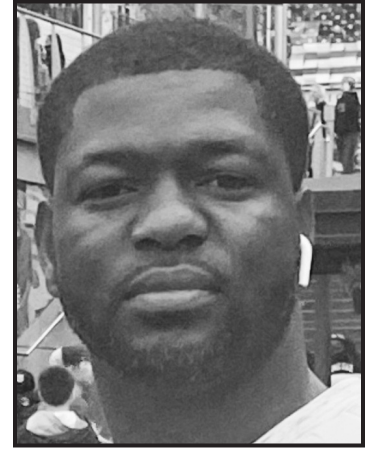
Ron Stover
Executive Vice President



Clubber Targton
Branch Treasurer



Eugene Johnson
Director of Retirees



Twasky Smith
Trustee

FEBRUARY 2024 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on February 5, 2024.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Lewis led the Pledge.
- No Resolutions of Sympathy.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- District II board member Rita Wilder gave an update on the current legislation in congress at this time.
- An extended discussion was conducted concerning the new travel policy being implemented starting with the NBA spring school in the Woodlands.
- There will be an Enough Is Enough rally that will take place at the Dallas Main Post Office on February 22, 2024 at 4pm. The rally is to call attention to concern of Letter Carriers being robbed while in performance of their duties.
- The Branch financial reports will be posted in the Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary

MARCH 2024 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on March 4, 2024
- Invocation by Brother Thomas Vines. Executive Vice President Simmons led the Pledge.
- No Resolutions of Sympathy.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- Brother Shelton Mayfield prepared the food for the meeting.
- Brother Mike Bell was presented his Retirement pin with 35 years of service. Brother Bell also spoke to the membership on the importance of maxing out their TSP contributions for retirement.
- The Region 10 Training School was very well attended with members attending various training classes. All of the training classes were educational and informative to any anyone in attendance for the first time.
- The Enough Is Enough rally was well attended and was broadcasted on the local news in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area. Rallies were also in other cities across the country.
- Sister Rita Wilder gave an update about the NALC Food Drive that will be conducted May 11.
- The branch financial reports will be published in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary



JANINE SINGLETON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2024

National Dues	\$77,563.30
OWCP Dues	159.84
Active Dues	206.22
Retiree Dues	12.00
MBA Rebate	57.50
TSALC Rebate	0.00
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$77,998.86

MARCH 2024

National Dues	\$83,706.07
OWCP Dues	347.00
Annuity Withholding	605.16
Retiree Dues	12.00
MBA Rebate	0.00
TSALC Rebate	0.00
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$84,670.23

TREASURER REPORT

MARCH 2024

General Fund	\$220,454.41
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	289,042.39
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	131,062.92
<i>Convention Fund</i>	85,000.00
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	8,300.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	5,897.20
<i>Education Fund</i>	38,234.03
MDA Fund	413.09
CD 18 Month	652,001.74
TOTAL \$	\$1,161,937.30

APRIL 2024

General Fund	\$222,032.83
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	289,769.03
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	126,748.42
<i>Convention Fund</i>	85,000.00
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	8,300.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	472.20
<i>Education Fund</i>	37,356.72
MDA Fund	413.13
CD 18 Month	654,709.49
TOTAL \$	\$1,166,950.15

**SICK & WELFARE
REPORT**

Addison – Joyce Crawford; Alex Gonzalez.

Caesar Clark – Reso Washington.

Collections – Rodrick Baker; Wenchang Wang.

Downtown – Dawn Brewer.

Highland Hills – Alfonso Roberson.

Lewisville – Angelia Love’s mother passed away; Gwen McClendon had surgery; Tamisha Persley’s son passed away.

Longview (Northwest) – Scott Eades.

Parkdale – Locki McCoo.

Waxahachie – Donovan Russell; Ronald Sutton.

Retirees – Andy Alvarado’s mother had a fall and is at home recuperating; Jimmy Bufford passed away; Rhonda Clark passed away.

(PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL SICK & WELFARE ARE REPORTED TO BROTHER ROBERT HINSON)



GLORIA FUCALS

The first black female letter carrier.
Downtown Station 1968 – 2003

BRANCH 132 RETIREES BANQUET

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Lone Star Branch 132 • 8451 Endicott Lane • Dallas, TX 75227

Games & Prizes

Meet & Greet @ 6:00 PM * Dinner @ 7:00 PM

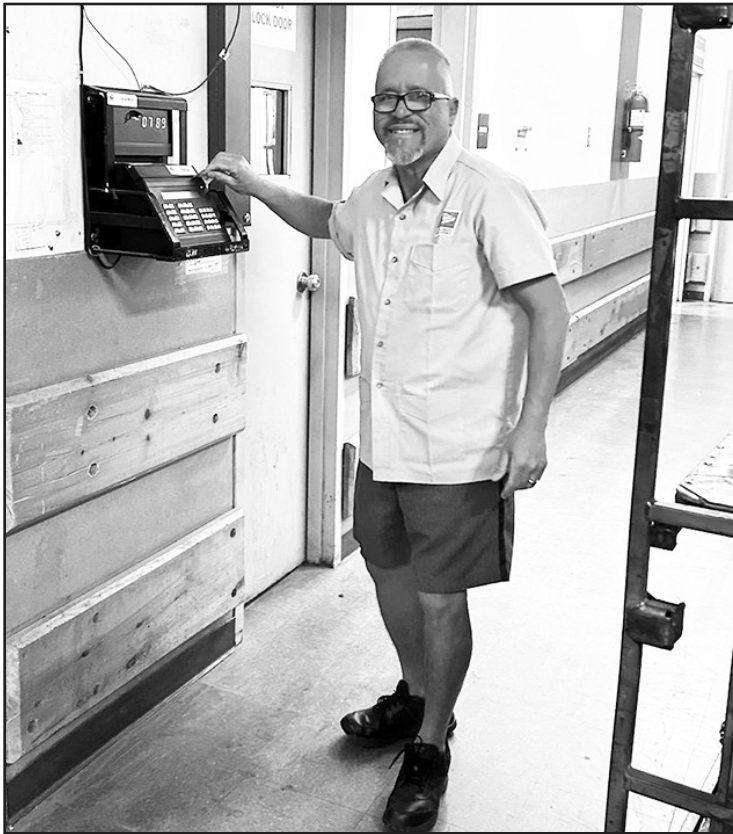
You must RSVP to attend by either returning this form to the union hall at 8451 Endicott Lane, Dallas, TX, 75227, or calling the union hall at 214-388-4349.

Name of member attending _____

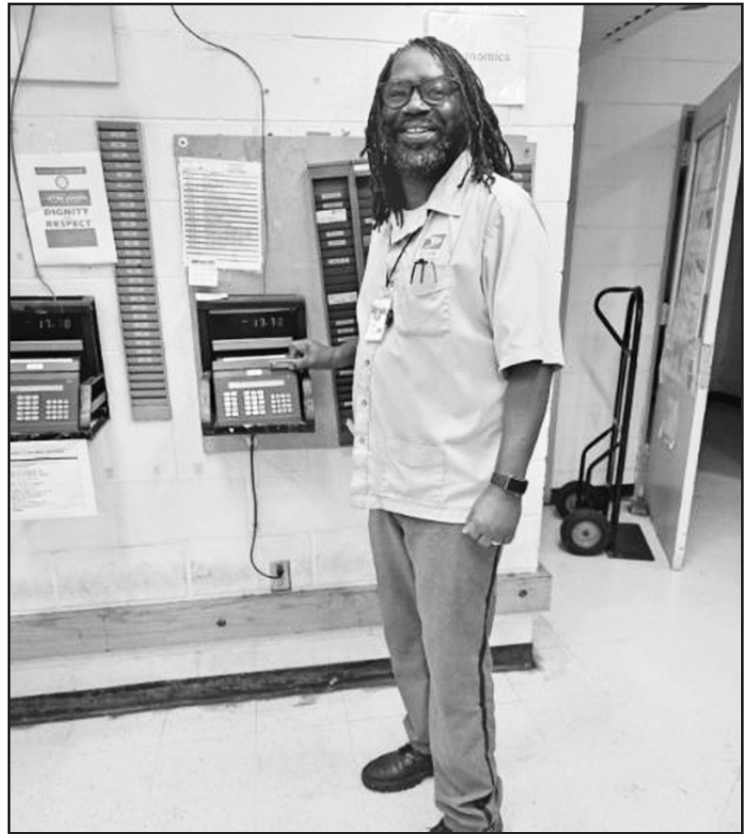
Number of guests _____

All branch members are welcome are to attend free of charge. There is a \$10.00 charge for guests, which can be paid by check if you register by mail, or can be paid at the event.

LAST PUNCH BUNCH



EDWARD COSME
UNIVERSITY
42 YEARS



JAMES GIBSON
FARMERS BRANCH
39 YEARS

Injured on Duty...



Now What?!?

You can file a workers' compensation claim with the Department of Labor. You should immediately notify your supervisor. Then, go to www.ecomp.dol.gov and file a claim.

You are allowed time on the clock to complete your CA-1 for your traumatic injury. (Request **Continuation of Pay** when filing the form.)

Request a CA-16 and CA-17 from your supervisor or manager. Complete a leave slip to document any time you are off from work due to the injury.

Take your CA-16 and CA-17 with you to your doctor's appointment. **Return the completed CA-17 with your medical restrictions to your supervisor.** Upload a copy of the completed CA-17 to ECOMP. Contact your steward for assistance.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS BRANCH 132 SCHOLARSHIP

1. Lone Star Branch 132 of the National Association of Letter Carriers will award up to five \$1,000 Scholarships a year to applicants who are selected by the Scholarship Committee. The winners must meet all eligibility requirements as determined by the Branch and described below.

2. The Scholarship Committee will be formed of four volunteers selected from Branch 132 and Auxiliary 28, and a fifth member will be selected from the local Educational Community. These five volunteers will be appointed each year by the Branch President.

3. Eligibility Requirements:

A. Applicant must be a high school senior at the time of application.

B. Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college or university and be willing to provide documentation of acceptance.

C. Applicant must submit copy of high school transcript and SAT or ACT test scores at the time of application. Additional personal information, such as community activities, teacher recommendations, or special achievements, is welcome, but not required.

D. Applicant must be a son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter of an active, retired or deceased City Letter Carrier who is a member of NALC Branch 132. Branch member must be a member in good standing for at least one year. Children of deceased members are eligible provided the widow/widower had not remarried. Legally adopted or verifiable dependents (income tax records, divorce records, etc.) are also eligible.

E. Relatives of members of the Scholarship Committee are ineligible to receive a Branch 132 Scholarship during the year that the family member serves on the Committee.

F. Applicant must enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

G. Scholarships are non-renewable and will only be given for the first year of enrollment.

H. If unusual conditions require a postponement of schooling, the recipient must state reason(s) in writing to the Scholarship Committee and request that the Scholarship be held in abeyance. Request(s) will be received by the Committee and a decision

rendered.

4. Checks for the NALC Branch 132 Scholarship will be written to the college/university and will be applied toward tuition, fees, books, or room and board.

5. If the NALC Branch Member is suspended

by the Union, acted as a 204B within the previous 24 months, or enters supervision, the Scholarship will be cancelled.

6. Applications will be printed in the Branch Newsletter and will also be available through the Branch office. Winners **will be** announced in July.

Scholarship Notes

The following information is presented in response to several requests from NALC Branch 132 members. You should contact the following addresses for eligibility information and applications:

Check out these websites:

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.scholarships.com

Branch 132 Scholarship Application Form

Student's Name _____

Home Address _____

Social Security Number _____

Home Phone Number _____

High School Attended _____

Relationship To Member _____

Member's Name _____

Member's Address _____

Member's Social Security Number _____

Member's Phone Number _____

Student's Signature _____

Member's Signature _____

Applications Must Be Received by MAY 31, 2024

Please mail completed application form, high school transcript, and test scores to:

**Scholarship Committee, Branch 132
8451 Endicott
Dallas, Texas 75227**

LONE STAR BRANCH 132, NALC
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The branch meetings and steward training are being held at the union hall and being simultaneously broadcast over Zoom. Beginning in September 2023 for stewards to receive compensation for attendance at the monthly branch and steward meetings, the steward will be required to attend the meetings in person if you live or work within a 50-mile radius of the union Hall. Keep up with the latest information on the branch's Facebook page at "*Lone Star Branch 132 of the National Association of Letter Carriers*" or check the website at: "*nalclonestarbranch132.org*".

May 2 – 7:00 pm - Steward Meeting – Union Hall

May 4 – Election Day (Go Vote)

May 6 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch meeting – Union Hall

May 11 – NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 18 – Retirees Banquet - 6:00 pm - Union Hall. Everyone can attend. You must RSVP. Look for more information inside the newsletter.

May 20 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting (Members may address the board by making an appointment.)

May 27 – Memorial Day (Postal Holiday)

June 3 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch meeting – Union Hall

June 6 – 7:00 pm - Steward training – Union Hall

June 16 – Father's Day

June 20 – Retirees' Luncheon – Golden Corral at 1:00 pm

June 24 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting (Members may address the board by making an appointment.)

July 1 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch meeting – Union Hall

July 4 – Fourth of July (Postal Holiday)

July 11 – 7:00 pm - Steward Meeting – Union Hall

July 29 – 7:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting (Members may address the board by making an appointment.)