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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](https://www.facebook.com/LoneStarBranch132oftheNationalAssociationofLetterCarriers)" or check the website at: "[nalclonestarbranch132.org](https://www.nalclonestarbranch132.org)".

- January 1 – New Year's Day – Postal Designated Holiday; Kwanza ends
- January 2 – 7:00 pm - Steward Training – Union Hall
- January 6 – 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting – Union Hall
- January 11 – 7:00 pm - Installation of Officers – Double Tree near the Galleria
- January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. – Postal Designated Holiday
- January 27 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting
- February 3 – 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting – Union Hall
- February 6 – 7:00 pm - Steward Training – Union Hall
- February 14-17 – NBA Spring Training and Rap Session  
Houston City Place Marriott at Springwoods Village  
1200 Lake Plaza Drive, Spring, TX 77389  
Phone: (281) 350-4000  
The cut-off date for rooms is Monday, January 27, 2025
- February 17– Presidents' Day – Postal Designated Holiday
- February 24 – 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting – Union Hall
- March 1-31 – Women's History Month
- March 3 – 7:30 pm - Monthly Branch Meeting – Union Hall
- March 6 – 7:00 pm - Steward Training – Union Hall
- March 31 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

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RITA WILDER, EDITOR

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KIMETRA LEWIS



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,  
By the time you receive this newsletter, the election of branch officers and stewards will have come to an end. I would like to take the time to congratulate those members who were elected by their peers to serve Branch 132 for the years 2025-2027.

The newly elected officers of the branch are:

*President* – Kimetra Lewis  
*Executive Vice President* – Ron Stover  
*Vice President* – Twasky Smith  
*Treasurer* – Clubber Targton

*Financial Secretary* – Janine Singleton

*Recording Secretary* – Danny Hilliard

*Director of Retirees* – Eugene Johnson

*Health Benefits/MBA Representative* – Earl Hibbs

*Sergeant-at-Arms* – Robert Hinson

*Editor* – Rita Wilder

*Trustees* – Javier Carrizales, Sid Simmons, Helen Toliver, Chris Velasquez, and Rita Wilder

I would personally like to thank our departing Trustee Thomas "Tommy" Vines for his long-dedicated commitment to Branch 132. Tommy faithfully served the branch in any capacity needed and never hesitated to do anything he was called to do. His love for NALC and Branch 132 is not superficial. His willingness to serve others speaks volume to the type of individual he is. While he is a low-key kind of guy, his presence from the Executive Board will be greatly missed. Thank you, Tommy, for a job well done!

As we move on in the year 2025, there are a few things I want

to bring to the minds of those elected to serve Branch 132. When you look back over the days, reflect on what you have done to get you to the position you now hold. Maybe it was a goal, a dream or a determination you had. Whatever it may have been, understand a torch was passed to you and to me. But don't be afraid. Stand firm and tall and do your part. The torch, the goal, the dream is now ours to continue as we run this journey with all our might.

The work of a union advocate/activist requires sacrifice. It is not easy! One must put on the amour of defense to serve others, even at times when we don't feel like helping. You may not always be welcomed by management or the membership you serve; therefore, you must serve diligently and willingly with the understanding that you are responsible for your own gratitude. Those before us set the tone, we are elected to carry the torch forward. Remember we are a union; you are not alone. We do not work against one another, we work together. The elections are over. Now it is time to put our efforts to work to form a more perfect united union. So just do your thing, knowing you're never alone. We are all on this journey together to empower, equip, and excel to our God given potential to make a positive impact on the membership of Branch 132. As your President, I assure you, I stand with you trusting and believing the best is yet to come!

HAPPY  
*New Year*

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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**

**Ron Stover**

**Congratulations to the incumbent and new trustees who won the election!**

Now that the branch elections have come and gone, I want to congratulate all the trustees who were elected. Unfortunately, Tommy Vines, a long-time trustee and mentor was not elected this go around. Tommy Vines is a retired member who was the Chief Steward in Pleasant Grove before I became a Steward. He has stood up for carriers for many years and looked over the branch as a trustee even after he retired. Thomas Vines became a loyal member of this union on January 01, 1969, before I was born. Tommy Vines is a current Gold Member and has worked hard for all members of this branch for many years.

I want to give a big thank you and a Hip Hip Hooray to Tommy Vines. Currently, the local unit elections should be completed or almost completed, I want to congratulate all stewards who have been re-elected and the new stewards who are joining the fight. I also want to wish all members a Happy New Year.



**JANINE SINGLETON**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2024**

National Dues	\$79,125.74
OWCP Dues	400.65
Annuity Withholding	0.00
Lost Time	2,034.58
IRS Refund	6,139.90
Miscellaneous	75.00
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$87,775.87</b>

**NOVEMBER 2024**

National Dues	\$120,629.87
OWCP Dues	0.00
Tax Refund	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Active Dues	0.00
TSALC Rebate	0.00
HB Rebate	4,392.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$125,021.87</b>



**CLUBBER TARGTON**

**TREASURER**

**TREASURER REPORT**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

General Fund	\$344,674.51
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	294,835.38
Stewards Fund	131,062.92
Convention Fund	85,000.00
CPA/Legal Fund	8,300.00
Building Fund	5,897.20
Education Fund	38,234.03
MDA Fund	413.38
CD 18 Month	673,710.98
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$1,313,659.92</b>

**DECEMBER 2024**

General Fund	\$365,154.46
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	295,552.68
Stewards Fund	131,062.92
Convention Fund	85,000.00
CPA/Legal Fund	8,300.00
Building Fund	5,897.20
Education Fund	38,234.03
MDA Fund	413.41
CD 18 Month	676,418.45
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>\$1,337,567.67</b>

**SICK & WELFARE**

**REPORT**

Addison – Alex Gonzalez.

Caesar Clark – Reso Washington.

Downtown – Dawn Brewer.

Longview (Northwest) – Scott Eades.

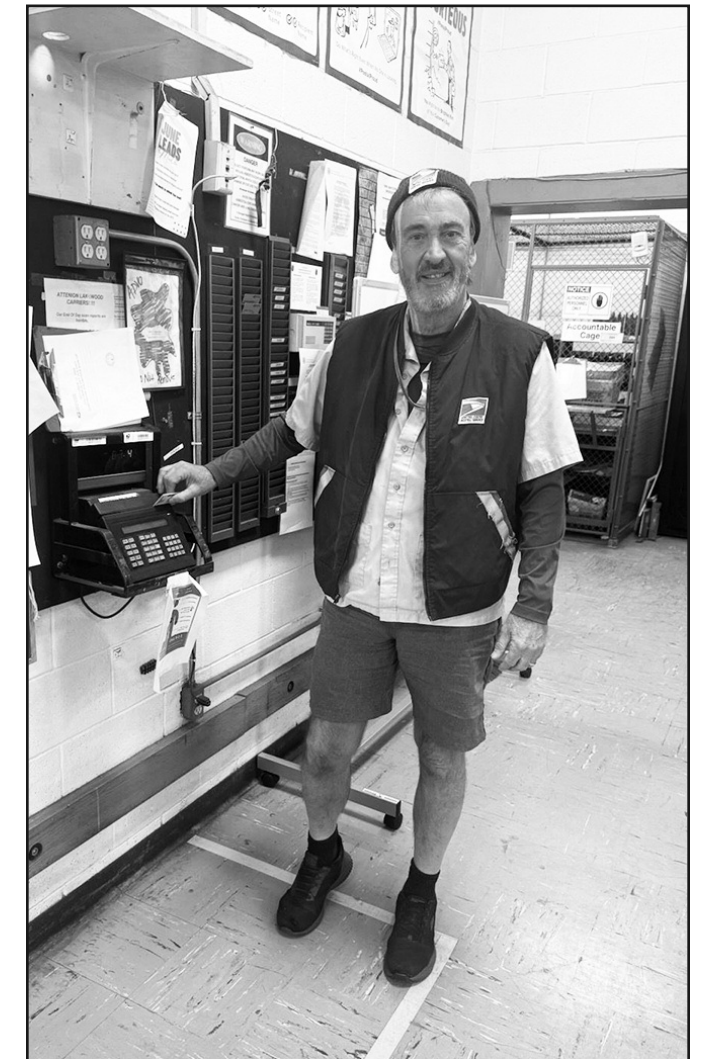
Parkdale – Rhonda Carney; former Steward LocQuenetta McCoo passed away.

Waxahachie – Donovan Russell; Ronald Sutton.

Office Staff – Vice President Hinson is retiring at the end of the year. I have truly enjoyed serving you as your Vice President over the past 29 years.

Retirees – Rita Wilder's sister, Helen King, passed away.

**LAST PUNCH BUNCH**



**ERIC HARRIS  
LAKEWOOD**

**BRANCH 132 WELCOMES  
OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Anita Smith	Vakersha Roney	Joe Pessima	Brandy Doddy
Lashunda Turner	Jaydon Beasley	Quartrica Johnson	Rokeisha Evans
Wesley Alexander	Wilson Jamehl	Caelyn Holmes	Myesha Collins
Victor Valle	Norshemer Traylor	Riccardo Jordon	Matthew Proctor
Sergio Ramirez	Devin Jordan	Shatyra Jones	Kalid Mussa
Ke'Hirra Courts	Mathew Ortiz	Ela Daniels	Jorge Rivera
Osharrah Daniel	Willie Finch	Victor Ellis	Ayon Islam
Ronda Price	Justin Taylor	Guillermo Picazo	Myra Baker
Charles James	Borris Amos	Bethany Woolf	Aaron Spencer
Ignacio Lara	Gertisa Harding	Kendrick Moore	Joshua Ashley
Horacio Edwards	Avrin Johnson	Dennis Villa	Aisha Taylor
Jaime Hernandez	Kevin Narcisse	Angel Ortega	William Cooke
Danielle Banister	Darius Collins	Whitney Hanley	Shirley Carter
Michael Bowen	Lamont Goggins	Kyra Fuller	Ryan Diep
Richard Matthews	Anthony Carter	Kemaal Craft	Christopher Brasier
Travis Henson	Rocelious Johnson	Anissha Hamilton	Luis Salinas
Hunter Ryan	Michael Mc Clure	Moesha Lawrence	Tina Potterson
Jaime Nalario	Kimberly Picon	Quochieu Tron	Ikeil Strong
Phuong Dang	Jasmine Stubblefield	Jamarcus Newsome	Nicolas Halurday
Steven Villarreal	Bhushan Maskey	Nicole Gonzales	Eric Henry
Chikechia Laurencin			



**Join us at the DoubleTree by Hilton (Galleria) on January 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm, located at 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244 as the officers and stewards of Branch 132 are installed into their new positions. Tickets for the event are \$25.00. This will be an exciting time as we commit to serving the members of Branch 132.**

**Please call the Union Hall to request tickets.**

**OCTOBER 2024  
BRANCH MEETING MINUTES**

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on October 7, 2024
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson, President Lewis led the Pledge.
- No Resolutions of Sympathy.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- The branch has received a very good arbitration decision concerning work place violence filed at the Grand Prairie post office and will be monitoring the resolution from that case.
- The nominations for the election of officers for Branch 132 were taken from the floor tonight.
- The candidates for the following offices were elected by acclamation:
- President, Kimetra Lewis; Exec. Vice President, Ron Stover; Vice President, Twasky Smith; Recording Secretary, Danny Hilliard; Financial Secretary, Janine Singleton; Treasurer, Clubber Targton; Director of Retirees, Eugene Johnson; Health Benefits Representative, Earl Hibbs; Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Hinson; and Editor, Rita Wilder.
- There will be an election for the candidates running for the position of Trustee. Those candidates are as follows: Sid Simmons, Chris Velasquez, Thomas Vines, Helen Toliver, Javier Carrizales, Lyndon Huston, Jeff Miller, Rita Wilder, and Rachel Anderson.
- A motion was made to count President Lewis present on Saturday, October 12 at the NBA school in Fort Worth. (passed)
- A proposed By-Law change was read and will be posted in the Metro Letter Carrier then voted on.
- Names of the delegates to the Texas State Association of Letter Carrier convention in July 2025 were read.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted  
Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary

**NOVEMBER 2024  
BRANCH MEETING MINUTES**

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on November 4, 2024
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Lewis led the Pledge.
- Resolutions of Sympathy. LocQuenetta McCoo.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- Steward elections will begin in November.
- Announcements:
- Branch Christmas party will be December 14 at 8pm at the union hall
- Retiree Luncheon on December 19 at Golden Coral at 1:15 pm.
- Retiree Breakfast on December 21 at Circle Grille at 9:00 am.
- The branch will donate toys for the Hoover Center Toy drive.
- Health Benefits Earl Hibbs gave an update on the 2025 Open Season and the switch to the new PSHB Program
- Mr. Smith from the CFC program gave an overview of the program and the different agencies.
- The membership discussed the 2025 Proposed Budget line by line. (The budget was approved).
- The Tentative Contract was discussed at length. A poll was taken to see how the members might vote. The majority of the members present voted NO to the Contract.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted  
Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary

# 2024 NALC 132 CHRISTMAS PARTY/"SNEAKER BALL"

