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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

KIMETRA LEWIS



I cannot express enough the importance of preserving city routes. The Union received notification from the Postal Service of their intent to conduct route counts and inspections at the Lakewood, Lake Highlands and Preston Stations in the coming months. The sole purpose of these inspections is to eliminate routes. With the elimination of routes comes the loss of personnel. Those carriers who find themselves without routes will become unassigned regulars. They will

remain unassigned regulars until either a vacant position becomes available, a regular carrier retires or dies, or a regular carrier is terminated or separated from the Postal Service. When there are unassigned regulars, city carrier assistants (CCAs) who get promoted will become career part-time flexible (PTFs) carriers; instead of becoming career full-time regular carriers.

PTFs are career carriers who are a part of the regular work force and have flexible work hours rather than a fixed schedule. While PTFs have no weekly work-hour guarantees, they maintain the daily work-hour guarantees that apply to CCAs, if scheduled to work, at least four (4) hours of work in a post office or facility with 200 or more work years of employment per year. All PTFs scheduled to work at other post offices and facilities will be guaranteed two (2) hours of work. PTFs work a flexible schedule and most of the scheduling/work hour

guidelines for PTFs are similar to CCAs, except a PTF required to work on Sunday will receive an additional 25 percent of the base hourly rate for each hour worked.

If we lose routes and there is an influx of unassigned regulars, the opportunity for CCA conversions to full-time status decreases. That is why the protection of city routes is important. The loss of routes affects every city carrier. The remaining routes are long and overburdened. The ability to have non-schedule days off decreases. It interferes with carriers being able to request and obtain incidental leave. Sick leave usage increases causing carriers to turn against one another when the workload increases.

When there is a shortage of personnel, management begins to make managerial decisions that call for the delay of mail. The delivery of whole routes or parts of routes are delayed. Carriers are instructed if they cannot complete their assignment, to only deliver the parcels and bring the undelivered mail back. This plan distorts the value of the routes. The routes on paper look to be less than what they actually are. This distorted data is then used in the decision to adjust routes when a station is conducting route counts and inspections. That is why it is of significant importance that all delayed/curtailed mail is reported on a PS Form 1571 by the carrier. The steward then needs to verify through a documentation request to see if management actually reported the delayed/curtailed mail. If the mail was not reported, a grievance should be filed for falsification. If the mail was or was not reported as delayed/curtailed, a grievance should be filed with the requested remedy to restrict that day's data from being used in any route count and inspection for adjustment purposes.

The need to file these grievances have become evident. We cannot allow the Postal Service to destroy our ability and right

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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.

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to work. Every route is to be adjusted to eight (8) hours. If every route was adjusted properly and every office was sufficiently staffed, the delivery of all mail distributed to the routes each day would be perfected. We cannot overlook the delayed/curtailed mail left in offices at the end of the day. Our new National Agreement says carriers on the OTDL can volunteer to work beyond 8 hours in a day and 60 hours in a week. If you so desire, make your request known to management. If management continues to delay/curtail mail without utilizing those carriers who volunteer, we will file grievances for management's intentional violation of Article 3 of the National Agreement. Let's work together to save our routes.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron Stover

PS Form 1571 Undelivered Mail Report

As we all know, the Post Office has changed over the years. I have never seen the mail delayed by management as much as it is today. Managers regularly throughout the Branch tell carriers to cut the mail, deliver the parcels, and to be back and off the clock by a certain time. Throughout the Branch there have been reports that the mail for a given route sits for days at times. In numerous stations, carriers have reported that the whole route will sit undelivered for days at a time. Management has a goal to deliver packages with no regard for a customer's mail. Currently management has gone through using false data to cut routes, it is easy to cut routes when the mail is not delivered. As Carriers, we must record the mail being undelivered on a PS Form 1571, give it to management for a signature and give a copy to your steward. When you fill out the 1571, in the remarks section, document the piece count and approximate time for delivery, also put the reason for bringing back the mail (following management instructions) for example. We need grievances filed to document delayed mail to prevent the bad data from being used against carriers. It will take all of use reporting the delayed mail to ensure management is recording the delayed mail properly.

USE IT BEFORE WE LOSE ROUTES!

U.S. Postal Service		
UNDELIVERED MAIL REPORT		
Delivery Unit	Route No.	Date
TO: Delivery and Collection Superintendent		
The Following Mail Distributed To Me For Delivery Was Left In The Office Or Returned Undelivered.		
<small>NOTE: If mail left undelivered by carrier is later delivered on the same day, the manager should explain the action taken.</small>		
	Preferential	Other
Letters		
Newspapers		
Magazines		
Flats		
Samples		
Other Pieces		
For Use By Parcel Post Carrier Only		
Parcel Post Distributed To Me For Delivery Was Left In The Office Or Returned Undelivered.		
Sacks	Outside Pieces	
Remarks: (Reasons for nondelivery. Report of trips omitted or curtailed. Note any other matter of which record should be made.)		
Reg.	Tech or Util.	Part Time
Signature		
Action Taken (Manager)		
Manager's Signature		Date



JANINE SINGLETON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

JUNE 2025

National Dues	\$61,824.98
Tax Refund	10,267.04
Annuity Withholding	609.67
Active Dues	206.22
MBA Rebate	0.00
TSALC Rebate	1,770.08
HB Rebate	0.00
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$74,677.99

JULY 2025

National Dues	\$71,689.56
Active Dues	206.22
Annuity Withholding	0.00
Lost Time Reimbursement	1,415.36
Miscellaneous	0.00
TSALC Rebate	0.00
HB Rebate	492.75
Deposit Dividends	0.00
TOTAL \$	\$73,803.89



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TREASURER

TREASURER REPORT

JULY 2025

General Fund	\$314,614.88
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	310,561.81
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	<i>134,928.00</i>
<i>Convention Fund</i>	<i>45,000.00</i>
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	<i>3,500.00</i>
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Education Fund</i>	<i>37,202.83</i>
MDA Fund	413.66
CD 18 Month	695,863.91
TOTAL \$	\$1,321,479.93

AUGUST 2025

General Fund	\$269,182.13
Business Savings	25.67
High Yield Savings	311,277.40
<i>Stewards Fund</i>	<i>128,902.40</i>
<i>Convention Fund</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>CPA/Legal Fund</i>	<i>3,500.00</i>
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Education Fund</i>	<i>36,902.83</i>
MDA Fund	413.70
CD 18 Month	698,753.82
TOTAL \$	\$1,279,652.72

DELEGATE NOMINATION FORM

I desire to place my name in nomination as a delegate to the 2026 74th National Convention in Los Angeles, California, August 3-7, 2026.

I affirm I have not served or applied for a supervisory position with the Postal Services in the last 24 months.

PRINTED NAME: _____

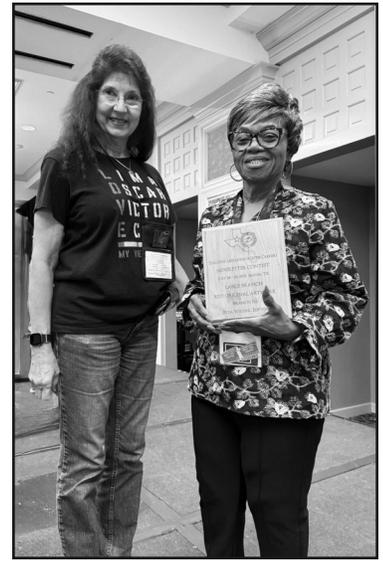
SIGNATURE: _____

This form must be received by the Union Hall no later than October 6, 2025. Confirmation of receipt will be provided by the Recording Secretary upon request. The names of the delegates will be read prior to the closing of the meeting.

CONVENTION AND RALLY HIGHLIGHTS



Kim Lewis Best News Story & Editorial Large Branch



Rita Wilder Original Artwork Large Branch



NALC President Brian Renfroe



NALC Vice President James Henry

SICK & WELFARE REPORT

Carrollton – Mianca Wright passed away.

Desoto – Angela Yarbrough passed away.

Grand Prairie MPO – Antonio Hart retired.

Lancaster – Phillip Murray.

Lewisville – Lonnie Jay Wyse, Jr. passed away.

Office – Kim Lewis' cousin passed away.

Retirees – Roy Courtney's wife passed away; Paula Williams' brother passed away; Greg Baulet had knee replacement surgery; Rhonda Hudson's son passed away.

RETIRES' NEW ORLEANS BUS TRIP



LAST PUNCH BUNCH

MICKEY MORRIS
TSALC AUX – 50 YEARS



CAROLYN MEREDITH
TSALC AUX – 50 YEARS



JACKIE THOMAS
GRAND PRAIRIE MAIN – 35 YEARS

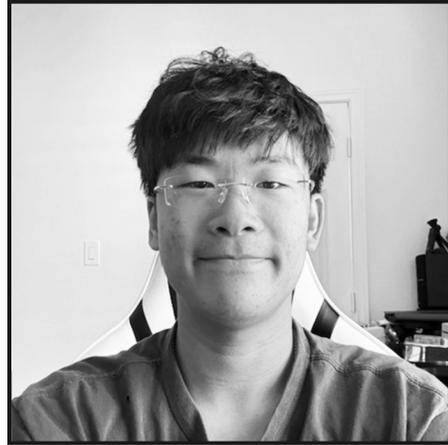
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



DANIEL VIEIRA

Son of Ingrid & Carlos Vieira
Denton MPO

Will attend the University North Texas



AYDEN LEE

Grandson of Tat Yee Lee
Robert E. Price Station Dallas

Will attend Oklahoma State University



JENENA BOTTINELLI

Daughter of Jeneno Bottinelli
University Station Dallas

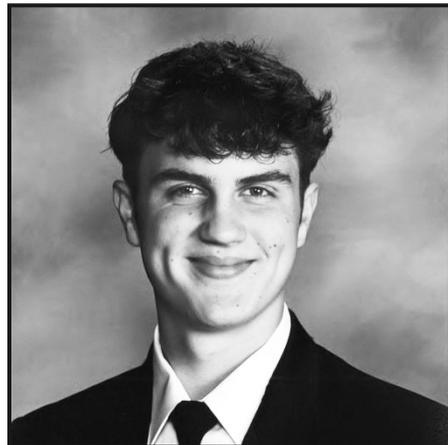
Will attend Texas A&M University



SKYLAR A. SMITH

Granddaughter of Sheila Murray Watkins
Downtown Station Dallas

Will attend Southern University



JOHN E. DEANGELIS, JR.

Grandson of Joseph Van Donk
Farmers Branch Station

Will attend Tarleton State University

JUNE 2025 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on June 2, 2025.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Lewis led the Pledge.
- Resolutions of Sympathy Charles R. Sanich.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- TSALC secretary Kimberly Arnold spoke to the members about the convention in Austin, Texas. She also asked the branch for their support in her bid for reelection to secretary of the TSALC.
- TSALC convention will be July 28-30, 2025 in Austin Texas.
- The branch total for the 2025 Food Drive was 162,128 pounds. The top three offices from the City Offices and Associates Offices are:

<u>City Offices</u>		<u>Associate Offices</u>	
Northwest	9,000	Denton	8,000
Farmers Branch	7,200	Marshall	7,560
Joe Pool	3,740	Nacogdoches	6,940

- A motion was made to have a breakfast for the top 6 offices for collecting the most food during the Food Drive. (Motion passed)
- A motion was made for the branch to support the call for a special meeting prior to Contract negotiations. (Motion passed)
- The retiree luncheon will be held June 19, 2025.
- The fall NBA training will be canceled. NBA Shawn Boyd will be holding small batch training.
- Eugene Johnson spoke about the bus trip to New Orleans.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hillard, Recording Secretary

JULY 2025 BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

- A quorum of members of Lone Star Branch 132 met on July 7, 2025.
- Invocation by Brother Eugene Johnson. President Lewis led the Pledge.
- Resolutions of Sympathy. Brother Jacob "JT" Taylor.
- No Executive Board Recommendations.
- Brother Sid Simmons was presented with his 50-year pin, Gold Card and was given a Letter Carrier Cheer by the membership.
- Vice President of Branch 1227 Ryan Raeke addressed the membership asking for their support for his run as TSALC Vice President at the State Convention.
- The TSALC Convention will be held July 28 thru July 30, 2025, in Austin, TX, a rally will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at the State Capital building. Delegate cards were passed out to the members who were present at the meeting.
- The following students have been awarded scholarships for 2025: Ayden Lee, Jenena Bottinelli, Skylar Smith, and Daniel Vieira. Auxiliary 28 scholarship winner is John DeAngelis.
- Eugene Johnson gave a final report about the Retirees' bus trip to New Orleans. Plans for another trip in 2026 are being looked at.
- There has been new language added to the contract benefitting CCA's.
- Branch Financial reports will be in the next Metro Letter Carrier.

Respectfully submitted

Danny Hilliard, Recording Secretary

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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*".

September 1 – **Labor Day – Postal Holiday**

September 4 – 7:00 pm – Steward Training – Union Hall

September 8 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch Meeting

September 18 – 1:15 pm – Retirees' Luncheon – Golden Corral, 1902 Towne Centre Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150

September 29 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

October 2 – 7:00 pm – Steward Training – Union Hall

October 6 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch Meeting (**Deadline for Delegate Nomination Forms**)

October 13 – **Columbus Day – Postal Holiday**

October 19 – NBA Shawn Boyd Small Batch Training at the Union Hall (**8:00AM - 2:00PM**)

October 27 – 7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

November 3 – 7:30 pm – Monthly Branch Meeting

November 6 – 7:00 pm – Steward Training – Union Hall