

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
JULY 14, 2011

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC** To pay the branch bills

- MSC** That the branch purchase the usual 1/4 page ad in the 2011 Labor Day issue of the *Labor Tribune*.

- MSC** That Branch 343 send their Health Benefit Seminar this fall with the branch president or his designee and pay expenses.

- MSC** That Branch 343 send their mutual benefit association rep. to the National NALC-MBA Training Seminar this fall and pay expenses.

- MSC** That Branch 343 sponsor a hole at the VFW annual Golf Tournament in September.

- MSC** That Branch 343 send an additional officer with the branch president to the Committee of Presidents Meeting in September and pay expenses.



New Member

Carlos M. Givens.....TE-Maryville Gardens.....7/14/11



Recently Retired Members

James AshbyRolla.....7/01/11
 Tyrone S. Crowder.....North County 6/01/11
 Harold J. Milota.....Sappington.....7/01/11
 Larry A. Streib.....South County7/01/11
 Charlene TalleyDes Peres..... 6/03/11
 Edmond C. Tappin.....Kirkwood 6/30/11
 Lewis A. WeaverSt. Ann 6/03/11



Deceased Member



Ralph T. LingleRetired..... 1/14/09



Shop Steward Charlie Harris (L) and Br. 343 VP Barry Linan (R) offer their congratulations to newly retired St. Ann letter carrier Lewis A. Weaver.



Ed Tappin, Kirkwood, receives congratulations on his retirement from Br. 343 President Bill Lister.

Highlights

We broke from the regular branch meeting to present MDA with donations from the Basketball Tournament, Texas Hold 'em Tournament, the Run, Ride and Roll and Dart Tournament. RAA Mike Birkett thanked President Lister for all the work done with grievances and reminded the membership that this will be the most important contract ever, so be ready to act. Executive VP Nicki Prado talked about the ad the APWU is running against Rep. Issa, R-Calif. The president of the APWU was in attendance at our meeting and was recognized. VP Barry Linan talked about the Labor Day theme, "We are One" and how we will participate. Barry read a note to the Branch membership from Everett Ludwig, a 60-year retired member, thanking all for mailing his award. President William Lister announced COLA increases for active and retired letter carriers. We have a new postmaster, let's wait and see what we will be dealing with.

Respectfully submitted
 Kenneth W. Johnson
 Recording Secretary