



# BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
 FEBRUARY 8, 2018



## Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.

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- MSC That the branch donate \$200 to Project 2000 with the St. Louis Labor Council for labor-friendly legislation.

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- MSC That the branch donate \$200 as a sponsor to Branch 1132 of Granite City for their March 10, 2018, annual Mouse Races for MDA.

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- MSC That the branch purchase an ad for up to \$450 in the 2018 Worker's Memorial Issue of the *Labor Tribune* to be published in April of 2018.

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- MSC That the branch donate a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the Bowling Against Dystrophy to be held March 18, 2018.

## New Members

- Tyler G. Clifton..... Ste. Genevieve ..... 01-30-18
- Suzanna Embry ..... Rolla ..... 01-30-18
- Michael W. Johnson..... Town & Country.....02-02-18

## Recently Retired Members

- Robert T. Purk ..... Des Peres..... 12-30-17
- George M. Walker Jr. .... Des Peres..... 01-03-18
- Lucille Snow..... Weathers .....01-31-18

## Deceased Members

- John J. Barrale ..... 60-Year Member.....02-02-18
- Raymond E. Fulsom..... 70-Year Member..... 01-05-18
- Wayne F. Wenzinger ..... Gold Card .....02-07-18

## Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

**NBA's Report:** RAA Stephanie Stewart – The 2 in 1 casing test occurring at Maryville Gardens and Chouteau is now a permanent operational change. The 2017 Food Drive collection totals decreased from 2016, go back to station and rally carriers for 2018. If anyone witnesses bullying at work, report it immediately to stewards and branch officers. Branch 343 raised \$50,000 for MDA in 2017, three times more than any other branch in Region 5.

**Legislative Report:** Mike Weir – Pension checks have increased slightly due to decreased taxes but the new tax plan is expected to result in \$1.5 trillion national debt. Tax cuts result in decreased revenue and then the government cannot provide services to citizens who need it.

**PAC Report:** Mike Weir – February issue of *Postal Record* lists LCPF contributors.

**Retiree Report:** Tom Schulte – 39 attended February meeting. Three to four attendees were in their 90s.

**Mound City Carrier Report:** Tom Schulte – Nick Grillo has hosted the 9-ball tournament for 30 years and his efforts for MDA are much appreciated.

**Labor Council Report:** Mike Chenot – Proposition A will be on the August ballot to defeat RTW. Every ticket sold for Rascal's game in O'Fallon will result in donation of \$5 for the fight.

**MBA Report:** Saronda Sutherland – January issue of the *Postal Record* contains article explaining term vs. whole life insurance, any questions ask Saronda.

**OWCP Report:** Chet Drain – Management should prepare three forms for the carrier when they are injured on the job: CA-1, CA-16 and CA-17.

**MDA Coordinator:** Vicki Rohrbach – Vicki attended the MDA Christmas party and was moved by the love shared between the families in attendance. If you are unable to attend an MDA fundraiser, please buy a T-shirt to support MDA.

**Trustees Report:** Tina Hunt – The books were audited and found to be in good order.

# Political Action Honor Roll

J MARK SIMS★★	CHARLES SEXTON★★	CHARLES SCANLON★★	GERALD GALLEANO★★
JOE FITZJARRELL★★	ROBERT FLAHERTY★★	GENE BRADFORD★★	MIKE WEIR★★
DEAN WERNER★	TONY JASPER★	HENRY DEIBEL★	TOM HARMAN★
TOM SCHULTE★	GENO IBERG★	DARLENE TATE★	BILL LISTER★
JOE POLITTE★	MIKE BIRKETT★	JOHN HAAKE★	LAWRENCE McHAYNES JR★
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MIKE CHENOT	NICKI L. PRADO	FRANK ENLOW	WALTER CLARK

*The above honor roll gives special recognition to those members who give \$50 or more. Each star represents \$100*

Mike Chenot	Derrick Williams	Joseph P. Regan	Catherine Ciaramitaro
Robert Rapisardo	Nicki L. Prado		

**IS YOUR NAME LISTED? WHY NOT?**  
 SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO BRANCH 343, P.A.C.



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## BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES FEBRUARY 8, 2018

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|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. St. Louis Blues vs. San Jose Sharks    | Thursday 2/20 @ 7 p.m. | Yashika Harris, Maryville Gardens |
| 2. St. Louis Blues vs. Colorado Avalanche | Thursday 3/15 @ 7 p.m. | Richard Schallert, Des Peres      |
| 3. Wine Basket                            |                        | Mike Weir, Retired                |
| 4. 50/50 Winner                           | \$34                   | Markus Keys, Kirkwood             |

**Safety & Health Report:** Richard Thurman – The OIG has found instances of management falsifying CA-1 and CA-2 forms. Twenty-two carriers have committed suicide in the past year.

**Haake Scholarship Report:** Pam Stepney – Six applications have been received.

**Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report:** John McLaughlin – The Intuit QuickBooks training was informative. A budget for the branch will be developed. A local news story has made a claim that a steward bullied a carrier. If any carrier witnesses bullying, it should be reported immediately to the Union Hall. Initial budgeting for the 2018 National Convention will allow all qualifying delegates to attend.

**Vice President/Financial Secretary Report:** Brad Layton – Financial report for Jan. read. Brad thanked all the carriers and branch officers who have trained and mentored him through the years.

**President's Comments:** Robert Rapisardo – After eight months, the conversion of CCAs to career should be proceeding monthly. Nine CCAs will be converted on Feb. 17. Safety Meeting topics included bullying and harassment, attendance, accidents (carriers with less than five service years are having the most accidents, daily safety huddles should be held with carriers with less than five years). Brian Litteken provided update on the items negotiated in the LMOU

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary