

# BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MARCH 8, 2018

## Summary of Branch Action

- MSC: To pay the branch bills.
- MSC: That Branch 343 purchase up to 100 yard signs at \$5 each to defeat the right-to-work Proposition A in the upcoming 2018 election.
- MSC: That Branch 343 donate a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the 2018 MDA Bass Tournament to be held on April 7-8 of 2018.
- MSC: That Branch 343 donate a pair of Cardinal baseball tickets to the silent auction at the Missouri State Convention on June 2-3, 2018.
- MSC: That Branch 343 sponsor a hole for \$100 at this year's Missouri State Association's MDA Golf Tournament to be held on June 1, 2018.
- MSC: That the branch reimburse each of the hub sites for this year's food drive up to \$100 for food and non-alcoholic beverages, upon submission of an itemized receipt from any store except Walmart or Sam's.

## New Member

Gant G. Gordon..... Rolla ..... 01-08-18

## Recently Retired Members

Dan Brauchle ..... Affton ..... 12-31-17  
 Kenny E. Warner..... South County ..... 01-31-18  
 Leroy D. Jones ..... Des Peres ..... 02-20-18  
 Kenneth G. Kuntz ..... Gravois ..... 02-28-18

## Deceased Members

William C. Handte.... Gold Card ..... 02-07-18  
 Wayne F. Wenzinger . Gold Card ..... 02-07-18



## Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Chet Drain and the minutes were read and accepted.

**NBA's Report:** RWCA Dave Teegarden Region 5 Rap Session was held Feb. 24-25. Route inspections are scheduled throughout the region. The inspections are to be performed according to the M-39 handbook. Training for the carriers on route inspections can be scheduled through the NBA's office.

**Legislative Report:** Mike Weir – Nothing is happening with HR756.

**PAC Report:** Mike Weir – A Mo. House bill has been proposed to place Prop A on the August ballot. Please fill out the pledge card to vote no on Prop A and a postcard will be mailed back to you a week before the election.

**Retirees Report:** Tom Schulte – Forty-one attended the February meeting. Ole Timers' Day is scheduled for May 5. Rides can be arranged for the 50, 60 and 70-year pin honorees.

**Mound City Carrier Report:** Tom Schulte – The JSOV printed in the MCC should be cited in grievances concerning management intimidation. Cut out and keep in your wallet the Weingarten Rights printed in the MCC.

**Labor Council Report:** Mike Chenot – Visit *stlclc.org* to find recommendations by the St. Louis Labor Council for labor-friendly candidates. The RTW pledge card has talking facts on RTW. July 11 is the deadline to register to vote in the August primary.

**MBA Report:** Saronda Sutherland – The MBA offers a retirement savings plan and a family retirement savings plan.

**Health Benefit Report:** Chet Drain – Membership decreased by 21 in NALC Health Benefit Plan. Forty-seven percent of retirees are members, 22 percent of active members are members.

**MDA Coordinator:** Vicki Rohrbach – Bowling Against Dystrophy on March 18 at Olivette Lanes. T-shirts are \$15. Texas Hold 'Em is April 7. Buddy Bass Tournament is April 15.

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# Political Action Honor Roll

ART BUCK★★★

J MARK SIMS★★	CHARLES SEXTON★★	CHARLES SCANLON★★	GERALD GALLEANO★★
JOE FITZJARRELL★★	ROBERT FLAHERTY★★	GENE BRADFORD★★	MIKE WEIR★★
DEAN WERNER★	TONY JASPER★	HENRY DEIBEL★	BILL LISTER★
TOM SCHULTE★	GENO IBERG★	DARLENE TATE★	JAMES O'DAY★
JOE POLITTE★	MIKE BIRKETT★	JOHN HAAKE★	LAWRENCE McHAYNES JR★
LAURA KEIM★	STEPHANIE STEWART★	STEVEN POWERS★	CATHERINE CIARAMITARO★
TOM HARMAN★	KEN MEYER★	DAN BRAUCHLE★	

ROY HATCHARD JR.	DON CHARTRAND	SAM GOODMAN	LARRY STREIB
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JIM KLUEMPERS	DERRICK WILLIAMS	MICHAEL JENNINGS	CLIF NELSON
MIKE CHENOT	NICKI L. PRADO	FRANK ENLOW	WALTER CLARK
TIFFANY HAGER	RAMONA DROEGE		

*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	Tom Becnel
Robert Rapisardo	Nicki L. Prado	Chet Drain	

**IS YOUR NAME LISTED? WHY NOT?**  
 SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO BRANCH 343, P.A.C.  
**MIKE WEIR**  
**612 CHARLESTON OAKS DR.**  
**BALLWIN, MO 63021-7387**

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

**Safety & Health Report:** Richard Thurman – \$200,000 was spent on accidents this year. There were 14 school shootings this year. Contributing to volatile and confrontational workplace atmosphere, recommend EAP.

**Haake Scholarship Report:** Pam Stepney – Four winners will be announced next month.

**Executive VP/Treasurer Report:** John McLaughlin – Electric circuit breakers need to be replaced. Interface Security will update alarm system. HDMI cables ran to offices and dance hall. Roof downspout above EVP office is leaking. \$5 raffle for Cardinal home opener. Branch 343 Cardinal ticket for sale next regular branch meeting on April 12.

**VP/Financial Secretary Report:** Brad Layton – There were 1,000 T-shirts and 3,000 bags ordered for the food drive. St. Louis Area Food Bank increased its budget for Letter Carrier Food Drive. Branch officers and MCSO will be giving stand-up talks on the food drive.

**President's Comments:** Robert Rapisardo – RTW results in earning \$8,750 less annually, increased poverty rates and 58 percent higher workplace deaths. Only six CCAs will be converted on March 17 rather than nine. A grievance was filed. Postmaster Vaughn is still preventing CCAs from bidding on choice vacation periods. Branch 343 won first place for MDA contributions within our branch size category. Route inspections begin in Carrier Square on March 10 and Clayton on April 9.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary