

# BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JULY 12, 2018

## Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That Branch 343 donate a set of Cardinal baseball tickets to the 2018 MDA Warsher Tournament on September 9.
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- MSC That Branch 343 send EVP John McLaughlin to the Committee of Presidents in September and pay expenses.
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- MSC That Branch 343 purchase the usual ¼ page ad in the Labor Tribune for the 2018 Labor Day issue.
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- MSC That Branch 343 purchase up to \$300 of good candy to hand out along the parade route on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.
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- MSC That Branch 343 provide good food and refreshments at the Union Hall for all members and their families who participate in this year's Labor Day parade, not to exceed a total of \$400.
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- MSC That Branch 343 purchase a Blues 12-game plan for two tickets, costing no more than \$805, for 12 regular season home games during the 2018-2019 season.
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- MSC That Branch 343 mail a third-class mailing to all Branch 343 members who reside in the state of Missouri to remind them to vote on August 7 along with reasons to defeat Proposition A.

## New Members

- Charles Brassfield..... Town & Country..... 05-18-18  
 Andrea Gordon ..... Clayton ..... 05-19-18  
 Ryan Finchem..... Town & Country..... 05-25-18

## Recently Retired Members

- Ron Hoff..... Creve Coeur .....06-30-18  
 Leroy Gage ..... Weathers .....06-30-18

## Highlights

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Pam Stepney and the minutes were read and accepted.

**Retirees Report**, Tom Schulte: Thirty people attended the June 11 retirees' meeting

**Mound City Carrier Report**, Tom Schulte: July issue dedicated to vote no on Prop A. Photo layout of State Convention.

**Labor Council Report**, Mike Chenot: Union Night at St. Louis FC soccer game on Aug. 4, a portion of each ticket sold will go to support \$5 for the Fight Fund. Labor Tug-O-War and family picnic on Aug. 4 to get everyone pulling to defeat Proposition A.

**Safety & Health Report**, Richard Thurman: Peggy Frank a 63-year-old, 28-year veteran letter carrier was found dead in her postal vehicle in Woodland Hills, Calif., on July 6. Peggy died from heat stroke when temperature soared to 117 degrees, surpassing the record of 106 degrees. Peggy recently returned from medical leave for a broken ankle. The person responsible for your safety is you. You have the right to refuse to continue working and not put yourself at risk.

**MDA Coordinator**, Vicki Rohrbach: Run! Ride! Roll! for MDA held July 1, send in pledge money to Mike Weir. MDA T-shirts received from national. Branch 343 MDA events screen printed on back. Justin Fahs, executive director MDA spoke about how treatments have extended the lifespan of those afflicted with the diseases.

**Trustees Report**, Frank Enlow: The books were audited and found to be in good order.

**Legislative & PAC Report**, Mike Weir: UPS lobbied President Trump and provided him bogus information about the PO losing money with Amazon parcel delivery, so Trump created a task force that will evaluate the pricing of the package delivery market. We must win battle on Proposition A. Proposition A does not affect federal workers but a national RTW law would affect federal workers.

**Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report**, John McLaughlin: Renovation of the president's office is finished. The conference room is now the largest office which will provide the needed quiet and space for the stewards to work. Delegate meeting for the National Convention was held and the workshops discussed. Richard Brown has been accepted to Leadership Academy.

**Vice President/Financial Secretary Report**, Brad Layton: Financial report for June was read.

**President's Comments**, Robert Rapisardo: If anyone is willing to visit co-workers off the clock about Proposition A, let Bob know. Informal, Step A and pre-arbitration settlements have totaled over \$90,000 the past month. Diane Carter appointed as negotiator-at-large to replace Joe Regan who moved to South Dakota.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary