

BRANCH MEETING

BRANCH 343, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 9, 2018

Summary of Branch Action

- MSC To pay the branch bills.
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- MSC That Branch 343 send up to two officers to branch officer training to be held in Minneapolis on September 17-20 and pay expenses and lost wages.
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- MSC That Branch 343 sponsor two holes of \$50 each for the Ballwin Branch 5050 MDA golf tournament to be held in September.

Recently Retired Members

- Michael "Thumper" Tharp..Coyle..... 03-17-18
 John T. FosterO'Fallon06-01-18
 Theresa R. Nolan.....Coyle.....06-30-18
 Barbara A. BryantDes Peres.....06-30-18
 Sandra J. Theismann.....Des Peres.....06-30-18
 George L. GarrettClayton.....07-31-18
 Bruce S. BrunzmanMackenzie Pointe....07-31-18
 Dennis E. RobinsonClayton..... 08-03-18
 James M. KeiltyDes Peres..... 08-03-18
 Tamara D. ThomasCarrier Square..... 08-03-18

New Members

- William M. Bantel..... Town & Country.. 06-08-18
 Tyree BarnesGaffney 07-14-18
 Brett J. BockhorstMackenzie Pointe. 06-08-18
 Thomas J. Bolin.....Sappington.....06-15-18
 Terenda M. CooperMackenzie Pointe.. 07-27-18
 Ieasha N. CottonCreve Coeur..... 07-20-18
 Ashley M. CoxMackenzie Pointe.. 07-27-18
 Sierra M. CrawfordCreve Coeur..... 07-27-18
 Teon D. CromwellSouthwest..... 07-27-18
 Patrease D. FrazierClayton.....07-20-18
 Andrew A. Garces.....South County07-06-18
 Donya L. GrayGaffney 07-20-18
 John P. Holt.....Southwest..... 07-27-18
 Ashley HopkinsMackenzie Pointe..06-23-18
 James L. JohnsonDes Peres..... 07-20-18
 Mark S. JohnsonGaffney 07-27-18
 Ryan L. JonesGaffney 06-08-18
 Nyjia A. KennardCoyle.....06-23-18
 Ebony D. KingKirkwood.....07-06-18
 Cedrick D. Kinkaid.....Sikeston..... 06-06-18
 Tykisha KnightenWeathers 07-27-18
 Bridget M. Ivy.....Mackenzie Pointe.. 07-20-18
 Carl A. LucasNormandy.....07-06-18
 Carolyn D. MartinSouthwest.....07-06-18
 Mirecle A. MartinNormandy..... 07-13-18
 Cary M. Mathews.....Sappington.....07-06-18
 Andrew P. McKim.....Mackenzie Pointe..07-06-18
 Otiseia S. McMorris.....Jennings 06-15-18
 Mason D. McNuttCreve Coeur..... 06-15-18
 Michael C. Montgomery..Gaffney 06-15-18
 Halley M. MooreSouthwest..... 06-08-18
 Michele S. Moore.....North County..... 07-20-18
 Gary D. NellumsMackenzie Pointe.. 07-13-18
 Tiffany A. Parker.....North County..... 07-13-18
 Anthony C. PrestonNorth County..... 06-08-18
 Charlene L. RobinsonJennings 07-06-18
 Jacqueline SandersNormandy..... 07-13-18
 Eryn M. Swatske.....Union 06-23-18
 Lesley WaltonGaffney 06-15-18
 Laree WareJennings 06-08-18
 India Williams.....Normandy..... 07-20-18
 Tammy WimsSikeston..... 07-20-18

BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES JANUARY, 2018

1. Cardinals vs. Washington Nationals
Thursday, 8/16 @ 6:15 p.m.
Tiffany Hager, South County
2. Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
Tuesday, 8/28 @ 7:15 p.m.
Lucille Snow, Retired
3. Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates
Wednesday, 8/29 @ 7:15 p.m.
Ramona Droege, So. County
4. Cardinals vs. Cincinnati Reds
Tuesday, 8/31 @ 7:15 p.m.
Derrick Williams, West County
5. 50/50 Winner \$30 Thomas Schreiber

Highlights

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

NBA's Report, Charlie Sexton: At the National Convention all 12 national officer/trustee positions were contested. Three of the 15 NBA positions were contested. Mike Birkett was reelected as Region 5 NBA. RAA Stephanie Stewart was nominated for national director of health benefits. RWCA Dave Teegarden will be appointed as RAA and Larrissa Parde will be appointed as RWCA effective August 13. M-1892 conversion of CCAs with 30 months relative standing, M-1893 hold in place rule, M-1894 CCA retroactive holiday pay, M-1985 converted CCA retroactive pay, M-4896 TE time credited toward step increase.

Legislative & PAC Report, Mike Weir: Prop A defeated by 2:1 margin. Pam Stepney and Mike Chenot attended event for Claire McCaskill. H. Res. 993 has 80 cosponsors.

Retirees Report, Tom Schulte: Sponsors of RTW should be voted out of office. Retirees' annual picnic at Deer Creek Park, Maplewood, Sept. 5.

Mound City Carrier Report, Tom Schulte: Rotating day calendar in Sept. issue. Email Tom any pictures taken at the National Convention. First place award for Best News or Feature Story "Reflections of World War II Veteran Ted Hempen" by Tom Schulte, third place for General Excellence among Large Branch or State Association Publications for the MCC. Branch 343 is grand prize winner for MDA fundraising for branches with 2,500+ members.

Labor Council Report, Pam Stepney: Phone banking was held at steward meeting to defeat RTW. Labor Day Parade, Sept. 3, wear postal uniform, assemble on Olive between 19th and 20th Street by 8:30.

Health Benefit Report, Chet Drain: A resolution to incorporate Silver Sneakers into the NALC Health Benefit Plan failed at National Convention but Cigna already has 40 Health Rewards discount programs available through mycigna.com.

Haake Scholarship Report, Pam Stepney: The branch will award one scholarship for a trade school.

Safety & Health Report, Richard Thurman: Cooling towel available at station. Resolution passed at National Convention to negotiate for UV protected and dry-fit uniforms. OSHA violations have resulted in billions in penalty.

MDA Coordinator, Vicki Rohrbach: A lot of effort

goes into putting on an MDA fundraising event so please volunteer to help. Kickball Tournament, Blu (314) 327-7215; Warsher Tournament, Brian (314) 753-1699; Bar-B-Que Cook-Off, Diane (314) 241-4297; Golf Tournament, John (314) 241-4297.

OWCP Report, Chet Drain: What is important in determining whether an OWCP claim is approved is for the doctor to give a quality medical report establishing the causal relationship between the diagnosed condition and the work factors that caused it.

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

Executive Vice President/Treasurer Report, John McLaughlin: Tiffany Hagar and Mike Weir run the golf tournament. St. Louis LMOU interest arbitration will not be settled before 2019 annual leave bids are mailed. As a result of an APWU grievance, an arbitrations award vacated the Postal Service's unilateral changes to the ELM which would have restricted employees' right to take LWOP to participate in political campaigns.

Vice President/Financial Secretary Report, Brad Layton: Read financial report for July. Defeating Prop A shows what we can accomplish when we unite. The 71st National Convention was Brad's first to attend. We should take pride in the fundraising work Branch 343 does for MDA.

President's Comments, Robert Rapisardo: Prop A defeated by a 2:1 margin; all *Proud Union Home* signs are gone. If more members wish to have a sign, call Bob. The station that has the most marchers in the Labor Day parade will be treated to a breakfast at their station. Lamont Broomfield and Richard Brown will be attending Formal Step A and Beyond training in September. A grievance has been filed for removing employees from the rolls after the Step B team reaches an impasse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Litteken, Recording Secretary

MDA GOLF TOURNEY

OCTOBER 7

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT: JUDY BITZER OR JOHN McLAUGHLIN

CALL 314-241-4297

