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"The Labor Movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress."—Martin Luther King, Jr.

New York Metro backs Verizon strikers



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Fighting for our future



Jonathan Smith

I've been reading a book called *Confession of a Union Buster*, written by Martin Jay Levitt, a man who was getting paid a six-figure salary to convince people they didn't need a union. The ad for the book says "transformed the war on labor into a billion-dollars-a-year industry." Levitt explains that supervisors are actually trained to blame labor for any problems that arise with the company.

Our battle is as much political as personal. We have to win the battle of public opinion. Even though the Postal Service is far and away the most trusted federal agency, people do resent rude window clerks, long lines, and slow service. They believe that these problems are due to lazy or disgruntled postal employees.

It is on us to explain that these problems are the result of bad management decisions, not bad workers. The decision to understaff the windows is not our choice. Closing post offices and cutting hours of operation are not our choice. The consolidation of plants to send mail on circuitous routes is not our choice; nor is the ending of overnight delivery since January 2015.

A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service, a broad coalition of organizations representing people from many different communities taking a stand against unprecedented assaults on our public postal service, is holding field hearings

around the United States to build the battle against postal privatization

We have to educate the public that there is a real threat to their constitutional right to universal and affordable mail service. The USPS delivers anywhere and everywhere. Unlike private companies, they cannot add to the price for going into the inner cities or out to sparsely populated rural hamlets.

We have to convince people about what the public postal service means to them. The USPS is the last bastion of privacy. The nation's postal workers are sworn to protect the sanctity of the U.S. mail. Training and stability of the work force makes the post office a trusted institution.

Hope for the future

Part of that stability is having a regular unionized work force. Management complains about PSEs having a bad attitude. We say, you want to make a PSE a better worker—you show them a career, a future. Our Local has converted more PSEs to career than any other Local in the country. Our Motor Vehicle stewards are doing a great job fighting for this in the MV craft. In the NY District, as of May 14, there are 16 more career drivers in Manhattan, to add to the 10 at the NDC. There are also continuing conversions of clerks in all our facilities, and management is finally complying with the grievance won to convert 5 NDC custodians to career.

Full time jobs with guaranteed hours and benefits are good for the individuals and their families. But for all postal workers, adding to our regular work force means hope for

the future. People need hope! NY Metro is about hope.

Fight for a safe workplace

A tragedy that could have been avoided was the accident that killed our member, Clerk Nadia Assad, in the DVD parking lot. The lot was poorly designed, poorly lit, and poorly marked. AND, the lot is STILL poorly designed, poorly lit, and poorly marked. DVD management has contempt for employee safety inside and outside the plant. Complaints about the parking lot's lack of light, stop signs, posted speed limits, and speed bumps, were ignored. This led to tragedy.

Our condolences go to Nadia's family. We must channel our grief and anger into the fight for workplace safety. ☹

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How important is your job to you?

On May 10, 2016, the Postal Service reported that Operating Revenue grew by 4.7% to 17.7 billion dollars for the 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 (1/1/16 – 3/31/16). That's an increase of 788 million dollars, or 4.7% over the same period last year. **But the USPS is still claiming a net loss for the quarter of 2 billion dollars!** Top management at the Postal Service continues to undermine our jobs and assist the push toward privatization. Based on that, The Union Mail is reprinting the following column.

By Tiffany Foster, Executive Vice-President



Tiffany Foster

How hard will you fight to save your job? Well time will tell. We are being faced with some major challenges. The job that we have taken for granted, because we have a no lay-off clause in our Collective Bargaining Agreement allows us to think we are safe. Well, we're not. How about the overtime that management tries to seduce us with, that makes us violate our own contract?

Let me tell you why we are not safe. USPS is giving away the business at an alarming rate. Self-sabotage is number one on the agenda. Look at what's happening around you. Every post office has long lines with limited staff to handle the lines. This makes the customers go somewhere else. Is that the plan? Some stations like Grand Central didn't have any stamps to sell to the customers for weeks. How does a window clerk begin to tell a customer they don't have any stamps to sell. This is the post office; we should never run out of stamps to sell. Is this the plan to drive the customers away? Let's not forget about package delivery. The parcel post busi-

ness for the USPS has increased and I'm sure you see this daily by the amount of parcels received in the stations as opposed to years ago. That still doesn't mean that our jobs are safe. In light of parcel growth, the USPS is doing everything possible to make us irrelevant. The manufactured crisis imposed on the USPS by Congress has played into the hands of those wanting to privatize the postal service because it allows them to say we are in trouble. The trouble is that the \$5 billion dollars we are mandated to fork over to fund our future retirees' health benefits 75 years into the future. This fund will be for people who are not born yet. More ways the USPS is trying to make us irrelevant is the sweetheart deal with Staples or by its other name, Approved Shipper Program. The Approved Shipper Program allows Staples employees to sell stamps, other postal products, and receive packages, just as our window clerks, but are paid a non-living wage. I know you have seen CVS and other retail chains selling postal products. Now to add insult to injury, Walmart will have postal counters in 2,000 of its stores. Do you think our job is under attack now? In the stations, they are using the PASS or DSS machines. This machine doesn't

require you to know the scheme for the station. It tells you the carrier route the parcel goes to. Remember, knowing a scheme required training and was considered a skill. The USPS is making it so that we are dispensable.

Just because you work in the plant, don't think you're okay Job security is an issue for you also. Plants are being downsized and consolidated. The USPS has removed machines . . . saying there is no need for them anymore. No machines, no clerks needed to run the machines and no maintenance employees to repair them. Maintenance staffing has been cut and cut again. . . .Motor Vehicle craft subcontracting is real and ever present. Every chance the USPS gets they are finding ways to subcontract out our work. . .

So how important is your job to you? How hard will you fight to protect it? Every week NY Metro has been and will continue to put out a schedule for Staples hits, we expect more than our retirees and volunteers from other locals to hit the streets with us. We must keep fighting as long as our jobs are under attack. When NY Metro calls for all hands on deck, that's when we'll see who's serious about protecting their jobs. ☐

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

The #PoliticalRevolution of 2016

By Nora Taggart, Legislative and Political Director

A social movement that only moves people is merely a revolt. A movement that changes both people and institutions is a revolution.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The 2016 elections have been unlike any other. The establishment and most political pundits undermined Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump and even forecasted they would eventually fade away. But the opposite happened. Both Sanders and Trump began drawing huge crowds to big venues, unlike their opponents.

This became a problem for the status quo that had already decided our next president would be a Clinton or a Bush. Fundraisers were held as early as 2014 for Hillary, way before she even announced her candidacy. Jeb Bush had also raised a lot of money. Both candidates were being funded by predominantly the same banks, corporations and billionaires.

Early in the presidential campaign, APWU president Mark Dimondstein stated “...postal workers should certainly look to elect pro-worker candidates no matter which party they’re from. ... we should also help find a way out of the ‘lesser-of-two evils’ choices we are continually offered and build an independent political movement where we are not taken for granted by politicians, where elections are not bought and sold, and where our elected representatives are truly accountable to the people.”

The Republican establishment’s

desperate attempts to corral Trump backfired. The constant coverage of Trump and his drama reinforced his popularity with his supporters.

The opposite happened to Bernie Sanders. The Mainstream Media (MSM) has all but ignored the Sanders campaign and constantly talked about Hillary’s capture of the Democratic nomination as a done deal. When they do mention Sanders, it is to marginalize him by distorting his positions, and giving Hillary a free pass on issues that should be examined.

However, thanks to social media, Bernie Sanders continues to be a strong contender in the Democratic race. As of May 11, Sanders has won 19 of the final 25 state primaries and caucuses (not a typo). He’s within a few hundred thousand votes of Clinton in the popular vote; he has won 54 percent of the pledged delegates since Super Tuesday; and, more importantly, Sanders beats Donald Trump nationally by much more than does Clinton. As of 2014, less than 30% of voters were Democrats, whereas over 43% are independent. Bernie Sanders scores very high among independents.

The Democratic Party establishment is completely opposed to this political revolution. Instead of supporting the candidate that has the best chance of beating Trump and the Republicans, their only commitment seems to be to nominate Hillary Clinton, even at the expense of winning the White House.

The Sanders presidential cam-


paign, more than any other campaign in either party, has drawn large crowds and huge support from small donors. He is the most liked and trusted candidate on both sides of the aisle. His platform is on issues he has supported for decades. Clinton and Trump, on the other hand, both have very high unpopularity ratings among voters.

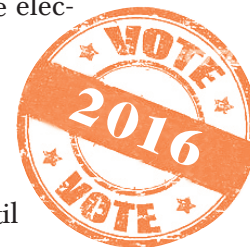
A lot is at stake as the Democratic candidates head towards a contested convention in Philadelphia in July. Bernie Sanders’ campaign has made an enormous impact in American politics. By running an anti-corporate, pro-worker platform, Bernie has inspired millions of people. If he doesn’t get the nomination, quits the race and backs Hillary, there is a chance the energy of the political revolution might end.

The stakes are too high. Now is the time for bold action to build a fighting, working class political alternative that will represent the 99%.

Larry Cohen, former CWA president and senior adviser to the Sanders campaign, has said Sanders will continue to be a “transformational force” in American politics well beyond the election.

There is a petition online asking Bernie Sanders to continue to run until November.

For more information go to www.movement4bernie.org 



NY METRO BACKS VERIZON STRIKERS

“On strike! Shut it down! New York is a UNION town!”

By Flo Summergrad

On May 5, 2016, hundreds of striking Verizon and Verizon Wireless workers rallied at the Verizon building at 140 West Street and marched to 100 Wall Street. Cowbells, horns, and chants of “When do we want a contract? NOW!” and “One day longer! One day stronger!” woke up the quiet financial district.

40,000 workers from Maine to Virginia have been on strike against the phone giant since April 13th. In the last three years, the company made \$39 billion in profits from the labor of the men and women who keep the network running, but it refused to negotiate a fair contract. The unions had been at the table since August 2015 to no avail. Unlike postal workers who are forced into interest arbitration under the law, the telecommunications workers have the right to strike. CWA and IBEW workers understand that they are carrying the banner against corporate greed for every working person in America.

The New York City march was one of many held on May 5th – called “The Verizon Strike National Day of Action” by the AFL-CIO. Workers from sister unions marched in solidarity with the strikers, while truckers and construction workers beeped horns and raised fists as the spirited strikers came by. APWU has stood with Verizon workers from Day One. President Mark Dimondstein called on all postal

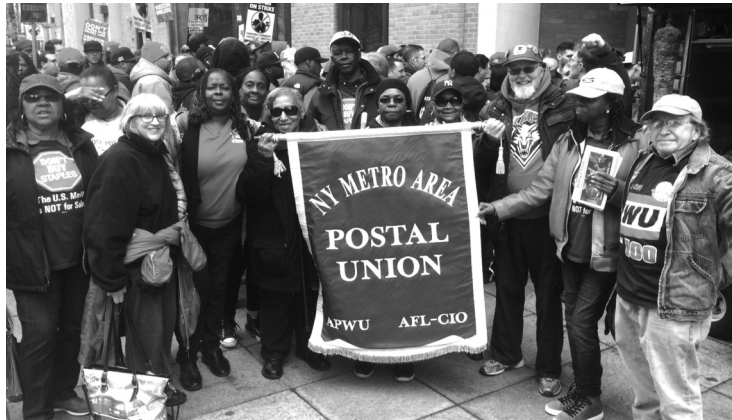


Photo by Dennis O'Neil

workers to support the sisters and brothers whose jobs and unions are under attack. NYMAPU members have been joining local picket lines, and on the National Day of Action, a contingent of workers and retirees marched in solidarity behind the NY Metro Area Postal Union banner.

Many of the issues at stake for Verizon workers are similar to ours. A key dispute is the company's drive to outsource to low-wage, non-union contractors. Just as the USPS has made a dirty deal with Staples to use low-wage employees who are limited to 25 hours a week with no benefits, Verizon is expanding its non-union contracts. As the CWA has organized Verizon Wireless workers, the company is pushing back with more contracting out. Even more shameful, management refuses to negotiate at all with the Verizon Wireless retail workers who legally unionized back in 2014.

Just as USPS is closing post offices and consolidating plants, Verizon has a pattern of call center closings and consolidations. Current workers are faced with losing their

jobs or being subjected to long commutes. In addition, Verizon has already moved over 5000 jobs overseas where they do not have to answer to U.S. labor laws.

Additional pressure is put on wireline technicians by forcing them to work away from their home states for months at a time. Active shop stewards are often targeted for these distant assignments.

While the company is spending millions in advertising to portray the strikers as selfish and overpaid, these are the very people who keep Verizon's touted network functioning and profitable. How quickly management forgets that in the basement of the very building we were picketing, it was these same workers who slogged through water in darkness after the 9/11 attacks knocked out phone service to Wall Street and lower Manhattan residents.

Just as postal workers moved the mail through the anthrax terror, telephone workers keep the commitment to the public. Unionized workers have stability and continuity that is lost by contracting out. But the corporations are about mega-profits, not about good service. Verizon is aiming at destroying the unions. Our answer is: “Union busting! That's disgusting!” Postal workers have high stakes in this battle.

Stand with the Verizon strikers! Don't cross the picket lines. Join them when you can. ☒

NYC Field Hearing: "Save Our Public"

By Flo Summergrad

A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service is a growing coalition of national, state, and local organizations joining together to repulse the attacks on our public service. In 2016, A Grand Alliance has been holding Field Hearings around the country to record the public sentiment to stop the sale and privatization of this national treasure.

The New York City Field Hearing



Nellie Bailey

was held on the evening of Thursday, May 12, 2016, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Harlem. Moderator Nellie Bailey

introduced

that our purpose is "to protect and enhance the Postal Service. The public good must not be sacrificed for the sake of private profit."

The panel of hearing officers represented a broad range of knowledge: Deirdre Fisher-Kemp is a Minister of the New Light Baptist Church; Michelle Holder is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at CUNY; Norman Siegel, a civil rights and civil liberties attorney, former Director of the NY Civil Liberties Union.

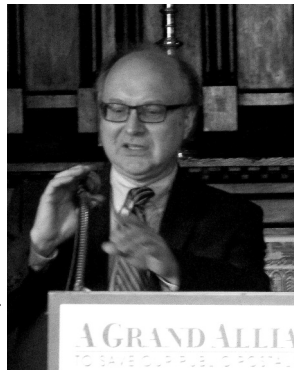
A stellar group of community leaders from various walks of life gave testimony as presenters. Each presenter discussed a particular

aspect of the need for an efficient and enhanced public postal service.

Several key themes emerged:

Economic Impact

James Parrott, Chief Economist and Deputy Director of the Fiscal Policy Institute, focused on the economic impact of closing and consolidating post offices.



James Parrott

He gave statistics showing that the financial losses to the community are far greater than the savings to the Postal Service. The comparable studies done by the USPS "understated the loss of tax revenue and business losses in the community."

Seniors
Mariam Sammons, Head of Visiting



Mariam Sammons

Neighbors, an organization since 1972 for seniors in NYC to stay independent and connected. Seniors have benchmarks that keep them going. One important bench-

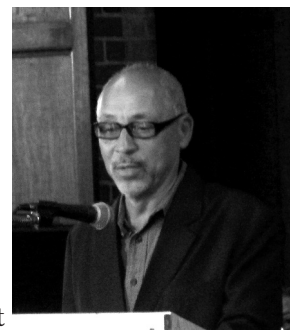
mark is getting the mail or going to the post office. "Each and every senior considers the Postal Service a vital link. Cuts in service impact them more than most. They depend on medications through the mail. They understand that they don't have alternatives."

Postal Banking Makes Sense

Sarah Ludwig, Founder and Co-director of the New Economy Project, described the landscape of financial services as "a disturbing picture"—the manifestation of decades of discrimination. 68 million Americans live in bank deserts — one or less banks in the area. They spent \$89 billion in high interest and fees to have basic financial services. The void is filled by check cashing places and pawn shops. 70% of them are in non-white neighborhoods. Low income people pay 10% of their income for financial services. They are victim to predatory and unregulated lenders. Small businesses are less secure without sound financial services. "Postal banking makes sense." The post office is a big opportunity for economic inclusion.

Delays and service cuts hurt the community

Julio Pabón, Bronx businessman and community activist who has spent his whole life in the South Bronx, spoke on the impact of service



Julio Pabón

Photos by Mark Apollo/Hashtag Occupy Media

Public Postal Service!"



Jeremy Mohler

delays and closings on the small business community. Time is money. Having to travel further to a post office or wait on long lines can put you out of business. The postal service provides the most economical and efficient shipping.

Bronx GPO, built with taxpayer

and water systems. “When a business is run for profit, they cut corners on services and wages. They stress out the employees, violate labor standards.” “The Postal Service is a public asset. We all own a share in it. We can leverage that asset to do something for everyone.”

The hearing officers affirmed the need for a public Postal Service. This evening was a historic event that should be built on and repeated. The USPS is the most democratic of our institutions, established to provide universal service available to all. The post office is provided for in the U.S. Constitution, because freedom of communication is essential to democracy.

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part in a national effort. This is a national movement that will build around key issues for saving our public postal service:



Sarah Ludwig

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1. Protect 6-day service and door-to-door

delivery

2. Address pre-funding mandate.
3. Restore service standards of 2012.
4. No closing or consolidations of post offices or plants.
5. Need a Postal Board of Governors that champions the public postal service.
6. Expand services.

The fight will be strengthened if we each get our organizations to become a signatory to A Grand Alliance to Save Our Public Postal Service. Go to AGrandAlliance.org to sign on.



Hearing officers Fisher-Kemp, Holder, and Siegel

money, belonged to the people. It was a beautiful, museum-quality building that was the center of the community. One of the public comments confirmed that the sale of Bronx GPO “hurt people to their hearts.”

Privatization

Jeremy Mohler, Communications Specialist at “In the Public Interest,” addressed privatization of public service. His experience is with privatized prisons, schools,

Knowledgeable and dedicated postal workers provide a valuable service—they are the gems who are part of this “national treasure.”

What Comes Next

Bernadette Evangelist, of the Big Apple Coffee Party, and one of the organizers of the hearing, thanked the participants for their



Questions and comments from the audience

Members, get in the fight!

By Kevin Walsh, Director of Organization

If you are a member of New York Metro Areal Postal Union, what does this mean? Do you have responsibilities as a member?

The pride that goes along with Union membership entails many aspects and responsibilities. N.Y. Metro has rallies, pickets, parades, news conferences, informational leafletting, membership meetings, seminars and much, much more. While it might not be possible to attend all of these events, coming out and supporting some of them is a responsibility of all Union members.

The NYMAPU administration is very involved in all arenas that affect our brothers and sisters. We go to community hearings against post office closures and consolidations, and we have had success to keep post offices open. However, if the Union didn't mobilize the community and be present for these hearings, the Postal Service would have gone forward with their plans. We are active in the New York City Central Labor Council, work with other Unions, support and participate in functions and rallies with National Association of Letter Carriers and National Mail Handlers Union.

New York Metro has an ongoing Stop Staples Campaign to protect our work from privatization and contracting out. Our retirees are the ones out in the streets every day leafletting the public to make them aware of the U.S.P.S. and Staples contract

that is taking YOUR work. The retirees are not directly affected by this contract, but they are out in the cold, rain, heat, snow and other adverse conditions to protect YOUR jobs. As a member you have a responsibility to attend leafletting, rallies, parades, membership meetings etc. These events are to protect your bargaining rights and working conditions.

Grievances are important, but we are not going to grieve our way to a

better economy or social justice. Postal workers have to use our organizational strength to fight in the political arena.

It is 2016 and times have changed, especially for labor. As the old saying goes "Money talks and b*****t walks". This was never truer than it is today. Politicians look at Unions, how many show up for rallies and parades, how many are registered voters and how much they can give to their campaign. COPA

(Committee on Political Action) is how the Union raises contributions to support campaigns of candidates for public office. We have to support candidates that support our causes and fights.

The national APWU and our own NY Metro Area local have endorsed Bernie Sanders for President. For the first time in many years, there is a candidate who represents us, not just by fighting to save the post office, but also taking a stand against income inequality and daring to address critical issues like student debt and the right to join unions, that impact us and our families. The impact of Bernie's campaign has been to create a popular movement around these issues.

Participating in that movement—be it around labor organizing, voting rights, health care, money for schools not prisons, equal pay for women, environmental protection, and so on—is critical to our future. The more you get involved, the stronger our fight! ☐



Kevin Walsh leads Stop Staples Rally at James A. Farley Post Office in April, 2014

Photo by Bernadette Evangelist

Clerk cases win money at DVD

By Flo Summergrad

Congratulations to DVD Shop Steward Melissa Wimberley-Jones! This spring, 16 clerks at Dominick V. Daniels facility were awarded substantial financial remedies based on grievances that she filed, advocated at arbitration by APWU NBA Bernie Timmerman.

These were two Class Action cases. Unlike disciplinary grievances, where the burden of proof is on management, contract cases put the weight on the union—specifically on the steward entrusted with researching, documenting, and filing the case.

The union's *defensive* job is protecting each employee against disciplinary action. Many workers think



Photo by Darren Smith

agement is violating, then research, organize, and prove the case. This investigation takes a lot work—especially if the grievance is ongoing and has to be documented over a period of time.

Over her many years as a NYMAPU steward, Melissa has developed her skills at investigating and filing Class Action contract grievances. These resulted in the two recent wins:

- **Cross craft violation:** The wheels of justice ground slowly, but three years after the original violation, the union prevailed. Arbitrator Wellington J. Davis, Jr. awarded \$90,020 to be split among the 14 clerks whose work on the AFCS 200 machines was improperly given to mail handlers from November 14, 2012, to January 25, 2013.

- **Improper abolishment:** In the other case, management used the June 2014 “Network Rationalization” to abolish the bid positions of two clerks on the APBS machine, but

continued to use PSEs to cover the jobs. The union argued that the decision to implement “net rat” was made in haste, thus creating hundreds of grievances throughout the country. Arbitrator Michael J. Pecklers agreed with the union that Article 37.1.E says jobs can be abolished only when the work is not there anymore. In this hearing, the union’s case that the positions were backfilled “was established by the credible and unrebutted testimony of Steward Melissa Wimberley-Jones who works on the APBS, coupled with the clock rings included in the case file.”

Management’s denials of the original grievance were based on the pretext that the union did not present documentation to substantiate its case. Arbitrator Pecklers cites that the steward “issued muscular ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS” showing that the union had indeed met the burden of proof. His final



Photo by Melissa Wimberley-Jones

I am proud to be a union member. ...without the members, there is NO union. High five to shop steward Melissa and NBA Bernie who fought hard for the big win for the employees on the AFCS 200 at DVD Facility.

—SABYRAH EDGAR



Photo by Melissa Wimberley-Jones

I've been a union member for 27 years. "It pays to belong," especially when you have a shop steward like Melissa Wimberley-Jones who's not afraid to challenge management on anything and her persistence paid off on the win on the AFCS 200.

—KATRINA YATES

this is the shop steward’s job sole function. You often hear a non-member say, “Oh, I don’t need the union. I never get in trouble.”

Wrong! The union’s main function is to take the *offensive* to police our collective rights. Class Action grievances are the fight against violations of the CBA and Local Memos of Understanding. In these cases, the steward has to understand the contractual provisions that man-

POSTAL PRIDE

Coming in June...

NY Metro P.O.W.E.R. voter registration drive

The November 2016 elections will be a critical time to let workers' voices be heard at the polls.

Voting is a **RIGHT** won through generations of political struggle.

It is a **RESPONSIBILITY**.

In order to vote, you have to be registered.

To make it easy to register, the sisters from our union's Post Office Women for Equal Rights chapter (P.O.W.E.R.) will be doing a Voter Registration Drive this June. Keep your eyes open for leaflets to let you know exact dates. And, if you want to help with the drive, give

your name to your steward or call the Union office: 212-563-7553. ☎



Union negotiates new health benefits for PSEs

PSEs with less than a year can sign up for health insurance.

Special Enrollment Period
May 16–June 30, 2016

For info <https://Liteblue.usps.gov/benefits>
1-877-477-3273

Postal News Briefs

OIG REPORT: POSTAL LABOR COST-CUTTING HURTS SERVICE

An April 2016 report by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) cites USPS cost cutting as a prime reason that the Postal Service has failed to meet target service standards two years in a row. 75% of the total reduction in expenses targeted labor.



Since 2006, USPS has cut labor costs by more than \$10 billion! The OIG warns against trading off reduced service to save money. The report says the extensive use of non-career employees (PSEs, CCAs, MHAs) is “problematic.” In 2014, the turnover for career workers was under 1.3%, but 29% for non-career. Constant expense for hiring and retraining hurts postal productivity.

APWU President Mark Dimondstein points out that this report “underscores concerns we’ve been raising for quite some time. . .Cuts to service and jobs are hurting the people of the country and jeopardizing the future.”

“POSTAL PULSE” RESPONSE DOWN

The old “Voice of the Employee” survey is now called “The Postal Pulse.” This has been forced on workers every year—especially at the time of contract expirations. The answers are of course always skewed to show that employees are satisfied with the job status.



APWU urged members not to let the Postal Service “take their pulse.”

Despite pressure from management that the survey is mandatory, the USPS reported on May 2, 2016, that “The response rate on the latest survey, conducted Feb 16–March 28 was 30%, down from 47% last year.”

TRUMP PROFITS ON HISTORIC OLD POST OFFICE

The Old DC Post Office, built in 1899, is now under construction to be converted to a luxury hotel owned by Donald Trump. Just as the Postal Service betrayed the public by selling the artistic gem that was Bronx GPO into private hands, it sold the Old Post Office to the Trump family.



To meet federal regulations on historic preservation, Trump promised to employ an architect with artistic integrity and to partner with a solid U.S. real estate company, Colony Capital, to back the sale.

But he pulled a classic “bait and switch.” As soon as the deal went through, Trump dumped the architect and began gilding and covering over historic structures. He replaced Colony Capital by using the federal lease as collateral for a \$170 million construction loan from the German Deutsche Bank, putting U.S. ownership at risk. There is also the ethical question of making a personal profit from a government contract while running for President. The construction site—on taxpayer property—bears a big sign saying: “Coming 2016: TRUMP.” ☎

CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

5:30 pm

General Membership Meeting

Hotel Pennsylvania

401 Seventh Ave (between 32 and 33 Streets)

Paris/Zurich Room, 6th Floor

(check calendar in lobby for room change)

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

5:30 pm

General Membership Meeting

Hotel Pennsylvania

401 Seventh Ave (between 32 and 33 Streets)

Paris/Zurich Room, 6th Floor

(check calendar in lobby for room change)

Metro Night Out

Yankees v. Giants

July 22, 2016 7:05 pm

Tickets \$30

March/April

Don't Buy Staples! Rallies

will be scheduled throughout our area. For locations and times, check www.nymetro.org or call the Union office, Kevin Walsh, 212-563-7553

CORRECTION!

In the March/April edition of *The Union Mail*, typographical errors were made in the APWU Local 10 Building Corporation information for December 2015 and February 2016. (The errors were brought to our attention thanks to the Secretary/Treasurer.) The data was correct, but the dates were typed in wrong. Corrected dates are in **bold print** below.

—Apologies from the Editor

APWU LOCAL 10 BUILDING CORP (corrected dates)

APWU LOCAL 10 BLDG. CORP (corrected dates)

Beginning Balance as of 12/01/2015	\$ 440,416.13
TOTAL REVENUE DECEMBER 2015	\$ 116,799.45
Total Operating Expenses Dec. 2015	\$ 295,411.28
TOTAL NET INCOME DEC 2015/LOSS	\$ (178,611.83)
Closing Balance as of 12/31/2015	\$ 261,804.30

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/2016	\$ 239,150.69
TOTAL REVENUE FEBRUARY 2016	\$ 77,947.76
Total Operating Expenses Feb. 2016	\$ 154,953.29
TOTAL NET INCOME FEB 2016/LOSS	\$ -(77,005.53)
Closing Balance as of 02/29/2016	\$ 162,145.16

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Beginning Balance as of 03/01/2016	\$ 162,145.16
TOTAL REVENUE MARCH 2016	\$ 122,203.48
Total Operating Expenses Mar. 2016	\$ 117,002.33
TOTAL NET INCOME MARCH 2016	\$ 5,301.15
Closing Balance as of 03/31/2016	\$ 167,446.31

NY Metro Scholarship winners 2016

NY Metro Area Postal Union awarded five scholarships of \$2000 each to outstanding students. (One was awarded at the April meeting; the others at the May meeting.)

Danielle Jenkin—April 20, 2016 membership meeting—DVD father **Robert Jenkin**

Miranda Delancy—May 18, 2016 membership meeting—Grand Central mother

Maureen Delancy

Michelle Huang—May 18, 2016 membership meeting—JAF mother **Zhantu Huang**

Alma Alvarez—May 18, 2016 membership meeting—Morgan mother **Alma Alvarez**
(mother and daughter share the same name)

Joan Emina—May 18, 2016 membership meeting—Morgan employee

“Nothing is more priceless than the smile on a child’s face when they are going on to college!” President Jonathan Smith told our April membership meeting as he presented a \$2,000 check and trophy to **Danielle Jenkin**, daughter of DVD Motor Vehicle Operator **Robert Jenkin**. “Helping our children to a bright future is an act of love,” said President Smith. “It makes all the ups and downs of parenting worthwhile. New York Metro Area Postal Union is pleased to be a little part of this.”

The four other winners were honored at the May meeting: **Miranda Delancy**, daughter of Grand Central SSSA **Maureen Delancy**; **Michelle Huang**, daughter of JAF Clerk **Zhantu Huang**; **Alma Alvarez**, daughter of Morgan Clerk PSE **Alma Alvarez**; and Morgan Clerk **Joan Emina**. ☺



Winner Danielle Jenkin (with trophy)—at April membership meeting with President Smith, her father, MVO Robert Jenkin, one of her brothers, and her mother. (Photo of the other recipients will be in the next issue.)



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