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

Six-day delivery survives another attack!



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PSE conversions—a stronger union



Jonathan Smith

We've got bills going through Congress trying to destroy the Postal Service. They try to slide postal issues into a bill that has nothing to do with the postal service, just an

underhanded way to kill postal jobs. Our fight is for our jobs. We've got to stop fighting each other. Writing statements against each other is playing into management's hands. The summer just started and there are already cases where workers are in the street for silly disputes.

Also, our regular workforce has to stop being pitted against the PSEs. When I came into the Postal Service, older employees pulled us to the side and showed us the best way to protect our jobs is by doing them right. It is not cool to brag about not working. We should be proud of what we do.

Some people have an attitude that PSEs are a threat to take our jobs. That's not true. They're working to put food on the table; their goal is to make regular, no different than us when we started working for the Postal Service. They are not the enemy. Management is the enemy.

We shouldn't turn our back on the young PSEs. Were you always dignified and acting right when you were 21& 22 years old? It's our job to teach them to take pride in their work. Veteran postal workers need to talk with the younger workers. Remember what you went through and where you came from.

We're fighting for the Postal

Service to have a future. We need to get the future workforce ready to take over.

One of the arguments for converting the PSEs to career jobs is that this gives people more incentive to come to work.

PSE conversions

In spite of management delays, the process is happening.

We are verifying PSE hiring seniority lists. Clerks and MVS are converted within the installation; custodians are converted within the district—all by seniority. The union will post the PSE hiring list. Look and let us know if it is correct. Time is of the essence.

In the Bronx, 3 clerk PSEs have already been converted. As we go to press, conversions are starting in NYC and canvassing for residuals is happening at DVD and the NDC. 18 "offer letters" have been sent to custodians in Manhattan and the Bronx; there have been 18 Motor Vehicle conversions in NYC and 12 at NDC.

New Jersey is more complicated because they have Part Time Flexies (PTFs) in the Northern NJ District, even though not in DVD or the NDC. This delayed things because management was wrongly evaluating the PTFs records before converting them to full time. No good. The Union had this stopped.

After placing unencumbered clerks and those with retreat rights into residual vacancies, the pecking order is: 1. PTFs; 2. Employees from e-reassign (where management can accept or reject by your record, attendance, safety, supervisor evaluation). For every e-reassign accepted, three PSE clerks must be converted; 3. PSE conversions.

At the NDC, DVD and NY District, we have grievances under 37.3.A.1 that will give us more clerk jobs. Management is trying to mix the issues of creating new jobs and filling the residual vacancies. I've told them I won't meet on the 37.3.A.1 cases until after the provisions of the MOU on filling residual vacancies (including PSE conversions) are satisfied.

We are working to make the Postal Service deliver on its promise of career employment. By the September union meeting there will be some happy converted PSEs!

There are no union meetings during July and August, but we will be getting information to you through the stewards, newsflashes, email blasts, the Facebook page and our new NYMAPU web site.

Have a great summer! God bless! ☺

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Give to COPA! Give to COPA!

By Tiffany Foster, Executive Vice President



Tiffany Foster

COPA stands for Committee on Political Action. COPA was created to raise voluntary campaign contributions to support elected officials and candidates running for office or re-election.

COPA is funded by active members, auxiliary members and our retirees. The Postal Service and Unions are under attack by Congress. Even the people that we think are in support of us aren't. COPA allows APWU to have a voice on Capitol Hill and support those that support us.

There are constant attacks on our jobs, health benefits and pensions, but the most detrimental of them all is the attack on our right to collective bargaining. Bills are constantly introduced to dismantle the Postal Service. The Postmaster General is always making false claims to congress and the American public about how the Postal Service is in dire straits, because of unions and loss of revenue. Number one union hater, Congressman Darryl Issa (R-CA), who is the Chairperson of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Postal Service, has made no secret of his intentions to destroy the Postal Service and our unions. Not only is it important that we rally in the streets, call our elected representatives to introduce and support legislation that will save the Postal Service or vote against legisla-

tion that will continue to destroy it, and spread the word about the manufactured crisis, but we must give to COPA.

I know you heard the saying "MONEY TALKS AND b\$#%^SH@& WALKS." Well it's true. Money is very persuasive and powerful. There are several ways you can give to COPA. You can give to COPA automatically through payroll deductions by calling PostalEASE or through your checking account, like I do, or by credit card. Just fill out the COPA deduction form. You may also mail in a check or money order payable to APWU COPA, 1300 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. You can make yearly contributions of \$52, which is \$2 a pay period or \$104, which is \$4 a pay period. You may give more or less, whichever is eco-

nomically feasible for you. It doesn't matter how much you give, what matters is that you give to COPA.

I found the easiest way to contribute to COPA was through automatic deductions. This way I never have to worry about doing my part, because I am always contributing every pay period. Giving to COPA shouldn't be an option, because of the importance of it. You should want to give. You should want to support your union so that your union is in a position to continue to fight for our jobs and save the Postal Service. We have to get away from the attitude of things just being about an individual and what can my union do for me. Ask yourself, what can I do for my union? How can I join the fight? Giving to COPA is one way.

Give to COPA! ☰



Morgan Assistant Director Jackie Owens at the COPA table at the NY Metro picnic with Coordinating Vice President Don Ryan

Photograph by Jimmy Coles

Republicans vote to end door-to-door mail delivery

By Nora Mendez

In early May 2014, the Postal Service reported a quarterly operating profit of \$261 million, which brings the operating profit for the first half of fiscal year 2014 to more than \$1 billion. Driving the quarterly performance were the 8 percent jump in package revenue and—in a turnaround—the 1.6 percent increase in letter revenue.

Yet, in spite of the fact that the Postal Service has been operating at a profit since October 2012, the Republican-controlled House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, on an 18-13 party-line vote, approved a bill to direct the

U.S. Postal Service to replace door-to-door delivery for millions of Americans with communal or curbside boxes instead.

The drumbeat of the mainstream media and many anti-USPS members of Congress is to continue to perpetrate on the American public the idea that the U.S. Postal Service is going broke.

Congressman Darrell Issa's measure now faces action by the full House and Senate. Its passage is by no means assured.

Six-day delivery

On June 17, 2014, the House Financial Services and General

Government Appropriations subcommittee introduced its appropriations bill. For the first time since 1983, the longstanding language mandating the Postal Service to deliver six days a week was not part of the underlying bill.

On June 25, 2014, the ranking member on the committee, Congressman José E. Serrano (D-NY) succeeded in restoring language to the bill requiring the USPS to maintain six day delivery. The bipartisan amendment passed by voice vote. The bill now moves to the full House of Representatives for their consideration. ☐

Staples boycott ups pressure on Staples CEO

By Flo Summergrad

On May 30, organized labor pumped up the pressure on Staples. The AFL/CIO, with its 12.5 million members, joined the APWU Boycott of Staples stores and products. Their website says: "The pilot program between the USPS and Staples jeopardizes mail services provided by U.S. post offices and the good jobs that come with them."

We need to spread the word about the boycott of all Staples stores, Staples.com, and Staples Advantage.

Get everyone to sign the STOP Staples post card to Staples CEO Ronald Sargent. It reads:

Until such time as all postal counters in Staples stores are staffed by employees of the U.S. Postal Service, I will take my business elsewhere. I will ask my family, friends, and co-workers to do the same. I value my privacy, and I believe I have a right to postal services that are provided by uniformed USPS employees who have sworn an oath to safeguard my mail and who are accountable to the American people. In addition I am staunchly opposed to turning good, living-wage jobs

into low-wage jobs. Our country needs more good jobs, not less!

All they have to do is print and sign their name, write their zip code, and hand the post card back to you. Your batches of post cards should be collected and brought to the NY Metro Postal Union office by your steward or officer. The union will be mailing thousands of these cards to our national APWU office. From there, hundreds of thousands will be delivered to CEO Sargent. ☐

**Let's put the pressure on.
STOP Staples!**

Attack on Postal Service gets more outrageous

By Flo Summergrad

At the beginning of June, the Postal Service liteblue “Link” at the top of each employee’s personnel blue page was topped with the following headline: “Saturday delivery update. Latest proposal would help highway fund.”

The article states that, “House Republicans last week proposed allowing the Postal Service to stop delivering most mail on Saturday and to use the savings to keep the federal Highway Trust Fund* from going broke.”

APWU President Mark Dimondstein called the proposal “outrageous” and “based on fiction.” He condemned it as “another irresponsible attempt by House Republicans to loot the USPS and undermine postal service by eliminating Saturday mail delivery.”

“The U.S. Postal Service isn’t funded by taxpayers. Its revenue comes from the sale of postage and services, so there is absolutely no justification for Congress to grab USPS funds for any federal project – even one as important as the Highway Trust Fund.”

Last year, the call from PMG Donahoe and his privatizer cronies was that ending Saturday delivery was a way to enable the “broke” USPS to stay in business. It was touted as a necessary cut because 6-day delivery was unaffordable.

Now, in a bizarre (“you-can’t-make-this-stuff-up”) moment, Donahoe says Saturday delivery “savings” could be used to repair our nation’s highways by saving the HTF from bankruptcy. This is a blatant lie!

Surely the Postmaster General heads the list of those who know that the United States Postal Service does not run on federal tax dollars. How dare he abuse his position to hoodwink the American people into thinking that a cut in postal costs could have any impact on a federally-funded project? How dare he place that falsehood front and center on a page accessed by postal employees?

Injecting Saturday mail delivery into an unrelated debate on financing the Highway Trust Fund is an unscrupulous way for enemies of the public Postal Service (including Mr. Donahoe!) to confuse the issue. It is just another attempt to obscure their goal of robbing the American people of their constitutional right to universal postal service. ☒

UPDATE: House GOP drops Postal “Rescue for Highway Fund”

By Nora Mendez

Majority Leader Eric Cantor lost his Virginia House seat in the GOP primary election to economics professor Dave Brat. Cantor was behind the idea that proposed allowing the Postal Service to stop delivering most mail on Saturday and to use the savings to keep the federal Highway Trust Fund from going broke. The proposal was not well received by many Republicans, who did not oppose cutting 6-day postal service, but called it a one-year funding patch that wouldn’t save the HTF. Conservative groups such as Heritage Action and the Club for

Growth quickly denounced the idea. Democrats had rejected the proposal from the start, saying it was a gimmick that would yield no real savings. That’s because the maneuver is based on a fiction: It assumes there will be “real savings for the Treasury” from a hypothetical future event—a postal bailout that no one is calling for or has proposed.

Killing this idea in Congress is only a temporary reprieve for the USPS; our enemies will try again. APWU President Mark Dimondstein pointed out that any such proposal is a contradiction. “House leaders can’t

have it both ways: If the Postal Service is strong enough financially to be able to fund other federal projects then it can’t also be in dire financial straits that justify eliminating Saturday delivery, lowering service standards, shutting mail processing facilities, and closing post offices.” ☒

**The Highway Trust Fund was established in 1956 as a way to ensure that monies from the federal fuel tax would be directed toward the repair and maintenance of highways. Neither this, nor any other bill, has anything to do with the self-sufficient USPS, which does not draw from the federal fuel tax nor any other taxes to universal postal service.*

Postal Board of Governors is killing USPS

By Nora Mendez

The Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service is comparable to a board of directors of a private corporation. The Board includes nine governors who are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. They serve a seven year term. One of the qualifications to serve as a member of the Board is to have been a manager of a large corporation and/or organization.

The nine governors select the Postmaster General (PMG), who becomes a member of the Board, and those 10 select the Deputy Postmaster General, who also serves on the Board. The PMG serves at the pleasure of the governors for an indefinite term. The Deputy PMG serves at the pleasure of the governors and the Postmaster General.

The members approve compensation packages, direct expenditures, conduct long-range planning and set policies on all postal matters. They also have the authority to allow the agency to offer basic banking services as a way to aid the post office's search for new revenue and provide needed access to financial services to millions of low-income Americans without the approval of Congress.

However, the Board has only four governors and they were all appointed by George W. Bush. The preponderance of Republican corporate managers on the USPS board might explain why Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe has been pursuing a conservative governing

ideology, like his preference for job-cutting and privatization over new revenue options like expanding services. It doesn't take a political genius to understand that the present Board members are being good soldiers, carrying out the intent of the 2006 Congress to suffocate the USPS. The direction of the current Postal Board of Governors and top postal management is why the Postal Service is failing to fulfill its basic function; i.e. to provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and render postal services to all communities.

The Board currently has five vacancies. In addition, one of the governor's terms has already expired, and two others will expire in December. President Obama has not successfully placed a single appointee on it during his entire tenure in office. Obama could fill the vacancies and restore a Democratic majority (by law, no more than five members of the board may come from one party, but with five vacancies to work with, he can certainly establish a majority). So Obama could remake this board with members more favorable to a truly innovative agenda for the Postal Service.

Until the White House acts, we have a Republican majority controlling an executive agency under a Democratic president. That agency, the United States Postal Service, happens to be the country's second-largest civilian employer, behind

Walmart. The loss of over 125,000 postal jobs has had a detrimental effect on employment, and the resistance to ideas like postal banking prevents low-wage communities from an alternative to payday lenders, check-cashing stores, and other unscrupulous operators. The impact of the reduction in post office hours in rural America is felt hard, especially by small businesses and those who do not have accessible or affordable internet—an estimated 93 million Americans or 1/3 of the U.S. population.

If a corporate board was stifling its company's growth and efficiency, the shareholders would dump them. Postmaster General Donahoe and the Board of Governors are sabotaging the USPS's ability to provide good postal service to the American people. It is time to dump this PMG and demand that the Postal B.O.G. carry out their mission. To invigorate the Board, positive appointments must be made. The criteria for serving on the Postal Board of Governors should be expanded to give a voice to the labor organizations that represent postal employees, and also to representatives of the patrons who depend upon postal services in communities (both urban and rural) throughout the nation. ☐



PMG Donahoe must go

Union picnic a huge success!

By Flo Summergrad

The June 28 NYMAPU picnic at Quassy Amusement Park was enjoyed by 1700 members and our families. President Jonathan Smith pointed out that socializing together is part of bringing the feeling of

LOVE back to NY Metro. Our union is a family: co-workers, old friends, members from other stations, and the retirees to whom we owe it all. We are postal workers who share a common struggle.

Turning out for fun in the sun was great, and the same spirit has to bring us out for union meetings, rallies to save our jobs, and the upcoming Labor Day Parade in NYC on September 6! ☑



Photographs by Troy Barrow, Jimmy Cole, and Flo Summergrad

The NYMAPU members picnic at Quassy Amusement Park, CT, was a day of fun in the sun. Adults and children of all ages enjoyed rides, the water park, face painting, music, and food, food, food!

Don't let USPS add insult to injury!

By Flo Summergrad

Workers often don't want to report accidents and/or file claims because they fear disciplinary action. We need to change the workplace atmosphere by using the many tools that protect injured employees.

Postal workers have the legal and contractual right to claim Workers' Compensation. The Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) and the Occupational Safety & Health Act (Section 11c) are federal law. The Employee & Labor Relations Manual (ELM) 540 and the EL 505 make these laws part of Postal regulations. Any discipline for on-duty injury must be grieved by using Articles 16, 21.4, and 14, which mandate that claims can be filed without reprisal. Joint Congrate Interpretation Manual 14.1 states: "Supervisors and managers should also understand that postal policy prohibits disciplinary action that may discourage accident reports or the fil-

ing of a claim for compensable injury with the Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP."

Stewards do not process OWCP claims. ELM 544.111 states that it is the *supervisor* who is responsible for providing forms and forwarding them to the postal Injury Control office.

However, since most supervisors are ignorant of the procedures, injured workers often bring their questions to the Union. It is important for our stewards to understand the forms and workers' rights and how to get assistance when needed.

An excellent resource: Steve Larkin

We are fortunate to have an excellent resource! Brother Steve Larkin worked at the USPS for 42 years, 30 of them as a Shop Steward for the Flushing Local. He represented and assisted employees with their OWCP case problems, involving approximately \$11 million, during his 30 years.

Upon retiring in September 2012,

Steve started a business handling Workers' Compensation for all federal employees. His heart is with the injured workers, and he offers the following:

- **A one-time seminar for interested stewards of NYMAPU** to give an overview of compensation regulations. (paid for by our Local)
- **Services for individual clients** who are having problems with their ongoing OWCP cases. This includes help with reviewing and understanding medical reports, explaining OWCP correspondence and denials, and dealing with all aspects of preparing and representing cases for hearing, reconsideration, or review. "I spend whatever time is necessary for the case!"—Steve Larkin, (*OWCP Advocate of Larkin Consulting, LLC*)

If a member or steward has questions on injury rights and procedures, call the NYMAPU office, 212-563-7553 and speak with Dan Zachman, Industrial Relations Director, extension 106. ☒

USPS and Unions expand Employee Assistance Program: Life Coaching

By Flo Summergrad

Article 35 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement mandates the USPS to provide an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). EAP is a resource for postal employees and their family members to get help with many of the

outside issues that impact upon our work lives. A major function of this program continues to be assisting employees who have problems with alcohol and substance abuse. But under the 2010 contract, the Union and the Postal Service have agreed to work on expanding the resources of the EAP to be a more comprehensive "work-life resource" for employees and their family members. This includes grief counseling for a death, assistance to caregivers, and a new Life Coaching program. (A family member is defined as any

legal dependent of the employee, or anyone living in the employee's household, with the exception of tenants or employees of the postal employee who live in the household.)

Postal EAP is also providing advice and resources to the many postal workers who go home from their postal job to a second job of caring for a family member who is elderly, ill, or disabled. The EAP Newsletter writes: "If you're a caregiver, you might at times be so focused on the well-being of the

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Fast-food strike goes global

By Flo Summergrad

Within 18 months, a one-day walk-off in New York City by fast food workers has gone global. On May 15, 2014, an international strike hit McDonald's on 6 continents! Workers in 33 countries were inspired to strike by the courage of low paid workers organized into action across the U.S. by "Fast Food Forward" and the SEIU.

While the workers' wages are well below the \$23,000/year poverty level, fast food CEOs in 2013 made an average of \$23.8 million – exceeding workers' wages by a ratio of 1,200 to 1. This is the widest disparity in any American economic sector.

These are not just teens working after school for a few bucks. More than 70% of fast food employees are over 20. Many are raising children. They are serious about their jobs and are starting to feel empowered by an energetic movement to demand rights.

While the rallying cry of \$15/hour has been picked up by other workers in low-paid industries and has stimulated the movement for a higher minimum wage, the demands are far deeper. Workers are standing up for the right to join a union without retaliation, for dignity and respect on the job. Companies like McDonald's have "zero hour" contracts. Employees have to be available but have no guaranteed hours. A higher hourly wage alone is not enough. Workers need a Union contract that will set wages, hours, and benefits.

McDonald's reported profits of \$5.6 billion in 2013. Yet its workers can't earn enough to be self-suffi-



cient. A study last October by the Universities of Illinois and California, "showed US fast-food workers rely on \$7 billion annually in taxpayer-funded federal aid in the form of food stamps, Medicare, and other social programs." (RT.com, "Not Lovin' It: Fast food workers bite back with worldwide May 15 strike") This exposed the fact that the McDonald's business model is propped up by the taxpayers, while the corporation rakes in the profits.

The strength of the growing movement is that these workers are rooted in the public domain. The 1% don't eat at McDonald's!

Customers and communities see the fast food workers campaign as their own. The dynamic in the industry is changing. Instead of the race to the bottom, where workers compete to be the cheapest labor, these workers at the bottom are pushing upward. They are building working class power by allying with other movements, like Increase the Minimum Wage in Seattle and Moral Mondays in North Carolina

The Walkback Model

Use of the social media has spread the campaign across the country and the world. Email, blogs, Facebook, Twitter, have given the small walk-outs big publicity. People are paying attention.

The Walkback tactic has been successful in keeping employers from firing workers for their protests. After a strike, the worker is escorted back into his or her fast food restaurant by a prominent community leader, clergyman, or politician. This support carries the tacit threat of media embarrassment for a manager who tries to retaliate against the striker, and impresses those co-workers who were afraid to join the protest.

Adriana Alvarez, the McDonald's worker whose face has come to symbolize "Low Pay is Not Okay," wrote of her fellow strikers, "If you know anything about what it means to be a low-wage worker, then you know that this is incredibly brave. This is what changing the world looks like."

As union members with a contract, we need to remember the pre-collective bargaining days in the post office. Full time postal workers were eligible for food stamps. Our great postal strike in 1971 inspired workers around the country. Today's fast food strikes are inspiring workers around the world. The global corporations are facing global resistance. "It's time for the fast-food giants to treat the people who make and serve their food with the same respect everywhere." Join the worldwide movement for fair wages and respect! ☑

Diane Erlanger appointed NYMAPU Clerk Craft Director



June 18, 2014— President Smith’s recommendation to the Executive Board to fill the vacancy for Clerk Craft Director with Times Square Station Steward and Coordinator Diane Erlanger was met with unanimous and enthusiastic approval. In his announcement at the membership meeting, Smith said that “Diane was not given this job; she earned it!” Diane works enthusiastically and tirelessly for our members and will be a welcome addition to our local’s Executive Board. ☐

Life Coaching

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person for whom you are caring that you forget about your own needs. It’s easy to get overwhelmed and sometimes the stress can cause illness, anxiety, and depression.” Log on to www.EAP4U.com and click on “Library.” Type in Caregiving and pick the topic that applies to you. ☐

**Call 800-EAP-4YOU
(800-327-4968) TTY 877-492-7341**

Brother Ronald Massey passed away on April 25, 2014, at age 66. Ronnie was the NY Metro Area Postal Union Director at the NJI&BMC for 25 years (1976-2000), and was the face of our Union to hundreds of clerks, maintenance, and motor vehicle workers. Our current union leadership at the NDC grew up with Massey at the helm. Ron was also one of the founders and strong supporters of our national BMC Conference and is remembered by brothers and sisters around the country. It was fitting that the Jersey BMC stewards commemorated Brother Massey with blue and white flowers spelling out the letters: APWU.



Congratulations Chuck & Flo

The *Union Mail* is a winner! Editors Chuck Zlatkin and Flo Summergrad received awards for excellence in news and feature writing at the Metro NY Labor Communications Council 39th Annual Convention and Awards Meeting on May 30, 2014. ☐



Alzheimer’s Disease

Director of Morgan Dave Jenkins attended a seminar on Alzheimer’s Disease and is sharing information to alert all of us to recognize and deal with this illness.

Symptoms may vary. The first problem many people with Alzheimer’s Disease have is forgetfulness severe enough to affect hobbies, work, or other daily functions. Other symptoms include confusion, misplacing things, trouble with

organizing. These symptoms result from damage to the brain’s nerve cells. There are three stages of Alzheimer’s Disease.

- A. Mild
- B. Moderate
- C. Severe

This disease affects many of our family, friends, and neighbors. To get suggestions on caring with a person who might have Alzheimer’s Disease, please contact a doctor or other health care provider.

For more information call 800-438-4380 Alzheimer’s Disease Education or 800-272-3900 for Alzheimer’s Association. You can learn more at the following websites: www.alzheimers.org, www.alz.org.

Please take the time to research and educate your friends and family on assisting people who may be affected by this disease. ☐

For postal workers who are caregivers, EAP may help.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 9

7 pm
Mets vs. Braves
\$36/ticket (& t-shirt voucher)

Tuesday, July 15

10 am – 3 pm
Aflac Representative
to answer questions about
offered Aflac benefits
NYMAPU Office
350 West 31 Street

Tuesday, September 2

7:05 pm
Yankees vs. Red Sox
\$49.50/ticket

Saturday, September 6

10 am
Labor Day Parade NYC
44 Street & 5th Avenue
NYMAPU step-off time 1:30 pm
NYMAPU contingent meets @
Sector VI: West 47 Street
between 6th & 7th Avenues

Wednesday, September 17

5:30 pm
General Membership Meeting
Hotel Pennsylvania
401 Seventh Avenue (between 32
and 33 Streets)
Paris/Zurich Room, 6th Floor

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Beginning Balance as of 05/01/2014	\$305,351.64
Total Revenues	\$ 90,568.98
Total Operating Expenses (May 2014)	\$ 46,536.70
Total Net Income	\$ 44,032.28
Closing Balance as of 05/31/2014	\$349,383.92

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Be part of NY Metro's contingent at the 2014 Labor Day Parade

By Kevin Walsh, Director of Organization

The 2014 Labor Day Parade will soon be upon us. New York Metro Area Postal Union will participate in the parade on Saturday, September 6, 2014. This is a proud day for all unions and affiliates. Members are encouraged to come out and march with us. Show what being a member of New York Metro is about. Bring your family and

friends for a very fun march up 5th Avenue. The Labor Day Parade is always a good time as we celebrate our pride as union brothers and sisters. This is our day to shine. So please come out.

New York Metro will assemble at Sector VI: West 47th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues

(D train 47th/50th Street Station—a few blocks from Port Authority if you come from NJ). Our march time is scheduled for 1:30 PM. ☑

For those so moved, there will be a Labor Day Mass at 8 AM, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 5th Avenue at 51st Street, NYC



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NYMAPU RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK

2014 is election year for every member of the House of Representatives. With nearly 5,000 members, NYMAPU should be able to play an active role in determining our representatives in Congress. If you haven't already joined the NYMAPU Rapid Response Network, now is the time to do so. Ask your shop steward to sign you up for the RRN. This will help us mobilize the members quickly by phone.

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