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Our Beloved Baxter

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Notice: Nominations for the Election of Officers

Nominations for the election of officers of NALC Branch 82 will be held at the regular General Membership meeting on October 13th, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm at the branch hall: 5265 NE 42 Ave, Portland, OR 97218. Elected offices to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Editor, four (4) Executive Board At-Large positions, Director of Retirees, Health Benefits Representative, five (5) Trustee positions, and Sergeant at Arms. Each term of office is for two (2) years, beginning January 1, 2022. Candidates must be present and accept nominations at the time made or send a written notice of their intent to accept the nomination which must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer by Friday October 15th. Candidates may accept a nomination for only one (1) office. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot. Ballots will be mailed no later than Tuesday November 16th, 2021 to the last known address of eligible members and must be mailed back to be received no later than 5:00 pm on December 6, 2021. The election committee will collect and tally the ballots. Election results will be announced at the December Branch meeting December 8th, 2021.

Candidates must be present and accept nominations at the time made or have sent a written notice to, and which was received by the Secretary -Treasurer, of their intent to accept the nomination. Any candidate who has been unavoidably detained as determined by the Election Committee may accept nomination up to close of business by Friday October 15th following the Branch Meeting.

The Loss of a Friend

-David Norton, President

As many of you already know, on Thursday, June 10th, 2021, Branch 82's Vice President and our dear friend Jim Baxter died suddenly. He was 66 years old and leaves behind his wife Rene and two sons. Jim was a constant part of Branch 82 for over 20 years. He held multiple positions throughout the branch including shop steward, trustee, executive board member, chief steward and lastly as vice president.

I have experienced many losses in my life, and it is always hard when it is so sudden. Saying goodbye to Jim at the end of the day was something that happened almost every day over the past six years of working together. Never once did I think he would not be there the following morning. I expected him to retire at the end of this year and still help out with branch functions, still be there to fill in when needed, and still be there with his institutional knowledge and friendly advice. I figured I would be hearing his boisterous laugh at future general membership meetings. Life has a way of startling us, and losing Jim so abruptly was shocking. Many of us are still reeling from this loss.

There will never be another Jim Baxter. He was one of a kind. Working with Jim every day at Branch 82 was exactly how you would expect it to be. He always had a smile on his face. Even in the toughest of times he was optimistic and kept a good attitude. It was infectious. Jim liked to work hard, and he did so, but he liked to have fun while doing it. He made goofy jokes and on a daily basis would labor hard on getting Brad in the office next to him worked up about something. On any given day you would hear the patented Baxter catch phrases "ok, here's what you have to do...", or his animated outrage over the smallest of issues, "they did what!" Baxter never got frustrated with the neediest of members, and every grievance he looked at, regardless how ridiculous it was, he thought he could get something out of it. "I think that has a little shine to it..." Jim would do anything I asked of him. He would show up early and work late. He was experienced, thoughtful and a joy to be around.

I can say that it has been good to grieve the loss of Jim Baxter with the other officers at Branch 82. The purpose of a union is to have a group of people who come together for a common cause. Usually that means working for better hours, wages, working conditions, and a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. Sometimes that means fighting together,

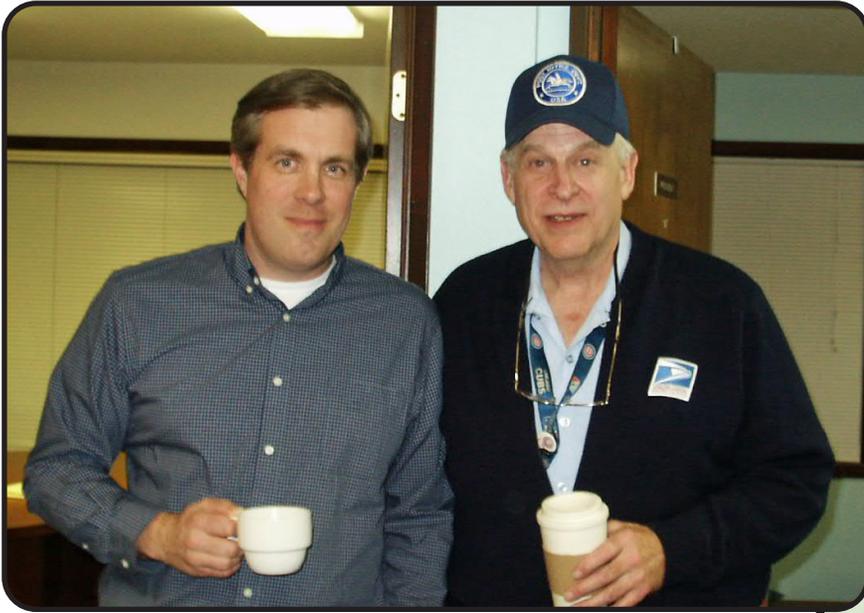
and sometimes that means grieving together. We as union siblings should always be able to rely on one another when times are the hardest. It certainly was that way with Jim Baxter. You could always rely on him, and many people did. As an officer of Branch 82, you don't have an opportunity to speak with a lot of happy, content members throughout the day. Many people call in a state of anger, worry, or frustration. Many of them are in tough spots. Sometimes their jobs are on the line. Baxter was always a concerned, empathetic ear on the other end. Not only would he listen, but he would react. Jim was always results driven and he never gave up on a member.

Baxter had this coffee cup that he drank out of every day. The front of it had a crown on it and said: Keep Calm and Listen to Baxter. It was a take on the motivational poster, Keep Calm and Carry On that was put out by the British government during preparations for World War II. You see renditions of it all over the place now. The original was meant to boost moral to the public at a time when British citizens were being threatened by mass bombings by the German war machine. For years, when weary carriers were bombarded by the blitzkrieg of postal issues, Keep Calm and Listen to Baxter was the only advice you needed. He had the ability to help and to heal.



The day after Jim's passing, I spent the morning at the station where I first started my union career as a shop steward and where I first met Jim Baxter when he was Chief Steward, Rose City Park. On that sad day, I negotiated to get a carrier their job back. Through all of the shock and grief, it felt good to do the work where it all started for me. In hard times, sometimes doing the work is what sustains you. It was always the most important part of this job for Jim. He did the work that was necessary, and he loved it. He didn't care about being flashy or making a big scene about it. He never bragged or boasted. He just cared about doing things the right way.

Jim Baxter spent a career in service to Branch 82, and there are generations of letter carriers that owe him thanks. He saved countless jobs, vigorously upheld the contract, and got letter carriers thousands and thousands of dollars in violations. He imparted his wisdom, wit and friendship to everyone around him. We are all fortunate to have had him in our lives. For me, Jim was one of my closest advisors and dearest friends. Thank you, Jim Baxter, for everything that you have given me and given to this union. I will never forget you.



Hello Again From The Office Of Your Secretary-Treasurer.

-Matt Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer

Every time I sit down to write something about Baxter (the Oldman), I don't know where to start. Where does one start to sum up 20 years of time and conversations? I would be very surprised if there was more than one or two weeks in the last 18 years that I didn't have a conversation with Baxter. He was always this constant in my life.

Being a steward and a union officer can be a very lonely, difficult and emotionally taxing job. He made it so much easier for me and so many other people by always offering compassion, conversation, help and an understanding ear. His was such a shining example of how to be: as an officer, as a steward, and as a human being. Like all of us, he was not perfect; but more importantly, he put hard work and so much effort into everything he did. While I will miss him terribly, I have a very hard time even now thinking about him and being sad. He and I had so many joyous, funny and entertaining times together. I feel so much gratitude that I had him in my life for the time that I did.

He will live on in his sense of humor, the kindness and selfless generosity he showed people, and the things he taught people. He could have no greater legacy than to have everyone who he touched make a joke, help out their fellow carriers, perform a kindness for a stranger or a neighbor, or donate their time to a worthy cause while thinking of him.

About him I'll simply say: he made the world a better place by being in it, he was my friend, and I loved him.



Missing Jim

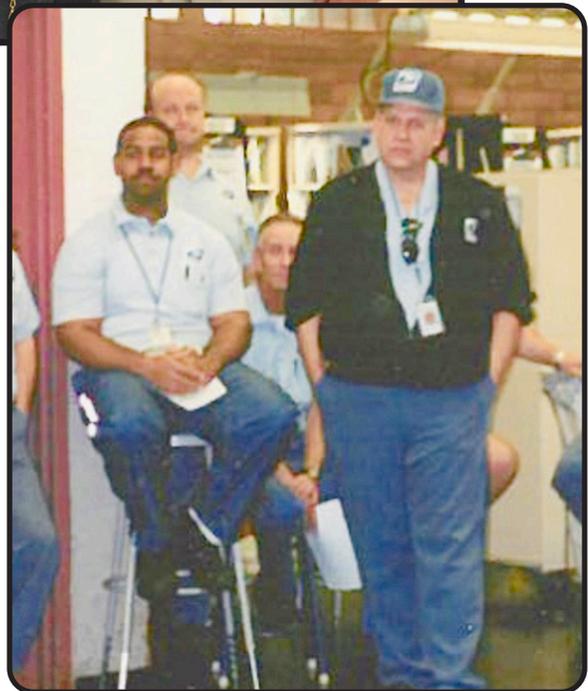
If the B-Mike could arrive in your mailbox tear-stained and heartbroken, this issue would do just that. The July issue has been like creating a new definition of "labor of love." The officers labored over writing their articles, and I have had a terrible time putting it all together. For each of us, it has been a much more challenging experience than usual, but it is our love of Baxter that pushed us to continue and attempt to make it as perfect as possible.

Many people have approached me to share their Baxter experiences or just to say how much he meant to them. There have been tears and sobs and disbelief. Typing his name in the "In Memoriam" box made it all more painfully real. Branch 82 is grieving and reeling, but the officers are solving problems and saving jobs without skipping a beat. Baxter would not have had it any other way.

I will really miss Jim's articles. He had gotten into a routine of sharing stories and experiences from his days as a carrier. They always featured his wit and wisdom with humorous snippets of memories, and then he would bring it around full circle. He wanted us to look out for each other and do the right thing. He wanted carriers to do their best and not feel pressured by management. He wanted us to have pride in the work and feel love for this job, this career.

I smile thinking of him in his uniform, walking his route on a quiet, pleasant day. Before he served as vice president or even shop steward, before my time, where it all started for him: mailman. Let us all carry some of that pride and peacefulness with us. And let us keep the fire burning in the fight against unjust management that Jim spent so many years fighting for Branch 82 members. The loss is great, but his impact to this union will forever live on. Let us all keep a bit of Baxter in our hearts. We will each be better for it.

Suzanne Miller, editor



Jim Baxter was an icon of the branch, and he will be dearly missed. The void left by this tragedy is vast and will be difficult to fill. One of my fondest memories of the post office was my first week as a letter carrier in the CCA Academy. Jim came in and convinced everyone of the reasons why they should join the union, bringing in a strong feeling of solidarity and setting the example for how a branch officer should act. It also happened to be his first week as vice president; he was still handing out business cards with Jerry Fitzsimmons' name on them, making the room chuckle over the situation. Ever since that day, he has guided me and countless others down the path of being a well-rounded steward, supporting us every step of the way, and letting us vent when frustrations became too much. Baxter was an amazing man, a true brother, a devoted friend, and we will never see another like him.

Jon Cabral, Parkrose steward



Jim Baxter, Role Model

Jim Baxter did not have a mean bone in his body. Being a union representative can be stressful and often debilitating to one's character. Jim Baxter never wavered; he kept his cool every step of the way. As a union leader he was a role model in the respectful way he accomplished the hard work of representing every letter carrier in the branch. Somehow, he maintained a positive attitude throughout his career.

I was deeply saddened to hear that Jim had passed – he gave his life to his union brothers and sisters. He could have retired and walked away from all of the hassles of dealing with postal management, but he did not. We all owe him a lot.

Ever the optimist, in his last text to me he wrote, "And by the way, the Bears will be in the Superbowl." Some of you will need to fill the void he has left. We need to carry on Jim's optimism. Please do it with the good spirit and humor Jim so graciously gave to us all.

Kevin Card, Branch 82 retiree





My Friend Jim Baxter

I remember the first time I met Jim. It was at the NALC Oregon State Convention in 2005. I had only been a letter carrier and steward for a few months. At the convention, Jim and several other experienced carriers and union stewards invited me to go to dinner with them. I didn't know anyone, and I was very grateful they let me tag along! I will always remember how impressed I was by Jim's kindness and his willingness to share his vast knowledge. That impression was only strengthened by 16 years of working with Jim. I was always honored when he would occasionally ask me to fill in for him at the union office. Jim's passing was a great personal and collective loss. He was a wonderful man.

Don Cadwell, Branch 82 Safety Officer



Shine on, Shine on...

I have had the pleasure of working with Vice President Jim Baxter for 3-4 years as the Chief Steward. We worked daily with one another. The VP and Chief Steward have a unique relationship. All grievances that are filed whether settled or appealed go to the desk of the VP before they come to me. Jim Baxter being the VP saw and read every grievance that the stewards sent to Branch 82. He absolutely loved grievances. He would constantly research the JCAM, Arbitrations, and DRT decisions for arguments that fit each and every grievance. No matter how guilty the person was or how bad the grievance was, Baxter would always find something to try to argue on behalf of the grievant. We at the branch called it shine. Baxter always found a way to polish every grievance to make them shine.

Shine on, Baxter, shine on.

JKunz



From the Desk of the Chief Steward

-John Kunz, Chief Steward

Summer is here, and I would like to remind everyone to stay hydrated by drinking lots of water during this summer season. If you feel sick or feel signs of the onset of sunstroke, call 911 or your supervisor and seek emergency treatment immediately.

We are still experiencing Article 8 violations and CCA opting violations. Dual casing is still going on at Kenton Station and Creston. Staffing is a huge issue creating some major problems nationwide for the Postal Service. Here in Portland staffing problems have created a shortage of distribution clerks in a number of offices. Due to this, it has fallen on carriers to do the work of mail distribution. This is a double edged sword for us here at the hall. On one hand, I don't want carriers doing clerk work. Especially when they should be doing carrier work to prevent article 8 issues like off assignment and drafting on SDOs. The problem arises if carriers don't do the work, then who does it and when would the distribution of mail happen? This is the one hundred million dollar question, and none of the answers are good. One scenario is only clerks do the work (which in some stations is one or none). This would create hours of standby time for carriers waiting on mail. This scenario would push start times for carriers to coordinate with final dispatch of mail, which would probably be noon or 1pm. This means your 8 hour day would end at 8 or 9pm.

Another scenario is to have two daily deliveries per route. Meaning when you arrive at the post office, take or case whatever mail is ready and go deliver. Then after you're

done, come back to the office and take or case the rest of the mail that was not distributed previously and do a second delivery. I can only imagine the time it would take to do every route twice a day.

These scenarios only happen if someone does the distribution or sorting. If you have no clerks these scenarios don't happen. I hear from a lot of carriers saying that the post office needs to hire. I can only say they are hiring, but for some reason people are not applying. In the CCA academy here in Portland, very few if any of the carriers being trained are for the city of Portland. I am told this is the same problem the clerks and mail handlers are having. In the meantime, the problem of staffing shortages continue. This is the problem Branch 82 faces every day and like I said, there are no good options. I believe the best option of all the bad options is for carriers to do the distribution and sorting of the mail to keep start times as early as possible.

We are still seeing a steady flow of attendance and safety related discipline. If you or a family member are seeing a doctor and have continuing treatment due to follow-up appointments or taking medication, you should be requesting the absences be covered under FMLA. Also the EFEL leave is available until it runs out for COVID-19 related issues such as vaccinations, child care, school closures, or other issues related to COVID.

As for safety, please make the effort to be cautious and aware of your surroundings as best as you can. Injuries and accidents can be avoided by taking the extra time to be safe while delivering your routes this summer.

Once again please stay hydrated during this summer season. If you feel sick due to heat while carrying your route, please call 911 and seek emergency treatment ASAP. Letter carriers have died in the line of duty due to sunstroke or other heat related illnesses.

Until next month...
JKunz
Your Chief Steward



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President Norton was present at Evergreen station when Kristen Moon happily performed the coveted Last Punch. Happy Retirement, Kristen!




Last Punch Bunch

Michael Hughes- Parkrose

Terry Lewis - Sellwood

Kristen Moon - Evergreen

The June issue of the B-Mike mistakenly listed John Rypczynski from Lents as retired. Sorry, John. Please forgive the error.



Senator Ron Wyden made a special trip to the Sellwood station when he heard his long time carrier Terry Wells was retiring. Congratulations, Terry!

Independence

-Bruce Hall, Veterans Representative

We celebrate the Independence of the United States of America on July 4th. Our independence was gained in 1776 at the cost of 25,324 lives. Our great country has gone through several wars and a great number of our military people have given their lives.

This year as we celebrate our nation's Independence, I would like to mention some events of national importance for us to remember as we consider the sacrifices that were made so we can celebrate our freedom. Before I list these events, I would like to mention a very recent important event in our nation's history. President Joe Biden signed a bill creating a new Federal Holiday on June 19, known as Juneteenth. This stems from June 19, 1865. Even though the Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in the South in 1863, it could not be enforced in many places until after the end of the Civil War in 1865. It is the day that Federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas with the news that the enslaved were now free. Juneteenth has been celebrated by many people for years, and now we have a Federal Holiday to remember the sacrifices that were made by slaves in the United States. This date is when all the people and the entire country actually became free. Now here is the list of other important events:

1. The 245th anniversary of our Independence!!
2. The 209th anniversary of the War of 1812.
3. The 156th anniversary of the Civil War (1861-1865).
4. The 103rd anniversary of World War I (1914-1918)
5. The 68th anniversary of the Korean War (June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953).
6. The 76th anniversary of World War II (1941-1945).
7. The 58th anniversary of the Vietnam War (1958-1973).
8. The 26th anniversary of Gulf Wars (1990-1995)
9. The 10th anniversary of Iraqi Freedom (2003-2011)
10. The 7th anniversary of Afghanistan War (2001-2014)

The Afghanistan War has the distinction of being America's longest war. It lasted 13 years. We still have troops in Iraq and Afghanistan in training and support rolls.

As we consider all the veterans involved in these wars and remembering that "All Gave Some and Some Gave All," we see that the cost of freedom is high!

The cost doesn't stop with the soldiers that were killed. Many veterans were not killed but did sustain injuries and illnesses. Our country has committed to caring for these veterans. However, it seems to be a continual battle for many veterans to obtain the care that they need. The VA is still in critical condition but is improving. It's a big job,

but hopefully, veterans will receive the care they need and deserve in a timely manner.

There are a couple of major bills affecting Veterans Health Care that have been passed by Congress in the last couple of years: the VA Mission Act of 2018 and the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. The VA Mission Act of 2018 improves the care that Veterans get through the VA by utilizing the capabilities of the private sector when needed. It helps recruit the best talent for the VA, which veterans deserve, and it also extends caregiver benefits to every veteran that needs it. The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 gives benefits to tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans, and also expands benefits to military dependents, veterans of the Korean DMZ, and those exposed to toxic hazards in Southwest Asia.

This legislation sounds great, but many labor groups believe it is a step towards privatization that will result in more costly, less effective care, and will bleed veterans facilities of patients and resources. The bill also creates a commission to look at closing VA facilities and gives the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the authority to close facilities without consulting congress. So we need to monitor this bill closely. We need to continue to petition our legislators to provide the care to our veterans that they deserve for the price they have paid to fight in the wars that the legislators have authorized over the years. **THE COST IS HIGH, BUT IMMEDIATE CARE IS NEEDED!!!**

The VA has made adjustments to provide care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many services are provided online. They allow veterans to receive their care without exposing them to COVID-19. Our main concern is about the care of veterans; however, another great concern is for our great country, which is in a state of unrest and discord with protests and civil disturbances. Everyone is looking for answers, we need to review our history and not try to eliminate it, but learn from our mistakes, and make changes under the auspices of our initial Declaration of Independence which says that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights, governments were instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the people. We need to work together to come to a just and peaceful solution. We need to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. As another great man said, ask not what my country can do for me, but what can I do for my country.

REMEMBER the freedoms we have gained; **RECALL** the sacrifices made in obtaining these freedoms; and



RESTORE meaning to Patriotism as we celebrate our Independence!!

As we move into summer, many of us will be taking vacations. If you travel along the highways in Oregon, you might note the signs that honor veterans. I'll list a few you might look for:

- WWI Veterans Memorial Highway: US Hwy 395
- WWII Veterans Memorial Highway: US Hwy 97/SR 126
- Korean War Veterans Memorial Hwy: I-5
- Purple Heart Trail: I-5
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway: I-84
- Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway: US Hwy 101
- Sunset Highway: US 26 (Honors 41st Infantry Division)

As we celebrate our INDEPENDENCE and travel on vacation, let's REMEMBER FREEDOM IS NOT FREE and honor those who have made these things possible!

Celebrate your independence by not being Apathetic, rather be Active and show Appreciation.

ACTIVE IDUTY

ROBERTO JIMENEZ, (Creston) Army, Qatar

CASEY JAMES, (Waterfront) Army, Jordan

NOAH DUARTE, son of Ricardo Duarte (St. Helens) Army, Ft Hood, Texas

DARREN CRUZ, son of Gary Cruz (River District) Army, Ft. Lewis

BILL QUIGLEY JR, grandson of Ken Quigley (Gold Card Member) Army, Iraq

CHRISTOPHER MANIVANH, son of Simang Manivanh (Hillsboro) Army, Iraq

GREG GERARD, son of George Gerard (Beaverton) Navy, Virginia Beach

ZACHARY PADACA, son of Eleanor Padaca (River District)) Navy

DEAN SCHUCHARDT, son of Patricia Schuchardt (Multnomah) Army

TOM TOTTEN, son in law of Lee Travis (retired) Army, S. Korea DMZ

CONNOR SHEEHAN, son of Pat Sheehan (retired) Army, Ft. Houston

MATTHEW UNDERWOOD, son of Rick Underwood (River District) Marines, Camp Pendleton

In Memoriam

Jim Baxter

Ken Yoho

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Meet the Steward:

Jennifer Self, Oregon City

How long have you been a steward, and why were you interested in becoming a steward?

This is my third year being a steward, and I wanted to make a difference in my office. I wanted to give people a voice and confidence in the process as well as “put my money where my mouth is”. I really wanted to challenge myself and see how much I could grow in this particular part of the industry.

What do you enjoy about being a shop steward? What do you think are some of the greatest challenges? Why is it important work?

I enjoy being a shop steward because of the challenges it presents. It's important to represent carriers and help mold the future of our offices. I want to give people confidence and comfortability with their job while also giving them an advocate.

Have you noticed that components of your job as letter carrier have changed since you took on being a steward? In what ways?

I have definitely noticed a drastic change in becoming a steward. Sometimes being placed in difficult situations can cripple you or really bring you down, but it has been a great experience problem solving and creating an out of the box mentality to alleviate escalated situations. I have really appreciated the skills I have obtained from my superiors in the union and the opportunities I have been presented to make my office better.

Describe Oregon City- what do the rest of us not know about working in OC? What's it like to have rural carriers working with city carriers?

Oregon City has a lot of character. It's an old fashioned town with a lot of hidden treasures. Being in a smaller office (13 city routes) you really get to know your fellow carriers quickly. Not much goes unnoticed in our office. Working with such a larger rural portion of our office does put a lot into perspective of how large Oregon City truly is. It's nice to know how their policies work and how different we are, even though we work in the same city.

Would you like to mention anything about your personal life and balancing that with the job of letter carrier and steward?

Being a single Mom of two young girls (7&5), working many hours and having a soft spot for soccer, on top of being a steward, has been a little bit of a challenge. But, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I have met so many wonderful people in this steward adventure, and I hope to continue gaining further confidence in this craft.



MDA Report

-Abe RedCloud, MDA Rep

Summertime, and the living ain't easy! Lol. Hey everyone, I guess I'm just illustrating the fact that we postal workers are working WAYYYYYY too many hours with the short staffing. But even though times are crazy, you all made time to sell those MDA raffle tickets!!! And you all BLEW any past MDA Raffle event out of the water!!! We raised \$5,294 with our raffle this year!!!!!! That's downright AMAZING!!!!!! Thank you everyone for your excellent job for MDA!! Here are the winners:

- 1st pick = Joe Fruichantie (Tigard station)
picked the Alexa Echo Dot
- 2nd pick = Michael Hetzel (Parkrose Station)
picked the Sound Bar
- 3rd pick = Kate Hammarley (Kenton Station)
picked the Apple Watch
- 4th pick = Janet Soster (Hillsboro Station)
picked the Ear Buds
- 5th pick = Andy Robinson (Kenton Station)
received the VR Headset

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!!!!!! Now let's see who won a small prize for being the top fundraiser and the top 5 Stations:

TOP FUNDRAISER = Betty Nash, Jacob Nuno, Robin Sobieski, and Ben Thompson of Evergreen! Yup, that's right; there are four of them since they all did part of the selling/coordinating to be the top selling station! A small prize will be given to you all shortly. Thank You!

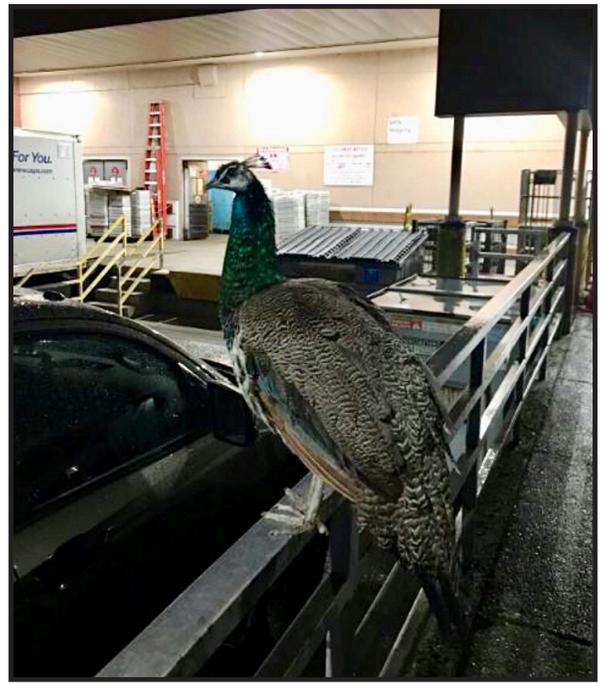
- 1st Place = Evergreen / Betty, Jacob, Robin, & Ben raised \$764
- 2nd Place = Kenton / Abe RedCloud raised \$455
- 3rd Place = Rose City Park / Suzanne Miller raised \$420
- 4th Place = Multnomah / Emily Johnston raised \$410
- 5th Place = East Portland / Robert Failing raised \$405

Thank you top sellers, and THANK YOU to everyone that helped sell tickets and a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that donated to MDA and bought some tickets! Without all of you, all of this would not be possible. You are appreciated and are making a difference in people's lives!

David Norton and I are talking about an event in the fall besides Fill The Satchel, but nothing decided on yet. I'll let you know as soon as we decide on something.

I hope you all have a wonderful July.
Take care and be safe!

In Solidarity,
Abe RedCloud



A peacock was recently seen hanging around St. Johns station and even walked inside the office. Get that bird a uniform and a satchel! Pictured here with carrier Rhys Pinkley.



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Branch 82 Monthly Meetings

General Membership 2nd Wednesday, 7:00PM

Retiree Luncheon 2nd Tuesday, 11:30AM

Stewards Council 3rd Wednesday, 7PM

Executive Board 4th Wednesday, 6:30PM

All members are welcome, unless otherwise noted.
All meetings are held at the NALC Branch 82 Office,

5265 NE 42nd Avenue.

Retiree Luncheons are held at

Izzy's EastPort Plaza, 3846 SE 82nd Avenue

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The next General Membership meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14 at 7pm. This will be an in-person meeting at the Branch 82 Union Hall. (We will not be serving dinner at this time.) You must be fully vaccinated and register in advance. To register, please call the hall with your name, station, and email address. If anything changes due to COVID restrictions, Branch 82 will contact you.

Per the usual schedule, there is no branch meeting in August.

YIKES! THE WELL'S RUN DRY!

We've run out of ideas for this page! Fortunately, there's still rich sediment at the bottom of the barrel. We can put on our cleanest dirty shirt, so to speak, and search those murky depths. Which of the worst shall we use? This is where you come in, dear reader. Please vote for what theme you'd like to next see in this space. Email pushingtheenvelope@yandex.com with your choice! Thanks and be safe out there.

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PUSHING THE ENVELOPE

- 1 - Dare to Dog It!
- 2 - Mailing Lists of the Ancients
- 3 - Should I Also Carry Cat Treats?
- 4 - Mysteries of the Workroom Floor
- 5 - Favorite Time Wasting Practices
- 6 - It's Time to Play "Run That Route"!
- 7 - How to Get the Boss off Your Case
- 8 - Like Love, Shortcuts Will Find a Way
- 9 - I Can Do That Hour in 45 Minutes, Boss!
- 10 - Rattle OK - Inside the Mind of Your Boss
- 11 - Origins of the Red Plum Carrier Torture Tool
- 12 - Worst Case Scenarios (see what we did there?)
- 13 - For Want of a Political Flyer an Election Was Lost
- 14 - Nalcrest and Disney Partner for Carrier Theme Park
- 15 - Thumbs Up! A Tender Ode to Our Rubbery Little Pal
- 16 - Posticide - DeJoy's Handbook for Killing the Company
- 17 - How to Be on a First Number Basis with Your Customers
- 18 - Best Ways to Erase "NOT HERE, YOU IDIOT!" from misdeliveries
- 19 - Uniform Items We'd Like to See, (eg, spiked socks to ward off ankle biters)
- 20 - Haunted Mailboxes, The Route from Hell, The Ghost Postman & Other Scary Carrier Tales

