

# THE TITLETOWN CARRIER

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## BRANCH 619

Green Bay, Wisconsin

September 2014

Labor Temple Assn. 1570 Elizabeth St Green Bay, WI 54302	<u>Attend Union Meetings</u> Next Meeting October 9, 2014	First Thursday Every Month 7:00 p.m.
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### Calendar of Events 2014

*October 9 Union Meeting*

*October 13 Columbus Day*

*November 10 Pig Roast*

*November 11 Veterans Day*

*November 27 Thanksgiving Day*

*December 25 Christmas Day*

*January 1 New Year's Day*

**October's Union Meeting has  
been delayed one week to  
October 9<sup>th</sup> due to a Thursday  
night Home Packer Game.  
GO PACK GO!**

### Treasurer's Report August 31, 2014

#### BUSINESS ACCOUNT

Previous Balance	\$ 7,030.50
Total Receipts & Dividends	13,508.15
Total Expenses	7,789.18
Ending New Balance	\$ 12,749.47

#### M.D.A. ACCOUNT

Previous Balance	\$ 308.59
Total Receipts & Dividends	4,660.57
Total Expenses	3,080.21
Ending New Balance	\$ 1,888.95

#### CONVENTION ACCOUNT

Previous Balance	\$ 4,047.81
Total Receipts & Dividends	6,298.88
Total Expenses	9,830.25
Ending Balance	\$ 516.44

NALC Branch 619 Treasurer  
Alison J. Coad

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## The President's Report

### Greetings Everyone!

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, I along with two other officers attended the Northeast District meeting held in Appleton. The focus during this meeting was both legislative/political and contractual. The following are some of the highlights:

### Contractual

Sunday delivery of "Amazon" parcels will be starting October 26<sup>th</sup> in Northeast Wisconsin, along with many other zip codes throughout the country. The details are still to be finalized by management. What we do know is the employee's working will be CCA's for city delivery, RCA's for rural delivery and PSE's to sort the parcels. All of the designated parcel routes will begin at the GMF in Green Bay. My understanding is the parcels will be pre-sorted in order with some type of manifest. We'll have to see how this unfolds before jumping to conclusions. There will be a process involved when selecting employee's to cover this work. I believe volunteers will be given first opportunity, then probably by inverse relative standing, or "juniority". Again, we'll know more as the day approaches. Along with Sunday parcel delivery, Amazon is also testing grocery delivery in California. In addition, Nestle is exploring the possibility of the delivery of water in the New York metropolitan area. These are all good ways to increase service and revenue in the PO.

### CCA specific resolutions from the National Convention

1. Sunday premium pay
2. A fairer wage structure, currently starting 4% lower than previous
3. Inclusion on the Annual leave board
4. Military pay
5. Holiday pay
6. Eliminate the 2<sup>nd</sup> probation period
7. Allow mutual exchanges
8. Increase employer contribution to health plan
9. Receive matching TSP dollars

10. Receive higher level pay
11. Same uniform process as regular carriers
12. Use of a Postal Vehicle when traveling between offices

These 12 resolutions were approved by the delegates and the National Officers and are bargaining goals for the NALC, both now and leading up to our next contract at the end of 2016. So, the next time you hear a CCA say "what is the Union doing for me" you can direct them to this list. This is in addition to all the other rights and benefits awarded in the "Das" arbitration award. The NALC recognizes the shortcomings that came from this award and will continue to bargain for improvements. This is a major reason why we have a union, which greatly benefits all of us.

Another great reason is the Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) that will be paid out beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>. One from 2013 and this year, totaling \$1227 annually. This breaks down to a \$47 increase per pay period. Without the bargaining power of the NALC, we would not be enjoying this upcoming raise!. Knowing this now is a great time to consider joining the 400 plus carriers in Wisconsin who voluntarily give to COLCPE at the "**GIMME 5 LEVEL**". The Committee on Letter Carrier Political Education is funded solely by carriers who realize the importance in having strong representation on **CAPITAL HILL**. The general union dues cannot be spent on legislative/political actions. It's **ILLEGAL**. By now, we all should be aware of those in Congress who are more than willing to reduce our services, jobs and paychecks. Which is why it's imperative that we educate them on the importance of the Postal Service and its employees.

So, I am asking if you can get by with a \$42 increase per pay period, please consider becoming a "GIMME 5 MEMBER" and contribute the other \$5 to COLCPE. Please contact myself or another officer or steward and we'll be happy to assist you. Thank you.

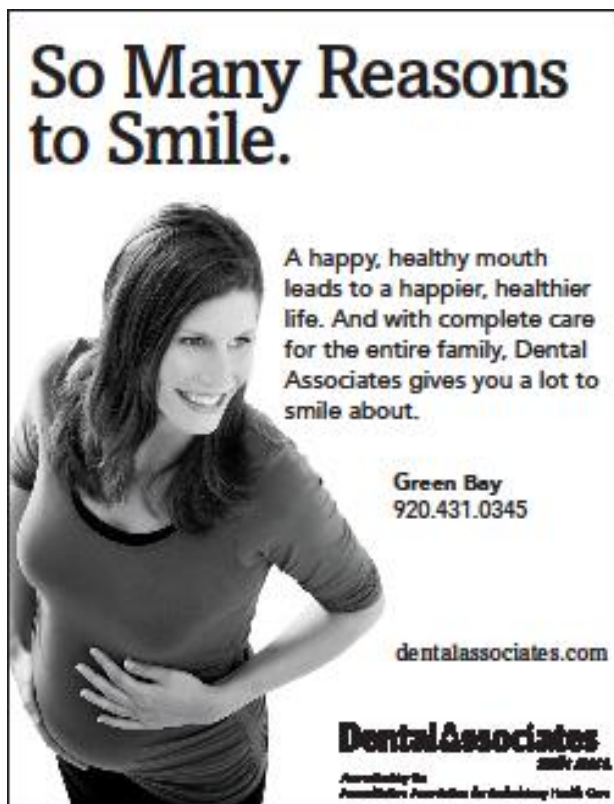
In addition, if you're still not an e-activist please go to [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org), under legislative menu, than follow the instructions. It's an easy, and free way, to be updated on urgent issues that need your immediate attention.

In closing, for the Green Bay carriers; we'll be conducting our Route Adjustment look back in October, using the month of September's data.

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This look back will be a DOIS adjustment, not COR. Furthermore, it appears the National parties are very close to signing off on a new national joint process for adjusting routes.....stay tuned.

In Solidarity,  
Pat  
Tittletown Branch 619, President



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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTMEBER 4, 2014 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Officers, Representatives and Stewards present were Pat Van Egeren, Bob Ahnen, Ron Bergstrom, Tom Scott, Alison Coad, Jessica Ahnen, Dave Sedenquist, Tim Voelker, Randy Meyer, Dean Jahnke, Steve Kugel, Marcia Welninski, Jack Mannion Travis Wiltzius, Robert Frelich, and Adam Becker. Excused were: Vicki Lewis-McKee, Scott Olson, and Todd Wiegman. Absent were: Mike Farrell, Patti Lardinois, Mike Montour, Bernard Wydeven, Lynette Thonne, Darrell LeCloux, Byron Peterson, and Joseph Green. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Jessica Ahnen, seconded by Travis Wiltzius to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Discussion on the motion and motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Dave Sedenquist, seconded by Randy Meyer to move from the normal order of business for Guest Speaker Ron Gruett. Ron Gruett is running for Congress against Reid Ribble in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Mr. Gruett is currently a Professor of Organic Chemistry and has been a union member throughout his career. Mr. Gruett spoke of saving Social Security and Medicare and supports raising the cap of taxable income from \$107,000 to \$250,000. He supports raising the minimum wage, lowering interest on student loans, and eliminating the pre funding issue crippling the postal service, and supports 6 day delivery. To find out more about Ron Gruett for Congress, his website is: [www. GruettforCongress.com](http://www.GruettforCongress.com) and his email is [Rpgruett@charter.net](mailto:Rpgruett@charter.net). The branch invited Mr. Gruett to the Northeast District Meeting in Appleton on September 9, 2014. Randy Meyer made a motion, seconded by Marcia Welninski to endorse Ron Gruett for Congress. Discussion on the motion, motion passed unanimously.

**Next month's meeting has been moved to October 9<sup>th</sup> 2014, due to a home Packer game on October 2, 2014.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Minutes from the Greater Green Bay Labor Council were placed at the front desk for anyone to read. Pat sent out a letter to each office addressing the park point

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service talk, asking all offices to address unsafe park points on all routes. A fish boil is taking place on September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Labor Temple with Guest speaker Dave Hansen.

**APPLICATIONS:** Eight new applicants this month: Rebecca Schenkelberg, Jared Behnke, Brittney Muenster, Dean Jackson, Tyler Koenig, Christy Alberts, Shawn Carter and Dave Hasse. Please take time to welcome these members to the union and to your office.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LEGISLATION:** Congress has returned from recess. Senate bill S.1486 is out, this bill is to reform the postal service. Remember to Vote on November 4<sup>th</sup> and encourage others to also. Priority mail rates are scheduled to increase in October. Social Security is once again going to mail out the annual benefit statement.

**SAFETY & HEALTH:** There was a committee meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the GMF. Please report any unsafe working conditions immediately. Remember to always wear your seatbelt if your LLV is in motion, and the door must be closed when going through intersections.

**COLCPE:** James Morgan's name was drawn for the \$25.00 gas card. Anyone wishing to sign up for COLCPE please see a union official or steward.

**MDA:** The golf outing held in August raised just over \$1500.00. The Bowl-a-thon will be held on Martin Luther King Day in January 2015.

**PIG ROAST:** Will be held on Monday November 10th at Greene Isle Park. Social hour will start at 5:30pm and dinner will start at 6:30pm.

**RETIREMENT DINNER:** Will be held February 15, 2015 at Stadium View Sports Bar on Holmgren Way.

**CFC:** Jack and Randy have received the books and will be passing them around in the next couple of weeks.

**STEWARD REPORTS:** **Sturgeon Bay:** One for removal of CCA is at the B-Team. **Algoma:** Grievance for converting an aux route to full time is awaiting a 6 day count in September.

**Green Bay:** 1 LOW for attendance was reduced to a job discussion. Another LOW for

leaving parcels was reduced to 3 months. Moved one on a newly converted Regular using annual leave within the first 90 days up to Formal A. One grievance for a 7 day suspension is awaiting a Formal A meeting. Pat has a grievance for a denied transfer; the carrier's transfer has been approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tom Scott made a motion, seconded by Randy Meyer to send up to 6 people to the Fall Seminar in Racine on November 1-2, 2014. To include: LWOP, N/S day pay, hotel, per diem, and mileage up to two cars. Discussion on the motion, motion passed unanimously.

**GOOD OF ASSOCIATION:** Route 224 was up for bid, and now is on e-assign. Adam Becker was told he would make Regular on September 6<sup>th</sup>. National Business Agent Chris Wittenburg's father passed way. Wake/ Funeral services will be held on September 8-9. Ron Bergstrom made a motion, seconded by Tom Scott to spend up to \$100.00 for a nice plant to send to the services. Discussion on the motion, motion passed unanimously.

New JCAMs are available: Tom Scott made a motion, seconded by Jack Mannion to purchase up to 15 new JCAMs. Discussion on the motion, motion passed. Bruce Cole (our webmaster) is looking to take pictures of all officers and stewards to place on the website. Hopefully this will help all members put a face with the name.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:** Read

**DOOR PRIZE:** Dave Sedenquist and Alison Coad had the winning tickets, good for one free entry into the pig roast, picnic, or retirement dinner.

**COLCPE 50/50 DRAWING:** Jerry Perrigoue had the winning ticket and won half of the 50/50 and pocketed \$18.00. Motion was made by Randy Meyer, seconded by Adam Becker to adjourn the meeting. Discussion on the motion, motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Ahnen

Recording Secretary



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## Notes from D.C. (Dave's Corner)

Congress has just got back from a 5 week vacation. After earning the lowest rating and passing the fewest bills in the history of Congress, I really don't think they needed 5 weeks. What could they possibly have to "crow" about in the coming election? They only came back to pass another continuing resolution by September 30, which is another sign of a "do nothing Congress". If you want Postal Reform anytime soon, you had better be writing your letters to Congress. So long as they are wasting our time, we can fill their mailboxes.

Amazon has decided to drop FedEx and go with UPS and USPS for delivery of its goods. Before you celebrate, Amazon is working on their own delivery system. From what I hear, the Australian Outback is swarming with drones, dropping packages all over the place. I wonder if they can dodge boomerangs?

The Social Security Administration will be using the USPS to deliver your benefit statements. If you are eligible for Social Security, then you will receive one in the mail every 6 months. If you set up an online account, you can check it every day.

When I saw President Obama give his speech on the Islamic State, the only thing I could think of is "Who is going to pay for this in blood and gold? The poor might have some blood left. Not much else. The rich refuse to give up either. That means the middle class is elected again! The Middle East has not had a day of peace in 12,000 years that we know of and we are going to put a stop to this? Maybe the USPS can prepay their retirees for 300 years and make us work till we're 85 to pay for this one?"

David Sedenquist  
Leg. Liaison br 619

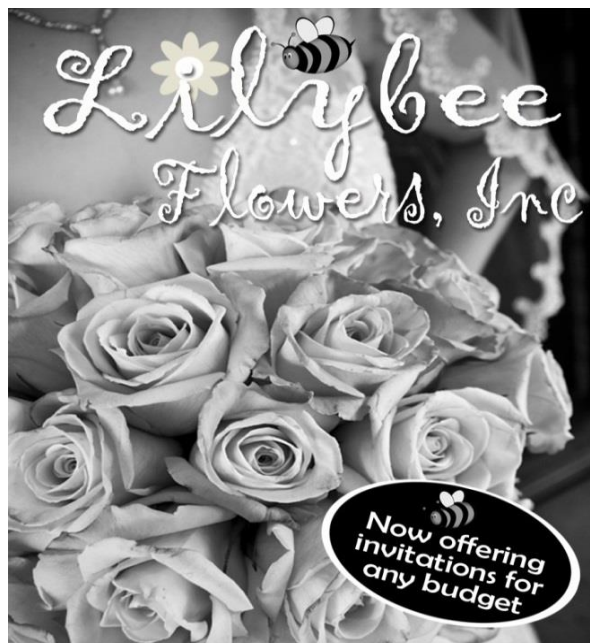


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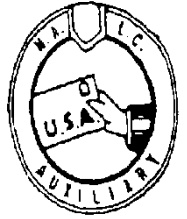
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### **Next meeting Oct. 8th, 2014**

**WHERE: At St. Brendan's Inn, 234 S. Washington Street Green Bay in  
the side room at 6:00 (food can be ordered)**

The National Auxiliary has new officers for the 2014 to 2018 term. President is Cythensis Lang from Aux. 2517, Mobile, AL, Vice President - Cynthia Martinez Aux. 377 Phoenix, AZ, Secretary - George Anna Myers Aux. 4, Kansas City, MO, Treasurer - Pam Fore Aux. 2621, Lakeland, FL and Assistant Secretary - Linda Davis Aux. 194, Yakima, WA.

The Audit committee reported that the books of the secretary and treasurer were in good order and meet all specifications according to NALCA bylaws and protocol. The Country Store chair Sue Baxter from Aux. 327, Appleton, WI reported that it made \$3,200. The Credentials report was 35 auxiliaries, 25 states, 5 national officers 6 state vice presidents, 8 state presidents, 65 delegates, and 67 voting delegates attended the convention.

The 2016 Convention will be in Los Angeles August 15-19 and the site for the 2018 is on hold. The State Auxiliary is still on hold with no officers. At the meeting several questions came up regarding this issue. Hopefully we can get some answers before the next meeting.

The first meeting back was on Sept. 10th. It started with a pot luck dinner and a lot of talk about the summer. After the meeting started reports from the past 3 months were given. The Auxiliary will be selling Seroogy's Chocolates and coffee again before the holidays. So please order from us! More details to come.

The next meeting is on Oct. 10th at 6:00 at St Brendan's Inn, 234 S. Washington Street Green Bay. It's located about 1 block from the Senior Center which is 300 S. Adams Street. Any Questions please call Susan Calhoun. The meeting will be in the side room and anyone wishing to eat can do so. The Nov. 12th meeting will be there also! December should be back at the Senior Center. But it is too early to know for sure.

### **MONTHLY RETIREES BREAKFAST**

WHEN: First Tuesday of the month  
TIME: 8:00am  
WHERE: Oak Street Cafe  
926 Oak Street  
DePere

Rain, Snow, Sunshine and even 20 below! Can't keep us from our appointed rounds!

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## **Branch 619** **Roast**

The annual Branch 619 Pig Roast will be held **Monday, November 10th at Green Isle Park** in Green Bay, WI. The park is located at the east end of Greene Ave. **All members both active and retired are welcome to attend.**

Refreshments will begin at 5:30 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m. The meal will include pork, beef, dressing, rolls, potato salads, beans, coleslaw, kraut, and desserts.

**Attendance is limited to members only. Per by laws, all active members must pay \$5.00. All retired members are free.**

Please complete the following form, give to union steward or branch officer or mail to:

**Tim Voelker**

**1665 Mac Arthur St**

**Green Bay, WI 54301**

**No later than November 1, 2014.**



### **ANNUAL PIG ROAST**

**Active Member Name @ \$5.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Retired Member Name: Free** \_\_\_\_\_

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