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On your Conversion!

Karen Herrington

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Election Committee Notice

Ballots will be mailed out no later than November 14, 2020. **Election Date is Friday, December 4, 2020.** Ballots must be received by close of business on this date to be counted.

WEBSITE: www.nalcbranch704.org

Branch Meeting Thursday December 3, 2020 is to begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Please call Office to make your reservations to attend in person or call us with your email address information if you plan on attending remotely via the Web-X.

Reservations must be made every month.

President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The nation has elected Joseph R Biden as President-Elect of the United States. The Postal Service has met the goal to deliver all the ballots and political mail on time. We had some issues nationally in some states that the news media focused on, but overall, we did what we always do which is deliver all the mail. Here in Tucson we did not have any issues with mail ballots or political mail. I want to commend all stewards and letter carriers for doing a good job making sure everything ran as smooth as possible.

We hosted the NALC Branch 704, 1642 & 6156 Letter Carrier Presidential Virtual Phone bank held on 10/23/2020. We had great participation when we asked for volunteers; 68 people called in to help make calls. The Assistant to the National President for Legislation and Political Organizing, John Beaumont, said we did great in mobilizing participation; this was one of the highest number of volunteers he has had. Everyone that helped with your time and activism, thank you very much for making this a successful event. I also want to say thank you to Branch 1642 and 6156 for your participation; we are always willing to team up with you. Your enthusiasm and people that volunteered, made this a great success.

Veterans Day is November 11, 2020. NALC Branch 704 extends their gratitude to all veterans for your service to our country, service to customers, service to community, and dedication to union brothers and sisters. The Postal Service, as the largest civilian employer of military veterans, is the beneficiary of the commitment and reliability of veterans. This month's Postal Record will have names of the 13,850 members as of Oct. 13, 2020. If you have not signed up to the NALC Veterans Group yet, let the branch know. We have the postcards to sign up, so your name can be included with all the veteran brothers and sisters and receive information relating to veterans and the Postal Service. Thank you for your Service.

I had the great pleasure of meeting Brother Albert B Davis Jr, who is 93 years old to present him with the 50-year Lifetime Member Gold Card and pin along with his 65-year pin. He is a Navy Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Brother Albert started his career as a Letter Carrier in 1952 one month after he left the Navy and retired in 1977, he had one of the first walking routes in Casa Grande, AZ. He was a natural for working in the Post Office as he brought determination, and a "can do" attitude that served him through his life. I had the pleasure of meeting his family and friends who were present. He shared his stories of his time in the military and later in the post office. I am honored to have been the person to present his awards and tell him and his family, "Thank You", for all he has done in his different careers, in the military and in the post office as an owner of business after he retired in Casa Grande and as a member in the union for over 68 years, this is a testament to his dedication, loyalty, and service to his country.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Day with your family and loved ones.

In Solidarity
Kathy Walter
President

Meeting Dates

**BRANCH MEETING - Thursday,
December 3, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**

**STEWARDS MEETING - Thursday,
December 17, 2020 @ 5:30 pm**

**E-BOARD MEETING - Tuesday,
December 22, 2020 @ 6:00 pm**

Vice President Article

I wish each and every one of you, your families and your loved ones a happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and a happy, joyous, healthy and safe holiday season. Every year this seems to be a time where we reflect and are thankful for what we have. I want to thank my family, friends and loved ones for their continued understanding and support. I want to thank all of our Stewards and Officers who work tirelessly in support of Letter Carriers and our issues. I also want to thank our members for continuing to be professional and doing what is required to do in the current Postal environment. Please take a moment this holiday season to reflect on the things that you have and enjoy a little time with the ones you love.

Looking back on the year it's amazing that we have been able to accomplish as much as we have with so many changes not only with the Postal Service, the elections and everything else that has been going on. It truly is incredible we have been able to be successful in so many different areas.

In the coming year there will most likely be many more changes to the way that we do things in the Postal Service. I can only hope that the New Year will bring more stability to our jobs and ensure that we keep our rights, benefits and our way of life. Many of the things we do as a Union is not an easy task. We always seem to be the underdog and must fight for every inch. It's absolutely sad and disappointing that the Postal Service does not recognize the value that City Letter Carriers bring to the service and to our customers.

I want to thank all of our Branch Officers, Stewards and Union Activists who have gone above and beyond the call of duty this past year in supporting this Branch and its members. Please take a moment to thank your Stewards, Officers and those Activists in the stations as well as our active Retirees, as they certainly deserve our sincere appreciation and gratitude for their efforts. I

encourage all members to continue to uphold the ideals on which our Union was built.

I must thank all of our Officers, Stewards and members for having the faith, fortitude and support to plan for today and the future. While we have many challenges ahead of us, I am extremely confident that with your continued support we will succeed in accomplishing many of our goals while upholding the rights of our members.

Steward Elections will be held in each respective unit in December. A posting will be made on the Union Bulletin Board for those of you who are interested in defending our rights, benefits, and our way of life. Please take an opportunity to sign your name on the Steward List. If there are more names than the authorization of Stewards allowed per Article 17 of our National Agreement, an Election will be held in your unit. Please make sure that you vote for the member who you feel will best represent Letter Carriers in your office. I hope to see you soon at a Branch Meeting. Until next month, be safe.

Fraternally,
Stuart Love
Vice President

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Chaplain's Corner

Tears

Tears are often a gift of God.
Tears help to release the sadness that has built up inside you.
Tears say how deeply you feel and how much you care.
Tears speak for you when you cannot find the words.
You never have to be ashamed of tears.
God sees through your tears to the pain of sorrow of your heart.
Your tears are precious to Him.
And someday, when you are in heaven,
God will wipe away all tears from your eyes.

All suffering and pain and sorrow will leave you forever.
Psalm 39:12 Lord, hear my prayer! Listen to the words I cry out to you.
Look at my tears....
From God Understands-Bible League International

God Bless,
Chaplain Rick Evans
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Condolences

Claudio Retes on the loss of your Uncle.

Willie Monje on the loss of your Brother.

“Tony” Louis Garcia on the loss of your Mother.

Belated Condolences

Tanya Carter on the loss of your Fiancé.

Health Benefit Report

Surprisingly Healthy Holiday Foods

Sweet Potatoes and Butternut Squash

“People get worried about eating any kind of starch, but these are healthy starches,” says Lisa Young PhD, and they give you plenty of beta carotene and fiber. Pass up the candied yams and roast your own sweet potatoes or squash and drizzle them with a little honey.

Cranberry Sauce

We're not talking about the canned stuff, which is high in added sugars. But cranberries have soluble fiber and polyphenols, which may help prevent heart disease and cancer, and play a role in weight control. Make it yourself to control the sugars; you'll still need some to tame the berry's tart taste.

Roasted Chestnuts

Chestnuts are mostly carbohydrates. Because

carbohydrates have fewer calories per gram than fat—4 vs.9—they're far lower in calories than other nuts. Plus, they provide fiber, folate, magnesium, potassium, and vitamin C.

Pumpkin Pie

It's not exactly a health food, but it's the best pick among the traditional holiday pies. Pecan is the highest in calories and added sugars, and apple pie tends to have more calories and saturated fat than pumpkin, thanks to its double crust. Plus, pumpkin pie supplies the antioxidant beta carotene.

The best of health to you and yours,
Ray Root 885-4983
Health Benefits Representative

My name is Stuart Love, and I'm running for NALC Branch 704 President, in the upcoming election. I'm a carrier and a union member who has been representing letter carriers for over 25 years and Branch 704 members for the last 21 years. I am running for office because I feel city carriers and Branch 704 can benefit from my experience, knowledge, fiscal responsibility and my desire to train and develop the future leaders of our branch to ensure continued quality representation in the future. I bring to the table 20 years of military service experience in addition to 21 years working within Branch 704 leadership. As a former and current Branch officer, I know how to cut through red tape and get the job done. As the current, Branch Vice President and Formal A I have been actively engaged daily with Postal Management and aware of the daily hurdles we face. I believe best hopes for our carrier's future and our Union's wellbeing rest heavily on the quality of our Leadership.

**Vote STUART LOVE for
PRESIDENT NALC BRANCH 704**

NALC Branch 704 President July 2010 – May 2016

NALC Branch 704 Vice President January 2009 - June 2010 & October 2019 – Present

9 Years Tucson Formal A Designee 2006 - June 2010 and Dec 2016 to Present

Certified NALC Arbitration Advocate 2007 – Present

26 Years Shop Steward

Vote for Experience, Dedication, and Practical Leadership.

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My name is Claudio Retes, and I'm running for NALC Branch 704 Vice-President, in the upcoming election. I am running for office because I believe we need more young and independent leaders with a vision who can collaborate with others to ensure continued quality representation for letter carriers. I also believe to ensure the future success of Branch 704 younger carrier's need to be involved in the Branch's leadership. Currently the majority of Branch 704 Board members are nearing retirement or are retired. While their experiences are valuable, working people and the younger carriers should also have a voice in decisions that impact them as we are the future leaders of the Branch. If elected, I want to learn from experienced board members while encouraging other young people to run. The positive relationship that I have with the leadership of Branch 704 will help me be able to work toward positive outcomes for all of us in the decisions that must be made for the future of our Branch.

**Vote CLAUDIO RETES for
VICE PRESIDENT NALC BRANCH 704**

NALC Branch 704 Interim Vice President April 2019 - June 2019

Past NALC Branch 704 Branch Trustee

6 Years Shop Steward

Designated Shop Steward to handle grievances at outlying Associate Offices.

Vote for Experience, Dedication, and Practical Leadership.

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Vote
MARK FOLLET
FOR
VICE-PRESIDENT NALC BRANCH 704

NALC Branch 704 Interim Vice President Jan 2019–Mar 2019
Past Arizona State Association of Letter Carriers Trustee
12 Years NALC Branch 704 Sergeant-At-Arms
10 Years NALC Branch 704 Customer Connect Coordinator
NALC Branch 704 Formal A Designee Alternate
12 Years Steward and Chief Steward
Vote for Dedication, Experience, and Practical Leadership.

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Vote
RAYMOND DEVELLIN
FOR
VICE-PRESIDENT NALC BRANCH 704

PAST NALC Branch 385 TRUSTEE Jan 2010 –2014
8 YEARS SHOP STEWARD
VOTE FOR CHANGE, VOTE FOR A STRONGER VOICE
VOTE FOR LEADERSHIP THAT WILL WORK FOR YOU AND
CHALLENGE MANAGEMENT, STATUS QUO NO MORE.

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Vote Kathy Walter

For President NALC Branch 704

Representing Letter Carriers has been my passion for my entire career in the United States Postal Service

I believe “alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

I am a Union Worker! That means I am a part of an organization that fights for not only my benefit but for every ones benefit.

A vote for me is Quality Representation, Honesty, Integrity, Compassion, and an Enforcer for Justice

As your President for the past two years we have gone through so much I am asking for your vote to continue the work we have begun

Paid Campaign Advertisement



Okinawa 1947



Casa Grande early 1950s



Life Member, Albert B Davis Jr was presented with his 50-year Gold Card Membership and Pin along with his 65-year Pin on November 3, 2020 in Casa Grande, AZ in the company of his family and friends. Congratulations on reaching this milestone that few reach, and for your Service to your Country in the Military and in the Postal Service. May this be an inspiration to everyone.

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