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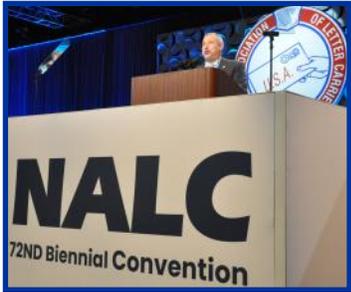


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**Retirees Dinner**  
**October 2 @ 2pm**

**Breast Cancer Walk**  
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**Retirement Seminar**  
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**MDA Event**  
**November 12th**

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**In Memoriam**

*In memory of these Union men and women who have been called by their Creator, we join their families, friends, and fellow workers in prayer for their everlasting souls.*



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## President's Report

# The "Chicago" Convention....2022!!



The last time Chicago hosted the National Convention of the NALC it was 22 years ago (2000.) At that time, I only had a few years in the service and I wasn't actively involved with my union. The next few years would find me becoming a station steward and becoming "all in" with our local Branch. I became a delegate, started attending conventions, both state and national; I then even applied and was accepted into the national Leadership Academy. **It was through all this and meeting Brothers and Sisters from across the country that I learned that the "Chicago" convention of 2000 was something special.** To a person, everyone I met who attended that convention talked glowingly about how they had such a good time in Chicago.

My leadership class in particular shared with me how well they were treated and what a beautiful union hall (1411 S. Michigan) we had at that time. It made me regret that I wasn't more involved, but it also made me want us to host one again when I became President 13 years ago. Unfortunately, it is not as easy as raising your hand and volunteering your services. First there is a rotation they try to follow with the different geographical regions of the country. Then you go through a selection process which basically requires you to bid in partnership with your city to "sell" your location to the convention committee for consideration. **Convention selections are made years in advance. For example, the next two conventions are in Boston (2024) and Los Angeles (2026),** and to the surprise of many, we were initially rejected before we were ultimately selected for the 2022 convention.

Some of you may know that we were beaten out by Detroit Branch #1 in 2014. The city of Detroit provided use of their convention center free of charge and that put them over the top in our head-to-head competition for 2018. We then got with our tourism bureau, Choose Chicago, to put the best case forward for 2022. Obviously, it all worked out. Hosting is a huge undertaking that involved more than just Branch leadership. It requires the support of the whole branch and those who were able to volunteer their time and talent to make this a success. Personally, I was concerned that we wouldn't live up to all the hype of the previous Chicago convention. We all wanted our Brothers and Sisters from across the country to have a good time and not fall victim to anything that can happen in a big city on a given day.

Mayor Lightfoot herself assured me that McCormick Place is a safe zone and that all the resources that we need to keep our members safe would be present throughout the week. As we made plans in coordination with the National Union, Secretary Nicole Rhine, and our Event Planner Kim Akota, everything started to fall in place. The hall was open every night for anyone who wanted to come by. **We had events planned every day and the cruise was sold out. Ultimately, as the host branch it was a huge success, but it would not have happened without the members of Branch 11.** I was given a certain number of positions to fill during the week of convention, but I doubled that number and split the work in half. I wanted to give as many of our members the opportunity to participate and be a part of the 72nd Biennial Convention of the NALC.

The members of Branch 11 did not disappoint!! They helped make this the great convention that it was. During and after the convention, our members were repeatedly commended for their hospitality and professionalism even as they worked to monitor the comings and goings of the convention. !! We may have planned activities for people to enjoy themselves, but in the end they will always remember how you made them feel! So, for that we all should be proud. This was another great convention for Chicago and we have shined a very favorable light on all the members of Branch 11!

During the week of convention, some other things happened, including the nominations of National Officers for the next four-year term. As I stated in my last article, I was asked to run for a full-time position, which is the Assistant Secretary Treasurer. I said if nominated and elected, it would end

my tenure as President of Branch 11. They both require full-time attention and the other requires me to be in D.C. **Well, I was in fact nominated and to my surprise elected right there on the floor of the convention by acclamation!! The fact that all of this happened here at the "Chicago" convention, made it more memorable.** There was no opposition, so like our Business Agent Mike Caref and a few of the other National Officers, there will be no election. Well, at least for those that were elected at the Convention. There will be an election for the contested positions, and we strongly urge all our members to vote!!! I do have some thoughts to share about my election, and the bittersweet reality of stepping down as President of Branch 11. I will save those remarks for my last article in the December issue of the Branch news. I do have much to say.....

**Robberies, Conversions, and Late Start Times**—We have been working with the Postal Service, Headquarters, and our Congressional offices to address some of the bigger issues that we are facing every day. Prior to the convention, we had been noticing an increase in criminal activity directly related to our arrow keys. The Postal Service is aware but have not come forth with any plan to address the issue and they have not cooperated in informing the members as these incidents occur. I have linked this latest surge to the proliferation of cluster boxes that are now permeating every route. They can now steal credit cards and other mail directly instead of recruiting carriers to do their dirty work. Because of this I have introduced an ordinance to the city council to limit these boxes and maintain door to door delivery. **We will keep you posted on the outcome, in the interim we ask that you be always careful and cognizant of your surroundings. As we head into the fall, we would hope that the postal service would reconsider these late start times,** but we won't hold our breath. This is how they show how they really feel about you, especially with the increase in violent assaults on carriers. As for conversions, right now it's just a ball of confusion with the Postal Service. It appears that they can't get the seniority and relative standings correct in the Chicago Installation and because this information comes from Illinois District 1 it is impacting all our offices except Harvey. We hope to have an update on all of these at the next branch meeting October 13th.

**RECAP AND THINGS TO COME:** Prior to the convention, we did have our annual Membership Appreciation night on July 10th. It was a wonderful event. I want to congratulate all the award winners- **President's Award: Dominique White, Membership Appreciation: T.L. Willis, and the recipient of the "T.L. Willis" Steward of the Year Award: Derek Sykes.** The steward award was changed to recognize someone who has had a profound impact on our union whether our members realize it or not. T.L. prepared the next generation of leaders and we are doing the same for the next generation to come. What this Branch has become is due in large part to the selfless work of Tim Willis as a Formal A representative and showing us what being a real "steward" is all about. The acknowledgement is well deserved!! Our annual Family Labor Day picnic was also great, you can see all the pictures on our webpage via SmugMug. It is our biggest event of the year, and we appreciate all the offices that participated and once again help make it a success...thank you!! **We look forward to celebrating our Gold Card members and retirees on Sunday, October 2nd at 2pm and on October 16th we will have a retirement seminar open to all Branch members!!**

*As always, in Truth.....And Solidarity*

Mack I. Julion

President

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*From the Desk of the*  
**Vice-President**

**Moving In the Right Direction**



Branch 11 Chicago hosted the 72<sup>nd</sup> biennial convention August 8-12, 2022, at McCormick Place West. If you did not attend, you missed a great event. Hosting a national convention takes a lot of hard work and dedicated people to make it a tremendous success. I want to personally thank the members of Branch 11 who volunteered their time. They greeted and helped the delegates, transported them around the city, assisted at the Branch 11 sales booth selling Chicago White Sox shirts for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association), and at the Br. 11 Hall every night making sure things went well. **I APPRECIATE AND THANK EVERYONE OF YOU ON A JOB WELL DONE!!!!** *It was truly a success.*

I titled my article this quarter “Moving in the Right Direction,” and as you continue to read, you will hopefully understand the title. The Postal Service is always making changes as it relates to our jobs, affecting our working conditions, and a lot of those changes are bad and impact letter carriers. We must always be prepared to fight to protect the workers, the contract, and the future of our work. **We must prepare, train, and mentor the next generation of leaders to keep the union moving in the right direction.**

During the 2022 National Convention, nominations were held for National Officers to lead us in the next four years. I had the honor of nominating President Mack Julion for the office of Asst. Secretary-Treasurer of the NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) and he was elected by acclamation. Congratulations!! I know he will do an excellent job to help move the NALC agenda forward. Branch 11 is proud of you Mack Julion and we wish you the best.

Secondly, I would like to thank **President Fred V. Rolando** for everything he has done during his tenure as president to represent the carriers of this great union. I know the challenges he faced and the challenges he had to overcome to make sure the members got the best contract during some challenging times in this country and the Postal Service. **I thank you for the opportunity to serve under your leadership as one of your AFL-CIO delegates to represent you and the NALC.** It was truly an honor, and I wish you the best on your retirement.

Branch 11, to keep moving in the right direction, we have a job to do. We have to **VOTE!** There is a national election coming soon and we must participate. We get the opportunity to select the leadership for the next four years. Ballots are in the process of being mailed to every eligible member in the NALC to vote. To learn more about the election, you can contact Recording Secretary Yolanda Cavett, or your Branch 11 shop steward. Let us continue to move in the right direction by supporting **YOUR** union. *We have a lot of activities and fundraisers where everyone can get involved. MDA is the official NALC charity and most of these events are to raise money for it. We had commemorative t-shirts that were sold at our National Convention. We still have shirts available for sale and all proceeds go to support MDA.*

In closing, I would like to say do not forget about the LCPF (Letter Carrier Political Fund). This is job insurance, and your

\$5.00 contribution is worth it! Get involved and support your union!

In solidarity,  
**Elise M. Foster**  
Vice-President



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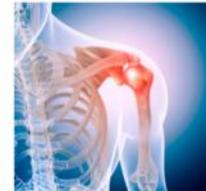



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The structure of the NALC is governed by the constitution. The democracy is firmly rooted in election procedures, officer duties, grievance handling, and great responsibilities of other key matters indicative for success. **As the keeper of branch records, it is my duty to encourage members to be mindful of staying current with payment of union dues when off the clock for any reasons outside of discipline.** I request and appreciate open lines of communication with this office concerning the subject. While managing the business entrusted upon us; along the way, fundraisers and other social events are conducted as well. You may have noticed the Branch hosts various functions throughout the year, except for 2020 for obvious reasons. You may have gotten chances to admire pictures taken and think, "it looks like everyone had a great time." This is a true statement whenever union brothers and sisters get together. Some fail to consider the processes in planning and preparations need-

ed to have successful events. Actions throughout events are important, but the behind-the-scenes duties are key! The foundation of all planned affairs are hinged on preparation, work, and support. This effort is what gives events potential to be epic. **With in this marvelous branch, I am certain there is an abundance of members with great talents, ideas, and insight that are willing to offer their time and talents to branch functions/ activities.** This is your union, why not be active and display your noteworthy flare within it!? Branch 11 Officers and members hosted the National Convention! The entire week was impressive, but Wednesday was certainly, "one for the books!" **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN MACK I. JULION & MICHAEL B. CAREF!!! A heartfelt, "THANK YOU" to all Seargent at Arms, Official Drivers, Delegates, Bag Stuffers, Volunteers, and Participants.** Y'all came through for The Chi, you were fantastic hosts!!! Wishing you all great mental, spiritual, and physical health this coming fall and winter seasons!

In Fellowship,  
**Yolanda R. Cavett**  
Recording Secretary

*From the desk of the*  
**TREASURER**



**Union Matters**

Dear brothers and sisters, we are faced with many challenges in the workplace. Entering the workplace is the first challenge. More than ever we need to come together in a powerful collective voice at the bargaining table. We must continue protecting our job by educating each other and getting involved. **The more members we have, the stronger the union will be. Become a part of this family because this union matters.** The National Association of Letter Carriers has continued to serve the same purpose for which they were originally founded in 1889. The nature of our work may be changing due to the advancement in technology, but the old union agendas remain the same. Our members deserve respect, decent livable wages, health

insurance, reasonable work hours, fair route evaluations, and job security. If it was up to the Postal Service, they would shed the responsibility for all of the above. **We stand on the shoulders of the men and women who have fought to ensure that we have those things we take for granted.** But there's no guarantee those things will be there forever. For those of you that sat at home during the elections and figured those political races wouldn't have an impact on us, check yourself. The fight goes on and we must show up and cast a vote for those who have our best interest during the upcoming November elections. This union fights for everyone, regardless of their differences. You have a right to come to work every day, free of harassment, intimidation and discrimination. If you've ever had a problem at your station, you'll understand why the unions exist. If you don't have a problem at your station, it's because the union exists.

In Solidarity,  
**Stafford D. Price Jr.**

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<b>RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH</b> \$145,806.24	<b>TOTAL CHASE GENERAL FUND -</b> \$55,848.08	<b>BRANCH #11 CHASE SAVINGS -0633</b> \$20,506.56
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> \$243,007.98	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND JULY 30, 2022</b> \$76,158.72	<b>BRANCH #11 BOA SAVINGS -4347</b> \$30,000.00
<b>DISBURSEMENTS (VOUCH # 83221-83314)</b> -\$222,697.34	<b>CONVENTION &amp; DELEGATE FUND</b> \$138,734.59	<b>BRANCH #11 RECREATION ACCT #4375</b> \$10,657.22
<b>AMALGAMATED GENERAL JULY 31, 2022</b> \$20,310.64	<b>CONVENTION DEPOSIT &amp; INTEREST AS OF</b> JULY 31, 2022 - \$10,202.00	<b>BRANCH #11 AXOS BANK</b> \$3,629.00
<b>CHASE—3658 GENERAL JULY 1, 2022</b> \$31,566.86	<b>TOTAL</b> \$148,936.59	<b>AMALGAMATED BANK (COMMON STOCK)</b> \$25,013.38
<b>RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH</b> \$62,045.69	<b>BRANCH # 11 BUILDING FUND</b> \$96,667.20	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR JULY 31, 2022</b> \$93,612.55	<b>DEPOSIT &amp; INTEREST</b> \$13,000.00	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b> -\$37,764.47	<b>TOTAL:</b> \$109,667.20	<b>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,</b> <b>STAFFORD D. PRICE JR.</b>

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**CDC Changes of Note**

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the Maintenance Management Order (MMO) when there's a confirmed positive and do contact tracing. Additionally, the supervisor must complete a checklist to document your status. The checklist is shared with the Postal nurse and specific NALC officers to ensure compliance. Don't let your supervisor tell you to keep testing until a test comes back negative before allowing you to return. Remember, it's the Postal nurse that will clear you to return from infection. Don't let your supervisor tell you the isolation max time is limited to five days. The minimum is five days and day one is the first full day after you test. Isolation can be longer if the fever continues, and symptoms don't improve. **Don't rely solely on an at-home rapid test to confirm infection. Those tests will not be acceptable to the Department of Labor (DOL) to support a potential injury claim.** The USPS may also find that test insufficient. It's best practice to get tested by a physician or at an authorized facility. Do inform your supervisor you're aware of the checklist and will be confirming its receipt by your union leadership. Do report exposure and symptoms to management and your union so action can be taken to help keep us in the good place we're in now. Do consult with your physician if nearing five days without improvement. Do seek a traumatic injury claim with DOL through ECOMP if you believe the infection came from work exposure and your last day of work was within 21 days of the infection. Members should know we're staying vigilant and will hold the USPS accountable to ensure you're working in a safe environment. Call on me if you need guidance for anything COVID and anything injury related.

*In Solidarity,  
Ronny Morgan*



*From the desk of the  
MBA Representative*



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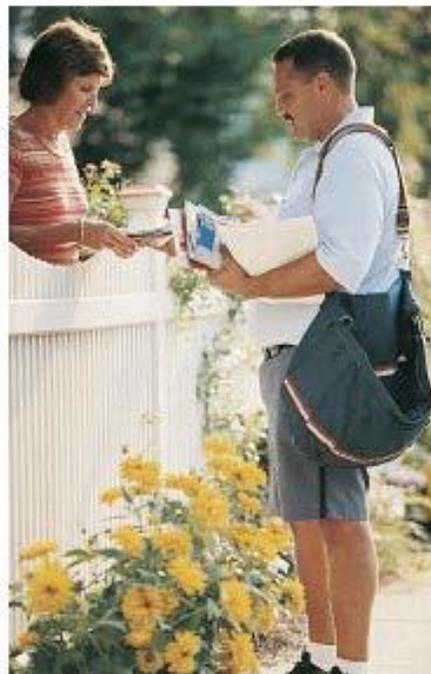
**FREE** Initial consultation to you for any service or treatment pertaining to the OWCP program.

**Medical Forms** for Worker's Compensation & OWCP, will be expedited by our friendly & efficient office staff as necessary.

**Rehabilitation** program is directed and supervised by clinical and administrative team with over 50 years of combined experience serving patients with on-the-job injuries.

**Doctor** and staff are knowledgeable in regards to diagnosis and treatment process, and narrative reporting.

**Impairment Rating** can be performed when necessary.

**TREATMENT PLAN & SERVICES**

**Avoid going to the wrong doctor** who may not know how to evaluate you or not know how to prepare reports for your case manager. If injured, go to ER, then call us for follow up.

**Avoid unnecessary paper work complications.** Delays and denials can cause rejection of your case.

**Get the proper care you need from day 1.** Our team is standing by.

**Summit is a fully-equipped** physical therapy and rehabilitation center. Services provided include: Ultrasound, Electrical stimulation, Manual therapy, Laser, Iontophoresis, Mobilization, Paraffin wax, therapy, Taping, Work conditioning, Work hardening, Functional Capacity Evaluation and More.

**Summit Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation**  
 915 Harger Rd. Oak Brook, IL 60523  
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### From the desk of the Health Benefit Representative



Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Since our last publication, the 72<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention was here, and it was amazing. **I have to say Branch 11 showed up and showed out. You guys were great hosts, people are still talking about how much fun they had, and I couldn't have been prouder.** I was able to see some of my Leadership 24 classmates, some old friends, and I made some new ones. We got some great information, and the nominations were "lit." This year, I was tasked with Transportation Chair, and it must be said, I couldn't have done it without my team; Pete, Bob, Brina, Thigpen, and Denon. I thank you guys for everything, you rock! **I want to give a huge congratulations to President Mack Julion for being elected National**



Assistant Recording Secretary- Treasurer, Madam Vice-President Elise Foster, delegate of the AFL-CIO, and Mike Caref National Business agent for Region 3 by acclamation. I know you guys will continue doing a great job serving the members. The end of the year is vastly approaching and in a couple of months it will be **Open Season**. During this time, everyone should take the opportunity to check the premiums for their health plan for the year 2023, no matter what plan you have. The NALC Health Benefit Plan is the letter carrier's best choice for health insurance. For more information, contact a customer service representative at 888-636-NALC (6252), or access information on our website NALCHBP.ORG. To enroll in a Dental and/or Vision plan go to [www.benefeds.com](http://www.benefeds.com). Stay safe and healthy!

In Solidarity,  
*Dominique O. White*

# LAST PUNCH BUNCH

Judy V. Anderson  
Oliver C. Balda  
Gwendolyn A. Caridine  
Carolyn Cooper  
Angela David  
Gabriel G. Gamboa  
Willie J. Griffin Jr.  
Maurice D. Hale  
Kirk W. Johnson  
Jon D. Lindblad  
Ray A. McCarter  
Girlee McCastle



Cheryl A. McWilliams  
Kimberley Murray  
Walter Nunn  
Sabrina D. O'Neal  
Rosalyn Peete  
Winston Q. Perales  
Christopher Renteria  
Marsie Rolland  
Jesus Salinas  
Gwendolyn J. St. Clair  
Alejandro M. Tamez  
Cheryl L. Ware-Williams



Chris Renteria  
Chestnut 60610/54



Marsie Rolland  
Fort Dearborn



Lawanna Cross-Dismukes  
Chestnut 60610/54

### From the desk of the Director of Retirees



It has been my pleasure to host retirement seminars at Branch 11 over the past few years - after my retirement (both from the USPS and as an officer of NALC Branch 11). Now I have been honored to be appointed as Director of Retirees by President Mack Julion. I thank Mack for that. Members can attend future seminars where they can fill out **all** of the standard forms necessary for retirement. We provide the forms and you fill them out, in advance of your planned retirement date. **When you choose your actual retirement date, you then copy the information over to the forms provided in the HRSS "blue book" - changing only the actual date of retirement.** I recommend that you bring your personal HRSS supplied annuity estimate. It contains relevant data to help fill the forms

accurately. **Employees currently eligible for retirement should already have received the annuity estimate.** Those who are within three years of retirement eligibility can get one by calling HRSS at 877-477-3273, option 5 (employee ID and pin will be required). Branch 11 members can reach me at [pete@nalcbr11.org](mailto:pete@nalcbr11.org) with retirement questions. As I am currently retired, and doing some travelling, answers may not be immediate. Members may also call the NALC Retirement Office at 202-393-4695, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm Eastern time. Retirement planning should begin the day you were hired - by properly funding your TSP account. FERS employees can get free money - a 4 percent matching contribution and a 1 percent automatic contribution from the Postal Service. If you're contributing 5 percent of your basic pay, 10 percent will go into your TSP account - double your money that will then be working for you.

Fraternally,  
*Peter J. Skrzypczynski*

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**SUBJECT: ELECTION NOTICE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

This is official notice to all members of Branch 11. Nominations of delegates to the 2023 Illinois State Convention, June 15-17, 2023; in Oakbrook, IL will be held at the regular Branch 11 meeting on November 10, 2022; at 7 p.m. at the Branch 11 headquarters, the James E. Worsham Building, located at 3850 S. Wabash Ave.

Nomination forms will be available at the October 13, 2022, meeting. Election of delegates to the 2023 Illinois State Convention will be held at the regular Branch 11 meeting on December 8, 2022.

Nominations and election will be held in accordance with the NALC Constitution and the Branch 11 bylaws.

Yolanda R. Cavett, Recording Secretary, Branch 11

[ycavett@nalcbr11.org](mailto:ycavett@nalcbr11.org)

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**NEW CCA MEMBERS**

Mohammed Abedelal	Montana Durden	John Lo	Antonio Sherman
Amari Adams	Michael Durr	Nicole Lott	Destiny Simmons
Saheed Adewole	Oswaldo Escobedo	Semaj Lowe	Nivia Simmons
Damien Alvarez	Runshago Evans	Jumikah Martinez	Da' Vaughn Slatton
Odessa Anderson	Sharon Fields	Leonel Martinez	Justin Smiley
Tonya Adrews	Brandy Fleming	Lyudmyla Mazur	Jimiya Smith
Khylla Baker	Tatianna Forest	Kiwane McIntosh	Latonya Smith
Eric Bandera	Anibal Fabregas-Lopez	Aisha McIntyre	Rikkita Smith
Rio Barfield	Tymari Freeman-Washington	Alexander Medellin	Shakeda Smith
Annisa Bell	Deanna Funches	Katrina Meeks	Sylvillia Smith
Maritza Benitez	Manuel Garduno	Daniel Mora	Natashia Smith-Milon
Imani Benson	Paul Garner	Deja Morris	Toijuana Snead
Shelneka Benton	Ryan Gasser	Frances Morton	Kyihara Spearman
Rosalba Bernal	Andria Gholston	Edward Muldrow Jr.	Gloria Stacker
Aaliyah Blake	Christopher Gonzalez	Robin Nathaniel	Nakyla Stigler
Tiffany Bonds	Asia Green	Monique Newell	Skylar Sykes
Melissa Bonner	Shanika Green	Dominique Nicholas	Kenneth Thompson
Joe Booker	Tyler Hall	Cecil Norman	Quintez Thompson
Stephen Bouchier	James Hammons	Escobedo Oswaldo	Amid Tirado
Robert Brooks	Demond Hayes	Jesus Oyervides	Santino Torres
David Brown	Darnell Haynes	Irma Phillips	Kalishana Usher
La'Brey Brown	Jalen Haynes	Robin Poole	Corey Walker
Benjamin Buckhalter	Shinall Heard	Guillermo Ponce	Kevin Wallace
Sabrina Butler	Jawona Hickman	Cody Pulaski	Patrick Wallace
Xavier Cano	Shantell Howard	Stephan Randle	Jamiah Walton
Anitra Carson	Sky Hudson	Jonathan Roberts	Lavivian Ware
Iran Carter	Omari Hughes	Laquandria Roberts	Tony Washington
Brian Clay	Nakayla Humphrey	Diesha Robinson	Jamie Webb
Bryant Cockrell	Lovely Jackson	Mildred Robles	Kristal White
Daniece Coleman	Bria James	Veronica Rosado	Lavonne Williams
Lavontae Collier	Jerry Jimenez	Tiffany Ross	Marshare Williams
Ronald Conwell III	Romanni Johnson	Roberta Rozanski	Mechellea Williams
Lexis Cunningham	Amber Jones	Fabiola Sanchez	Anthony Wilson
Patrick Darian	Symone Jones	Imani Sanders	Tymeka Windett
Amari Davis	Justin Lagios	Kaylan Sanders	Takyrica Woods
Cedrick DeBerry	Kiarra Lanier	Jacque Scott	Jimmy Yarbrough
Sierra Duprey	Edwin Lemmons	Panella Selvie	Ivan Zepeda

*From the desk of the  
Trustee*



In today's world, where convenience and early access is heavily utilized, voting by mail has become the norm. It is popular with voters, including myself. We don't have to stand in line like our parents and grandparents did when we were too young to vote. **In 2016, nearly 33 million votes were cast by mail. Many states have moved to vote by mail to make it more convenient for voters,**



especially minorities and those without transportation. Senior citizens also benefit from absentee balloting. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, voting by mail has helped alleviate waiting in long lines. **Despite the rantings of one delusional lunatic and his treasonous party, there is no evidence that mail-in balloting increases voter fraud.** Fifty-nine percent of Americans support holding elections by mail. The 2022 mid-term election is around the corner and one thing is for certain, voters will depend on letter carriers to get the vote out.

*In Solidarity,  
Robert Fuentes*

VOTE.....VOTE....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....

**Early Voting & Registration - Any Chicago voter may vote in-person on or before Election Day at any Chicago early voting location. Voter registration services are available at every early voting location. When you need ID to register or vote, and types of ID you may use.**

**October 7, 2022 – First Day for Early Voting at Chicago Board of Elections Supersite (191 N. Clark) and Board Offices (69 W. Washington, 6th Floor)**

**Vote By Mail -**

**No excuse is needed. All Chicago voters may choose to Vote By Mail.**

**August 10, 2022 - First day to apply to vote by mail for the November 8 General Election.**

**September 29, 2022 – First day for Vote by Mail ballots to be mailed to voters.**

**November 3, 2022 - Last day for the Board to receive ne Vote by Mail applications.**

**November 8, 2022 - Last Day for postmark on the Ballot Return Envelope if returning by mail. If a voter decides not to return the Vote By Mail ballot, the voter may submit the Vote By Mail ballot to the judges at the precinct and polling place for that voter's home address, and then cast a ballot in person. If the Vote By Mail ballot was lost or did not arrive, the voter may sign a "cancellation of Vote By Mail ballot affidavit" and cast a provisional ballot, also at the precinct and polling place for that voter's home address.**

**November 22, 2022 – Last day that a mailed Vote By Mail ballot (postmarked or certified November 8 or earlier) may arrive at the Election Board to be included in the count.**

*From the Desk of Auditor*



I recently had the pleasure of attending my very first National Convention. The NALC held its 72<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in none other than our sweet home, Chicago! Over 5,000 delegates and guests from all fifty states and Puerto Rico joined together in unity to represent their respective branches at the convention. **We heard from guest speakers including Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Governor JB Pritzker, and Senator Dick Durbin, among other distinguished guests.** We also got to hear from our fellow brothers and sisters from branches across the country, which meant so many unique accents from individuals who swore that they had no accent. There was something so powerful about walking through a sea of thousands of delegates, different individuals from different backgrounds, united for a common cause. Serving as a delegate will allow you to take part in the democratic process of deciding how best to move this great union forward. Delegates are elected in accordance with Article 5 of the Branch 11 By-Laws. One of the most important things that we did at the convention as delegates, other than voting on resolutions for our upcoming collective bargaining, was nominating our national officers. Though some of races were contested, our very own president of Branch 11, Mack I. Julion, was elected as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and is set to be sworn into his new position on December 17th. I hope that you will take much satisfac-

tion in being chosen to serve as a branch delegate because it is truly an important duty. Also at the convention were various workshops conducted by our national officers and staff, including TIAREAP-teaching about the upcoming route evaluation process, OWCP and the Power of Change, Wills & Trusts, and other classes. There were also many booths to visit such as MDA -where I personally learned so much about our new disability insurance, Health Benefit Plan, and NALCREST. Many delegates also got the opportunity to check out the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV)- so long LLV! National conventions are held biennially, and the 2024 convention will be held in Boston. **I really want to encourage you to get involved, and for you to encourage your co-workers, especially the younger ones.** At the end of the day, our youthful co-workers represent the future of the Postal Service, and they deserve an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the future of our employment. To qualify as a delegate to the convention, you must attend eight Branch meetings per year for two consecutive years prior to the year of the convention. I can't wait to see more of your lovely faces at the Branch meetings. Besides, did I mention that the prospective locations for the 2026 and 2028 conventions are Los Angeles and Honolulu? What I'm basically saying is that it is NEVER too late to get involved with your union. **Let's get active and see you every second Thursday at 7pm.**

*In Solidarity,  
Shanaya Benson*

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# NALC Walks

to raise money for  
**Breast Cancer Research**



**Sunday, October 9, 2022**  
**3850 S. Wabash Chicago, IL**

**9 a.m.**

5K Walk Begins  
 8 a.m. registration

**11 a.m.**

Brunch—includes food,  
 beverage, door prizes, music

**\$10 to Walk**

**\$25 Brunch**

(no tickets will be sold at the door)

### Sponsor a page (or portion) in the Program Book

Full Page: \$100 1/2 Page: \$75 1/4 Page: \$50 1/8 Page: \$25

### Sponsorship Signs

Gold \$100

Silver \$75

Bronze \$50

### **T-Shirts**

(Pink Camouflage & Pink lettering)

**\$25 – S, M, L, XL**

**Sponsorship monies due Sept. 30th**

### **“In Memory Of...”**

**Candles \$10**



### **Vendor Tables**

Available

**\$50.00 each**

**All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society**

