



# Bowlathon rolls a strike for MDA



**J**oined by family members and friends, thousands of letter carriers participated in the first annual NALC Bowlathon for MDA, hitting the lanes to roll strikes—and quite a few spares—for the union’s official charity.

Hundreds of NALC branches took part in the November 1 fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. “It looks like our inaugural effort was a big success,” said NALC President Fred Rolando.

Official branch reports were due at headquarters by December 1, and a report on the results will appear in the January issue of *The Postal Record*.

President Rolando and other national resident officers hooked up with members of Alexandria, Virginia Branch 567 and NALC headquarters staff for a few hours of fun at the AMF Alexandria Lanes in suburban Washington, a scene duplicated at local alleys across the country, as evidenced by the photos on these two pages.

National MDA Coordinator Jim Williams, who bowled with members of his home Portland, Oregon Branch 82, was exhilarated by the first-year response. “We hoped this would bring in funds for MDA’s work, and we also wanted to enlist more members in the battle against neuromuscular disease. I think we succeeded on both counts,” he said.

“We’re already looking forward to next year’s bowlathon,” Williams added. “We know it will be even bigger and better.” ☐

**Top left:** Louisiana State President Monica Walker with Baton Rouge, Louisiana Branch 129 members and their families.

**Top right:** Vice President George Mignosi at the second bowlathon held by Branch 41, Brooklyn, New York.



**Above left:** Executive Vice President Gary Mullins follows through at the Alexandria, Virginia, Branch 567 bowlathon.

**Above:** President Fred Rolando checks his score during the same game.

**Left:** Duckpin bowling with Massachusetts Northeast Merged Branch 25.

**Right:** West Coast Florida Branch 1477 participants and tailgaters.





# Wii bowl

Bradenton, Florida Branch 1753 had a virtual bowlathon when they set up several TVs and Nintendo Wii gaming systems. The system has a controller that responds to the player's movements, meaning that there was still a lot of swinging going on (see photos below). About 30 people turned out to play, raising \$650 for MDA.

Top left: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Branch 157 President Bill McKinney and friends enjoy the bowlathon.  
 Top middle: Sign announcing the Branch 443, Hagerstown, Maryland bowlathon.  
 Top right: Two teams from the Broomfield Main Post Office at the Denver, Colorado, Branch 47 bowlathon.

Above: Region 15 National Business Agent Larry Cirelli (c) with the Scotch Plains, New Jersey, Branch 4102 participants.  
 Below: Las Vegas, Nevada Branch 2502's Steve Heins with MDA's Nevada goodwill ambassador Josh Camperi. Heins raised more than \$3,000 by raffling off gifts from local casinos.

