

Top: The Lincoln Memorial was mobbed with union and progressive activists who heeded the call for the October 2 rally.

Above: NALC Vice President George Mignosi (2nd from I), Director of Safety and Health Brian Hellman (2nd from r) and Director of Health Benefits Tim O'Malley (r) joined other NALC activists to explain why the USPS dropping a day of delivery will add more job losses the country can ill afford.

# Thousands rally for jobs

ens of thousands of union members and other progressive movement activists took their message to the nation's capital on October 2, as part of the AFL-CIO's One Nation events. The rally, in conjunction with union door-to-door campaigns in dozens of battleground states, focused on jobs and economic-justice issues.

Letter carriers from around the country, including several NALC national officers, joined in the march along the mall to the Lincoln Memorial, where they heard speakers, including AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. "We come

together today because America needs jobs," Trumka told the crowd. "Good jobs, jobs that support families—all families."

Trumka called on activists to work to get out the vote in their communities for the November elections, supporting candidates who will invest in good jobs and who will fight for workers' issues.

One person who got the message was Hartford Branch 86 carrier Paul Neal, who was interviewed by National Public Radio about the rally:

NPR: Like many in this diverse crowd of activists that filled the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and lined the Reflecting Pool in rows nearly all the way to the Washington Monument, Connecticut mail carrier Paul Neal says the primary issue for him here is:

**PAUL NEAL:** Jobs and fair treatment on the workplace. For more on the rally and the AFL-CIO's Labor 2010 election campaign, go to aflcio.org. ☑

### Time running out to get installation tickets

embers wanting to attend the December 4 installation of NALC's 28 elected national officers must send their payment, along with an order form (printed in last month's *Postal Record* and in the *NALC Bulletin*) to the office of Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broendel, where it must be received by Wednesday, November 10.

Tickets to the event to be held at the Hilton Washington Towers in Washington, DC, are available for \$65 per person. Tables will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis only for those who purchase a block of at least eight tickets. The maximum number of seats

at each table is eight. Individuals or smaller parties purchasing tickets will be assigned to "open seating" tables.

The person authorized to pick up the tickets must be listed on the order form, as only the officially designated person who will be allowed to pick up tickets.

Installation dinner tickets include admission to the holiday party immediately following the installation. Attendance at the holiday party for all others is by invitation only. Branches who wish to attend only the holiday party should contact the Secretary-Treasurer's office by Wednesday, November 10. No tickets for either function will be available after that date.

#### **Combined Federal Campaign underway**

Carriers participating in the Combined Federal Campaign have many ways they can pitch in to help those in needincluding signing up to give to the Postal Employees' Relief Fund and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The CFC number for PERF is 10268 and MDA's CFC number is 0536.



#### Final preparations made for Bowlathon

fter a tremendous inaugural event last year, branches throughout the country are making final preparations for the second annual national bowlathon, to be held on Sunday, November 7. The one-day fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is an attempt to shine a spotlight on the union's official charity and inspire branches to develop, continue or expand on year-round fundraising efforts.

"Finding a fun and competitive way to bring members into our charitable efforts will only boost the support we can give MDA to find the cure," NALC President Fredric Rolando said.

Participating branches should send their official accounting sheet to NALC promptly following the bowlathon. All money raised should be sent to MDA, 3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718. Please also send photos, newspaper articles, etc., to NALC Headquarters for use in a future issue of *The Postal Record*.

## **NBA** election count underway

lection ballots for the contested national business agent positions in Regions 3, 11, 12, 14 and 15 were mailed out October 7-8 and were due back to NALC Headquarters October 27, after this issue of The Postal Record went to press. As soon as results are available, they will be announced online at nalc.org, in a future edition of the NALC Bulletin, and in next month's magazine.

At the 67th Biennial NALC Convention in Anaheim this summer, two individuals were nominated for each of the following NBA positions:

Chicago Region 3: Kevin Schaible of Belleville, IL Branch 155 and Neal Tisdale of Springfield, IL Branch 80.

Cincinnati Region 11: Daniel E. Toth of Lorain, OH Branch 583 and Mike Hayden of Toledo Branch 100.

Philadelphia Region 12: William J. Lucini of Philadelphia Branch 157 and Michael D. Stanton of Haddonfield, NI Branch 769.

New England Region 14: John J. Casciano of Boston Branch 34 and Michael L. Willadsen of Hartford Branch 86.

New York Region 15: Larry Cirelli of New Jersey Merged Branch 38 and Walter Barton of Long Island Merged Branch 6000.

All national business agents are elected by the membership within their respective regions. Candidates for resident national officer positions, the three national trustee positions, and the other 10 national business agents were elected by acclamation at the convention.

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