Scholarships available for Florida colleges

The Costas G. Lemonopoulos Scholarship Trust, established by the late St. Petersburg, Florida Branch 1477 member Costas G. Lemonopoulos, will award scholarships to children of NALC members attending public, four-year colleges or universities supported by the state of Florida, including St. Petersburg College (no private colleges, universities, or junior colleges).

For an explanation of the rules governing the awards and instructions on how you can compete, fill out and send the form at right by June 1 to the Costas G. Lemonopoulos Scholarship Trust, NALC, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.

NALC comings and goings

President Fredric V. Rolando has announced the following NALC personnel changes:

◆ Nancy Quick, a 28-year letter carrier and a former president of the South Carolina State Association, is retiring as regional administrative assistant for Region 9 after almost 10 years in that role. President Rolando has appointed Roswell, GA Branch 4862 member Paul Barner to fill the vacancy, effective Feb. 27.

Barner, an Army veteran and a 2007 graduate of the NALC Leadership Academy who has been a letter carrier since 1987, has served his branch as a shop steward, treasurer and trustee. He also has held a position on the Georgia State Association’s executive board. “Nancy’s knowledge, especially in political and regulatory influence, will be great assets to Region 9.”

◆ Contract Administration Unit member Orlando Gonzalez, a 34-year letter carrier and member of Santa Clara, CA Branch 1427, also retired in March 5. Gonzalez is a 15-year letter carrier and a 2011 graduate of the Leadership Academy. He served Branch 36 as a shop steward, Formal A representative and editor of the branch newsletter, and he also was a Customer Connect district coordinator. “Orlando has excelled at every task I have assigned him,” Region 15 NBA Larry Cirelli said. “He is personable, intelligent and dedicated to the NALC, and he will be a great asset to Region 15.”

◆ CAU staffer Alan Apfelbaum, a 34-year letter carrier and member of Santa Clara, CA Branch 1427, also retired in February. Before his appointment to the CAU in 2001, Apfelbaum had served 11 years as an RAA for Region 1.

◆ Stephen DeMatteo, a research analyst at Headquarters since 2008, left the NALC in January to take on a role as deputy head of post and logistics at the Union Network International’s home office in Nyon, Switzerland.

There, DeMatteo will coordinate workshops and training exercises designed to help UNI’s affiliate unions, including the NALC, learn how to influence political and regulatory decision-makers worldwide.

◆ President Rolando also has appointed Orlando Gonzalez, a member of New York City Branch 36, as an RAA for Region 15. The appointment is effective March 5.

Gonzalez is a 15-year letter carrier and a 2011 graduate of the Leadership Academy. He served Branch 36 as a shop steward, Formal A representative and editor of the branch newsletter, and he also was a Customer Connect district coordinator. “Orlando has excelled at every task I have assigned him,” Region 15 NBA Larry Cirelli said. “He is personable, intelligent and dedicated to the NALC, and he will be a great asset to Region 15.”

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