

USPS testing Sunday package delivery

The Postal Service is beginning testing of Sunday delivery of Parcel Select packages in more than 900 ZIP codes nationwide. During the test, letter carriers are delivering parcels from a major online retailer to customers on Sundays.

NALC has been involved in and is fully supportive of this effort. There

is unlimited potential for growth in Sunday and same-day parcel delivery, which would increase revenue for the Postal Service while providing more services to our customers.

“NALC will continue to work with the Postal Service to make this test a success and to grow this business into the future,” NALC President Fredric Rolando said. **PR**

Community and Membership Outreach

Letter carriers collect and deliver; that’s what we do. Whether its envelopes, magazines, packages or special services, our core function is to connect items and services with people across our communities and around the globe. We are the quintessential couriers of messages and materials. You might say we provide “community outreach” on a daily basis.

And we do even more outreach through the union, organizing a variety of goodwill efforts to assist families in our communities as well as our own members and their families. These works include organizing the NALC Food Drive, raising funds for MDA, honoring letter carrier heroes and goodwill ambassadors, memorializing our fallen letter carriers killed in the performance of their duties, supporting the Carrier Alert program for our homebound and elderly customers and helping run the Postal Employees’ Relief Fund for members hit by natural disasters.

And many local branches don’t stop there. NALC members organize blood and bone marrow drives, and they take up collections for children’s school supplies and Toys for Tots for the holidays.

The many ways we serve our communities help us maintain our high level of public trust and respect, a priceless asset for all that we do. But they also help us extend a welcoming hand to our own members, letting them know there is a place for them in their union. It serves as an open invitation to union involvement, a magnet for organizing and building solidarity with all of our members—many of whom might not otherwise see themselves as a necessary part of our union.

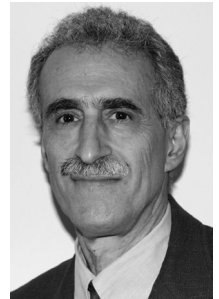
In future issues of *The Postal Record*, we’ll look at specific elements in NALC’s Community and Membership Outreach Program so you’ll have a better idea of what we do, but also to encourage you to join in the effort to enhance letter carriers’ roles in the communities we live in and serve.

And, keep in mind, the list of programs and ideas for Community and Membership Outreach is not definitive, but is always evolving. Raise your voice and help us reach out.

To get involved, contact Community and Membership Outreach Coordinator Pam Donato at 202-662-2489 or donato@nalc.org. **PR**

NALC statement on APWU elections

“The American Postal Workers Union has announced the results of its national union election. APWU President Cliff Guffey was defeated by Mark Dimondstein and several new officers were elected for the first time. I want to thank Brother Guffey for his decades of trade union service and wish him well in the future. I also wish to congratulate Brother Dimondstein and all of the APWU’s new and returning officers on their election. NALC pledges its continued solidarity with the members of the APWU.”



Mark Dimondstein

—NALC President Fredric Rolando

Penalty overtime exclusion

As referenced in Article 8, Sections 4 and 5, of the USPS-NALC and USPS-APWU national agreements, the December period (during which penalty overtime regulations are not applicable) consists of four consecutive service weeks. This year, the December period begins Pay Period 26-13—Week 1 (Nov. 30, 2013)—and ends Pay Period 01-14—Week 2 (Dec. 27, 2013). **PR**