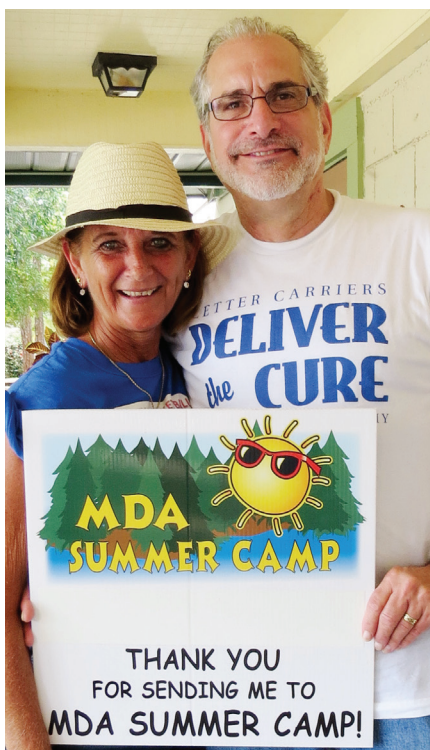


NALC honors branches' MDA support



Above: NALC President Fredric Rolando (r) traveled to an MDA summer camp with the representatives of the 11 winning branches to thank them for their support.

Below: The branches received plaques at a dinner reception for the branch representatives during the trip.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is the NALC's only official charity, and the union's commitment to delivering for the cure remains firm. As part of that commitment, NALC President Fredric Rolando hosted a dinner reception in West Palm Beach, FL, on June 10 to honor the top branches in 10 size categories along with one grand prize winner.

"Throughout the year, branches from coast to coast do amazing work, raising funds to help MDA conduct research to find a cure for these diseases, as well as to help families coping with them," Rolando said at the function. "I thank all of the branches that contributed."

Rolando then presented certificates to the 11 award-winning branches:

- Grand Prize:**
New Jersey Mgd. Br. 38 \$66,300
- Category 1 (2000+ members):**
Philadelphia Br. 157 \$58,566
- Category 2 (1,500-1,999):**
Portland, OR Br. 82 \$22,966
- Category 3 (1,000-1,499):**
West Coast Florida Br. 1477 \$11,000
- Category 4 (700-999):**
Northeastern NY Br. 358 \$20,238

- Category 5 (500-699):**
Colorado Springs, CO Br. 204 \$16,195
- Category 6 (350-499):**
Rockford, IL Br. 245 \$13,898
- Category 7 (200-349):**
Saginaw, MI Br. 74 \$8,819
- Category 8 (100-199):**
Fargo-West Fargo, ND Br. 205 \$15,944
- Category 9 (50-99):**
Jefferson City, MO Br. 127 \$9,830
- CATEGORY 10 (10-49):**
Adrian, MI Br. 579 \$3,740

For a complete list of branches' contributions, see MDA Coordinator Jim Williams' column in the May issue of *The Postal Record*.

The annual awards dinner capped an eventful day for the branch representatives, who had earlier visited MDA Summer Camp Gold Coast, a week-long summer camp in Lake Worth, FL, for youngsters who have muscular dystrophy. While there, the branch representatives and MDA campers played a bowling and duck race game, wrote letters and drew pictures for NALC branches, and won location-specific prizes in a ZIP code spin game.

"It warms my heart to see what NALC members can do when they work together for a good cause," Rolando said later. "I know that working together with all of the great organizations that have teamed up with MDA, we will deliver a cure."

MDA is the nonprofit health agency dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and related diseases by funding worldwide research. MDA also provides comprehensive health care and support services, advocacy and education. MDA combats neuromuscular diseases through research programs, medical and support services, and





far-reaching professional and public health education.

MDA sponsors some 200 hospital-affiliated clinics and supports more than 330 research projects around the world. It also supports more research on neuromuscular diseases than any other private-sector organization. Scientists at MDA are in the forefront of gene therapy research and have uncovered the genetic defects responsible for several forms of muscular dystrophy. MDA's comprehensive services program includes diagnostic and follow-up medical consultations, flu shots, support groups and MDA summer camps for youngsters.

MDA has always been appreciative of NALC's support over the years. "Letter carriers are the face of our Postal Service and a part of the fabric of every American community," an MDA representative said. "We couldn't be more proud to be partnered with them." **PR**



NALC branch representatives had the opportunity to play games with the kids at the camp.

