

Happy retirement to a great friend of letter carriers



Jim Williams

When President Young asked me to attend my first Labor Day Telethon in 2003, I had the good fortune to meet Tom Boyle, who was on the staff of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Tom was our contact and was responsible, in part, to make sure the letter carriers who were to be featured on the telethon were taken care of and present for the three appearances during the 24-hour show.

Every year thereafter, Tom was a constant guide at the telethon. In 2006 we began to work even closer together when, after my retirement, Bill Young asked me to head up our fundraising efforts at the national level.

So, when Tom retired on Sept. 1, I began to think about our relationship over the past 12 years. We will miss Tom a great deal, but our best wishes go to him and his wife Alma as they transition to retired life.

MDA has changed over the last few years. The organization needed to change in many ways because the environment of all non-profits has been altered through a different mindset in our culture and in the economy. Tom was aware of the need for change, but he also believed in the importance of relationships. NALC has a legacy with MDA that should not be overlooked. Tom understood that, as well as our commitment to the families MDA supports.

But most of all, Tom embodied some qualities that are all too soon lost in the rush to have non-profit organizations look like corporations. I have always appreciated his understanding of what drives letter carriers to work for MDA. He understood that to be a partner with the NALC, some characteristics of who we are and what we stand for are mandatory for a positive relationship.

Every time I called Tom with a problem, he responded. His response, though, was not only a direct answer to the problem but a desire to look beneath the issue to know what it was that mattered to NALC. I can only hope that continues.

For me, the quality I most think of when I consider Tom is his integrity. Honesty is more than a word to Tom. He lived out in his work life what he believed in his personal life. What more can you say?



Tom Boyle

Last month, I announced that beginning in 2015 we will be designating branches on a per capita basis as well as total money raised. “Gold” branches will be those that raise \$25 or more per member. “Silver” branches will be those that raise between \$10 and \$24.99 per member, and “bronze” branches will be those under \$10 per member. If we had awarded those in 2014, these would have been the silver-level branches.

2014 MDA Silver Level Branches

Branch 1132	Granite City, IL	\$24.05
Branch 55	Pawtucket, RI	\$23.87
Branch 489	Anderson, IN	\$23.81
Branch 1412	Garden City, KS	\$21.03
Branch 155	Belleville, IL	\$20.37
Branch 2076	Des Plaines, IA	\$20.06
Branch 8	Lincoln, NE	\$19.54
Branch 60	Stamford, CT	\$18.63
Branch 2942	Hopkins, MN	\$18.57
Branch 860	Honolulu, HI	\$18.39
Branch 157	Philadelphia, PA	\$18.15
Branch 219	Aurora, IL	\$18.05
Branch 134	Syracuse, NY	\$17.93
Branch 924	Freehold, NJ	\$17.50
Branch 1681	Casper, WY	\$17.37
Branch 332	Mon-Yough, PA	\$16.58
Branch 2420	Beckley, WV	\$15.35
Branch 5847	Hazelwood, MO	\$15.12
Branch 1258	North Platte, NE	\$15.00
Branch 382	Durham, NC	\$14.62
Branch 491	Sioux Falls, SD	\$14.59
Branch 7	Lynn, MA	\$14.15
Branch 654	Mount Clemens, MI	\$14.14
Branch 512	Waterloo, IA	\$13.85
Branch 4716	Naples, FL	\$13.33
Branch 343	St. Louis, MO	\$13.32
Branch 1197	Southern Illinois Merged	\$13.08
Branch 2464	Houma-Thibodaux-Lockport, LA	\$12.88
Branch 998	Valdosta, GA	\$12.66
Branch 258	Reading, PA	\$12.46
Branch 2008	Clearwater, FL	\$12.21
Branch 352	Central Iowa Merged	\$12.09
Branch 82	Portland, OR	\$11.89
Branch 38	New Jersey Merged	\$11.88
Branch 309	Alton, IL	\$11.49
Branch 56	Grand Rapids, MI	\$11.24
Branch 333	Binghamton, NY	\$11.08
Branch 950	Abilene, TX	\$11.01
Branch 5050	Ballwin, MO	\$10.99
Branch 530	Birmingham, AL	\$10.89
Branch 44	New Hampshire Merged	\$10.48
Branch 574	Kenosha, WI	\$10.42
Branch 2	Milwaukee, WI	\$10.18
Branch 6000	Long Island Merged, NY	\$10.15