

Into the final turn



Community and Membership Outreach Coordinator Pam Donato

As we approach the last few days before our Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive on Saturday, May 14, I'd like to highlight the things we can all still do to promote awareness and substantially increase the food collections for our local food agency partners.

I know there has already been a tremendous amount of work put in this year, with many of you starting your work last fall. And though we could sit back and just coast to the finish line, I know that's not in our DNA—more likely, we'll all find the energy for a strong kick in our food drive's final stretch.

Here's a list of things you all can still do to affect this year's success:

- Put up all posters, flyers and yard signs in highly visible locations (lobbies, bus stops, cluster boxes, busy intersections, etc.).
- Plan for letter carriers to replace their usual uniform shirts with specially designed Stamp Out Hunger food drive T-shirts during the week leading up to Saturday, May 14. (See COO of USPS David E. Williams' Jan. 20 letter on page 3 of the coordinators' manual.)
- "Like," "share," post and tag, using all social media to garner awareness and support.

- Call local radio and TV news stations—go on air and be interviewed.
- Make sure all letter carriers at your workplace are aware of the local plan, including delivering all postcards and food drive bags to all residential customers; safety—watching for glass containers, heavy items and wet/breaking bags; how to handle money donations and what the donation drop-off locations are; and thank-you cards (if used), or saying "thanks" to our customers.
- Say "thank you" to everyone who helped.

As we move toward the finish line for 2016, make sure all the food is counted and recorded. Your local branch will need help herding all the totals from each station. Help to make sure we count every pound. And branch presidents, complete your final results form (which is tan-colored) and mail it in before June 10.

Awards for first place in each of the 11 categories will be presented at the 2016 National Convention in Los Angeles.

No matter the outcome, you are all winners and should feel proud of all you've done to help those in need. Saying "thank you" to all of you—branch, state and regional coordinators, and all letter carriers across the country—seems so inadequate. Yet I know that you all have an understanding of the power of your work. We are *America's letter carriers delivering hope*. And together we are making a positive difference in our world. Thank you!

Election Notices

Fremont, Nebraska

Branch 89 membership will be voting on a proposed bylaw at its May monthly meeting. Please make plans to attend or contact the branch officers to request an absentee ballot.

Brian Greunke, V.P./Acting Rec. Sec., Br. 89

Garden Grove, California

This is official notice that, pursuant to Article 5 of the Branch 1100 bylaws, nominations of officers for the 2016-2019 term will be held at the regular branch meeting on June 14. The meeting will be at Branch 1100's Charlie Miller Meeting Hall, 13252 Garden Grove, at 7:30 p.m.

All members in good standing must be present and/or signify, in writing, their willingness to accept the nomination, and may accept nomination for only one position.

At the time of nomination, all candidates must certify that he/she has not applied for or served as a supervisor, either temporary or permanent, during the 24 months prior to nomination.

All elected offices are open for nomination and are for a term of three years. In addition, those elected for a position,

shall, by virtue of that position, be a compensated delegate to all state and national conventions during the term of office.

The election shall be conducted by secret mail ballot.

Ballots must be returned by 11:30 a.m. PDT on July 11 to be counted. All others will be void.

Marilyn D. Youman, Exec. Sec./HBR, Br. 1100

Miami, Oklahoma

This is official notice to all members of Branch 1958 of nominations and elections for the positions of president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. Nominations and elections will take place at the regular meeting on May 19 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Montana Mikes Steakhouse, 840 N. Main in Miami. The term for all offices will be two years.

Michelle Worley, Pres., Br. 1958

Norman, Oklahoma

This is the official notice to all Branch 1491 members that nominations for the following positions will be held during the May and June regular branch meetings. Nominations may be made orally at the meeting or sent by mail to the branch secretary. The positions are:

president; vice president; treasurer; secretary; health benefits, MBA and OWCP representative; and five branch trustee positions.

As per Branch 1491 bylaws, nominations will cease during the June branch meeting. Each nominated candidate must, by presence or by writing, signify their willingness to serve, if elected, no later than the July meeting. Ballots shall be mailed within seven days of the July meeting and must be returned by the August meeting.

Charolett Scrivner, Sec., Br. 1491

Plainfield, New Jersey

This is official notice to the members of Branch 396 that nominations of all officers will take place at the June 28 branch meeting held at Tim Kerwin's Tavern, Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, with elections to take place by the July 26 meeting.

Michael Breslin, Pres., Br. 396

San Antonio, Texas

This is to serve notice to all members of Branch 421 that nominations for the branch officer position of assistant recording secretary will be held at the regular branch meeting at 125 W. Grayson,

San Antonio, on May 12. Nominations will be closed by the election chairperson or designee prior to the meeting being adjourned. Once inducted, the elected officer will complete the current term of office through January 2018. Candidates must accept nominations at the time made. If a nominee is not present at the meeting, written acceptance is permissible.

Branch 421 bylaws, Section 5(g) states: "Any office, other than that of the President, vacated during the three (3) year term of office, having one half (1/2) or less of the term remaining may be filled by an appointee of the President. If more than (1/2) of term remains, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy."

The election will be conducted by secret mail ballot for every member, in good standing, active and retired. Ballots will be mailed to the home addresses of eligible members on May 20. Return envelopes and ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on June 9, the day of the regular branch meeting. At that time, the election chair or his designee and at least one committee member will pick up ballots from the post office for counting. Voting will not be allowed at the branch meeting.

Louise K. Jordan, Rec. Sec., Br. 421