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President's Report July 14, 2022

It looks like 2022 in the USPS will continue to have its hurdles, but as a Local we will continue to stay on top of all the issues. I am sure there will be problems hurled our way from the USPS, but together as an organization we will be able to deal with those! As I mentioned in one of my previous President Reports, short staffing in Customer Service Stations/Branches/and Associate Offices does not appear to be getting much better. This issue is afflicting offices throughout our state, as well as collectively around the nation. While the APWU has been successful in creating added jobs and PSE (Postal Support Employees) and PTF (Part Time Flexibles) conversions, it is apparent that further employees are needed, not only in Customer Service (Function 4), but in Mail Processing (Function 1) as well.

** Our 'former' Clerk Craft Director, Wanda Wroten, passed away on July 9, 2022. Most of you knew Wanda, and she was well liked. As the President of the Local, I wanted you to know that she was a respected and <u>loyal unionist</u>, and someone I could count on <u>whenever</u> I needed her. If you knew Wanda, then you knew she never knew how to say 'no' and she did her best to help everyone no matter what the issue, not just contractually, but even on a personal level. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. Once we receive any information regarding any type of service or get together, I will send that out.

Central Florida Area Local News:

- As always, we are still seeing plenty of discipline and we have 3 Removals as of this writing and I just received another USPS denial on one. Of course, Letters of Warning and Suspensions are ever present.
- The Vehicle Maintenance (VMF) department in the Plant has been quiet.
- Motor Vehicle Service (MVS/PVS) We are <u>still</u> pursuing the 'new' room that the MVS/PVS and Expeditors use. I have addressed this issue as recently so we will see what comes of that. Your Assistant MVS Director, Jose Caban, is also exceptionally forceful on this issue as well.
- The **Maintenance Departments** in both Plants have been somewhat quiet also. We are excited seeing all the new changes in Article 38 and will stay on the USPS to ensure they follow the contract as always.
- Whenever you change your mailing address let us know so we can get it fixed for you at the local, state, and national levels.
- We will be having another Steward's Training Class very soon. We will be bringing some current Stewards in for Step 2 training as well.
- Our fight for PSE conversions to career, as well as PTFs to full time, continues as we are up to approximately <u>560</u> in the last 3 ¹/₂ years and is increasing.
- We have plenty of Clerk Craft changes and supplementary language in our new contract, and these will be great for our employees.

Remember, it is crucial that <u>everyone</u> is a member of the APWU, so please make a point this week to let a non-member know just how vital they are to help keep our organization robust. Organizing our workplace is one of the most crucial goals of the APWU as we are under relentless attacks at every juncture, and we need <u>everyone</u> to help in the battle for our futures! Thank you all for being members of our Central Florida Area Local and proud APWU members.

In Solidarity,

President

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