

October 14, 2023

Fellow Members-

I apologize for being derelict in my usual duties, as this posting is long overdue.

Job bids for October were posted and awarded recently, with two jobs going without successful bidders. This should result in the conversion of our senior two MHA's. We look forward to that conversion occurring some time during early November.

The big news that came down from the Plant Manager this week was the announcement that the removal of the APBS will begin on October 24 and the dismantling / relocation of the SIPS is slated to begin on November 2nd. This announcement should spur a few moves. It is anticipated that abolishment letters will now be created and distributed to current APBS bid holders. It is also highly likely that those who still hold Parcel Support Annex bids will be issued abolishment letters too. The flip side of these job abolishments is that it will pave the way for the creation of SIPS and Parcel Post/NMO Spider jobs. I will have more information on the November jobs and this situation when I return to Tour 2 this week and meet with Greg and Dylan.

I didn't write a September rant; therefore I missed the opportunity to talk about the Lehigh Valley/Scranton Picnic. It was the lowest attended picnic so far and I'm not sure why that would be. The new caterer's food was delicious and there was enough cake this year. A lot of retirees attended and it's always great catching up with not only the retirees, but also our current Mail Handlers. There will be some changes to try and improve the event and garner more interest next year. I will also begin trying to work on a winter event for the coming months. The winners of the prize drawings were:

TV...Mike Bezpietka

\$50 dinner and a movie gift card...Wakeelah Holiday

\$25 Amazon gift card...Shoyann Pollard-Dally

\$25 Target gift card...Floyd Steinmetz

\$25 Home Depot gift card (for retirees)...Robert LeFrancois

I recently attended our Local Council meeting at 308 HQ in Croydon. As has been the message for my entire presidency, our Local leadership has the Union in great financial shape for the turbulence and turmoil that may be heading our way as a result of PMG DeJoy's 10-year plan. There were spirited discussions about the possible scenarios the Local could be facing, as well as comparing notes about the current happenings around

our buildings. I honestly feel that our Local has some of the strongest leadership in the country, as well as some of the most knowledgeable caretakers of the CBA that this Union can offer sitting on the executive board and local council. It is a great group of men and women to serve with.

Finally, I am going to take a moment to recognize a maintenance employee who recently retired. Bryan Barron was an associate member of our Union during his tenure here, which coincided with me starting here also. Bryan could be a surly curmudgeon, but if you needed something fixed then he was the guy you needed to call because he was one of the most knowledgeable and conscientious maintenance men. We thank Bryan for his service to both the country and the customers. We congratulate Bryan and wish him well in his retirement.

Stay United, Stay strong-

Sean