

October 25, 2014

Members-

Let me start by welcoming our newest member in the fight against management, Joe Spinosa.

Congratulations to Steve Simmons on his retirement. Tom Kase and Gary Dreher will be joining him next week. I will be scheduling a breakfast for Tom and Gary, details to follow when finalized. If you are interested in signing their cards or contributing to their gift, please see Teresa Marucci on Tour 3. Next week the expedited bid process will begin to fill Steve's job on Tour 2 because there are still people with retreat rights.

There are at least 4 bid spots open for the week Christmas if you are interested in having off that entire week.

We will be holding a branch meeting on Friday, 12/12. Details will be released as soon as I finalize them. This will be the meeting with the holiday gift certificate drawing.

Effective November 15th, full time regular Mail Handlers will be receiving their 1.5% contractual raise. MHAs will be getting a 1% raise effective that same pay period.

Our "leadership" here feels that PIT operators are useless and not needed. This stems from a very personal issue one of them had with a forklift operator in another facility. They constantly pull up unreliable and inaccurate data as "proof". I guess the \$.40/hour they pay for us to safely and efficiently transport mail and equipment is too much of a strain on the Postal pocketbook, especially when we can use that money to create more EAS positions and pay the subsequent grievances.

Finally, please remember to work safely of take care of yourself. Never has it been more evident that we are all just a number. The only things that the powers-that-be care about are \$afety \$cores, VOE \$cores, and sometimes \$canning \$cores. As long as we can cram the \$cranton mail in here then some people will come out looking effective, no matter how unsafe or hostile a work environment they create, and no matter how many people's rights are stomped on, and no matter whose personal lives are upended as collateral damage. It's only a problem when it affects a manager.

If you feel something is unsafe, please fill out a 1767 and make management answer it. If you feel you have a grievance or witnessed one, please ask to see a steward and give a statement.

Stay United, Stay Strong-

Sean