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## CHAPTER AWARDED PLAQUE

At it's recent Annual Rights Banquet, the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council presented a plaque to the Chapter in recognition of the recently completed Staples boycott. The inscription on the plaque reads, "Congratulations to retired postal workers on successful conclusion of Stop Staples Campaign." Acting on behalf of the Chapter, this writer was pleased to accept the award for the Chapter and all the members who participated in the boycott. The three year ordeal that saw demonstrations every other Sunday at Staples stores throughout Western Pennsylvania resulted in a complete capitulation by Staples as they withdrew from the agreement with the Postal Service to accept mail articles. Kudos to all who participated!

## MID-SUMMER BLAST 2017

Who could have imagined when plans were laid for the Mid-Summer Blast early in April that the weather would have been a major, in fact unprecedented, influence on the event. **But it did!** Southwestern Pennsylvania was flooded by horrendous rain storms, and several miles from the party venue, a tornado touched down a day or two before we were scheduled to gather at Peter's Place in Bridgeville for the party. While several cancellations were received prior to the event, and some others just were unable to attend because of these conditions, the more than 100 members and guests that did attend enjoyed the party.

In addition to this writer, other Chapter officers in attendance were Vice President/Treasurer Vaughn Fry, Recording Secretary Betty Koch, Trustee Rege Davis, and past Vice President/Treasurer Joe Anthony. Special guest Ted Lee, President Branch 84 NALC and his guest also attended. Other special guests that were invited were prevented from attending due to the weather. Helpers Barbara Capo and Charlotte Richards were recognized.

After hors d'oeuvres of Italian sausage in puff pastries and a cheese tray were served, Brother Vaughn Fry gave the blessing as the diners were seated and before the entrees were served. The diners had previously selected entrees of either stuffed pork chop, chicken tiffany, or stuffed scrod when the reservations were completed. Two complete sheet cakes with appropriate icing messages were presented on a table that also included various awards earned by the Chapter.

As the meal was being completed, special recognition and honor was given to those that participated in the Staples demonstrations, to the military veterans in attendance, and to the 1970 Strikers. Time is taking it's toll, as only a mere handful of strikers remain in the Chapter according to the few who rose when recognized. (Staples demonstrators who have not received the Retiree lapel pin, which was awarded to Chapter members who demonstrated, may receive the pin by contacting the Chapter at 724 947 9374.)

## SPECIAL HONORED GUEST

Ted Lee, President of Branch 84, NALC, was recognized as our Special Honored Guest. Brother Lee addressed the assemblage. Kelly Dickey, President of Mail Handlers Local 322, Frank Wozniak, Rural Letter Carriers officer, and Chuck Pugar and Robert Montana, Pittsburgh Metro officers, were also invited, but did not attend.

## PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES

After the meal was completed and a short membership meeting was conducted, a number of drawings were held and prizes were awarded in various categories:

A "Special" drawing was held for those who had presented a **Chapter** membership card at registration. The prize of a \$50.00 gift card for the Outback Steak House was won by Joseph Leto. Gift cards in the amount of \$25.00 for the Red Lobster and the Olive Garden were won by members Maureen McCamey, Robert Hucko, Eugene Dziurzynski Sr., and Harriet Wilson.

Samplers from the Sarris Candy Company were won by guests and members:

Guests - Anna Singer, Robert Palmer, Lois Smith, Donna Davis, Carol Schneider, Carol Korbe, Marguerite Dengler, Ellen McGraw, Janet Wimbish, Kim Penascino, Don McCamey, Sally Gettings, Ronald Bracken, Lynn Bottorff, Ted Lee, Rose Marie Zurick, and Josephine Saya.

Members - Russ Gettings, Iris Palmer, Bette Jayne Astridge, Grace Thomas, Tom Britting, Andy Sabol, Richard Ritter, Gerry Yokel, Geraldine Sweeney, Betty Koch, John Penascino, Phil Manfredo, Catherine Greb, Vaughn Fry, Paul Malenich, Paul Thompson, and Gene Smith.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Allyson McCurry. The winner's share was \$200.00.

## SHUT-IN CARDS

One of the features of Chapter parties is the gathering of signatures on get well cards for our shut-in members. It has become a tradition at the parties that an assistant is assigned to gather the signatures on cards that have been prepared to send to our shut-ins. At this party, as in others, the cards were completely covered with signatures of members and guests. We consider having the cards signed at the parties is an important obligation that insures that our shut-ins know that they are not forgotten and are very much on our minds.

## LABOR DAY PARADE

The next major activity is the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 4. While it can be an arduous trek for most of our members, nevertheless it is an event that requires maximum participation. We will have a vehicle in the parade to pick up those that are unable to complete the line of march. We urge you to attend if you are physically able. More on this later as we get closer to the event.

**SHUT-IN LIST** ~ Norbert Conway, Jeanne McCarthy, Laverne Heil, George Skrbin, and Veronica Bujdos, are on the shut-in list. Please keep a good thought for our shut-ins. There but for the grace of God..... (To be included on the shut-in list, call the Chapter at 724 947 9374.)

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