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## POSTAL EMPLOYEES RELIEF FUND OR PERF

The Western PA Postal Workers Solidarity Committee, of which our Chapter is a full member, is in the midst of the fund raising effort for PERF. Contributions are being received from our membership as this is written. Other contributions are also being received from the other member organizations of the Committee. A full accounting is being done on an ongoing basis. As Chairman of the Committee, it is our intention to publish an **HONOR ROLL** of the contributors when the effort ends.

Remittances to PERF are being made on a weekly basis. As of this date, three packages have been sent. PERF has responded with a letter of acknowledgement to each contributor, and similar letters have been sent by PERF to the Solidarity Committee. As of this date a total of \$4,245.00 has been collected and sent.

One unprecedented action taken by Branch 84, NALC, was donating the 50-50 proceeds from their recent membership meeting! It our intention to do the same with the proceeds from the 50-50 at our holiday party on November 30. Kudos Branch 84 for that generous action!

## MANAGEMENT STUMBLES

While our members and active rank and file have risen to the occasion and are continuing to do so, there is a glitch in the activity. That glitch is management's apparent lack of interest in supporting our effort.

On the reverse of this newsletter is a copy of a letter sent to the District Manager in which he was invited to give support. The letter speaks for itself. Appropriate comments will be made.

## CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY NOVEMBER 30

Arrangements for the annual Holiday Party are being completed. We have been in contact with Special Guests Retiree Director Nancy Olumekor and Legislative Director Judy Beard. At this point it looks like both will attend. The cut-off date for reservations is November 20. It appears that the party will again see an unprecedented number of members and guests.

Invitations have been extended to the other members of the Solidarity Committee. Our officers and former officers will be in attendance and will have significant roles for the party.

**ON A PERSONAL NOTE**, my wife Charlotte and I are very thankful that we were invited to the Branch 84 Annual Retiree Luncheon at the Le Mont Restaurant on October 26. It was an especial honor to be asked to address the gathering. It is my strong belief that interaction between the Locals and retirees in our area is vital to protect our mutual interests.

October 23, 2017

Mr. Troy Seanor,  
District Manager  
US Postal Service  
1001 California Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA 15290

Dear Mr. Seanor,

In usual circumstances, the Postal Employees Relief Fund, or PERF, provides resources to random Post Office employees and retirees who find themselves in desperate need. Recent hurricanes that destroyed much of South Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, and unprecedented wild fires in California, have placed unanticipated numbers of Post Office employees and retirees, from both sides of the bargaining table, and upper level management, in dire circumstances. The need for assistance for affected members of the Postal family and Postal retirees is tremendous.

Our Committee, which shares participation from the all Local Postal Union leadership in Southwestern Pennsylvania, has addressed this situation by conducting a special fund raising effort to assist PERF. That effort is currently underway. (See enclosed.) {NOTE - the enclosure was the Solidarity Committee's October 24 solicitation.}

Since proceeds from PERF are available to all Post Office employees and retirees, including supervision and management employees, we invite you to join us in the fund raising effort by reaching out to your staff for contributions. In the event that you may not choose to support our effort, due to the need, we suggest that you conduct your own fund raising effort. It is more important to raise funding rather than using our vehicle, so long as the need is addressed.

Thank you for your consideration. If you desire to discuss this further, I am available at your convenience.

Sincerely,

John P. Richards,  
President

enclosure:

**We were "surprised" that Seanor did not have the professional courtesy to respond to that letter. Does that indicate indifference, incompetence, arrogance, or disbelief that the PERF is a resource that assists active and retired postal employees in their darkest hour of need? Without a response one can only speculate. Is this the caliber of the 'new' management that is doing their best to destroy the Postal Service as we knew it by whacky schemes and obvious disregard of the welfare of rank and file workers?**

**Come on management, get with the program. All levels of employees and retirees who have the need are provided assistance by PERF without regard to level or position. Our Chapter members received PERF aid in the past. Who knows who may need help next?**

**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.)**