



# The RETIREE RECORD

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## RICHARDS HANDS LAMB \$5,000.00!

At a fundraising event at Greensburg on February 6, this writer handed a \$5,000.00 check provided by the APWU COPA fund to **Conor Lamb**, candidate for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. This is the seat vacated by Tim Murphy, the disgraced incumbent who was forced to resign due to personal misconduct.

The donation was achieved at a recent Western PA Postal Workers Solidarity Committee meeting via a telephone call to APWU Legislative/Political Director Judy Beard. She guided the request through the COPA Committee.

Pictured below are some members of the Committee who were in attendance. (The poor quality of the picture is due to copying a color print in black and white and the printer.)



Pictured from left to right are Joe Anthony, Chapter member, President Richards, Conor Lamb, Kelly Dickey, President Mail Handlers Local, Bob Montana, Pittsburgh Metro Secretary/Treasurer, and Joe Radovich, Pittsburgh Metro member. All are part of the Western PA Postal Workers Solidarity Committee.

## ELECT CONOR LAMB

Postal Workers and especially Postal Retirees literally have our lives at stake in this election. Lamb's opponent has boasted that he was, "Trump before Trump was Trump" That is a direct quote. We all know what that means. Trump, and importantly the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Paul Ryan, has stated on the record that they want to gut Medicare and Social Security. Ryan made that statement immediately after passage of the so-called tax cut. That abomination puts a few dollars in our pockets now but is a ploy to destroy our safety net.

At our advancing age we rely heavily on Medicare as the ravages of time deteriorate our bodies. ~~Most of our members have experienced multiple usage of Medicare as we live longer, but at diminished health.~~ It would be a catastrophe of monumental proportions if the financial support we enjoy from Medicare were diminished in any way.

Our FERS retirees rely solely on Social Security to provide their pensions. Some members have earned Social Security benefits from other employment. Those annuities are at risk.

Another negative feature of the Trump-Ryan agenda is to cut our meager COLA by replacing the CPI index with the Chained index. We fought against this and prevented it from happening years ago, but now it has risen its ugly head again. Ironically, while the push is on to force retirees who opted to decline Medicare B to be forced into it, the attack on Medicare exacerbates the situation!

Conor Lamb presents a fresh face without political baggage. This Special Election in a few days is our opportunity to begin to change the political balance in Washington. Lamb is solidly in favor of not only maintaining the Medicare/Social Security safety net, but improving them to our benefit.

But wishing will not make it happen. It is a very tight race that will likely depend on voter turnout to determine the victor. The Chapter does not ask much of our members. In this instance we are reaching out to you and your family circle and your friends to take a few minutes to get to the polls and cast your vote for Conor Lamb for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Our lives are literally in jeopardy and at stake. We implore those in that district to get out and vote for Lamb. Later regrets count for nothing! VOTE FOR LAMB. VOTE FOR LAMB. VOTE FOR LAMB. VOTE FOR LAMB. VOTE FOR LAMB.

## MID-SUMMER BLAST

The date for the annual Mid-Summer Blast has been set! We will gather on **Wednesday, June 27, 2018**. The event will again be held at Peter's Place Restaurant in Bridgeville PA. Please mark the date on your calendar to save it. We like to give this early notice so that maximum members and guests will attend. The Chapter's Mid-Summer Blast and our Holiday Party later in the year are the best attended gatherings every year. We hope to see you and your guest at the Blast!

**SHUT-IN LIST** ~ Norbert Conway, Jeanne McCarthy, Laverne Heil, George Skrbins, 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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