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Official Notice

of Nominations & Elections of Officers of NALC Branch 599, Tampa FL

Nominations for the election of officers of Branch 599 will be held at regular Branch meetings on October 6 and November 3, 2016, at our Branch hall located at 3003 W. Cypress Street, Tampa FL 33609. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM.

Candidates must accept nominations at the time made or, if absent, in writing. Candidates may accept nomination for only one office. Self nominations are acceptable. Nominations will be held for the following Branch offices: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, three (3) Trustees, MBA/NSBA Representative, Health Benefit Representative, Director of Retirees, and two (2) Labor Management Representatives. The term of office will be three (3) years beginning January 21, 2017.

Any member having applied for, or served as a supervisor within the last two years, including detail to an acting supervisory position, is ineligible for nomination.

Election will be conducted by secret ballot on December 1, 2016, at our Branch hall, 3003 W. Cypress Street, Tampa FL 33609. **The polls will be open 2:00–7:30 PM. Any member who is in line at 7:30 PM will be allowed to vote.**

Any member who for any reason will be unable to vote on December 1, may vote by absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots should be made by telephoning the Branch office at 813.875.0599 [7:30 AM – 4 PM] beginning November 4 through November 18, 2016.

Branch 599
serving
Brandon
Plant City
Sun City
Tampa

Branch 599 Meeting

Thursday
October 6
7:30 PM

Around The Horn from The President's Desk

Brothers and Sisters, it is time for nominations for your Branch officers; their 3-year term will begin in 2017. Nominations will be accepted in October and November and elections will held

December 1, all during the Branch's union meetings. This is a time to get involved with a member who wishes to run and become a Branch 599 officer. Any further questions, please see the

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Tony Diaz
President
Branch 599

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Forest Hills	33612	Nick Cullaro	813.935.2954	813.541.8159
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Hilldale Annex	33634	Varick Reeder	813.879.4309	315.491.6234
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Interbay/Peninsula	33629	Clement Cheung	813.831.2034	813.758.5910
Palm River Annex	33619	Pam Benton	813.663.0048	813.475.0753
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Ruskin/Sun City Ctr	33570	Aric Person	813.634.1403	813.545.7779
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Sulphur Springs	33604	Steve Hall	813.237.4569	813.494.4669
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TCA/Peninsula	33609	Mike Williams	813.873.7189	813.541.3092
TCA/West Tampa	33607	Michael Smith	813.873.7189	813.326.0717
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Around The Horn from The President's Desk

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Employee Assistance Program

It has been over a year since I wrote an article to address the **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**. I am a big fan of EAP because I believe in counselor Eric Siegel and his ability to help. He is professional and has helped countless carriers, family members and postal employees with their issues in the Tampa Bay area. I have addressed issues with Eric in standup talks; I have recommended he speak to offices when an event happens that might affect the office as a whole. As I meet with carriers with really tough issues, tough decisions to make, backs against the wall, I do not hesitate to recommend EAP. I can and will offer my opinion to you on an issue, but I am not a professional. It does not make you any less of a person when you admit you need help. It does not make you any less of a person when you make that call for an appointment. The first 6 sessions are offered for free. Some will not need all six sessions, others may need all six and more, some may be recommended to a specific specialist by EAP. No one handles adversity the same, but be assured you will face adversity at some point in your lifetime, at some point in your career.

With the pressures and stress that carriers face working for the United States Postal Service, EAP is a great avenue to receive assistance. Whether dealing with work related issues or other personal and family issues, EAP can help you. The Employee Assistance Program is available to any postal employee or to family members living in the employee's household, to help with life's challenges. It's a free, voluntary, and confidential program that offers assessment, counseling, consultation, life coaching, critical response, and training to postal employees and

their families. *Most carriers never need EAP, but for those who do, it can be a lifesaver*, NALC President Fredric Rolando said. *For all of us, it's a bit like insurance—you may never use it, but it's reassuring to know that it is there for you.*

EAP's function is to make sure postal workers have easy, private access to the right kind of help. EAP counselors can assess problems and refer a postal worker in need to whatever resources are available. Some reasons a postal employee might turn to the EAP include difficulty dealing with family, children, marriage, parenting, divorce, care for the elderly, child care, depression and other emotional issues, grief or loss, substance abuse, anxiety, job performance, and personal or work relationship problems. During the first EAP appointment, client and counselor work together to help clarify the problem, identify options, and develop a plan of action. The plan may involve short-term EAP counseling or a referral to another resource for longer-term or specialized services. EAP counselors also are available for counseling services by telephone. Magellan Health's counselors are licensed professionals. When an employee makes contact with Magellan, a counselor there will typically begin to put together an assessment to determine what kind of help the employee needs and provide short-term counseling, in person or on the phone, followed by a selection of referrals that may be needed and appropriate for continued care and follow-up.

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds is considered by most to be the motto or creed of the United States Postal Service. While that phrase certainly describes some of the physical elements which letter carriers face throughout the country on a daily basis, it does not mention the fact that

letter carriers constantly feel increasing pressure from their managers to *make the numbers* or deliver more mail than they can realistically handle in the time allotted by their supervisor. The pressures are real; it is all about the numbers, there are constant operational changes, changes in supervisors/management.

Any contact with EAP or counselors is confidential. The confidentiality of conversations with EAP counselors is protected by federal and state laws as well as by professional ethical standards. EAP may not release information without the prior written consent of the client. Only child or elder abuse, or imminent danger to self or others, can supersede confidentiality laws. (Some veteran carriers may remember an older version of the program that did less to assure confidentiality, but that program is gone.)

I was fortunate enough to interview EAP's Eric Siegel, with 12 questions as part of my article this month. He was very gracious with his time. Hopefully this will help some of you with any trust issues regarding the Employee Assistance Program.

1. What is your official title with EAP?
EAP Consultant
2. How long have you been affiliated with the USPS?
8 years
3. What specific degrees have you earned?
I have a Masters Degree in Social Work and am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. This means I am a trained and licensed counselor in the state of Florida.
4. Is EAP becoming more accepted and trusted?
Absolutely!
5. Do you get satisfaction from your job?

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Our Delegates to NALC 70th Biennial Convention

Branch 599 was represented at the NALC 70th Biennial Convention in Los Angeles, California, August 15-19 by the following members:

Front Row
 Tony Diaz,
 Brian Obst,
 Debbie McEndree,
 James Boczarski,
 Maggie Lancaster



Middle Row
 Pat Krezel,
 John Gebo,
 Troy Figuero,
 Evelyn Fossitt,
 George McEndree,
 Tom Borderieux,
 Gilbert Cabanas

Back Row
 Walter Rhoads,
 Detlev Aepfel,
 Nick Cullaro,
 William Langgle,
 Andre Hinton,
 Varick Reeder,
 Larry Tharrington,
 Eddie Berroth

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I love my job!

6. Are you able to follow-up with patients you have counseled?
I usually allow them to follow-up with me once the file is closed. I don't close a file until after I at least send a letter requesting contact.
7. Do you become frustrated if a patient does not return to complete the available six sessions, when you know they need additional counseling?
No. Not everyone needs all the sessions. And some people who need to return will when they are emotionally ready to.
8. Are the available six counseling sessions normally enough to thoroughly diagnosis an issue?
I can easily diagnose most issues after the initial session or two.
9. Does anything you listen to still surprise you or have you heard everything?
Every time I think I have heard everything, something is new that is brought to me.

10. Which issues that you deal with are most difficult?

Issues that relate to the culture of the facilities people work at. I can't change these (including how employees are treated), but can only help people cope better with them.

11. What specific issue is your strength?

Because I have been doing this a long time I have lots of strengths: substance abuse, couples therapy, depression, anxiety, stress, chronic illness, relationship, bereavement, trauma, LGBT, etc.

12. What do employees find most difficult when deciding if they should contact EAP?

Trust that it is confidential and having the time to go to EAP. The former relates to how the EAP was initially run by the USPS, and the latter relates to how many hours people work and trouble getting time off work.

Thank you, Eric Siegel!

Quick Hits:
Information you should know

*) As our contract negotiations continue...just a reminder...prior to the Postal Strike of 1970, a letter carrier's starting salary was \$6,176 and it took him or her 21 years to earn a top salary of \$8,442. If you were a postal employee back then, you got a raise if Congress decided to give you one, which was not very often. Many carriers of that era had to work two or three jobs to support a family.

*) Joint Street Observations for safety awareness are being performed every other Thursday in the afternoon. The Postmaster supports the Joint Observations to be conducted by a Safety Captain or Steward and the Station Manager. This is not an optional; it is mandatory. Street Observation Form 4584 will not include a name, vehicle number or street number and name. The program is intended for awareness.

Look forward to talking to you again on the next
Around The Horn
from the President's Desk

The Birdseye View

As the 2016 fiscal year has come to a close and with anticipation of some long awaited Postal Reform legislation, we need to look closely at the things that the Postal Service itself has to do to improve its own situation as well. With the latest forecast of quarterly loss tied mostly to the first postage rate decrease in a century and some internal fraud and abuse doesn't help the situation. The worst reported workplace climate in the Gallup Poll history also places focus on better Employee Labor Relations. First, look at the recent report of \$30 million in fraud for services by a contractor that were overcharges for vehicle repair services that were either done poorly or not at all in New York, Florida, and some other areas. This outsourcing debacle is also a big safety risk to employees that drive these vehicles, especially with the push for employees to rush to meet management's ultimate standards and forced overtime issues. The other recent abuse was a \$9.5 million Workers' Compensation fraud in the southern area when a claim examiner from Office of Workers' Compensation was sentenced for accepting bribes that affected many postal employee claims. Couple these cases along with other factors beyond our control like the Postal Regulatory Commission allowing international dues rates that allow international delivery of packages below cost, yet Americans charged extremely high rates when sending or returning something to the same foreign nations for delivery. Congress has an opportunity to correct some of the issues we face, but some things need to be corrected by other federal agencies and the US Postal Service itself, especially regarding outsourcing vital safe vehicle repair. What is the price of endangering or even putting employees' lives at risk to avoid having something done right and safely correct. It is a well known fact that declining wages and working

conditions in America is a direct relation to the decline in the percentage of union protected jobs. As a result, the working class has continued to have a lower standard of living even into retirement where most are not sustainable standards of living. It has also been reported that non-union wages have dropped an average of \$130 billion a year since the unions were at their peak; that is a huge loss to the American economy.

Contract negotiations

continue for two of the four postal unions with contracts already in force for the Rural mail carriers that settled their new contract and the American Postal Workers that resolved theirs through arbitration. Both of their contracts expired in May 2015, where ours, City Carriers and the Mail Handlers expired May 2016. We can only expect that ours will probably be settled similar to theirs, only *when*, remains the question to be answered. The greatest thing that appears to come from the latest contracts is enhanced benefits for non-career employees with six paid holidays and use of annual leave. The unions are fighting hard to make improvements that came from most contracts resolved by arbitrators during the last contract negotiations.

Local elections

went well and especially one of our own and son-in-law of a life member of our Branch was elected as Judge in Hillsborough Circuit Court, Group 3. Congratulations to your Honor Carl Hinson! There were some very close races in many other contests and primaries for the general election on November 8, 2016. Patrick Murphy defeated Alan Grayson in the US Senate democrat primary race and will face Republican winner, Marco Rubio, in November. As the local elections are complete and the primaries have

decided the endorsements for the national elections will be forthcoming other than those that were already endorsed without a primary challenge. Our Congressional District 14 Congresswoman Kathy Castor has the endorsement by the AFL-CIO in her reelection campaign. Congresswoman Castor has been a consistent advocate for letter carriers on all postal legislation; she has promised to keep that commitment as she stated in the meeting held with her on August 24. She is also committed to increasing minimum wage and other improvements for all the working class in other areas of legislation discussed. She has been a very good representative in our district and deserves consideration for reelection.

This election of 2016 is going to determine a lot of what kind of future the majority of us will have, as we are the middle class that is slowly dwindling away with a greater divide than has ever existed. We still have a lot to be grateful for and together we will find a way to assure that future generations will continue to succeed in this troubled world. All we can do is be our best and pray it turns out for the best. I believe in our future and hopefully it is great for us all!

Fraternally in Support of Unions and American Working Families,

Alan Peacock
Vice President NALC Branch 599



Alan Peacock
Vice President
Branch 599

Sharing Our Members' Joys and Sorrows

Congratulations! Mr. & Mrs. **Angel Calderon** [Interbay] on the birth of a son, Alejandro, August 7.

Our deepest sympathy and prayerful support is extended to **Bill Doran** [Interbay] on the passing of his mother;

Speedy Recovery to **Danny Cole** [Temple Terrace] after suffering a heart attack at home; and to Al Guice's wife, Thelma, who is recovering from heart surgery.

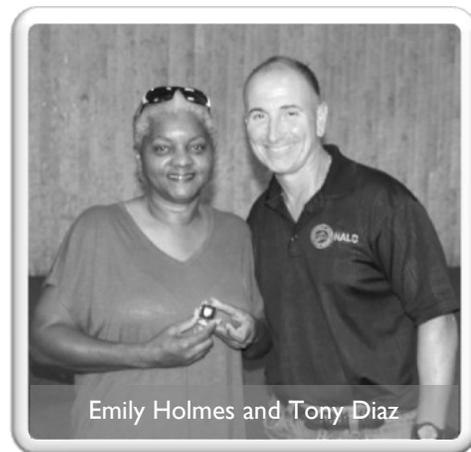
Congratulations!

Sun City Center carrier, **Marty McClamma**, was recently acknowledged with a 40 Year Service Award in an office ceremony. District Manager, Eric Chavez made the presentation. Congratulations Marty!



Darcy Hubbard and Tony Diaz

Congratulations to **Darcy Hubbard** [Palm River], and **Emily Holmes** [Plant City], who received their retirement pin and gratuity from President Tony Diaz during our September Branch meeting.



Emily Holmes and Tony Diaz



Marty Morris

Marty Morris, carrier, Brandon Post Office has been selected as one of the National Safety Council's *US Postal Service Safe Driver Award of Honor* recipient for the Southwest Area.



Freddy Torres and Postmaster

Brandon Letter Carrier **Wilfredo Freddy Torres** received his 30-year Service Award and pin from Postmaster Millie Bautista-Tirado. Freddy cares and is always willing to help. He is very proud to be a letter carrier and wears his uniform with so much pride, remarked Bautista-Tirado.

Congratulations! Danny Ontengco

Danny Ontengco [Brandon] was presented the prestigious *Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award* for the entire Southern Area! This is a huge award...congratulations, Danny!

Established in 2004, the *Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award* was created to recognize outstanding drivers throughout the country who have driven a significant number of miles/years behind the wheel without incurring a preventable accident. Any member organization may submit drivers who they feel exemplify outstanding driving safety. Winners are judged based upon their total driving record throughout their career including the following criteria: total number of years driven, total number of miles driven, and total number of accidents. Due to an overwhelming number of submissions throughout the years, the Safe Driver of the Year Award has been expanded to recognize multiple safe drivers throughout the country by Postal Area.

2016 USPS Safe Driver of the Year Award Criteria

Criteria

- This contest is only open to employees of the United States Postal Service.
- All data is self reported and is subject to verification.
- Nominees must be full-time drivers whose primary responsibility is to operate motor vehicles on a regular basis in the performance of their

normal duties.

- Drivers who have been involved in a collision during the award period will be declared ineligible, unless it is ruled as a non-preventable collision.
- Nominees **MUST** meet the minimum requirement of 15 years or 100,000 miles driven without a preventable collision to be considered.
- Previous winners of the *Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year* award are ineligible to be nominated again.

Nominations

- Nominees must have been employed by the U.S. Postal Service for at least 1 year (12 consecutive months).
- Nominations must be made by someone familiar with the nominee's work history, such as a supervisor, coworker, or professional peer.
- Nominees **CANNOT** nominate themselves.

Recognition

Nominees must meet the minimum requirement of 15 years or 100,000 miles driven without a preventable collision to be considered for the *Safe Driver of the Year Award* and receive

recognition.

- Nominees who meet the minimum requirement will receive the *Safe Driver Award of Honor* and will be



automatically considered for the 2016 USPS *Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Drivers of the Year Award*.

- All qualifying nominees will receive a congratulatory letter and personalized certificate from the National Safety Council.
- All drivers who qualify will

be divided into the 7 Postal Areas.

- The top driver (with the most miles and years driven without a preventable incident) from each Area will be designated as one of the 2016 USPS *Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year* winners. Winners will be announced at the National Safety Council's National Awards Celebration to be held October 2016 in Anaheim, California.
- Area Best winners will receive two complimentary admissions to the celebration. Travel and lodging fees will be the responsibility of the nominating location.

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2nd Branch 599 CCA Town Hall Meeting

All CCAs are Invited!

Thursday October 20 7 PM

At Branch 599's Union Hall, 3003 W. Cypress Street, Tampa 33609

Agenda: CCA Concerns and Issues, CCA Q&A



Central Florida Labor Council, AFL-CIO

2016 Endorsed Candidates as of September 7

U.S. President:.....Hillary Clinton

U.S. Senate:.....Patrick Murphy

U.S. Congressional Candidates:

CD 14 (Hillsborough County) **Kathy Castor** 301 W Platt St #385 Tampa 33606

CD 13 (Pinellas County) **Charlie Crist** PO Box 1547, St. Petersburg 33731

CD 17* (DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, & Polk Counties) ...**April Freeman** PO Box 152198, Cape Coral 33195

*Endorsement limited to advocacy where there are overlapping races with an endorsed candidate

Florida Senate:

District 18 (Hillsborough County)..... **Bob Buesing** PO Box 173727, Tampa 33672

District 22 (Polk County).....**Debra Wright** 2575 Gerber Dairy Rd, Winter Haven 33880

Florida House of Representatives:

District 36 (Pasco County)..... **Amanda Murphy** PO Box 1379, New Port Richey 34656

District 41 (Polk County)..... **Robert Doyel** PO Box 987, Winter Haven 33882

District 60 (Hillsborough County)..... **David Singer** 712 S Oregon Ave, Ste 200, Tampa 33606

District 63 (Hillsborough County)..... **Lisa Montelione** 9814 N Pawnee Ave, Tampa 33617

District 69 (Pinellas County)..... **Jennifer Webb** PO Box 10640, St. Petersburg 33733

District 70 (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee & Sarasota Counties)..... **Wengay Newton, Jr.** PO Box 11551, St. Petersburg 33733

District 72 (Sarasota County).....**Edward James III** PO Box 1011, Sarasota 34230

Municipal Races:

Hernando County Commission, Dist. 1 **Jimmy Lodato** PO Box 194, Brooksville 34605

Hernando County Commission, Dist. 3 **Diane Rowden** 10350 Fulton Ave, Weeki Wachee 34613

Hernando County School Board, Dist. 4..... **William Vonada** 13298 Asbury St, Spring Hill 34609

Hillsborough County Clerk of Court **Pat Frank** 3108 W. Agawan St., Tampa 33629

Hillsborough County Property Appraiser**Bob Henriquez** 1535 W Park Ln, Tampa 33606

Hillsborough County Commission, Dist. 6..... **Pat Kemp** 5605 N. Seminole Ave, Tampa 33604

13th Judicial Circuit (Hillsborough County) State Attorney**Mark Ober** PO Box 18987, Tampa 33679

13th Judicial Circuit (Hillsborough County) Judge, Grp. 24 **Melissa Polo** 3802 W Bay to Bay Blvd, Ste 12, Tampa 33629

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Pinellas County School Board, Dist. 1 **Joanne Lentino** PO Box 281, Bay Pines 33744

Pinellas County School Board, Dist. 5 **Eliseo Santana Jr.** 1400 Byram Dr, Clearwater 33755

Polk County School Board, District 1..... **Billy Townsend** 818 Johnson Ave, Lakeland 33801

Sarasota County Commission, Dist. 1**Fredd "Glossie" Atkins** 1679 – 35th St, Sarasota 34234

Sarasota County Hospital Board, Central District, Seat 1..... **Jody Davenport** 2532 Clipper Ship Way, Sarasota 34231

Constitutional Amendments:

Amendment 1 Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice **Oppose**

Amendment 2 Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Purposes **Support**

Amendment 3 Tax Exemption for Totally & Permanently Disabled First Responders **Support**

Amendment 5 Homestead Tax Exemption for Certain Senior, Low Income, Long Term **No Position**

A Blunderful Blizzard of Boz

Without a doubt, the most passionate speaker at the NALC's 70th Biennial Convention in Los Angeles was Cecil Roberts, President of the United Mine Workers of America. His resounding mantra of *Join a Union!* was his answer to a litany of labor's desires: higher wages, pensions, time off, safety, health care, protection of Social Security and Medicare, a voice at work, equal pay for women, fair trade, a fairer nation, and an end to discrimination. For the benefit of those who were not there to hear him, I enjoin you: *Join our union!* and *Contribute to LCPF!*

The delegates were treated to five videos which explained what we letter carriers do to serve the public interest. Viewed individually or put together as a documentary, these videos were made to demonstrate to the public or to decision makers how we ourselves provide universal service, heroism, innovation, compassion, and recovery following disasters. While many of the folks featured in these films have done

extraordinary things and some of us have done *extraordinary things*, we all have done *ordinary things* that put us in high regard with our public. We've explained to our business customers how to save money, we've gotten their express mail delivered on time, we've checked up on the little old lady who wasn't there to greet us, we greet their children by name, we laugh at the store manager's one-liners, we've shown them how to get stamps-by-mail. We've even told them where the other delivery companies had accidentally left their parcel.

During the convention, I was discussing with Brother Detlev how this bond between customer and carrier affected me earlier this summer, and he suggested that I share it with you.

Head's House of Music was centrally located on my route. Their parking lot became my lunch location and their office was perfect as my comfort stop. We shared vacation stories, photographs, jokes and experiences. We

knew each other's birthdays. We spoke of our various joys and sorrows. After my retirement, I still followed assistant manager Marilyn's posts on Facebook, and I received updates on her mom Shirley's health from Milly, the new custodian of Route Five. When Shirley Head finally succumbed to her illnesses I was able to attend her funeral. Afterwards, the drive to the cemetery was long and complicated. The pall bearers, who were relatives and friends from choral groups and sheet music suppliers, gradually showed up at the grave site. All but one arrived. I was selected to take his place. Shirley's son-in-law, Gary, thanked me for my service. I replied that it was an honor for me to be of service one last time for Shirley. That's what we do.

Carry On. -Boz



Jim Boczarski
Retired Member
Branch 599



3rd Annual NALC Branch 599 MDA Charity Golf Tournament

Heritage Harbor Golf & Country Club

Help Letter Carriers Deliver the Cure for Muscular Dystrophy

Sponsor a Hole • Sponsor includes sign at tee box • Hole Sponsor: \$100
 Putting or Chipping Contest • Sponsor includes sign at Putting or Chipping Contest
 Sponsor: \$150 • Raffle Gifts Welcome!

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Message on Sign or Attach Business Card: _____

Make checks payable to: NALC Branch 599 and mark it For: MDA • Mail to: 3003 W Cypress Street, Tampa FL 33609
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3rd Annual NALC Branch 599 MDA Golf Tournament

Help Letter Carriers
Deliver the Cure for Muscular Dystrophy!

Heritage Harbor Golf & Country Club
19502 Heritage Harbor Parkway
Lutz FL 3358

December 4, 2016

8 AM Shotgun Start
\$60 per person due by November 18, 2016
\$65 per person after November 18, 2016

**Includes Round of Golf • Driving Range • Lunch
Long Drive Contest • Closest to Pin**

\$5 donation Putting & Chipping Contest with \$100 prize
Raffle Tickets Available

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Golfer 1 _____ Golfer 3 _____
Golfer 2 _____ Golfer 4 _____

Make checks payable to: NALC Branch 599 and mark it For: MDA
Mail to: NALC Branch 599, 3003 W Cypress Street, Tampa FL 33609
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Hole sponsors and raffle gifts welcome!

Shop Stewards will Meet

Tuesday 7 PM
October 4 • November 1

Branch 599 Meeting

Thursday 7:30 PM
October 6 • November 3

Executive Board Meets

Thursday 6:30 PM
October 6 • November 3

Sunday Work Party

at our Hall 9-11 AM
October 9 • November 6

Retirees Breakfasts

Monday October 3 9 AM
Denny's Restaurant at Dale Mabry & Spruce
2004 N Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Tuesday October 11 8 AM
Bob Evans Restaurant
SR-60 & Falkenburg Road, Brandon

Retirement Seminar

Sunday October 23 10:30 AM
At Branch 599's Union Hall

NALC Director of Retired Members,
Ron Watson or a representative from
NALC Headquarters will be the speaker
and it will last approximately 4 hours.

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