

**UNION MEETING  
HAPPENINGS  
JANUARY 2025**

**210 CLUB RAFFLE \$500 WAS WON BY  
PLAWREH POLYCARP  
ROCHESTER - IRONDEQUOIT  
CONGRATS Polycarp!**

This month's meeting was held in person on January 7, 2025, at the IBEW union hall.

**First order of business was to appoint Kenny Montgomery the Benefits Trust Officer (Due to Sam Hogan - retirement) and appoint Derek Lynch the branches Health Benefits director.**

A motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meetings minutes was made and passed without dissent.

The bills were read and shared with the membership, a motion to pay all the bills was made and passed without dissent.

**Health Benefit Report:**

**HEALTH BENEFITS:** Derek Lynch

New coverage began on the first day of the year, January 1st. Please make sure you update your medical providers and pharmacy with your new insurance cards and coverage information. Contact Member Services at **888-636-6252** if you haven't received yours.

For the NALC plan, go to [www.nalchbp.com](http://www.nalchbp.com) or download the "NALC HBP Member Portal" app (available from Apple or Android) to access your claim history, view digital insurance cards, order new cards and much more.

One of the more confusing aspects of the NALC plan is prescription coverage. Short-term medications (a 30-day supply, plus one refill) can be filled at any pharmacy accepting the plan. More than 2 fills are considered a maintenance or long-term prescription. While you are welcome to use any pharmacy, utilizing CVS Caremark will give you substantial savings. For example, a 90-day supply at CVS for an asthma medication costs me \$5 vs. \$78 at Wegmans.

For retirees 65 and older, you have been automatically enrolled in Medicare Part D. DO NOT OPT OUT of Medicare Part D or you will not have prescription drug coverage. Your plan will not cover drugs without Medicare Part C or D. If you enrolled in a Medicare Part C Advantage plan, you are covered. But with only Part A, you must keep Part D. Confused? Call us for help.

**Any questions Derek can be reached at his cell 585-737-9297**

## **Benefit Trust Report; Kenny Montgomery**

The benefit trust financial report was shared with the members with no questions.

Total in Benefit Trust Account \$215,060.67

## **AFL-CIO Report:**

Nothing to report- no meeting – Awards dinner in December- 2024

## **Building report:**

Nothing to report

## **Political Education:**

HR 82... signed on January 5 ... retro beginning January 2023.

## **Vehicle & Safety:**

nothing to report

## **Unfinished Business: President Monique Mate:**

A motion was made at the October meeting for office furniture. To date we have bought 2 chairs, a file cabinet, a desk for upstairs, laptop for new office. Still need chair for other upstairs, monitor, printer and computer with equipment for upstairs... will report when bought

Open Season ended- We are now under the PSHB rather than FEHB

Reminder, contest for logo on chair covers. Must submit logo by February 1, 2025. Handouts of submissions will be given at the March meeting.

Advance Annual Leave is available on January 11, 2025 won't see in paycheck until 1/31

Veteran Wall – 4x6 picture will not be returned I will add name on picture for info we need name, years of service both postal and military, Branch of military, and any accomplishments and your rank. picture will go on wall and the additional info we will create a booklet for retirees and active

Stewards, please give us names of those who voted before February. We will write names and have a drawing at the February meeting for \$100.00.

## **New Business: President Mate**

### **Tentative agreement (TA) Ballots were sent out need to be postmarked no later than January 27, 2025.**

Was extended from original date (1/13/2025).

Advance Annual Leave is available on January 11, 2025 won't see in paycheck until 1/31/2025

Leave year — the year beginning with the first day of the first complete pay period in a calendar year and ending on the day before the first day of the first complete pay period in the following calendar year.

January 9, 2025, Day of Observance for the Passing of President Carter- CCAS's not included

Full-time if Non-Schedule day in the future... needs to be used by end of fiscal year September 30, 2025. If scheduled 8 hours admin leave... includes PTF's

OWCP... reminder Forms needed CA-16, CA-17, CA-20 (important- helps get approved)- File CA-1 on ECOMP.dol.gov request continuation of pay. (First 3 calendar days use your own leave- if you are out over two weeks can request a pay adjustment from own leave to COP)

The USPS has notified the NALC of a plan to reduce the number of collection boxes. Examples are boxes that are within a block of each other, inside buildings or offices. Some boxes will be replaced, some will be removed altogether.

Another objective is to assign collection route boxes to regular routes

Plan on two phases

1. Will be executed at all 262 offices that are being inspected in spring 2025 - they plan on taking away the collection boxes of those collection routes prior to the count... NALC has notified USPS that this does not follow the contractual handbooks including M-39 and M-41... The NALC position is to take away the collection boxes should be done after the 6-day inspection.... The NALC is continuing talks with USPS will update when we hear the list of 262 offices effected. Haven't heard we are part of it yet,

2. Other offices outside of the 262 count offices will come after the initial spring count.

Safety Blitzes are happening daily... heads up they will pull you off street if truck is running. If they are asking to take pics of license ... let us know. talked to PM he was going to speak to safety

If you have moved and have not updated your address with us let us know...Change with National along with branch

## **Death of Members**

Branch 210 lost the following members this month.

President Emeritus Norman C. Lefrois- 1/1/25

## **Good of the Association**

Nicole Ward – MDA BOWLING TOURNAMENT

- Venue changing to Gates Bowl located on 645 Spencerport Rd
- February 16, 2025, Sunday 2-6
- Motion was made and accepted the branch pay for Pizza and Wings

## **Financial Requests**

none

**The next union meeting is open to all members and is Monday February 5, 2025, at 7:00pm in person at the IBEW union hall 2300 East River Road, Rochester, NY**