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**PRESIDENT
JANNA
HIRSCHFELD**

Busy times for busy people...

Fall Greetings to each and every one! Time has really flown by with the National Convention now history, students are back in school, Labor Day has been celebrated, mail count trainings have been attended, fall district meetings are underway, mail count is soon to be over and our Fall Booster is just around the corner, closely followed by the national elections on November 6, 2012. WHEW! It can wear you out trying to 'pack'

so much into a few short months.

National Convention was held in Buffalo, NY in August and it was a good meeting. Members from across the country came together to do the business of the association in a professional and concise manner. The highlight of the convention for me was to participate in the Parade of States as I proudly carried the Ohio flag to the stage in the opening ceremonies. That is a moment I will always cherish.

It is rather fortunate that State Steward, Delbert Hutchison, had the foresight to schedule mail count trainings prior to the publishing of the last issue of the paper 'just in case' the Postal Service decided to call for a special count the last 12 working days of September as permitted by the recently awarded contract. It has definitely paid off and I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend the training sessions to make the most of the mail count on your route. Every little bit helps and the more informed we are, the better off we will be.

Another opportunity to gain information on mail count, insurance, flexible spending accounts, thrift savings accounts, buying back military or relief time, etc. is your fall district meeting. These meetings are designed for you to have the opportunity to assemble – what a privilege we have in this country – with fellow workers to discuss our jobs and learn of the programs and extras that are available to us. Mike Aitchison and Floyd Edler are representing PAC at the district meetings and are asking carriers to get involved in promoting the future of our craft. We are at a critical cross road and now is the time to support PAC and protect our jobs. Please try to attend your District meeting and let your voice be heard through your contributions. There have been a few modifications to the original schedule for the fall district meetings printed in the last issue of the paper. Please check the revised schedule printed in this issue.

Mark your calendars and make your reservations (if you wish to spend the night) for the 2012 Fall Booster Meeting to be held on October 28, 2012 at the Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark, OH. Vice President, Tom Gamble, is planning the day for us and it is sure to be enlightening and enjoyable for all. Don't forget the

CoCo-Key Waterpark is in the facility, so bring the family and enjoy the weekend. The Lodge has been very good to the organization through the years and has offered room rates starting at \$77/night with a discount for the waterpark.

It is easy to get caught up in the political scene with all the campaigns and excitement leading up to the general election in November. As federal employees, our actions in political activities are monitored by the Hatch Act which sets specific boundaries as to what an employee may or may not do in the political arena. Did you know?.....a federal employee may not be a candidate in an election where political parties are involved. Did you know?.....a federal employee may not host a fundraiser at his/her home for a candidate running for a particular party. Did you know?.....if a postal worker uses his private vehicle for official duty all political signs must be removed or covered while the vehicle is used for work. There are many more specifications included in the Hatch Act. Please protect your job and investigate the limitations in the Hatch Act before getting caught up in the political scene and jeopardizing your future as a rural carrier.

November will also bring changes to the steward system as we know it. At the National Convention in 2011, Savannah, GA, the delegates voted to initiate a National Steward System.



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If you, as a carrier, do not have your office under any of the following Area Stewards or if you do not have a Local Steward you should call the steward assigned to your area. See map below.

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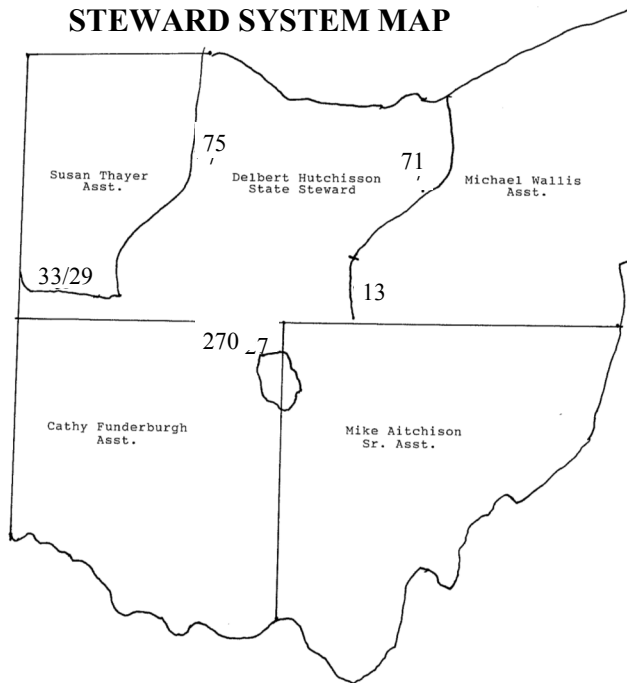
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STEWARD SYSTEM MAP



National Convention

Buffalo, New York



Mike Aitchison receiving PAC award for Ohio from Stewart Peltó and Gus Baffa.



Both Ohio Golf Teams: Tim Barker, Tom Gamble, Mark Funderburgh, Ron Ellis, Cathy Funderburgh, Mike Aitchison, Delbert Hutchisson.



Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe addressing the delegation.



Picture from back of the room of a general session.



National President Jeanette Dwyer throwing first pitch at the Meet and Greet in Buffalo.

Spooktacular Event Is Planned For Cherry Valley Lodge

2012 OHRLCA FALL BOOSTER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28th

9:30 a.m. TO 5:00 p.m.



Wear Your Favorite Costume Prizes For Best Costumes!



2012 OHRLCA FALL BOOSTER MEETING

IT'S BOOSTER TIME!

Get out your thinking caps, sharpen your listening skills and join us on October 28, 2012 for a day of growth, enrichment, fun, and excitement.

- 9:30 am The festivities begin with a devotional service
- Costume Contest
- 2nd Annual Duck Egg Race
- Speakers From State of Ohio
- Union officials
- Retirement
- Latest On Count Results
- News
- Steward Q&A
- 5:00 pm Activities will be wrapped up and members can head for home.

PAC AUCTION

There will be a Chinese PAC Auction at the booster meeting. PAC items will be on display Sunday starting at 9 am. All donated items should be presented to the PAC Chairman in the PAC room, across from the Jubilee Room prior to the meeting.

Fall Booster Cherry Valley Lodge Sunday October 28, 2012

Educational! Fun! Friends!

2299 Cherry Valley Road
Newark OH 43055
740-788-1200 or 1-800-788-8008

*Reservations must be made by
October 21, 2012
to receive the discount rate*

All can qualify for the \$77 single or double room rates by reserving the room by October 21, 2012. Use a government ID or indicate the affiliation with the OHRLCA both will access the rate.

We will receive a reduced rate of \$10.00 per day for the Coco Key Water Resort.

**Visit Cherry Valley Lodge online
www.cherryvalleylodge.com**



**Vice President
Tom Gamble**

The Many L's In Life

I know what your saying " Tom there is only one "L" in the word "life". And you would be right. However, I'm speaking of the Life experiences that begin with the letter "L" ; such as Learning. It can be argued that what and when to learn things is of utmost importance. When you are young there are many things that are too adult for you to fathom. When you are older there are many things that are difficult to understand and therefore not sought after. Also there are things we need to know yet we find excuses not to take the time to learn them. Anybody ever skip a class? That brings me to the meetings we put on here in the State that are packed full of information for active and retired carriers of the rural craft to learn and put to use in their daily life. Do you know how to find the tsp deduction on your paycheck? Do you know how to fill out your 4240 properly or any of the other postal forms we are required to utilize every day. I know, I hear you laughing, but somewhere in this state there is, or are carriers that allow management to fill out these forms for them.

Do you know what the traffic laws are Karen B. Phillips that pertain to you as a US Postal Service delivery person? Have you ever seen a copy of the Ohio revised code that pertains to these very laws? I'm sure you are aware of how many times a day you are put in harms way by the motoring public, but is there something you should know to avoid an accident or provide evidence in your favor in case you are involved in one?

Are you thinking of retiring? Are you up to speed on what steps to take and when? I can tell you that I need to be refreshed on a lot of what concerns the Rural Craft, on a regular basis. That is why the Association provides on-going meetings and trainings to help you get the most out of your Rural Carrier Career and "Life".

Ladies and Gentlemen; We have just observed the 11th anniversary of the 911 tragedy at the World Trade Center and here comes a terrorist attack on the US Embassy in Libya. Just recently President Obama raised concerns about our vulnerability to Cyber Terrorism. Recent reports indicate a serious rise in the number of computer "hacking" attempts. This rise can be partially attributed to the significant rise in personal communication and information storage devices. Are you protected? Is the US Postal Service? Is the US Postal Service poised to provide information communication "the old fashioned way" should a terrorist attack shut down the "information highway"?

If you would like to learn the answers to these questions, or if you would like to share your perspective on them please join us at the BOOSTER meeting on October 28th at Cherry Valley Lodge (details elsewhere in this paper). Take time to learn and promote the union that takes time to teach and promote you!

*Yours' in Unity and In Service
Tom Gamble*

REVISED BOARD POLICY NATIONAL CONVENTION

Any non-delegate whom is elected or appointed to a position and is required by the NRLCA or the OHRLCA State Board, to be at the National Convention prior to the opening session of the convention, will be paid one days, ADOP, Mileage, lodging and per diem.

National Delegates

Delbert Hutchisson
Raymond R Nichols
Thomas Gamble
Carla B Dedden
Gayle Sweet
Michael D Aitchison
Erik Hirschfeld
Penny Koren
Sandy Laramee
Cathy Funderburgh
Janna Hirschfeld
Ronald A Briggs
Shirley Huffman
John K Thomas
Floyd E Edler
Barbara L Pitts
Mark Funderburgh
Joyce Bower
Debbie Satterfield
Norman Humphrey
Robin Rowland
Thomas Noble
Joe D Butcher
Susan Thayer
Patsy Hickle
Floyd L Tackett

Rolly Hausfeld
Diane Cox
Julie Balbaugh
Ron Ellis Jr
Peggy J Ferneding
Lori M Todd
Barbara D Perkins
Matt Burke
Tuwana K Aitchison
Diana Dee Brown
Ryan Campbell
Tim Barker
Tom Alexander
William B Owen
Carlton Riley
Elaine L Ferguson
Miranda Rodgers

Members who attended the National Convention as a Non-Delegate:
Mildred Mickey Finkel
Shirley Ortz
Robert Chapman
Barbara J Smith
Sara Perkins Munyon



SPOTLIGHT PAGE

Every issue we would like to have a Spotlight Page. Anyone knowing of a person or post office they feel should be spotlighted please send information to: Editor Lori Todd at loritodd@yahoo.com.

Busy Times *Continued from Page 1*

After about fifteen months of preparation, the new system is scheduled to debut on November 17, 2012. In order to support and maintain the new system, part of the change included a dues increase in the national level dues. Therefore, there will be a dues increase reflected in your pay check to coincide with the implementation of the new steward system. Regular carriers will see an increase of \$8.81 per pay period; relief carriers an increase of \$3.08 per pay period provided there were hours worked during the pay period; and retirees will not have an increase at this time.

It truly is a busy, busy time. It can also be a very exhausting time. Be sure to take time for yourself, your family and friends, and enjoy the fall weather. Try to find something good in each day. Most importantly BE SAFE!

*Until next time,
Janna Hirschfeld*



State Steward
Delbert Hutchisson

Mail Count is over NOW WHAT!

October 1, 2012 all PS Form 4241 data must be totaled and reviewed by the PM. The carrier must be provided a copy of PS Form 4241 for the two day review.

You the carrier should review the totals on PS Form 4239 against the totals on PS Form 4241. Box count and stops should be accurate as of September 29, 2012 which may differ from that

counted during the route inspection. Make sure mileage is correct and if you receive withdraw credit the appropriate box should be marked.

The PM must meet with each regular carrier to discuss the high/low option. There are several requirements for choosing the high option. Your routes evaluation must fall in more than one route classification (standard hours between 44:11 and 50:43). The regular carrier must have a minimum of ten years of service as a regular carrier and demonstrated no 2080 problems the previous year and commit in writing to use sufficient annual leave (not LWOP) so as not to exceed 2080 hours for the year. The high option means you are choosing higher pay, but less time off (J or H route). The low option means you are choosing lower pay but more time off (K or J route). The PS Form 4241 contains two signature blocks. One block pertains to the certification of the mail count totals. You should not sign this block if you disagree with the count totals. The second block is for the election of the high option and by signing, you agree to use sufficient annual leave during the guarantee period to assure that the total actual work hours will not exceed 2080. Failure to sign will result in the route being classified in the low option. Signing the leave commitment box does not signify that you agree with the mail count.

If you are in contention with the mail count and you have not been successful in resolving your issues locally during the mail count then do not certify the PS Form 4241 with your signature. You must provide the PM with written details as to why you are not certifying the count for his review and possible resolution. If you cannot come to an agreement on what is contractually yours or a fair and equitable resolution then make a copy of your disagreement contentions and mail to the State Steward before giving a copy to the PM. The PM will then forward your contention letter to the district office for review and possible resolution. The District will provide a written reply to your PM if they are going to allow or disallow credit. Local management will advise the carrier in writing as to the final position of the district. If you are not satisfied with the district's decision then file a grievance to protect your evaluation. Remember you only have 14 days from the time the district answers your contention letter denying you proper credit to file a grievance.

Congratulations to the nearly 1000 carriers that attended mail count training classes across the state. Education is powerful and an educated Rural Carrier during Mail Count will always receive a proper count of his route. The State Stewards office has left no stone unturned to ensure that you received a fair and proper mail count.

My office only received six weeks' notice that a National Mail Count would be taking place and I would like to thank every union official in Ohio that swung into action immediately. I could not have completed this mail count season without the dedication

and professionalism of the stewards, district officers and the OHR-LCA Board. Thank you Editor Lori Todd for relaying the mail count guide information to the printer and picking up the training manuals and for your help in distributing them. Thank you Area Steward Robin Rowland for helping me schedule all ten (10) mail count training classes and for giving up your Sunday nights to inspect the mail Distribution Centers. Thank you Vice President Tom Gamble and Secretary Treasurer Penny Koren for distributing mail count guides at your assigned district meeting and for giving up your Sunday nights to inspect the mail Distribution Centers. Thank you Executive Committeemen Barbara Pitts for helping to distribute mail count guides at your assigned district meeting. Thank you to all the district officers for allowing us the majority of your meeting time to discuss mail count issues. Thank you assistant state stewards Mike Aitchison, Cathy Funderburgh, Susan Thayer, and Mike Wallis for all your help in answering phone calls till late in the evening and for giving up your Sunday nights to inspect mail Distribution Centers. You are all simply THE BEST!

*Thank you kindly,
Delbert K. Hutchisson*



WHAT'S NEW

By Chaplain Ron Briggs

Sometimes the answer to this question is good news and on other occasions it may be information about a tragic situation. A 40 year old friend of ours with a wife and children fell off a ladder at his home some weeks ago and suffered a broken neck. This disaster left him paralyzed from the waste down and prayers continue for a potential recovery of the use of his legs.

God can make a way even if a person does not regain full use of hands and feet. Many rural carriers will recognize the name, Joni Erickson Tada, a woman who became paralyzed from the neck down many years ago in an unfortunate diving accident. In spite of her extreme limitations, she is a singer, a writer and even does paintings by holding the brush in her teeth. By leaning on the Lords promise, "I will never leave you or forsake you" she continues to be an inspiration to individuals with handicaps and able bodied folks as well.

CONTEST

Every issue of the Ohio Rural Letter Carrier will contain a name of a member in the body of one of the board members articles. Find your name in the article and win a \$25 Visa Voucher from Atlanta Postal Credit Union. The name will be placed where it makes no sense (example: The USPS is a great place **loritodd** to work). Contact Penny Koren at 330-735-2727 to claim your prize.

Deanna Aaron found her name in the last issue. She received a \$25 Visa Voucher. Congratulations Deanna!



**Secretary/
Treasurer
Penny Koren**

As of August 25, 2012 the Membership Analysis prepared by the National Office has Ohio's total membership at 4170. The membership consists of 2226 Regular Carriers, 907 Retired Carriers, 1023 Relief Carriers, and 14 Associate Members.

We need to continue our efforts to recruit new members. The strength of our union is our members; to remain strong we need to increase our membership. Do your part and invite a non-member to join the NRLCA.

Ohio had 43 Delegates at the National Convention in Buffalo, New York. These delegates made decisions that will directly affect your work life and paycheck. Please take time to speak to a delegate and ask how they voted on the issues brought forth on the Convention Floor. Thanks to all who represented Ohio at the National Convention. A list of the attendees is published in this issue.

FEHB open season begins Monday November 7, 2012. During the "Open Season" you may enroll and make changes in the Federal Employees Benefit Plans. Please remember to take full advantage of the U.S. Postal Service's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) program for regular and PTF rural carriers. The FSA program allows carriers to pay for child or adult daycare expenses and family health care expenses not reimbursed by insurance with tax-free dollars.

Carrier

The OHRLCA Executive Board has decided to hold a Booster Meeting October 28, 2012. The meeting will be held at The Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, OH.

The NRLCA offered many seminars during the National Convention. I attended the CSRS Retirement Seminar presented by Joni Montroy.

If you are in the CSRS or CSRS/Offset to retire you must meet one of these requirements;

Age 62 with 5 years of creditable service

Age 60 with 20 years of creditable service

Age 55 with 30 years of creditable service

Creditable service includes, career time, non-career service time and military service for which deposit was withheld.

Non-career deposit into the CSRS was withheld until 1979. Between 1979 and September 30, 1981 your service time will be credited however, if no deposit is made your annuity will be reduced by 10% of the deposit due.

Non-career time after October 1, 1982 you must make deposit to receive credit for the time worked. If deposit is not made your annuity will be reduced 2% for each year, plus 10% reduction of your total annuity.

To make deposit for non-career service time worked in 1979 - 1989 complete a SF 2803 and submit to HRSSC in Greensboro, NC.

To start the retirement process request a retirement kit six (6) months prior to your preferred retirement date. You may telephone HRSSC at 1-877-477-3273 opt 5 or go to liteblue.usps.gov and select eRetire to request your retirement kit.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and I hope to see you at your Fall District Meeting and the Booster Meeting on October 28, 2012.

Penny Koren

**Metropolitan Hotel
50 North Second St., Newark Ohio
Present**

President Hirschfeld, Vice President Gamble, Secretary-Treasurer Koren, Committeemen, Pitts, Bower, Edler, and Dedden.

**Monday, August 27, 2012 - 1:10 pm
Vouchers**

The entire Board reviewed all the vouchers submitted by

the State Board Members for payment.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 6, 7 and 11, 2012 were read. Committeeman Pitts made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report

The Association's Financial Position was reviewed. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Committeeman Edler. The motion passed.

Budget

A Budget Committee has been appointed for the 2012 - 2013 association's fiscal year. The committee will meet and establish a budget, Chair Vice President Gamble and Committeemen: Edler, Pitts, Bower and Dedden.

Membership

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GMAC

Committeeman Pitts attended the GMAC Seminar at the National Convention. She strongly encourages each rural carrier to get a quote for his or her insurance needs.

Provident Guild

Committeeman Dedden attended the Provident Guild Seminar at the National Convention. She obtained updated Provident Guild information to share with our members.

Legislative Report

Committeeman Edler reported he was invited to attend a fund raising dinner for candidate Kaptur at the Democratic Club in Washington DC. During the fundraiser, he met with several of Ohio's Congressional Representatives. This was the first time we in Ohio have been able to directly contribute PAC money to a representative within our own state.

4:00 pm The entire State Board met with the Metropolitan Hotel's Sales Representatives and toured the newly renovated facility.

5:30 pm The Board Meeting recessed for Dinner.

8:30 pm Board Members met to review vouchers submitted by the Stewards for payment.

9:45 pm The meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday August 28, 2012

9:15 am The Board meeting resumed.

District Fall Meetings

We reviewed board member assignments to the fall district meetings and the information to be distributed during the meetings. Due to conflicting schedules, the speaker assignments, and dates for

Districts 14 and 11, meetings have been changed. A complete list of District Meetings and speaker assignments are noted in this paper.

Booster Meeting

The board compared two facilities to house the booster meeting: The Metropolitan Hotel and The Cherry Valley Lodge.

Committeeman Dedden made a motion to have the booster meeting October 28, 2012 at The Cherry Valley Lodge. The motion passed.

Editor Report

The deadline for the October/November State Paper will be September 12th.

President Hirschfeld and Editor Todd attended the Editor's Seminar at the National Convention. Ohio's state paper received high scores in several categories during the Editor's Seminar. The State Board commends Editor Todd on an excellent publication of The Ohio Rural Letter Carrier State Paper.

The August/September State Paper was the third issue

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published with a hidden name within an officer's article. The hidden name has been found twice and both members have received a \$25 Visa Card.

A motion was made by Committeeman Bower to continue the hidden name within an article and continue the \$25 Visa Card reward. The motion passed.

Equipment

A complete list of the Association's equipment was reviewed. Committeeman Dedden made a motion to purchase a paper cutter for the Secretary/Treasurer's Office. The purchase limit is not to exceed \$200. The motion passed.

In response to concerns raised about the present sound system, Secretary/Treasurer Koren make a motion to research the cost of a new sound system and to report the findings back at the next board meeting. The motion passed.

Committeeman Dedden made a motion to establish a worth of the old sound equipment, so if replaced it can be offered for sale. The motion passed.

Old Business

The 2012 NRLCA National Convention was a good convention offering excellent information. The Ohio State Board is very proud of the Ohio delegation for their attendance, dignity and respect of others during the NRLCA Convention.

PAC

Ohio's PAC was the largest contributor in the NRLCA with an 11% increase over Ohio's 2011 contributions. PAC Chairman Aitchison gave his vision for the future of Ohio's PAC.

3:00 pm - Committeeman Edler was dismissed in order to present the legislative issues during the mailcount training at Clark County Library in Jamestown OH.

New Business

There will be a presentation of the Longevity Award to Hubert Yoder, age 97, for being a member for 50 years.

Web Site

The ohrca.org web site's purpose is to help keep members informed of scheduled events within the state and any changes to job duties and responsibilities. Keeping the website current should be the responsibility of a team of individuals. The website was not designed to be managed solely by one individual.

Committeeman Dedden made a motion to arrange training for Vice President Gamble and Editor Todd to become proficient in posting information on the OHRCA web site. They will receive compensation for mileage to the training place. The compensation paid to the trainer will be \$50.00. The motion passed.

The association received thank you cards from the Tillie Owen family and the John Aichholz's family, for the remembrance of their loved ones.

The Aichholz family has offered photos and other items as memorabilia to the Association to share with the members.

President Hirschfeld had a designated fax line installed for Association business in her residence. Vice President Gamble made a motion to compensate President Hirschfeld the monthly fee for a fax line and incidentals. The motion passed.

4:02 pm Committeeman Pitts made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

Wednesday August 29, 2012

Comfort Inn

700 Pike St., Marietta, Ohio

Present

President Hirschfeld, Vice President Gamble, Secretary-Treasurer, Koren, Committeemen: Pitts, Bower, Edler, and Dedden.

9:30 am The Board Meeting resumes.

Secretary/Treasurer Koren made a motion to discuss current board policy listed under "National Convention" which was

revised May 14, 2011. The motion to discuss passed.

The original intent of the board policy was to compensate non-delegate members who were newly elected or appointed to a position that required him / her to attend a meeting prior to the beginning of the National Convention. The original intent was not to give additional compensation for ADOP, lodging and per diem to delegates.

New Board Policy

Secretary/Treasurer Koren made a motion to revise the Board Policy of May 14, 2011 to read:

Any non-delegate whom is elected or appointed to a position and is required by the NRLCA or the OHRCA State Board, to be at the National Convention prior to the opening session of the convention, will be paid one days, ADOP, Mileage, lodging and per diem.

The revised board policy passed.

In light of the fact that, prior to this amended board policy, President Hirschfeld and Committeeman Dedden asked for and received compensation of ADOP, lodging and per diem for the Sunday before the opening of the National Convention. Secretary Koren asked that the record reflect that she did not charge the State Association any additional compensation for attending meetings prior to the opening of the Convention. Vice President Gamble, as well as Committeemen; Pitts, Bower and Edler asked that the record reflect that they also did not seek additional compensation for their attendance at meetings prior to the National Convention.

President Hirschfeld made a motion to go into executive session to talk about an incident, which took place after the close of the State Convention. The motion to go into executive session failed.

10:30 am

The entire State Board met with the Comfort Inn Sales Representatives to tour the facility.

11:45 am State Steward Hutchisson joined the meeting.

State Steward Report

State Steward Hutchisson handed out copies of the 2012 mailcount guide to the Board Members. He ordered 1000 mailcount guides at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per booklet. The early mailcount trainings have been very well attended. Plant inspections are being planned before, during, and after the mailcount.

There are offices being introduced to DPS Letters and have qualified to be counted under the DPS standards during this mailcount.

All of Ohio's 420 grievances are up to date and have been entered into the National database.

There are 4 members to be trained to become Local Stewards. The training will be held on September 5, in Chillicothe, OH.

State Steward Hutchisson reported that an area steward was on a 30-day leave of absence. There were three names submitted for consideration to be appointed as area stewards. A national training was scheduled in October for the State Level Stewards.

Secretary/Treasurer Koren made a motion to remove the Marietta Comfort Inn from the list of Hotels for consideration for the 2014 state convention. The motion passed.

Committeeman Pitts made a motion for President Hirschfeld to negotiate with the Metropolitan Hotel in Newark for the 2014 State Convention, the motion passed.

Committeeman Pitts made a motion to adjourn the State Board Meeting. The motion to adjourn passed.

1:38 pm adjournment of the State Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting

October 27, 2012

Cherry Valley Lodge

10:00 am

*Submitted by,
Secretary/Treasurer Koren*



Floyd Edler
Executive
Committeeman

The Battle for the Post Office and Democracy

What sayeth the law?

(a) *The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business*

correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities. The costs of establishing and maintaining the Postal Service shall not be apportioned to impair the overall value of such service to the people. (US Code, Title 39, Part 1)

The United States Postal Service is widely recognized as the most secure, efficient, and affordable Postal Service in the world. The Postal Service is self-sustaining with all costs born by those who mail items or otherwise utilize the services of the Post Office. No taxpayer money is used to run the Post Office. A person can send a secure letter from the New York islands across the country to a friend living near the Redwood forests of California for just 45 cents.

2011 First Class Mail Letter Equivalent Prices in US Dollars: Year 2011 USA .44, Canada .61, Great Britain .74, Germany .77, France .81, Japan .81, Norway 1.63. Source – 2011 Annual Report to Congress.

“An independent assessment by Oxford Strategic Consulting named the U.S. Postal Service the best postal service among the 20 largest economies in the world. Criteria included the average number of citizens served, the number of letters and parcels delivered, service reliability and public trust.”

Source – USPS Postal Facts 2012

In spite of this obvious success, there is currently an alleged financial “crisis” threatening this long esteemed institution and Congress’s “solution” is to dismantle the Postal Service in order to cut costs. As a result, the Postal Service is in the process of implementing a “transformation” plan to: close or reduce the hours at small and rural post offices, delay the mail by closing or consolidating mail processing centers, eliminate living wage jobs and/or reduce the wages and benefits of postal workers, eliminate Saturday delivery, and require cluster boxes instead of home delivery. These are dramatic and damaging service changes that are simply unfounded, unnecessary, and against the law.

The damaging changes underway at the Post Office are a direct result of the lobbying efforts of large corporate mailers who do not want to lose their deep discounts and pay their fair share of postage. To avoid higher postage rates for advertising, the large mailers have relentlessly pushed the Postal Service to cut costs by reducing postal services to the American people.

The companies lobbying for the reduction in service to the public are the major banks and financial institutions (Bank of America, JP Morgan, American Express, etc.) large media corporations (Time Warner, McClatchy, etc.) and other corporations who stand to directly benefit from the dismantling of the Post Office (UPS, FedEx, RR Donnelly, Pitney Bowes, etc.) The owners of these powerful corporations have used their money and power to elect, lobby and otherwise direct important government officials to make the service cuts that benefit the large corporations at the expense of the American people. This lobbying has also successfully protected the foolishly generous rates given to bulk mailers. In fact a case can easily be made that rates are so low for bulk corporate mail that this rate structure is essentially a subsidy for large businesses, which is unwittingly being paid for by higher postage rates for the American public.

For many years now, the large mailers, Congress, the

President of the United States, and the Postal Board of Governors have cooperated in the systematic dismantling of the Post Office. This is evidenced by the transfer of work to the private sector through “worksharing” discounts, the purposeful short staffing of employees at the counters in post offices, the removal of collection boxes, and the substitution of cluster boxes for home or curbside delivery, etc. The reduction of service to the public increases the profit for the large advertisers and also undermines the good will of the public towards the Postal Service. The transfer of postal work to the private sector results in living wage union jobs turned into low wage non-union jobs. The private owner pockets the difference in wages.

Corporations Lobby and Citizens “Interfere”

The owners of banks and other major mailers have spent significant resources lobbying Congress and the Postal Service to close post offices and mail processing facilities in order to keep their postage rates disproportionately low and reduce the value of the Post Office. Just as many of the rich owners of corporations lobby to reduce social services so they can pay less in taxes, the same business interests lobby to reduce postal services so they pay less in postage rates.

Normally, corporations lobby Congress and the Postal Service behind closed doors, but in 2003 President George W. Bush, invited the corporations and others to submit suggestions regarding the Postal Service to the President’s Commission on the Postal Service. Many of the corporations argued to the Commission in 2003 that the Postal Service should close mail processing facilities and post offices. As an example, American Business Media (ABM), owner of business and professional publications such as Adweek, Information Week, Daily Variety, etc., submitted their comments on 2/11/03 through Gordon T. Hughes II, President and CEO and David R. Strauss, corporate lawyer, and stated the following:

If Congress believes that the national interest, as opposed to broad USPS customer interest, requires, for example, that there be dozens of post offices on Cape Cod and redundant mail processing plants throughout the country, then Congress, not ratepayers, should fund these extravagances. Otherwise, Congress must cease interference with Postal Service decisions.”

The above position, which was typical of many of the large mailers, who did not use small post offices or many of the mail processing plants, shows that corporate owners have long sought closures of mail processing facilities and post offices even when finances were not a problem and regardless of the effect on smaller businesses and communities.

According to a 7/6/11 report by the Office of Inspector General (OIG), 60% of first class mail and a whopping 80% of standard (advertising) mail are currently presorted and drop shipped by private mailers. The OIG report concludes that the private sorting of the mail and drop shipping is so vast that the large mailers no longer need nor desire as many processing plants. The move to consolidate America’s mail processing facilities to benefit large mailers such as Bank of America at the expense of citizens is an obvious and flagrant violation of the laws governing postal policy. Because of the distances involved and time frames, the consolidation of the mail centers can only be accomplished by delaying the first class mail for millions of Americans, in violation of the law, which states,

(e) In determining all policies for postal services, the Postal Service shall give the highest consideration to the requirement for the most expeditious collection, transportation, and delivery of important letter mail.

(f) In selecting modes of transportation, the Postal Service shall give highest consideration to the prompt and economical delivery of all mail. Modern methods of transporting mail by containerization and programs designed to achieve overnight transportation to the destination of important letter mail to all parts of the Nation shall be a primary goal of postal operations. (US Code, Title 39, Part 1)

To Be Continued In December/January Issue



Committeeman Barb Pitts

As you receive this paper we will probably be either over with the mail count or close to it. The only thing I can say is I am praying to stay the same or very close to it. However, being one of the lucky LLV drivers and an L route I am already losing without even beginning the count. As you can tell, like the rest of you in my situation, I am not too happy about the new contract. However, like all rural carriers, we still have a very good paying job and we will persevere and be proud of the good job we do every day!

The National Convention in Buffalo, New York was one of learning, not only about our new contract, but a chance to attend two seminars. I am happy to say that I am the new representative for GMAC insurance, their breakfast for the representatives was Tuesday morning where they kicked off their new slogan United We Stand. They are in their 60th year serving rural carriers and their families, they even still have their very first customer. Please call them and get a quote, there is no obligation and the state will get credit for it. Give them the special code for rural carriers and receive a pair of his and her wristwatches, no obligation. Call now 1-877-274-9605 and use the R-PD code. They are the only ones out there that really know our job and what we do and they know all about the Tort Claims Act.

I was asked to attend the FERS retirement seminar given by Joni Montroy. She was very good and knows her stuff as she is a past postal employee working exclusively with retirement. There is so much to know that I couldn't possibly tell you all of it here, however, you need to get in touch with HRSSC at 1-877-477-3273 or go to litebluesps.gov and select eRetire at least 6 months before the date you wish to retire to request your retirement kit. All retirement rules apply such as: Age 62 with 5 years creditable service, age 60 with 20 years creditable service or age 55 with 30 years creditable service. Have you bought back your military time or your sub time(if applicable)? You need to check into this as it can add more time to your retirement benefits. For those of us who are close to wanting to retire there is a lot to check out, why wait, look up your records on [liteblue](http://liteblue.com) now.

District meetings are just around the corner, I have one this Saturday, so I hope to see a lot of you there and hope to see some new faces. Don't put off learning all you can about your jobs especially at this critical time with the count coming up. Stewards will be at these meetings so come and get some of your questions answered. Also, please plan on attending the fall booster meeting at the end of October at Cherry Valley. WE NEED YOU!



Barb Pitts-Committeeman



Fall Is The Time For Choices

Fall is the time for us to make choices.

We have a very important election ahead of us in November. We need to know our candidates and assess how they will represent us. We need to know the issues on the ballot and how they will effect us. We all need to do our homework in order to vote wisely.

We will also need to decide what health plan will suit our needs. I attended the Rural Carrier Health Plan seminar at the National Convention. There are many improvements in our coverage due to the Affordable Health Care Act. It will now pay 100% for certain preventive services and immunizations given by a provider in the plan's PPO network. It would take several pages to include all of them. This information can be found on the National Website under Coventry Health Care.

It was mentioned that many brand drugs will become available in generics over the next six years. A generic drug will cost \$10 for a 90 day supply in comparison to the name brand at \$47. This prescriptions may be ordered by mail or picked up at a CVS drug store. Members can also receive discounts on over the counter medications by using the CVS extra care health card.

The Rural Carrier Health Plan also offers a health management program. It is a health support benefit for employees and their dependents to help manage chronic conditions such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, asthma, COPD, diabetes, and nurse 24. More information can be found by calling 1-866-200-6752.

A dental/eye care plan is also available and Transchoice is an insurance policy for any sub carrier. More information about these can be found by calling 1-877-817-4801.

We also have a choice of enrolling in the FSA. This plan will withhold pre-tax money each paycheck to cover dependent care costs and/or the amount of out of pocket health care expenses that are not covered by insurance plans.

I have found on the National website that Aetna is planning to purchase Coventry Health Care and it this point all the features will remain the same.

While writing about insurance, I recently changed my insurance for auto and home to GMAC and found that I could save \$1500 a year and not worry about coverage while on the route.

Please try to attend your district meetings and the Fall Booster meeting.



*Committeeperson
Joyce Bower*



Carla B. Dedden – Executive Committeeman

Hello from Executive Committeeman, Carla Dedden. As your Provident Guild NRLCA Representative, I would like to educate you on this Fraternal Organization.

ARE YOU PREPARING YOUR FAMILY IN THE EVENT OF YOUR DEATH?

1. The Provident Guild is a non-profit, fraternal organization, created and operated by rural carriers for our membership and auxiliary members to give their survivors an amount of READY CASH upon death. This is cash for those days when routine procedures of the courts and legal action tie up your estate at death.
2. The members of the Provident Guild shall be regulars, substitutes, RCAs, PTFs, and RCRs or carriers who have retired on annuity, who hold membership in the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association at the time of application, and the spouses of such carriers who are members of its auxiliary.
3. The Provident Guild is not insurance. It is a death benefit fund that guarantees pay out of 30 times your annual dues and, depending on the number of claims in any given year, can pay up to 90 times your annual dues, as long as you are a current dues paying member.
4. There are no physical exams. There are no assessments. There are no commissions.
5. This low-cost protection does not decrease or will not be cancelled on you when you reach age 65. You must join the Provident Guild prior to age 56.
6. If you retire or separate from the postal service, you may continue your annual dues and continue to have the death benefit from the Provident Guild.

If you are under the age of 56, clip and mail or fax the information below TODAY and receive further details on how you can help your survivors!!!!!!

Carla Dedden
Provident Guild Representative
742 Wards Corner Road
Loveland, OH 45140-8740

513-683-4664 (phone)
513-683-0442 (fax)

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First Time Attendees: Tim Barker and Tom Alexander.

Tom Alexander

I attended my first National Rural Letter Carriers Convention in Buffalo, New York. My great grandfather, grandfather (49 years of service) and sister (37 years of service) were rural letter carriers. I have 32 years of service. I recommend going to the first timers meeting to know what to expect. I listened to Postmaster General Donahoe speak and was in the voting process for many issues that affect my union brothers and sisters. To be in this parliamentary process was fast paced and interesting. I recommend even if your not a delegate to go for the CSRS/FERS/TSP seminars/insurance reps/postal credit union reps/postal vendors/even three new right hand jeeps on display. I talked a fellow carrier that had 12 miles/900 box routes and talked to another carrier that had 137 miles/150 boxes.

Tim Barker

My trip to Buffalo, New York for the National Rural Letter Carriers National Convention as a first time delegate was amazing. The City of Buffalo was overwhelming. A trip to Niagara Falls proved to be awesome. Then when I walk into session the first day and see that many people in one room everyone of them with their own opinion. I have a new found respect for the appeal process. Debate was great. I would start having one opinion on the issue and by end of debate I would sometimes change my mind. I got to experience the voting process. I now have a better understanding of what The House and Senate must go through.

NEW MEMBERS

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**PAC Chairman
Mike Aitchison**

Congratulations Ohio!!

Congratulations to the members of the Ohio Rural Letter Carriers' Association! Thanks to the donors listed below, Ohio once again leads the way in working to protect the benefits and retirements that are currently under attack by Congress, benefits and a retirement that we have earned and deserve.

Ohio ranked **FIRST PLACE** in aggregate totals for the 2011-2012 PAC YEAR with \$50,318.59.

These funds that we provide to our legislative staff in Washington D.C. are much needed to do the job we are asking them to do. Additionally, Ohio has gone that extra step. Members of your State Board and steward staff have voluntarily journeyed to Washington D.C at their own expense to lobby Congressmen on your behalf. In addition, many of Ohio's congressmen or their aides have been visited locally by members of our association.

The national election will be here in a couple of weeks, and the new congressional session will be one of the most crucial sessions concerning the U.S.P.S. since the late 60's.

Invest in your future now; don't depend on someone else to do it for you! Send in a cash donation, bring items for the silent auction to the Fall Booster Meeting, buy items that are for sale, get in the 50/50 drawings, sell our shirts to your workmates, have fund raisers at your local office, ex. hot dogs for donations (let's get some of the city carriers', clerks', and managers' money too).

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In Memoriam



Willis S. Dye, 97 of New Matamoras, Ohio, died Monday, August 27, 2012 at his home. He was born April 30th, 1915 to Forest and Cora Fox Dye. He earned a Bachelors Degree from Ohio University in 1937 and taught high school for 12 years. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

The postal career of Willis began on December 15, 1948, when he was commissioned Postmaster at Rinard Mills, Ohio. In 1958, he elected to become a rural Letter Carrier and served in that capacity until January, 1980. In 1985, Willis was elected as committeeman of the Ohio Rural Letter Carriers Association, being the first retired carrier to hold an Ohio state office. The following year Willis was elected state secretary and in that year led the Ohio Rural Letter Carriers to their first 200% level of membership. That level was maintained for several years. Willis resigned from the position of state Treasurer of OHRLA in July, 1995.

Willis is survived by his wife, Vivian of 13 years, one daughter Katherine, three sons, Edward, Sherman and Dennis, fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Willis' first wife and mother of his children, Juanita, who passed away in 1998, was also active in the OHRLA. Willis was buried with military rites in the cemetery at the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ, where he became a Christian in 1937.

Susan Estee, was born on January 19, 1956 and passed away suddenly on Thursday, August 2, 2012.

She was a resident of Magnolia, Ohio at the time of her passing.

Susan was a 1974 graduate of Sandy Valley High School.

She is survived by her husband Sandy.

Susan Retired from the US Postal Service in 2011 with 30 years as a Rural Letter Carrier at the East Canton Post Office.

Louis D. "Red" Bush, age 81, a resident of Sherman St., Geneva, Ohio, died unexpectedly Monday morning, August 13, 2012, at his residence.

Born Oct. 13, 1930, in Ashtabula, Ohio, he was the son of the late Howard and Florence (Colby) Bush and has been an area resident all of his life. Mr. Bush was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving two enlistment's, 1951-1960 during the Korean Conflict.

For 37 years, he was employed with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1991 as a mail carrier with Geneva.

Survivors include two step-brothers, Norman (Roberta) Hopkins of Geneva and Howard (Kathy) Kennedy Jr. of Ashtabula; a step-sister, Bonnie McKelby of Ashtabula; and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth Ann Core, 67, of Newark,

Ruth Ann was born in Newark on December 20, 1944 to the late Ralph and Ruth Louise (Wright) Jolliff. She passed away in Lourdes Hospital in Willingboro Township, New Jersey on August 9, 2012.

Ruth Ann graduated from Granville High School, Class of 1964. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a carrier in Frazeyburg, retiring from Granville Post Office with over 25 years of service.

Survivors include her daughter, Carrie (Kevin) Edwards of McGuire Air Force Base, NJ; grandchildren, Zachary Lane Edwards, Alyssa Danielle Edwards; her twin brother, Ralph Allen "Butch" (Jeanie) Jolliff of Illinois, and brothers Harold James (Linda) Jolliff and Jeffery Robert Jolliff all of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosemary B. Moeller, age 85, of Maria Stein died at 6:00 PM on Sunday August 12m 2012 at Heritage Manor Nursing Center, Minster, Ohio. She was born October 1, 1926 in St. Rose, Ohio to the late Herman & Leona (Huber) Leugers. She married Paul J. Moeller on April 12, 1947 in St. Rose, Ohio. He preceded her in death on October 9, 2002. She is survived by children James Moeller, Lytle Creek, CA, Linda & Herb Pleiman-Ranly, Maria Stein, Susan & Gary Mescher, New York, NY, Roxanne & Randy Spillers, Minster, Ken & Jennifer Moeller, Louisville, KY, Gary & Amy Moeller, New Bremen, 15 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Bonnie Leugers, St. Marys, Otto & Ginny Moeller, Vandalia, Earl & Evelyn Moeller, Sidney, David & Margie Moeller, Cassella, Stanley Kremer, Montezuma. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son-in-law Ed Pleiman, brothers & sisters, Henry, Joseph, Alvina Bernard & Arthur. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Maria Stein, the Ladies Sodality of the church, Knights of St. John Aux. American Legion Aux. and the Rural Letter Carriers Aux. She wrote the Maria Stein News for 50 years, an active fund raiser for St. Peters Neurological Center. She enjoyed playing cards for many years with the ladies card in Maria Stein. She was a graduate of St. John High School and worked as a nurses aide for 30 years at Heritage Manor Nursing Center, Minster.

Robert L. Engle, 69, of Mt. Sterling, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 22 2012.

Preceded in death by parents, Lowell and Helen Engle. Robert retired from the Mt Sterling Post Office after many years as a rural carrier on Rural Route 2.

Survived by loving wife, Virginia; daughters, Lynette (Mike) Wilson and Holly (Mike) Whitten; sons, Robert A. Engle and Todd (Lecia) Engle; grandchildren, Carson and Clayton Engle, Alexis and Bradley Wilson, Trevor and Trenton Engle, Evan and Elizabeth Whitten; brother, Chris (Patty) Engle; sister, Gayla (Bill) Metzcar; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of good friends.

John E. Meyer, Age 93, formerly of Elmore, Ohio, died July 17, 2012, in Hamilton, Ohio. Son of Otto and Arzella Meyer, he served in the Army during World War II, in an ordinance unit that served in the 5th and 7th armies. He fought in the historic Battle of Anzio, Italy. After the war he returned to Elmore where he worked as the town's rural mail carrier for many years. In addition, he worked alongside his father on the family farm. He married Marjorie Nickelsen of Genoa, Ohio, in 1950, and they remained in Elmore until 2000, when they moved to Berkeley Square retirement community in Hamilton, Ohio. They were married for 56 years when Marjorie died in 2006. Survived by son Edward (Margaret) Meyer of Ft. Mill, S.C.; daughter Arlene (Jeff) Werts of Fairfield, Ohio; brothers Howard and Paul Meyer; and three grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to The Colonial Foundation for Berkeley Square Life Care Fund, 520 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013 or to St. John's United Church of Christ, 448 Rice St., Elmore, OH 43416.

Robert Arlan Graham, 77, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, passed away suddenly, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at Madison County Hospital.

He was born Jan. 28, 1935, in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, the son of the late Robert and Phyllis (Dillon) Graham.

Bob retired from the Mt Sterling Post Office in 1997 after 36 1/2 years as a rural carrier on Rural Route 1.

Bob's loves in life were his wife, Carolyn, his children and grandchildren, the Ohio State Buckeyes, and his pups.

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Hello,

Hopefully those of you that attended National Auxiliary Convention this year in Buffalo, NY enjoyed yourselves, learned something new about the Auxiliary, and had some time to tour the beautiful NY area of the United States! President Lucretia Nobles ran an organized meeting and exceeded her goal with the "Program of Sealed with a Sound: Cochlear Implants" project. Thank you all for your support!

Kay Carter, our newly installed national president from North Carolina presented the "Program of Love" for her 2012-2013 term of office. She chose this as her humanitarian project for men, women and children of all races and ethnic groups that have the genetic disease known as Epidermolysis Bullosa or EB. One infant in every 50,000 live births are affected with EB. There is no cure or treatment for this disease except for the daily wound care of the blisters and the open wounds it causes. dEBra of America is the only national not-for-profit dedicated to supporting research initiatives for a cure or treatment while providing services and programs to those who suffer from, or care for, those who have EB. Project items this year are: a pin, mailbox flash drive, butterfly bookmark, zipped money bag, and a "DEBRA" frisbee. We are looking forward to your continued generous support.

Again, there will be a Juniors Contest for children and grandchildren of Rural Letter Carriers. Information for the contest can be found in the pamphlets available at District Meetings. Scholarship forms will also be available for those graduating high school seniors that have chosen to continue their education beyond high school and are under the age of 21. Unfortunately, Ohio has not received any forms yet. If you want copies, please contact myself or a State Auxiliary Officer and we will send forms to you when they become available.

As a spouse of a Rural Letter Carrier, we would love for you to participate in our Auxiliary meetings. Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall District Meetings and the upcoming Booster Meeting in October. Thank you for your support!

*Have a Great Fall,
Sandy Schwartz
Ohio Auxiliary President*



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Recent Retirees

Carolyn S Thomas	Chesapeake
Earl S Mann	South Point
Twila K Poole	Carrollton
Martin L Brentz II	Bowling Green
Sandra K Nye	Powell
Jeffery D Luke	Wooster
Roselee D Martin	Jacobsburg
Nannette B Bechtol	Bowling Green
Patrica J Shipp	Fairlawn
Warner D Swickard	Medina

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2012-2013 AUXILIARY PROGRAM OF WORK

PROJECT: dEBra-"Epidermolysis Bullosa" EB
MOTTO: "Until there's a cure...there's dEBra"
SYMBOL: Butterfly-Mailbox
AMERICANISM: The American Flag
SONG: "God Bless America"
SAFETY: "Be Alert-Be Aware-Be Safe"
FLOWER: Mixed Flower Bouquet
SONG: "How Great Thou Art"
INSPIRATION: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

-Helen Keller

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

August 27, 2012
10:00 A.M.
Cherry Valley Lodge
2299 Cherry Valley Road
Newark, Ohio

Fall Booster Meeting

October 28, 2012
Cherry Valley Lodge
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All dates and times are subject to change due to unexpected events. Please check our website OHRLCA.org for changes to this schedule and the most current date information.

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articles to Editor Lori Todd by that date.

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★ Deanna Aaron found her name in ★

★ the last issue. ★

★ Congratulations Deanna! ★

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State of Ohio attendees at National Convention in Buffalo, New York.