

# Razorback Scheme

American Postal Workers Union • Fayetteville Arkansas Local 667

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## From the President...

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Well, as most of you are aware, life here at the NWA P&DC has been hectic. The Postal Service in its infinite wisdom decided to consolidate all of the mail from three different facilities into one and didn't give us any extra employees until after the fact.

That, of course, was great planning and has worked out awesome for all of us. I forgot how big checks can be when you are being maxed out on hours each pay week. If it wasn't for all the help from the Fort Smith employees who came each day and helped us out through the transition, it would have been a total disaster. So, for all of those that made the trek each day in the van [and whatever else] "THANKS A LOT."

Now, for all of those employees who have chosen to use the 21-day eReassign or eReassign to transfer into the NWA P&DC or the Fayetteville PO installation - Welcome to the Fayetteville Local. I hope we all have treated you right in the changes you are experiencing. If there is anything we can do to make your transition easier, please let us know.



### STEWARD TRAINING CLASS, Springdale, May 18th

Ike Mills taught class of union reps. L to R - Jeremiah Muckleroy, Sheila Cruikshank, Linda Christy, Ike Mills (Teacher), Tina Delay (Co-Teacher), Nina Pamir, Cheryl Wing and Loren Adams (Tina McKirch taking photo)



To all of our new PSE employees – a big “Welcome” to you also. We wish you the best in your employment with the U S Postal Service.

There has been so much that has happened since the last newsletter, I almost don't know where to start or what to write about.

I guess the most important thing right now is the subject of Postal Reform that they are address-

ing on Capitol Hill at the moment. It is all of our responsibility to stay informed on the issues and talk to and educate as many of our friends, neighbors, relatives, coworkers and whoever else about the true issues and facts as we can. For those of you out there that don't think it is your cup of tea, then I encourage you to donate to the COPA fund as much as you can, and at least get someone out there that will let our voice be heard.

I know you have heard it several times, but we are in a battle for our life and our jobs. There are individuals out there that are putting every ounce of their effort into trying to take our livelihoods away from us. WE MUST FIGHT BACK we have no other option.

Our Local has 95 Members and 46 Non Members and only 7 of those individuals have donated anything to COPA this year. For those of you that have Thank You. For those of you that have not and would like to know how, please see me and I would be glad to tell you how to do it.

I just received another mailing from National APWU with post-cards to send to my representatives about Postal Reform. Please mail those back in or contact your representatives and let them know how you stand on the issues.

## FROM OUR SAFETY REP, NANCY SRAMEK

Now that the consolidation of Fort Smith and Harrison with our plant is completed, safety needs to be on our minds more than ever before. The recent injury suffered by one of our employees, hopefully, will make us all more aware of our surroundings. Our tight environment hardly allows us to breathe let alone move about freely. We need to keep pathways clear and debris off the floor (labels, strapping, etc.). Watch out for moving vehicles and move slowly to avoid accidents. Do Not Block fire extinguishers, and any area that is designated as such. Please orange tag any defective equipment so maintenance can repair it.

In closing, I know tensions are running high but we need to look out for our safety and others. I also want to welcome those employees who are here because their lives were impacted by the consolidation. I hope their transition hasn't been too rough.

Take care and stay safe.

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