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MEMBERS APPRECIATED AT THE CARRIERS' BALL

Several members of Branch 11 were recently honored at the annual Carriers Ball, which was held at the Chateau Del Mar, for their hard work and dedication to the membership. The awards given covered both 2020 and 2021, since the event was canceled last year due to the pandemic. Only a limited number of tickets were sold and the "mini" Ball was held on July 10 instead of in the spring. Pictured are several of this year's recipients with Branch President Mack Julion and Vice President Elise Foster: President's Award - Stephen Stewart and Antoine Thigpen, Membership Appreciation - Hope Miles and Roberto Fuentes, and Steward of the Year for 2021 Dennis Lualhati.



RETIREES' DINNER SEPTEMBER 26TH

Gold Card members will once again be honored at this year's Annual Retirees' Dinner. The program is scheduled to begin at 2pm at our Union Hall, the James E. Worsham Building at 3850 S. Wabash Ave. This year's event is restricted to those who are being honored and retirees planning to attend should contact Recording Secretary Yolanda Gipson by August 31st.



VACCINATIONS OFFERED BY CVS

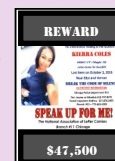
For those who have yet to get vaccinated, the NALC has announced that CVS pharmacies across the country are now offering COVID-19 vaccinations. At CVS, the vaccination will come at no cost to you regardless of what health insurance plan you have, or even if you have no health insurance. You can schedule a vaccination appointment at a CVS Pharmacy near you or walk-in to receive the vaccination without making an appointment. (You should bring your insurance card or photo ID with you.) Through September 30, active letter carriers can use Employee Federal Emergency Leave (EFEL) to take off from work and get vaccinated. Members should call the union hall for assistance in making the request. Vaccinations are proven to be the most effective defense against COVID-19. Members of Branch 11 are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated!!

"RETRO" PAY AND COLA

The Postal Service informed the NALC that the compensation owed to letter carriers under the 2019-2023 agreement ratified earlier this year will be on the August 20, 2021 (pp15) payroll checks. The "retro" pay will be based on the general pay increase of November 2019 and 2020, and the Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) due to career carriers for 2020 and January 2021. The payments will be based on hours worked, so it will vary for each member. It was also announced that the fourth COLA under the new agreement will be \$1,934. That is added on to the salary of the top-grade letter carrier and proportioned for every step under O. This is payable the second pay period after the release of the July 2021 index (September 17.)

SISTER COLES STILL MISSING

There has been no new revelations in the search for Branch 11 member Kierra Coles. The Charles Hayes letter carrier has been missing since October 2, 2018. The reward for any information leading to the whereabouts of Sister Coles remains at \$47,500.



ELECTION NOTICE

This is official notice to members of Branch 11 that nominations for the election of the following officers for a term of three years beginning January 2022 will be held at the regular branch meeting on October 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the James E. Worsham Building, located at 3850 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Health Benefit Representative, MBA Representative, Safety and Health Representative, three Trustees, three Auditors and Sergeant-at-Arms. Nominations must be made in person at the branch meeting. Candidates may accept nominations for only one office and must accept at the time made or, if absent, in writing. Acceptance must be in the hands of the Recording Secretary by 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2021. All regular members, as defined in Article 2, Section 1 (a) of the NALC Constitution, are eligible to hold any office or position in the branch. Article 5, Section 2 must be adhered to in its entirety. The election will be conducted by secret mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to the home addresses of eligible members on October 29, 2021; and must be mailed back to the election committee and received by 10:00 a.m. on November 20, 2021. Write-in votes are not permitted.

Yolanda R. Gipson, Rec. Sec., Br. 11

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Sunday, October 10, 2021!