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**It's A Date**

Arbitration 9/9/13  
APWU National  
Election 9/10/13 -  
10/7/13  
Arbitration 9/10/13  
Arbitration 9/11/13  
Membership Meet-  
ing 9/11/13

*We've signed petitions, given out leaflets, and hounded our legislators in the hopes of saving postal jobs and services.*

**WHAT WE CAN DO TO SAVE THE POSTAL SERVICE**

It's worth asking what else postal workers and their families, friends and neighbors can do to preserve the US Postal Service.

**1. Use the USPS whenever you can.** Using the USPS to deliver your packages whenever you have a choice supports the service. Those concerned about the recently revealed "data mining" might prefer to use the mail for some or all financial transactions to preserve privacy and reduce the chances of theft.

**2. Talk up the agency.** If you like your employer's product, that is, mail delivery, say so. It's always useful to put a good face on the service. It helps that people often see mail carriers as the concerned men and women who sound the alert when elderly customers haven't picked up their mail. Our letter carriers have been saving lives!



Small retail stores might not be aware of postal services and products that could help their businesses. Mentioning some of these services in casual conversations is worth considering.

**3. Avoid blasting top management** in such a way that the entire service looks inept. **Most of us do our jobs well** and are as upset as everyone else with the direction the USPS is taking.

**4. Legislators who help us deserve our thanks.** We have to be very cautious when we vote. It is not always easy to figure out which candidate will do us good or ill. The letter carriers who supported Darrell Issa thought he was on their side—and we've all seen how that assumption turned out.

**5. Progressive organizations have spoken out strongly in favor of saving the USPS.** People from Occupy and MoveOn came to our rallies. **We should stay in touch with groups who support our aims.**

**6. As Union members, we should put pressure on our officers, especially at the national level, to see that they keep exposing the USPS leadership's plans to privatize.** Going on MSNBC is fine, but **we have to find more mainstream platforms for our message as well.**

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**Clerk Craft**

Anna Villalobos, Tour 3

**Motor Vehicle**

John Bradford, Tour 1

Gilbert Johnson, Tour 2

Bhutto Gill, Tour 2

Rajinderdal Singh, Tour 2

Lemuel Brownlee, Tour 3



**“ GET OUT THE VOTE”  
RAFFLE**

**\$780.00 Grand Prize**

**2nd Prize \$300**

**3rd Prize \$200**

Check the Union bulletin boards or contact the Union office for details.



**THE 30 - HOUR SCHEME RULE MUST BE ENFORCED**

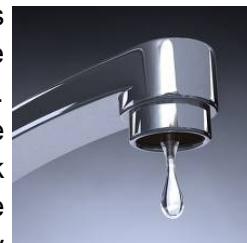
**A**ccording to Section 311 of Schemes Handbook M-5, schemes should only be assigned to employees where there is a demonstrated need for scheme knowledge. Only when an employee works a scheme for at least 30 hours an accounting period (2 pay periods - 28 days ) scheme assignments may be made. If more than one scheme is routinely worked on one case and the mail is presented in a commingled fashion, the 30-hour rule applies to the aggregate and not to each scheme individually. If you are assigned a scheme that you are working less than 30 hours during 2 pay periods, you should contact your steward.

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**7. We would gain enormous goodwill if we could save people’s pets from police departments who have been shooting dogs for no reason lately.** The Postal Service could partner with law enforcement agencies to train their personnel to deal with threatening dogs. If anyone understands bite prevention, it’s the USPS. We are a universal public service. In a world where the public good is increasingly under attack—we **deserve to thrive!** The people who have pitched tents in front of the Berkeley Main Post Office want to save the service, or at least an historical piece of it. **WE CAN DO THIS!**

**WHAT’S A DRIP?**

**I**n the world of finance, it’s not water falling in drops from a faucet. A DRIP , acronym for Dividend Reinvestment Plan, is a relatively new way an investor can begin investing with small amounts continue to invest in small or large while avoiding brokerage commissions. investment offered directly from the The investor in essence buys stock company. Investors do not receive instead, the dividends are directly purchasing more of the underlying stock. Most DRIPS only require that you own at least one share to enroll in the DRIP.



of money and amounts periodically A DRIP is an equity underlying company. directly from the quarterly dividends, reinvested in

To learn more about DRIPS, go to: <https://www-us.computershare.com/Investor/>

**NTFT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS v. MANDATORY OT**

**I**tem 1, of the Overtime Rules For NTFT Duty Assignments, NTFT MOU, states in relevant part: “...full-time career clerk craft and motor vehicle craft employees who are not on the Overtime De-

sired List (ODL) and are in an installation with employees working NTFT duty assignments in the same Functional area, will not be required to work overtime...” With the Oakland P&DC being one functional area, mandatory overtime for non ODL employees in the clerk and motor vehicle crafts appears to be a thing of the past— except in an

emergency and also for motor vehicle craft employees in the event of unforeseeable circumstances (e.g., PVS drivers stuck in traffic, weather conditions).

