



# First Class Leader

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## From the President's Desk

By the time you read this, the National election will be over and we'll have a new team ready to take over the oval office. As much as all of the political mail helped out our Postal economy, I'm sure you feel as I do and are glad the election is over. Now you'll have more time to focus on electing your NAPS Branch 66 officers!

Branch elections are held every two years. You will see by the lack of competition on the enclosed ballot that our fellow members aren't knocking down doors to volunteer. On the ballot, you will recognize names of individuals that have held positions for years. These people are dedicated to the reasons NAPS was formed over 100 years ago. They are willing to give their time and energy to inform, represent, and stand up for better

treatment, pay and working conditions for all of us. So please take the time to vote and return your ballots. You might also wish to log onto our website [www.napsnw.org](http://www.napsnw.org). Links to all of the Northwest area branches can be found there.

I want to personally invite all of you to attend the branch meetings. This is not a time to bury our heads or listen to rumors that are circulating like buzzards over road kill. The meetings are a forum to share information. Check the newsletter or our website for the time and location of upcoming meetings.

In this edition there is also a copy of a letter written to Postal Headquarters, jointly signed by the Presidents of NAPS, NAPUS, and the

League of Postmasters declining the offer to sit down and reopen pay consultations.

Branch 66 gives away scholarships every year so check out the application form enclosed. Who couldn't use additional funds for their kids or grandkids' education?

And finally, I'm sure you noticed the new format of this newsletter. Our mission is to make the newsletter an award winning publication designed to keep our members informed. On behalf of the membership, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Perry Weinberger for his many years of dedication as our past editor.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

DeeAnn DeSimini

## Annual Golf Tournament is a Hit!

This year's annual Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 24th at the Broadmoor Golf Club. Five teams of four competed.

Thankfully, the rain held off until the last player sunk the final putt. Everyone had a great time and plans are already in the works for next year.

Congratulations to the winning team which consisted of John Ballard, Lance Shaver, Bob Carvelli and Ed Kneeland.



What does this golfer drink? See Page 4.

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### Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 13th  
6:30 p.m.  
Membership Meeting  
Izzy's Pizza  
1307 NE 102nd St, Portland  
(Gateway Shopping Center)

Tuesday, December 9th  
6:30 p.m.  
Membership Meeting  
Izzy's Pizza  
1307 NE 102nd St, Portland  
(Gateway Shopping Center)

Tuesday, January 13th  
6:30 p.m.  
Membership Meeting  
Location To Be Announced

February 2009  
Installation Dinner  
Details To Be Announced



# Standing United



October 30, 2008

Douglas A. Tulino  
Vice President, Labor Relations  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington DC 20260-4100

Dear Doug,

We have now held several meetings concerning the Postal Service's request for the management organizations to consider foregoing their expected NPA increases that are due to be paid out in January, 2009. You even had the opportunity to meet with the executive board of the National Association of Postal Supervisors to lay out the issues that are facing the Postal Service.

All of the management organizations have held extensive conversations with our respective executive boards to get their feedback on the request that you made in behalf of the Postal Service. Owing to the substantial leaks that have also occurred in this matter, we have also heard from our members in the field.

Based on all of the internal deliberations of our respective organizations, we cannot agree to either forego or defer the upcoming NPA payouts scheduled for January 2009. The attorneys with whom we have consulted on this issue believe that the Postal Service does not have the right to demand that we re-open pay consultations or change the pay agreement in any way.

With our joint decision stated, we still want to be a resource for and a partner with the Postal Service as you determine the changes that must be made to economize our operations and reduce costs while still meeting the mission of the Postal Service.

The management organizations stand ready to support the Postal Service in its' objectives to change some of the legislative rules that have financially strapped the Postal Service. It is our hope that you will continue to seek the input from all of the management associations.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Keating  
President  
National Association  
Of Postal Supervisors

Dale Goff  
President  
National Association  
of Postmaster of  
the United States

Charley Mapa  
President  
National league of  
Postmasters



## 2009 Scholarship Application

NAPS Branch 66 is now accepting applications for scholarships. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded at the installation dinner which will be held in February 2009. The winners will be determined by random drawing . All individuals who are interested in obtaining a scholarship and who meet the eligibility requirements should complete this form and submit it to the address below by January 15, 2009.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) You must be a NAPS Branch 66 member or be the spouse, child or grandchild of a NAPS Branch 66 member.
- 2) You must currently be attending a college, technical school, trade school, or university.
- 3) The NAPS Branch 66 member sponsoring the applicant must have attended at least one branch meeting in the previous twelve months.
- 4) Scholarship award checks will be issued to the college, technical school, trade school or university.
  - If the award will be used for housing, proof of attendance is required and the checks will be issued to the landlord, etc.
  - The award may be broken up into more than one payment if desired.

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Applicant's Name (please PRINT legibly)	Telephone Number		
Applicant's Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Name of NAPS relative	Relationship to Applicant		

**RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION NO LATER THAN 1/15/09 To:**  
 NAPS BRANCH 66    SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION    PO BOX 3511    PORTLAND OR 97208-3511



### The Portland District's 24th ASP Class Graduates

The Portland District's newest Associate Supervisor class graduated on September 26th. The group of 10 new supervisors is the 24th graduating class for the Portland District.

Kathi Clapp and three NAPS board members visited the classroom and spoke with the supervisors about the virtues of joining NAPS. Many were unaware that NAPS is a management association, not a union. It represents over 35,000 active and retired supervisors, managers and postmasters who work for or who re-

tired from the Postal Service. The object of the association is to promote, through appropriate and effective action, the welfare of its members, and to cooperate with the Postal Service and other agencies in a continuing effort to improve the service, to raise the standard of efficiency, and to widen the field of opportunity for its members who make the Postal Service or the federal government their life work. The graduates were so impressed with the presentation that they all joined NAPS!



FRONT ROW:  
Jessica Le, Dawn Hanson, Kerry Schwartz, Randy Kopel, John Torossian  
BACK ROW:  
Matthew Donahue, Michael Turnham, Sarah Hicks, Norman Dewey Jr., Stacey Black

### Who's the golfer featured in the picture on the front page?

We think we know what he drinks (we saw the pictures) but we are not even sure who this golfer is. Email [napsnews@comcast.net](mailto:napsnews@comcast.net) and tell us who you think is taking the swing. You could win a \$5.00 gift card to Starbucks to share with the man behind the club or keep it all for yourself.

### Don't Forget to Vote! NAPS Needs Your Support.

"People often say that , in a democracy, decisions are made by the majority of people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote—a very different thing."  
Walter H. Judd



### Your Branch 66 Officers

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