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Kim Sharpe President

Hello!

Happy New Year 2010!

My first year as Indiana NAPUS President is over. It has been a challenging year for NAPUS and for NAPUS members. Convention leave was suspended just before the Indiana State Convention and our NAPUS members did not let this deter them from attending the convention in West Lafayette. Thank you! I have enjoyed going to the District meetings from end to end of the state and getting to know you. I will try to attend as many meetings as I can this year to make sure you are informed about what is going on. Please attend your District meetings.

I wish I could read a crystal ball and see into the year 2011. If I could see into the future I would like to know if DUR is going to save the many \$\$\$ that have been predicted. Time will tell as it does with many projects that come our way. 2010 is going to be a very stressful year with the many changes that are coming. I have been in contact with both the Cincinnati and the Kentuckian District and DUR is not on their plate at the moment. Even though those Districts are not involved, it is important for our NAPUS members from those areas to be informed as to what can happen in the future. I have DUR information in a separate article.

Our editor Gloria Randall retired last year and has been actively looking to move to Tennessee. Gloria contacted me last week and told me this would be her last publication. The Hoosier Postmaster is such an essential communication vehicle for our members. My prayers were answered when Jackie Hill agreed to take over as editor for the remainder of 2010. Gloria has done a tremendous job as editor and we are sorry for her to leave. She has been a wonderful NAPUS member and has always been eager to serve on committees. She will be missed.

Karen Wolf is the new Indiana NAPUS Secretary-Treasurer. She is taking over the duties from Julie Gilliland. Julie did a great job in her three year term and helped me in my first year as President. I look forward to working with Karen and know

she is going to be a wonderful asset.

Jim Simon, a retiree is helping as a Postmaster Representative and will be excellent in the position. He has many years experience and will be there to help Postmasters if they get into situations where a PM Rep is needed. Roberta Price will also be a PM Rep who will be going to training at the Leadership Conference in Washington.

Kim Hernley and Chandra Streuby are going to co-chair the Career Development training sessions. I am very excited to see what great classes we have for the convention. The training classes are such a drawing point for the convention.

Four Upcoming Important Events! **1.** Do you have a grandchild or child graduating this year? Don't forget to sign up for our NAPUS Scholarship. The deadline is March 15th. **2.** Leadership/ Legislative Conference is coming soon March 20-24th. Contact Marv Gilliland and get on the list to go to Washington. The first 20 who sign up will receive monetary compensation. The agenda should be on the National website soon. **3.** Indiana State Convention at the Marten House in Indianapolis June 8-11. **4.** NAPUS National Convention in Grand Rapids September 11-16th. Please go to our website Indianapostmaster.org for all of the information. Marv has done a superior job again getting all of the up to date information www.Indianapostmasters.org. Need a registration form? Everything is right there!

Help!!! I need help with finding NAPUS members to serve on committees. The convention is just a few months away. Several of our "long-time always call on" helpers have retired. We need our newbie's to step up to the plate (or out of your comfort zone) and help. I still need convention co-chairs, a secretary-treasurer for the scholarship committee and a chaplain. **"Let us do together what we cannot do alone"**

Hang in there all of you. We are dedicated and providing customer service has always been our main goal. There are changes that are going to be made and many of them will be out of your control. Remember, what is most important in life is "yourself and your family" and your NAPUS family is here to support you too!

See you soon, Kim ☺

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Log on to www.NAPUS.org – membership services and change your address using the code above your name from the Gazette label. If you do not have computer access send change of address to:
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PO Box 621
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Articles for next

HOOSIER POSTMASTER due

By email Mar 15

By hardcopy Mar 10

Please submit articles using the following:

Hard Copy – Hoosier Postmaster
106 Cliffside Dr

Versailles IN 47042

Electronic – (preferred)

pm47042@verizon.net

Indiana NAPUS Website

www.indianapostmasters.org

District Manager Meeting Information

I have a management meeting in Indianapolis February 2nd with the GID District Manager Mr. Smith. I will be attending a management meeting in Kentucky February 4th with the new District Manager Mr. Kyser. I will let you know the outcome from these meetings. If you have something you would like for me to bring forward at these meetings please contact me with your questions. This week I contacted the Cincinnati District Manager Ms. Falling Star to find out what their focus would be for 2010. Here are the answers to the questions:

What is the main focus for Cincinnati District for 2010?

Safety, Service and being proactive with the continued mail volume decline by matching the work hours to the workload.

Do you foresee the Cincinnati District using the DUR process in 2010?

Delivery Unit Relocation is a process used in certain states, Ohio is not one of them at this time.

What can Postmasters do to help the Cincinnati District?

Manage for success, make budget and embrace accountability.

If someone is interested in upward mobility how do they apply for OIC/details?

Complete the skills bank process, provide MPOO's a copy of their e-career application and a letter expressing their interest and that they have completed the skills bank process.

Do you have anything further to add?

As a MPOO group we need to work together as a team and pool our resources to be successful.

Greater Indiana District DUR Project

The Postal Service needed to make changes and it seems the Great Lakes Area is in the forefront with the DUR project. DUR started a year ago in Wisconsin. I have talked to the Wisconsin NAPUS President several times and she said the system is working. They do have occasional mishaps and the mail occasionally goes to the wrong office. DUR may go nationwide. I don't know the depth or the timeframe. The Texas NAPUS President called me a couple of weeks ago and said her state was going to start the process soon.

As you know, DUR is going to take place first in 469 SAT-S January 16th. The first 50 offices will be completed when you read this article. The next go around of DUR offices will not be until after route count. It is up to each POOM area to release the list for the next proposed DUR post offices. Terry Yates is the DUR coordinator for the Great Indiana District. I have been on several telephone conversations with Terry over the last several months. Our last telephone conference was last week. Terry stated they are proposing to do the next SAT in April and will do probably two SAT's a month. It is up to each POOM to make the decision of which offices are selected to be either the "giving" office or "receiving" office. There will be a group meeting with each of the "giving" and "receiving" offices once they have a final list. Yes, the list can change and several post offices were taken off of this first list. If you are an office on the published list and are aware of a reason DUR might not be feasible contact the POOM and let them know.

I want to clarify again, the "giving" Postmaster is a save pay for as long as they are in that office. You can find the reference in ELM Section 415. The office level will drop as some point. The "receiving" Postmaster is going to have more employees to manage and maybe no increase

in their salary or F-4 hours.

These are a few of the facts as I know them right now. These may change as the process gets underway. The receiving office will get the PO Box mail to the giving office by around 8:00 am every day. If a package or an accountable mail piece cannot be delivered to the customer and a notice is left on the first day, the customer will not be able to pick it up at the "giving" office until the next day. The package or accountable mail piece will come back to the "giving" office the next day with the PO Box mail. The regular carrier and the RCA's seniority will be commingled with the "receiving office". The "giving" post offices will have their windows open and still provide customer service. We need to assure our customers the office is not closing and will have the same products and services. The carriers will just report from another office and they will receive their mail in the same timely manner. Several communities in the northern part of the state were under the impression their post offices were closing. There were several articles in the newspapers and the communities were panicked. We can communicate to our customers we are just like every other business in today's economic downturn we needed to make changes to be viable in the future.

This is a reality. If you have something that comes up during this process and you can't work it out with your POOM give me a call. NAPUS is here to help you and to get your questions answered. I will send out information to you as I get it-so please send me your email address so I can add you to my list. Ksharpe.napus@yahoo.com One bright point might be to some of you---if this does go nationwide wouldn't it make sense for the Postal Service to offer an early out with an incentive. As I said in the beginning, if I just had a crystal ball and could see what the next year brings for all of us.

A BIG Thank You to:

Julie Gilliland outgoing Secretary Treasurer

Scott Bowser outgoing National VP

Gloria Randall outgoing Editor

Larry Jacobs outgoing National PM Rep



**Gloria Randall
Editor**

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last article as your State Editor. Four years ago Gary Densford approached me and asked me to be the State Editor. At first I said no, but then I thought about it and went back and said yes I would try it. I am

so glad that I did because I have truly grown in a way that I had never dreamed was possible. The past four years as your editor has been a great time in my life. I have made many new NAPUS friends from Indiana and from all states.

As all of you know I retired the end of September and

am ready to start a new chapter in my life. I hope to be moving to Sevierville TN in the very near future and hope that if any of you are in the area you will get in touch with me.

Jackie Hill has agreed to finish the year out as your editor and she will do a terrific job. Jackie's email address is pm47042@verizon.net and her address is
106 Cliffside Dr
Versailles IN 47042
Phone number 812-689-5953

I hope to come back for State Convention this year and hope to see new faces stepping up to the plate and filling NAPUS offices



Scott Mann National VP Area 9 & 10

In the early 1980's the John Deere foundry I was employed with sold to another smaller foundry. In 1984 I became an RCR to supplement my bring home pay and soon after the small foundry closed its doors. All benefits and hopes of a bright future were gone.

It was then I took advantage of the college courses offered thru an unemployment program and began taking the battery exam everywhere and anywhere I could. In June 1987 I was hired as a PTF clerk/carrier in Lexington, Illinois. It was an 82 mile trip one way. My Postmaster Linda Kidd loaned me to every office that she could find. I filled in as a carrier, a clerk, and in maintenance. Lots of days I was put on a new city street, given a can of much needed dog repellent, and instructed to follow the mail.

My hometown Postmaster, Everett Wood negotiated with Ms Kidd and helped me successfully transfer to my hometown of Milford, Illinois in the fall of 1987, where I served as a clerk, carrier and a sub for the Rural Routes as needed. I had the opportunity to fill in as an OIC in two area communities. In 1993 with the Reduction in Force I was selected as Postmaster in Donovan, Illinois. In 1996 I was the successful candidate for Postmaster in Morocco, Indiana. In 1999 I was selected as the Postmaster at Horse Branch, Kentucky. While at Horse Branch I was detailed to Hopkinsville and Fort Campbell as supervisor and also was the OIC at Cave City. In 2002 I was named Postmaster at Edmonton, Kentucky where I am still delighted to be the Postmaster.

I have served as Sec/Treas for 609 Postmasters in Illinois.

At this time Postmasters were very active, concerned, and influential. I served as facility Co-Chairman the year the NAPUS National Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois. I was active in Indiana NAPUS. In Kentucky I have served the State Chapter of NAPUS as Credit Union Service Rep, Legislative Spokesman, President and Trainer at State Convention on Ebay and usps.com.

I am accompanied by my wife of 41 years, Linda who is the Postmaster at Hiseville, Kentucky.

It is my desire to have every Postmaster united and standing side by side to support and save the position of Postmaster. The position of Postmaster should be a community commitment, meeting the individual and unique needs of their community. Not to be a puppet run by the stroke of a key from the computers in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, or whatever Area you are under. I guess I should have been more politically correct and stated that as 'Whatever Area you report to.

If we fail to plan we are planning to fail. How many times have we heard that? If we as Postmasters fail to plan we will very soon hold the title of Lead SSA, and or Tour Supervisor. No community will be unique. No unique situations in a community will be considered. We will all be 'dictated' from somewhere at the top.

I urge all Postmasters....especially those under the age of 60 years to wake up and step up. It is not going to be business as usual at the Post Office if we do not stand together to save our entrusted positions. I am proud to stand as Postmaster of Edmonton, Kentucky and serve as National Vice President representing the states of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Respectfully yours,

Sympathy

CAROL BRANDT, Retired Postmaster of Arcola passed away Nov 19. Carol was a member and past President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Indiana Chapter of National Association of Retired Postmasters.

WALTER SMITH retired Postmaster of Butler, Indiana passed away on Dec. 20th.

CLARA MAE BREEDEN's husband Bob passed away Jan 7, in Fl. Clara Mae Breeden was PM at Sulphur, In.

PETE BARNES, formally Postmaster of Nabb and Lexington Indiana, passed away Jan 15. Pete's wife is Mary Jo Walker Barnes retired Postmaster of Floyds Knobs.

Condolences may be sent to: Mary Jo Walker-Barnes
1709 Twin Brook Dr
Sellersburg IN 47172

District 6 met December 3, 2009 at the Corner Cafe in Loogootee, IN. There were 22 members in attendance. Reports were given by Indiana NAPUS President Kim Sharpe. Officers for the 2010 term were nominated and elected. The new officers for 2010 will be:

- President: Alice Smith
- Vice President: Lydia Purdue
- Secretary Treasurer: Kathy Bowman

INDIANA NAPUS CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FULL NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HOME PHONE NUMBER _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS _____

NAME OF PRINCIPAL _____ DATE OF GRADUATION _____

Number of Students in your High School class _____ Your rank in High School class _____

High School Grade Point Average _____ Based on a 4.0 or 5.0 scale (Please circle) ACT Score _____
and/or SAT Score _____

College name, city & state (if attending now) _____

Full name, work location (city, zip code) and relationship of your NAPUS member sponsor _____

Name and address of two or four year college or vocational college you plan to attend: _____

Have you applied for admission? (Requirement) _____

Has your application been approved? (Requirement) _____

Do you currently work? _____ If yes, where or for whom? _____

Average hours worked per week _____ Do you plan to work while attending college? _____

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS *MUST* BE INCLUDED WITH THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION

- 1- OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND CURRENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (IF APPLICABLE).
- 2- COPY OF ACT AND/OR SAT SCORE.
- 3- TWO CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTERS WRITTEN BY A NON-RELATIVE.
- 4- COPY OF LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM THE COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

5- A TYPED SUMMARY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HOBBIES.

Membership and other Participation List by name, year, and approximate time commitment for each school, community, and volunteer activities. *Example:* Yearbook Staff (10,11, college) 25 hrs. a month for 6 months. Basketball (9,10,11,12, college) 40 hrs a month for 3 months.

Leadership Positions and Offices List by name, years held, and approximate time commitment for each school, community and volunteer activity. *Example:* Student Council Representative (9,10,11,12) 12 hrs. each month for 5 months. 4-H Leader (11,12, college) 5 hrs. each month for 4 months.

Honors and/or Awards List by name and year received. *Example:* All Conference Basketball (11, college). Boys/Girls State (11), Jr. Rotarian (10).

Volunteer Work Positions List by name, year, and approximate time commitment. *Example:* Candy Striper (11,12, college) 20 hrs. a month for 3 months. Bible School Teacher (12) 4 hours a day for one week.

Paid Work Positions List by name, year, and approximate hours worked. *Example:* Grocery Store (11,12, college) 16 hrs. a month for 2 months. McDonald's (10,11,12, college) 20 hrs. a month for 4 months.

6- AN ESSAY ON YOUR CAREER GOALS AND HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP WOULD HELP YOU ATTAIN THEM.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants must be a child, stepchild, legal ward or grandchild of a member, a retired member, or an associate member of the Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. The member, retired member, or associate member must certify the applicant's relationship. Indiana NAPUS Retired Members must be current dues paying members and must have been a continuing dues paying member until deceased. Associate Members must be a current dues paying member and must have been a continuing dues paying member of the Indiana Chapter of NAPUS for a minimum of three years.
- All information submitted becomes the property of the Scholarship Committee and will be held in strict confidence.
- Applications must be postmarked by March 15 of the year of the application.
- Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be expected to attend the Grand Banquet held at the Indiana NAPUS State Convention as a guest of the chapter to accept their scholarship.
- Send completed application and other required information to:

Indiana NAPUS Scholarship Fund

% Gary Densford

9338 S 950 E

Austin, IN 47102

If you have questions contact Gary Densford in writing at the address above or call 812-528-4339.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Indiana NAPUS Scholarship

It is with great pleasure I announce the formation of the Indiana NAPUS Scholarship for children of Indiana NAPUS members. Following a moving speech presented at the 2006 State convention by NAPUS National Retired Area Four Representative Dallas Sharpe, a small group of members made the commitment to establish a scholarship fund. Then President Gary Densford formed a committee and tasked its members with establishing guidelines for the scholarship. It was the goal of the executive Board at that time to have at least one Indiana NAPUS Scholarship presented in 2007.

The committee privately raised funds and set forth the rules for the process (see attached Scholarship Committee information). A copy of the application is included in this edition of the *Hoosier Postmaster*. To be eligible for the 2007 scholarship applications must be completed and received by March 15, 2007. The scholarship trustees will make the selection and the scholarship will be awarded at the Grand Banquet at the Indiana NAPUS State Convention in Indianapolis in June.

It is our hope that you will participate in this opportunity to support the children of Indiana NAPUS members. With your help, active and financial, the scholarship will become a continuing legacy of Indiana NAPUS. There will be more information about the activities of the new Scholarship Committee as time goes on. We encourage you to

participate at whatever level you can.

If you have a child, grandchild or ward as noted in the committee rules and they wish to apply for a scholarship, copy the application included in this issue of the *Hoosier Postmaster* or contact Sec/Treas, Julie French, PO BOX 2 Gaston, IN 47342 for an application.

My sincere thanks to Dallas Sharpe and to the present members of the committee- Scott Browser, Judy Dishman, Randy Clark, Gary Densford, Kim Sharpe, Larry Jacobs and Glenda Roundtree for their support and hard work in helping make the Indiana NAPUS Scholarship a reality.

Pamela S. Ford
President Indiana Chapter NAPUS Scholarship Committee

The NAPUS Scholarship Fund accepts donations of any amount at any time. Donations to the Scholarship Fund make a thoughtful memorial for anyone. Your contribution lives on by enriching the life of a young person who is striving to better themselves. Donations may be sent to:

The NAPUS Scholarship Fund
% Gary Densford, Treasurer
9338 S 950 E
Austin, IN 47102

First Class Recipes

The NAPUS Executive Board is in the process of putting together a cookbook from which the proceeds will benefit both the Scholarship Fund and PAC. The account is set up online and we have had about 70 recipes submitted to date. We would like to have at least three times that many by the end of March so that we can have the book available for sale by Mother's Day! Please send us your favorite recipes.

It is very easy to submit the recipes online and this is the preferred method:

Type- <http://typensave.com> in your address bar to go to the website for Morris Press Cookbooks.

Log In using the following information- Group Log In-
napusd2
Password- 8d2c2

Add your recipe using the drop down boxes provided and entering instructions and notes in the block provided. When all ingredients, instructions, and notes have been entered- click "Preview Recipe" and then click "Edit" or "Save" as appropriate. Note: You must preview the recipe, as this is the screen that allows you to "Save". It's easy to do!

But, if you prefer to submit your recipes hard copy you may mail them to me at: Pam Ford, 3195 N 800 W, Wabash, IN. 46992-8703 and we will enter the recipe. If you would like to volunteer to help add recipes and/or edit the cookbook please let me know, as we will need several people to help when we get enough recipes.

You are allowed to submit as many recipes as you please. We hope all of our retirees will submit their favorite recipes too. So, hunt up and submit your favorite recipes, and let's make this project a huge moneymaker for PAC and our Scholarship Fund!

2010 NAPUS Leadership (Legislative) Conference and Legislative Rally in Washington DC

This year's NAPUS Leadership Conference and Legislative Rally will be from March 21-24, 2010. It will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, located at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway in Arlington, VA. The rate for this hotel is \$203 for 1-4 persons, plus tax. **This rate is available on a first come, first serve basis until February 10, 2010 or until the room block is depleted, so please call as soon as possible! Rooms are historically depleted well before the cutoff date.** The phone number for the hotel is **703-920-3230**. Be sure to tell them you are with NAPUS. You will be required to give the hotel one night's deposit. This is the same hotel we have been in the past 6 years, and is located across from Washington National Airport. The Hotel offers a free shuttle service to and from Washington National. The Metro system connects directly with the Hotel complex for economical transportation to Capitol Hill and numerous other points in DC. Average fare is only about \$1.50 each way. There is a section of reasonably priced restaurants located within walking distance. *CAUTION!* There are several Marriott Hotels located in the Arlington VA area that have similar names. Please ensure you contact the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel listed above if you want to be at the Conference Hotel.

Their website address is <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/WASGW>

If you go to the Indiana NAPUS website at www.indianapostmasters.org you can find hotel and registration information and direct links on the "Legislative" page.

This year, the first 20 participants will receive a minimum of \$300, up to \$599 depending upon the number of participants. Registration by February 10th is \$130. (After Feb. 10th, registration increases to \$155.) Registration enables you to attend all functions including General Session, seminars and workshops, the Grand Banquet and dance, Legislative Coffee, and admittance to the Hospitality Room.

In order to receive reimbursement, you must attend all scheduled activities on Monday, March 22nd through Wednesday, March 24th. If you are leaving Washington on Wednesday, please do not plan to schedule transportation before 4:00 p.m. in order to make the required Capitol Hill visits to qualify for reimbursement.

Please NOTE: Please check with Legislative Chair Marv Gilliland before submitting any registration online or by mail to make sure you are one of the first 20 registered to ensure you will be reimbursed! You can contact me at home at 765-405-1448 or 574-242-1664 after 4 p.m. You can also contact me by email at margill473@comcast.net if you prefer.

I suggest you also visit your Representative or Senators' website to see what advance Tickets are available for DC area tours.

Recap of things you need to do:

- Make your hotel reservation as soon as possible to ensure you have a room at the Conference Hotel. (Make sure you contact the right one by calling 703-920-3230)
- Contact Marv *prior* to registering to make sure you are one of the first 20.
- To receive reimbursement, make sure you arrive in DC prior to 8 a.m. Monday, March 22nd, and don't plan to depart before 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24th. I suggest you come in earlier and/or depart later if you wish to have time for touring the DC area.
- Contact another PM to go to DC with you!

I hope you can attend this year!

Marv Gilliland
IN NAPUS Legislative Chair





Registration also available on line at www.napus.org. Please Note: one attendee per registration form

First Name (as it should appear on your badge): _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title (please check one that applies): Postmaster Postmaster Retired Associate Member Guest

Post Office You Represent: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Time Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee:	(please circle fee that applies)	Registration
	On or before February 10, 2010	\$130
	After February 10, 2010	\$155

Payment (Payment in full using one of these options must accompany this form):

- Check payable to NAPUS
- Travel Order #: _____
- NAPUS-FCU Visa
- American Express
- Visa/MasterCard

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Card Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Registration Cancellation Refund Policy:

Requests for cancellation refunds must be made in writing and be sent to the address below. Requests must be postmarked by February 10, 2010.

Hotel Reservations:

NAPUS has reserved a block of rooms at the discounted rate of \$203 Single/Double plus tax. You must call the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel directly to make reservations at (703) 920-3230. **This rate will be available on a first come, first served basis until February 10, 2010; rooms may be depleted well before January, so please call as quickly as possible.**

Banquet Seating:

Registrants will be seated with their chapters on a first come basis. Registrations received after **February 10, 2010** are not guaranteed to be placed at chapter tables and will be seated where space is available. Banquet tickets will be enclosed in your conference materials distributed at the beginning of the conference.

Please mail/fax registration forms to:

NAPUS Leadership Conference Registration
 c/o Let's Meet Inc.
 18222 Flower Hill Way #301
 Gaithersburg, MD 20879 Fax (877) 332-5186



Judy Dishman Membership

Please give a welcome to our newest members of NAPUS. Invite them to a district meeting and tell them about our State Convention in Indianapolis in June. We NEED these people to become active in NAPUS.

Verna Collins OIC Newport, IN 47966

Brooke Kennedy PMR Lizton IN 46149

Mary Johnson PMR Cannelburgh, In 47519

Michelle Gibson PMR Decker IN 46149

Angela Yost OIC Sedalia IN 46067

CiJi Fleetwood PMR Vallonia IN 47281

Mary Lane PMR Avoca IN

Yoland K Lockwood Postmaster Pleasant Lake IN

I am on sick leave at the present time so if you have any names I need to contact please use my email of jdish1@verizon.net. I will be happy to send them a packet and remember all new Postmasters, OIC and PMR's get a year's free membership. No cost at all for the first year. Also new "Postmasters" that sign up get a Red NAPUS polo shirt free from our chapter. New Postmasters signing up please contact me and let me know the size you need.

Also congratulations to our newly retired Postmasters for December. Enjoy your retirement!

Mark E. Carpenter Postmaster Retired
Margie A. Daniels Postmaster Retired
Michael R. Howard Postmaster Retired

Paula J. Kirts Postmaster Retired
Rhonda K. Lieske Postmaster Retired
Dennis Howell Postmaster Retired

RETIREES CORNER

The Retirees winter meeting will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 12, 13, & 14 at the Inn on the Lakes just off of Highway 27 in Sebring FL.

Room rates are \$89.00 plus 9% tax. Reservations must be made by Feb 12. Phone 863-471-9400. Cancellation policy: Inn on the Lakes requires 7 day notice of cancellation to avoid the room charge plus a \$25.00 service fee.

Dinner will be as a group in the brick room on Fri and Sat nights at 6:30. The final count is to be guaranteed 72 hours prior to arrival. This is the number we will be billed for.

Sunday breakfast will be as a group in the brick room and the worship service led by Elisha Layman, business meeting will follow.

Golfers contact Joe Zebell. Joe needs to know how many plan to attend.

Email: JoeZebell@msn.com

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Hello Indiana NAPUS Family I would like to introduce myself to your chapter as a candidate for the next NAPUS National Secretary Treasurer for the years 2011-2012. I am Scott Boardman the Postmaster of Camden Maine and the current President of the Maine NAPUS Chapter 29. In these difficult times in the Postal Service our organization needs two strong voices at the top of our organization. I will outline why I and many others believe that I am the person to work with President Bob Rapoza to represent our organization. I am persistent in fighting for the rights of Postmasters and believe that we are the heart of the business, without us there would be no Postal Service and I believe that the Postal Service has forgotten that we are Honorable people and a crucial part of the success or failure of the USPS. During the first year of this term is the all important pay consultations that will be negotiated with Postal Headquarters, you may ask why should we vote for a Postmaster from the small State of Maine? One important aspect of my campaign is the relationship that I have with Senator Susan Collins who was influential in passing the Postal Reform act of 2006. I have worked with the Senator and her staff for many years to help educate them on Postal related matters, we have worked closely with her to ensure that the Postmasters in this country have a fighting chance to succeed and I will continue to work the halls of Congress to protect Postmasters rights. I have been very successful in working with the District and Area in my home state of Maine and will pledge to do the same for the rest of the country if and when elected.

You may ask what is the most important part of the position of National Secretary Treasurer. I believe in the concept of team work, I pledge to work with you to ensure the financial situation with the National Association of Postmasters of the United States stays healthy and vibrant and I will look at all costs associated with our dues. Your dues money should be spent on you, our members, and these funds are not the NAPUS President, Secretary Treasurer, or Executive Boards money it is yours, our members. My degree in Marketing with studies in cost accounting and statistics will serve well to ensure your money is safe and secure. I will be looking at innovative ways to reduce costs and increase benefits to include all of you. One of the main objectives if elected will be to post quarterly a simple spreadsheet on the NAPUS National website so that you the member can see where we are with finances. You will not be excluded from knowing what we spend our money on; it will be simple yet effective to ensure that you know where we are financially.

In closing I would like to thank the great states of Hawaii, Maine and the entire New England council for getting an endorsement for me early in the campaign. I know that there are other states that have indicated their intention to endorse, however, bylaws sometimes do not allow an endorsement prior to the State convention so I will not mention the other states that have indicated and pledged their support. I would like you to consider voting for the best candidate with the skills, knowledge, and fire within to represent you for the years 2011-2012. If you have any questions of me please visit my website at Scott2011.com and I will be glad to answer your concerns.

Scott Boardman - Candidate for NAPUS National Secretary Treasurer 2011-2012

I hope everyone that attended the national convention in Anchorage had a wonderful time and enjoyed the magnificent scenery. If you were unable to attend, you sure did miss a special event with your fellow NAPUS members.

I would like to thank everyone that offered me support and words of encouragement this year. The 2009 NAPUS convention season is now over. I traveled to many states this year, and look forward to attending as many state conventions next year as time permits.

So far this year I have received full state endorsements from Oklahoma, Illinois, Utah, Montana, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Ohio and Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands. The early support of my fellow NAPUS members from these states encourages me. And, I thank those who offered their support next year from the bottom of my heart.

I believe I have a lot more to offer the NAPUS membership in the capacity as National Secretary/Treasurer and if elected will again provide the excellent leadership our membership deserves. I listened to the membership from throughout the country, and took their concerns and requests to the Executive Board. Many of the suggestions were adopted after I performed research and presented reasonable financial explanations for their requests to be honored.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season. See you at the Leadership Conference and/or on the campaign trail next year!

Ruthie Cauble – Candidate for NAPUS National Secretary Treasurer 2011-2012

INDIANA NAPUS ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 8-11th, 2010
REGISTRATION FORM

THE MARTEN HOUSE HOTEL
 AND LILY CONFERENCE CENTER
 1801 W.86th St.
 Indianapolis, IN 46260
 (317) 872-4111

ROOM RATES EXPIRE MAY 8, 2010
 \$91.00 SINGLE OR DOUBLE PLUS TAX

NAME _____
 OFFICE _____ ZIP _____
 NAME ON BADGE _____ GUEST _____

INFORMATION ONLY- 1ST TIMER IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION ONLY IF THEY HAVE SIGNED AN 1187 BETWEEN JUNE 8, 2009 AND JUNE 8, 2010. Reimbursement will be mailed after the convention to each first timer that attended the 2010 Convention.

____ THIS IS MY FIRST CONVENTION
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	PRIOR TO March 31st, 2010	AFTER March 31st, 2010
POSTMASTER	\$75.00 _____	\$85.00 _____
OIC	\$75.00 _____	\$85.00 _____
Assoc. Member	\$75.00 _____	\$85.00 _____
PM Retired	\$60.00 _____	\$70.00 _____
PM Retired Guest	\$60.00 _____	\$70.00 _____

INDIVIDUAL DAILY TRAINING SESSIONS WITHOUT MEALS:
\$15.00

<u>EXTRA TICKETS</u>	<u>Prior 3/31/2010</u>	<u>After 3/31/2010</u>
LUNCHEON-RETIREE/SPOUSE FEE	\$10.00 _____	\$15.00 _____
LUNCHEON-NON RETIREE FEE	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
1 ST TIMERS BREAKFAST	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
GRAND BANQUET	\$35.00 _____	\$40.00 _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____		

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and your District Meetings.**