

January 2018

At our December Union meeting we announced that over the previous month we won \$117,000 to our branch due to repetitive violations of our contract and our members won close to \$250,000! And, most of these settlements were with the Area Office! We have never had such huge monetary settlements in one month. Hopefully, we have now received the attention of the Area Office and L'Enfant Plaza so that they will hold local management accountable for their violations of our contract. I hope I never hear from management again that "it's not my money, so I don't care." That attitude is just so reckless and irresponsible. We only escalate the remedies in an effort to attain contract compliance. We all hope that there would be little or no grievances. If that were to happen, it would mean all of our members were getting all their contractual rights. And, that is all we have ever strived for.

I want to welcome the Burtonsville Carriers into our branch. By letter dated November 27, 2017 Fred Rolando approved the recommendation of Vada Preston to transfer the Burtonsville Carriers to our branch. So, welcome brothers and sisters! I can assure you we will do our best to represent you in our efforts to get all of your contractual rights.

I want to congratulate Laura Hennessey for being named one of three Union Step B reps within the Capital Metro Area by Vada Preston! Also, Laura is in the NALC Leadership Academy and has attended the Formal A & Beyond training.

Also, our Vice President, Chuck Clark, just went through arbitration training. I have complete confidence that Chuck will do a terrific job representing Letter Carriers in arbitration.

I want to thank Vada Preston for the good job he did concerning our installation of officers.

IN THE STRUGGLE,

Kenneth Lerch
President NALC 3825