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## The President's Message . . .



by Jennifer Sigmon

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had good times with family and friends through the holidays. Now is the time to make a few New Year's resolutions. My first one is I am going to learn how to make friends with technology. I am including everything from my smart watch, phone to computer. The biggest resolution I think everyone should attempt is to be more tolerant and patient as a society. Starting with something simple such as sitting in traffic. How about when some-

one does something stupid such as cutting you off? Chalk it up to a bad driver. What if it's a new driver? Your daughter or son learning to drive? Count to ten and let it go. It's not that important.

Most everyone saw the Bengals/Bills game Monday evening when the young football player went into cardiac arrest after taking a direct hit to his chest. They had to perform CPR on him on the football field. The last update I saw on him he is out of intensive care and his vitals are back to normal. These kinds of incidents bring into perspective on what is important in life. Take time to do something nice for someone for no reason.

Look through your closets, if you have a coat, scarf or gloves that you no longer wear, donate them to the Salvation Army. It's starting to get cold. Think of others instead of yourself. A little kindness can go a long way.

Our Annual Holiday Party is a few weeks away. It is going to be held at the Villa Milano event center on Schrock Rd. It's on February 18. This year we will have a DJ. It sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun. Tickets are available at City Gate, Twin Rivers and the Union Hall.

2022 was a busy year. We started with the ratification of a new Union Contract. The year saw a large number of conversions. Things got back to normal with conferences and the National convention was held in person.

Two of the biggest issues that we face in the new year is hostile work environments and short staffing. Ways we can fight back is get involved in your Union. Learn

your rights. Come to a Union meeting. Sign up a non-member. Wear your Union shirts and gear. It is true we are stronger together. Do you ever wonder why management doesn't want you to ask for a steward? Management doesn't want grievances filed. They don't want to follow the Contract.

I am going to close with I hope to see you at a Union meeting in the coming year. Work safe, work smart.

*Someone is counting on you to come home safely. Remember, "safety isn't expensive, it's priceless". (Jerry Smith)*

Jennifer Sigmon

## Update to APWU Members on LiteBlueFraud

The scam involves either a phone call from someone claiming to be a Postal Inspector or a fraudulent website that looks like LiteBlue, but sends workers' log in details to the fraudsters.

Once workers have provided the scammers with their security information, such as passwords and EINs, the scammers can log into their victims' LiteBlue accounts and change their net- to-bank payroll information.

On Dec. 29 the USPS disabled access to change PostalEase on external sites. Employees can still login through external computers, but can only view their direct deposit and other information. Employees who need to change their information will have to either login to PostalEase through an ACE computer at a postal facility or call the Human Resource Shared Service Center (HRSSC) directly at 1-877-477-3273 to make any necessary direct deposit or benefit changes at this time.

It is important that you should never share your LiteBlue/ PostalEase login information with anyone. The Postal Inspectors will not call or ask for this information over the phone.

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## 2022-2023 Adult Holiday Party



Saturday, February 18, 2023  
6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

**Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center**  
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Who may attend: APWU members and (1) guest.  
Cost: \$10.00 per person  
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Tickets available from Stewards and the Union Hall Office, or mail your request and payment to the APWU Union Hall, 610 Lancaster Ave., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, February 10, 2023.

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*Omar Abtidon*

*Deshauna Branham*

*Kennedy Caldwell*

*Markesha Gravely*

*Sarmad Hameed*

*John Mathys*

*William Nkemson*

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*Tulsa Pyakurel*

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**HAPPY RETIREMENT**

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*Jerry Everette*

*Darryl Smith*

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•GOOD TIMES!  
•GOOD CAUSES!

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AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION

COLUMBUS OHIO AREA LOCAL 232

December 18, 2022 Monthly Membership Meeting was Cancelled

AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION

COLUMBUS OHIO AREA LOCAL 232

Executive Board Meeting • Tuesday, December 13, 2022

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Jennifer Sigmon - President	Present	Norma Quijas - Clerk Craft Director	Present
Rick Farrell - Vice - President	Present	Xaviere Reed - Maint. Craft Director	Present
Angie Lyshe - Secty. Treasurer	Present	Ken Bradley- MVS Craft Director	Present
Edward Lyshe - Recording Secty.	Present		

- 1) Ed Lyshe made a motion to order 6 more crowd control barriers up to an amount of funds. Angie Lyshe 2nd. *Motion passed*
- 2) Norma Quijas made a motion to donate all the leftover toys from the Children's Christmas Party to the local firefighter toy drive. Rick Farrell 2nd. *Motion passed*
- 3) Angie Lyshe made a motion to allocate up to an amount of funds for our Steward Appreciation to get a giftcard for each steward. Ed Lyshe 2nd. *Motion passed*

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MADE BY ANGIE LYSHE  
SECOND BY NORMA QUIJAS  
MOTION PASSED

EDWARD LYSHE  
RECORDING SECRETARY  
APWU/COAL 232

H.R. 2617 Becomes Law: The Government is Funded  
December 30, 2022

Before the end of the 117th Congress, lawmakers worked to pass a bipartisan \$1.7 trillion spending bill that funds the government through Sept. 30, 2023. This bill passed in the Senate on Dec. 22, 2022, the House the next day, and was signed into law by President Biden on Dec. 29, 2022.

This new budget incorporates two aspects we were fighting for: increased funding for the

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and positive electoral reform. The NLRB protects the rights of workers to organize

and collectively bargain, while working to prevent unfair labor practices. The NLRB has been flat-funded since 2014 and, without a much-needed funding increase, was set to furlough employees in the new year. This bill gives the agency a \$25 million increase and allows the agency to continue protecting the rights of American workers.

Another notable provision of the spending bill is a measure designed to protect our elections. The bi-partisan Electoral Count Reform Act confirms that the vice

president has only a ceremonial role in counting the electoral college votes. This part of the law also increases the threshold to challenge results to prevent one member of Congress from impeding the transition between presidential administrations. This provision will secure the integrity of our presidential elections and help prevent a future presidential administration from obstructing the transition of power just because they disagree with the results of an election.

While we lobbied for the elimination of the Windfall

Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), an expanded child tax credit, as well as the continuation of Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP) Covid presumption language, these additions were not included in the spending bill. There is much work to be done in the upcoming 118th Congress, and the APWU will continue to fight for the issues that matter most to our members in the new year.

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APWU Monthly  
Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

APWU #232 Union Hall

610 Lancaster Ave.

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Please Plan To Attend

In Sympathy

The members of Local 232  
wish to express our condolences for your loss.

Andrew (Andy) Keller – Clerk – He has passed away.  
Kenneth Logan – Retired Maintenance – He has passed away.

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FEBRUARY 2023

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PLEASE ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS!

**APWU UNION HALL**  
610 Lancaster Ave. • Reynoldsburg  
at 7:00 P.M.

## Quotes of The Month

“New Year’s resolutions have always been something to beat myself up with by the second week of January. It seems perverse to set yourself up for failure right at the start of the year.” ~ Romesh Ranganathan

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.” ~ Anne Bradstreet

“Here is an unchanging truth valid for all the New Year’s: The more you believe in luck, the less successful you will be!” ~ Mehmet Murat ildan

“If a goal is worth having, it’s worth blocking out the time in your day-to-day life necessary to achieve it.” ~ Jill Koenig

“We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential.” ~ Ellen Goodman

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