

SCRIBE ARTICLE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2009 POSTAL RECORD

The Committee of Presidents meeting held in Detroit, Michigan was the best ever. Our new national Union president, Fred Rolando, received two prolonged standing ovations. Rolando stayed for all the business, the first president to ever do that, and asked us for our input on all the issues affecting the NALC. This was the best example of democracy within the NALC in my 31 years of involvement. Some of the important issues discussed included; MIARAP, excessing, FSS, falsification of clockrings, COR adjustments, escalating remedies for NON-ODL's due to Article 8 Section 5G violations (overtime rules), artificial undertime, monetary payments for inequitable distribution of overtime, the poison pill amendment (S-1507) and many other critical subjects. The president from Detroit, Sandra Laemmel, did a great job organizing this event!

I would like to encourage everyone to see Michael Moore's new movie, Capitalism: A Love Story. This film is a masterpiece and clearly shows what capitalism in America is doing to the poor and working people. We now live in a country where the richest 1 *percent* have more financial wealth than the bottom 95 *percent* combined.

I would also like to persuade everyone to watch Keith Olbermann's Special Comment on healthcare which aired October 7, 2009. Just google Keith Olbermann and you will be able to watch this incredibly moving and passionate dialogue on healthcare. No baby should live or die base on how much money one makes!

Please visit our web site set up by Union Brother Chuck Clark at (WWW.NALC3825.COM). We have added important Step B decisions, Formal A settlements as well as arbitration decisions and some contentions. You can see how much money each supervisor in the nation makes. You can also see the number of stops on each route, and detailed colored maps for every route in the country!

IN THE STRUGGLE,

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