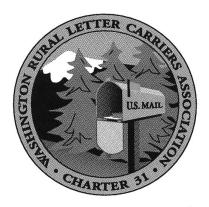
# Washington Rural Carrier

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Where Service Begins With a Smile



# **Rural Letter Carriers' New Years' Resolutions:**

By WARLCA President Cheri Freeman

- 1.) Be informed about my job!
  - **a.** Study the new contract
  - b. Read *The National Rural Letter Carrier*, my monthly magazine
  - c. Attend my County Unit Meetings
  - d. Bring my questions for the steward to answer
  - e. Prepare Resolutions on issues that I want addressed concerning the contract
  - f. Attend State Convention!

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- 2.) Be ready for Count:
  - a. Attend Mail Count School
  - b. Go online to the NRLCA website and review the Mail Count Guide
  - c. Bring my questions to mail count school
  - d. Bring questions and concerns to Pre-Count Conference
  - e. Be prepared to document all disputes daily
  - f. Call my steward immediately with issues that arise (& not wait until the end of count).
- 3.) Know who my steward is:
  - a. What is my steward's phone number (found in Special Edition of the *The National Rural Letter Carrier*, Dec. 2012.
  - b. Know my rights in the grievance procedure
  - c. Contact my steward immediately when I think management violated my rights or the contract.
  - d. File my grievance within 14 days from the day of incident

4.) Know what legislation concerning the Post Office is being discussed in Congress:
a. Check the What's New page on the NRLCA & the WARLCA websites
b. Get on the WARLCA Updates email list
c. Call or write your Congressman/woman & Senators and ask for their support in saving the Postal Service

5.) Who is my Congress person?

Dist. 1: Suzan DelBene (new\*)

Dist. 2: Rick Larsen (202) 225-2605

Dist. 3: Jaime Herrera Beutler (202) 225-3536

Dist. 4.: Doc Hastings (202) 225-5816

Dist. 5: Cathy McMorris Rodgers (202) 225-2006

Dist. 6: Derek Kilmer (new\*)

Dist. 7: Jim McDermott (202) 225-3106

Dist. 8: Dave Reichert (202) 225-7761

Dist. 9: Adam Smith (202) 225-8901

Dist. 10.:Denny Heck (new\*)

\*New Congressmen/women have not published their DC phone numbers yet

6.) Who are my Senators?

Patty Murray: (202) 224-2621 Maria Cantwell: (202) 224-3441

Happy New Year!



# The State of **Transition**

By WARLCA Vice President Renee Cowan

# Hello Members,

As we complete one of our most stress filled times as rural carriers, I want to remind carriers that EAP is a confidential counseling and referral service that can help you and your family successfully deal with life's challenges. EAP services are available to you at no cost, as the USPS has prepaid these services. Confidential help with work, family, and personal matters is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Counselors are available to provide assistance at 800-327-4968 (800-EAP-4YOU) TTY: 877-492-7341.

With the transition to the National Steward System and the state of the Postal Service still waiting on Congress, now more than ever is time to get the non-members in your office to become informed and join the union.

We have seen our membership in the Seattle District, slowing decrease in numbers, due to members retiring and new RCAs not being recruited.

I want to challenge the members in Washington State to recruit members. Remind regular carriers and relief carriers that we will be going through a three (3) week mail count in February and all carriers should be attending Mail Count Class provided by their Union. Every relief carrier working should be reminded that the route evaluation is how they are paid, that every second counts for all of the routes they work. (Only members can attend these Union paid functions.)

Carriers need to stop relying on management to provide them with contractual information, when most of the managers and supervisors contact Seattle District Operation Support for their contractual advice, not the Seattle District Labor Representative. Most of the carriers in Washington can attest to the inaccurate information provided by OPS.

So help your fellow carriers by encouraging them to know their rights, get information to better assist them with what is required in the handbooks and manuals concerning their jobs. Encourage them to find out what they are paid for and what they should receive additional compensation for.

When a non-member asks you a question concerning their rights or their pay check, encourage them to JOIN and come to a meeting and obtain handouts to help assist them better!!!

Check the NRLCA.org website for the latest mail count guide.

# Come One and Come All to YOUR State Convention in Oak Harbor, Washington

By Mariann Faulkner District One Representative



District 1 is hosting the state convention this year! The convention will be held in the lovely city of Oak Harbor, and yes this writer will attest to the fact that I think Oak Harbor is lovely. We will be staying at the BEST WESTERN PLUS Harbor Plaza and Conference Center. The room rates are \$99 for a double queen and \$99 for a deluxe king, there is a \$10 charge for third person sharing double room. Each room has a microwave and refrigerator and the hotel's outdoor pool and hot tub will be open. Exercise room and business center are also available for guests. There are many activities in and around Oak Harbor; the two notable ones are the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and Deception Pass. There are numerous state parks in the area along with wineries, bird watching, country farms, boating and fishing.

Saturday night's meet and greet will not start until 7 pm; this will give more people time to arrive and have a bite to eat first. Dessert only is the food theme for our meet and greet. I hope you can all attend and get to know your fellow carriers from around the state.

Monday night's banquet will be held at the Whidbey Island State Park where we will have an All American BBQ. If you choose you can add a boat tour around Deception Pass. Discover the Bridge as you have never seen it before... by water! Enjoy the sights, smells and sounds while traveling through the whirlpools of Deception Pass aboard the Island Whaler. The Deception Pass tour boat holds 34 seated passengers and 2 standing. We have rented the boat for one hour for their sunset cruise. The boat will make two trips so the first 72 people who register and pay will get to go. I have taken

this trip and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Remember to bring your camera and a coat.

We (your state board and I) would like to invite any member who can't attend the full convention to consider coming to the Saturday night meet and greet: desserts and beverages will be served and you will have an opportunity to meet and learn more about your fellow carriers from around the state.

The Sunday night County Officer training and dinner is free to newly elected and pre-registered 2013-2014 Presidents, V. Presidents and Sec/Treasurers. If you are a county officer and can not attend the full convention, please try and make it to this training and dinner.

Monday, June 24 is the banquet/tour. This is also open to members who can not come to the convention. Boat tour seating will be first filled by delegates and their guests; any seats still available would be filled by non-delegates and their guests by first registered and paid. Refunds will be made if not enough seats are available for registrations received.

See the registration in this paper for prices and deadlines.

We have a lot of work to do; with two mail counts and implementation of the National Steward program since our last convention, I imagine quite a few resolutions will be brought before us. Make sure you attend your county unit's annual meeting so you can come and be a part of your state convention.

I look forward to seeing you in Oak Harbor!

# Join The Union? Why Should You?

By Rebecca Wendlandt, WARLCA Secretary/Treasurer



Do you get asked, "Why join the union?" I do, and it always amazes me that non-members and even many members think that the USPS would pay the same hourly pay if we did not have a union negotiating for those wages and benefits. Of course the USPS would not pay us the same; in fact, they would

like to contract us out just like HCR routes at minimum wages and no benefits. If we think things are bad now, look at what non-union delivery people make, like the person who delivers your paper. It seems to be the norm now to blame the unions if a company goes out of business, like the Hostess Twinkies, but did anyone check to see what management was making? Have you checked what top management makes at the USPS? In 2011 there were 13 employees (PMG and VP's) that made over \$225,000 a year. What always amazes me is that those managers saw the USPS going in the red year after year yet did nothing but take their bonus and retire and were never held accountable. Does the captain or the cabin workers steer the ship? Does anyone check to see if the number of managers has decreased in proportion to the number of craft workers? All I see are mandates coming down from above that make no common sense, like no overtime and no auxiliary help for all rural routes at Christmas yet we had more parcels this year than ever. And yet, how many clerks receive overtime all year long? Maybe some of the routes can keep to their evaluated hours but those routes that receive the majority of parcels can't. Why not let the postmasters decide, based on what they see on a daily basis? We no longer have postmasters, we have management puppets. Be proud that you are a member of a union that believes in livable wages and benefits. Yes, we are in the fight of our life to keep what we have, but it still beats minimum wage!

National Convention Delegates: The National Convention delegate nomination form will be in the February issue through the May issue of the National paper. All you need to have your name on the ballot is to complete this nomination form and mail it to the State Secretary. I will acknowledge the receipt of your nomination form by mail. If you have not gotten a return postcard from me 7 days after you sent me your nomination form, please call (509) 710 7840 to verify that I received it. Otherwise your name might not be on the ballot.

**State Convention:** Time to register for state convention! You will see the form in the paper and on our website, WARLCA.com. Make sure you go to your county meeting and ask to be a delegate to state convention, even if you are not sure yet if you are going. You can always not go, but if you decide later to go and are not a county delegate you won't get paid.

County Meetings: Don't think you have time to attend a county meeting where a national steward will be speaking? Who do you want to get answers from, a co-worker, a well-meaning but uniformed manager, or a national steward? It is up to you to know your rights and responsibilities. What better way than at a county meeting. That co-worker is not going to represent you if you get a letter of warning and just saying, "I didn't know the rules" is not going to keep you employed. You can also submit resolutions for changes you want to see on your next contract.

I hope to see many of you at Western States Conference. None of us get paid to attend, but I have gotten more information from these meetings than at National Convention, so I feel it is worth my time and money.

Thank you for those who have recruited a non-member and thank you all county officers for stepping up to serve your fellow members. I hope everyone has a peaceful and healthy 2013!

	NEW MEM	IBERS			
	Erik Swanson	Poulsbo			
	Steven Watkins	Kelso			
	Duane Johnson	Arlington			
	Laureen Chamberlin	Newport			
	Deanna Sanderson	Marysville			
	Ronald Davis	Sequim			
	Nancy Hillegeist	Malaga			
	Yelena Antonova	Marysville			
	Christine Cricchio	Lynden			
	Wilfredo Cruz	Seattle			
	Zenaida Purganan	Kent			
	Tabetha Darrow	Oak Harbor			
	Susan Massie	Yacolt			
	Lisa Lasley	Quincy			
	Duane Gauthier	Clayton			
	Katherine Stively	Liberty Lake			
	Trung Nguyen	Vancouver			
	Jessica Rogers	Marysville			
	Todd Ingram	Spokane			
	Raul Garcia	Mabton			
	Valerie Smith	Toledo			
	DECEASED M	FMRFRS			
Elinor Armstead, Benhart Brynildsen,					
	Estel Healy, Robert McDonald, Faye				
	Voie, Roger Koontz.				
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# History Being Made Without Fanfare

By Seattle District Representative Patrick Pitts

There are times when historical events are recognized with pomp and circumstance, with parades replete with dignitaries and marching bands, with fanfare and confetti.



But there are also times when history is made with little more than a whisper. As most of you are aware, the transition from a steward system administered by the state association to one administered by the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association went into effect on November 17, 2012. The delegates to the 2011 National Convention held in Savannah, Georgia, whether they knew it or not, made history by approving the transition to a National Steward System. It was 1971 when the NRLCA changed from a "lobbying organization" to a "bargaining organization." Prior to that time, salaries, most fringe benefits and working conditions were determined by Acts of Congress, rather than collective bargaining. 1971 and the early part of 1972 was devoted to establishing the foundation of the Steward System, a system of steward representation administered by the individual state associations. It was blazing a new trail, quietly making history, and much time and thought by our National Board went into developing the new system. With excellent training being provided by the National Office, the steward system matured into a sophisticated system that served rural carriers well for 40 years.

And now, once again, history is made without fanfare. No fireworks in the sky, or celebration at midnight greeted this new day in the history of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association and perhaps that can be viewed as a good thing. One major goal in the transition to the new system was to limit disruption to the membership as much as possible; a goal that was accomplished with flying colors. Will there be bumps in this new road we travel? Rest assured there will be; but also know that our National Board is well-prepared to confront any challenge that lie around the bend and stand ready to smooth the road we are now called to travel.

It was well said by James P. Blaisdell, the chief spokesman of the Postal Service at the first contract negotiations in January, 1971, and can be applied to our historical transition to a National Steward System, "We're building a new road, not repairing or making changes in an old one."

And now, it is proper and right that we recognize those stewards and representatives who history will show as the first to hold those positions in the Seattle District under the National Steward System; and to identify who you should contact with questions that may arise on a day-to-day basis.

If you work in one of the Seattle District offices listed below, your local steward is identified. My heartfelt thanks to each of these stewards for the service they provide the members of the rural craft in their office, as well as the service they provide the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

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# **Local Stewards**

First Name	Last Name	Office
Donna	McKay	Arlington
David	Ray	Auburn
Dan	Marshall	Bainbridge Island
Shawn	Johnson	Bellevue
Shirley	Smith-Oswald	Bellingham
Randy	King	Bow
Tony	Lott	Bremerton

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Jamie Matthewas Centralia

Tony LeBlanc Coeur D'Alene

Susan (Lorrie) Colville Crayne Alicia Peterson Eatonville Patti Dixon Ellensburg Beverly Adams Ferndale Gold Bar Carol Halverson Jeffery **Taylor** Greenacres Kevin Krommenhoek Issaquah Robert Nason Issaquah

Taralee Mohr Lake Stevens
Kurt Ekrem Marysville
Janie Walla Marysville
Toad Brandt Moscow

Kooskia

Hunter

Christine

Diane Way Mount Vernon
Levi Hanson Nine Mile Falls
Maureen Kamienski North Bend
Dominic Talavera Oak Harbor
Kristian Granish Olympia

Steven Vocke Olympia-Lacey
David Wood Port Angeles
Peter Hynos Post Falls
Christine Arndt Priest River

Joseph Solce Sagle Sherrie Flansburgh Shelton Frymire Snohomish Jan York Mary Kay Sprague Mariann Faulkner Stanwood Sumner Dawn Ayers Sullins Jimmy Troy

Steve Higgins Walla Walla
Tammy Donaghue Wenatchee
Beverly Crow West Richland

Karen Hill Woodinville

Christine Hodgson Worley
Joyce Patteson Yakima
James Folk Yelm

#### AREA STEWARDS

We also have two Area Stewards; stewards who serve as the representative in specifically assigned offices. These Area Stewards bring a high level of professionalism to their assigned position and are to be commended for the service they provide those members of the rural craft they are called to represent. Each of the Area Stewards are identified below, followed by their assigned office.

# **Jeff Taylor**

20923 E Trent Ave Otis Orchards WA 99027-8201 (509) 993-0188

<u>Jltsgtusmc1@msn.com</u>

Assigned offices: Chattaroy, Colbert, Liberty Lake, Newman Lake, Otis Orchards, Rockford, Spokane Valley, Tekoa, Valleyford, and Veradale.

#### Janie Walla

27208 104th Dr NW Stanwood WA 98292-8049 (425) 308-7305 thewallas@juno.com

Assigned offices: Blaine, Duvall, Eastsound, Everett, Everson, and Lopez Island

If yours is not one of the offices listed above, contact the District Representative or Assistant District Representative (formerly called State Steward or Senior Assistant State Steward) listed below. Simply find the first three digits of your office ZIP code to identify your contact person.

# SEATTLE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

## **Patrick Pitts**

District Representative Seattle/Alaska District P.O. Box 96 Orting WA 98360-0096 509.280.7444 patrick.pitts@nrlca.org Zip Codes beginning 982

# **Monte Hartshorn**

Assistant District Representative P.O. Box 321
Castle Rock WA 98611
509.315.7670
monte.hartshorn@nrlca.org

ZIP Codes beginning: 980, 981, 984, 985

### Renee' Cowan

Assistant District Representative P.O. Box 1795
Orting WA 98360-1795
509.315.7012
renee.cowan@nrlca.org
ZIP Codes beginning 983

#### Scott Murahashi

Assistant District Representative P.O. Box 92 Odell OR 97044-0092 541.399.0890 scott.murahashi@nrlca.org

# **Anthony LeBlanc**

Assistant District Representative P.O. Box 71
Cataldo ID 83810
208.755.9098
anthony.leblanc@nrlca.org
ZIP Codes beginning: 835, 838

### **Cheryl Freeman**

Assistant District Representative P.O. Box 1022 Chewelah WA 99109-1022 509.675.1842 <u>cheryl.freeman@nrlca.org</u> ZIP Codes beginning: 990, 991, 992

# **Joyce Patteson**

Assistant District Representative P.O. Box 1005 Selah WA 98942 509.580.0043 joyce.patteson@nrlca.org ZIP Codes beginning: 988, 989, 993

Those stewards and representatives shown above will quietly enter the pages of history as the first in their respective positions. Join me in thanking each of them for answering the call to serve.

NOTE: Historical information obtained from *The National Rural Letter Carriers' Association: A Centennial Portrait* by Lester F. Miller.

# You Can Win An iPad With Contributions

By WARLCA PAC Chair Susie Hill



Thanks to your State board, you have a chance to win an iPad when you donate to PAC. For each \$25 you donate (must be in increments of \$25, i.e. 5-\$5 donations will not qualify) you will receive an entry in the drawing. A donation of \$100 will equal 5 entries. If you are on an automatic payment to PAC you will receive tickets for your total donation.

Now might be a good time to sign up for a payroll deduction or bank transfer. You can donate at any county meeting or send a check to me at PO Box 93 Vashon, WA 98070-0093. Make your check out to NRLCA-PAC. The drawing will be held at the State Convention in June, 2013. A cash award of \$500 can be chosen instead of the iPad.

The second win is the benefit PAC has toward the fight for 6-day delivery. Congress will convene with new members that must be educated about the rural craft and the Postal Service in general. Our legislative team at the National office needs your help, both financially and with letter writing. Your donation is vital for continuing the battle. Don't count on someone else to do it for you. If each one of us pays a little it will add up to a large contribution.

Write a letter to Congress-send a check to PAC. Two simple ways you can help. You can find a sample letter on the NRLCA.org website; click on Departments, then Gov't/PAC and then Grassroots.

Once again we will have our Yard Sale tables set up at State convention. Is it time to clean out a closet or two? Anything gently used can be a part of your PAC donation. Take the items to your next county meeting and give them to your district representative. If you also give them a list of what you donated I can give you a PAC receipt.

My best to all of you for 2013 and thank you for your help.



# Washington Rural Letter Carriers' Association Statement of Activities - Previous Year Comparison

July through December 2012

	Jul - Dec 12	Jul - Dec 11	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
400000 - Dues Income	239,827.05	245,177.83	-2.2%
410000 · National General Insurance-GMAC	6,238.00	8,787.37	-29.0%
420000 · Reimbursements & Refunds	8,017.33	7,806.00	2.7%
Total Income	254,082.38	261,771.20	-2.9%
Expense			
500000 · Per Capita Expenses	824.68	414.16	99.1%
520000 · Meetings and Conventions	60,039.83	62,460.23	-3.9%
530000 · Equipment Expense	301.64	783.66	-61.5%
550000 · Payroll Txs-Acct Fees-Other Exp	35,286.76	31,228.73	13.0%
610CF · President - Cheri Freeman	2,271.16	2,302.90	-1.4%
620MH · Vice President - M. Hartshorn	0.00	1,381.74	-100.0%
620RC · Vice President - Renee' Cowan	1,762.03	0.00	100.0%
620RP · Vice President - R. Pike	0.00	20.00	-100.0%
630RW · Sec/Treas R. Wendlandt	26,408.14	23,268.60	13.5%
640DR · Editor - Doug Rinehart	391.00	0.00	100.0%
640SH · Editor - Susie Hill	508.61	1,264.81	-59.8%
645000 · Washington Rural Carrier (WRC)	2,831.00	2,068.16	36.9%
650MF · District 1 - M. Faulkner	2,650.82	1,836.06	44.4%
660DR · District 2 - D. Rinehart	2,576.17 0.00	0.00	100.0%
660RC - District 2 - R Cowan		1,538.25	-100.0%
670CK · District 3 - C. Koker	0.00	134.82	-100.0%
670JL · District 3 - J. Lee	3,227.89 0.00	2,684.22 2,442.32	20.3% -100.0%
680EO · District 4 - E. Ogdon 680JP · District 4 - Joyce Patteson	1.992.32	2,442.32	100.0%
700000 · Steward Training Expenses	3.324.20	6.020.30	-44.8%
700000 - Steward Training Expenses 700PP - Full Time State Stew - P. Pitts	31,290.69	37,014.14	-15.5%
740MH · Senior Asst Stew - M. Hartshorn	8,795.36	9,389.72	-6.3%
770JP - Senior Asst Stew - J. Patteson	12.104.93	10,626.08	13.9%
791RC · Senior Asst Stew - R. Cowan	12,472.55	19,021.56	-34.4%
792CF · Senior Asst Stew - C. Freeman	12,576.31	15,201.01	-17.3%
873MF · Area Steward - M. Faulkner	0.00	858.17	-100.0%
874JT · Area Steward - J. Taylor	3.602.38	2.154.10	67.2%
875JW - Area Steward - J. Walla	3,899.09	3,211.00	21.4%
880LS - Local Steward	131.96	33.95	288.7%
Total Expense	229,269.52	237,358.69	-3.4%
Net Ordinary Income	24.812.86	24,412.51	1.6%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
450000 · Interest Income	781.70	935.75	-16.5%
Total Other Income	781.70	935.75	-16.5%
Net Other Income	781.70	935.75	-16.5%
Net Income	25,594.56	25,348.26	1.0%
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# Washington Rural Letter Carriers' Association Statement of Financial Position - Compared to Previous Year As of December 31, 2012

	Dec 31, 12	Dec 31, 11
ASSETS		
Current Assets Checking/Savings		
101000 - Chkg - WA Trust Bank	20,685.87	220.37
102000 - Svgs - APCU	52,039.92	86,100.40
103000 - Chkg - Atlanta Postal Credit Un	14.87	1,009.29
104000 · Emergency Fund - APCU 141000 · C.D.#71 APCU 12 mo (8-1-2006)	30,577.79 31.150.77	17,043.29 30.775.34
143000 - C.D.#73 APCU-12 mo (2-8-07)	29,897.67	29,549.37
Total Checking/Savings	164,366.89	164,698.06
Total Current Assets	164,366.89	164,698.06
TOTAL ASSETS	164,366.89	164,698.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY LIABILITIES CUrrent Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
210000 · Payroll Liabilities		
210100 · 941 Employee FICA Tax W/H	-3,274.84	-4,079.95
210400 - 940 (FUTA) Federal Unemployment 210500 - State Unemployment Tax	35.66 49.88	96.84 167.29
210600 · Labor and Industries Tax	465.27	577.21
220000 · Full Time Employee Liabilities		
220100 · Full Time Life insurance	76.70	107.85
220200 - Full Time FERS Liability 220300 - Full Time Health Insurance	1,528.89 2.974.30	2,108.65 3.991.61
220500 · Full Time Accrued Annual & S/L	2,514.00	0,331.01
220502 · Patrick Pitts Accrued A/SL	0.00	14,838.79
Total 220500 · Full Time Accrued Annual & S/L	0.00	14,838.79
Total 220000 - Full Time Employee Liabilities	4,579.89	21,046.90
Total 210000 - Payroll Liabilities	1,855.86	17,808.29
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,855.86	17,808.29
Total Current Liabilities	1,855.86	17,808.29
Total Liabilities	1,855.86	17,808.29
Equity	430.010.0	484 5
390000 - Net Assets Net Income	136,916.47 25.594.56	121,541.51 25,348.26
Total Equity	162.511.03	146.889.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	164,366.89	164,698.06

# WARLCA 2013 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 23, 24, & 25, 2013 (Sunday-Monday-Tuesday)

# **BEST WESTERN PLUS Harbor Plaza and Conference Center**

33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, W A 98277

Room rates are under Washington Rural Letter Carrier special rate: Deluxe Double Queen \$99, Deluxe King \$99 (plus current taxes) \$10 charge for third person sharing double room

Call 360/679-4567 or 800-927-5478 Room Reservations Deadline is June 1, 2013

Name:	1 <sup>st</sup> time Attending?		
Address:			
Phone: Staying at Best Western?	(we have to meet room night guaran	tee)	
There is a \$50 fee per delegate for registration; however 1. If staying at the Best Western for a minimum of 2 night 2. If purchasing one banquet ticket.			
Saturday, June 22: Meet and Greet 7PM to 8PM All Wel- Cost \$5 Dessert Only (under 2 free)	come #attending	\$	
SUNDAY JUNE 23: FIRST DAY OF CONVENTION	STARTS AT 8:30 AM		
1 <sup>ST</sup> Timers to Convention Meeting at 8 AM (free)	#attending	<del></del>	
County Officers Training/Dinner 6 PM Sunday Evening Free to newly elected and pre-registered 2013-2014 Presi Cost to others \$25 Buffet: Hearty Favorites: Mixed Wild Green Salad, Garli Vegetarian option available  MONDAY JUNE 24: SECOND DAY OF CONVENT	idents, V. Presidents and Sec/Treas #attending ic Bread, Chicken Pasta Alfredo and #vegetarian	l Carrot Cake.	
MONDAY Evening Banquet: PICNIC AT THE PARK a Buffet Dinner: All American BBQ Mixed Wild Green Salad, Old Fashioned Potato Beef Hot Dogs, Cookie & Brownie Medley, soda Cruise: ½ hour cruise around Deception Pass. Boat holds Two cruises – 6:00 and 6:30pm. Passengers limi Special Note: Discover Pass or pay at site for parking.	Salad, BBQ Beef Hamburgers, a and water.  total 36 passengers with 2 standing		
Dinner and Cruise Cost \$35 Dinner only Cost \$25 Vegetarian option (Veggie Burger)	"#attending #attending #vegetarian	\$ \$	
TUESDAY JUNE 25: THIRD DAY OF CONVENTION No food functions.			
CHECK HERE IF NOT ATTENDING FULL CONVENTION (	Total Enclosed \$ If checked you will not receive a delegate check)		

Make Checks Payable to WARLCA and send to 2811 N Chase Ln., Liberty Lake WA 99019.

Payment must be sent with registration <u>AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2013 TO AVOID \$25 LATE FEE.</u> If you find you are unable to attend, please contact Becky Wendlandt for refund, however, no refunds after June 10, 2013 until after convention and approved by board since we have to guarantee total number of meals ahead of time.

# RESOLUTION

# CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX

SAVE FILE AS COUNTY, # AND SEND TO ST SEC BY E-MAIL

☐ BINDING ☐ NON-BINDING			
The following Resolution was adopted at the	he 2013 Annual Convention of the (Co	ounty)Rural Letter	
Carriers' Association. It is hereby submittee Oak Harbor, WA, for consideration and app		2013 State Convention in	
Oak Haroot, WA, for consideration and app	roptate action.		
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# MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

NAME:
PLEASE GIVE A RESUME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ABOVE NAMED NOMINEE (you can continue on the back side if you need more space):
PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY OTHER SERVICE, SUCH AS CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THE ABOVE NAMED NOMINEE PARTICIPATES IN WHICH REFLECT FAVORABLY UPON THE RURAL CRAFT AND THE USPS.

# \*\*\*PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT NO LATER \*\*\* THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE STATE CONVENTION.

#### Eligibility:

- Any member of the Association may be nominated as a candidate for the Member of the Year Award.
- 2. State Association Officers should not be arbitrarily selected for the Award, not should they be prohibited from consideration. Officers have been chosen to lead and serve, but it is frequently demonstrated that their services go far beyond the routine duties of the office, and thus, may be worthy of selection.
- 3. Nominations may be made directly from the membership.
- Local, county, or district units may select candidates.

### Method of Selection:

- 1. Selection Committee will be all Board members not nominated for the Member of the Year Award.
- 2. Nominations for Member of the Year should be postmarked no later than 14 days prior to the opening of State Convention but received no later than the beginning of the Board meeting preceding State Convention.
- Nominations must be sent to the Vice-President of the Association.
   Decision is to be made at the Board meeting prior to State Convention.
- Recipient must receive more than 50% majority of votes cast.

### Criteria for Selection:

- 1. The primary consideration of the selection committee shall be:
  - a. The service rendered by the candidate to the NRLCA.
  - Attendance and participation in local, state and national meetings.
  - Willingness to accept responsibilities and dedication in performing those duties.
     Fraternal attitude to others in the rural carrier craft.
- 2. The Selection Committee should consider, as a secondary matter, other service such as civic and community activities which reflect favorably upon the rural craft and the USPS.

# 2013 Western States Conference Henderson Nevada



April 25-27 (Wednesday evening through Friday)
Sunset Station Hotel Casino
1301 W. Sunset Rd.
Henderson, NV. 89014
(702) 547-7777 or (888) 786-7389
Room Rates are \$65.00 plus tax & ammenity fee

Room Rates Available Monday through Saturday Meeting Room Block Under "Nevada Rural Letter Carriers/Western States Conference" Code: SCINR04 Room Block Held Until March 29

Nearest Airport: Las Vegas (LAS)
Shuttles Available: Arrival Wednesday April 24 on the hour from 12pm-7pm
Departures Friday April 26 on the hour from 1pm-6pm
Starfleet Shuttle Service...Level 0 at Terminal 1

Don't miss the retirement seminar Friday at the end of business meeting!

	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:	Number	TOTAL
	Four of a Kind:  Before March 29 \$20 After March 29 \$30 X Includes Meeting and Wednesday Night Reception (Reception at 6:00 P.M.)		\$
	Royal Flush:  Before March 29 \$65 After March 29 \$75 X  Includes Meeting and Wednesday Night Reception Also Includes Thursday Night Banquet		\$
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Need (or want) a copy of your county Constitution and your county Secretary/Treasurer does not have a hard copy available? E-mail Rebecca Wendlandt, your state Secretary/Treasurer and she will send you one (electronically or hard copy). Also, they are posted on the WARLCA website.

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# Washington Rural Carrier

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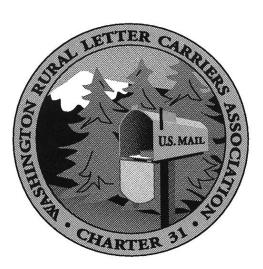
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February 9, 2013 through March 2, 2013

# **Spring Informational Meeting**

Spokane, April 7 2013 1-4 pm Q&A 4-5 pm



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