

Saturday, May 10

APWU Supports

NALC's Annual Food Drive

APWU President Mark Dimondstein is urging APWU members to actively support the 22nd annual Letter Carriers Food Drive, which is set for May 10.

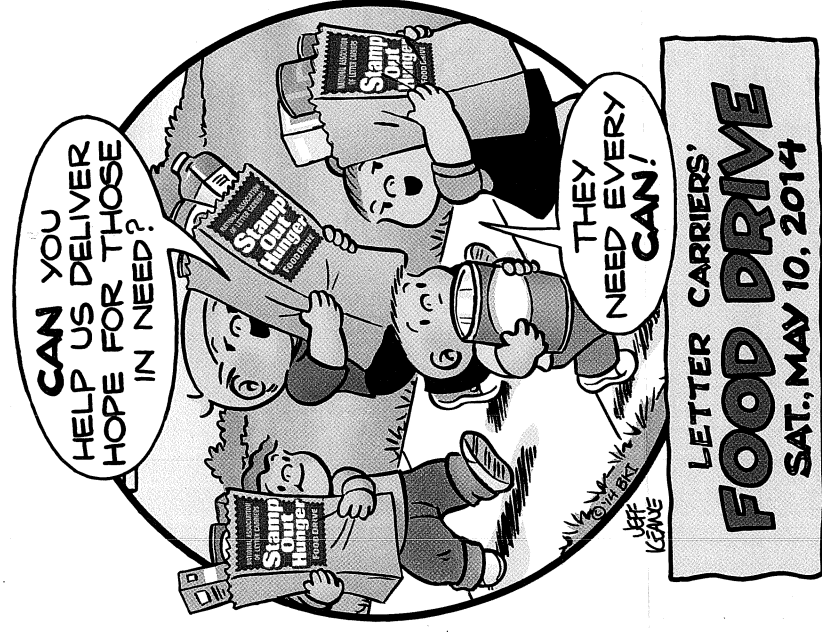
“I urge every APWU member to make a generous donation” he said. “But I also encourage our members to do more. I hope APWU locals – and individual union members – will volunteer to help with the organizational tasks that are necessary to ensure the success of the drive.”

The concept is simple: Postal customers across the country are asked to put non-perishable food donations in a sturdy bag and place the bag near their mailbox prior to their regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 10. Letter Carriers will collect the donations as they deliver mail. (Many USPS workites also set out containers to collect contributions.)

“Too many people in this country are still going hungry every day,” said Fredric Rolando, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

Last year, with the help of thousands of volunteers, letter carriers collected more than 74.4 million pounds of non-perishable food – bringing the grand total to just under 1.3 billion pounds.

Food banks and shelters usually benefit from an upswing in charitable donations during the winter holiday season, the NALC notes. By springtime, however, their stocks tend to dwindle to critically low levels. “Helping local support organizations deal with this post-holiday lull in donations is the main reason we hold our national drive on the second Saturday in May,” Rolando said,



To volunteer, contact the NALC's local food drive coordinator. A list can be found at www.apwu.org.

NBAs to Address Questions

On Residual Vacancies

APWU President Mark Dimondstein has assigned Clerk Craft National Business Agent Rachel Walthall to handle questions from Clerk Craft representatives pertaining to the implementation of the March 20 agreement between the APWU and USPS regarding filling residual