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Young Emphasizes Critical Role Of New Congressional Liaisons Cites Importance to Illinois, New York Carriers



President Young discusses details of NALC's congressional program with activists from Illinois branches April 5 at NALC headquarters while in the nation's capital on their annual legislative excursion. (Photos by Mike Shea)

NALC President William H. Young used Washington lobbying excursions of hundreds of letter carrier activists from Illinois and New York April 5-6 to emphasize the important role that the union's newly appointed congressional liaisons will play in attaining success on Capitol Hill and in the November elections.

After all New York congressional liaisons had been introduced at that state's congressional breakfast April 6, Young congratulated them on accepting the assignment and explained what it means to the union.

"We are aggressively restructuring the legislative effort that we have," Young said. "It is going to be incumbent on each of you legislative liaisons to play a very significant role at the local level each year with your congressional representatives."

Young noted that he had inherited a great legislative program from President Emeritus Vincent Sombrotto, but said it needs to continually improve.

"When we get to the elections later this year, you will be the central points for insuring that phone banks are manned, that we have enough people to do the walks, and so forth," he told the liaisons. "It is a very, very significant role."

Young ended on an optimistic note.

"We're going to get this postal reform bill passed," he said. "We're going to get a contract this year, and we're going to get this election behind us and have a great convention."

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), dean of the state's congressional delegation and a one-time mail handler in the New York City's Church Street Station, thanked the letter carriers for all that they do, then emphasized the importance of voting in this fall's elections.

"I hope that you all are registered and active," Rangel said, "because what is going to happen in November is going to shake the whole world."



In left photo, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), dean of the New York State congressional delegation, acknowledges applause when introduced at New York congressional breakfast. At right, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) speaks to the delegation.

Sombrotto Honored with 60-Year Pin



At left, President Young presents 60-year membership pin to President Emeritus Vincent R. Sombrotto March 28 in ceremony at Branch 36 headquarters in New York City. At right, Young and Sombrotto are shown with Br. 36 President Frank Orapello, left, and branch Executive Vice President Charles Heege, right. (Photos by Paul Curry)

Young Extends Condolences For Slain Oregon Supervisor

NALC President William H. Young extended the condolences of the union's membership to the friends and family of postal supervisor Lori Leigh Hayes-Kotter who was killed April 4 in a shooting outside the Baker City, Oregon post office where she worked.

Police arrested letter carrier and NALC member Grant Gallaher at the scene and charged him with the murder of Hayes-Kotter and attempted murder of Baker City Postmaster Michael McGuire.

"This is just tragic," said NALC President William H. Young. "On behalf of the NALC membership, I extend our deepest condolences to the family of Ms. Hayes-Kotter."

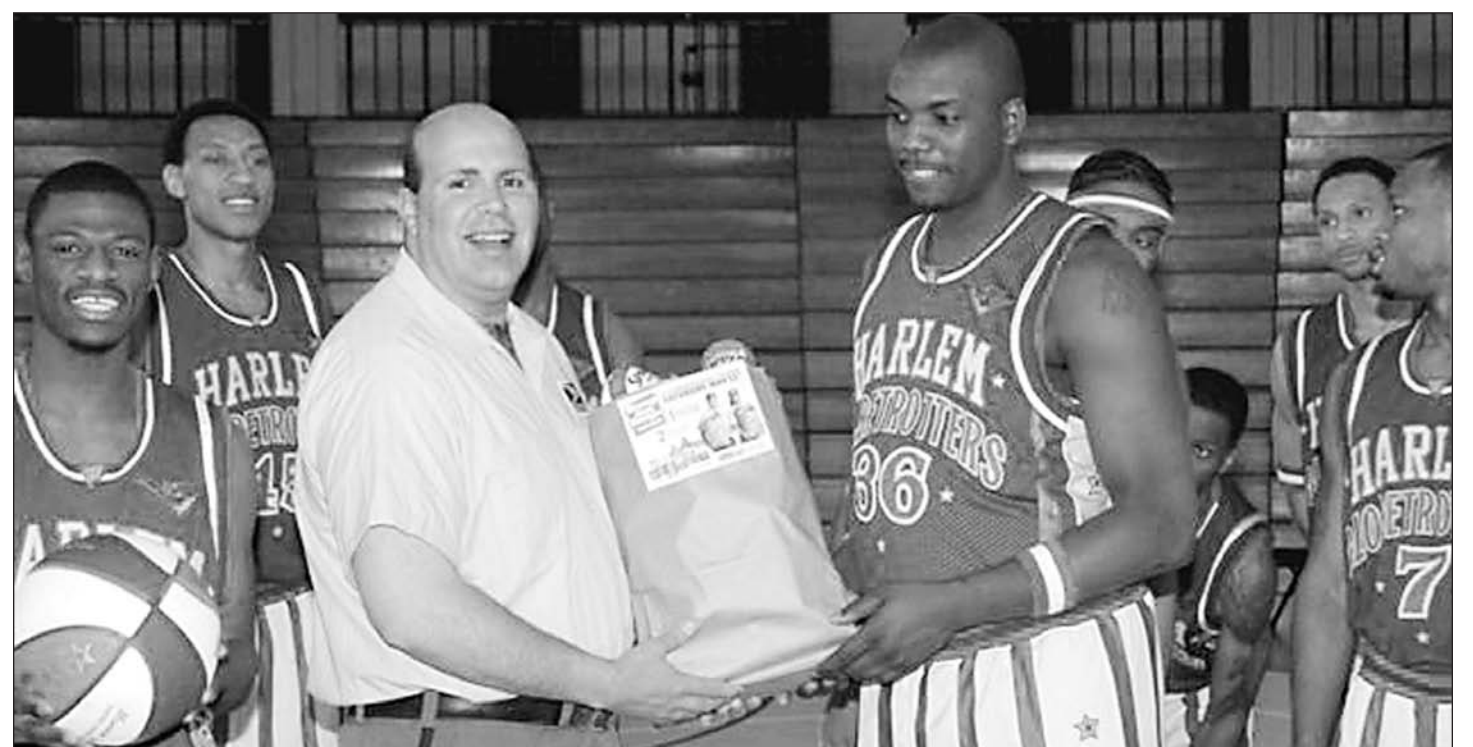
"Violence is never the answer to our disputes, regardless of their nature," Young said. "This union is committed to working with postal management for the peaceful resolution of all grievances that may arise on the workroom floor."

"The way to resolve issues is through the grievance procedure that we have established," he added.

At the New York State Congressional Breakfast April 6, Young led a moment of silence for the families of both Hayes-Kotter and Gallaher.

Rural Carriers President Pitts Urges Support of Food Drive

NRLCA Message Encourages Participation; Harlem Globetrotters PSA Seeks Donations



New Jersey Merged Br. 38 member Joseph Otero accepts bag of food from Harlem Globetrotters' star Nate "Big Easy" Lofton during shooting of Public Service Announcement (PSA) by the team for the May 13 NALC National Food Drive. (USPS Photo)

The head of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association (NRLCA) has urged his union's membership to support and participate in NALC's May 13 National Food Drive to help Stamp Out Hunger in America.

The action came as nearly 1,500 NALC branches made final preparations for the drive, and nationwide publicity efforts were launched to encourage donations. A Public Service Announcement (PSA) featuring the famed Harlem Globetrotters was taped for use by television stations across the nation.

NRLCA President Donnie Pitts, writing in the April issue of "The National Rural Letter Carrier," said the union encourages its members to participate in community and humanitarian efforts such as the NALC food drive.



Donnie Pitts

"The NRLCA supports this food drive, which is an endeavor of the NALC," Pitts wrote. "Rural letter carriers are concerned over the plight that hunger causes in this country and have worked shoulder-to-shoulder with city letter carriers to advertise and collect food in order for the food drive to be successful."

Pitts noted that participation in the drive is voluntary for both city and rural carriers.

"The NRLCA encourages each of you to consider the good that occurs through this event and, if possible, participate," he added.

Food Drive PSA Satellite/Internet Information

Campbell Soup has prepared a Public Service Announcement (PSA) featuring the famed Harlem Globetrotters and additional B-roll that television stations can use in alerting the public about the drive. A video preview is available at www.stampouthunger.info

The PSA will be available to TV stations on Pathfire DMG News System on April 12 — Story Number AKAM0492 / Slug: "Harlem Globetrotters Stamp Hunger." To locate, on left side of the DMG main page, click "AKA MEDIA INC." or "VNF Master Locator."

The B-roll will be available on Pathfire DMG News System on May 1 — Story Number AKAM0495 / Slug: "Stamp Hunger Food Drive." To locate, on left side of the DMG main page, click "AKA MEDIA INC." or "VNF Master Locator."

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