



NALC endorses Trumka for AFL-CIO president

In a letter (r) dated July 8, NALC President Fred Rolando told AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka that the NALC would support his bid to succeed retiring President John J. Sweeney at the AFL-CIO Convention in September. "Rich Trumka has the leadership experience, skills and savvy to take the helm of America's labor movement at this critical time in our history," Rolando said after the unanimous endorsement vote of the NALC Executive Council. "We have confidence that he will be a significant force for the unification of all unions in the House of Labor, enabling them to have a major role with the Obama administration in revamping our nation's economic and social structure." Rolando delivered the letter in person (above) on the same day that Trumka led a rally announcing his candidacy (r). The two leaders met privately for more than an hour.



The heat is on for COLCPE contest

Relentless as a heat wave, branch COLCPE coordinators are bearing down on NALC members to recruit more "Gimme 5" donors to the Committee on Letter Carrier Political Education, the union's non-partisan political action fund.

Seven contributors who automatically give \$5 or more per pay period, or \$5 per monthly annuity, will win \$1,000 as part of this year's COLCPE contest, which is focused on building branch participation.



Jerry Wyatt

"Many carriers say they'd like to give to COLCPE but, as time passes, they put it off and put it off until it just doesn't get done," says Jerry Wyatt, a successful COLCPE coordinator from Danville, Virginia Branch 595. "Seeing this happen many times over, I began offering my time to help them get it done *now*, while they were still agreeing to do it."

Wyatt reaches out to individuals, telephoning "two or three carriers each

evening after work. I can answer every question and concern that might cause them to hesitate."

In order to qualify for the prize drawings, a branch must lead in one of five size categories, from 50 to 99 members up to 2,000 or more, as of December 31 in the percentage of members who are Gimme 5 donors. The top branches will each hold a raffle to pick one branch contributor to receive a \$1,000 American Express gift card. A sixth raffle will select one winner from donors in branches with 49 or fewer members, and a seventh card will be awarded to a contributor from the branch that records the greatest percentage increase in Gimme 5 donors.

Complete contest details appear in the March *Postal Record*, available at nalc.org. The website also lists the latest stats for members to see how their branch is doing. Winners will be announced in the February 2010 COLCPE issue. ✉

Note: Contributions to COLCPE are 100 percent voluntary and are not tax-deductible. Absolutely no NALC dues money is used to support political candidates.