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Post Offices for Sale!

On Thursday December 3, 2009, we were informed by the District Manager that the USPS' Western Area Facilities Service Office (FSO) will be sending an agent into the Twin Cities in order to place the **Brooklyn Park, Plymouth, Savage and Wayzata** Post Offices up for sale!

Many may recall that last September we were informed that an FSO agent had visited the area unannounced in order to post notices in these same offices that the USPS was considering placing them up for sale. We immediately lodged a complaint with the District Manager because no one who could be potentially impacted by this action had been notified prior to the agent coming into the area. We also contacted both federal and local legislative sources in order to make sure all who may potentially be impacted by these actions were made aware and had an opportunity to have input on the possible discontinuance or relocation of their postal services.

In the interim time period the **Hopkins Post Office** that was previously a subject of possible sale has been removed from sale consideration. We were notified of that by Senator Al Franken's office and again from the District Manager during our discussion on December 3rd.

During the discussion with the District Manager on 12-3-09 he stated that the process will now be that an actual "for sale" sign will be placed at each of these locations. The District Manager went on to say that if a potential buyer is found any sale would be contingent on finding a location within that particular community (within a mile or two) where the retail portion of that particular Post Office could be relocated to. The sale would also be contingent on the impacted communities being given notification and holding public meetings in advance of the sale for the purpose of public input prior to any final decision to go through with a sale.

Please be advised that we will continue to investigate this new turn of events along with getting the word out to the leaders in the communities that may be impacted by losing their Post Offices. Each Post Office has its own unique characteristics that serve those communities where they are located. In some cases even though the USPS advertises there would be no loss of services due to a sale the mere fact there will no longer be a US Post Office in their community could result in a negative impact to citizens and small businesses. Splintering postal operations in a community rarely results in enhancing postal services that existed in Post Offices designed to serve the needs of the citizens and small businesses within those communities!

If you work and/or live in any community where these Post Offices are located we urge you to contact your Mayor, City Council and Federal Legislators and ask that they help preserve your community Post Office!

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ANNOUNCING COPA CLUB 2010

\$500.00 Cash Prize Drawing!

The Minneapolis Area Local announces the 2010 COPA (Committee on Political Action) Club and the carry over of our \$500 Early Bird drawing! **All enrolled by March 1, 2010**, will be eligible for a one time cash prize of \$500 if your name is drawn for the **Early Bird** drawing! The winner will be announced at our March 22nd 1:30 PM General Membership Meeting and subsequent Flash Bulletin.

In 2010 our COPA goal is \$12,500.00. In addition to our Early Bird drawing we will award 6 cash prizes of **\$100 to anyone** whose name is drawn from our COPA club each time the thermometer reaches a \$2,500 level throughout the entire year! Drawings continue and so do your chances!

Who can belong to the COPA Club? All APWU Members, *Family, and Retirees!

How do I enroll? With a **minimum of \$1** per pay period through **PE or EFT** members will be enrolled and continue to be eligible for all prizes as long as you continue uninterrupted contributions! PE and EFT contributors who were enrolled in 2009 and have maintained their contributions are automatically enrolled in the 2010 COPA Club and eligible for all prize drawings! **Cash contributors of at least \$25** will also be enrolled! ***non-member family and inactive retirees** must send their cash contributions directly to the Local at Minneapolis APWU 1234 - 4th St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 in order to be locally acknowledged!

If I send a contribution or contribution form to APWU National does the Local get credit and am I thereby enrolled in the Local COPA Club? YES! National APWU sends the local periodic updated lists of members and their contribution methods. We then add them to our Local COPA Club database!

COPA forms are available in each of our Stewards offices or by calling 612-623-0677. Please see your Steward or call 612-623-0677 for any additional details or questions! All COPA contributions help! **Protect your jobs and benefits!** Please contribute today!

