

THE KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS NEWS



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**Postmasters
return from Forum!**



**GET READY FOR
STATE CONVENTION!**

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DUES & ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

LEVEL MONTHLY	
	\$6.03
B	\$7.80
C	\$9.56
D	\$11.33
E	\$13.09
11	\$18.27
13	\$19.80
15	\$21.69
16	\$23.35
18	\$25.23
20	\$27.59
21	\$28.81
22	\$30.78
24	\$33.80
26	\$36.99
27	\$46.40
AA Retirees	\$6.00
OIC's	\$6.50
PMR's	\$6.50
Associate	\$6.50
Members	

**Have you lost your copy of
the latest Bluegrass?**

**You can now view the issue online at
www.kyleaguepm.org**

The Bluegrass newsletter is designed by Emily McGill, Auxiliary Member.

The President's Pen



Spring Issue, 2010



**SHELLY
SOUDERS**
PRESIDENT

Greeting League Family,

Take a few minutes and relax. There will be no log to sign, no certification to send in and no interruptions to answer. Just make your plans now for the State Convention in April. One day of annual leave is all that is required to rejuvenate and fellowship with Postmasters who walk the walk beside you on a daily basis.

Feel like you are second guessing

your every move? Don't understand or have time to look for an answer and get tired of hearing the voice mail song of the day. Then my friend, you need to make your reservation to join us for some good training and a new outlook for your day.

Do you know when the majority of us learned what a "P" scan was? At a League State Convention! The difference between socks and SOX? What it means when the scanner screen is totally black and will not do anything, not even make that obnoxious noise back that means...wrong answer?

The Kentucky delegation has just returned from the Nations Capital, a total of three of us which is three more than last year! I am just thankful we escaped before the biggest snowfall in recent history hit the east coast.

Your National Board put Postmaster

issues front and center this year by taking your concerns to the Hill. Please visit our national website www.postmasters.org to see the letter pinned to Postmaster General Jack Potter and the issues discussed with our representatives. A list of your representatives, addresses and their contacts are listed on the Kentucky website for your convenience. We need every Postmaster to write and support the issues. Teena Hudson our Legislative Chair is willing to assist with any questions you may have. Before us is the chance to make your personal plea to Congress to explain the importance of your position to your community and the services we provide as well as make suggestions to keep our service universal and solvent.

Remember that someone still cares and that is your League Family. See you in Bowling Green!

The Power of the Written Word National Secretary/Treasurer Shelly M. Souders

Many fellow Postmasters are returning to their offices with renewed promise and hope. The National League of Postmasters recently opened the door for all Postmasters with our representatives in Congress during the recent League Forum. Your National Board took the first step in bringing your issues to light. The National Board has taken these issues to Postal Headquarters for the past four years to no avail. We can all agree that the constant daily work environment has declined to a point where we are all questioning every task we perform.

When all avenues available to Postmasters were landing on deaf ears, your leadership took the concerns of all to the top. What will change our working environment? Letters from every Postmaster throughout the United States with personal testimony will speak volumes to Congress. If you believe in your

position as a Postmaster you should take this opportunity to let your voice be heard through the written word. If you believe in the United States Postal Service you will stand up and be counted. United we stand, divided we fall.

This position was not taken lightly by your National Board. We are representing the only Postal employees who actually raise their right hand and offer an oath of office to signify their commitment to the Postal Service. It is not an oath taken lightly or without the dedication to perform our duties to the very best of our ability. We have given our hearts and soul to provide the American people with the service they deserve and have come to expect. We are the most trusted government agency in the United States.

Therefore it is time for action my fellow Postmasters. Write those letters to congress. Send the hard copy to your local offices in your state so that they can be sent via courier directly to the representative or senator. Also send another copy to them in DC although those will be delayed to the irradiation process which will make your letter look and smell bad. There is a template on our nation-

al website to get you started, www.postmasters.org.

As of today, in Kentucky there are approximately 90 Postmaster vacancies. Many larger offices and were recently awarded effective February 14, 2010, many of those vacancies were in excess of one year or longer, I have taken these off the above figure. When the issues were taken to the Postmaster General and Congress, on January 26, 2010 there were in excess of 2700 vacancies across the nation. You can easily see how Congressional districts can be affected by these vacancies. The Congressional staff was very interested in vacancies in their perspective districts.

Many thanks to those of you who have already written and received positive feedback, your voices have been heard. The time is now to make a difference, just like my Dad used to tell me about your right to vote, if you do not exercise that right, you have no reason to question or complain the decisions that have been made. Personally I have not missed a vote in 31 years and will pen my letters to congress today!

News from the Board



Winter Issue, 2009



**BRENDA
KNOTH**

**EXECUTIVE
VICE
PRESIDENT**

Dear League Members,

After having my flight canceled and rescheduled three times (snow) I did finally get to attend this year's League Forum in Washington DC. We trekked the hill in making Congress aware of Postmaster's issues and Postal issues. Your League organization is constantly working for you.

I hope everyone has been keeping up with what the League is doing thru our emails and websites. Anyone that would like to receive informational broadcast

emails from the League please send your email address to kyleaguepm@yahoo.com. This is information that we send out (hot off the press so to speak) to keep you informed. If you've received emails in the past and your email has changed lately please send that into us so we can update our list. This is one way we keep our members informed as well as the National website at www.postmasters.org and our State website at www.kyleaguepm.org.

Hopefully winter is over, with spring on the way and so is our State Convention. This year our State Convention is April 23-24th in Bowling Green at the Holiday Inn. I hope you are making your plans to attend. We have made changes to it to allow you to attend with only having to use one day of annual leave. Our hospitality room will be open Thursday night with meetings and training Friday and Saturday ending Saturday afternoon with our banquet. We have a great convention planned and

hope to see you there. Bowling Green has a lot to offer in sightseeing. There are historical places - a railroad museum, an underground river cave and the Corvette museum just to name a few. Also just up the road is Mammoth Cave. Make your plans now to join us on Friday and Saturday.

Now is the time to have those college bound students to apply for the scholarship and Postmasters please make your nominations for Postmaster of the Year. April will be here before we know it.

Also our National Convention is early this year, July 18-23rd. I hear San Diego is a great place to visit and with convention being in July why not bring the entire family and make it a vacation. Our National board is working on making this a wonderful convention.

Hope to see you all in April in Bowling Green.

Brenda Knoth
Exec. VP



**SHERRI
YORK**

**SECRETARY/
TREASURER**

CONVENTION TIME!!!!

It's time to make plans to attend the 2010 Kentucky Branch NLPM State Convention, we have moved the dates in hope to better accommodate everyone's schedule. Mark your calendars for April 23rd and April 24th, we have reduced the days so more Postmasters can attend while only using ONE day of annual leave. The convention is

being held at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green. There will be some great training and lots of information to help make our jobs easier. The League is the EDUCATION ORGANIZATION! So make your plans now to attend! In these challenging times this is a great way to gain contacts and learn from other's experiences in a relaxed atmosphere.

The registration form and hotel information are printed in the Bluegrass and also on our webpage www.kyleaguepm.org. Be sure a reserve your rooms by March 23rd to get the rate of \$90. Please send in your registration form as soon as possible and you can pay the fee when you get there; this helps us to

plan for training and meals, and helps with name badges. The registration fee will remain at \$65.

It is also that time of the year to nominate your choice for Postmaster of the Year, enclosed is the nomination form that needs to be sent to Teena Hudson by March 30th. Also in this issue is the application form for the Jerry Reuff Scholarship with a deadline of March 31st to be sent to Sherri York.

Hope to see everyone in Bowling Green!!

Sherri York
Sec/Treas

KENTUCKY

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POSTMASTERS

2010 STATE CONVENTION

April 23 - April 24

REGISTRATION \$65

FIRST TIMER, GUEST, RETIREE \$50

ONE DAY REGISTRATION \$40

B.R.A.T.S. REGISTRATION \$40



HOTEL INFORMATION:

University Plaza Bowling Green

1021 Wilkinson Trace

The room rates are \$90.00.

This is for single, double, triple or quad.

Make sure and mention that you are with the Kentucky League of Postmasters!

Call 270-745-0088

Reserve your rooms by March 23rd for this rate!

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ GUEST _____

OFFICE _____ PHONE _____

CHECK THE FOLLOWING: PM ___ GUEST ___ RETIREE ___

1ST TIMER ___ B.R.A.T.S. ___

RETURN TO: SHERRI YORK

PO BOX 136

HAZEL, KY 42049-0136

The League Returns From *Forum 2010*

Washington D.C.





107TH LEAGUE
NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 18 - JULY 22, 2010

TOWN & COUNTRY RESORT AND CONVENTION
CENTER SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Blue Skies &
LEAGUE Spirit!



Name _____
(Last, First, Middle, Initial) (Nickname)

Post Office Address _____
(City, State, ZIP) Code

Mailing Address _____
(Street, City, State, ZIP)

Additional Registrant(s) _____
(Last, First, Middle, Initial) (Nickname) Code

_____ (Last, First, Middle, Initial) (Nickname) Code

Check here if this is your first National Convention E-Mail Address: _____

Codes: A- Auxiliary, **R** - Retired Postmaster, **G** - Guest, **B** - B.R.A.T.S., **Y** - Youth, **P** - Postmaster, **PMR** - Postmaster Relief

- _____ Postmaster fee paid *before* March 1, 2010, **\$195**
- _____ Retired Postmaster fee paid *before* March 1, 2010 **\$155**
- _____ Auxiliary & Guests, fee paid *before* March 1, 2010 **\$145**

- _____ Postmaster fee paid *before* June 15, 2010 **\$210**
- _____ Retired Postmaster fee paid *before* June 15, 2010 **\$175**
- _____ Auxiliary & Guests fee paid *before* June 15, 2010 **\$165**

- _____ Postmaster fee paid *on or after* June 15, 2010 **\$295**
- _____ Retired Postmaster fee paid *on or after* June 15, 2010 **\$245**
- _____ Auxiliary & Guests fee paid *on or after* June 15, 2010 **\$235**

- _____ Youth (B.R.A.T.S.) registration fee **\$50**

Convention Committees and Standing Committees will meet on Sunday, July 18, 2010
Official Convention Opening Monday Morning, July 19, 2010

Special Needs:

Check here if you have a disability and may require accommodations to fully participate. Please provide a phone number and you will be contacted.
 Daytime: (____) _____.

If you have a special dietary need, check one:

Diabetes
 Vegetarian
 Other _____.

_____ **TOTAL** Please indicate appropriate code above; number of registrants and total here.

FOR EXHIBITOR INFORMATION
 CONTACT: NLPM@EPPONLINE.COM
 OR CALL (410) 997-0763

METHOD OF PAYMENT MasterCard VISA # _____
 Exp. Date ____/____ Signature _____ Check Enclosed

Note: Cancellations or transfers received after June 1, 2010, are subject to \$25 administration fee.

Mail form to: **National League of Postmasters, One Beltway Center, 5904 Richmond Hwy., Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22303-1864**

NEW! Lower Rates Are Announced! Rates at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center are Garden Room **\$119** single/double/triple/quad or Royal Palm Tower/Courtyard **\$129** single/double/triple/quad plus tax which is currently 12.5%. Reservations made after cut-off date of June 27, 2010, subject to space and rate availability. Make reservations by calling 1-800-772-8527 or reserve online at www.towncountry.com or res@towncountry.com.

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*Have you made your plans to attend the
2010 State Convention?*

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