



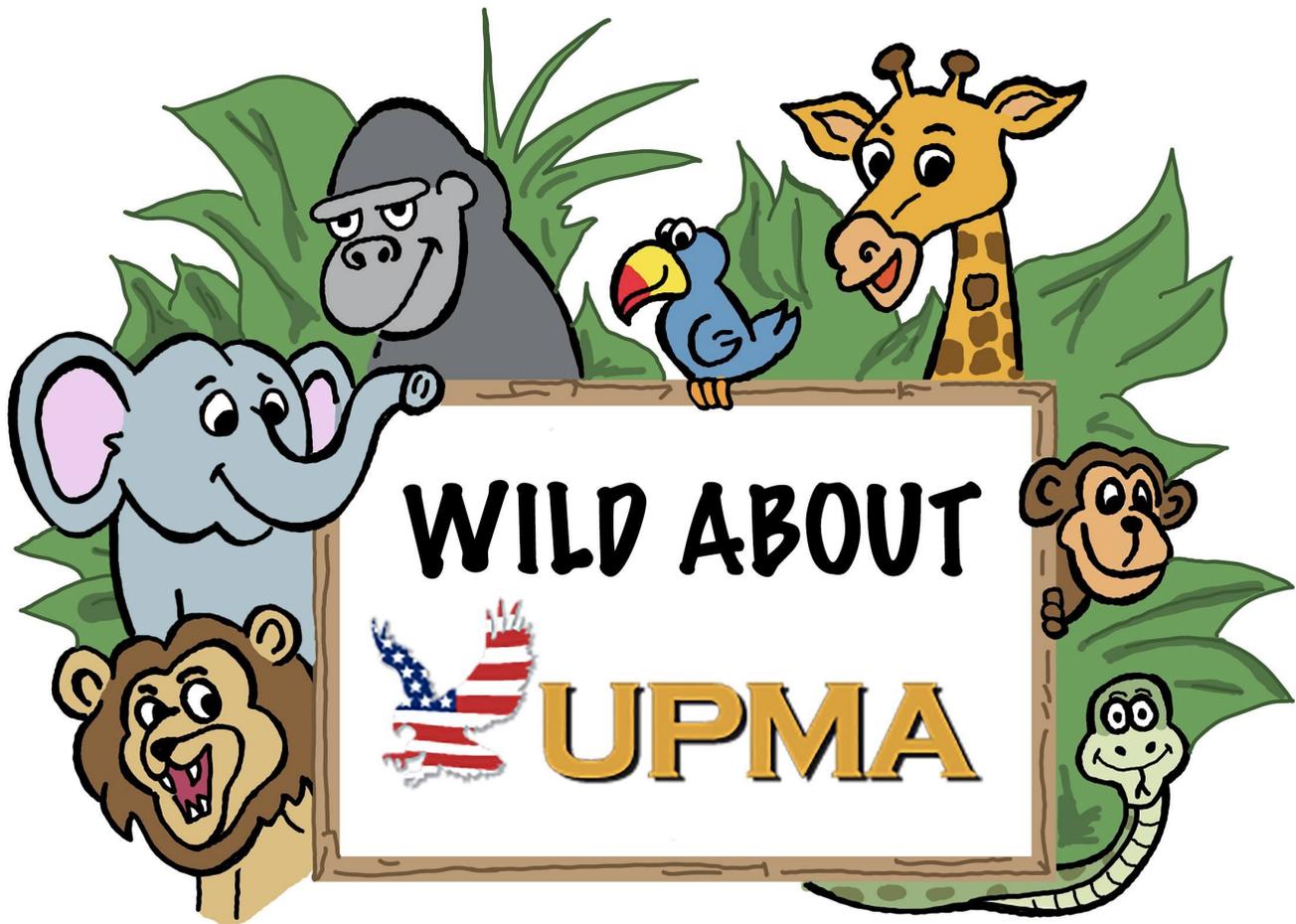
# Ohio Post Scripts UPDATE



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*Guess **WHAT** is about to happen in **OHIO** very, **VERY** soon???* Read on in *this edition to find out!!!*



# Ohio UPMA Executive Board and Officers

## **About our COVER -**

The OFFICIAL logo for the 2021 National Convention to be held in Ohio has been released. Our thanks to Ohio's own, Earl Musik for his efforts to help showcase our convention at Kalahari Resort and Convention center in Sandusky, Ohio.

Read up for more information on this event as everyone is needed to support in our finest hour to shine.

**Editor**

**Deadline for next PostScripts articles is:**

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**ALL of the Executive Board info is on page 8 of this publication**

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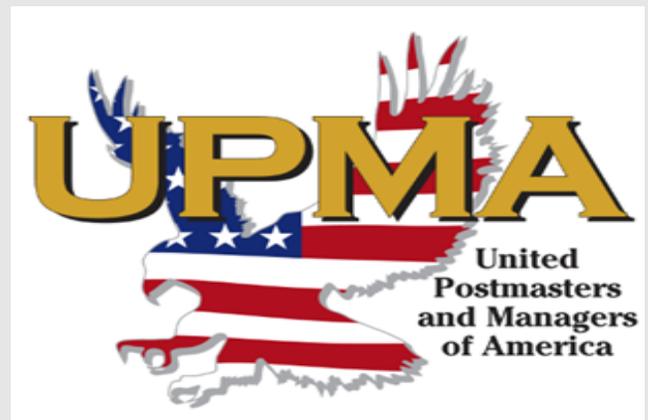
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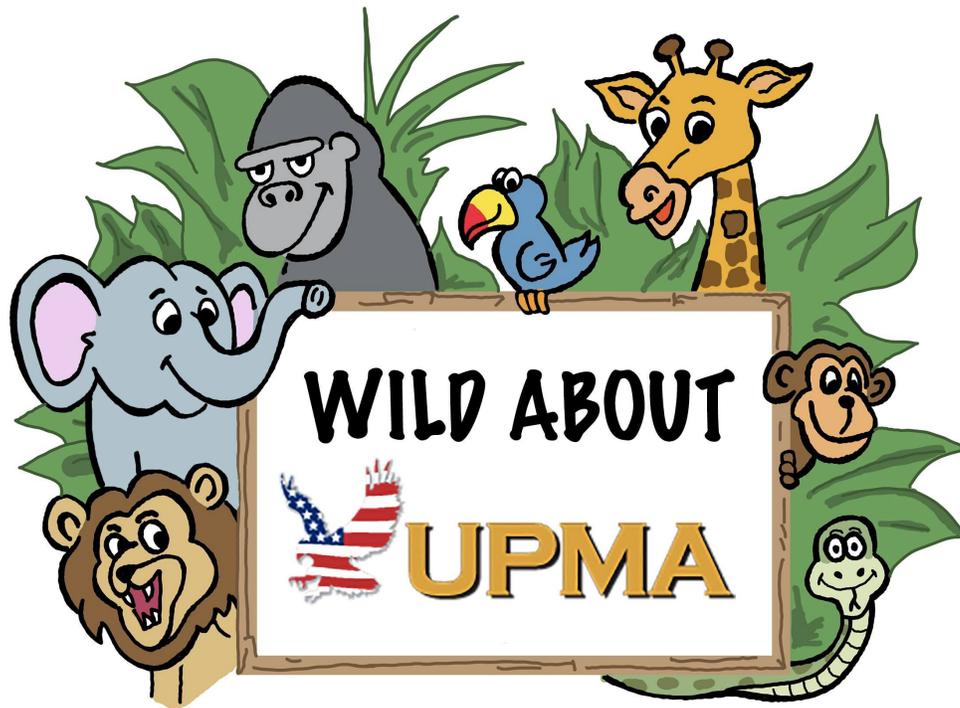
# Mari Beth Kirkland & Lou Stuckey Convention Chair

## National Convention at Kalahari 2021

Preparations are continuing for Kalahari 2021. We had our first telecom for the committee chairs in September. We basically touched on the duties of each committee and updated progress on each. If you have a strong desire (or even a little desire) to help on a specific job, check the list and contact the chairperson. It is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to Earl Musik, we now have our official logo, to go with our “Wild about UPMA” theme. We asked for Earl’s help and even though he is becoming a national star in the cartoon world, he found time for UPMA.

You will be seeing a LOT of this:



We will be attending the National Convention in St Louis at the end of October and our first meeting with the National Committee chairs in November at Kalahari.

We will have much more information to share after that. Check the Ohio UPMA website for updates.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Mari Beth and Lou

# ***OHIO UPMA President Deb Justice***

Hello folks,

This month I would like to write my article about the following:

What should I do if I am approached for an interview?

If this interview is part of an investigation of a criminal matter I request to be represented by an attorney prior to any interview.

Until I have my attorney present , I do not agree to sign any document and I will not answer any questions.

I also will not make any written or oral statement. I do not consent to any search without a warrant.

If you provide me with a search warrant I will not resist the search while reserving legal objections to it.

If this interview is not part of any criminal investigation, I request to contact my UPMA representative for advice and to be present with me for the interview.

I will appear with my UPMA representative and orally answer questions.

I decline to provide any written statement, and reserve my legal right to refuse to answer any questions that may intend to incriminate me.

This is VERY important to remember, if you need help let us know we will do our best.

Looking for help with our National Convention at Kalahari in 2021.

Many hands make light work!!!

Join us please, we need a lot of assistance.

Take Care and God Bless,

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# Executive Vice President Tracy Canby

An Ohio Buckeye

I wanted to learn a little more about the Ohio Buckeye so I decided to do a little research. I thought you might be interested.

It is one of 6 species of North American trees and shrubs in the soapberry family. The name refers to the nutlike seed, which has a pale patch on the shiny reddish brown surface that looks like a deer's eye.

It is similar to a horse chestnut and the tree is normally considered an ornamental tree because of the flower clusters. The young foliage and the seeds are both poisonous.

The fruit of the tree is a dry capsule that has a hard leathery husk that is smooth. The fruit turns brown in the fall and splits into three parts to release glossy brown inedible seeds.

The tree can grow up to 70 feet in height and has branches and leaves that have an unpleasant smell.

The buckeye has a light green spiky shell that remains closed until it falls from the tree in September or October.

The seeds that are released contain tannic acid and are poisonous to cattle and humans. The shell can be removed and the nut roasted which releases the harmful acid and they make a protein packed snack.

Native Americans once used buckeyes for nutritional and medicinal purposes. They would crush and knead the nutlike seed into a salve for rashes and cuts. They were often used to relieve pain.

Other traditional medicine included the use of the powdered nut to treat spasmodic cough, asthma and even intestinal irritations.

Today it is still believed that buckeyes can relieve rheumatism, arthritis pain, hemorrhoids, varicose veins, and rashes.

Did you know that in the 1840 Presidential Campaign, William Henry Harrison who lived in Ohio used a log cabin made of buckeye wood with buckeyes decorating the walls as a symbol for his campaign?

He owned the actual cabin and it was located west of Cincinnati. When he won the bid for the White House over the incumbent President Martin Van Buren, Ohio then became known as "the buckeye state."

The smooth round shiny buckeye when placed and carried in your pocket is supposed to bring you good luck...Just like a rabbit's foot or a four leaf clover.

The buckeye attracts good fortune.

If you keep the buckeye in your pocket and allow it to age, twisting it in your fingers when you are nervous or giving it a little squeeze if you have had a bad day it brings hope.

It will wrinkle, it will pit, it will become misshapen but it won't rot. It will always stay with you.

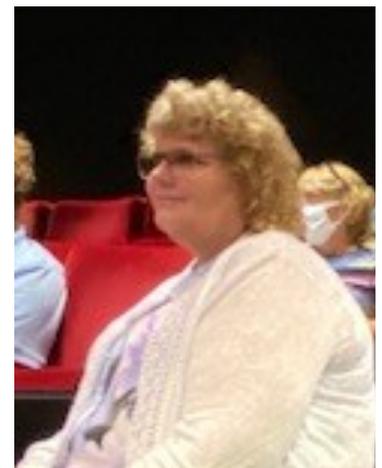
This leads me to the point of my article UPMA and my UPMA friends remind me of a buckeye.

They are always there in your pocket if you need them.

They may wrinkle, they may become a little misshapen but they will always be with you.

Call a neighboring Postmaster, spread some luck. Invite them to join OHIO UPMA.

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# ***Retiree's Corner***

## ***Hazel Boettcher, Ohio Retiree President***

The time will be here soon (end of the month) to do the semi annual mess with the clock thing – “Spring Forward/Fall Back”.

You got it! Fall back and wake up in the dark. I think the original idea was to save energy, more daylight time to work, although much of the country seems to be working in the dark now anyway. Or maybe it was just to confuse the rooster! Who knows!

Maybe we should all vote on this issue but would our vote be counted? Should we vote by mail, look for a drop box or stand in line? H'mmmm?

2021 National Convention planning is already months in progress and many, many retirees are already involved in leadership rolls for this event. For example, retiree Lou Stuckey is serving as Convention Co- Chair.

The convention logo was designed by Earl Mottashed. Jordan Davenport and Paul Joseph are hard at work on the website and articles for publications. And the list goes on!!!

This is Big, Really BIG for Ohio UPMA. All of the numerous committees need a crew of willing retirees and postmasters to make these teams effective moving forward. Where are you ready to step in? Contact the specific committee chair or Lou / Mari Beth to join a team.

Together, all things are possible. My Dad always told me that the older you get, the faster time flies. Jump in now! National Convention could be here tomorrow if you don't watch out.

Raffle Basket donation are needed from all over the state for National Convention. Ohio products are especially appreciated. Who produces what in your area? Share with donors that the exposure is huge. Try to include business cards or advertisement for recognition.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE:**

Open season to change your FEHB coverage is November 9 to December 14th. Don't be caught short

of time to study your options and make an educated choice on your future health coverage.

Things change with time and age.

If you are approaching your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, you may want to consider your Medicare options to supplement your FEHB.....and Happy Birthday!

### **LEGISLATION: Urgent**

Contact your lawmakers to support HR 1553: Fair COLA for Seniors Act. This bill would require Social Security and federal retirement programs to use CPI-E (Elderly) to determine COLAs to retirement benefits.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 15 – December 7, 2020....Dates to change your Medicare coverage if you decide.

November 9 – December 14, 2020....FEHB Open Season.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

Do you worry that you will never be happy again? Finding happiness is not thru social distancing but thru distance socializing with family, friends and other retirees.

It could be a funny card, a text or face book message.

Be creative but keep connected.

Your health and the health of others depends upon it.

As always.....

***BE HEALTHY***  
***BE HAPPY***  
***BE INFORMED***

## ***Alan Metzcar - Vice President***

Hello Everyone,

Well we are at the end of the fiscal year and starting a new one. Please do your part and make sure that your counts are complete by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Make sure that you are accounting for those employees that may be off, you do not want to be late getting these done. It is our job to make sure that our offices are fiscally up to date with everything.

The Holiday season is right around the corner, make sure that you are getting your Holiday stock in for those customers that like to buy early. I already had a customer inquire about the Holiday Stamps and I did have 2 in already and sold some stamps, so let us get ready and make sure that you have the staffing in place.

There is a new scheduler out that everyone will be getting introduced to sooner or later. It is the IVES Function 4 scheduler. This scheduler will eventually go against your earned hours. It is quite easy to use and a great tool for everyone. When you start using this program and have questions on how to use it and input information, please give me a call and I will assist. You will love this program.

We have started planning the National Convention that will be held in Ohio at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Sandusky Ohio. This will be a great Convention and one for everyone to be involved in Ohio. You ask why to be involved and what the UPMA is? The United Postmaster and Managers of America is your organization that negotiates for what we get as Postmasters and Managers. We are the organization that fights for your job if something would go wrong or if you are wrongly accused of doing something. This is a great organization that I have spoken about in many of the articles that I have written.

I am asking for your involvement and your help in planning this great convention. If you have questions about the organization and want to know more please contact me, I would be glad to talk to you. Let's make Ohio shine and show the organization that we are the best state to hold this convention. Get involved and have some fun.

I have had Postmasters asking me about labels for the register bags. I have the access to order these labels plus anything else that you may need. Please contact me if you need labels of any type ordered for your office.

In closing I want to add this. I had a close friend once tell me to live life to the fullest. We often take our work home with us and never really get time to relax from the job. I am taking my friends advice as I write this article from my RV with my wife. I am one that does just that; I take my work home almost every day. We are now enjoying 2 weeks of camping and yes, I do go to work from the RV, but this is pure enjoyment for both of us. We not only do this together, we also run a family Food truck business on the weekends. So, I say live life to the fullest and enjoy it.

Please stay safe and do you part,

Alan T. Metzcar,

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## ***Legislative Chair - Ted Gedeon***

The past few months have become a stalemate for Congress and the Administration to agree to any type of a second round of Covid-19 relief for our nation, pretty much split along party lines. Both sides have offered their versions of a relief package, but these proposals have fallen on the opposition's deaf ears.

Republicans are insisting that the Democrats' proposals spend too much money, while the Democrats charge that the Republicans' plan doesn't provide enough relief. Nothing new here. But there is one thing that both Republicans and Democrats can agree on... that another round of relief is necessary for the country to get through the present crisis.

Seeing the deadlock that has ensued, a group of 50 Congressmen, 25 Republicans and 25 Democrats have formed a bi-partisan committee calling themselves the Problem Solvers Caucus. Thus, on September 15th, the Caucus released a new relief package named The March to Common Ground.

The proposal provides approximately \$1.5 Trillion in funding. The \$1.5 Trillion is pretty much in the center of what each side was proposing earlier.

The PSC package includes a couple provisions which will help the Postal Service continue to operate during the Covid pandemic.

The first provides \$15 Billion to the USPS to help make up revenue lost due to the pandemic, and it eliminates the Pre-funding requirement which has been an economic burden.

The second provision distributes \$400 Million to help the election process in all states, including mail-in voting. This proposal does not have an HR number as of yet. The entire proposal is available to view on the UMPA website, [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org).

Ohio is fortunate to have 3 Congressman on the PSC. They include Anthony Gonzalez, Bill Johnson and David Joyce, all Republicans.

Those of you who reside in any of their districts should call their offices and thank them for working on the bi-partisan bill and supporting the Postal Service. It is actually refreshing to see that civility still exists in Congress.

## ***When was the LAST time you...***

It's been a while since I've dropped an article in our newsletter only because, we've filled every page with information that affects everyone. Active, Retired, EAS, Craft, everyone who IS a member in UPMA.

So in this issue, I have something for you to consider. **The issue is MEMBERSHIP.** In the past four months, ***I have taken the time to sign up SIX NEW MEMBERS***, three of them were EAS and the other three are craft members. And how did I do it? I simply asked the following:

***ARE YOU A MEMBER OF UPMA? Now is the time to join and here's why...***

That was it. Some of those new members called me for a reason. They needed help. They needed advice. And yes, several needed representation. As for the others, I simply struck up the conversation and asked how their career is going. Then I asked: What are you DOING to change it for the better? It's honestly just that simple.

Look, this is not a new movement but the principle is very simple. We NEED new members to sustain the organization through growth and mentorship. If not, then we will CEASE to exist. It's a plain fact. Look at any, ANY fraternal organization that's been around for years and ask them how their ranks are sustaining. Most will tell you they aren't.

It's not because they are not a good fit or cause any more. It's because they lost focus on the one thing that will ensure perpetuity and continued existence and that is, membership.

I've been retired for well over a year now and yes, I've forgotten a thing or two. But the one thing I have NOT forgotten (nor ever will) is the fact that everyone and I DO mean everyone, needs someone they can turn to for help, advice, support or simply to lend an ear after a bad day. That is what UPMA is. It's who we are.

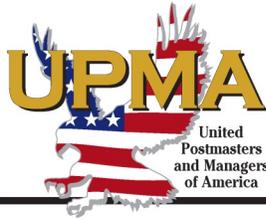
So where are you when it comes to reaching out to that person in your office, in your travels that you know ISN'T a member yet? Are you prepared to have that conversation? Do you have a form in hand to offer them? ***It's about 6 inches to the RIGHT.....***

Gently tear this copy out now and make several copies as well. Keep one on your desk. Keep one in your car. It's still the same form and takes about 2 minutes to fill out.

When you do so, it will be a building block that our organization needs to ensure a solid foundation LONG after you have turned over the reins in your current position.

Don't miss that opportunity for they come and go fast. Time is never on our side so we need to act NOW while momentum is still moving forward.

***Paul Joseph - Editor, Ohio Chapter***



# Form 1187

Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment  
of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues

*Fill Out Form On-line, Print it out, and Return to  
UPMA National Office at the Address Below for Processing*

## Section A: All New Members Complete

Your title determines whether you also complete Section B or C

USPS Employee Identification Number (EIN)	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Employee (PRINT Last Name, First, MI)		Home Telephone	
Home Address (Street and Number/Box)	City	State	ZIP+4
Personal E-mail Address			

## Section B: To Be Completed by Postmaster

Post Office	City/State	ZIP code	Post Office Finance Number
Post Office Level		Postmaster's Direct Post Office Telephone	

## Section C (Check One): Manager/Supervisor Associate PMR-Only Complete

Employee Title	PO/City/State/ZIP
Post Office Telephone Number	Employee Pay Schedule Level
Home Payroll Office Finance Number	Employee Designation Code

## Section D: For Use by the Employee Organization



Mail completed form to: **United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA)**  
**8 Herbert Street**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22305-2600**

## Section E: Authorization by Employee

I hereby authorize the above-named agency to deduct from my pay each pay period the amount certified above as the regular dues the (UN-P) United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) and to remit such amounts to that employee organization in accordance with its arrangements with my employing agency. I further authorize any change in the amount to be deducted that is certified by the above-named employee organization as a uniform change in its dues structure.

I understand that this authorization is a pay periods deduction. It will become effective the first pay period, following its receipt in the employee organization's headquarters office: UPMA, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.

I further understand that revocation forms Standard Form No. 1188, "Revocation of Voluntary Authorization for Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues" are available from my employing agency and that I may revoke this authorization at any time by filling such a revocation form or other written revocation request by "Certified Mail" directly to the employee organization's headquarters office: UPMA, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600. Such revocation will not be effective, however, until the first full pay period following March 1 or Sept. 1 of any calendar year, whichever date first occurs after the revocation is received in the employee organization's headquarters office.

Signature of Employee

Date

## Section F

Check this box to signify you've read and understood the terms in Section E of this form.

Who/what most influenced your decision to join UPMA?

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# FYI

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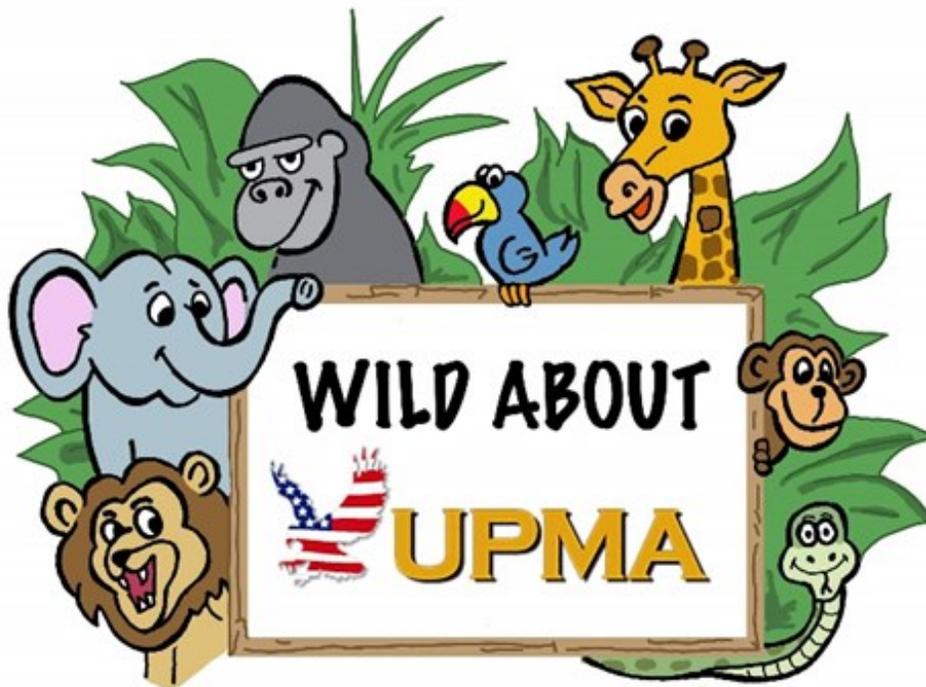
Our Ohio Chapter website, [ohioupma.com](http://ohioupma.com) now includes a dedicated page for the Fifth Annual UPMA National Convention. The theme for the convention is “Wild about UPMA”. If you are not aware the 2021 National Convention is being hosted by your Ohio Chapter at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky Ohio. The dates are August 15 thru 19, 2021.

Our Executive Board and committees have begun preparing for the convention. The preparations include the posting of information on the dedicated page of the website. We will post information on the Resort at Kalahari as well as scheduled events and highlights of local activities to visit during the week of the convention.

We are just getting started so check back often to see what is being planned. Use the “contact” page to let us know you would like to help. This is a large event and we will need many hands to make it run smoothly. If you are uncertain, we will have a member contact you with additional information.

The Chapter has also created a special Facebook Page, “Wild about UPMA” to provide the information to all UPMA members throughout the country. Check us out.

**Jordan Davenport**  
**Postmaster Retired**



## State Secretary/ Treasurer - Bill Judge

I keep waiting for Rod Sterling to step out of the shadows, announce The Twilight Zone and bring us back to reality. 2021 can't come soon enough.

Hopefully, we will remember what normal is.

Normal in the post office is out of whack too. We are now the center of a political storm. I would feel better if I thought that either side really cared about the future of the Postal Service. We are on our own and we need to plan accordingly. Service is based on one's point of view. Service at any cost isn't sustainable.

Some important life lessons I've come across this year:

Don't start route inspections (which is the way I've done them since 2004) during a change in eating habits. There aren't enough port o lets on the routes. Or maybe it's my age.

Today's workforce (that we no longer interview) have expectations that don't fit with a service that works 7 days a week and 24 hours per day.

I have a carrier that has only carried mail during COVID. 2 feet of flats are a heavy day for him. And he'd be happy with 3 days a week. I would too but I like 5 days pay.

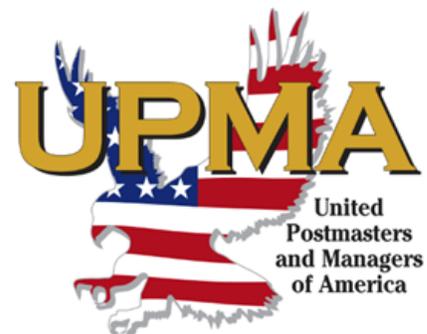
We will have the National convention in Ohio next year. I know Mari Beth and Lou are hard at work on it. I recommend you all come to convention next year.

There will be stories to share and things to do together. It's always a place where learning takes place, and fun is had. Bring your kids or grandkids to enjoy the Kalahari waterpark.

It is going to be a great time and many memories will be made. So, come join us.

If we can ever be of assistance, please reach out.

**WILLIAM A. JUDGE**  
**POSTMASTER, PIQUA, OHIO**  
**937-773-6424**



# Wanted

## You

Hi! My name is Dawn and I work a lot. Sound like the beginning of an overworked anonymous group? Working in management for the Postal Service sometimes mean long hours and working weekends. Add the crazy pandemic world to that and it is easy to forget the important things in life. We get caught up in the day to day at work and by the time we get home we don't leave time for our family or ourselves.

Maybe you were looking forward to a family vacation that was cancelled. Or that weekend getaway that cannot currently take place. So we work. A lot. We forget to stop and take a breath. We forget that there are those at home that still want to spend time with us. As a young adult my dad gave me some sound advice that I have found myself giving to others. "You can't take care of anyone else if you don't take care of number one first".

That being said, I ask this of you right now. Stop. Take a breath. Take a minute to evaluate your state of mind and remember the reasons we do what we do. We work to live, not live to work. Make a plan to be with those you care about. Even if it is movie night at home. Make the plan. You will be amazed at how much better you feel after you do it. I was recently fortunate enough to spend a weekend with a couple of friends. The laughter and silliness and time away was exactly what I needed to put myself back in the right state of mind.

To be honest, I have been so caught up with my job that I didn't even know I needed that time until I returned. It reminded me of what is important. Take care of number one so that you can take care of everyone else. We have stressful jobs. We live in a stressful world. Make the time.

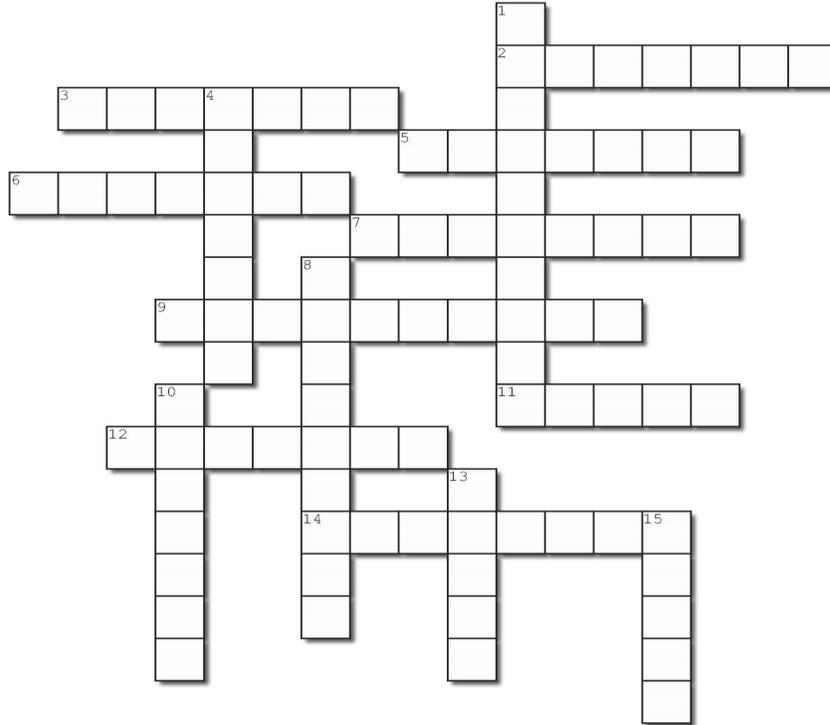
Remember what is important. You will thank me later.

Dawn Woods  
Manager Fairfield Post Office  
Vice President

# *Something to DO while waiting for your BOX scans to CLEAR...*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Postal Crossword



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FOREVER GODDARD NIXON ADDRESS FRANKLIN POSTMASTER DEJOY

### Across

- 2. Location to which the USPS delivers a mail piece
- 3. The transport of mail by air transportation
- 5. Smallest post office within the 50 states
- 6. Person who is employed to deliver and collect letters and parcels
- 7. First Postmaster General
- 9. Person in charge of a Post Office
- 11. President who established the United States Postal Service
- 12. First female Postmaster
- 14. The USPS is the largest employer of these

### Down

- 1. President who established the United States Post Office Department
- 4. Private box into which mail is delivered
- 8. Northern most Post Office within the 50 states
- 10. Postage stamps who's price remains valid for full postage, no matter if prices increase
- 13. Current Postmaster General
- 15. Small adhesive piece of paper

## *Earl Mottashed - Chaplain*

### **A Time for Reflection**

In my eighty two years of life, I have never seen this country in the turmoil we are in right now. The anger I see in the younger generation is beyond belief. It seems some are bent on destroying all the history of this nation and fail to realize how we learn from past mistakes.

Right now, we need to be on our knees and ask God to change our Nation from anger and destruction to love and peace.

John Newton, author of the hymn Amazing Grace said near the end of his life and I quote, "My memory is nearly gone but I remember two things, I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."

That really struck home with me personally and is one of the most profound things I have read lately. But I know God will forgive a sinner, even me.

Being short in stature I am often a topic of short jokes. My normal response was God only grew you until you were perfect. How I pray that was true. But knowing I am a sinner saved by grace was not a true statement. I did use it in self defense when really I needed no defense.

I have often thought that our time on earth is a time for growing and learning about Jesus, preparing us for the time we enter the Kingdom. But he gives us a choice to accept or deny him. We know that life itself is full of turmoil, sickness and kinds of ups and downs. Dealing with all of these things is up to you and how you handle it.

Is your cup half full or half empty? I prefer half full as half empty to me is negative. Stop and reflect on your life and will just guarantee that your cup will be half full and not half empty.

I pray many of you have a full cup and thirst for nothing except the love of Jesus.

Love to all

Earl

# *Don't Give Up the Ship!*

*the 5<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the UPMA. Hosted by our Ohio Chapter.*

“Don't Give Up the Ship” the inspirational rallying cry of our infant American Navy during the war of 1812 has never seemed more appropriate than right now. Don't give up the ship, stay the course, remain dedicated and committed to our cause.

The present global pandemic may have rescheduled or cancelled our plans in 2020 but that cannot stop us from planning for 2021.

That motto, “don't give up the ship” was made famous by the Commander of the American Fleet, Oliver Hazard Perry, during the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813. Commander Perry carried his flag embroidered with this motto from his Flagship Lawrence to the Brig Niagara and subsequently defeated the British Navy. A stunning blow to the British and the beginning of the western expansion of these United States.

The American defeat of the British occurred near South Bass Island, just off the southern shore of Lake Erie near the port of Sandusky, Ohio. Today, South Bass Island is home to the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. It is part of our National Park system.

The City of Sandusky is home to Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center. Kalahari has been selected as the site of our UPMA's 5<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

The Kalahari Resort has 900 rooms, suites, and villas for groups of 2 to 44.

***The UPMA has reserved the entire facility for the convention.***

The Hotel and Convention center are all under one roof which also contains several cafes and restaurants as well as America's largest indoor water park.

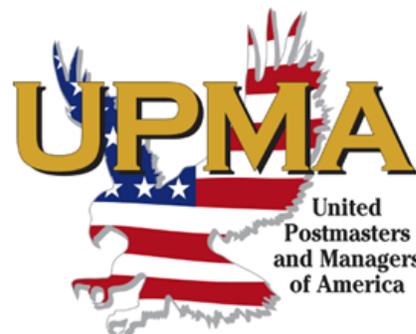
The many amenities make the Kalahari Resort the perfect location to plan for a family vacation and convention combination. Visit their website, [kalahariresorts.com](http://kalahariresorts.com) for further information.

***Mark your calendar for August 15-19, 2021.*** Join your fellow Ohio Chapter members at Kalahari. Volunteer to assist with the organization and conduction of our Chapter's opportunity to host our National Convention.

There will be plenty to do and see in the area as well.

***Jordan Davenport***

***Ohio Chapter, Retired***



# ***Everyone has a (hi)story***

## ***Or what you never knew about the people you know***

Before I start our story in this issue, I would like to say how much fun it is to interview these amazing people. I love to learn about what has occurred in their life to make them the person they are today. I hope you enjoy learning about them half as much as I do.

My character this issue is none other than our UPMA webmaster, Jordan Davenport. Now character is the term he used to describe himself and you have to agree he is one of the most loveable characters we know. Let's learn a little more about him.

He was born on Halloween in 1956 (h'mmm...that might explain a little of the character part) in Port Clinton, Ohio. He has three brothers and one sister. He now lives in the house next to where he was raised on Catawba Island. But he has made a few moves along the way. When he was 13, his dad was an electronics engineer for the government and moved his family to South Korea for two years where he learned to speak and write Korean. Don't ask him to speak it now though because he assures me he remembers none of it.

The family returned to the US to become weekend farmers in Pennsylvania. They raised cattle, pigs, chickens and baled a lot of hay and straw. After high school, Jordan attended Ohio State. He tells me he loved it there but had to leave after 1 1/2 years when OSU told him he could come back when he learned how to study.

So in 1978 it was back to PA where he got a part time job at a USPS sectional facility center in Chambersburg, while going to Penn State. He would work all night on the loading docks and attend school during the day. (I guess he learned how to study.) He loved working there.

When automation kicked in, he didn't want to sit at a machine all day so he transferred to Mechanicsburg as a carrier. It was here he saw Tammy Lewis for the first time who ended up being his boss years later.

In 1982, his dad died and he decided he wanted to go back to the homestead on Catawba. He transferred to the Port Clinton Post office as a clerk but then was made a carrier. Here, his supervisor liked to fish a lot, so Jordan became a 204B as the Postmaster never came out of their office. He said he met him the day he started and never saw him again until the day he left. Can you imagine that?

By now he went back to being a clerk even though he loved carrying mail because of back trouble. In the next several years, he was OIC in Clyde, Port Clinton, Gibsonburg, Bowling Green, Bellevue and maybe a couple he forgot about.

He was a supervisor in Maumee and Sandusky. When he went back to Port Clinton as OIC, he got very sick one day and ended up in the ER. Now being a conscientious employee, he ran the office from the ER by phone and all was fine until the his bosses found he had not been in the office and failed to tell them. They sent a replacement immediately and Jordan was told he was no longer in charge.

He was just to sit there and be quiet. So he did. For the next six months, Jordan sat on a stool on the work-room floor and did nothing but hand out stamp stock to clerks. Oh the wisdom of the Post Office. When his now boss Tammy realized what was happening, he was put back in charge of the office.

In 2000, he got his first Postmaster job at Elmore, Ohio where he stayed for five years and then received his final assignment as Postmaster of Port Clinton. In his three years there, his favorite part was taking care of the mail for the islands. It all was sent by plane and even though the islands had Postmasters, he was still responsible for them. He had a fun story about the islands. There was an island where the Postmaster had been for a long time. When scanning started, there were many problems as you can imagine.

There was no internet and everything was done by phone so many scans were not downloaded. The Postmaster got so frustrated one day, she quit! So they dissolved the Post Office they used on the island.

It even had the original sign on it.

## *The LIFE of Jordan Davenport CONTINUED...*

Now even though Jordan tells me he loved working for the post office and even had a lot of fun most of the time, when the early out came in 2012, he took it. His wife, who by the way he met while delivering mail to a dentist office in Port Clinton, talked him into it. He had 36 years in and that was enough.

So now what was he to do? She is still working at the dentist office and their two boys and two girls are grown, living in Washington, Boston, St. Louis, and Ottawa Hills, Ohio. So he bought a BMW motorcycle. His love for biking started when he was in Korea. He and his brother had a Honda 70 and 90. They rode all over Korea for two years.

He had a motorcycle when he got married but it's pretty hard to ride with four kids so it was sold. His wife encouraged him to ride if he was going to own one so he has. He likes to take a few weeks each year and just ride with no plan. He camps along the way and carries a tent, sleeping bag, clothes and cooking utensils on his bike. He has been all the way to the west coast and to many national parks. His favorite thing to do is talk to the locals about places to go.

Fellow bikers tell him the most interesting roads to take. One of his favorites is Lolo Pass in Idaho. It is 99 miles of winding, twisting roads, and a lot of fun to ride. His BMW is designed for the highway and off road riding so he goes everywhere.

A few weeks after he retired, a friend called and asked if he was interested in helping to restore a lighthouse. He had built a 12 foot sailboat years ago (that he still has) so he had a little experience with woodworking. For the next three years they took an old Port Clinton lighthouse and it is now available for visits.

For a look at it, visit: [portclintonlighthouse.org](http://portclintonlighthouse.org) and see Jordan's video tour of it.

Jordan became a NAPUS member during one of the OIC assignments and got more involved when he became a Postmaster. When he retired, he was Vice President and now became our webmaster. He had no experience when he took over the job but I think you can agree, he does a fine job.

He is also our Parliamentarian and keeps us straight there.

Not enough? He belongs to a motorcycle club and is a township zoning commissioner. Jordan has also been a volunteer fireman, a fire instructor and EMT for 25 years.

He is not a grandpa yet but I'm sure he'll be a great one when he is. Jordan has a heart as big as he is. He's a big teddy bear.

I think he proved that when we met for our mini convention in Columbus in July and he said,

"I miss the hugs and I don't even like hugs."

I think he does!

*Special thanks to retired Postmaster Lou Stuckey for contributing this article showcasing another great Postmaster from the Ohio Chapter.*

## ◦ ***Why celebrate VETERANS DAY?***

***"A celebration to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."***

Yes November 11th is fast approaching and with that, comes our national holiday known as Veteran's Day. Unfortunately, this is also becoming a "non-event" in the eyes of many only because it goes unreported, unrecognized and even misunderstood by many.

I would like to take a moment share with you a few FACTOIDS about one of our Nation's greatest treasures and that is, our Veterans. Did you know:

- **There are 20.5 million Veterans alive today**
- **This represents approximately 10% of all adults in the United States**
- **6.8 million are from the Viet Nam era**
- **7.1 million are from the Gulf War era and growing**
- **77% are from WARTIME**
- **23% are from PEACETIME**
- **1968 - 3.5 million served on ACTIVE DUTY**
- **2018 - 1.3 million served on ACTIVE DUTY**
  
- **Draft ended in 1973**
- **Now we have an all VOLUNTEER force**
- **Ration of ACTIVE vs. GUARD/RESERVE component is 60/40**
- **91% are men**
- **9% are women - expected to double in next 20 years**
  
- **Current life expectancy is an average of 1.2 years shorter than civilians**
- **Veteran income of \$20K versus \$50K equals 7.9 years LESS in life expectancy than civilian counterpart**
  
- **Currently 22 Veterans are committing suicide daily nationwide**
  
- **Base pay for Private E-1 equals \$9.75 per hour**
- **Why work for minimum? Duty, Honor, Country, Family Tradition,**
- **Need a job**

**Who hires Veterans? USPS is the #1 national leader among Fortune 1000 companies with over 113,000 (18% of the workforce)**

**- 37,000 Disabled Vets are employed by the USPS**

## ***So why Veteran's Preference?***

USPS hires NEW Veteran employees to recognize:

- Service, Sacrifice & Skills
- Dates back to the Revolutionary War
- Made Federal Law in 1865 covering all Veterans

## ***What can WE do?***

It takes just ONE minute of your time to LISTEN, LEARN and appreciate that Veteran you met, know or befriend.

It takes one Veteran to DO what is needed when no one is there, in places you wouldn't want to be.

It takes Americans stepping up to say THANK YOU at every opportunity you can to those who have carried the torch of FREEDOM for all of us.

***On behalf of the Ohio Chapter this November 11th, we wish to thank ALL of our Veterans in their service to our great Nation.***

# Tele-coN

# B I N G O

"Hi. Who just joined?"	"We'll talk about this off line."	"_____, if you're talking, we can't hear you."	Sound of someone typing. Forcefully	"Hey, guys, I have to jump on another tele-con."
"...do a deep dive..."	Loud, painful echo or feedback	"Sorry I'm late. I was having trouble getting on."	"Hi. Can everyone hear me?"	"How do I share my screen?"
"Uh, _____, you're still sharing."	"Can everyone please go on mute?"		"And this is for everyone..."	"Go ahead and take the ball."
"So (fade out) I will (unintelligible) and (cuts out). Okay?"	Child or animal noises in Background	"I'm sorry. You cut out there."	"Next slide, please."	"Can you e-mail that to everyone?"
"Can everyone see my screen?"	"Didn't catch that. Can you repeat?"	(For overtalkers) "Sorry. Go ahead."	"To _____'s point..."	"Sorry. I was on mute."

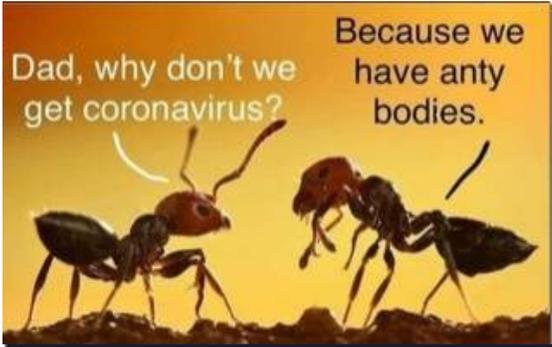
*Keeping THINGS in PERSPECTIVE...*



Because of Covid for the first time since 1945 the National Spelling Bee is cancel... cancel... cancel...  
cansel...  
It's been called off.



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**So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"**



**BREAKING NEWS... swimming pools to re-open from the 4th July, but due to continued social distancing regulations there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5.....**

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November 3rd!!!!**