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Greeting fellow UPMA Minnesota Members

I hope this edition of Postmark finds you healthy and ready for a great summer here in the land of 10,000 lakes. The MN UPMA Chapter just completed our state convention in Lakeville with over seventy members attending, including 9 first timers. I believe all nine first timers would tell you it was worth it to attend, learn, network and grow your support team by attending convention.



The convention attendees had some great speakers and training presentations. Our **Acting District Manager, Angela Bye**, started the day off with some great information on expectations and the direction of the district. Additionally, the attendees got the opportunity to ask questions and get a sense of where the district is going under her leadership.



The next session was **Dan Laux, Acting Manager of Integration**, presenting on all NPA indicators formulas that roll up to give you your final block score and annual raise. I even managed to pick up a few good sources of information related to indicators that I had previously been unaware of.

Our **National UPMA President, Edmund Carley**, shared a lot of great information related to all of the things happening around Washington DC and the Delivering for America Plan from a national level. The afternoon consisted of Postal Inspectors presenting on Arrow key accountability, non-mailable items, employee threats in work place and more. PI Livingstone and White brought a great message about the trends and cases they are dealing with most often in today's world.



The convention wrapped up the day with chapter business, Rolle Bolle games and entertainment. Friday was a great session on retirement and understanding TSP options in an effort to have all members ready for retirement when the time comes. I have the training slides available via email to anyone who would like additional information on NPA, National Presidents Message and TSP Planning. Please send me an email

if you have interest in receiving this information:
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At each convention, an election of officers is held for three of six board positions each year. I want to **welcome Alex Paulson, Postmaster of Grand Rapids**, to the board as Vice President of Training and Convention. Alex brings great youthful energy and enthusiasm to the board. Alex also served as supervisor in Brainerd and Cloquet prior to his appointment to Grand Rapids as Postmaster. **I also want to thank Janelle Duerkson for all the years of service to MN UPMA Chapter.** Janelle has been a great asset as past Vice President of Training and Convention. Janelle puts in a lot of hours planning, organizing and making the convention happen each year. I am glad she will remain an excellent and active resource for years to come.

One of the most pressing topics at convention remains complement. I am happy to see the district post over 100 rural PTF jobs externally in E career. Many of our members have been waiting over seven months for this event to happen. I appreciate the district leadership's commitment to finding a way to make the posting happen and hope that this event brings much needed staffing relief to many offices across the state.



Edmund swearing in the Executive Board

If you have a shortage of RCA, or are a formula office, you should be able to qualify for a career RCA PTF carrier. Please make sure that your RMSS information indicates you are formula and then complete the hiring survey request. It's recommended that you discuss this request with your MPOO so that your request is better supported through the complement committee review. The DM also indicated the district has a lot going on behind the scenes to drive applicants and fill vacancies but did not elaborate on specifics. I can

only hope with PEAK five months away we have much more positive trends filling vacancies state wide.

Our National President shared some insights to **Delivering for America** and the Delivery Sort Centers that are the vision of current PMG, DeJoy. As of today's date, we have only witnessed partial implementation at some sites across the nation. The success of these centers is still being determined and measured by HQ.

Edmund also shared updates on our legislative effort to repeal WEB GPO as we grow the list of supporters in House of Representatives. If this piece of legislation does not pass this year, it will likely be off the table next year as it is an election year. I believe the only non-supporter in Minnesota is Representative Michelle Fischbach. It was great to have the National UPMA President on hand and involved in the MN UPMA Convention.

Opportunities abound in the chapter for your involvement as a member. The first is Attending National Convention in Denver the last week of August. The second is Chapter Member Representation training this fall in three different locations. The third is Membership Academy in January in Orlando, Florida. If any of these opportunities interest you, please reach out and let me know.

The convention is definitely the highlight of the year for me as President. It brings the membership together and builds positive energy for the year ahead. Convention happens because of the dedication, teamwork and energy of its members.

I would like to say thanks to all who contributed, attended or presented for the betterment of all members in the state. Next year, we will head to Marshall, Minnesota (May 15-17) for a great week in the Schwan's ice cream capital of Minnesota. **Together we can!**
-Tony



**Great
decorating
job by
Janelle
!**

Greeting from the Three Amigos!

For any UPMA members on the fence about attending a State Convention, jump on the opportunity!

I reached out to my fellow Postmasters, Michelle Herzog and Jodi Schmidt and we decided 2023 was our time to participate.

For those that didn't attend this year, it was held at the Holiday Inn in Lakeville. The accommodations were great, I was even bumped into a suite! The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. It was a western theme and the decorations were fabulous!

The kick-off to the convention was appetizers, drinks and dancing with a western wear costume and biggest belt buckle contest. The three amigos took the prize for best costumes!

The next day was filled with informational speakers, including the Acting District Manager. We were given information on NPA and what we need to focus on to jump into the next block. The UPMA National President also was in attendance. We were able to vote on State and National UPMA positions.

If you want your voice to be heard, you need to participate and vote. I was impressed with the knowledge and dedication of our State and National Presidents.

There was also an opportunity to play games, such as Rolle Bolle. There were many local attractions to attend as well, such as the Art Gallery, Minnesota Zoo, Antiquing and Golf Clubs.

The entertainers were engaging and there was a lot of audience interaction. Many laughs were had by all.

The last morning included a TSP speaker. It was great to hear someone explain about the funds and what you can and can't do for withdraws when you hit retirement age.

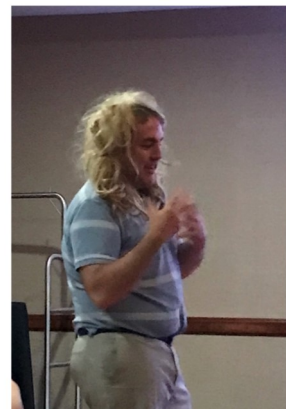
What impressed me the most, were all the members in attendance. We were welcomed by all. The retirees were sympathetic to our current struggles and shared stories of their Postal journey. It was

amazing to hear their testimonies and share our own.

We took a vote on the location of the 2024 State Convention. I encourage you all to attend next year in Marshall.

I hope to see you there!

Dorothy Kienholz





How much fun
can you get
into at a
convention?

*I can
AND
I will*



Rolle Bolle Winners
1st Place-Snake Eyes
(all retirees)
Jim K
Ron W
Duane B



2nd Place- Postal Bolletins
Don H-retiree
Margie J-retiree
Jackie M-first timer from
Paynesville



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Our Minnesota State Convention was **AWESOME!!** This is what you missed . . .

Wednesday, May 17th was the start of the 2023 Minnesota State convention held in Lakeville – fun time at the registration table as members checked in and we all started to get reacquainted. There was a DJ for those who enjoy dancing and tables full of people chatting and laughing.

Thursday, May 18th, was a full day of speakers and new information. **Lakeville Postmaster Xavier Sogoyou** welcomed us to his community. Acting District Manager Angela Bye provided a question-and-answer session that was very interesting. A training session by Dan Laux on NPA-Driving to Block Ten was provided. UPMA National President Edmund Carley gave a presentation.

After lunch, the Memorial Service was presented as we recognize those members who have passed away since our last convention.

A big highlight this year was the introduction of the 9 1st timers to our convention. They were presented with gift bags and we hope to see them again next year. The afternoon wrapped up with a Postal Inspector presentation and Chapter business.

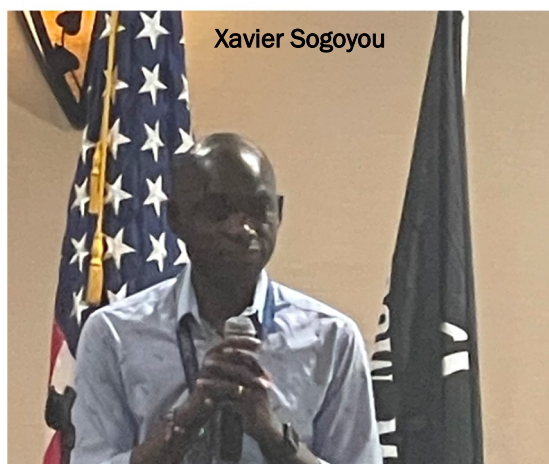
Rolle Bolle games began followed by Rocket Man entertainment, which was music and comedy to finish our day.

Friday, May 19th began with a great presentation on Thrift Savings/Retirement planning. The silent and live auction raised \$747 to split between PAC and Scholarships. Thank you to all those members who volunteered for the big and little things to make your convention successful – we could not do it without you. And a huge thank you to Janelle, our VP of Education and State Convention for the planning, decorations and everything else – you were awesome!!

It was amazing how fast the time goes when we are together for convention. Seeing our old friends and making new ones. Creating a network of people to

depend on when times are difficult and to celebrate accomplishments together.

For those who could not make it this year -
wish you had been here with us . . .
plan on it for next year in Marshall!!



Xavier Sogoyou



FULL HOUSE!
Great Facility

Why fit in
when you were born to
STAND OUT!
--Dr. Seuss

The regular Executive Board Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of UPMA was held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 via Zoom and in person.

President Tony Terwey called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm with Secretary Treasurer Anita Pfiefer present.

Secretary Treasurer Anita Pfiefer provided the invocation.

VP Jason Croshaw led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: in attendance: Tony Terwey, Pauline Lambrecht, Margie Jacobson, Jason Croshaw, Janelle Duerksen, Vanessa Nielsen, Anita Pfiefer.

Guest(s): none

Absent: Carey Welder

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Margie Jacobson, seconded by Janelle Duerksen to approve the agenda with the addition of Bylaws in new business as presented/passed.

Minutes of the November 2, 2022 board meeting were emailed to the board for review. Motion by Pauline Lambrecht, second by Janelle Duerksen to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2022 as presented/passed Minutes will be published.

President: Tony Terwey reported the stuffing of items for new members was completed and will be mailed this upcoming week to support our membership and continue to build our brand, District Manager Tony Williams is retiring, next membership challenge is engagement, career awareness event in April – invited to have a table.

Secretary Treasurer:

Anita Pfiefer presented the financial report YTD January 31, 2023.

YTD. Balance Sheet information presented.

\$ 10,040.95	Certificate of Deposit #40
\$ 00.00	Certificate of Deposit #41
\$ 30,214.63	Certificate of Deposit #42
\$ 12,753.46	Regular savings
\$ 3,850.03	Scholarship Checking
\$ 142.73	Scholarship Savings
<u>\$ 57,852.29</u>	<u>Regular Checking</u>
\$114,854.09	Total Assets
\$ 0.00	Total Liabilities



Motion by Jason Croshaw, second by Margie Jacobson to approve the financial report/passed.

VP Membership: Pauline Lambrecht reported: Postmasters: 278, Mgr/Super: 75, Associates: 33, Retired: 261, total active: 353, at 85.02%. Attended the membership meeting in Denver: new goals to recruit 33 associate members and 53 EAS members.

VP Education/State Convention: Janelle Duerksen reported on State convention plans.

VP Chapter Member Representative: Tony Terwey reported on activity and items of interest.

VP Legislative/PAC: Jason Croshaw reported 2023 Legislative Summit will be March 19th-22nd. Focus on WEP GPO and Title 39. HR 82 has 150 co-sponsors already. Title 39 to clarify UPMA role and pay talk rights. Senate will be in session but the House will not be during the Summit.

Editor: Vanessa Nielsen reported next article was this weekend. March issue will go to everyone and be in color.

Retired President: Margie Jacobson reported she is working on the 2024 state convention bids for the southwest quadrant.

Scholarship: Tony Terwey reported the need to raise money to continue program. Motion by Margie Jacobson, second by Janelle Duerksen to purchase \$250 items for the silent auction/passed. Discussion on tracking of silent auction items versus live auction.

Unfinished business: none

New business: presentation of proposed bylaw change to be voted on at State Convention.

Other Business: none

Next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm for state convention planning.

Adjourn: motion by Margie Jacobson, second by Jason Croshaw to adjourn meeting at 7:26 pm/passed.

Respectfully submitted, Anita M. Pfiefer, Secretary Treasurer

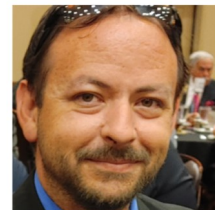


Apple Valley American Legion presented the colors at the 2023 Convention.

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Total amount raised for PAC and Scholarship: \$2024



Lori and Janey helping with 50/50 drawing which raised \$900.



Tony showing off the lamp made by Mike Halverson which went for \$110



This lovely quilt was auctioned off by our auctioneer Clarence for \$100



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I would like to start by saying thank you for allowing this opportunity for me to help lead us thru this next chapter as an Association. I am currently the Postmaster in Grand Rapids. Previously, I held the Supervisor role at the Cloquet Office as well as spent 18 months detailing as a supervisor in Brainard-Baxter. Going through the hard times there helped me become the manager and leader I am today. I still have a lot of growing and developing to do, but I am eager to learn and teach people what I have learned in my time in management.

I want to say thank to Janelle, and all the other that put in time to bring us a GREAT State Convention. We had great training sessions along with great entertainment. Thank you, that will be hard to follow next year.

As the Education and Convention Vice President I would like to be able to help us all grow as managers and as an organization. As we move forward, I would take any suggestions on items that management could use or maybe something you struggle to understand. I can be reached at paulsen.m.alex.91@gmail.com.

While at the convention, we noted the **struggle of hiring – This was the top priority of the conversations**. I have seen the struggles and impacts this has on operations across our state. I want to give a quick walk through on how I have managed to stay on top of the hiring process.

Without dedication to this we can't help our employees that we have. I'm using the workforce dashboard daily to ensure that I have postings up and to see applicants. As soon the dashboard states I have an applicant, I am sending a snip it of that to Local Services. They have become quick at getting me the name and phone number. This allows us as managers, to make that first contact before the posting is even closed. I explain to them the job along with explaining the email links to be watching for soon. I also encourage them to reach out to me if they have any

questions about the process. In addition, I arrange for the applicant to come in do fingerprints and see the office. This gets them a little bit more excited for the job even though its still a long process ahead. Feel free to reach out if you need more assistance or questions on my process.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be part of this great organization and being a part of a better tomorrow.



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What a Great Convention!

It truly was a great Convention. It was so great seeing all of the retirees—31 retirees!!! We missed those of you that were not able to make it. There was a total of 66 registered with nine first timers. Janelle Duerksen and her committee did a terrific job on the agenda, decorations, and entertainment choices. Way to go the whole Convention rocked! Even the weather cooperated and quit raining so we could all play Rolle Bolle.

The Retirees held their meeting. Secretary's report and Treasurer report were accepted.

I gave the Area 9 report. **Membership is our target** this year. We need to be out signing up members not only retirees but while you are out there sign up the active employees also. The big push is on associates this year. The membership contest continues for the State with incentives: Sign up an active EAS and you'll receive \$25 for the first one, \$50 for the second and \$100 for the third and each additional or sign up a Retiree or Associate and you'll receive \$10 for the first, \$25 for the second, and \$50 for the third and each additional. Also, the National Retirees will give you \$25 for each Retiree or Associate Member that you sign up. Keep an 1187R in your car so you are always prepared.

UPMA Scholarship is for all members and your child, grandchild, or great grandchild, stepchildren too are eligible as long as they are a high school graduate and accepted as a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year student in an accredited college, university or trade school. You can get the details and application on unitedpma.org under the Retiree tab. It needs to be in by July 15th.

We are still working on H.R. 82 Social Security Fairness Act. There are 276 co-sponsors on it, and we need 290 to force action. Six of the Minnesota Representatives are co-sponsors. The two that still need to sign on are Michelle Fischbach and Tom Emmer. We are also working on H.R. 866 Equal Cola Act.

Another issue right now is Postal Health Insurance. We will need to make our selection during the 2024 Open Season from 11/11/24 to 12/9/24. Make sure to keep yourself informed so you make the correct decision for your family.

We also held elections and both myself as President and Greg Geheren as Vice-President were re-elected. Thank you for your vote of confidence. We also read the information on the National Retirees election to be held at the National Convention. Charley Peters is running for National President and Kathy Frame and John Powell are running for National Vice President.

Hope you can make plans to attend the National Convention in Denver August 26 thru September 1st.

Have a great summer—Hope to see you all soon.



ANYONE FOR ROLLE BOLLE?

It seems few in the general population are aware of the sport of Rolle Bolle, so here are a few facts.

According to Wikipedia, immigrants of Belgium brought the game of Rolle Bolle from Ghent in Belgium. Today, Ghent, Minnesota (pop 370) is often called the Rolle Bolle capital of the world.

Rolle Bolle is a game played with heavy discs which are thick and slightly asymmetric like a wheel worn down on one side. Players usually have 3 to 4 on a team with each team taking turns rolling the Rolle Bolle disc toward the peg. The object is to get as close to the peg or to knock away someone else's disc in order to score a point. The first team to score 8 points wins the game. Teams then keep playing to find the overall winning team. A team can rise up from the loser's bracket and be the overall winner which makes the



game interesting. One's form looks like bowling and also reminds one of playing horseshoes.

Of course, the disc asymmetry creates a wide curve as the disc is thrown, making things interesting. Watching this sport is at least as fun as playing it. The player's antics after the disc is released, the frantic arm waves together with facial grimacing is actually very

comical. Of course, there's the occasional player's wide smile followed by "all right!"

One grandfather said "A true Rolle Bolle player plays with a Rolle Bolle in one hand and a beer in the other." While this isn't true for everyone in the annual games we watch at the convention, it might be true for some.

Rolle Bolle is a fun addition to the annual convention, especially after determining which lawn it will be played on, whether it be flat, hilly, grassy, or heaven forbid, indoors.

Rolle Bolle? (Holy Molle!)

Submitted by Ruth Koehler (tag-along)

PS by Duane (Buzzer)

Having played for many years, we have some great contests. Margaret and Don and their third partner always make for a formidable team opponent. It would be great to see first timers and old timers next year in May in Marshall, Minnesota, near Ghent, the Rolle Bolle capital! It's such fun networking and socializing with peers.

"Snake Eyes" the winning team:

Duane, Jim and Ron





**Sorry. Yesterday
was the deadline
for all complaints.**

Thanks' to Jason for Rolle Bolle pictures.

FUN



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Keep Your Fork

This is another story similar to the one I shared for the memorial service at the state convention.

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So, as she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, which scriptures she would like read, and which outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on, I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part

because I knew that something better was coming... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork...the best is yet to come."

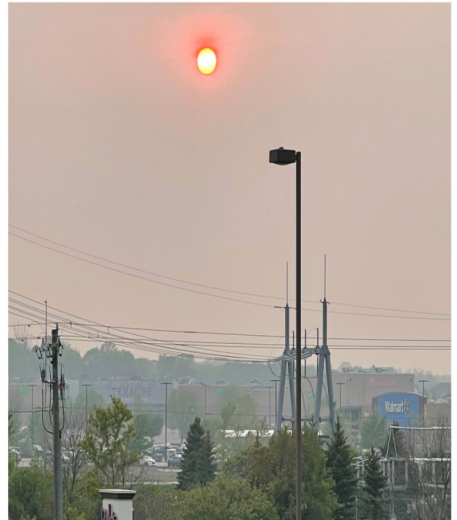
The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She *knew* that something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the young woman's casket, and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it, either.

He was right. So, the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

May God bless your day!!!





A few More Pictures
from 2023
Convention





*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



you...or someone in your family, or how it was that we may all be connected.

Mary was a talented artist, a great mother, grandmother and auntie, a curious thinker, and a beholder of beauty, but also a devoted, lifelong partner to her husband Ken, who holds a fierce ache in his heart from her passing.

She has gone to meet her parents and brothers who passed before her, but those of us still here on earth will surely feel her absence. Her children, Janel (Michael) and Sue (Trace), grandchildren Cy (Tristen), Anna (Adam), Kelly (Karl), and Ben, along with her brother Larry (Ann), special cousins, many beloved nieces and nephews and good friends will carry on with their sweet memories of her. May her time in the after-world be as light and beautiful as a garden in watercolor.

Mary Ellen Babcock, 87
April 4, 1936-May 30, 2023

The world has just lost one extraordinary woman! Mary passed away on May 30, 2023. You may have known her as the most stellar Postmaster Utica, MN has ever had, or you may recall seeing her drive the streets of St. Charles in her gold PT Cruiser convertible. Perhaps you were fortunate enough to attend one of her fabulous parties and were able to indulge in her delicious baked goods. Even if you didn't know her, she likely knew

Visitation at Hoff Funeral Home in St Charles on Monday, June 5, 2023 from 4pm-7pm. Memorial service also at Hoff on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 11am.

Memorials in her name are welcome to First Presbyterian Church, Utica or to Seasons Hospice, who, along with her family, cared so sweetly for Mary during her final days.

A Live Stream of Mary's funeral will be available at the following link. <https://view.onerooms>

I give you this one thought to keep
I am with you still - I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the mornings hush

I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not think of me as gone -
I am with you still - with each new dawn.

-Author Unknown





Florence Darlene (Mikulich) Struss became a beautiful angel on January 28, 2023. She died of natural causes at her home surrounded by family. During her 94-year journey, Florence lived by one of her favorite quotes: Give of yourself the best to the world and only the best will come back to you.

Florence was a proud Croatian Iron Ranger. She was born on November 27, 1928 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, the second of three children born to John and Katherine Mikulich. Florence spent her youth on the family farm in Trout Lake Township (near Coleraine). The family spoke only Croatian until the children learned English at Trout Lake country school. Florence graduated from Greenway High School in Coleraine in 1945, and attended Itasca Community College.

While working as a telephone operator in Coleraine, she answered a late-night call from the local depot agent and telegrapher, Gerald Struss. They were united in marriage on July 2, 1950. While starting their family, Gerald was a depot agent for the Great Northern Railroad and they made their early homes in Coleraine, Keewatin, and Fosston, settling in Akeley in 1957. Florence was always sure to have fresh lipstick and her hair styled just right whenever her husband returned home from work.

They were blessed with six children: Gerald Struss, Jr. (June); Rosanne Lueck (Matt); Gail Henne (Chester Berg); Kevin Struss; Cy Struss (Lisa); and Violet Struss (Vince Lamb); twelve grandchildren: Amanda (Miler) Montoya, Seth Struss, Kate (Corey) Milkert, Anna (Will) Lein, Michele Watson, Ross (Sue) Lueck, Shannon (Collin) Frazier, Ashley (Matt) Kirchoff, Angele Henne (Ryan Staudhammer), Zachary Struss, Kiel Struss, Rian

Struss; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

On entering heaven, Florence joins her beloved husband, Gerald; son, Kevin; grandson, Seth; parents, John and Katherine Mikulich; brother John Mikulich; sister-in-law Beverly Mikulich; and sister Rose Hanson.

Florence was the Akeley Postmaster (1987-1990); postal clerk (1960-1987); Bell telephone operator (1946-1950); and a fabulous mother and grandmother (always).

Florence enjoyed reading, singing, good music, a good picture show, philately (stamp collecting), beautiful flowers, photography, traveling, finding treasures, rides in her nephew's float plane, rowing around Island Lake, long walks, rides and road trips, talking politics, ceramics, a good laugh, and learning new things. She prized education and was a masterful bedtime story teller. In 2006, Florence fulfilled a lifelong dream when she traveled to Croatia with her daughter, Violet. While in Croatia, she visited areas where her parents had lived prior to immigrating to the United States.

Florence was a member of the Akeley United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, member of the National League of Postmasters, member of the American Legion Auxiliary, founding member of the Akeley History Museum, and volunteered many hours to support community organizations.

Florence accepted everyone as they were and had a tremendous talent for making you feel understood and valued. She was a loving, kind, caring, and selfless woman. Family and friends are grateful to have had her in our lives. Florence will forever and lovingly be remembered.





Patsy "Pat" Hayes, 92-year-old resident of Little Falls, MN, formerly of Hillman, MN, passed away on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at her residence. A Memorial Service was held at 11 AM on Friday, May 12, 2023 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls with a visitation beginning at 10 AM Friday. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls. Caring for Pat and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Patsy "Pat" Ruth Miller was born on October 26, 1930

in Minneapolis, MN, to the late George and Alice (Straiton) Miller. She was the 9th of 10 children, and grew up in Minneapolis, graduating from Edison High School. Pat met her future husband Rod Hayes while she was visiting her grandfather in the Hillman area. They were married in Minneapolis on April 23, 1949. Together they made their home in the Hillman area. In 1979, Pat became Postmaster in Hillman. She was named "Minnesota Postmaster of the Year" in 1987. She was very active in the National League of Postmasters and the Little Falls American Legion Auxiliary #46. Pat and Rod moved to Little Falls, MN in 1990 when Pat retired. Pat enjoyed traveling, going to casinos and doing handcrafts before she lost her vision.

Pat is survived by daughter, Linda (Mathew) Brummer and son, John Hayes, both of Hillman; grandchildren, Michael Brummer, Mark Brummer, Angel (Henry) Blattner, Chrissy Piltz, and Gerald (Michelle) Hayes; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.



Audrey Mae Myckleby, age 95, of Mesa, Arizona passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Audrey Mae Myckleby was born on April 15, 1928, to Christian G. Brand and Emma (Elfmann) Brand in Hart, Minnesota. Audrey graduated high school from Lewis-

ton High School, Lewiston, MN after high school she attended cosmetology school in Minneapolis, MN. After several years, she changed her employment. She joined the St. Paul Minnesota Post Office. She worked there until she was appointed Postmaster of Sandstone, MN. Audrey worked there until her retirement in 1989.

She married Wesley Myckleby in 1971. She outlived her parents and siblings. Wesley passed away in 2014. She leaves behind one stepson, three step grandchildren, and step great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at her beloved church, Victory Lutheran Church, 5946 E University Dr Mesa AZ 85205 on April 26th at 2 PM, where she had been an active member for many years.

Burial of ashes will be next to her husband at Riverside Cemetery in Superior, WI.



Scott Douglas Lindemann

February 6, 1951 ~ January 22, 2023 (age 71)

Scott D. Lindemann, age 71, of Kimball, died on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at his home.

A visitation of final farewell was held on Monday, January 30, 2023 at Dingmann Funeral Care Chapel in Kimball.

Scott Douglas Lindemann was born February 6, 1951 in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota to Daniel and Blanch (Class) Lindemann. He was united in marriage to Barbara "Bobbie" Wellens on April 5, 1975 in Shakopee. He worked for the United States Postal Service in numerous communities, retiring in 2009 in Kimball after 38 years of service. Scott lived a great life.

He is survived by his wife, Barb "Bobbie" Lindemann of Kimball; son, Kurt Lindemann of Kimball; daughter, Karla Lindemann of Kimball and Karla's husband, Mark Priestler and Karla's significant other, Michael Byrne; brother and sisters, Steve, Cindy and Shannon; and many friends.

Scott was the Postmaster in Kimball.



Stefan Donald True, age 77, of Nisswa and formerly Mankato, died on June 1, 2022, at Essentia Health – St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

A memorial service was held on Friday, July 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Family and friends were invited to gather for one hour prior to the service.

Stefan was born to Donald and Pauline (Knutson) in Mankato on July 12, 1944. He married the love of his life in 1968, Patricia Rauchman, and together they moved to Brainerd. This enabled them to raise their

children in 'God's Country'. Stefan was a loving husband and father – his family always looked forward to hearing stories of his childhood and listening to his laugh. After 32 years, he retired from the United States Postal Service. Stefan was a long-time member at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. His time in retirement was spent volunteering for many different organizations, however, his biggest passion in life was spent outdoors, hunting, fishing, and gardening.

Stefan is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia; four children, Daniel (Dawn) True, Tamara True, John True and Sara (Eric) Larson; seven grandchildren, Hannah, Noah, and Kody True, David and Malcolm Innes and Emma True and Will Larson; siblings, Robert, Lloyd, and Lowell (Kim) True; and many other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by siblings, Marit Johnston, and Howard, Charles, and Donald 'D.D.' True.

Stefan was the Postmaster in Ironton.

UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA 2023 SCHOLARSHIP

THE UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION awards scholarships to qualifying students.

1. The applicant must be the child, stepchild, grandchild or great-grandchild of a member of the **UNITED POSTMASTERS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA**.
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3. The applicant must have a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) overall including a 2.5 average for the last full year of **high** school, and must provide a transcript of their grades covering the most recent year of school.

The winners will be announced at the annual national convention of The United Postmasters and Managers of America. The applicants who are not chosen to receive a scholarship will not be notified. If the recipient leaves school for any reason except for sickness or death the money must be returned to the UPMA Scholarship Foundation.

This **APPLICATION** and all additional pages must be received no later than **JULY 15, 2023** by the Chairman of the UPMA Retired Scholarship Committee. **Please read instructions carefully. INCOMPLETE applications will be disqualified.** Type or print all additional information on individual and numbered 8-1/2" x 11" sheets of paper. Place your full name on top of each page submitted.

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1. Full name: _____

Address: _____

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2. Birth Date: _____

3. Name and address of the relative who is a UPMA member:

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Name: _____

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4. Paid and/or volunteer jobs
5. Future plans
6. Personal or financial need
7. Scholarships or grants received
8. Approximate annual cost of institution you are attending.
9. You may include any other pertinent information to assist the selecting committee in evaluating the applications.

9. Attach your latest transcript from school.

School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

10. Have you received this scholarship before? Yes No What year/years? _____

Signature

Date of Application

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I want to say thank you and welcome to the members who were first timers at convention this year!

Melanie Anderson - Dundas

Michelle Herzog - Wilmar

Dorothy Kienholz - Spicer

Terri Newcomb-Evans - Eastside Sta Mpls

Alex Paulsen - Grand Rapids

Kara Plunkett - Sandstone

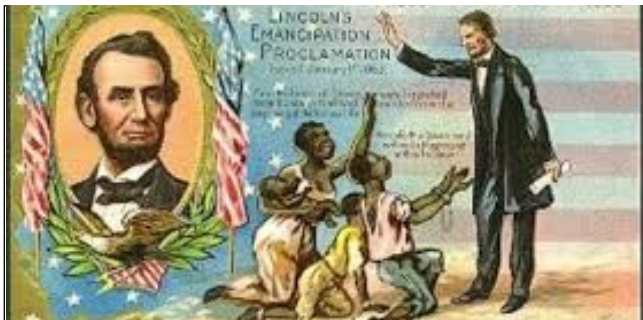
Jodi Schmidt - Morris

Jackie Mackedanz - Paynesville

Stephen Records - Cottage Grove



I hope to see you all next year -you can be a two-timer!



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UPMA Upcoming Events

August 1, 2023	Minnesota Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom
August 27- September 1, 2023	UPMA National Convention Denver, Colorado
September 15 -17, 2023 Saturday only	Chapter Member Representative (CMR) Training Philadelphia, PA
September 22-24, 2023	Central Area Officers Summit Indianapolis, Indiana
October 3, 2023	Minnesota Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom
October 20-22, 2023 Saturday only	Chapter Member Representative (CMR) Training Portland, OR
November 3-5, 2023 Saturday only	Chapter Member Representative (CMR) Training Oklahoma City, OK
January 26 - 27, 2024 Tentative date	Minnesota Executive Board meeting Marshall, MN
March 17 – 20, 2024	Legislative Summit Washington DC
May 15 – 17, 2024	MN State Convention Marshall, MN
August 21-30, 2024	UPMA National Convention Orlando, FL

