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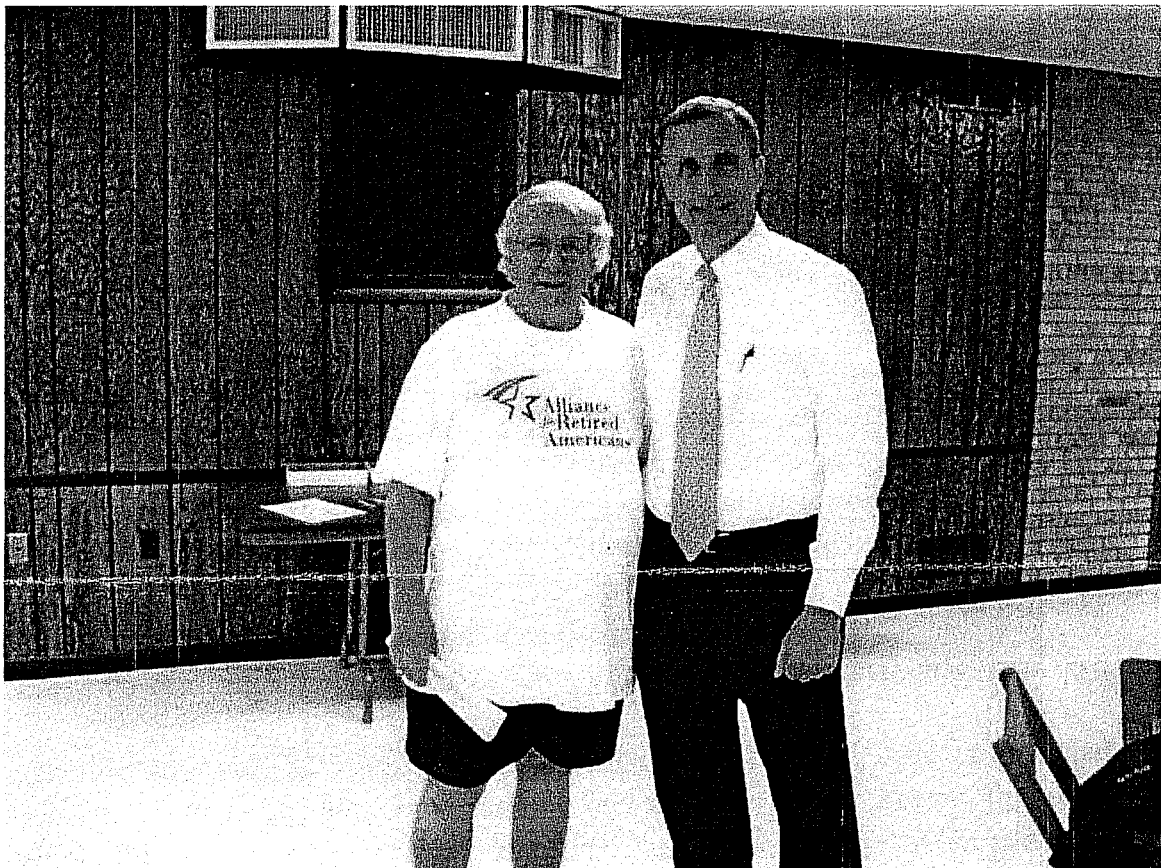
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RICHARDS MEETS WITH CONG. TIM MURPHY (R- PA 18th)



At a forum set up by Frank Wozniak, an officer of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association on May 29, this writer had the opportunity to forcefully bring to Representative Tim Murphy's attention the most critical issues facing Postal retirees and rank and file workers.

In at times a spirited but civil exchange, topics 'covered' were: Health Benefits ~ Currently retirees and active rank and file are protected by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan, a benefit administered under the auspices of the Federal Government. We reminded Murphy that retirees in particular had paid into the system for @ 50 years. The Postal Service is moving aggressively to remove the health benefits from the government and create its own self administered system. We impressed on Murphy that such a move would result in higher premiums and/or reduced benefits. We strongly urged Murphy to oppose the ploy.

All other Union supported issues were also discussed, such as Medicare, Social Security, consolidations, excessing, service standards, six day delivery, small office closures, etc.

We expressed our appreciation to Cong. Murphy that he had met with us at the forum and that we had the opportunity to freely express our views to him. Now we will have to monitor Murphy's voting record for evidence that we made an inroad.

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MID-SUMMER BLAST ~ FINAL REMINDER!

THE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL MID-SUMMER BLAST PARTY WILL BE HELD AT PETER'S PLACE RESTAURANT, 1199 WASHINGTON PIKE, IN BRIDGEVILLE PA, ON JULY 19, 2012. HORS D'OEUVRES WILL BE SERVED AT 11:30 AM, BUFFET LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW. A SHORT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD. PETER'S PLACE IS CONVIENENT TO I-79 AT THE KIRWAN HEIGHTS EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON WASHINGTON PIKE AT THE EXIT RAMP. **PLEASE NOTE THE CUT-OFF DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Members and one guest may attend at no cost. Additional guests that are not Postal Service retirees and/or Chapter members may also attend at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

Members are requested to RSVP using the form below, including your guest(s). Please send the RSVP at your earliest opportunity but received no later than **July 12** to the Chapter at PO Box 39, Slovan PA 15078 so that we can alert Peter's Place of our requirements. **AFTER RESERVATIONS ARE MADE IF NECESSARY TO CANCEL, CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE AS SOON AS THE NEED TO CANCEL IS KNOWN, SINCE THE CHAPTER MUST PAY FOR THE RESERVED NUMBER WHETHER IN ATTENDANCE OR NOT.**

This will be the Chapter's final big get together before the APWU Convention in August and the United Labor Day Parade in September. Attendance at our parties has increased each time. We are therefore anticipating and hoping for the largest party in Chapter history!

There will be a few 'surprises' like there were at the Christmas Party last year. We may even have a special guest or two, depending on schedule availability.

We hope that an overflow crowd will attend to make the party a howling success. As usual, if members present their Chapter membership cards at registration they will be eligible for a members only drawing. If the membership card has been lost or misplaced, or for any questions, contact this writer at 724 947 9374, and a duplicate membership card will be sent.

I will attend (NAME)

My guest (NAME)

Additional guests (NAME)

(NAME)

Additional guests (NAME)

(NAME)

NEW MEMBERS ~ James Goodwin, Elliot Rizer, and Robert Schafer. Welcome aboard!

SHUT-IN LIST ~ Bill Adams, Norbert Conway, Jeanne McCarthy, Laverne Heil, Dorothy Walker, and Ruth Marlett are on the shut-in list. Please keep a good thought for our shut-ins. There but for the grace of God..... (Anyone that would like to be included on the shut in list call 724 947 9374 to be included.)

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