



## The 72<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Chapter of NAPUS State Convention



Fellow Postmasters, PMRs and OICs:

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend our National Association of Virginia State Postmasters State Convention. Dates of the convention are July 13-16<sup>th</sup>. The Convention will be at Charlottesville, VA. A registration form is enclosed.

We will have a class preparing for retirement for Civil Service and FERS employees taught by Emil Buatti, Postmaster from Henryville PA. Private sessions will be available to those who bring their printouts. We will be giving information on surviving an audit with the updated security guidelines. One of the National Postmaster Representatives will be speaking to us and you will get the opportunity to get your training in a classroom atmosphere instead of a DVD.

Fellowship and networking opportunities are available throughout the conference. Sometimes you just need to vent to someone who understands. Who better to understand than a fellow Postmaster? Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information.

If you are planning on retiring before the State Convention – please come! We have a great group of retirees who attend and have their meetings at the same time as the active Postmasters.

Claudette Wilcher

**PLEASE BRING DOOR PRIZES FOR THE STATE CONVENTION**

**DRESS CODE IS BUSINESS CASUAL FOR FUNCTIONS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 13 AT 3 PM. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU SHOULD DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO REPRESENT YOU AT THIS MEETING. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO THIS, PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT CLAUDETTE.**

**CONVENTION LEAVE REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR MANAGER, POST OFFICE OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY. BE SURE TO USE THE DAYS GIVEN YOU FOR ATTENDING THE STATE AND/OR NATIONAL CONVENTION.**

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<p><b>2008 VA State Convention</b></p> <p><b>Charlottesville, VA</b></p> <p><b>July 12-16</b></p>		<p><b>2008 Mid Atlantic</b></p> <p><b>Conference</b></p> <p><b>July 18-20</b></p>			
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### **Judy Britt, Postmaster of Rawlings, earns second CMO Growth Award**

Pictured L-R: Deputy PMG Patrick Donahoe, Judy Britt, and NAPUS President Dale Goff

The Chief Marketing Officer Growth Award is the highest marketing honor for postmasters, managers and supervisors who are the most successful in marketing and growth activities

“I would never have thought an office my size could actually win anything pertaining to growth, but this just proves small offices do count too!” said Britt, who concentrated on marketing initiatives like Stamps by Mail.

District Manager Jacob Cheeks, who commended Britt on her continuing efforts to grow the business, said “I believe there are other hard-working candidates in this District who just don’t realize they’re achieving the necessary points to also qualify for a Growth Award.” With six levels of competition and using a cumulative point system within three growth categories – revenue generation, marketing initiatives, and marketing outreach – there are plenty of opportunities to succeed.

### **Rick Elkins, Postmaster of Meherrin Receives Benjamin Award**



(L-R) Richmond District Manager Jacob Cheeks and Meherrin Postmaster Rick Elkins

The Benjamin award is the highest national USPS public relations honor a postal employee can receive. Using a cumulative point system monitored by Headquarters Public Affairs and Communications, winners are chosen from across the country for outstanding community outreach activities that best generate positive publicity for the Postal Service.

Meherrin Postmaster Rick Elkins was recently presented a 2007 Benjamin award in recognition of his hard work. “It was my honor to make this presentation to Rick,” said District Manager Jacob Cheeks. “He was one of 24 winners nationwide, and the only 2007 Benjamin recipient in the Capital Metro Area.” Elkins joins Mary Harrison Jones of Gloucester Point and Faye Barron, now retired from Millers Tavern, as less than a handful Benjamin award winners from the Richmond District.

## Editor's Column

Tamika Pippin, Huddleston 24104



### Make it to State in 2008!

Hello to all my fellow members. I want to ask every member to attend our State Convention in Charlottesville this year. I am sure some of you may be wondering why all these articles keep stating the same message. If you have been to a few of our past conventions and conferences then you already know. So maybe I am just speaking to those of you who have been unable to attend. We need our organization to be as strong as possible and the only way to achieve this is power by numbers. Every Postmaster has been feeling the strain these days, whether it is a budget or compliment issue we are all in need of support. Our attendance has been low due to some of these issues I know, but if you can fit it into your schedule you **MUST** attend. You get 5 days of convention leave to attend so use it. If you can't make it to State give up your relief to an office you does want to attend but has no relief. Let's work together and be proactive. It is much harder to reverse the effects of change than to prevent them. New members please come, you will be welcomed. Veteran members we want you back and you will be welcomed. Retirees, thank you for your continued support, we need you. To all, **WE NEED YOU!**



### RENEWAL

By Mary Harrison-Jones  
Secretary/Treasurer

Hello fellow NAPUS members. Can you believe it is time for our State and National Conventions. Where has this year gone. I hope a lot of you are planning to attend our State Convention in Charlottesville. Our chairmen Karen Davis and Kim Timberlake have been working hard on making this a great event for all of us. Look at this as a time of renewal. Renewal of friendships, renewal of spirit and knowledge, and most of all a renewal of faith.

NAPUS has provided me with a lifetime of friendships and memories. The knowledge I have gained from attending the meetings, the training classes, and the conversations with others has been priceless. I always leave my NAPUS functions with a renewed spirit and attitude. If you participate in our NAPUS events, I guarantee a renewal of faith in your fellow man. I have always found help and understanding in my fellow NAPUS members when I have needed it most. I am sure most of you feel the same as I do, our US Postal Service is changing daily. I find it harder and harder to keep up with the changes and harder and harder to understand the changes. If it weren't for my ability to talk and vent my frustrations with others, I am sure there are days that would be more difficult than they are. We are so fortunate to have the network we have - each other. Postmasters need each other now more than ever. The time is now for all of us to be an active member of NAPUS. Our future depends on it. Please take the time to attend something. Remember you are given 5 days of leave each year just to be a part of a team. You can use this time to attend your State and/or National Convention. This is a benefit given to us, and only us. Since I am your Secretary/Treasurer I look at attending and using our benefit as a profit, or income. I never look at the registration fee or hotel cost as an expense. I consider them a profit. You will profit from attending and you will profit from networking. Again, I hope a lot of you are planning to attend our State Convention in Charlottesville. A note to all of our Executive Board Members, please be at the board meeting on Sunday, July 13th. All area chairman need to be present or have a designee to represent your area at this meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (804) 642-6164. Let us all give our President Claudette the support she needs and deserves.

# Virginia Chapter President

Claudette Wilcher, Millboro 24460



I AM EXCITED!!! Our state convention is July 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Charlottesville OMNI and I can't wait to see everyone. It's been almost a year now since we've all been together and some of us are closer to retirement than others...seems like that's all we talk about these days. I had a postmaster tell me at a meeting a few weeks ago – "I remember when I loved my job and looked forward to coming to work everyday." We are not the Postal Service of we were 10 years ago or even 5 years ago but we can still be the best! We are working with impossible budgets, been given impossible revenue goals, and required to complete many of our tasks with little or no training but I am asking you to keep

your head up and be the best you can be. NAPUS is here to help you and with our combined resources we can help each other accomplish seemingly impossible goals.

I attended a quarterly meeting with the Appalachian district manager, Ms. Karen Schenck a few weeks ago and I have to say it was one of the most positive management meetings I have participated in. I won't tell you she promised to give us all we want but I will say she agreed to work together to accomplish the goals she set for her district. She told us the district lost a lot of hours but she took documentation proving the need for additional hours to the area and was given 17,000 hours back in her budget. Don't get excited – this will not amount to much when spread around the whole district. She asked every postmaster to honestly examine their operations and make adjustments where necessary. She addressed the dress code SOP that was sent to Appalachian postmasters. Every postmaster is required to dress and present themselves as the professionals we are. We need to promote a positive image to our customers.

Some of the postmasters in the Mountain Mini Cluster held a training class on finance training to provide information to those postmasters who want to be sure their office is in compliance. We plan more sessions to provide the much needed training on other programs and policies. Contact Cindi Spitzer (244 area chair) or Thelma Michael (228 area chair) if you would like additional training and we will see what can be provided.

I want to emphasize again how important it is to use your paid convention leave and come to Charlottesville for our state convention. The ELM grants us 5 days convention leave- we need to use it or we may lose it. Send your PS 3971 in early and get it approved. You will get training and information there you can't get on your own. You will develop relationships and friendships with other postmasters that can help you through the rough times. I want to especially encourage new postmasters to come and get active in the organization. The future of the Postal Service is in our hands too and we need to an active participant – not stand on the side lines and let others make life changing decisions for us. GET INVOLVED! This is your organization and you need to step and accept the challenge as we move the VA Chapter NAPUS into the future. Go ahead, call The OMNI, and make those reservations – SEE YOU IN CHARLOTTESVILLE!!!!

**NEW 2008 POSTAGE RATE CHEAT SHEETS AVAILABLE AT NAPUS.ORG**

**FREE ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP OFFER TO ANY NEW OIC OR POSTMASTER WHO SIGNS UP WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF APPOINTMENT. THIS OFFER IS GOOD UNTIL 12-31-08. PLEASE OFFER THIS FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUR NEIGHBORING POSTMASTER OR OIC AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN THEIR OFFICE. MEMBERSHIP FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AS NAPUS.ORG**

## Area 6 National VP

JIM BIBEY



Greetings to my fellow NAPUS-ites in the great state of Virginia. I trust that you are all ready to enjoy a wonderful summer of beautiful sunny weather filled with days of exciting new adventures, evenings of laid back, worry-free experiences, and nights full of good cheer and heavenly bliss. I also trust that you are ready to enjoy gas prices to drop back into the

\$2:00 range, and that your mother-in-law will stop dropping by unexpectedly, and that you will not have to fill out any more logs at work or make multiple scans on the same piece of mail. But what's the odds of that happening, either. Oh well, one thing is for certain. Summer will always come around ( just like your mother-in-law ) and with summer comes that once a year special opportunity to do something that will benefit you in a way that you will not receive in any other way. And that is to attend your State Convention and partake in the valuable training offered there. You know, the one-on-one kind of face to face training we use to receive " back in the day." In this fast paced, budget cutting, and numbers based postal world we work in, our training has seemed to have taken a back set in the "postal priority bus. " I strongly urge each of you not to miss this excellent opportunity to improve yourselves and gain valuable information that will better prepare you for what is coming in our postal future. After all, you get five days of Convention leave that is completely separate from your other earned leave. It's there for your benefit and use, but make no mistake about it, if it is not effectively used by us it could very well be taken away. As some of you will remember, we use to have ten days of Convention leave. More than ever before we need to take advantage of the training and networking that is offered at this venue so that we can be better prepared to meet the challenges facing us in this ever changing postal world we work in. SO DON'T DELAY, MAKE YOUR PLANS TODAY to join with your fellow NAPUS members at this years State Convention. I look forward to seeing you there and sharing time and some summer fun with you.

Jim Bibey,  
Nat. VP

### Postmasters Retired

- Vada McCarty
- Geraldine Saunders
- Frederick Underwood, JR
- Eugene Miller
- Connie Wood
- Wanda Morgan
- Bernard Nicholson
- Sharon Ryder

### New NAPUS Members

- Sharon Dean, Postmaster
- Leslie Furman, Officer In Charge
- Maude White, Postmaster Relief
- Jennifer Shell, Associate Member

**Deadline for August issue is July 1.**

**Please send articles via email to [mikapip@aol.com](mailto:mikapip@aol.com). Call 540-314-4249 with any questions.**

**THE OMNI - CHARLOTTESVILLE  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**Virginia Chapter of NAPUS State Convention  
July 13 - 16, 2008**

Registration Fees	By July 1 <sup>st</sup>	After July 1 <sup>st</sup> and On site
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Full Registration	\$75	\$95
<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree	\$65	\$95

One day Only Registration Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday/Presidents Reception	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday/Lunch	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday/Lunch	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday/Lunch/Grand Banquet	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Banquet Only	\$30

Note: Emergency refund requests only will be honored. You must submit in writing.

(Please Print) Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a Past President and plan on attending the Presidents Reception Sunday, please fill in the year you served \_\_\_\_\_.

Make Checks Payable to: Virginia Chapter of NAPUS

Mail To: Mary Harrison-Jones

Virginia Chapter National Association of Postmasters

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ASK FOR NAPUS CONVENTION



Well, it's getting time for the State and National Conventions and I hope you are planning on attending in Charlottesville July 12 – 16. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones and it would be great if each of us brought a PO friend (new or old) with them. Just read an email from Mary Harrison Jones that our long time friend and great leader Charlie Schuler will be there.

Mary and I had a great five week vacation in Little River, South Carolina. Leaving the snow falling in Indiana as we drove away to visit friends like Jim and Alice King, who now live there; playing golf, cards, and dancing lessons were just a few of the things we did while there. The last week we were blessed with a group of Postmaster friends joining us for a few days on the beach. Some went out on a gambling boat, some went golfing and there were those who just couldn't do without shopping. Along with Jim and Alice were Charlie and Carol Moser, Chuck and Pat Allen, Judy Carroll, Judy Cleaton, May and Larry Massie, Judy and Harold Crowder and we also visited J.C. Peloquin and his wife. It was so very good to see Harold and Judy Crowder, please keep both of them in your prayers as Judy continues her treatments.

We returned to Indiana by way of Smith Mountain Lake and lunch with Margaret and CO Jamison, and then headed to Northern Virginia to attend the Northern Virginia Performance Cluster Retiree Appreciation Breakfast. Mike Furey, District Manager did an outstanding job of welcoming all the retirees. Over one hundred attended and it was like old home week, seeing the people who helped make Northern Virginia what it is today and seeing the leaders that have kept it there. We were given a tour of the new flat sorter (the first in the country). Amazing how much the Post Office has changed. We may be retired but we still care about the UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. Time was given for feedback with questions about the lost volume of mail, cost of postage with the higher gas prices, security of the postal vehicle, and the possibility of getting more information to our retirees about what is happening in the post office. Mike Furey agreed to keep the retirees more informed by yearly retiree meetings and adding the retirees to future mailing lists. His office must have your current address and email address. So, if you are retired from NOVA you need to keep them informed of any changes. It was great to also see Jerry Merna and Dick Strasser.

Hope you all have a great spring and summer. Let's get involved and invite someone to join you at the state convention.

Hope to see you soon. Curtis Weed, VP Retirees.



Connie Wood, Woolwine Postmaster, hosted a Customer Appreciation Day on the occasion of her retirement after thirty years of service, March 31st. Missy Prillaman, Henry Postmaster, was on hand as co-host





# Form 1187

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

### SECTION A—All New Members Complete

Your title determines whether you also complete Section B or C

<b>USPS Employee Identification Number (EIN):</b>			
Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender Male ___ Female ___	Home Telephone ( )
Name of Employee (PRINT Last Name, First, Middle)			Nickname
Home Address (Street and Number/PO Box)		City	State ZIP+4
Spouse's First Name	Personal E-Mail Address		Total Years of Postal Service

### SECTION B—Postmasters Only Complete

Post Office City/State	ZIP Code	Post Office Finance Number
Post Office Level	Postmaster's Direct Post Office Telephone ( )	

### SECTION C—(Check One): Officer-in-Charge Associate PMR—Only Complete

Post Office City/State	PO Finance Number of OIC Detail		
Date of PM/OIC Appointment	Post Office Telephone Number	( )	
Former Postmaster at this Office has	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Date / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Detailed to (Title and Location)	
Home Payroll Office Finance Number		Employee Designation Code	

### SECTION D—For Use by the Employee Organization

<p><b>P</b> Mail completed form to: National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) 8 Herbert Street Alexandria, Virginia 22305-2600</p>		
I hereby certify that the regular dues of this organization for the above-named member currently are established at \$_____ per calendar month.		
Signature and Title of Authorized Official	<input type="checkbox"/> NAPUS Membership Chair <input type="checkbox"/> NAPUS Chapter Secretary-Treasurer	Date
Member submitted as: <input type="checkbox"/> Withholding <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (attach check/money order)		

### SECTION E—Authorization by Employee

I hereby authorize the above-named agency to deduct from my pay the first pay period of each month the amount certified above as the regular dues of the (UN-P) National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) 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 monthly deduction. It will become effective the first pay period of the calendar month, which includes the first day of the month, following its receipt in the employee organization's headquarters office: NAPUS, 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 filing such a revocation form or other written revocation request "Certified Mail" directly to the employee organization's headquarters office: NAPUS, 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.

**Yes, at the same time I join NAPUS, I'd like to join NAPUS Federal Credit Union and also receive a NAPUS FCU Visa card, if I qualify! After I've received my Credit Union account card in the mail, I understand I may call PostalEASE (1-877-477-3273) and set up a payroll allotment to NAPUS FCU. The CU's routing number is 254074934.**

Signature of Employee	Date
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Who/what most influenced your decision to join NAPUS? \_\_\_\_\_

## Postmaster's Support NAPUS

I went to Roanoke for the 2008 Executive Conference but I was very disappointed that Postmasters did not use this wonderful opportunity. I attended the computer class and the instructor was very knowledgeable and the Postmasters in the class got their problems solved and were offered some time saving tips.

There was an instructor to help you do your job and stay out of trouble. Remember your work is being checked all the time and you need to know how to protect yourself by making sure you are not jeopardizing your job.

The instructor who did the retirement class was excellent and gave extra time to the Postmasters personally. I think he is supposed to be in Charlottesville also.

The food was delicious and the fellowship was enjoyed by all there. You can learn so much from your fellow Postmaster and make such wonderful friends that you will want to see every chance you get. Postmasters, plan now to attend the State Convention in Charlottesville. You get convention leave to use for attending the State Convention and if you don't use it you may lose it along with your other benefits. You need to come and support NAPUS and protect your jobs and benefits, make new friends and learn how to do your job better. The benefits that you now have and enjoy were worked for by NAPUS members, many who are no longer with us, but have gone on to their heavenly reward. Come to the State Convention in Charlottesville and have fun and make new friends and learn from your fellow Postmasters, plus enjoy wonderful fellowship. I look forward to meeting all of you new Postmasters. Ask for your convention leave now and meet me in Charlottesville. Lets have a large attendance and take advantage of the Convention Leave.

Barbara Swann

Retired PM, Heathsville

## Postmaster Appointments

Brenda Shelton, Java

Amy Hogg, Glen Wilton

Pamela Hanks, Kilmarnock

Duane Trent, Rescue

Terence Clark, Wytheville

Ruth Dofflemyer, Nellys Ford

Wayne Davenport, Fredericksburg

Donnell Parham, Brandy Station

Danny Hawks, Cana

Diane Durham, Redwood

Iris Gordon, Rose Hill

Davina Galford, Glen Lyn

Samuel Johnson, Smithfield

Charmaine Jordan, Dinwiddie

Monica Ball, Doswell

Rachel Herriott, Burr Hill

Jessica Herriott, Olville

John Budzynski, Alexandria

Sandra Burnette, Montebello

Terry Williams, Stanley

Thomas Crawley, JR, Colonial Heights

Olinda Summerlin, Orange

Francine Fordham, Montpelier Station

Lewis Owens, Locust Grove

Juanita Lee, King William

Babette Lee, Thaxton

Christian Buzzelli, Shenandoah

## 224-225 East

Today I had the pleasure of attending the 110th anniversary of the Susan Post Office. Helen Hurst, the current Postmaster, had the post office all decorated inside and out. There was a nice display of all kind of goodies for you to sample. Annie Goin, the former Postmaster, was in attendance. Barbara Swann, Postmaster Retired from Heathsville, and my sister Dot Abbott and I were delighted to see Mary Harrison- Jones and Steve and also Gertrude Hurst, Postmaster Retired from Port Haywood was in attendance as well as many of the patrons of the community.

This is the History of the Susan Post Office:

On December 14, 1897 an letter from W L Williams was received in the office of the Assistant Postmaster General in Washington DC requesting a new Post Office be established between Port Haywood and New Point. Mr. Williams was informed to select a short name for the proposed office which , when written, would not resemble the name of any other Post Office in the state.

On February 15, 1898 William L Williams was appointed to serve as Postmaster of the newly established Post Office. It is believed by some that he named the office for his daughter Susan Williams, later Odell. The original building is now used as a Bed and Breakfast and a family residence. The Post Office remained in its original building until 1955. During the time between 1898 and 1954 the following served as Postmasters or acting Postmasters:

William L. Williams, Postmaster	February 15, 1898
Susie V. Williams, Postmaster	April 3, 1914
Ellen F. Williams, Postmaster	April 16, 1918
Lucy G. W. Williams, Acting Postmaster	August 23, 1954
Williams C. Pugh, Acting Postmaster	March 31, 1955

The office was discontinued on September 6, 1956 and reinstated with :

Jane G. Brooks, Acting Postmaster	December 15, 1956
Clara G. Grinnel, Acting Postmaster	May 6, 1958
Clara G. Grinnel, Postmaster	December 12, 1958
Annie Laura Goin, Officer In Charge	October 27, 1972
Annie Laura Goin, Postmaster	March 17, 1973
Helen S. Hurst, Postmaster Relief	March 1977
Bertha Case, Officer In Charge	July 27, 2000
Helen S. Hurst, Postmaster	January 27, 2001

At the end of Mrs. Williams tenure the Post Office was moved to C F Smith General Store and occupied a small cubicle in the front of the store. The store was directly across the highway from where the Post Office is today. In 1968 the store was destroyed by fire and the office temporarily moved to Port Haywood where the Postmaster shared a small area in that office until the present building was built. The office has grown from a five hour office to now serving 125 customers eight hours a day. The current Postmaster Helen Hurst is the daughter of C F Smith. Helen says "I am enjoying working in the Susan Post Office where I grew up and have so many wonderful memories".

Katy Bush  
Postmaster Retired, Lively

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