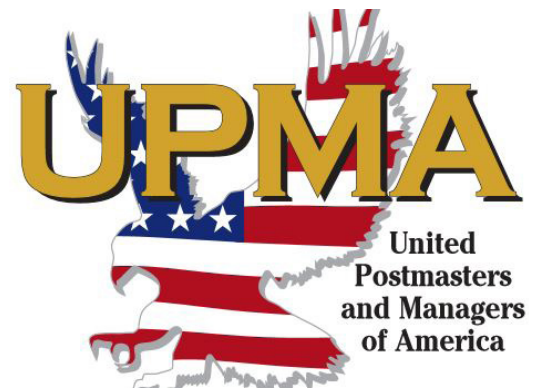


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we  
can!

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**It is an organization of people who hold proud titles. It does not discriminate by race, gender, or salary level. It is a vehicle, an avenue, a method and a tool that can and does help, assist, benefit, and encourage members to be better Postal Managers.**



## Meta Belford ~ IL Chapter President

### Hot Dates

This month, I have a smorgasbord or a potpourri of information to share with you.

First, I'd like to thank the Ohio Chapter for hosting our 5th National UPMA convention. It is hard to believe five years have passed since our great organization was founded from the merging of two other wonderful organizations! The 2022 National UPMA convention will be in St. Louis, MO. There is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't expect twice as many members in attendance there as we had in Ohio this year. This is a goal we should strive for. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a National Convention, now is the time. Any UPMA officer or active member will be happy to answer any questions you might have and provide valuable information about the National Convention. The 2022 Illinois State Convention will be held in Northbrook May 12 -14, 2021. It will be a three-day convention this year if our state stays healthy and continues on the path to put this pandemic behind us. More information will be provided soon.

Another item I wanted to talk to you about is the officer training to be held March 11-13 in Milwaukee at the Four Points Sheraton hotel. It was originally set for this fall, but due to COVID, the date was rescheduled to March. The tentative cost of the training will be \$85-\$100. If being a UPMA officer is something you might be interested in, please attend the training and see if it would be a good fit for you. The cost of the hotel will be \$125/night. Talk a friend into going with you to share expenses without breaking the bank! It will be a good time. You never know, you might love recruiting members, being involved with planning a convention or helping audit the treasurer's books once a year. Whatever you find that fits you best, we'd love to have you involved.

Speaking of being involved, it was great to see those who attended the Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, to talk to our Congressmen. I'll be honest, when I first started going to Washington, DC, it was intimidating. But you receive a day's worth of training before going to Capitol Hill to visit. Our next Legislative Summit will be in February, which is the normal time of the year we attend. Because of COVID, it was postponed to September this year. The dates are February 13-16, 2022. Save the date. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

I'd also like to encourage everyone to look around your geographical area and reach out to new postmasters and supervisors in your area. Introduce yourself and see if there is anything you can do to help them. Remember what it was like to receive an email that was written in acronyms, and you didn't have a clue what they all meant? That person you're reaching out to probably is feeling the same anxiety as we've all felt when we first became a postmaster or supervisor. If you have a postal program you're good with, TACS, RMSS, RSS, etc. (there's those acronyms) let them know to call you when they have a question or suggest a fellow postmaster or supervisor who is proficient in another program in question. None of us know everything, and sometimes the battle is simply knowing who to call for help!

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“Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value.”  
- Albert Einstein





## Edmund Carley ~ National President

### Together We Can...*Do Anything!*

Illinois UPMA should be proud of the showing our members made at the UPMA National Convention in Sandusky, OH; I know I am. The country is still under COVID protocols, and many people can cite legitimate reasons not to attend. There were a few of us missing, we appreciate those members very much, but let me tell you, the Illinois Chapter showed up and how!

The Chicago bid for National Convention was hard-fought, and although ultimately unsuccessful, Illinois can be proud of the contest. I saw Illinois members at every training session, break-out meeting, and social event. They helped work the PAC table, served during the memorial service, and asked questions of postal leaders during general session. Some of the Illinois Chapter even pulled a fast one on me by ensuring that Lucy could be there for the whole convention (she had tricked me for months saying she couldn't attend). Finally, the Illinois Chapter did me a tremendous honor by being on stage and witnessing one of the most memorable moments of my life; being sworn in as the next UPMA National President.

This will be my last article in the IPNL for a while as I transition to my new role. I will never forget the love and encouragement I received from the Illinois Chapter over the years, in general, and specifically in Ohio. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation to all of you, and at this time, I want to challenge all members of Illinois UPMA; please get active in the Chapter. Please support your Chapter Executive Board, carve out some time to attend chapter events, and participate in the business of UPMA. We, together, can achieve so much more than each one of us can individually. I make you this promise; you will reap what you sow with participation in this great organization. You will be amazed at what we can achieve together.

Until next time, thank you again, Illinois, from the bottom of my heart.

Together We Can



**“BE SURE YOU PUT YOUR FEET IN THE RIGHT PLACE,  
THEN STAND FIRM.”**

Abraham Lincoln





# Earl Husbands ~ IL Chapter VP Legislative

## Get Active with UPMA

If you are reading this article, I assume that you are already a member of UPMA, but if you're not actively involved you are missing out on the biggest perks of being a member.

The camaraderie of UPMA! I have been a member of UPMA since 2018 when I first became a Postmaster. Yet, it wasn't until this year that I became active, and I can honestly tell you that I has changed my life! This year was my first time attending the National Convention, and I can promise you that I never plan on missing one again. It was an amazing experience! There was so much to do, and so many people to meet, that it almost seemed overwhelming. One of the many things that I appreciated was the First Timers Committee that was formed to assist all the UPMA members who were attending a national convention for the first time. Once we checked into the hotel, we went to registration to receive our name badges and welcome bags, which contained an assortment of nice items in them. If you were a first-time attendee your name badge had a unique color so everyone at convention could easily recognize you as a first-time attendee. We were then invited to a "first timers" meet and greet event on the initial evening of the convention.

At that meet and greet we were all given a business card binder and were tasked with a filling it up throughout the week with as many business cards possible from all of the attendees. The purpose of this exercise was to have us network with as many people as we could while we were at the convention. We would then meet back a few of days later at the "first timers" after dinner reception and turn in our binders. The winning person with the most business cards collected would be announced and receive a prize on the final day of convention. This was a brilliant idea because it really broke the ice for many of us. So many people recognized our uniquely colored name badges and welcomed us; taking us under their wings to make sure that we had a great experience. Many other members genuinely are concerned for our development and gave us advice to help us succeed in our postal careers.

There were so many beneficial training classes throughout the week on so many topics which were hosted by some of the best subject matter experts the USPS has to offer. Many of our USPS Headquarter leaders also attended and spoke at the convention. At the conclusion of their speeches they each offered us a chance to ask them questions. I personally had the opportunity to speak with PMG Louis DeJoy, Deputy PMG Douglas Tulino, Elvin Mercado, VP Retail & Post Office Operations, Joseph Bruce, Sr Director, Natl Human Resources, and Jakki Krage-Strako, Chief Commerce & Business Solution Officer, in a nice relaxing, one-on-one environment, that was break from the day to day grind. All of them were very nice and approachable. There were so many other highlights during the convention, and you can read about them all in greater detail in the September/October 2021 issue of the UPMA Leader. That edition was focused on the 2021 UPMA convention. Again, it was truly an amazing experience!

At this time, I strongly encourage each and every one of you to not miss out on any more opportunities to become active in UPMA, starting with our yearly National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. The next one will be held Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and this year we will be hosting a huge Super Bowl Watch Party on Super Bowl Sunday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Arlington, VA. This will be a blast! A few months after the Legislative Summit we will be hosting the Illinois State Convention from Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook, IL. And a few months after that will be the 2022 National UPMA Convention that will be held August 20<sup>th</sup> thru August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

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# 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

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

**Section B (Check One):** ☐ Postmaster ☐ Manager/Supervisor ☐ Associate ☐ PMR

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

## Section C: For Use by the Employee Organization

**P**

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

**Visit the UPMA website [unitedpma.org](http://unitedpma.org) for membership benefit information.**

## Section D: 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 E

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

**Who/what most influenced your decision to join UPMA?**

Person's Name

☐ Career Awareness Conference ☐ USPS Provided Training ☐ Other



## Cindi Cotton ~ IL VP Education

### Membership and Your Role Within It

What do you get out of your UPMA membership? Sure there are the newsletters and the adverse action protection, but have you ever thought maybe there could be more? As an organization, we need you to help, and you can make a difference! Legislative, membership, PAC, education all need your assistance. Maybe you can't commit to becoming a board member, but every little bit helps. Can you teach a training class at next year's state convention? Can you talk to your local Senator or Representative on behalf of Postmasters and Managers in your area? Can you sign up the new Manager that has been recently promoted? Every effort, no matter how small, has an impact. If you feel you have something to contribute, or even if you don't feel that way, contact any board member, and they will help you find a way to get involved with the organization. What is missing from UPMA? You are!



### Illinois Chapter Members Stand United

Pictured left to right:

Cheryl Quaka, Cindi Cotton, Meta Belford, Pam Bardell, Edmund Carley, Earl Husbands, Shelley Zellers, and Bev Freehill





## Shelley Zellers ~ IL Chapter Treasurer

### Legislative Summit 2021

This year Illinois had 9 members attend Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. Our attendance was relatively small compared to past years. Possibly the resurgence of COVID-19 impacted the number of members willing to travel to the nation's capital. So, this year your board members plus one upheld this responsibility for the entire Illinois UPMA body.

What do we do when we attend Legislative Summit? We learn about the current legislation pertaining to USPS. From there, we prepare for meetings with our Senators and Representatives to discuss the dire financial condition of the USPS and the essential need for postal reform legislation.

The entire day Monday was spent in legislative session. Along with UPMA President Dan Heins and President-elect Edmund Carley, several guest speakers addressed our group. Members of Congress attending included Carolyn Maloney, Garret Graves, Andy Levin and Anthony Brown. We also heard from USPS headquarters employee, Peter Pastre, VP Government Relations & Public Policy. We learned about the new bill and its popularity from these supporters.

Tuesday we met with our Congressmen, either in person on the hill or by virtual zoom meetings, to discuss this legislation. This year we actually met with most of the legislators themselves instead of meeting with their aides, which happens often at other busier times of the year.

Support for the Postal Reform Act of 2021, HR3076, was encouraging. Several Illinois Congressmen have already signed on to sponsor this bill. This legislation would eliminate the need for pre-funding retiree health benefits, integrate Medicare with retiree healthcare, allow post offices to sell hunting and fishing licenses and much more. Its estimated savings to USPS is over \$40 billion in 10 years. It is a bi-partisan bill, meaning a Democrat has to join with a Republican to co-sponsor the bill. I think this may be why the passing of this bill seems much more likely than similar bills in the past.

President's message cont'd from page 3

The last thing I'd like to touch base on is more serious. There seems to be more postmasters and supervisors who need representation for Investigative Interviews. Remember, you're entitled to representation when you need it, just like union employees. If your supervisor tells you he wants to "talk to you" about an issue and you feel discipline could follow the talk, please reach out to an officer, including me, and we will connect you with someone in your area who can properly represent you. Do not go into a "talk" without someone there to represent you. Upper management has to allow a reasonable amount of time for you to have a representative available. If you receive an email at 11a.m. for an Investigative Interview scheduled for the following day at 10 a.m. and you can't arrange a representative by then, it is your right to ask them to reschedule. Don't be intimidated by their timeframe. It is to your benefit to have representation. If this is an issue in your area, please reach out to me or another officer.

I told you I had a plethora of subjects to cover! If any of these items seem like something you'd like to become involved with or learn more about, please reach out to me or another officer.

One last note: if there is anything you would like to see covered in the IPN newsletter, please reach out to me or Marianne, your chapter editor, and we'll be sure the subject is covered. We welcome suggestions and want this publication to be as helpful and informative as it can be for you!

Have a great Fall and Peak Season!  
Meta Belford



# Marianne Miller ~ IL Chapter Editor

## If a Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...



Gerri Swarm Receives  
40 Year Award



Edmund and Lucy Carley



Lucy and Cheryl



PMG DeJoy Speaks to UPMA Members\*



Natl Editor Steve  
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Pres. Edmund Carley\*



Natl Past Pres. Dan Heins  
& Earl Husbands\*



Aux Pres. Virginia and  
Editor Marianne\*



Natl Pres. Carley with "The Noise from IL"  
Nancy Buening and Gail Smith\*



Treas. Shelley, Cheryl, Pres. Meta\*

\*Photos By Lynn Wilson, Natl UPMA Photographer





# SPOTLIGHT



I joined UPMA back in July as an Associate Member. My first conference that I attended was the Southern Officers Conference held in Oklahoma City, OK. Everyone was very welcoming and made me feel like part of the group. The songs that we sang and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the conference, made me realize how proud I am to be an American and to be working for the Postal Service. I found that all the information given was very informative and useful. I look forward to using all that I learned in the class I went to, and to help inform others to join the UPMA. It was also nice to know that things I may be dealing with in my office isn't just only in my office. We are all in this together, taking it day by day.

Christine Heyden  
Davis, IL 61019

And oh ya...I won the 50/50 raffle. Not too bad for a "First-Timer!"



Newly installed National President, Edmund Carley, swears in Earl Husbands as his replacement on the National Board. Earl will serve out the remainder of the vacated position as V.P. of the West, in the Legislative role.

Illinois is proud of it's native sons, and their committment to the members of UPMA. We wish you well in your endeavors!

"Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world."

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart





## Pam Bardell ~ IL Chapter Exec. VP

# Numbers Count

I just returned from the National Convention. First, I would like to thank the Honorable Dan Heins and the Ohio chapter for a great convention. We had many great speakers and had the pleasure of listening to Postmaster General DeJoy, who spoke about his 10-year plan. First, his plan is to keep 6-days a week delivery service. Second, our company needs to stay self-sustaining. Third, is the growing concern to stay viable. I feel very confident that Postmaster DeJoy is working hard to stabilize the USPS, and we all need to work together to make this 10-year plan effective!

I had the opportunity to attend some classes, including one on membership. I am working on my green belt approach to help increase membership for this great organization. There is power in numbers. So, I am asking each one of you to sign up some new members. Again, here are some of the reasons why I know it is important to be a member: UPMA offers Communication/Networking, Training, and Representation. The National office is offering one-year free membership to new members; after the one-year term expires EAS dues are \$15.00 per pay period and only \$2.38 per pay period for associate members (204-B). This offer is valid through the end of March 2022. We have 900 vacant supervisor jobs to fill, so let's work on gaining some new members! It's not about I, it's about US!

New Members can join online at: <https://www.unitedpma.org/membership/join> or download/print and mail the UPMA fillable PS Form 1187 - PDF available. The current UPMA dues schedule can also be found on the same webpage.

United Postmaster and Managers of America 2021 Dues Schedule	
POSTMASTER/MANAGER/SUPERVISOR/EAS	
Member Type	Bi- Weekly Dues
Part Time Postmasters	\$8.50
All Other EAS and PCES	\$15.00
PMR 51	\$2.38
Associate	\$2.38
UPMA Retired	\$5.15 Monthly OPM Dues

I hope you will help us sign up some new members! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 815-291-9726

Have a great Fall!





# 2021 National Convention



Edmund officially crowned King of "The Jungle"



IL Gathers to Congratulate Pres. Edmund



Carol and Karen

Dave, Earl, and Bob



Opening Ceremony







Jakki Krage Strako Class Photo\*



Bob, Gail, Monica, and Mary



State Night Dinner



Cheryl, Nancy, and Jaime (JZ)



Dave and Rob



An Evening Together At A Wine Tasting





# State's Night Display

John and Edmund



Roger, Cindi, and Marianne Proudly Display Items Manufactured in Illinois



Sara and Edmund



Roger, April, Earl, Cindi, Patty, Bev and Rick



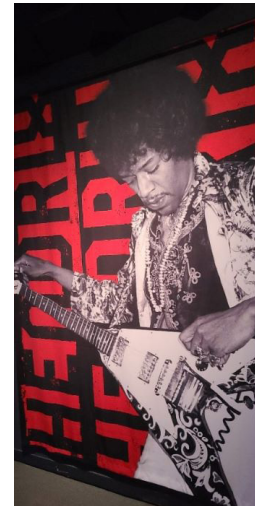
General Session



## Networking and New Friends



## Adventures and Excursions







## Roger Roten ~ IL Chapter VP PAC

Good day everyone. I hope all is well with you. I went to my first National Convention in August, and it was great! Listening to PMG Dejoy was awesome! He laid out his vision for the future and took questions from the crowd. If you ever wanted to ask a question to top leadership this was your opportunity.

There were so many options for training also. Even Jakki Krage Strako gave a training you could attend. Things from retirement to handling stress. We had a free afternoon to enjoy the sights of Sandusky. There were long days with lots of information all day and there was entertainment every night. Even lots of things to do if you wanted to bring your family. I encourage you to consider going to the National Convention next year in St Louis, MO. Even if you cannot go every day, it is so close that even one day would be rewarding for you. You pay dues every pay period. You need to take full advantage of your money, come to the conventions or go to the legislative summit. It is not just for if you get in trouble and need UPMA's help.

Have an awesome day,  
Roger Roten



My fellow UPMA members:

I am seeking your support as I announce my candidacy for the position of National Vice President North, 2022 – 2025 term.

I have been with the USPS for 25 years, accepting my first Postmaster appointment in 2007. I began my postal career as a TE clerk in 1995, graduated the Associate Supervisor Program in 2006, and worked tirelessly as a plant supervisor prior to becoming a Postmaster.

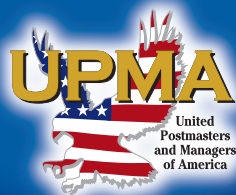
I have been privileged to serve on the board for the state of Iowa and have enjoyed working with so many of my colleagues as we strive to provide training and eCareer assistance to anyone looking to advance in their careers. I am also currently serving in a national capacity on the Education committee.

I am currently a level 20 Postmaster with 5 RMPOs and a VPO. I have held various detail positions and have been assisting Local Services from the field for many years.

I still have many years ahead of me as a USPS employee. I am just as concerned about my postal future as I know all of you are. I would like to have a stronger voice in that future, and use it to help serve all of us.

I thank you sincerely for your support.  
Kerry Nichols





# 6th UPMA National Convention

Aug. 20-26, 2022

## Official Registration Form

Registration also available at [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org)

Please complete one form per registrant. Photocopy the form for additional registrations.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Title:

- ☐ Postmaster/OIC
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Manager
- ☐ EAS Professional
- ☐ Associate
- ☐ UPMA Retired
- ☐ Spouse
- ☐ Guest

First Name (for your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office You Represent City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Active First-Timer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### UPMA Retired First-Timer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Convention Registration (only one person per form):

Please circle the appropriate fee:

	8/20/21- 3/31/22	4/1/22- 6/30/22	After 6/30/22
Postmaster/Manager/Supervisor/ Associate/OIC/EAS Professional	\$165	\$190	\$225
Daily registration is available at \$75/day on-site.			
First-Timer*—Active	\$95	\$95	\$95
UPMA Retired or Guest† (UPMA Retired Luncheon included)	\$123.75	\$142.50	\$168.75
Auxiliary/Spouse/ Postmaster Guest (Does NOT include UPMA Retired Luncheon)	\$155	\$180	\$215

Children (17 and under) \$80; includes child's meal at the Grand Banquet.

\*First-timers must pay their registration fee in advance using this form; online registration not available. After attending the convention, they must submit a form to the National Office to be reimbursed.

†UPMA Retired member may have one guest (not an active member) register for the same price.

Grand Banquet: Aug. 25, 2022

### Payment Information

Convention Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional tickets for UPMA Retired Luncheon @ \$25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check payable to UPMA

☐ Visa/MasterCard

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Card security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3- or 4-digit code imprinted on card)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with full payment to UPMA National Convention  
Registration, 8 Herbert St., Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.

### Hotel Reservation

UPMA has a special rate at the convention hotel beginning Aug. 20, 2021. You must call the hotel directly to make a reservation. The National Office will not handle room reservations. **To make a reservation, you must make a deposit to the hotel in the amount of your first night's lodging; this deposit is non-refundable after July 22, 2022.** All room cancellations must be made directly with the hotel. To secure the special UPMA rate, you must identify yourself as part of the UPMA convention. The rate is available only until July 22, 2022, or all rooms in the block are sold, whichever comes first. The group rate is available five days pre- and post convention based on availability.

### Marriott St. Louis Grand

1-877-303-0104

\$125—single/double/triple/quad

**Be sure to request the UPMA group rate.**

### Registration Cancellation Refund Policy

Requests for cancellation refunds must be made in writing to the UPMA National Office. Requests must be postmarked by June 1, 2022; no refunds after that date. All refunds are subject to a \$30 handling fee.

**Registrations are non-transferable.**

### Questions?

**Call 703-683-9027**





# UPMA



## United Postmasters and Managers of America

### 2022 ILLINOIS CHAPTER STATE CONVENTION

**CROWNE PLAZA 2875 N MILWAUKEE AVE NORTHBROOK IL**

**Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>- Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Postmaster**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Auxiliary Member**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Retired UPMA Member**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Manager**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member**

**Registration will be \$50 by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**\$75.00 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**\$100.00 by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Your registration fee covers Thursday Lunch,  
Friday Lunch and Banquet. Send your registration forms and  
fees too: Shelley Zellers at 12646 SR 78 Havana IL 62644**

Room rate is \$129.00.00 per night. Room rate will be guaranteed until April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Reservations requested beyond the cutoff date are subject to availability.

Crowne Plaza 2875 N Milwaukee Ave Northbrook IL 60062

Telephone: (847) 298-2525 [reservations@bayshospitality.com](mailto:reservations@bayshospitality.com) or

[www.crowneplaza.com/northbrookchi.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com/northbrookchi.com) Group Code: UPM

## Registration Form

# UPMA 2022 Legislative Summit

**Feb. 13-16**

**Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington VA**

You also may register online at [www.unitedpma.org](http://www.unitedpma.org)



**Please note: one attendee per registration form.**

Name (as it should appear on your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title (please check one that applies): ☐ Postmaster ☐ UPMA Retired ☐ Associate Member ☐ Guest

☐ Supervisor ☐ Manager ☐ EAS Professional ☐ PMR

Post Office You Represent: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your U.S. representative (not senator): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** (please circle fee that applies)

On or before Jan. 14, 2022

After Jan. 15, 2022

**Registration**

\$40

\$60

### Hotel Information

Reserve rooms at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; 1-800-233-1234. Use group code EHQC when making your reservation. The room rate of \$179 will be honored until Jan. 10, 2022, or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first.

All reservations must be accompanied by the first night's room deposit. After Jan. 10, all first-night room deposits will be nonrefundable.

**Payment** (Payment in full, using one of the following payment options, must accompany this form; payment is nonrefundable):

☐ Check payable to UPMA

☐ Visa/MasterCard only

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Card Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed forms, with payment in full, to:**

**UPMA Legislative Summit Registration**  
**8 Herbert St.**  
**Alexandria, VA 22305-2600**





## Carol Sue Carnes, Signature FCU Secretary

### CURRENT SPECIALS

With the recent hurricanes, fires, or other natural disasters, the Credit Union wants our members to know they don't have to face disaster alone. We are providing affected members a "Natural Disaster Relief Loan" of up to \$50,000. with deferred payments up to 90 days at 5.00% APR. We understand that times like these are stressful and want to help you and your family get back on your feet as soon as possible. If you have experienced a catastrophic loss due to natural disaster and are in need of financial assistance, visit [SignatureFCU.org/Disaster Relief](https://SignatureFCU.org/DisasterRelief). Estimated payment is \$22.20 per \$1,000. financed. Please take into consideration that not all applicants will qualify for the lowest rate. The rate quoted assumes excellent borrower credit history.

It's hard to believe that as I write this article Christmas is just 73 days away. Well, Signature FCU is wanting you to eliminate the worry of how you'll get your holiday shopping done. With that said we would like to help with our members with our Holiday Loan. This loan features: borrow up to \$5,000. with terms from 12 to 36 months and rates from 5.00% to 14.00% APR. Apply today at [SignatureFCU.org/Holiday](https://SignatureFCU.org/Holiday) or call 800-336-0284 ext 684.

Have you downloaded our mobile app? This allows you to access all your accounts 24/7 from your smartphone or tablet device. Download the SFCU Mobile Banking app from your mobile device's app store. For more information visit: [www.signaturefcu.org/account-access](https://www.signaturefcu.org/account-access). Did you know that you have access to over 30,000 free ATM's and 5,000+ shared branches across the country? You can even text your zip code to 91989 and you will receive a text back with the free ATMs near you. You can also download the CO-OP ATM locator app which can track your location and show you the closest ATM's.

Whether you're a long-time member, or you've recently joined the Credit Union, we'd love to hear about your experience with our service. At the end of your call, you will be asked to take a short survey on the service you received. With our newly established Phone Queue, 99.24% of all incoming calls were answered during the past month.

In a recent issue of Newsweek Magazine there appeared an article on "America's Best Banks 2022". They assessed thousands of FDIC-insured banks and credit unions and the savings and checking accounts they offer, based on more than 50 different factors to come up with the best-in-class options in 26 categories. You will be pleased to know that the Signature Federal Credit Union was given the Award for the Best Certificate of Deposit for One Year. Namely, our EZ Save Certificate, interest rate 1%, \$10,000. limit; Minimum to open is account \$50.

The next article for the Illinois Postal News Leader will be in early December so I would like to wish each and every one of you a Blessed Thanksgiving. Be sure to take time to thank our Lord and Savior for the many blessings bestowed on us each and every day.

Until next time, Carol Sue Carnes, Secretary, Signature FCU - 4800 Illinois River Rd, Brussels, IL 62013



## Morrie Smith ~ IL Retiree President

### “OH, SAY, CAN YOU SEE” D.C.?

As I write this article, the “Dog Days of August” are upon us, and it is blisteringly hot outside. What a relief it would be to feel the ocean breezes on the Eastern seaboard, don’t you think? You can do so, if you plan to join the Illinois congregation attending the Legislative Conference from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have attended in the past, you know the value of your participation, and you can appreciate the beauty of Washington, D.C. If you haven’t gone yet, make plans to do so this year. Postal reform is a hot agenda item before Congress, and your voice is needed to share the message to save the Postal Service. A large portion of the costs incurred to attend are reimbursed by the Illinois chapter, so what do you have to lose? Fill out the registration page included in this edition of the IPNL and arrange to go today!

Unfortunately, I am not going to be able to join you all there. As many of you already know, my father is quite ill, and I am staying close to home so I can be with him as needed. I have appreciated the cards, emails, and prayers, which I have shared with Dad. He gains strength from the love shared, as do I. Thank you, my second family!

I wish to extend a hearty congratulations to our newly elected National President, Edmund Carley. He was installed into office on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and I look forward to the next three years. I also thank President Dan Heins for his leadership as our past National President. He has set the bar high for others to follow.

I leave you with this piece of advice...Take time out of your day to appreciate those around you, and the blessings you have in front of you. Make every day a great day!

Morrie



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I can promise you all that becoming active in UPMA will change your life in an extremely positive way! I can promise you that! Because I finally got active in UPMA I now know Postmasters, Managers, and other EAS employees from all over the country. I’m not talking about just meeting them and never hearing from them again either. I am talking about genuine relationships that I will have for years, from just about every state in this country. And if anyone of you ever see me at any UPMA events, I promise you I will welcome you with open arms and make sure that I personally start introducing you to all of the members that I know, so that you can start experiencing the same benefits that I experienced from getting active. Trust me I know how to network, and I will help make you feel comfortable doing the same.

Do you remember me telling you all about the “first timers” networking contest earlier in this article? Well, I was the lucky winner! In addition to the prize that I won that day, I also now have a business card binder filled with valuable contact names and numbers that I will cherish for life. I want to show you all how you can get this same type collection of contact information from the finest Postmasters, Managers, and other EAS professionals as well. I look forward to personally meeting each and every one of you!

# UPMA NATIONAL AUXILARY

The National Auxiliary to the United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA) was established with the common goal to help the Postmasters, Manager and Supervisors. The Auxiliary supports, promotes, and protects their concerns, while providing their spouse, family and/or friends, with an organization of friendship and fellowship. Sharing concerns, building good public relations for the Postal Service, generating new ideas, and having fun together all make our work more interesting, worthwhile, and rewarding.

Membership in the Auxiliary consists of UPMA Members or family of UPMA, to include spouses, sons, daughters, father, mother or grandchild. Associate Members are any persons supportive of the UPMA, including in-law, nieces, nephews, employees of USPS and their family members, and special friends of UPMA. BRATS are auxiliary members between the ages of 6 and 21. BRATS stands for "Bringing Real Attributes to Society".

The support of the UPMA Auxiliary and your State Chapter Auxiliary to UPMA is invaluable. We make the Auxiliary a family supported UPMA organization! Postmasters, Managers & Supervisors need all the support they can get on postal concerns. The Auxiliary members can rally community support, promote postal concerns, and keep in touch with Congressional Representatives on Postal issues.

Behind the scenes, the Auxiliary works to ensure that UPMA functions run smoothly and that a good time is had by all. Your Chapter may host the hospitality room at your annual State Convention, provides an evening of entertainment, maybe host a luncheon or picnic supper for the active UPMA and their families. Some of these activities might include putting on skits, planning tours, shopping, or just plain relaxing together. By becoming a member of your Auxiliary, you will learn about our organization, and how we support UPMA. Most importantly, you will make new friends and be sharing great fun and fellowship.

Membership dues are simply \$10 /year for primary Member and \$5 for additional family member(s). For further information contact a National Auxiliary Board Member at [upmaauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:upmaauxiliary@gmail.com). We will be glad to answer your questions.

## UPMA Auxiliary Membership

Please complete the Auxiliary membership application below. Be sure to include the complete mailing address. This will be sent to the Primary Auxiliary member. Membership dues are: \$ 10.00 for the primary member and \$ 5.00 for each additional family member. **Return completed form and payment to:**

**UPMA Auxiliary PO BOX 64 Lumber Bridge, NC 28357. Thank You**

**Primary Auxiliary Member**

valid through 2021-2022

**NAME**

Print

(Last Name)

(First)

(Middle Initial)

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**MAILING ADDRESS**

(Street/PO Box/Apt. #)

(City & State)

(Zip +4)

**Phone ( )**

**Local Chapter Member** Yes No **State**

**Family Member** ☐ **Retired Postmaster** ☐ **Postmaster, Manager or Supervisor** ☐ **BRATS** ☐  
age 6-21





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Please include address

Mail completed donation form to:

Illinois UPMA Scholarship Fund  
Mary Yates  
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### UPMA PAC FOR POSTAL MANAGERS MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

I'll do my share. Enclosed is:

\$10                      \$25                      \$50                      \$100  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ Cash                      Check

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this with your contribution to:

ILLINOIS UPMA  
PO BOX 1 LINCOLN IL 62626

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and  
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Mar 15, 2022

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**IPN\_Editor@Yahoo.com**



## Upcoming Events

Legislative Summit  
Washington, DC  
Feb 13th - 16th, 2022

Central Area Officers Conference  
Milwaukee, WI  
March 11th - 13th

IL State Convention  
Northbrook IL  
May 12th - 14th, 2022

6th Annual UPMA National Convention  
St. Louis, MO  
August 20th - 26th, 2022

Southern Area Officers Conference  
Concord, NC  
October 13th - 15th, 2022

