

NALC 2010 Food Drive

On Saturday, May 8th, the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 1358 is sponsoring their 18th annual food drive and they need our help. Last year we had about 30 union volunteers would helped unload food and it was a BIG help. We, again, need volunteers this year to help unload food, pick-up food from mail routes, etc.

If you can volunteer Saturday, May 8 (anytime from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm) please contact Dawna Hurst at 584-2576 Extension 304 or 918-398-1427. We need as many volunteers as possible.

An hour or two of your time that day would be greatly appreciated. We will try to keep you in the area you live. Those who have a pick-up and would not mind using it may be asked to pick up food from the mail trucks while they are still in route of delivering the mail.

Because of security reasons with the US Postal Service in the Tulsa area, PLEASE LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME BHONE BEFORE MAY 6 IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP. THANKS SO MUCH IN ADVANCE.

The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other
side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,

"You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for
him

-WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE

I read this last week and you may have read it before. In many ways I see you as the "Old Man", You have paved the way for those that follow. We are in the midst of negotiations and this little poem still comes to mind. We have taken on a selfless role for the past several years. You have endured the wrath of a terrorist group that used our lively hood as missiles of terror and destruction. This would not be taken lightly by any industry, yet we are the industry under this constant threat.

You have shown the entire airline industry at every corner you that you keep your minds open, and keep thinking "out of the

box" and make improvements in the way we do our jobs. We are now negotiating a contract that will contain language to keep our position of a living wage, safety in the workplace and dignity on the job and I see that it is our job as negotiations team to keep that same "out of the box" thinking for our future benefits. These improvements we make today are building that bridge for the future.

This morning I woke up to see that United and Continental are merging. This only reflects the rapid change of our industry. Keep doing the best you can fore our labor is all we have at a time of negotiations. We are a united front and if I could show you the value you have place

on the table with your continuous professionalism, It would be displayed as the bridge we have built for our future.

Last week we made our first attempt at delivering shirts at the base. We did this with about 20 members, and a lot of wind, we were able to get over 3000 shirts handed out in 16 hours. I want to thank all of you that helped to make this happen.

Get involved, Make a difference.
In solidarity
Steve Luis
President of TWU local 514



From the U.S. Department of Labor

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 400 Americans die each year from exposure to excessive temperatures. The National Weather Service identified excessive heat, as the number one weather-related factor causing more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornados, hurricanes, winter storms and extreme cold from 1994 to 2003.

Statistics indicate that 5-10 million workers, engaged in outdoor work activity, experience heat-related illnesses (heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and heat cramps) annually. Occupational heat-related illnesses are preventable.

As a reminder, the National Weather Service issues "heat advisories" when the daily maximum temperature for a geographical area, exceeds 95 degrees or when the daily maximum temperature will exceed 90 degree and is 9 degrees, or more above the maximum temperature reached on the preceding day.

Summer Time Jobs Now!

Census Summer Jobs Announcement for Schools

Summer jobs are now available with the 2010 Census! Census taker and supervisor positions are needed for day, evening and weekend hours. These temporary, part-time jobs offer great pay, flexible hours and paid training. Call 1-866-861-2010 to apply. Summer jobs are perfect for teachers, students (18 years old), administrators and support staff, parents, older siblings and just about anyone who wants to earn some extra money. Call 1-866-861-2010 to find an application site in your community.

Information on Census Summer Jobs

Door-to-door field operations will begin in early May, so the U.S. Census Bureau needs to hire and train thousands of Oklahoma residents as census takers in the next few weeks. The Census Bureau will continue to recruit and hire local residents as census takers until July.

What Are the Requirements?

To be eligible for census employment, applicants must be 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, take a basic skills test, and pass a background check.

How much is the Pay?

The pay for census taker ranges from \$10 to \$14.25 per hour, depending upon location. These are temporary, part-time positions that can last up to 6 to 8 weeks and offer reimbursement for mileage incurred while doing census work. Census jobs offer great pay, flexible hours and paid training while performing an important public service, best of all, census takers work right in their own community.

How do I Apply?

Just call 1-866-861-2010 to find an application testing site

nearby. Applicants should take a valid driver's license/state issued photo ID card **AND** a Social Security Card **OR** a valid U.S. Passport with them to the application site. Applicants should allow about 3 hours to complete the application process. There is a practice test and application materials on the 2010 Census website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/application-material/>.

What does a Census Taker Do?

A census taker visits households in the community that did not return their 2010 Census questionnaire. The census taker interviews a member of the household to obtain the information on the 2010 Census questionnaire.

Where and When do I Work?

Census takers usually work in their own neighborhoods or communities and must work varied hours, not more than 40 hours in a week. Since most positions require personally interviewing respondents, you must be able to work when people are typically home which includes evening and weekend hours. In most cases, a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle are required to work as a census taker.