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Six Decades of public service honored!



Pictured—Anthony Rauseo Jr. with District Manager Mike Powers

After a government career spanning more than six decades, Anthony Rauseo Jr. received a heart-warming send off from his coworkers at the Woburn Detached Mail Unit. District Manager Mike Powers, Boston Postmaster Nick Francescucci, Operations Manager Barry Begley and a host of District employees were on hand to join the celebration.

District Manager Powers noted, as he presented an award to Tony that “When you think of it, this is like working two careers.” Mike recalled a ceremony 10 years ago when he presented Tony with his 50-year pin and thanked Tony again for his years of service and his commitment to his craft.

Mr. Rauseo started his government service in the Air Force at the age of 19 as a Jet Engine mechanic. After leaving the service he got a job with the Post Office in Lynnfield in 1961 and, as he put it “I’ve been here ever since.” For 55 of his 56 years in Lynnfield he’s been delivering the same route. “I’ve seen kids in the neighborhood get married, have kids and now I’m delivering to their kids.” says Tony.

Asked why he decided to join the Post Office after getting out of the service, Tony replied “Because they were hiring and I needed a job.” He says he had no idea at the time that that job would last him for 56 years, but he has no regrets.

PCC Night at The Celtics



On January 16, 2017, The Boston Celtics welcomed the Greater Boston PCC to the TD Garden. The Celtics faced the Charlotte Hornets, winning the game, 108-98. A great time was had by all who attended, including the opportunity to have a picture taken at center court!

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Fun Facts!

- **Most Unusual Delivery Method**—Mule train delivery in AZ. Each mule carries about 130 pounds of mail, food, supplies and furniture down the 8-mile trail to the Havasupai Indians at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, averaging 4,000 pounds per day.
- **Another Unusual Delivery Method** — boat delivery on the Detroit River in Michigan. The *JW Westcott* is a 45-foot contract mail boat out of Detroit that delivers mail to passing ships. The *JW Westcott* has its own ZIP Code — 48222.
- **Another Unusual Delivery Method** — dock-to-dock delivery on the Magnolia River in Alabama. A 15-foot contract mail boat delivers to 176 dock-side mailboxes on a 31-mile stretch of the river.
- There are nearly 42,000 ZIP Codes in the country.
- **The lowest ZIP Code** is 00501, a unique ZIP Code for the Internal Revenue Service in Holtsville, NY.
- **The highest ZIP Code** is 99950 in Ketchikan, AK.
- **The easiest ZIP Code** to remember is 12345, a unique ZIP Code for General Electric in Schenectady, NY.

Connecting Your Postage Meter to the Network- What you need to know

The mailing equipment providers are now requiring new postage meters to be connected to the network vs. typical analog phone lines. Overall, this is a good change with reducing costs of analog lines and faster transmissions that allow meters to do more things. The issue is how do you get this done and what is the impact for not complying. There are over 1,100,000 postage meters in the US today and the majority are connected through analog connections that will need to be switched. This article is designed to give you all the information needed to make this change. — For the full article please visit <https://www.postaladvocate.com/blog/>

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Upcoming PCC Events—Join Us!

- The Letter Medic - Mail Piece Design Session
 - 05 Apr 2017 10:30 AM • Harvard University Mail & Distribution Facility
- Boston Red Sox Networking Event
 - 13 Jun 2017 5:00 PM • Boston MA
- Mail Through The Millennia
 - June 22, 2017 - Commander's Mansion, Watertown MA

Mail Use and Attitudes— The USPS Household Diary

<http://surveys.nustats.com/usps/>

The Household Diary Study (HDS) examines the volume and types of mail that U.S. residents send and receive. The U.S. Postal Service collects data on mail classes, mail contents by class, mail flow between mailing sectors, mail flow by industry, as well as other types of data. These data provide a basis from which the U.S. Postal Service can make informed decisions about a variety of issues, such as postage rates, staffing needs, performance improvements, and investments in new equipment, facilities, programs, and technologies.

The study, conducted annually since 1987, examines not only the volume and types of mail sent to and from U.S. households, but also the adoption and use of electronic communications technologies such as e-mail, online shopping, and online bill payment. Given that many American households now routinely use these electronic technologies, the study focuses on how and the extent to which the adoption and use of technologies affect traditional mail volume (also called electronic diversion), and examines residents' attitudes toward the mail and electronic communications technologies.

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“Ask not what your country can do...”



Pictured—Photographer Ted Spiegel, Matthew Kennedy, US Rep Joe Kennedy, Senator Ed Markey, Jeremiah Brennan, PMG Megan Brennan

A stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s birth was dedicated Feb. 20 in Boston, where PMG Megan J. Brennan and others hailed the president’s legacy. “Today, representing the 640,000 men and women of the United States Postal Service, I can tell you that the spirit of public service remains as vital as when President Kennedy elevated the ideal in his moving and eloquent inaugural address,” Brennan said. “He dignified and gave voice to the pride in serving the nation that every postal employee feels. It is for this reason that the Postal Service takes special pride in honoring President Kennedy today.”

Kennedy, who was born May 29, 1917, is remembered for several achievements during his presidency, including launching the Peace Corps and expanding the space program. During his 1961 inaugural address, he famously called upon Americans to “ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.”

The stamp was dedicated at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, where other speakers included U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, Rep. Joe Kennedy III, President Kennedy’s great nephew, and Spiegel. “In the American people he served, President Kennedy discovered a fearless optimism and extraordinary empathy,” said Rep. Kennedy. “Despite divisions and differences, he believed every citizen shared an unbreakable, common bond to push an imperfect country towards justice and progress. This stamp will not only commemorate the centennial of his birth, but the values that make this country strong, fair and kind.”

The stamp features photographer Ted Spiegel’s 1960 image of Kennedy campaigning for president in Seattle. The accompanying artwork, showing Kennedy in a reflective pose, is a 1970 oil painting by Aaron Shikler.