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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Dear Members,

I am writing my last article as your National President. At the recent Semi-Annual Meeting of the Local Unions, I announced my intention to retire effective May 1 of this year. After 30 years of representing Mail Handlers, it is time to move on. My family has always stood by me during my career, and I couldn't have done it without them. To my wife Connie, my grown kids, and their families, you've been very patient and supportive of the demands of this job. I'm extremely happy to be coming home for good.

The National Executive Board made a fantastic appointment when selecting my replacement. By unanimous vote, the NEB decided that Paul Hogrogian would fill the unexpired term. Paul has been a dedicated Union Representative for close to thirty years, both in our largest affiliate, Local 300 in New York (where he has served as Local President since 2002), and at the National level, where Paul has served as Vice President for the Northeast Region and National Trainer, among other duties. Paul's selection really was a no-brainer, as his impeccable credentials and experience will serve this Union well moving forward. Paul and I will be working very closely over the next couple of months to ensure a smooth transition.

There's a saying about retirement that "you will know when it's time"; well, the time is right for me. I have enjoyed every aspect of my job, and I will miss the camaraderie, and the many friendships that I have made over the years. It has been my pleasure to work with the best of the best throughout my career. Starting in Springfield, Massachusetts thirty years ago, working under the tutelage of a number of



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talented people, continuing on to my ten years as the Local 301 President, and then, for the last thirteen years serving as your National President. I've always said that "it's not a one man job," and that saying holds true to this very day. I want to thank National Secretary-Treasurer Mark Gardner for his support and friendship over the years. He made my transition to Washington, DC a smooth one thirteen years ago. I also must express my appreciation to our National Executive Board, both past and present. You won't find a harder working group of labor leaders anywhere. My hat also goes off to our International General President Terry O'Sullivan from LIUNA. He's been an inspi-



ration, a mentor, but most of all a friend and a brother to me over the years.

And, to all of the top-notch members of our National and Regional Contract Administration Department, I salute you for your continuing hard work on behalf of mail handlers across this country. To our Local Union Presidents, elected Officers, Shop Stewards, and to you, the life-blood of this organization, the members, I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work with you, and to serve this great Union. It's been a wonderful experience, and one that I shall never forget.

In the meantime, I will be working hard over these final months in office to ensure that the important issues facing us are addressed with the same dedication that I brought to this job back in July of 2002.

Thanks again for all that you do for this organization. I know that I leave us in good hands.

In Solidarity,

John F. Hegarty
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Connie and John Hegarty

