

fter 43 years as a Mail Handler, and Officer of this Union, it's time to retire. This Union has gone through lots of changes in my 43 years, and I would say for the better.

We have great leadership and changes have been made that make our jobs in the plants much easier. There is always more work to be done to improve working conditions, but things never work as fast as we would want and what the members need.

That being said, you members that are still working towards retirement, don't sit in the background. Get involved, attend your membership meetings, and get actively involved with the Union. Complaining doesn't get things done.

Ask to be considered for a Steward position, work your way up as you learn how to handle issues. When we work together, change happens.

I was asked to run for the AVP position in Rochester, at the P&DC in 1987. Six years later I ran for a Local 309 position and the rest lasted until now when I'm retiring in 2024, as the Northeast Regional Vice President.

I believe I made a difference in the working lives of Mail Handlers, because I decided to get involved. I hope all of you will decide to make a difference, in solidarity.

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