

LOCAL 300 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

UNITING SISTERS

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As our Local representatives prepare us for bid abolishments, bid reassignments, excessing and facility consolidations on one front; and quality of life regarding decent wages, safety in the work place, dignity and respect on another front; our future as postal employees not only depends on representative expertise but also on the unity and strength of the rank-and-file. While we prepare to fight on these issues, our strength in numbers and in each other is more vital than ever.

Our family composition covers more than our postal environment. In the challenge of the 9/11 aftermaths we are not alone in the territory of economic strife. Corporate America has been hit hard by downsizing. Many husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters have been affected by the calamity of lay-offs, and we as a Union family have to be concerned about these matters.

As our postal environment undergoes a transition and personal burdens go unheard; stress and burnout soon follow and lead to a number of serious difficulties at home and on the job.

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As our Sisters prepare to unite in the spirit of our Union Army, and network to find solutions to assist our brother and sisters who are burdened with issues commonly associated with job loss. (i.e. childcare and financial difficulties) we must as a union family, pull together to help one another in making the adjustment.

As our Women's Committee prepare for its maiden voyage, we hope to communicate how important it is for everyone, (whether you are a Women's Committee Member or Field Contributor) to cooperate in this much-needed forum.

We hope that in forming the Women's Committee, together we can bring trust, hope, solutions and solidarity to our union family.

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