



Lincoln Postal Customer Council NEWSLETTER

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The Lincoln Postal Customer Council Board, in conjunction with the Lincoln Postal Service would like to invite you and members of your company to attend our quarterly luncheon:

Protecting You, Your Employees and Your Mail

Join us on Thursday, May 8th as Postal Inspector Galen Lewis provides important tips on how to protect your employees, your mailroom and safeguard your personal identity.

Mr. Lewis has been a Postal Inspector for 16 years. He has been domiciled in both Omaha and Des Moines during this time. The focus of his work includes internal mail theft, financial embezzlements, workers compensation fraud, prohibited mailings (drugs, child pornography, and bombs), external mail theft, security, recruitment, and revenue fraud.



Luncheon Date: Thursday, May 8th, 2008

Location: Misty's • 6235 Havelock Avenue

Parking is available in the city parking lot between 62nd and 63rd on Platte & Havelock

Registration: 11:00 am • Buffet Lunch: 11:30 am • Program: 12:00 noon

Lunch Buffet includes Southwest Roasted Chicken, House Smoked Barbequed Pork Loin,

Southern Style Potatoes, Cinnamon Glazed Carrots, Garden Greens with Dressing,

Coleslaw and Cornbread - Followed by warm Apple Crisp for dessert.

Cost is \$19.00 per person (No shows will be billed)

Advanced registration is required by Monday, May 5, 2008.

Please call Christy Funcke at 402-473-1642 or Arabyis Reid at 402-473-3328 with any questions or to register for this event. You may register online at www.lincolnpcc.com

LPC Feature Company: Lincoln Electric System

Lincoln Electric System (LES) was formed in 1966 with the mission to provide energy and service of superior value and enhance growth and development of the greater Lincoln area.

They provide electrical service to Lincoln, Waverly, Prairie Home, Walton, Cheney, Emerald and surrounding areas totaling 200 sq. miles in Lancaster County. With their 451 employees LES provides diversified, reliable and low-cost energy to their customers, as well as related services to assist customers in using energy wisely and efficiently.

LES utilizes the United States Postal Service to process over 1.5 million pieces of mail annually. The Postal Service staff diligently assists with mail piece design and mailing requirements. Our contact at LES notes that the Lincoln community should be very proud of the service received by their local post office.

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LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM



LPCC Committee Spotlight: Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for contacting the Lincoln Postal Customer Council members regarding upcoming events. The group produces a quarterly newsletter, a quarterly luncheon invitation, the promotional brochure for the Mailer's Workshop and Trade Show, creates press releases for all LPCC events, and is responsible for keeping the organization's website current.

The committee is comprised of these members:

- Bonnie Horne of Alpha Dog Marketing, Chairperson
- Doug Anthony of Burklely Envelope
- Carol Barnett of Lincoln Benefit Life
- Christy Funcke of the USPS
- Mike Huddleston of Midwest Web
- Tom Nordemann of Claritus
- Paula Schlotterbeck of Catholic Social Services
- Tom Throckmorton of the USPS
- Josh Vonfeldt of National Research Corporation
- Kevin Ziska of PSI Group
- Jon Zvolanek of National Research Corporation



Thank you to these dedicated members of the LPCC for your time and efforts to make this committee a well-oiled machine! Thanks also to the employers of these committee members who allow them the opportunity to participate in meetings during normal business hours.

If you are interested in being a part of the Communications Committee, or would just like to ask questions to see if this committee might be a good fit for your talents, please contact Bonnie Horne at (402) 486-0668 or via e-mail at bhorne@alphadogmktg.com.

LPCC Website

— up and running —

Looking for the latest LPCC news?

Want to register for the next quarterly luncheon?

Look no further than the new LPCC website.

- Find out about upcoming events.
- Register to attend quarterly luncheons, complete with payment.
- Search the Membership Database- we are just starting to gather this information and would love for everyone to sign up.
- Use Links to numerous Postal Resources.

Go to www.lincolnlpcc.com and register as a member today.



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<i>Mailing Standards Specialist</i>	

Business Center Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



**LAST CALL: NATIONAL POSTAL FORUM
MAY 18-21, 2008 ANAHEIM, CA**

For more details and to register for this exciting event, visit the official website:

www.npf.org

LPCC Committee Member Profile: Paula Schlotterbeck

Paula Schlotterbeck is the Projects Coordinator for Charity & Evangelization at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. She has served on the LPCC Communications Committee since 2005.

Her position at Catholic Social Services allows her to aid the agency in fulfilling its mission of "Performing the Works of Mercy in response to the call of God". In her department, this is accomplished by communicating via print with donors and potential donors. She manages the donor database, writes, designs, and edits print publications, and plans and coordinates fundraising events. Catholic Social Services depends on the USPS heavily to reach those who support the agency financially and spiritually via bulk mailing of many materials.

Paula grew up in the Pacific Northwest. She worked for several years at various newspapers before landing at CSS in 1999. She enjoys spending time with her family, which includes a husband, three children, and two cats. In her spare time, she reads voraciously (especially J.R.R. Tolkien), collects Washington wines, and works on freelance writing and print design projects. She also volunteers as a Children's Liturgy teacher at her parish and is active in the Pius X Band Club.

New Rates- Effective May 12, 2008

In case you have been out of the country or just too busy to have noticed, the US Postal Service has announced new pricing for First-Class and Standard Mail, Special Services, Periodicals, and Package Services. This also includes First-Class International Mail.

The pricing changes are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). By class of mail, the changes average 2.9%. This is a brief glimpse at some of the pricing changes.

First Class Mail

	New Rate	Increase
1 oz. Letter	\$0.42	\$0.01
Additional Letters	\$0.17	none
Non-machinable Surcharge	\$0.20	\$0.03
Postcard	\$0.27	\$0.01

Standard Mail

	Average Increase
Letters	3.31%
Flats	0.86%
Parcels & NFM	9.86%
High Density Letters	1.86%
High Density Flats & Parcels	2.09%
Carrier Route Basic Letters	2.99%
Carrier Route Flats	2.99%
Carrier Route Parcels	2.99%
Periodicals	2.72%
Package Services	2.88%
Special Services	2.85%

First Class International

	Increase
Letters	\$0.03
Flats	\$0.29
Packages	\$0.49

The USPS has developed a new 62¢ stamp for one ounce square envelopes that are used frequently for greeting cards or invitations. For a more in-depth review of the new price changes, please visit www.usps.com/prices.

Intelligent Mail Barcode: PMG Responds to Customer Feedback

The following are excerpts from a letter from Postmaster General John Potter to postal customers published February 29, 2008 in a Special Edition of PCCINSIDER online.

"Thank you for your feedback on January's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register concerning the implementation of the Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMB)."

Through this process, a number of implementation concerns were raised by mailers across the country. Here are a few of the concerns and USPS responses.



PMG John Potter

Many mailers stated that January 2009 was too soon for implementation. USPS responded by moving the implementation to May 2009, concurrent with the next annual price change.

Mailers stated that many factors will drive their choice between basic and full service IMB options. The USPS May 2009 implementation will include separate pricing for these options.

Many mailers asked if the Postnet Barcode will remain eligible for automation discounts. USPS stated it will remain eligible until May 2010. Postnet Barcode pricing will be announced with the May 2009 changes.

Mailers expressed concerns about mail owner identification. USPS will propose new options.

Mailers were concerned about some container label requirements. USPS will remove the requirement for green color bars on the pallet labels.

PMG Potter closed by thanking mailers for their comments and encouraged continued implementation efforts and to comment on the next USPS notice.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 8, 2008

LPCC Quarterly Luncheon
Misty's - Havelock

May 18-21, 2008

National Postal Forum
Anaheim, CA

June 11, 2008

OPCC Golf Outing
Tiburon Golf Course

June 19, 2008

OPCC Quarterly Luncheon
The Georgetowne Club

September 17, 2008

LPCC Workshop and Trade Show
Embassy Suites

November 13, 2008

LPCC Quarterly Luncheon
Valentino's Grand Buffet

December 4, 2008

OPCC Quarterly Luncheon
The Georgetowne Club



Making Connections with Mail

2008 Workshop and Trade Show of the Lincoln Postal Customer Council

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center - Lincoln, Nebraska

Join us for a day filled with education, networking, outstanding speakers and industry leading vendors, all under one roof. We are honored to welcome Postmaster General, John Potter, who will join us via satellite with comments on the upcoming changes within the United States Postal Service.

Watch your mailbox for additional information
on this valuable event!

Please call Christy Funcke at (402) 473-1642 with questions.

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