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Register Now for the Educational Seminar October 27, 2009 at the Marriott Schaumburg



Keeping abreast of postal changes can be challenging and confusing. The Northern Illinois Postal Customer Council (NIPCC) is offering another exciting educational event to bring mailers up-to-date on the latest postal changes. This event will cover two of the latest topics impacting mailers - new standards for letter-size booklet mailings and the new Network Distribution Center system.

Letter-Size Booklet Requirements

This session will review the changes to letter-size booklets and tabbing requirements for machinable and automation mail. Specific mailpiece design characteristics will be reviewed to ensure mailers have current, accurate information for designing mail to meet USPS automation requirements for maximum postage discounts.

Stump the Experts - bring your samples for review!!!

Network Distribution Centers

This session will inform mailers about the USPS process of re-engineering the Bulk Mail Center network to transform it into a new system of Network Distribution Centers (NDCs). Discover how the new three-tier network will consolidate the process of originating mail into fewer sites to achieve greater operational efficiency and reduce transportation costs while expanding the surface transportation reach for more products.

Join the Gold-Award winning NIPCC for this educational opportunity that will increase your mailing knowledge and help grow your business through mail efficiencies.

Join us October 27th at the Marriott Schaumburg

7:30 am Networking, registration and hot breakfast
9:00 am - 11:00 am Workshop

Sponsoring members \$25, all others \$35.

Respond by October 19th to Sharrie Johnson at fax 630-260-5715 or phone 630-260-5523, or go to the NIPCC website to register.

Letter from Hart to heart

Bob Hart, District Manager Northern Illinois District

PCC Members,

We recently experienced a couple of GREAT events for our PCC. I hope you had the chance to participate in these events, and will agree with me on how fantastic they were. For those who were not able to attend, I'll fill in the blanks.



**Bob Hart
Northern IL
District Manager**

On August 5 we held our annual NIPCC Training Event, followed by an afternoon at the Race Track. What a super event it turned out to be. We started at 9:00 am with tours of the Palatine Plant. These tours provided our PCC partners a chance to see the changes that have taken place in preparation for our Flats Sequencing System - arriving in January at Carol Stream, March at Palatine. Then, we had a training presentation covering the most up-to-date information on Move Update, given by Fran Vela, the newest member of the Northern Illinois District Team.

From there the group headed to the Arlington Heights Race Track for food, fun, and networking. A few folks even played a pony or two. The weather was outstanding and really made the day perfect. For some, the networking carried over into the late afternoon! The best part, we had several first time PCC members with us for this day of activities! What a nice way to get started in the NIPCC.

September 16 was National PCC Day, with the GIPCC hosting the event at the Medinah Banquet facility. We had approximately 200 attendees, and filled the room with vendor's tables. The training sessions covered several topics, followed by the Postmaster General's address at noon. Great Lakes Area Vice President Jo Ann Feindt gave the keynote address later in the afternoon. There were a lot of winners that walked out of the facility with gifts, provided by many of the PCC members, mailers and supporters. Again, it was a great day for networking with Postal representatives and members of the mailing industry. The highlight of the day - (drum roll) - for the second consecutive year, the Northern Illinois PCC received the United States Postal Service 2009 Premier PCC Recognition Program - Gold Level Certificate Award! This is quite an accomplishment! Thanks to all of the team that made this level of recognition a reality for our PCC.

Two great events, and I hope you were part of both of them. If not, you really missed out on some great opportunities.

Thanks to you all for your support of the Northern Illinois PCC. We'll look forward to seeing you at the many upcoming events that are being designed to keep our members in-the-know on the latest Postal and industry news!

Bob Hart

Things You Should Know....

The Newly Designed Distribution Centers Replace BMC Network

The USPS will be implementing the new Network Distribution Centers (NDCs) concept that aims to improve induction of origin entry mail and optimize use of surface transportation. This new network design is focused on transforming the existing Bulk Mail Centers into NDCs that will consolidate the processing and dispatching of mail. The USPS goal for the NDCs is to achieve economies of scale, greater operational efficiency, and reduce transportation.



The core principle of the NDC concept is to fill up containers and trucks as early in the network as possible and to dispatch as deep into the network as possible. This objective is achieved by using a three-tier system in which each level of responsibility depends on its network tier. Tier One facilities will process and distribute local and destination Standard Mail, periodicals and package Services. Tier Two facilities will perform Tier One activities, plus distribution of outgoing bulk mail into the network. Tier Three facilities will perform all the Tier One and Tier Two functions and will also act as a consolidation point for less-than-truckload volumes from Tier Two site.

The USPS is pursuing an incremental approach to the activation of this new network. Service remains the priority of the redesigned network and the implementation strategy reflects that priority. To learn more about this process, be sure to attend the NIPCC Educational seminar on October 27th.

NIPCC Awarded with Gold Award

September 16 was National PCC Day, and what a great day it turned out to be for the Northern Illinois PCC! For the second consecutive year, the NIPCC was awarded the Gold Level Certificate of the Premier PCC Recognition Program. Qualifying for this award was no small task and the NIPCC demonstrated their hard work and commitment in order to achieve their goals. Some of the requirements included an active Executive Board with productive committees, a committed USPS management team participating in NIPCC events and seminars, a full calendar of educational seminars and certificate programs for members, and an effective communication strategy to keep members up-to-date.

The NIPCC Executive Board and various committees are always looking for eager, energetic participants. If your company is interested in joining this elite group of mailers committed to educating the mailing industry, please contact the Nominating Chairperson, Robert Leffel, at RJLef59@aol.com.



Members of the NIPCC Executive Board proudly accepted the 2009 Gold Level Certification on National PCC Day.

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(MTAC) Meeting Schedule:
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February 17-18, 2010
May 19-20, 2010
August 11-12, 2010
November 17-18, 2010

Register at www.ni-pcc.org

*New Tabbing Requirements
Network Distribution Centers*

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