

## **CHANGE WHAT CHANGE?**

Someone once said to me (I think it was Leo Cacicio) the only thing that you can count on is that everything changes? Nobody likes changes but it happens.

With the resignation of President Ron Mathieu things in this Union will change again. I can only hope that for Ron his change will be for the best. You have to do what is right for you and your family first, everything else is second. I know what it is like to leave a position in this Union that you really have given everything for. It is not an easy decision to make and keep. That's why I came back to this Union in a lesser role that I had but a role that I am comfortable in. Ron has showed true leadership skills in running this local and hopefully one day he will be back. I thank him for his positive and supportive role he has given me, also for his giving of himself to this Union.

I know Vice President Ray Kearns will do the right thing in filling the role as President of The Local. That brings me to the next change. From my perspective when Ron came into his position as president it was like a breath of fresh air. Someone young willing to get involved and be active. His activism made me want to work and gave me a boost in my willingness to recommit to this union.

**WHO IS NEXT?** Is there anyone out there willing to step up to the plate? This Union needs people to get involved. I'm not talking about the same 30 to 50 members who attend the Union Meetings. Most of those are officers or stewards. I urge all members to get involved and get active. The Postal Service is facing its most challenging time in its history. If we don't all stand together we all will surely fall together.

In my position as a Steward I want Ray and the rest of this Union to know that I am here and not going anywhere (at least for 4 more years). I will support you and your decisions you make.

In closing I'd like to thank Ron for his leadership and wish him good health and good luck.

To all the members of THE PROVIDENCE RI AREA LOCAL YOU ARE THE "U" IN UNION we are only as strong as you make us.

Yours In Union Solidarity

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