

Letter Carriers Celebrate



William H. Carney

On Sunday, a group of Letter Carriers from the Portland area came together to celebrate Black History Month.

The postal employees had a potluck brunch and

took a group picture in front of the Martin Luther King statue in front of the Oregon Convention Center at 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. It was the first gathering of local African-American letter carriers, with plans to make Black History Month an annual celebration for the group.

The earliest known black American

in postal history was William H. Carney, a letter carrier in New Bedford, Mass. from 1869 to 1901.

Carney was also the first African American to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was awarded the medal for the bravery he displayed in the Civil War as a soldier in Company C of the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry.



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Portland area Postal workers gather to celebrate Black History Month. Pictured (from left) are Malette Howard, Angela Leary, Tesfay Wubneh, Yemere Kifkzghi, Sammy R. Smith, Jefferson Gachet, Isham Harris, Fred Wilkins, Christopher Chretien, Stan Lambart, Gregory Green, Kevin Bryant, and Theodore Henderson.

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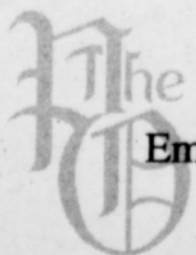
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