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MARYLOU MOWER
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BRANCH MEETINGS

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MEETING PLACE OF BRANCH 2462, NALC
6910 HAYVENHURST AVE., SUITE 101
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

NEXT MEETING
***6:30 PM***

AUGUST
1st
"2006"

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF "THE MAIL CALL" IS
August 1, 2006

BRANCH OFFICE...............818-786-8505
O P C PERSONNEL OFFICE....818-374-5600
RETIREE PERSONNEL....661-775-7030

"RETIREE CORNER"

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Hart's Restaurant, (Corner of Saticoy and Balboa). It will begin at 9:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be August 26th and September 23, 2006 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You

Frank Brash

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
By Calvin Brookins

(Continued from Page 1)

If for some reason your supervisor instructs you to curtail mail and do not provide you with a form 1571 do not hesitate to request one. It is very important that you request and receive a copy of the form 1571 from your supervisor after he/she has signed it. The form 1571 is not valid unless it has been signed by your supervisor, it should also indicate how the curtailed mail is going to be handled for instance pm cases that day or case and delivered the next day.

The form 1571 is important because it shows how much mail your route is getting and how much mail you can deliver within eight hours. In case of route inspection disputes we need the 1571’s to show how much mail your route gets. You should never curtail mail on your own and without written authorization from management. You could be setting yourself up for possible delay of mail charges and you could be fired for that.

Remember follow this advice anytime you fill you need a 3996 or a 1571.

Ray Kreyer award

The Ray Kreyer award will be presented at the retiree luncheon in October. If you have anyone in mind that you believe is worthy of this award please contact the union office or an Executive Board member in writing with that person name and a brief bio about what this person have done to further the cause of the union or have represented letter carriers in the course of their actions.

COLA

The projected accumulation for the eighth and final regular cost-of-living adjustment under the 2001-2006 National Agreement increased to $666.00 following release June 14, of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for May.

The eighth COLA will be based on inflation between January and July 2006 and will be payable in the second full pay period following release of the July, 2006 index. The $666.00 annual accumulation equals 32 cents per hour or $25.60 per pay period.

The projected accumulation toward the 2007 retiree COLA was 2.9 percent following the release of the May CPI-W.

The 2007 COLA is to be based on the increase in the CPI-W between the third quarter of 2005 and the third quarter of 2006.

The 2007 COLA for Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) participants, to be determined on the rise in the CPI-W from December 2005 to December 2006, stands at 3 percent based on the May data.
VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT
Art Bocek

Claim Approval by OWCP

If disability is expected to occur or continue, OWCP will notify the employee by letter that his or her case is accepted. The letter will state the medical condition for which the claim is accepted and advise how to claim compensation benefits and obtain payment or reimbursement of medical bills. In cases involving potential long-term disability, OWCP will notify the employee of his or her obligation to seek work when he or she is no longer totally disabled. The supervisor will receive a copy of this notification and will also be asked to submit a copy of the employee’s job description and job application (SF-171 or equivalent) to prepare for eventual reemployment. During the life of a claim, decisions may be rendered on various issues. OWCP usually advises employees by letter about such matters as approval or denial of surgical procedures and other forms of medical care, and payment of medical bills. Appeal rights are not usually included in such notifications, but OWCP will issue formal decisions on such matters if requested. Any determination that sets forth OWCP’s findings in the case and includes a description of the employee’s appeal rights is known as a formal decision. OWCP issues a formal decision whenever it reaches an adverse decision about entitlement, such as denial of an initial claim or denial of continuing benefits. Three avenues of appeal are provided for employees (the agency is not entitled to appeal). The employee may request only one form of appeal at a time.

Hearing

The employee is entitled to either an oral hearing before an OWCP representative or a review of the written record (but not both), as long as written request is made within 30 days of the formal decision and a reconsideration has not already been requested. The employee may request a change of format under certain circumstances. The request should be sent to the Branch of Hearings and Review at the address stated in the appeal rights; no special form is required, but the request should clearly state the grounds on which it is based. It must be accompanied by relevant evidence not previously submitted or arguments for error in fact or law in reaching the contested decision. A reconsideration must be requested within one year of the date the contested formal decision was issued. For any request which meets these criteria, OWCP will provide the agency representative with a copy of the employee’s request, and allow 20 days for submission of comments and/or documents, which will in turn be subject to the employee’s review and comment within 20 days. Following reconsideration, OWCP will issue a new formal decision, which includes a description of the employee’s further appeal rights.

Reconsideration

The employee may ask OWCP to reconsider a formal decision made by the district office. The request should be addressed to the district office; no special form is required, but the request should clearly state the grounds on which it is based. It must be accompanied by relevant evidence not previously submitted or arguments for error in fact or law in reaching the contested decision. A reconsideration must be requested within one year of the date the contested formal decision was issued. For any request which meets these criteria, OWCP will provide the agency representative with a copy of the employee’s request, and allow 20 days for submission of comments and/or documents, which will in turn be subject to the employee’s review and comment within 20 days. Following reconsideration, OWCP will issue a new formal decision, which includes a description of the employee’s further appeal rights.

Review by Employees’ Compensation Appeals Board (ECAB)

An employee may request review by the ECAB, which is the highest authority in Federal workers’ compensation claims. The employee should file for such review directly with the ECAB at the address shown in the formal decision. The ECAB’s review is based solely upon the case record at the time of the formal decision; new evidence is not considered. Employees residing within the continental United States or Canada should file application for review within 90 days of the date of the decision. Employees residing elsewhere should file within 180 days of the date of the decision. For good cause shown, the ECAB may excuse failure to timely file an application for review if it is filed within one year of the date of the decision.

Remember, “Rights Are Like Muscles, Use Them Or Lose Them.”
This is your Vice President, I welcome your comments.

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| NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES |
| *= Automatic Delegate |

| CALVIN BROOKINS * | ART BOCEK * |
| STEVE SEYFRIED * | BOB JOHNSON * |
| VELMA McCCLINTON * | TRACY MULLINAX * |
| JEFF JACKSON * | LARRY DOLABSON * |
| ROGER ASKEW* | JANETTE DOLABSON * |
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Branch Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2006
By
Steve Seyfried, Secretary

The Meeting was held at the Branch 2462 Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave., Van Nuys California. It was called to order by PRESIDENT CALVIN BROOKINS at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ASKEW.

MOMENT OF SILENCE—in memory of MARYLOU MOWER, past President of our Branch Auxiliary.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT—BOCEK, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, McClINTON, MULLINAX, JACKSON, L. DOLABSON, ASKEW, J. DOLABSON, ENZ

ABSENT—BROOKINS

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAILCALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—SATPAL RAI, ERVIN CARRERA, JOSE VERDUGO, LUKE MARTINEZ, ANALIA GARCIA, NELLY SANCHEZ, ANDREW GOACHER, CHARLES CHANTAWANSRI, JULIO CARRANZA, FRANCISCO CHAVARRIA, PAUL PATTANA, CARLOS ACEVES, JENNY SUZDALTSEV, TATYANA GRYNEVICH

BILLS—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES

Audit will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Office.

SAFETY & HEALTH Meeting was held on 6/23rd at 1:00 pm at Main Office. Always work in a safe and professional manner.

RETIREES 4 present tonight. Date has been established for this year’s Retiree Luncheon. It will be held on October 29, 2006 at Encino Glen. Watch for more info.

MBA—ENZ Information racks have arrived and are being placed in all stations and the Union Office. They have all new and up to date MBA materials and if you have any questions you may contact BOB ENZ at the Encino Station.

HBR—J DOLABSON No Report

COLCPE $36 currently in the fund

DISTRICT—McCLINTON No Report

GIMME 5—JACKSON No Report

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT—JOHNSON

TREASURERS REPORT—McCLINTON

VICE-PRESIDENT BOCEK Picnic will be held on July 23, 2006 at Rancho San Antonio Boys Town in Chatsworth.

all is ready hope to see you there.

PRESIDENT Report

Vice President BOCEK Gave brief report on several items that will be addressed in Presidents article in the August Mailcall.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS—NONE

COLCPE DRAWING

$ 4 RICHARD REIMER—SHERMAN OAKS

$ 5 TED DeMAIRE—RETIREE

$ 7 BOB JOHNSON—MAIN OFFICE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:29 P.M.