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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

Shop Stewards

Shop Stewards are the front line representatives of the union, which protects the rights of letter carriers. Being a shop steward is a very difficult job. A shop steward can not see it all and can not be in every place at the same time. That is why it is important that you as a steward make every effort to inform members of their rights. The shop stewards are the working elite that fearlessly challenges the authoritarian decree abusively imposed by a bureaucratic manager. They stand tall for what is right for the letter carrier.

The shop stewards have several duties, some are listed below.

- Follow up on requests from letter carriers to see a Review ETC report from previous day, verify those on
- Monitor the bid board and verify information for
- Check for the posting of the next week work
- Check for posting of opt sheets, verify those
- Check and verify holiday scheduling.
- Monitor OTDL hours for equability purposes
- Attend monthly union meetings; attend all shop

The above listed items are just a few of the things that a shop steward must do there are many more that comes up on a daily basis.

Remember being a shop steward is a thankless job and no matter what you do you will never be able to please everybody.

Big Rock Ranch for a Picnic:

The annual picnic for BRANCH 2462 will be held at Big Rock Ranch in Calabasas this year. This year's picnic will be held in conjunction with the installation of the newly elected union officers. There will be lots of fun, games, contest and entertainment for those of all ages.

The food will be great so come and have a great time.
The picnic will be held on Sunday July 15, 2001.
The picnic will start at 11:00am and end at 4:00pm.
The food will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm.
Hot-dog/chili-dog bar will be open from 11:00am to 3:00pm.
Beverages will be served all day.

The price of the picnic will be as follows:
Member tickets will be free.
Guest (ages 13 and up) \$10.00 each

Guest (ages 4 to 12) \$5.00 each
Guest (ages 3 and under) free

Sign-up sheets have been posted at all stations, there will be flyers given to all members at the stations with directions on how to get to Big Rock Ranch.

Retirees should contact the union office with any interest for picnic tickets or contact Frank Brash or Frank Rimkus.

In Unionism

shop steward and set up meeting times.
OTDL for OT, verify OTDL violations.
routes listed on the bid sheets.
schedules.
assignments that may be vacant for 5 days or more.

(quarterly).

stewards meeting. Attend all training sessions.

BRANCH 2462 PICNIC

**WHERE: BIG ROCK PARK
TOPANGA CANYON**

WHEN: JULY 15, 2001

TIME: 11 AM to 4 PM

FOOD SERVED FROM 12:00 -- 2:00

The sign up sheets for the Branch Picnic to be held at BIG ROCK PARK on Sunday JULY 15, 2001, are at the Stations now !!! If you are planning to go you need to make plans now.. Prices are Members--FREE, Guests over 13--\$ 10.00, Guests (4-12)--\$ 5.00 Anyone under 3 is Free. If you have any questions speak with your Shop Steward or call the Union office. Retiree's should contact either FRANK RIMKUS or call the Union Office to make their reservations.

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FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

by
JANETTE DOLABSON

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who made this years Food drive a success. First I would like to say thanks to all you carriers that picked up the food and delivered it to the stations. I know how much extra effort you must give to do this along with your regular duties. I would like to thank my office coordinators, MICKEY MARTIN & TIA WILSON from Sun Valley, JEFF JACKSON from Panorama City, BOB JOHNSON from Main Office, CALVIN BROOKINS & DAVID OCHOA from Civic Center, TRACY MULLINAX from Encino & IRWIN SCHNYDER from Sherman Oaks. Without your hard work and dedication it would have been impossible to be successful in getting this food collected and sorted and distributed in the time it had to be done in. Thanks goes to ROGER ASKEW who always helps when asked, to RAY BRYANT who did an outstanding job keeping his promises with the USPS side of things, also to TONY PLANT & PHIL SHEFFLING who gave up days off to help with the Food drive, when they didn't have to. A special thank you to all the volunteers sent to us by MEND who worked their tails off without any complaints, and to GINA MIRABELLA who is always there coordinating the Food Bank's resources to us without any hitches. I received a nice thank you not from MEND stating that they estimated that the food received was about 95,000 pounds and that they will be able to help 18,000 more people this year above the already 26,000 they usually can serve through the summer months. Thank you all so much, and bless you all for your efforts.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	7	5	7	5	6				
ENCINO	5	10	7	8	7	7				
CIVIC CENTER	1	2	0	1	2	2				
PANORAMA CITY	2	3	3	6	2	3				
SHERMAN OAKS	5	5	6	6	5	3				
SUN VALLEY	0	1	2	2	2	2				
TARZANA	1	1	1	1	1	1				
RETIREE'S	4	6	6	4	7	5				
TOTAL	23	35	30	35	31	29				

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**JULY
10th
"2001"**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT
ISSUE OF "THE MAIL CALL" IS**

July 10, 2001

BRANCH OFFICE.....818-786-8505

"RETIREE CORNER"

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Cocos Restaurant, 15701 Roscoe Blvd. (Just west of the 405 Freeway, across from Anheuser-Busch). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The date for the next 2 will be July 28, and August 25, 2001 (4th Saturday) Please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You

Frank Rimkus

BRANCH 2462 OFFICIAL 2001 ELECTION RESULTS

PRESIDENT

CALVIN BROOKINS-----ACCLAMATION

VICE PRESIDENT

ART BOCEK-----ACCLAMATION

RECORDING SECRETARY

STEVE SEYFRIED-----ACCLAMATION

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ROBERT JOHNSON-----ACCLAMATION

TREASURER

VELMA McCLINTON-----ACCLAMATION

SGT-AT-ARMS

TEENAMARIE GALLEGOS----- 137

ROGER ASKEW-----WINNER----- 246

TRUSTEE

DAN RATHBONE-----WINNER----- 208

GLORIA HENRY-----WINNER----- 293

RICHARD REIMER----- 180

MICHELLE HALL-----WINNER----- 246

HEALTH BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVE

KEVIN DONOHUE-----ACCLAMATION

MUTUAL BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVE

TERRY HALL-----WINNER----- 195

BOB ENZ----- 179

EDITOR

STEVE SEYFRIED-----ACCLAMATION

FOOD DRIVE 2001 IS A BIG SUCCESS

"THE MAIL CALL" BRANCH 2462, NALC

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Branch Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2001

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 ROGER ASKEW at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ROBERT ENZ

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT--ASKEW, BROOKINS, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, GALLEGOS, RATHBONE, BOCEK, T. HALL, TUKESBREY
ABSENT--McCLINTON, BRASH

CALL FOR ELECTION VOTING ANNOUNCED
MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAILCALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MARIA HERRERA, CARMEN ESPINOZA,

BILLS READ MOTION TO PAY M/S/C

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT--TRUSTEES None
RETIREES None.
MBA--T. HALL No Report
HBR--TUKESBREY No Report
FOOD DRIVE--DOLABSON Total amount 95,000 lbs
FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT---JOHNSON
TREASURERS REPORT--JOHNSON
COLCPE \$ 219 currently in the fund

VICE-PRESIDENT BROOKINS Picnic is ready to go sign up sheets are in the stations. Estimated cost will be \$ 16,995
PRESIDENT ASKEW's REPORT Audit of the books will be on Thursday July 12, 2001. Newly elected Trustee's should plan to attend. Installation of Officers will take place in conjunction with Branch Picnic on July 15th. Moneys budgeted for installation will be combined with the Picnic fund. Selection of the RAY KREYER AWARD will take place at the Executive Board meeting to be held in September. Suggestions should be submitted prior to 9/27/01. Retirees Dinner will be held on Sunday October 21, 2001. Petition circulated at Sherman Oaks regarding treatment of employees and moral has been submitted to Postmaster and Station Manager. Labor-Management Meeting has been scheduled to discuss these matters.

OLD BUSINESS--No word on Bylaw's
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--Branch renew the yearly subscription to the Federal Times. Cost \$ 52.
M/S/C

MOTION--Branch purchase a NALC logo watch for any union member who retires from the Postal Service M/S
AMEND--any newly retired member
M/S/C

MOTION--Branch move the July Regular Meeting from July 3rd. to July 10th.
M/S/C

SPECIAL THANKS--To FRANK BRASH, JIM TUKESBREY & ROGER ASKEW for their many years of service to BRANCH 2462. Also thanks from the Secretary to JANETTE DOLABSON for taking minutes at the June meeting.

COLCPE DRAWING

\$ 3 KEVIN DONOHUE--ENCINO
\$ 3 ANN SCARBOROUGH--ENCINO
\$ 3 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS
\$ 3 BOB ENZ--ENCINO
\$ 3 GLORIA HENRY--SHERMAN OAKS

LAST CALL FOR ELECTION VOTING CALLED

ELECTION VOTING CLOSED

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:48 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

**THE REGULAR BRANCH MEETING IN
THE MONTH OF JULY.**

WILL BE HELD ON

*****TUESDAY*****

JULY 10, 2001

