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PRESIDENT'S REPORT By CALVIN BROOKINS

NALC Food Drive:

On Saturday, May 11, the NALC will be having its 10th annual food drive; it is hard to believe that it has been ten years already. In the nine years that members of the National Association of Letter Carriers have been collecting food donations along postal routes in their annual food drive to Stamp Out Hunger, more than 462.4 million pounds of non-perishable items have been delivered to local community food banks, pantries and shelters.

Branch 2462 collected close to 70,000 pounds of non-perishable items last year, all of which was donated to MEND here in the San Fernando Valley. The need is greater than ever this year, with many families experiencing difficulties in putting enough food on the table.

On Saturday May 11th, city letter carriers represented by the NALC along with rural letter carriers, other postal employees and countless community volunteers will again perform what has been referred to as the largest single volunteer event in America each year.

The NALC National Food Drive has played a major role for millions of Americans who want to contribute to help needy men, women and children across this great Nation of ours. The customers that you deliver mail to are thankful that their own letter carrier provides a way for them to accomplish this.

Tens of thousands of working Americans have always needed a helping hand to make ends meet, but when thousands more joined food pantry lines following layoffs caused by the September 11th, terrorist attacks, the nation's effort to fight hunger received a jolt and it has not recovered yet.

NALC and the Postal Service have joined in a push by America's Second Harvest the nation's largest network of food banks to address the dramatic rise in the demand for hunger relief.

In a joint statement of support, NALC President Vince Sombrotto and Postmaster General John E. Potter committed specifically to supporting the effort through the May 11th. food drive.

As President of Branch 2462, I am asking all members to put forth an extra effort this year in your homes by placing food in or near your mailbox, as well as collecting food out on your mail routes. Any assistant that you can give the coordinators at your station will be greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to the largest food drive that this branch has ever had. There will be stand-ups at all stations regarding the food drive.

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**DON'T FORGET
MAY 11TH
IS THE ANNUAL
NALC FOOD DRIVE**

**TELL YOUR CUSTOMERS
AND PUT OUT SOME NON-
PERISHABLE FOODS SO
THAT WE CAN HELP FEED
THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED**

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	6	5	4							
ENCINO	6	6	6	5							
CIVIC CENTER	1	2	1	1							
PANORAMA CITY	1	1	3	2							
SHERMAN OAKS	6	6	5	5							
SUN VALLEY	1	0	0	1							
TARZANA	1	1	0	2							
RETIREE'S	4	4	7	5							
TOTAL	25	27	27	25							

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**MAY
7th**

"2002"

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

May 7, 2002

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 3 will be May 25, June 22, & July 27, 2002 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.

Thank You
Frank Brash

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

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Managed Service Points (MSP)

We recently received a step 4 decision on the MSP/Barcode Scans, the NALC Bulletin should be posted on all union bulletin boards by now in all stations. The bulletin has the full agreement in print. Take the time to read it and if you have any questions see your shop steward or call the union office.

In Unionism

IMPORTANT NOTICE BRANCH MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

By

Lee Fenstermacher

In Article XIII Fund, Section 12 of the Branch By-Laws it states as follows "One Hundred Dollars (\$100) will be given to the next of kin of any active and/or retired member in good standing. Retired members must have retired as a Letter Carrier."

In the last several months the subject of knowing name and address of the next of kin of members in order to send this \$ 100 to them has come up at Branch Meetings.

Back in October 1987 a motion was made and passed to conduct a survey of all members of the name, address and telephone number of their next of kin.

Therefore we are asking every active and retired member to cooperate with us to fulfill this project. Please fill out the following form completely and mail it to Branch 2462, NALC, 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave. # 101, Van Nuys, California 91406.

We are asking you to name two (2) "next of kin" only because one may outlive the other.

Thank You

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

MEMBER LAST NAME	FIRST	DATE
FIRST NEXT OF KIN		TEL #
ADDRESS		
SECOND NEXT OF KIN		TEL #
ADDRESS		

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Art Bocek

Court Leave, Section 516 ELM

Court leave is the authorized absence from work status (without loss or reduction in pay, leave to which otherwise entitled, credit for time or service, or performance ratings) of an employee who is summoned in connection with a judicial proceedings, by a court or authority responsible for the conduct of that proceeding, to serve as a juror or to serve as a witness in a nonofficial capacity on the behalf of a state or local government, or witness in a nonofficial capacity on behalf of a private party in a judicial proceeding to which the Postal Service is a party or the real party in interest.

Court leave is granted to all full-time and part-time employees. Certain part-time flexible employees are granted jury duty leave as provided and governed by applicable collective-bargaining agreements. All other employees are ineligible for court leave and must use either annual or LWOP to cover the period of absence from postal duties for court services but retain any fees or compensation received incident to such court service.

If an employee reports to court service and is excused by the court for the balance of the day, or performs court service for only part of the day, the employee is entitled to full compensation for the day in question. The employee is required to report to the postal installation for the balance of the postal tour of duty provided:

(1) an appreciable time of tour is enveloped and

(2) it is feasible to report to work and complete the tour. The combined court service and postal duty may not exceed 8 hours.

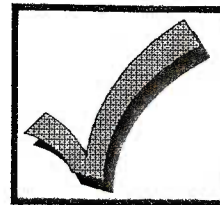
Employees who are eligible for court leave and who have a conflict with court duty and work schedules have the following options:

(1) Work their postal tour of duty in addition to performing court service.

(2) Have their work schedules change temporarily to conform to hours of court services. (Employees who do not choose this option may not have their work schedule changed and are expected to report for Postal duty upon completion of their court service.)

Employees who choose to have their work schedules change temporarily to conform to court services hours submit Form 3189, Request for Temporary Schedule Change for Personal Reasons, as soon as possible, together with Form 3971, requesting such schedule change to appropriate postal official. Employees who exercise this option receive full compensation for period of court service including any night differential.

No overtime is allowed for court service performed while an employee is on court leave or for a combination of postal work and court service.



ATTENTION MEMBERS & FAMILY

To All Members or Branch 2462

**Please invite your spouse to join
the Auxiliary.**

**We are trying to get moving again
to help out the Branch.**

**We meet on the 4th Saturday of the
Month at Coco's on Roscoe by the
405 Frwy at 9 AM
for breakfast (buy your own).**

**Hope to see a lot of new faces
April 27th !**

**Nadine Cano
President, NALC Auxiliary 1389**

**For more information call:
(818) 786-2632**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRANCH 2462

BORN--APRIL 3, 1926

**CONTINUING TO SERVE THE LETTER
CARRIERS IN
VAN NUYS
TARZANA
SUN VALLEY**

"THE MAIL CALL" BRANCH 2462, NALC

Steve Seyfried, Editor
6910 Hayvenhurst Ave., # 101
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Address Service Requested



Branch Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2002

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 6:30p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT--BROOKINS, BOCEK, SEYFRIED, McCLINTON, JOHNSON, HENRY, ASKEW, T. HALL, DONOHUE

ABSENT--RATHBONE, M. HALL, T. HALL

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAILCALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP--NONE

BILLS READ MOTION TO PAY

M/S/C

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES REPORT

All is well

RETIREES

Happy to report that ODIL

SABBE received his Gold Card, signifying 50 years of membership in the NALC, at the last Retiree Breakfast. It was presented by PRESIDENT BROOKINS. CONGRATULATIONS ODIL !!!!!!!

MBA--T. HALL

No Report

HBR--DONOHUE

No Report

Safety & Health

Meeting held

DISTRICT 6--McCLINTON

No Report

LEGISLATION REPORT--ASKEW Class will be given at the State Convention. Wind Fall elimination bill, Co-sponsored by Rep. Buck McKeon, is moving through the House. We should be writing our Congressional Representatives in favor of this.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT--JOHNSON

TREASURERS REPORT--McCLINTON

COLCPE

\$ 556 currently in the fund

VICE-PRESIDENT BOCEK

Picnic options were

presented to the Branch. Still working at Sherman Oaks.

PRESIDENT BROOKINS

Bargaining on new

contract still going on, in the mean time the old contract remains in force. Sun Valley currently having route

inspections, Tarzana will be inspected 4/13--4/19 and Main Office 5/18--5/24. Inspection classes will be held on 4/11 for

Tarzana and 5/13 for Main Office. Joan Hurst will be assisting me in the presentation of these classes. COLCPE 2002 Raffle

books are here, you may purchase tickets by calling the Union office or asking your Shop Steward. Drawing will take

place at the State Convention, you need not be there to win. We have 3 new retirees in the Branch

they are MIKE McKERNAN--ENCINO, LEROY PAULOS--ENCINO & PAUL DeKORTE--SUN VALLEY. FOOD DRIVE--DOLABSON All is ready for the Food Drive. There are T-Shirts available, Contact your Office Coordinator to purchase one. We hope that this years drive will be the best ever.

OLD BUSINESS--NONE

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--Branch buy 5 NALC watches for retirees

Cost not to exceed \$ 400.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch order 10 J-Cams & 7

revisions. Cost not to exceed \$ 300.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch pay for its share of the

District 6 advertisement in the State Convention

Booklet. Cost to the Branch \$ 40.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch send any Executive Board

member, Shop Steward or Alternate Shop Steward

to the State Training class on May 16th. Each

person to receive \$ 200.00 to cover all expenses

for the entire day of attendance.

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch hold 2002 Picnic through James

Productions. Date and time to be announced.

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch place a 1/4 page ad in the

A. Philip Randolph Journal. Cost to Branch \$ 50.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch donate all food collected in

the NALC Food Drive to MEND

M/S/C

UNDERLINED DENOTES UNANIMOUS VOTE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION--Recent Retiree NORRIS JULSON--SHERMAN OAKS was presented with a NALC GOLD WATCH to commemorate his recent retirement.

COLCPE DRAWING

\$ 3

CALVIN BROOKINS--CIVIC CENTER

\$ 3

ROGER ASKEW--ENCINO--DONATED

\$ 5

GLORIA HENRY--SHERMAN OAKS

\$ 5

LARRY DOLABSON--ENCINO

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:17 PM

Refreshments were provided after the meeting in Honor of the Branch's 76th Birthday !!!!!

