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PRESIDENT'S REPORT **By Calvin Brookins**

Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS)

PARS is a system to identify "Undeliverable as Address" (UAA) letter mail at the first machine handling within the Postal Service and redirect it automatically to the current and correct destination.

PARS will automate the handling of Change of Address (COA) forms/3575; Carrier Change of Address Cards/3982; Notification of Mailer/3547; Address Correct Services; and Forwarded Mail – UAA due to a move.

The Postal Service expects to save 2.8 million work hours in phase 1 of the process (64% in CFS units, 30% in clerk delivery functions, 4% in city and rural carrier functions and the remaining 2% in P&DC operations).

The USPS in Van Nuys District has initiated a new process to handle forwardable undeliverable as address mail. Management has started to get some information out to the workroom floor, however I do not believe that all carriers fully understand this new process. In most of the stations management have carriers placing mail into trays that have been identified as FOE, Attempted Not Known, No Such Number, etc. That is the first part of the prep to get this mail ready to run through the machine, once it gets to the plant they will further prep this mail and break it down as return to sender mail such as No Such Number, Attempted Not Known, Insufficient Address and Vacants all of this mail must be identified with a special separation card. It will also identify carrier identified forwards, that is the mail that you as a carrier identifies as a forward and send it to CFS.

The machine is also equipped to intercept forwardable mail, the way this works is once CFS receives the Change of Address card the card will then be scanned, the information stored in USPS automation equipment, and all readable/machinable letter mail will be printed, barcoded and sent directly to the new address without delay. The carrier will not receive the Change of Address card back you will only get a sticker that you will then place on the new PS Form 3982-X, this sticker will have no mention of the new address.

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BRANCH 2462 **RETIREE "NITE"**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 17, 2004

ENCINO GLEN
RESTAURANT

16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, California

Doors Open 1:00 PM

IN MEMORY OF

DAN GRAHAM
RETIRED MEMBER
BRANCH 2462

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VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT ART BOCEK

Picnic 2004

By all of the smiling faces observed, I believe this year's picnic was a great success. The most fun was had by all of you who participated in the lawn games, indoor swimming pool and carnival booth games with your children. That is exactly what a picnic should be, a time to be with family enjoying the day. At this time, I would like to thank my family for putting up with me while I did worked on the picnic setup, also to those from Branch 2462 who assisted me in creating another safe and successful picnic. They are as follows, Calvin Brookins, Bob Johnston, Bob Enz, Julias Ribas, Larry and Jeanette Dolabson, Velma McClinton, Frank Brash, and Ladies Auxiliary. Finally, in closing I would like to thank both Jill Lemons and Joe McDonough from Branch 4006 in assisting and coordinating in a joint effort to combine both Branch 2462's and Branch 4006's annual picnics. **"Thank You All."**

Security and Sanctity of the Mails

The security and sanctity of the mails is absolute. This absolute trust is given to all USPS employees and must be guarded and revered by all employees entrusted with the trust. This includes both the mails and property of the Postal Service. **If you violate this "absolute trust", "its absolute you will be terminated."** Now consider this, by violating the "Security and Sanctity of the Mails" you also have violated both 18 U.S.C. 1707 and 18 U.S.C. 1709, whereby, you not only can be fined but also criminally prosecuted and sent to prison. **So ask yourself this question "is it worth violating the security and sanctity of the mails by taking something not yours, therefore, losing your job, career and possibly do time?"** (PS, you could work with "Bubba" in the prison mail room!)

Street Management, M-39, Section 134.1

According to section 134 of M-39, street management is a **"natural extension"** of office management. All carriers are to be notified to **expect daily supervision on the street just as they receive daily supervision in the office.** For a delivery manager to fully understand and control the organization, the manager must be aware of any condition that affect delivery anywhere within the service territory. Accompanying carriers on the street is considered essential responsibility and most important duties. **Management should act promptly to correct improper conditions.** A positive attitude must be maintained by the manger at all times.

In section 134.2 og M-39, **management must maintain an objective attitude** in conducting street supervision and discharge this duty in an open and above board manner. Management is **not to spy, or use covert techniques.** Any employee infractions are to be handled in accordance with the section in the current National Agreement that deal with the problem.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	4	4	3	5	4	2	2				
ENCINO	8	7	5	6	5	5	6				
CIVIC CENTER	1	1	1	1	1	2	2				
PANORAMA CITY	4	4	2	6	4	3	5				
SHERMAN OAKS	5	2	4	9	4	4	5				
SUN VALLEY	0	2	2	2	2	2	1				
TARZANA	2	2	2	2	1	1	2				
RETIREE'S	5	6	4	5	5	6	6				
TOTAL	29	28	23	36	26	25	29				

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**AUGUST
3rd**

"2004"

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

August 3, 2004

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

"RETIREE CORNER"

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Cocos Restaurant , 16835 Sherman Way (Corner of Sherman Way and Balboa). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The date for the next 2 will be July 24, and August 28,2004 (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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The PARS program should be nationwide by 2006. The postal service handles 6 billion undeliverable as addressed mail pieces each year and over 44 million moves per year (16% of the US population) at a cost of \$1.8 billion per year. The new PARS program will attempt to automate the process.

Ray Kreyer Award

At the next Executive Board meeting on July 29, 2004 and at the next branch meeting on August 3, 2004, we will be accepting nominations for the Ray Kreyer Award. All nomination must be submitted in writing with a brief background history of your nominee union involvement. The Executive Board will vote on the nominees at the September 2, 2004 Executive Board meeting, the award will be presented at the retiree luncheon on October 17, 2004.

Sign Language Interpreter

The branch is looking for someone who can do sign language interpretation when needed. This is an effort to better communicate with our two deaf members. Anyone who has these very important skills please contact the union office.

NALC Can Count On Me!

Please fill out this form to be included in the NALC's Activist Database

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

Congressional District _____ Branch _____

 This form builds the Legislative and Political Department's activist database. It is not used for any other purpose. The database is comprised of letter carriers the NALC can count on to take action on legislative and political alerts. Communication is often via email. Regular mail is used when it is necessary to send pertinent materials and phone calls are made when time is of the essence. Therefore, all information is necessary to lay the foundation for a strong grassroots operation.

Please Mail to:

**National Association of Letter Carriers
 Legislative and Political Department
 100 Indiana Ave. NW
 Washington, DC 20001-2144**

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BRANCH 2462

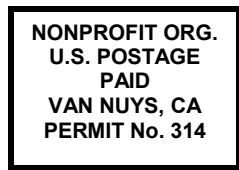
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CONVENTION DELEGATES

The following members will be representing you at the 2004 Convention in Hawaii

Roger Askew-Encino	Calvin Brookins-Civic
Janette Dolabson-Tar	Larry Dolabson-Encino
Kevin Donohue-Encino	Robert Enz-Encino
Lee Fenstermacher-Ret	Gloria Henry-S Oaks
Jeff Jackson-Pan City	Robert Johnson-Main
Cliff Kelley-Tarzana	Velma McClinton-Main
Tracy Mullinax-Encino	Dan Rathbone-Ret
Rich Reimer-S Oaks	Steve Seyfried-S Oaks
Jim Tukesbrey-Ret	Tia Wilson-Sun Valley

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Address Service Requested

The final total nationally was 70,852,149 pounds, a truly amaz-

Branch Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2004
 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 DAN GRAHAM Retired Carrier from Encino and all the Military men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the Service of our Country.
 ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
PRESENT--BROOKINS, BOCEK, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, McCLINTON, HENRY, JACKSON, MULLINAX, DOLABSON
ABSENT--HALL
 MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAILCALL
 WITH FOLLOWING CORRECTION SGT-AT-ARMS ASKEW WAS PRESENT AT THE JUNE MEETING
 CORRESPONDENCE READ
 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
 DEMETRUS PATTERSON, MARIA INES, RICKY CHUNG, DAVID HINTZ, NANCY HIRSCH
 NO BILLS PRESENTED
 COMMITTEE REPORTS
 AUDIT--TRUSTEES We will be having an audit on July 27, 2004 at 6:15 pm.
 SAFETY & HEALTH Continue to work and drive in a safe manner. Van Nuys is now "blitzing" stations looking for safety and vehicle violations. All stations will be having stand ups on the dangers of West Nile Virus.
 RETIREES 6 present tonight. Retiree Dinner will be on October 17, 2004. See August Mailcall for details.
 MBA--T. HALL No Report
 HBR--DOLABSON No Report
 FOOD DRIVE--DOLABSON No Report
 EDITOR--SEYFRIED No Report
 COLCPE \$ 384 currently in the fund
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT---JOHNSON
 TREASURERS REPORT--McCLINTON
 VICE-PRESIDENT BOCEK Picnic was a big success total cost to the Branch was \$ 9004.44. Thanks to all who attended and also to those who helped.
 PRESIDENT BROOKIN's National has announced plans to present a proposal for revamping the route inspection process to the Convention Delegates in Honolulu. This years food drive set an all time record for collected food.

ing amount and one that the membership can be proud of. Postal reorganization legislation continues to move through Congress at an unprecedented pace. Our National Officers are watching this closely and we are anxiously awaiting the final version to be worked out. Projected fourth COLA now stands at \$ 608.40.

OLD BUSINESS

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- # 1 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 2 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 3 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 4 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 5 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 6 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 7 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 8 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 9 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C
- # 10 (As Printed in the July Mailcall) M/S/C

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION--Branch fix the air conditioning unit in the Branch office. Cost not to exceed \$ 350.00 M/S/C
- MOTION--Branch purchase 2, 2005 Federal Employees Almanacs. Cost not to exceed \$ 30.00 M/S/C
- MOTION--Branch purchase 2 tickets to the L A County Federation of Labor COPE Picnic. Attendees to be chosen by the Branch President.
 Cost to the Branch \$ 70.00
M/S/C

UNDERLINED DENOTES UNANIMOUS VOTE

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING-- \$ 50

DENNIS TEUBNER--ENCINO

Brother Teubner was not present at the meeting therefore the money will be rolled over to the August meeting. August's membership drawing will be for \$ 75.00. All members are eligible to win, but you must be present at the meeting to win.

COLCPE DRAWING

- \$ 5 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS
- \$ 7 TIA WILSON--SUN VALLEY
- \$ 10 FRANK BRASH--RETIREE

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:09 P.M.