

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

NRP Pilot Program

The grievances regarding NRP Pilot Process is ongoing and being processed through the grievance/arbitration Procedure. The grievances from Panorama City have been scheduled for arbitration on 8-21-09. The NRP Pilot grievances from Civic Center, Sherman Oaks, Main Office, Sun Valley and Encino have been requested for arbitration by the National Business Agent's office.

New NALC President

NALC Executive Vice President, Frederick V. Rolando has been installed as the 18th President of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He officially became President on July 4, 2009. Fred has served as EVP since December of 2006 and has moved up under the terms of the NALC constitution. He took the oath of office on July 2, 2009, at the NALC Headquarters in Washington, DC. The installing officer was Bill Young who had recently announced his retirement as President of the NALC.

President Rolando immediately announced the appointment of Vice President Gary Mullins as Executive Vice President, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer George C. Mignosi as Vice President succeeding Gary Mullins. Bill Young has been a valuable friend to our branch and we wish him well in his retirement, he has been an advocate for letter carriers for over 40 years and on behalf of Branch 2462 and its membership I would like to wish Bill Young a very happy and enjoyable retirement. At the same time I as President of Branch 2462 urge all of our membership to fully support Fred and his endeavors as our new President. I know he is very capable of getting the job done.

5-Day Delivery

I have received report from several stations about stand-ups given by management telling employees that we are going to 5 day delivery. Let me make this clear, the postal service does not have the authority nor do they have the right to unilaterally go to five day delivery. The following is the NALC's official position and what has happened lately in regards to 5-day delivery.

On June 10, 2009, USPS informed NALC that it was conducting a study of the impact of switching to five-day delivery and developing an implementation plan. The study was to be completed in 60 days. USPS sought our "input" and our views on the issues such a change would raise and the "impact" it would have. And they wanted that input and those views -- for one of the most momentous decisions in postal history -- by June 19, 2009, just seven business days later.

On June 17, NALC responded, requesting a prompt meeting with the USPS' study team and its technicians to receive a detailed briefing including review of the relevant data, projections, sensitivity analysis and assumptions being used in the study.

On July 7, we attended a meeting in response to our letter. We received none of the information or data requested. We were told that there were a lot of experienced, knowledgeable people in the Postal Service who understood the issues, had determined to explore dropping Saturday delivery, would conduct meetings and polls, and expected the draft report in a few weeks. USPS told us they "understood our position."

The Postal Service cannot unilaterally end Saturday delivery. Such a change would require a change in the law and a 90-day review by the Postal Regulatory Commission. NALC will fight any attempt by the Postal Service to convince Congress to make this radical change.

Needless to say, we relay this report with great disappointment and regret. NALC will proceed professionally and vigorously to oppose the elimination of six-day delivery on its merits. Notwithstanding our position, we will also carefully scrutinize the Postal Service's study to ensure that its data and assumptions are credible and that it fully considers all the ramifications of such a radical change. NALC would much prefer to work with the USPS on win-win solutions to the ongoing crisis, but is prepared to act on its own to defend the long-term viability of the U.S. Postal Service.

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HR 22 Passes full committee

July 10, 2009, the full Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ordered H.R. 22, which would allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants' health benefits out of the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to be reported out of committee by Voice Vote.

Committee Chairman Ed Towns (D-NY) stated during the hearing "The Postal Service is facing a financial emergency and HR 22 would allow the Postal Service to live to fight another day." The bill will now move forward to the entire House for further debate and a floor vote.

Customer Connect

Congratulations to Larry Shockley from Civic Center station for his recent customer connect sale of \$38,415.00

Congratulations to George Santos from Sherman Oaks station for his recent customer connect sale of \$1,537.00

Congratulations to Sonia Ruiz from Sherman Oaks station for her recent customer connect sale of \$6,659.00

Congratulations to Dan Tran from Tarzana station for his recent customer connect sale of \$17,000.00

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	2	3	1	4	4	2	3				
ENCINO	4	5	3	7	6	4	4				
CIVIC CENTER	2	2	1	1	3	1	1				
PANORAMA CITY	4	4	4	3	2	3	3				
SHERMAN OAKS	4	4	6	6	4	5	8				
SUN VALLEY	1	1	2	2	2	2	1				
TARZANA	2	1	2	2	2	2	3				
RETIREE'S	4	4	5	4	4	4	3				
TOTAL	23	24	24	29	27	23	26				

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

AUGUST
4th
"2009"

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

August 4, 2009

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"RETIREE CORNER"

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be July 25th & August 22, 2009 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.

Thank
You

Frank Busch

MDA UPDATE

BY

SANDY ANGER

BRANCH 2462 CO-ORDINATOR

For more than 50 years, countless NALC members have raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). One bright-eyed, intelligent little girl probably isn't aware of that history, but Alexis Villa is very aware of what MDA does for her and her mother Sonia (our sister from Branch 24 in LA).

It's because of people like Alexis and her mom that we are asking members to make an effort in supporting MDA. We urge you to join us in strengthening the commitment between MDA and NALC.

We're counting on you to carry on NALC's tradition to "Deliver the Cure" and asking all of you to please keep the momentum going.

Vice President's Report

by
Janette Dolabson

The House unanimously approved HR 2990, a bill that could increase the pensions for hundreds of thousands of federal employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). The measure credits the unused sick leave of retiring FERS employees toward their time-in-service when calculating their pensions. There are roughly 1.4 million employees in the FERS. Employees under the older Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) have always had this benefit.

The House approved the measure, called the Disabled Military Retiree Relief Act of 2009, by a 404-0 vote. It now moves to the Senate, which stripped similar provisions from a bill giving the Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate tobacco.

The bill also allows FERS employees who leave and then return to federal service to get credit for their previous service and to redeposit their retirement annuities so they can receive a pension for their entire federal service. CSRS employees already have this benefit. But CSRS employees also would benefit from the bill if it gets passed. It would let CSRS employees who choose to work part-time at the end of their careers collect their full annuities.

The MIARAP process is moving forward. These adjustments are not perfect in anyway and it has not at all been fun adding or moving around territory and abolishing routes out of offices but I do know it's necessary. The Postal Service has to be a viable business. With the continuing drop in volume the routes keep shrinking. We don't know how far it will drop or if it will increase at some point but most of us letter carriers want to have routes that are 8 hours and not have to use our annual leave or leave without pay or figure out how to make our routes 8 hours. For now this is what we must accept the first round of adjustments will be in place for 3 months and then we will revisit them and hopefully be able to fix any problems with the adjusted territory. After this we are headed in, what I like to call the Flat Sorting ERA. Many of our offices will be going online with the flat sorting machines before the end of the year which will entail another whole round of adjustments. Strap yourselves in it's going to be a crazy ride but in the end we will still be standing.

Health Benefit Update

By
Larry Dolabson

I just wanted to tell any of you NALC Health Plan Members that if you haven't received your new white plan cards to contact the NALC Health Plan at 1-888 636-6252.

ATTENTION RETIREE'S !!!

You may be familiar with the saying "There is no such thing as a Free Lunch" While this may be true, it does not pertain to Breakfast. The Branch holds a Retiree Breakfast meeting every 4th Saturday of the Month. No Voting, just a friendly get together to talk and eat. The best thing is

IT IS FREE !!!

That's right, if you are a retired member in good standing of Branch 2462 your Breakfast is provided at no charge, that's right

FREE !!!!

So what are you waiting for, meet with us this month.

When 4th Saturday of Every Month
Where Denny's Restaurant,
(Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelis).
Time 9:00 AM

If you have trouble with transportation contact FRANK BRASH and we will try and arrange for a ride. Come on out, you will have a great time, and the price is right !

NALC Can Count On Me !

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

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Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Home # _____ Cell # _____
Email _____
Congressional District _____ Branch _____

This form builds the Legislative and Political Department's activist database. Is 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.

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Branch Meeting Minutes May 5, 2009

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 BROOKINS at 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—In Memory of All past members who have passed this year, and to MICHAEL JACKSON

A short video presentation was presented in honor of Mr. Jackson

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT--- BROOKINS, J. DOLABSON, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, MULLINAX, JACKSON, WILSON, ASKEW, L. DOLABSON,

ABSENT—ENZ

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—NONE

BILLS READ—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT The audit will be held on Tuesday, July 21st at 6 pm at the Union office.

TRUSTEES All is well

SAFETY & HEALTH Area is sending out teams to watch Carriers on the street, so make sure you are working in a safe manner and following the safety rules. Sierra Costal had a powered runaway accident last month. Remember there is no excuse for being out of your postal vehicle with the engine running.

RETIREEES 3 retiree's present tonight. Very good turnout for the Retiree Breakfast. Thanks to the Branch for providing this great forum and food. Active members who have the day off are welcome also. The Breakfast is held on the 4th Saturday of each month.

HBR—L. DOLABSON Watch for article in MailCall. Any questions contact Larry.

MDA \$1677 currently in fund. LA Sparks a basketball game was a very big success. We will be planning another one for later in the year probably September, so watch out for further information.

MBA—ENZ No Report

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

MOTION—Accept Financial reports as read M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Food Drive co-coordinators who have not turned in their T-shirt money are requested to do so as soon as possible. We need to get this taken care of. Route adjustment process is proceeding and

we should be seeing some changes soon. We have picked a tentative date for the annual Picnic. It is October 11, 2009 at the Santa Anita Race track. There will be a motion presented at tonight's meeting for the Branch to vote on final approval.

PRESIDENT BROOKIN Gave his report on latest important items which he will cover in his article in the MailCall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION—Branch send 4 people to be chosen by President Brookins, to the NBA Region 1 Leadership Conference in San Diego on August 23, 2009.

Cost not to exceed \$ 2100.00

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch Picnic be held on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at the Santa Anita Racetrack M/S/C

MOTION—Branch donate \$ 1000.00 to the National NALC MDA fund. Money to be taken From the Branch MDA fund

M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANOMOUS VOTE

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

MDA DRAWING

\$ 5 CALVIN BROOKINS—CIVIC CENTER

\$ 5 RICK REIMBER—SHERMAN OAKS

\$ 8 RAY MOLA--ENCINO

A short video presentation featuring the 2008 Boston delegates and Encino Station Food Drive workers was presented by Brother Seyfried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:22 PM

