

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

Five (5) day, Six (6) day Delivery, Which will it be?

If you talk to management personnel most of them believe the Postal Service have to go to Five (5) day delivery and some of them believe it will actually happen. The NALC takes a position that cutting service back to five days a week are foolhardy and the union will fight this issue with all our might.

With postal management radical attempt to push the Postal Service to 5 day delivery without taking into account the detrimental affect something like that will have on the Postal Service, Letter Carriers and the Public. The NALC has come up with five reasons to oppose five day delivery. The following five reasons are directly from NALC at the National level.

1. It's penny-wise and pound-foolish.

Saturday delivery is the Postal Service's key strategic advantage over its private competitors, UPS and FedEx. Giving away our most important comparative advantage in the one area of the postal market that is likely to grow when the economy recovers, e-commerce package delivery would be very risky. Over time, the loss of revenues would outweigh the short-term savings.

2. It will drive customers away

Slower service--letters mailed on Friday nights would not be picked up until Monday morning or Monday afternoon—and less frequent delivery is likely to accelerate the shift to electronic invoicing and electronic bill paying. Booming businesses like mail order prescriptions would be threatened. Reduced service would also threaten one of the fastest growing segments of the mail—Parcel Select—as UPS, FedEx and other consolidators would reconsider their use of last-mile delivery services by USPS letter carriers.

3. It would prompt the emergence of new competitors.

If the Postal Service doesn't deliver on Saturdays, other companies will step in to fill the void. Within days of the Postal Service's March 2 announcement, multiple press accounts quoted executives from niche delivery firms welcoming the news. Many companies would view the Postal Service's exit from Saturday delivery as a business opportunity. Once established, competitors will demand a "level playing field"

and ask Congress to open the nation's mailboxes to their services, making it impossible to enforce the monopoly and maintain affordable universal service.

4. It would set a bad precedent.

Once the language requiring six-day delivery is repealed, there would be no legal barrier to prevent the Postal Service from reducing delivery days further, from 5-day to 4- or 3-day delivery. Indeed, Business Week magazine called on the Postal Service to shift immediately to 3-day delivery within days of the Postal Service's announcement of its action plan. That would not only destroy half our jobs, but also likely lead to a death spiral for the Postal Service, less service leading to less mail volume leading to less service, and so on.

5. It's not necessary.

The Postal Service has hidden financial strengths, with fully funded pension plans and, if the accounting is done properly, fully funded retiree health benefits. If we can convince Congress and the administration to fairly allocate pension costs and correct the \$75 billion error made by the OPM when it established our retiree health fund, eliminating Saturday delivery would not be necessary. Postmaster General Jack Potter acknowledged as much at a March 18 hearing before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. "If that [recovering the \$75 billion and applying it to future retiree health care] were to happen," he said, "we wouldn't have to go from six-, to five-day delivery."

In my opinion the Postal Service's plan is fundamentally flawed, I also think it is a very bad idea and most of all it is not a done deal. Only Congress can authorize the Postal Service to go from six day delivery to five day delivery. The following is a quote from Jose Serrano D-N.Y.; "While I understand the seriousness of the Postal Service's fiscal issues, I remain supportive of a six-day delivery schedule," said House Financial Services Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., whose panel controls funding for the Postal Service. "I will be in conversations in coming weeks with the senior postal leadership and the postal unions in an effort to avoid service cuts."

The Postal Service will face resistance in their efforts to eliminate a day of service; here is some advice from your

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Vice President's Report

by
Janette Dolabson

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	1	1	2	2							
ENCINO	5	3	4	5							
CIVIC CENTER	1	1	2	1							
PANORAMA CITY	3	3	2	2							
SHERMAN OAKS	4	5	7	6							
SUN VALLEY	2	1	3	3							
TARZANA	2	2	2	2							
RETIREE'S	5	5	3	4							
TOTAL	23	21	25	25							

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

MAY
4th
"2010"

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

May 4, 2010

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E-Mail.....NALCBRANCH2462@sbcglobal.net

"RETIREE CORNER"

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCielis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be May 22nd & June 26, 2010 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank
You

Frank Brooks

Hi Brothers and Sisters. The Food Drive is this month May 8th. The T-shirts will all be out in the stations by the time you read this. You can wear them all week leading up to the day of the drive. We have secured a sponsor for bags this year from Ralph's market. They are first class mail and we are required to deliver them to all mounted, hop out, park and loop and NDCBU routes deliver these bags to each box. It is for a great cause and the need for food donations is greater this year more than any other. It has shown that these bags will increase our donations by 2 or 3 times what we would normally collect. I thank you for your help and dedication in this endeavor. We are also having a kick off May 4th at MEND around 10 am. Come take part in this event. It will be on camera and broadcast on CBS/KCAL news. Wear your uniform and look nice.

5 Day delivery is still looming over our heads, being pushed by the Postal Service. Let your Congressman and Senators know you are against this effort. It is imperative to the future of our company. Once you chip away at service it is just a matter of time before another company steps in to provide it and trust me there are already companies waiting for that to happen. Let your representatives know our customers want their prescription drugs, perishable fruit, and live animals delivered all 6 days. Six day delivery is what makes us unique. We are the only company touching every mail box in the country 6 days a week. Let's keep that service.



Pictured Above is Branch President CALVIN BROOKINS (L) presenting GENE TUTTLE with an NALC watch on his last day at the ENCINO STATION. GENE retires after 41 years of service. CONGRATULATIONS and we wish you a long and happy Retirement.

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union. Start now contacting your Congress person and encouraging them to vote to preserve six day delivery.

We also received word from California State Association of Letter Carriers President John Beaumont; he stated that while they were in Washington D.C. they were able to mount an attack on Postmaster General Potter's ill advised plan to push five day delivery. He stated that they were able to meet with 20 representatives from the California Delegation and every one of them pledged to sign on to H Res 173, which states that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service.

So we need to be ready to fight for 6 day delivery, one way we can fight against Postmaster General Potter's actions is to contact our Congressional Representative and encourage each of them to support the continuation of 6 day delivery. We can only do this with the help of all members of the branch. There is currently a House Resolution bill called H-Res 173. It is a bi-partisan bill that was introduced by Republican Sam Graves of Missouri. That bill states as follows; "That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its six-day mail delivery service".

A vital step in the process of eliminating PMG Potter's actions toward five-day delivery is to get co-sponsors for this bill H-Res 173. All letter carriers need to write a letter to their Congressional Representative encouraging them to be a co-sponsor on H-Res 173.

Food For Thought!!! OK Statistics for Thought!!!

Did you know that the highest paid Postal Employees has actually increased and the employees who actually play a role in moving the mail, maintaining the facilities and equipment in support of moving the mail have decreased? The following is a USPS employee statistics from 2000 to 2010 that show increases and decreases by percentage points.

	2000	2010	-/+ %
USPS Headquarters	2279	2924	+28%
Inspector General	664	1151	+73%
USPS Headquarters Totals	2943	4075	38.46%
USPS/FieldSupport/ Inspection Service (Field)	9756	7173	-26%
USPS Field Totals	9756	7173	-26.47%
Postmasters (Installation Heads)	26121	23324	-11%
Supervisors/Managers	38797	27848	-28%
USPS Supervisors Totals	64918	51172	-21.17%
Tech Personnel	9959	5907	-41%
Clerks/Nurses	282147	161607	-43%
Mail Handlers	60851	49674	-18%
City Carriers	241079	197105	-18%

2000 2010 -/+ %

Motor Vehicle	9347	7614	-19%
Rural Carriers	57111	67434	+18%
Maintenance	42284	37513	-11%
Vehicle Maintenance	5546	4977	-12%
USPS Craft Employees Totals	708324	531831	-24.91%

Maybe the Postmaster General is so dead set on reducing service days from six to five in order to pay those higher salaries that he has added to the Headquarters staff. When the Postal Service has been in the financial state that it is in for the last several years, why have personnel been increased at Postal Headquarters level? Just food for...I mean statistics for thought!!!

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 !

Active Members are invited to attend also if it is your Day Off !!



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Branch Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2010

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 6:36.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—In Memory of **PAUL DE KORTE, RETIRED MEMBER from SUN VALLEY**

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT—NONE

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL
CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

JAMES MARCOE—ELSA MARCOE

BILLS READ

MOTION TO PAY M/S/C

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH & SAFETY Committee met last week and reviewed all incident reports.

TRUSTEES No Report

RETIREES 4 retiree's present tonight.
Remember all retirees are invited to Breakfast every 4th Sat.
Details are posted in the Mailcall.

HBR—L. DOLABSON Care Select stores are still giving free flu shots. Current statistics show that 95 Branch members are enrolled in the Health Plan.

MDA—ANGER \$ 2153 currently in fund.

St. Patty's day bracelet sale was a huge success, thanks to all who purchased. Still working on possibly having another Bowl-a-thon, since everyone enjoyed the last one so much. Looking at sometime in June, watch the MailCall for further information.

MBA—ENZ Info available, contact me

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

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

VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Food Drive is ready to go, final plans are being fine tuned and we expect that this year could be one of our biggest. Watch for my article in the MailCall for further details. Remember Picnic will be at Santa Anita Racetrack on October 10, 2010. The next day is a holiday so it should be easy to attend. It is great fun and we guarantee that you will have a good time.

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 donate \$ 100 to RITA O'HARA

In memory of Paul DeKorte

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch send all Executive Board Members and Shop Stewards to the May State Training classes in Pasadena on May 21-22. Those attending will receive \$ 225.00 per day for all expenses. M/S/C

MOTION—Branch pay for any member who Wishes to attend the Congressional Breakfast in Pasadena on Sunday May 23rd.
M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE
OLD BUSINESS—NONE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

LETTER OF THANKS TO BRANCH 2462 MEMBERS FROM

CEASAR SILVA, LETTER CARRIER SHERMAN OAKS

Hello to all my friends and Co-workers. After 29 years of hard work in the US Postal Service, combined with military time, I finally have now Retired. I left the job for personal health reasons, back in June of 2009. Currently, I am responding to my medical treatments. My quality of Life is getting a little better, each and every day. I Truly appreciate your understanding, assistance, and concern. My family and I, would like to Thank You again, and let you know that I am a fighter that will not give up. Also, I really miss seeing all my fellow co-workers and friends, as well as coming into work, and doing my former Route 2353 at Sherman Oaks Station. I miss seeing my customers faces, and wearing my Blue colored uniform. Please send any correspondence to me in care of Steve Seyfried at the Union Office. It will be forwarded to me.

Thanks again for all your Support

MDA DRAWING

\$ 5 BOB JOHNSON—MAIN OFFICE
\$ 5 STEVE RUSHTON—SUN VALLEY--DONATED
\$ 12 SANDY ANGER—TARZANA—1/2 DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:26 PM

IN MEMORY OF

PAUL DE KORTE
RETIREE—SUN VALLEY
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