

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

Six/Five Day Delivery

I attended the Committee of President meeting on April 11 and 12, 2010, in Phoenix Arizona. Local Presidents from around the country was in attendance and we were all given an update by NALC National President Fred Rolando. President Rolando spent hours giving us detailed information on several topics; I will attempt to address some of those topics in my article.

President Rolando reiterated what we have been saying for months now, that the Postmaster General cannot eliminate Saturday delivery. Only Congress can do that and at that particular time Congress had not even scheduled hearings on the matter. President Rolando stated that eliminating a day of delivery would not resolve the financial issues that the Postal Service is currently facing. He also stated that cutting a day of service would do nothing more than open the door for other companies to fill that void. He further stated it would prevent opportunities to generate much needed revenue.

However, President Rolando did offer a solution. He suggested that the law be changed in regards to the prefunding of retiree health benefits, that in itself would save the Postal Service billions of dollars a year, and would avoid the need to eliminate a day of delivery. Remember Postmaster General Potter recently testified before a Congressional Committee that if the law was changed and the 75 billion dollars were returned there would be no need to eliminate a day of delivery. President Rolando went on to state, that there does not appear to be sufficient support in Congress to change the law as it is currently written.

Since the Committee of President meeting in early April, the NALC has continued its fight against 5-Day Delivery. The following is excerpts by NALC President Fred Rolando on Federal News Radio.

President Rolando took the opportunity during the 30 minute program to explain how the pre-funding obligation on the Postal Service for retirees' health care is unwarranted and has placed the Service in its current financial crisis. Rolando explained that while the Postal Service must adapt its long term business model it also needs Congress to revise the

requirement for funding its retirement obligations. He went on to state that projections of a \$238 billion deficit by the Postal Service over the next 10 years assumes that absolutely nothing is done. It's a worse case scenario.

President Rolando also dispelled the myth that a survey shows the general public is fine with the elimination of six day delivery. President Rolando stated; "If you tell the public the real story, I think you get different results". "If you ask the public 'would you like to pay more money for postage? Would you like to give up your first born, or would you like to give up Saturday delivery. But, if you tell them the truth and you give them the real options, and some of the other things that we can do, I think you get a totally different result." A link to the Federal News Radio website with a recording of President Rolando's appearance is available on the NALC website: www.nalc.org.

MIARAP

President Rolando stated that the parties at the National level were close to an agreement that would continue the process to jointly evaluate and adjust routes. Since the Committee of President meeting the parties at the national level has reached an agreement on a new Joint Alternate Route Adjustment Process (JARAP).

The NALC and the Postal Service have reached agreement on the next phase of a Joint Alternate Route Adjustment Process. However, the agreement makes it clear that finalizing a number of incomplete revisits of 2009 MIARAP adjustments must be given priority over the evaluation and adjustment of routes/zones under the new JARAP.

Included among several positive changes to the process are automatic reviews of specific forms to ensure integrity of data being reviewed. Also, rather than reviewing all routes/zones nationwide, only routes/zones requested by either party will be evaluated and/or adjusted under JARAP. Local parties may also submit locally developed alternatives for adjusting routes to the national parties for review and possible approval.

Routes to be evaluated on the basis of March and April data will be identified by May 21, 2010 and those routes to be evaluated on the basis of April and May data will be identified by June 18, 2010. Further details on the new agreement will be provided to all shop stewards and is also posted on the NALC website.

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Vice President's Report

by
Janette Dolabson

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	1	1	2	2	1						
ENCINO	5	3	4	5	5						
CIVIC CENTER	1	1	2	1	1						
PANORAMA CITY	3	3	2	2	0						
SHERMAN OAKS	4	5	7	6	4						
SUN VALLEY	2	1	3	3	3						
TARZANA	2	2	2	2	2						
RETIREE'S	5	5	3	4	6						
TOTAL	23	21	25	25	22						

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

**JUNE
1st
"2010"**

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT
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June 1, 2010

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"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 June 26th & July 24, 2010 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank
You

Frank Busch

Another food drive has come. I will have all the totals for you in the July Mail Call since the actual food drive has not taken place at the writing of this article. What has taken place is our Stamp Out Food Drive Kick Off Media Event on May 4th and the MEND Food Bank. Some of you might have seen the write up in the Daily News or one of the many news stories on the television that were filmed that morning.

I would have to say it was quite the event. We had actor/director/producer/designer David Arquette, actress/activist Gina Ravera from the TV shows The Closer and ER and NHL Hockey Captain from the LA Kings Dustin Brown there as our spokespeople. Along with the Daily News we had CBS/KCAL, NBC, ABC and CNN television stations there filming the event and photographers snapping photos. Our Regional Food Drive Coordinator, Paula Miller spoke about our National Food Drive along with our celebrities and Marianne Haver Hill, President and CEO of MEND the Food Bank that receives all of our Branches food donations.

Our California State Association of Letter Carriers President, John Beaumont, Campbell Soups representative Bernadette Johnson, USPS Public Relations Representative, Richard Maher, along with representatives from LA Regional Food Bank and Feeding America were all there to help make this huge undertaking a success.

Most of all we had Superstar Steve Seyfried 30 year letter carrier from our own branch there. You might have seen his handsome face on the PSA he filmed on CBS with news anchors Pat Harvey and Paul Magers for our Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive that ran from the last week in April until the day of the Food Drive. Branch President Calvin Brookins, Trustee Tia Wilson, HBR Larry Dolabson and Myself were also there representing our branch. We had many letter carriers there from Los Angeles, Upland and Burbank showing their support for this great cause.

We should really bring in a lot of food donations this year thanks to everyone's efforts especially you letter carriers who had to take out the cards and the bags and then pick up all that food. I firmly believe there is no better union in this country than the NALC and no better people than those who are letter carriers.

You are all the best and I cannot tell you how much your hard work means to this wonderful cause. With the economy and the state of the Postal Service the way it is, this helps bring it all in perspective. We are very blessed to have jobs and food on our tables. Millions of people in this country are not as lucky.

Much love to you all. I am looking forward to telling you our totals this year. I believe this will be our best year ever.

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National Reassessment Process

President Rolando stated that nothing has changed with respect to how limited duty or letter carriers injured on duty should be treated. The Postal Service is still required to comply with ELM, Section 546.142 when attempting to accommodate letter carriers who have been injured on duty. Most of the grievances from our branch dealing limited duty letter carriers in regards to NRP are at the arbitration level of the grievance procedure.

This particular Committee of President meeting gave me a renewed confidence that our union at the national level, led by President Fred Rolando is absolutely committed to the best interest of the members of the NALC. I believe it is imperative that we totally support our national officers and the effort that they are giving. At this time I am encouraging all members of Branch 2462 to go to www.nalc.org and sign up to be an e-Activist and sign up to contribute to our political action fund known as COLCPE. Now is the time for all members of the NALC to take your support of your union to the next level.

MDA Bowl-A-Thon

Last year the NALC and MDA announced the beginning of what we all hope to be an ongoing tradition. It was our first and it was very successful in many branches. This year the NALC want to get started earlier. President Rolando has announced that the NALC National Bowl-A-Thon will be held the first Sunday in November of each year. So place on your calendars, the date of November 7, 2010 for this year's event.

Good of the Association

Shortly after last year's Food Drive Janette and I started engaging in meetings with MEND in regards to this year's Food Drive, that first meeting led to meetings with KCBS 2 and KCAL 9 to set up media attention for the Food Drive. Well on Tuesday May 4, 2010, all those meetings and effort paid off. Janette worked really hard on making all of this happen and because of her efforts, the media event at MEND on Tuesday May 4, 2010, was a big success and I would like to congratulate and thank Janette for all she has done on making the event happen. Great job Janette!!!

On another food drive note, I know that the bags that all of you as letter carriers had to deliver in addition to the food drive cards was not an easy task but I believe it has paid off as most of you know by now we collected a lot more than we did last year. At the time the MailCall went to print we did not have a confirmed total, but based on preliminary totals from MEND it will be over one hundred thousand pounds of food. I personally want to thank all members of the branch for all of your hard work in this years food drive. 'So thank you, thank you, thank you, so much'

In Unionism.

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 & DeCielis).
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 !!

Pictured above (L to R) Secretary STEVE SEYFRIED, Vice President JANETTE DOLABSON, President CALVIN BROOKINS, Trustee TIA WILSON & HBR LARRY DOLABSON are shown at the NALC MEDIA EVENT at MEND in Pacoima.

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Branch Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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 6:35.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—In Memory of

GINO DEGLINNOCENTI, RETIRED MEMBER

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—NONE

BILLS READ

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH & SAFETY No meeting this month

TRUSTEES No Report

RETIREEES 6 retiree's present tonight.

Remember all retirees are invited to Breakfast every 4th Sat.
Details are posted in the Mailcall.

Motion--suspend meeting for Special Guests M/S/C

DARCIL COLE from Burbank & JERI RAMOS from the LA Sparks basketball team spoke on the latest MDA fundraiser on May 30th. Tickets are \$ 16 each with \$ 5 going to MDA, it is a Sunday game, contact the Union office for tickets. State Assoc President JOHN BEAUMONT spoke on what a great job we have done with this years food drive. Also filled us in on the latest lobbying efforts against the elimination of 6 day delivery.

HBR—L. DOLABSON Any problems contact Larry

MDA--ANGER \$ 2153 currently in fund.

MBA—ENZ Look for new info in offices within the next 2 weeks

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

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

VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Food Drive media kickoff was an incredible success. Watch for article in MailCall

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 purchase 8 mens NALC watches.

Cost to the Branch \$ 640.00

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch purchase 12 JCAMS from Florida State Assoc. Cost to the branch \$ 240.00

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 UNANAMOUS VOTE

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Thanks to JANETTE DOLABSON for all the hard work on this years Food Drive. Media Kickoff was one of the finest efforts our Branch has ever seen.

WELL DONE JANETTE !!

MDA DRAWING

\$ 5 JOHN GARY—SUN VALLEY

\$ 5 JIM TUKESBREY--RETIREE--DONATED

\$ 13 SANDY ANGER—TARZANA—1/2 DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:18 PM

Pictured below is President BROOKINS & hit TV show
The Closer's GINA RAVERA kicking off the
NALC FOOD DRIVE

IN MEMORY OF
GINO DEGLINNOCENTI
RETIREE—BRANCH 2462