

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

### H.R. 5746:

The Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia subcommittee of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee in the House of Representatives passed legislation on July 21 that is designed to credit the Postal Service with between \$50 and \$75 billion in pension assets unfairly allocated by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The legislation, H.R. 5746, was introduced on July 15 by subcommittee chair Stephen Lynch (D-MA) and marked up by the committee on July 21. The 8-1 vote in favor of the legislation sends the bill to the full committee for action by the end of July. If the Postal Service can get this money back and use it to fully fund the retiree health benefit account, the Postal Service will be on solid footing to ask Congress to remove the onerous pre-funding provisions that have caused it to lose money in recent years.

### H.R. 5919 A threat to our collective bargaining agreement:

Meanwhile, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), ranking member of the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, introduced H.R. 5919 July 29. The NALC's feels this bill would give the USPS authority to randomly assign 12 furlough days a year, thus directly interfering with our collective bargaining agreement. We will continue efforts to pass H.R. 5746 and will ask Rep. Chaffetz to make the same effort. H.R. 5746 bill would provide the Service with significantly more financial relief than H.R. 5919 would, and it would do so with no impact on letter carriers' pay and benefits.

### Big wins for NALC activists:

In two clear victories for letter carrier activism, the full Senate Appropriations Committee has approved Fiscal Year 2011 bills that leave six-day mail delivery intact—and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services marked up its bill, with language on six-day delivery untouched as well.

A letter to the editor from NALC President Fredric Rolando appeared in the July 31 edition of The Washington Post. "For the Postal Service to effectively plan for the future, President Rolando wrote,

"Congress must lift unnecessary financial burdens, allowing the agency to think long term rather than make shortsighted cuts to stay above water."

All of these things show an effort by many different parties to get the right thing done in the area of the Postal Service finances.

### Bereavement Leave

Over the last couple of months I have received several phone calls regarding Bereavement Leave. Bereavement Leave was negotiated into our last National Agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum of Understanding states as follows;

City letter carriers may use a total of up to three workdays of annual leave, sick leave or leave without pay, to make arrangements necessitated by the death of a family member or attend the funeral of a family member. Authorization of leave beyond three workdays is subject to the conditions and requirements of Article 10 of the National Agreement, Subsection 510 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual and the applicable local memorandum of understanding provisions.

### Definition of Family Member

"Family member" is defined as a:

- (a). Son or daughter--a biological or adopted child, stepchild, daughter-in-law or son-in-law;
- (b). Spouse;
- (c). Parent; or
- (d). Sibling--brother, sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law; or
- (e). Grandparent.

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## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	3			
ENCINO	5	3	4	5	5	3	3	2			
CIVIC CENTER	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2			
PANORAMA CITY	3	3	2	2	0	1	2	2			
SHERMAN OAKS	4	5	7	6	4	7	5	8			
SUN VALLEY	2	1	3	3	3	1	2	1			
TARZANA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			
RETIREE'S	5	5	3	4	6	6	5	5			
TOTAL	23	21	25	25	22	26	24	26			

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

NEXT MEETING  
\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER  
7th  
"2010"

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT  
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September 7, 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 Sept 25<sup>th</sup> & October 23, 2010 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.

Thank  
You

Frank Busch

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### Use of Sick Leave

For employees opting to use available sick leave, the leave will be charged to sick leave for dependent care, if eligible.

### Documentation

Documentation evidencing the death of the employee's family member is required only when the supervisor deems documentation desirable for the protection of the interest of the Postal Service.

### Transitional Employees

Transitional Employees (TE's) are covered by the Memorandum of Understanding, re: Bereavement Leave, however they do not earn sick leave therefore they are only eligible to use annual leave, and leave without pay (LWOP) for the purposes of bereavement leave.

### In Unionism

ABOVE—President Calvin Brookins (L) presents Encino Station Carrier BOB ENZ with an NALC Watch to commemorate his last day on the job.

BELOW-- President Calvin Brookins (L) presents Tarzana Station Carrier CRAIG SANDEFUR with an NALC Watch to commemorate his last day on the job.

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## Branch Meeting Minutes

Aug 3, 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 6:34.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms ASKEW

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**—In Memory of All our Passed Retired Members and our Troops

### 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** Drive in a safe and defensive manner at all times.

**TRUSTEES** The audit of the books was done on July 21, 2010, at 6:00 pm at the Union Office. Books were found to be in good order and all financials balanced and are fine.

**RETIREEES** 4 retiree's present tonight. Remember all retirees are invited to Breakfast every 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. Details are posted in the Mailcall. We had 13 present at the July breakfast, so it is turning out to be a success. Retiree Luncheon will be held on October 17, 2010 at 1:00 pm at Encino Glen Restaurant on Burbank Blvd. Cost is \$ 5.00 and all members are invited to attend. We have several Gold Cards to give out this year as well as honoring this years new Retiree's

**HBR**—L. DOLABSON Looking forward to attending the classes and HBR breakfast training at the upcoming National Convention in Anaheim. The HB plan has submitted it's request for fee's for the upcoming year. Watch for more info as Open Season arrives.

**MDA**—ANGER \$ 1567 currently in fund.

**MBA**—ENZ After discussions with the National MB department, I have found out that I can remain a member of the plan after retirement. Therefore I will continue to be serving as the MBA representative.

### FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

**MOTION**—Accept Financial reports as read M/S/C  
**VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON** Branch Picnic will be held at Santa Anita Racetrack again this year. The date will be Sunday October 10, 2010, (the day before Columbus day

holiday). We have negotiated for more food this year and Members signing up early will be receiving 2 extra beer tickets. Watch for signup sheets at your Station and plan on attending what should be the best Branch Picnic ever. Cost for this years Picnic will be the same as last, so there is no reason not to attend

**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 \$ 1000.00 from the Branch MDA fund to the National MDA fund for the Labor Day

Telethon.

M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch renew the Liability insurance policy for the Branch office with State Farm.

Cost not to exceed \$ 1000.00

M/S/C

### UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE

#### OLD BUSINESS—NONE

#### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A short slide show was presented from the MDA summer camp that the Branch helped sponsor.

#### MDA DRAWING

\$ 4 CHARLES HOYLE—SHERMAN OAKS--DONATED

\$ 5 FRANK BRASH--RETIREE

\$ 10 CHARLES HOYLE—SHERMAN OAKS—DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 7:28 PM

TIRED OF NOT KNOWING WHATS GOING  
ON ??

DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK  
JOIN



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