

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

First of all I hope all of the members of Branch 2462 and their families had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Year holiday.

The year in review

I would like start this month article by giving thanks to all of the members who went out and got names on the petitions that the NALC requested in an effort to save Saturday delivery and the Postal Service. As a branch we collected 2,207 signatures nation wide we collected 920,308 signatures. Thanks to you all. I also want to thank all of you who came out for the informational pickets that we did at the Congressional offices in our area. We got our message across through-out the country on that day.

The year of 2011 was a very challenging year for the members of branch 2462, with the implementation of FSS and adjustments that followed and a lot of carriers ending up with over burden routes. Then you throw in the economy and the financial situation that the Postal Service is faced with and the possibility of letter carriers being excessed can make for a very trying and stressful situation for the everyday average employee. It was announced to the Branch Presidents in our district that management is now considering taking some zones off FSS. However, management was not sure which zones would be taken off FSS, as they were still in the process of attempting to get approval from the Area and Headquarters level.

While we have come through most of this and have gone through the route review adjustments in some stations, some routes are still not properly adjusted and those carriers do have recourse on how to deal with this issue. Please see your shop steward or call the Union office for advice regarding this issue.

On December 5, 2011, the Postal Service announced that they would be closing or consolidating about 250 of the nearly 500 mail processing centers across the country. This was supposed to take place in March of this year, but a moratorium was announced that moved that date to at least May 15, 2012. This would extend the number of days it takes for first class mail and periodicals to be delivered. Basically,

the Postal Service will be lowering delivery standards for first class mail that have been in place since 1971.

Currently, first class mail is supposed to be delivered to homes and businesses within the continental United States in one to three days; that will be lengthened to two to three days, meaning mailers could no longer expect next day delivery in surrounding communities. Periodicals or second class flats could take between two and nine days for delivery. Guess who will end up having to explain this to the customers on the route you serve? You guessed it, you the Letter Carrier; adding one more thing to your job.

Going Forward

However, all of our challenges are not yet over. The NALC is still in the midst of trying to negotiate a new Collective Bargaining Agreement. The consolidation of mail processing centers is in addition to the planned closing of about 3,700 local post offices. In all, about 100,000 postal employees could be cut or laid off or in some cases excessed as a result of the various closures.

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IN MEMORY OF

**TROY YOUNG
MANUEL VENEGAS
JERRY RANDALL**

RETIREES BRANCH 2462

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

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

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

FEBRUARY
7th
"2012"

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

Feb 7, 2012

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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 breakfasts will be on Jan 28th & Feb 25, 2012 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.

Thank
You

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Then you have certain politicians who have put forth a plan to basically dismantle the Postal Service through H.R. 2309. The GOP controlled House Oversight and Government Reform Committee 'marked up' and passed a radical and partisan postal reform bill offered by its chairman, Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) back on October 13, 2011. Rather than address the postal crisis caused by the pre-funding mandate, the Issa bill seeks to exploit the crisis to advance anti-worker ideological goals. Radically downsizing the Postal Service and attempting to take away collective bargaining rights of hard working postal employees appears to be the main goal of the Issa bill.

H.R. 2309 may be the most anti-business bill taken up by Congress in years. Slashing services and forcing a massive round of post office closings would seriously damage the printing, publishing, paper and financial services industries. Tens of thousands of veterans who work for the Postal Service would face a loss of their jobs. At a time when unemployment is already very high. H.R. 2309 would mandate the destruction of hundreds of thousand of jobs.

H.R. 2309 is our biggest battle; the NALC at the national level has launched an aggressive campaign to combat the Issa bill. If this bill passes the bill and resolution currently on the table now, H.R. 1351 and Res. 137 may never be heard. It is very important to become an e-activist; it's free and simple to sign up online at nalc.org. The e-mails you receive from our National President Fred Rolando and the Political and Legislative department are very informative and at times call for letter carriers to take action such as contacting your congressional representative through a phone call, e-mail or even a personal hand written letter. **PLEASE SIGN UP AND GET INVOLVED!**

It is also important to sign up and give to COLCPE through automatic payroll deduction. You can give just \$5.00 per pay period. This will strengthen the NALC hand in getting the right Congress person to vote on certain bills in a way that will benefit Letter Carriers during these trying times that we are faced with. **AGAIN GET INVOLVED!**



Want to keep up on what's going on? Become an NALC E-ACTIVIST. It is simple go to the NALC website at <http://nalc.org/> and Click on the Logo you see above on the page. Fill out the easy form and you will get updates on a regular basis and then you won't be left in the dark when new information comes in. **DON'T WAIT—DO IT TODAY!**

Branch Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2011

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NOMINATIONS FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES

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| 1. CALVIN BROOKINS | 2. JANETTE DOLABSON |
| 3. STEVE SEYFRIED | 4. BOB JOHNSON |
| 5. TRACY MULLINAX | 6. JEFF JACKSON |
| 7. TIA WILSON | 8. ROGER ASKEW |
| 9. LARRY DOLABSON | 10. BOB ENZ |
| 11. RAUL DOZAL | 12. JACK WINKEL |
| 13. RICK REIMER | 14. JOHN BURTON |
| 15. SANDY ANGER | 16. ART BOCEK |
| 17. JAMES TUKESBREY | 18. JANET McKEIVER |
| 19. JOSE JIMENEZ | 20. FRANK BRASH |
| 21. ANDY GOACHER | 21. ANALIA GARCIA |

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

MDA DRAWING

- \$ 5 SANDY ANGER—TARZANA--DONATED
\$ 5 ART BOCEK--RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 5 SANDY ANGER--TARZANA

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:21 PM

Branch Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2012

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OLD BUSINESS--NONE

BY-LAWS

There were 3 By-law changes submitted at tonight's meeting, they will be printed in the MailCall and voted on at the February Meeting.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION—GARY ROUGH was presented with an NALC watch to signify his Retirement from the Postal Service after 33 years of service as a Letter Carrier. Congratulations Gary !!!!!

MDA DRAWING

- \$ 3 BOB JOHNSON—MAIN OFFICE
\$ 4 GARY ROUGH--RETIREE
\$ 7 KAREN AGUILAR--RETIREE--DONATED

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:45 PM

Vice President's Report

By

Janette Dolabson

December's Christmas party was a great success. We had a big crowd, even had to add a few tables. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, John and Tia Wilson. You were simply perfect in every way!! A huge thanks to my special "elves", John Burton, Roger Askew, Bob Enz, Larry Dolabson, Tracy Mullinax, Bob Johnson, and Marta Mihich. What a great team of helpers you are. I want to thank especially Steve Seyfried, who without his help every year, this party would not be nearly as organized or enjoyable. Thanks, Sparky!!!.

Proposed Change to By-Law # 1

Proposed to amend Article XVI, Section 2 , which now reads:

Section 2. Amendments may be submitted only in the months of January and June of any calendar year.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 2. Amendments may be submitted only in the months of January and June of any calendar year. **They shall be voted on at the March and August meetings of that calendar year.**

Submitted by members in good standing:

ROGER ASKEW-- JANETTE DOLABSON—ROBERT ENZ
JULIUS RIBAS—TRACY MULLINAX

Proposed Change to By-Law # 2

Proposed to amend Article XII, Section 8 (A), which now reads:

Section 8 (A) The MBA Representative shall receive an amount equal to the Branch Dues per month..

Proposed to Read: **Delete entire section 8 (A)**

Submitted by members in good standing:

ROGER ASKEW-- JANETTE DOLABSON—ROBERT ENZ
JULIUS RIBAS—TRACY MULLINAX

Proposed Change to By-Law # 3

Proposed to amend Article XII, Section 7, which now reads:

Section 7 The salaries shall be as follows

President...\$350.00 month Shop Steward (ea).75.00 month
Vice President... 150.00 month Sgt-at-Arms... 50.00 month
Rec Secretary 150.00 month HB Representative. 50.00 month
Fin'l Sec't/Treasurer.. 150.00 month Editor. 55.00 month
Trustees (3) (each) 50.00 month

Proposed to Read:

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Vice President... 150.00 month Sgt-at-Arms... 50.00 month
Rec Secretary 150.00 month HB Representative. 50.00 month
Fin'l Sec't/Treasurer.. 150.00 month Editor. 55.00 month
Trustees (3) (each) 50.00 month **MBA REP \$ 35.00 Month**

Submitted by members in good standing:

ROGER ASKEW-- JANETTE DOLABSON—ROBERT ENZ
JULIUS RIBAS—TRACY MULLINAX

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Branch Meeting Minutes December 6, 2011

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 VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of Retirees

MANUEL VENGAS, TROY YOUNG & JERRY RANDALL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT--BROOKINS

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP--NONE

BILLS READ--NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES Audit will be held on
January 19th, and Budget will be on Jan 5th. Both will begin at
6:30 at the Union office.

SAFETY & HEALTH No Report

RETIREEES--BRASH 4 attending tonight.

MBA--ENZ New investment
opportunity is paying 4.5% rate. Contact Bob for further info

HBR--L. DOLABSON No Report

MDA \$ 1403 currently in the
fund

LEGISLATION REPORT--ASKEW HR 2309 still lurking
around, keep contacting your Representative in opposition to
this bill.

MDA--ANGER Bowl-a-thon raised \$ 1464,
total raised after expenses was \$ 1078. Nice job everyone !!!

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON

MOTION--Accept report as read
M/S/C

VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON Christmas party will be on
December 16th at Knights of Columbus (Van Nuys Blvd &
Valerio) Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner served at 6:30 pm.

PRESIDENT BROOKIN Vice President Dolabson
read the Presidents report, which will appear in the MailCall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--Branch renew the Postal Record for 1 year
Cost to the Branch \$ 20.00
M/S/C

MOTION--Branch donate \$ 75.00 to the Van Nuys
Salvation Army
M/S/C

Branch Meeting Minutes January 3, 2012

By
Steve Seyfried, Secretary

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of Retirees who have
passed in 2011**

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT--NONE

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP--NONE

BILLS READ--NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES Audit will be held on
January 19th, and Budget will be on Jan 5th. Both will begin at
6:30 at the Union office.

SAFETY & HEALTH Meeting held on Dec 22nd.
Vehicle accidents are down this year, we have had none. Still
no recognition for safe employees.

RETIREEES--BRASH 4 attending tonight

MBA--ENZ Should have new
information from National at next meeting.

HBR--L. DOLABSON Watch for Mailcall article
MDA \$ 1650 currently in the
fund

LEGISLATIVE REPORT--ASKEW HR 2309 still hanging
around, would be disaster if passed. Call your Representative
and tell them to vote no on this bill.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT--JOHNSON

MOTION--Accept Report as given
M/S/C

VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON Christmas party was a
major success. More attendees than ever before. Planning
has begun for the Food Drive in May. Watch for ongoing
updates and be ready to collect a lot of FOOD !!!!!

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--Branch renew the ESET Anti-virus
Program for all of the Branch's computers M/S/C

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