

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

Contract Negotiations

Contract talks with the USPS are ongoing while we are in the 60 day mediation period. That mediation period will end on March 20, 2012. At that point a three party arbitration panel will be picked and we will head to binding arbitration. However, the NALC will continue to negotiate in good faith. Because of the nature of the negotiations and the contentious issues involved neither side is saying much about the negotiations. You can follow all of the latest development of contract negotiation at NALC.org.

S. 1789

Last fall, several Senators introduced S. 1789, the 21st Century Postal Reform Act of 2011, which they touted as a bipartisan bill that would do what was necessary to rescue the U.S. Postal Service from financial ruin. But when you take a closer look at this bill it reveals that S. 1789 fails to live up to its promise. Rather than reform the Postal Service, S. 1789 would cause irreparable harm to it. This bill gives all indications that pre-funding future retiree health benefits is more important than preserving America's only truly universal delivery network that serves 150 million American households and businesses six days a week.

Thanks to the grassroots activism of NALC members, dozens of senators have been alerted to the serious flaws in S. 1789. On Feb. 14, a group of 27 senators, led by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), sent a letter to the co-sponsors of S. 1789 and asked for major changes in the legislation, taking the language in Sanders' own postal reform bill, S. 1853. The Sanders bill, which was introduced last fall as well, calls for preserving Saturday mail delivery, stopping the closings of rural post offices and mail processing centers, and sparing many of the 220,000 jobs that the Postal Service aims to cut by attrition.

The Senate group called for major amendments to S. 1789 that would help preserve six-day mail delivery (though stopping short of permanently mandating six-day service). This bill would also protect rural post offices, preserve current one to three day delivery standards, limit the number of mail-processing plant closings and create a blue-ribbon commission to develop an entrepreneurial business model for

the Postal Service. The senators' letter also called for an end to the 2006 postal reform law requirement to fully prefund future retiree health benefits for the next 75 years within just 10 years, noting that the account already is flush with funds. As we know by now, that burden is unique to the Postal Service among all businesses and government agencies.

Congressional Action

The NALC is on high alert as we await action in the very near future on H.R. 7, The American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012. Once again, it looks like the bill will be offset largely on the backs of **current** and **future** federal and postal employees. Initial reports indicate that they might use \$30 billion from federal pensions hits to help pay for it.

While we have no firm details at this point on what exact hits will be included, those that have been raised include:

Current employees

Increasing pension contributions for FERS and CSRS employees 1.5 percent over three years, starting in 2013.

Eliminating the Social Security supplement for those who retire after 2012.

Reducing the multiplier from 1.1 percent to 1 percent per year of service when calculating the FERS annuity for those who retire at or after age 62, cutting benefits 9 percent from the current formula. (There is no change for those who retire under age 62.)

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	2	2	3								
ENCINO	3	4	3								
CIVIC CENTER	3	2	3								
PANORAMA CITY	1	1	2								
SHERMAN OAKS	4	4	5								
SUN VALLEY	1	1	1								
TARZANA	2	2	2								
RETIREE'S	4	5	5								
TOTAL	21	21	24								

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

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

APRIL
3rd
"2012"

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

Apr 5, 2012

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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 breakfasts will be on Mar 24th and April 28, 2012 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank
You

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Future employees

Increasing pension contributions *an additional* 0.9 percent—this on top of the 2.3 percent that was included in the recent payroll tax extension, raising future hires from 0.8 percent to 4 percent in pension contributions.

Moving from a high-3 average salary to a high-5.

Using a multiplier of 0.7 percent per year of service when calculating the FERS annuity.

These provisions may change, please continue to stay up to date on your e-Activist and if you are not an e-Activist please go to nalc.org and sign up immediately

Tarzana

It has come to my attention from a very good source of mine that management plans to move the carriers from the 91364 zone in Woodland Hills to Tarzana effective May 19, 2012, assuming that the moratorium will be lifted by that date. Otherwise, the effective date may change. When this change takes place or as time approaches for this change I will go to Tarzana and answer any questions that need to be answered.

In Unionism

NALC Can Count On Me!

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

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

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

Please Mail to:

National Association of Letter Carriers
Legislative and Political Department
100 Indiana Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20001-2144

Vice President's Report

By
Janette Dolabson

It's food drive time again. This year the T-shirts will be orange. I hope you have ordered one. They can be worn beginning the Saturday before the Food drive up through the day of the food drive.

You can wear any of the previous years shirts during that week but you should wear this years shirt the day of the food drive. We are getting over a million bags donated by Ralph's so we will be able to cover a lot of offices with bags this year. It is so nice to see how much more food we collect with bags. There are going to be 44 million Val Pac's going out to customers in early May advertising with the food drive advertising and there will be an add also in the Penny Savers. Once again Campbell Soup will be our sponsors along with Feeding America and many others who support this great national one day food drive.

There are 16 million American children who are food insecure. That's 21.6 % of the children in the U.S. Hunger is a reality in America, it exists in every community in every county in the U.S. Many of those who are food insecure are senior citizens who's social security or pensions are not enough to cover their medications, rents, or food costs.

I want to say thank you to all you carriers who are willing and able to go out and talk up this food drive with your customers on your routes to help make this year our 20th year doing the food drive the best one ever.

BRANCH 2462 NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

The following members are the Elected Delegates to the 2012 N A L C National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota
The Convention will be from July 23 – 27 2012.

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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 WINKEL | 12. JACK |
| 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 |

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 & DeCellis).
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 !!



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 !

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Branch Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2012

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 6:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—In Memory of Boyle Heights Letter Carrier, hit by truck and killed on his route

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

TRUSTEES Audit was conducted on February 16th. All books were found to be in good order.

SAFETY & HEALTH Boyle Heights Letter Carrier killed while loading mail from the back of his FFV. Driver who killed him said that he had swerved to avoid hitting a dog, however, it is speculated that the driver, who was driving on a SUSPENDED license, fell asleep at the wheel. Further investigation is being conducted. Always keep an eye out for traffic, especially when working behind your vehicle. It is very dangerous out there and the streets are extremely busy.

RETIREEES 5 retiree's present tonight. We had 12 in attendance at the Saturday breakfast.

MBA--ENZ Materials were supposed to be sent, however the DVD that the National sent was empty, will be working on that problem. Any Carrier with a problem or question regarding Insurance can contact Bob Enz.

HBR—L. DOLABSON NALC health plan added over 3200 new members this past Open Season. Anyone having problems with the NALC health plan, contact Larry.

MDA—ASKEW \$ 1695 currently in fund.

POLITICAL ACTION—ASKEW Postal reform bills are still stalled in Congress, but we need to keep up the pressure to pass those bills that are favorable to us. There is a major assault on Postal workers benefits, so you need to stay informed. Become an E-Activist, just ask your Shop Steward and they will be glad to help you register. Convention

Delegate cards have been signed and returned to National for final processing. We will be housed at the Minneapolis Hiatt.

MDA—ANGER Shamrock Bracelets to help Stamp Out MDA are now on sale for Saint Patrick's Day. Cost is \$ 3.00 and all money goes to MDA. See your Shop Steward to purchase one. Planning a Bowl-a-thon in the near future, watch for further information updates. Thanks for all your support in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

MOTION—Accept Financial reports as read M/S/C
VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Food Drive preparations are proceeding. We will have bags again this year provided by Ralph's market. T-shirt orders are now being taken, sign up sheets are in the Stations and you can order one from your Shop Steward

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

UNDERLINED = UNANOMOUS VOTE

MOTION—Branch donate \$ 50.00 to Dan Rathbone
for the NVCS bike-a-thon
M/S/C

MOTION—Branch endorse Congressman
BRAD SHERMAN for the 30th Congressional
Seat

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch pay each Delegate to the
National Convention in Minneapolis, MN
\$ 1750.00 for all expenses
M/S/C

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A short Slide/Video presentation was shown documenting our recent Save The Postal Service Rally. Thanks to Brother Seyfried for the entertainment. The presentation can be viewed on You Tube, just search for Save The Post Office-Sherman Oaks

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 CALVIN BROOKINS—CIVIC CENTER
\$ 5 SANDY ANGER--TARZANA—DONATED
\$ 6 TIA WILSON—SUN VALLEY

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