

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **By Calvin Brookins**

#### **Continuing Resolution/6-Day Mail Delivery**

On March 20, 2013, the US Senate approved legislation that would fund the government through the end of September and avoid a partial federal shutdown. This bill, known as a continuing resolution (CR), passed the Senate by a 73-26 margin. The bill **“did not”** include Senate Amendment 68 to strip out the funding for six-day delivery which was heavily being pushed by Senators Coburn(R-OK), McCain (R-AZ), and Corker (R-TN)

Both California Senators Barbara Boxer, and Dianne Feinstein voted to support this legislation. Congress has moved the CR to President Barack Obama's desk he recently signed it just prior to the Easter holiday break. Now it is clear the only way Postmaster General Donahoe can try to do away with six-day delivery this August is if he defies Congress and tries to move on his own. The American people rely on the USPS six-days a week. The path to reform for the United States Postal Service should be comprehensive and we need to let the public know Congress has agreed to fund six-day delivery.

#### **Government Accounting Office (GAO) Responds**

On March 21, 2013, the Government Accounting Office (GAO) stated on record that the U.S. Postal Service is bound by current law and the current Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government requires U.S. Postal Service to continue 6-day delivery and rural delivery of mail at not less than the 1983 level. This impartial and definitive GAO legal opinion makes it crystal clear that U.S. Postal Service cannot operate outside the legislative authority of Congress and unilaterally implement a change in delivery service. The Postmaster General has yet to respond to this new development and it still remains to be seen if he will still try to push his plan forward regardless.

While this, coupled with both the House and Senate vote on the continuing resolution, is great news it is important to note that congress may still move forward on legislation on its own to eliminate Saturday delivery. Taking all this into account the recent rally's was more important than ever to let the public know eliminating Saturday delivery would be

devastating to both the postal service and its millions of citizens it provides service to.

#### **NALC March 24<sup>th</sup> / Save 6-Day Delivery Rallies**

In an effort to increase public awareness and support for saving 6-day delivery, the NALC organized rallies that took place across the country at specified Post Offices on Sunday March 24, 2013. About 46 members from our branch joined over 1,500 other NALC members in Hollywood for one of those rallies. The rally was very productive and served the purpose that it was designed too.

I would like to thank all of the members from Branch 2462 and their families who attended the rally and for their support. For those of you who could not make it out hopefully you will be able to attend the next support function whatever and wherever it may be. I would like to thank the following members for attending and supporting the rally;

Calvin Brookins  
Steve Seyfried  
John Burton  
Analia Garcia  
Bocanegra  
Jeff Auslander  
Eddie Choi  
Raul Dozal  
Jeff Jackson  
Paul Jeffries  
Sam Garay  
Greg Harden  
Terry Moss  
Jesse Greenfield  
Betty Low  
Maria Pena  
Jorge Miranda  
Robert Morales  
Shawn Tindall  
Sandy Anger-(Florida)  
Cory Williams  
Jack Winkel  
Dan Rathbone  
Eddie Bergara

Janette Dolabson  
Larry Dolabson  
Elizabeth Romero  
Elizabeth  
David Espinosa  
Ruben Cu  
Graciela Delgadillo  
Jose Jimenez  
Henry Stephens  
Tia Wilson  
Glen Haylock  
Rod Goddard  
Marina Loukianova  
Mario Pena  
Kenny Chan  
Jora Moradimasihi  
JJ Saucillo  
Razmik Yaghoobian  
Julio Garcia  
Allan Luu  
Brian Montaport  
Carlos Hernandez  
Victor Sanchez

If I have forgotten anyone I do apologize, if you were at the rally and your name does not appear on the above list please call the Union office and let me know.

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## Vice Presidents Report Janette Dolabson

There has been A LOT of negative press lately about the shape the Postal Service is in. We all know our company is in trouble and much of it has not been the fault of the Postal Service itself but the mandate to pre fund the future retirees health plan and the over 55 billion overpaid into the pension plans. We are not getting that money back. You and I need to be calling our Congressmen and our Senators now to urge them to keep six day delivery. Cutting service and jobs is only going to lead to further disasters for us. Ask them to support legislation eliminating the pre funding and saving 6 day delivery.

Now moving on to something more positive and good. FOOD DRIVE is coming fast. The T-shirt order forms will be in your stations soon. Please sign up and support this tremendous thing we do every year. Did you know 1 of 6 Americans live in food insecure households and 17 million of those are children, 3 million are seniors? Are you aware we are the largest 1 day food drive in the world? Our district collected more than any other in our region last year. Our food that goes to MEND in one day is more than they get from all other food donations combined during the year. I need you to understand just how big this is what we have done the last 21 years. You have helped make this happen. Don't become complacent. Get fired up. Let us pull this off even bigger and better this year even in the face of all the negativity all around us. This matters in a huge way.

**Thanks for all you do. It is greatly appreciated.**



## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	2	3	3	2							
ENCINO	2	2	3	1							
CIVIC CENTER	3	1	3	2							
PANORAMA CITY	1	2	1	2							
SHERMAN OAKS	3	4	5	5							
SUN VALLEY	1	1	1	1							
TARZANA	2	2	2	1							
RETIREE'S	6	3	6	5							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>							

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

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

**MAY  
7th  
"2013"**

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

**May 7, 2013**

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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 May 25<sup>th</sup> & June 22, 2013 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You  
**Frank Brash**

## M B A POLICY UPDATE BY BOB ENZ, MBA REP

The Union Mutual Benefit Department offers many and varied methods to both protect and grow your financial assets. Currently they are offering.....

Whole Life Policies

Paid up in 20 years Highest premium

Paid up in 65 years Lower premium

Paid up in 90years Lowest premium

Policy builds up cash account.

You may withdraw cash with a %8 fee

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## NALC President Rolando responds to USPS quarterly financial report

**Feb. 8, 2013** --Today's Postal Service's quarterly [financial report](#) shows the folly of making drastic cuts in service as the postmaster general proposed this week.

The USPS reported a \$100 million operational profit delivering the mail, despite the continuing poor economy. It earned \$17.7 billion in revenue and had \$17.6 billion in operating expenses. The decline in first class mail was more than offset by gains in standard mail and in package deliveries – providing the operating profit.

This operational profit was due in particular to a 4.7 percent jump in package deliveries – higher than FedEx or UPS – and to record efficiency gains by the workforce, the Postal Service reported Friday.

Eliminating Saturday delivery, as the postmaster general plans to unilaterally do in August – even though the law requires six-day delivery and only Congress can change it – would undermine this booming package business by degrading the Postal Service's competitive advantage. At present, because the USPS already delivers mail to 151 million addresses six days a week, including Saturday, it delivers packages more inexpensively than its competitors.

The report makes clear that the top financial burden is the 2006 congressional mandate to pre-fund future retiree health benefits, which no other agency or company is required to do. The \$1.4 billion in pre-funding charges this quarter accounts for all – and then some – of the overall red ink of \$1.3 billion. Since pre-funding went into effect, it accounts for more than 80 percent of the agency's red ink.

The USPS should focus on urging Congress to reform the pre-funding requirement, not on a counterproductive slashing of services that would hurt the public, businesses and the Postal Service itself.

The above report was placed in the MailCall in an effort to keep you all informed about what is going on regarding the USPS and the NALC's response to it all.

Your Union is doing everything in its power to make sure that the Postal Service management doesn't destroy this agency by eliminating service and getting rid of good middle class jobs. Get involved it could be your job you help to save.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
You Heard Right !

**FREE !!!!**

So what are you waiting for, meet with us this month.

When 4<sup>th</sup> 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 !!



**DON'T WAIT TILL ITS TOO LATE  
CALL YOUR CONGRESSIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE TODAY  
TELL THEM TO SAVE 6-DAY DELIVERY**

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**Branch Meeting Minutes  
April 2 2013**

**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 6:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**—In Memory of **GEORGE DEARING, RETIREE & CHUCK TYMA District 6 Officer, Branch 1100.**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT**--BROOKINS, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, JACKSON, WILSON, ASKEW, ENZ,

**ABSENT**--J. DOLABSON, MULLINAX, L. DOLABSON

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**ROWELL FRIAS**

**JENNIFER KUZMICKI**

**ANDREA JOHNSTON**

**GENE DELANEY**

**SUSA MANUELA**

**EMANUEL MEZA**

**MICKY MARTIN**

**SHARON HAYES**

**QUEENNETTA POTTS**

**ALONSO LARIOS**

**CATALINA ZERMENO**

**DAVID LOVAN**

**ANTHONY MARTIN**

**BILLS READ--NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TRUSTEES**

No Report

**SAFETY & HEALTH**

No Report

**RETIREES--BRASH**

5 attending tonight. 12

attended the Sat Breakfast , next one is Sat April 27, 2013

**MBA--ENZ**

Maturity Income plan is

currently paying 4.5% interest. Universal Life plan has been eliminated.

**HBR--L. DOLABSON**

No Report

**MDA FUND--ASKEW**

\$ 1649.00 currently in the fund.

**EDITOR SEYFRIED**

No Report

**LEGISLATION REPORT--ASKEW SB 316, HR 30 & HR 360**

are sitting in Congress waiting for action. Contact your Representative and ask that they support these bills.

**MDA--ANGER**

Shamrock Suckers were

big success, thanks to everyone who participated in the drive.

**FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON**

**MOTION**--Accept report as read

M/S/C

VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON (Read by President Brookins) Food Drive shirt orders have been turned in and we will be receiving them soon. As soon as they arrive, they will be passed out by the Coordinator's at your Station. Kick off will be held at Mend on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are off that day you should plan to attend and participate in the festivities.

PRESIDENT BROOKIN 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 purchase 2 Past President

Pins. Cost not to exceed \$ 25.00

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**MOTION**--Branch order 3 men's NALC

watch's. Cost to the Branch \$ 255.00

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**UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE**

**OLD BUSINESS--NONE**

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

A short video presentation was given on the Save 6 Day Delivery Rally in Hollywood.

**MDA DRAWING**

\$ 3 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS

\$ 4 JACK WINKEL--SHERMAN OAKS

\$ 6 KEVIN DONOHUE--RETIREE

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:05 PM**



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