

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

Rolando testifies before House committee

NALC President Fredric Rolando was among those asked to testify on Capitol Hill on April 17 before a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on the Postal Service's financial situation. The hearing began with several representatives accusing Postal Service Board of Governors Chairman Mickey Barnett of backing away from USPS' announced plan to reduce the number of delivery days each week from six to five because of intense pressure, from postal unions.

However, Barnett and Government Accountability Office Comptroller General Gene Dodaro made it clear that the decision not to unilaterally reduce the delivery schedule resulted from the need to follow the law, which calls for a six-day delivery schedule. During President Rolando's testimony he said that on the merits, eliminating Saturday delivery would be a costly mistake that would not only make it harder for the Postal Service to grow the business but also would cost money by driving away customers.

President Rolando also addressed an April 10 Board of Governors' statement that called for reopening and renegotiating postal labor contracts in search of cost savings. President Rolando told the committee that renegotiating the contracts is unnecessary, because the NALC's recently arbitrated agreement allows us to look for ways to work with the Postal Service to find cost reductions in health care expenses and in an improved route adjustment process.

Rolando added that committee members should focus on finding ways to strengthen the Postal Service for the future, not on slashing services and dismantling the universal network.

MOU on Vacancies

On March 19, NALC President Fredric Rolando signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), Re: Part-time Flexible Opportunities (M-01808), that established a national-level workgroup to develop and implement a process for filling residual letter carrier vacancies by converting part-time flexibles (PTFs) and/or allowing letter carriers to transfer into vacancies in installations where there are no PTFs to convert.

This MOU was set to expire on April 10 but was extended until May 10 by a new memorandum of understanding, M-01809, available for review on the Contract Administration Unit's page at nalc.org. "The Postal Service has completed the process of compiling the list of vacancies available for transfer opportunities. The list of vacancies available for transfer opportunities has been posted on nalc.org. The Postal Service plans to provide NALC with an updated list daily, and the list on the NALC website will be updated as it is provided by the Postal Service.

Cost-of-living adjustments

The projected accumulation toward the next cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement is \$416, based on the April 16 release of the March Consumer Price Index (CPI).

This COLA will be based on the increase in the CPI between January 2013 and July 2013.

Note that under the terms of the 2011-2016 agreement, payment of this COLA will be deferred for one year and will take effect in the second full pay period after the release of the July 2014 CPI.

Earlier this year, following the Feb. 21 release of the January 2013 CPI, the first COLA for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement was set at \$146 annually.

This first COLA was based on the increase in the CPI between July 2012 and January 2013. It amounts to 7 cents per hour, the equivalent of \$5.60 per pay period or \$146 annually.



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Vice Presidents Report

Janette Dolabson

I am going to begin with a bit of legislative issues I would like to have your help on. I was fortunate to be able to go to Washington D.C. this past month to Lobby Congress on behalf of the NALC. Here is some of the House Resolutions I would like to give you some information on. Then with that knowledge I would ask that you call your own Congressperson in your district and make sure that they are on as co-sponsors of these Resolutions. If they are thank them. If not, urge them to be.

First there is HR 630, The Postal Service Protection Act- and this is what it basically does in a nutshell, 1) Eliminates the future retiree health benefit pre-funding requirement, 2) Returns CSRS and FERS overpayments to the Postal Service, 3) Protects six-day mail delivery, 4) Establishes new revenue for the Postal Service, 5) Prevents the closure of rural post offices and 6) Protecting mail-processing facilities.

This Resolution also has a companion Bill in the Senate, S. 316 that basically asks for the same things. Call your Senators and ask them to support this Bill.

Next is HR 30 which protects 6 Day Delivery.

Then also, HR 916, United States Postal Service Stabilization Act. This legislation would return the Postal Service's FERS Overpayment. Go on www.nalc.org to get more information and to see who your Congressperson is, if you are not sure, and if they are co-sponsors.

Now I would like to take a few minutes to thank all of you for the hard work you have done for this years Food Drive. It was a very long hard hot day and I really appreciate all you have done to accomplish this task. To my food drive coordinators, Tracy Mullinax, Sandy Anger-Barrett, Steve Soto, Andy Goacher, John Burton, Analia Garcia and Tia Wilson.

Thank you so so so very much!! Calvin, thanks for being my pilot this year as we drove around getting food from the carriers. Also to you and John for helping me get all those bags out of Van Nuys and sent to all the Branches from close to as far away as San Louis Obispo and Bakersfield. Early reports from the San Louis area is they nearly tripled last years totals with having bags for the first time this year. That is pretty groovy. (yes I said groovy).

Here are all the totals. Tarzana 6,412, Panorama City 3,246, Encino 19,342, Sherman Oaks 16,307, and the winners of the most food collected large office goes to, Main office 30,417, and the small office winner is Sun Valley with a whopping 9,742.

A grand total, for now since we don't have the residual food counted yet, is 85,466 pounds of food. We should be really close to last years totals after the residual is added to the count.

Thanks for all of you who came in and helped in the stations picking up food off the routes and those who stayed late helping get the food out of the stations.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH J F M A M J J A S O N

MAIN OFFICE	2	3	3	2	8
ENCINO	2	2	3	1	3
CIVIC CENTER	3	1	3	2	-
PANORAMA CITY	1	2	1	2	2
SHERMAN OAKS	3	4	5	5	5
SUN VALLEY	1	1	1	1	1
TARZANA	2	2	2	1	2
RETIREE'S	6	3	6	5	6
TOTAL	20	18	24	19	27

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

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

JUNE
4th
"2013"

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

June 4, 2013

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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 June 22nd & July 27, 2013 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank
You
Frank Brash

BRANCH HONOR'S PAST PRESIDENT'S

Branch 2462 honored its Past President's with a special ceremony at the May Regular Meeting. Pictured below are Past President ROGER ASKEW (L) and FRANK BRASH (C) along with current President CALVIN BROOKINS (R). Both Roger and Frank received the newly issued Past President's Pin authorized by the National and were highly praised for their devotion and untiring work for the NALC and Branch 2462. In another brief ceremony Brother Brash was also presented with his 65 year NALC Membership Pin. Frank joined the NALC in 1948 and has been a member in good standing ever since. We wish to say congratulations to both these fine men for all the hard work and sacrifice they have made over the years of service. Well done and a heartfelt thanks from all the members of the Branch.



Have a Safe Memorial Day Holiday

Let's Remember All Our Fallen Hero's

And The Sacrifice's They Have Made

To Keep Us Free

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
You Heard 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 !!



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REPRESENTATIVE TODAY
TELL THEM TO SAVE 6-DAY DELIVERY**

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Branch Meeting Minutes
May 7, 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 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—In Memory of All members who have passed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT—JACKSON

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

With CORRECTION HR. 360 should be HR 630

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RYAN LU, NARBEH GHAZARYAN
MARISOL BUTLER WILBUR GOMEZ-DIAZ
ROSAURA TORRES AMORNTER KHONGKHUM
KRISTOPHER GABRIELSEN

BILLS READ—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES	No Report
SAFETY & HEALTH	No Report
RETIREEES—BRASH	6 attending tonight.
MBA--ENZ	Currently working with 3

members on paperwork.

HBR—L. DOLABSON Reimbursement check has arrived and will be deposited. Any problems or questions contact Larry.

MDA FUND--ASKEW \$ 1663.00 currently in the fund.

EDITOR SEYFRIED No Report

LEGISLATION REPORT—ASKEW SB 316, HR 30 & HR 630 are sitting in Congress waiting for action. HR 961, which would fix the FER's overpayment is also sitting waiting for action. Contact your Representative and ask that they support these bills.

MDA—ANGER No Report

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON

MOTION—Accept report as read
M/S/C

VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON Lobby trip was very interesting and we spoke with all of the Representatives from our Districts and many more. Hopefully we will see some action on the bills affecting the Postal Service soon. Food Drive Media event was May 7th at MEND. All is ready for the Sat Food Drive. Looking forward to a successful day.

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 pay the LS County unsecured property tax bill. Cost to the Branch \$ 196.79 M/S/C

MOTION—Branch donate \$ 200.00 to the Saxemeyer Scholarship Fund
M/S/C

UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Past President's FRANK BRASH & ROGER ASKEW were presented with past President Pin's from the National. FRANK BRASH was presented with his 65 year membership pin from former President ROGER ASKEW.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 4	ART BOCEK—RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 5	KEVIN DONOHUE—RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 10	ART BOCEK—RETIREE--DONATED

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:22 PM



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