

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **By Calvin Brookins**

Just recently we all attended NBA/CSALC training in Sacramento; during this training we had a four (4) hour Rap Session with our National President Fred Rolando. President Rolando spoke about several different issues some of which I will talk about in this month MailCall article.

President Rolando opened the Rap Session with a Thank You to all letter carriers who helped to push back 5-day delivery. He also noted that it was a temporary victory and the NALC has already started to talk to our friends on the appropriation committee. He noted that we are still dealing with congress in regards to the bills at hand and a lot of those folks are waiting to see what comes out of the committee that oversees the USPS. President Rolando also stated that Senator Carper will continue to pursue some type of bill that we all can live with. At this time we are trying to deal with bad legislation as well as the appropriation bill.

President Rolando also talked about the two big lies out there;

Lie # 1; He went on to state that the fight is not 5 versus 6 day delivery, the Postmaster General plan is to go to 3 day delivery. The PMG has already stated that he wants to go to 3 day delivery in 15 years and 100,000 employees.

Lie # 2; We are not losing 15 billion a year, we are starting to make money with parcels and e-commerce. The real lost is pre-funding, and early out to APWU and Mail handlers.

President also stated that this broke company has 50 billion dollars in the pre-funding account. Plus FERS is 100% funded with a surplus and CSRS is 100% funded. We have lost first class mail revenue but we have to adapt said President Rolando, We need to tap into E-commerce, Amazon, Wal-Mart, and E-bay etc. We can provide the delivery for these companies. UPS and Fed-Ex currently have contracts with us where they drop off these packages at our docks for us to deliver the last mile. Our postal leadership doesn't think about using a company like Amazon to help us with getting scanners we need so they can make money and we can make money.

President Rolando also stated that, we have to talk to all people family and friends alike and tell them the truth about the Postal Service situation. We also have to convince the

White House that they have a bad perception of the Postal Service. He also stated that we have gotten real good at defense, but we do need something out of legislation for us to continue to be successful. So basically what he is saying is the fight is not over and we got a ways to go, after September 30 2013, we could be right back to fighting 5 day delivery again.

President Rolando also talked about our recent arbitrated contract in regards to the T.E's, he spoke about how the arbitration panel adopted the NALC's concept, but didn't give the T.E's their previous starting salary. But all CCA's when they become career will reach top step in 12.4 years. He further stated that according to the plan that management had the T.E position were going to go away as well as their salaries. So losing \$6.00 per hour was a trade off instead of losing their jobs all together.

The NALC fully expected the PMG to come to them prior to their last announcement of eliminating a day of delivery and try to negotiate some type of early out with incentive, but that never happened and the Postal Service threatened to go to 5 day delivery instead, before backing off that decision. You would think with the Postal Service plans to hire 30,000 CCA's while they have 40,000 Step O letter carriers out there just waiting for a reason to retire; they would already be having some type of discussion with the NALC. But our upper level management brass doesn't seem to think that way or at all for that matter.

He also made us aware that an eighteen minute video will be coming out soon about the history of the NALC; I would encourage all letter carriers to see this video. When it does come out we will show it at the union office.

This was just some of the information that our National President shared with us a the recent Rap Session.

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**IN MEMORY OF  
FRANK GUIFFREDA**

**GOLD CARD MEMBER  
RETIREE BRANCH 2462**

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## Vice Presidents Report

### Janette Dolabson

#### Food Drive Update:

The National numbers are in for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Letter Carriers across the country collected a whopping 74.4 Million pounds of food in one day. 5% more than last year and the second highest total since the food drive was started 21 years ago and the highest amount collected in over a decade. Great news!! We all did good. Thanks again for all your hard work.

#### Did you know that:

Before the Postal Service was required to Pre-Fund its Future Retiree Health Benefits around 6 billion a year the Postal Service was profitable and debt free? Did you know that Congress mandated the Postal Service to Pre-fund these future health benefits for the next 75 years and has to do in it ten year?. Since 2007 The USPS's recorded losses have been 31.8 billion dollars. 27 billion of those are a direct result of this Pre-funding. Only 15 % of the losses since 2007 have been due to the Recession, loss in volume and operational expenses.

151 million homes, businesses and PO Boxes receive mail delivery 6 days a week. The average daily volume of mail is 554 million pieces. 40% of the worlds letter mail volume is handled by the USPS, that is 8 times more than the next highest postal service system in Germany. The price of a first class stamp here is 45 cents and is one of the lowest in the industrialized world.

#### How many of you were aware that absolutely no tax dollars go to funding the Postal Service?

The Postal Service is run from the revenue it receives from the sale of postage and services. Did you know about 20% of the jobs in the USPS are held by veterans? Did you know that the Post Master General has stated that his plan for the next 15 years would include going to a 3 day delivery week? You know what that means to you? No benefits. No full time job. Let your customers know these things. Get the word out to them and to your Congressman.

#### Get involved:

Donate to COLCPE your political action fund. Call me and I will sign you up. All you need to do is give 5 bucks a pay period to help secure your jobs. It works and it is important. Here is my number 661 373-2224. All I need is your employee number and your lite blue pin and we will get you going.



## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

MAIN OFFICE	2	3	3	2	8	5	4				
ENCINO	2	2	3	1	3	3	2				
CIVIC CENTER	3	1	3	2	-	-	-				
PANORAMA CITY	1	2	1	2	2	1	1				
SHERMAN OAKS	3	4	5	5	5	5	2				
SUN VALLEY	1	1	1	1	1	0	2				
TARZANA	2	2	2	1	2	2	2				
RETIREE'S	6	3	6	5	6	6	3				
TOTAL	20	18	24	19	27	22	16				

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

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

AUGUST  
6th  
"2013"

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

Aug 6, 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 August 24<sup>th</sup> & September 28, 2013 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You  
Frank Brash

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## The following is message from our National President

On June 13, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA) released what he termed a "discussion draft" of a possible postal reform bill that he hopes to introduce in the near future.

This discussion draft has a number of major problems that need to be addressed before it is used as the basis of actual legislation," NALC President Fredric Rolando said, noting how the draft includes many of the damaging and fundamental flaws that were included in H.R. 2309, Rep. Issa's attempt at a postal reform measure in the last session of Congress.

**For example, Issa's draft calls for the immediate elimination of Saturday letter mail service, for taking away from 35 million Americans door-delivery of the mail and replacing it with cluster-box delivery, and for compromising the security of the mailbox by allowing access to non-federal employees.**

The NALC is disappointed that Chairman Issa did not take a fresher approach to postal reform with this discussion draft," Rolando said. "However, we appreciate the chairman's invitation to provide input to this legislation before it is formally introduced, and we welcome this opportunity to engage in discussions of this proposed bill with him, his colleagues on the Oversight Committee and the entire House of Representatives." (Issa's committee has jurisdiction over the U.S. Postal Service.)

**We are going to carefully go through this new draft in the coming days," the president said, "and we hope that we will be able to work with the chairman on legislation to provide alternative approaches to postal reform that seek to modernize and strengthen the Postal Service—an agency with roots in the U.S Constitution—rather than to destroy it brick by brick."**

## City Carrier Assistant (CCA)

By now you all know that we have a new city carrier position that we got with the recent Das arbitration award. This is a non career position, but unlike other non career positions we have had in the past, the new CCA's will have an opportunity to become career employees. Basically, they are the future, so when you see a new CCA arrive at your station please take the time to introduce yourself and encourage and help them pass their 90 days.

If you are a CCA and reading this after 90 days you are entitled to a uniform allowance. You should receive an authorization form from management so you can purchase uniform items. This should happen within 14 days from your eligibility date. If you do not receive your uniform allowance at this time see your shop steward or call the union office.

At this time I want to remind all carriers to be safe and I look forward to see you at the next Union meeting on August 6, 2013, at 6:30 pm.

# PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The following By-law was submitted at the June Regular Branch meeting. It will be voted on at the Regular Branch meeting on August 6, 2013.

Proposed to Amend Article IX, Section 2. which now reads:

Section 2. The dues for members, who have retired from active service, shall be One dollar and Fifty cents (\$1.50) per member, per month.

Proposed to Read:

Section 2. The dues for members, who have retired from active service, shall be Three dollars (\$3.00) per member, per month.

Submitted by members in good standing:

ROGER ASKEW  
ROBERT ENZ  
KEVIN DONOHUE

ROBERT JOHNSON  
FRANK BRASH  
ART BOCEK

## 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 !!

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**Branch Meeting Minutes**  
**July 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 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**—In Memory of **FRANK GUIFFREDA Branch 2562 Retiree & Gold Card Member**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

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

**ABSENT**--MULLINAX, JACKSON, ENZ

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**MARLYN RENTERIA--JESSICA BLANCO--TROY WILLIAMS-- VICTORIA CALDERON--RACHEL REID CHRISTIAN FISHER--RICK METSIG--MELANIE BARBER--TERAKARN PITTIISARIYAPORN**

**BILLS READ**

**MOTION TO PAY M/S/C**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TRUSTEES** Audit will be postponed until August due to scheduling difficulties.

**SAFETY & HEALTH** New safety Captain at Main Office is RAUL DOZAL. Always work in a safe and professional manner..

**RETIREEES--JOHNSON** 3 attending tonight. Breakfast is still a big hit, we had 13 at last months gathering..

**MBA--ENZ** No Report

**HBR--L. DOLABSON** Drink plenty of water and do your best to stay hydrated during the hot summer months.

**MDA FUND--ASKEW** \$ 1848.00 currently in the fund.

**EDITOR SEYFRIED** No Report

**LEGISLATION REPORT--ASKEW** Met with Congressman Sherman, along with VP Dolabson last week. Believe that he will be on board to cosponsor our bills that are currently waiting in Congress.

**MDA--ANGER** First Sunday in November will be our annual Bowl-a-Thon at Matador Bowl. Watch for further info on time and details.

**FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ** by JOHNSON

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

**VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON** National Food Drive total was 74 million pounds, second highest amount in 23 years. SB 316, HR 30 & HR 630 & HR961 are still sitting in Congress waiting for action. Contact your Representative and ask that they support these bills.

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

**BY-LAWS** A By-law amendment which was submitted at June meeting will be voted on at the Regular Branch Meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION**--Branch send 2 members, to be chosen by the President, to the Leadership Training Class in Las Vegas on August 10 - 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cost not to exceed \$ 2000.00 M/S/C

**MOTION**--Branch send the President, or his designee, to the Committee of Presidents meeting in Orlando, FL on October 19 -20<sup>th</sup>.

Cost not to exceed \$ 2000.00  
M/S/C

**MOTION**--Branch sponsor 1 child to the MDA Summer Camp. Half of the funds to come from the Branch MDA Fund, the other half to come from the General Fund. Total cost not to exceed \$ 800.00 M/S/C

**MOTION**--Branch resume having a Picnic on non National Convention years M/S/C

**UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE**

**OLD BUSINESS--NONE**

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**MDA DRAWING**

- \$ 2 ELIZ BOCAANEGRA--MAIN OFFICE--DONATED
- \$ 4 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS
- \$ 5 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS--DONATED

**MOTION--BRANCH MEETING BE ADJOURNED KEEPING THE MULLINAX FAMILY IN OUR THOUGHTS** M/S/C

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9:00 PM**