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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

DUO's

The movement of **Sun Valley** to **Burbank** did take effect on **February 8, 2014**. As a further update I spoke to Lew Drass from NALC Headquarters a few weeks ago. He gave 3 scenarios that could be used to by President Fred Rolando in making a decision as to what will happen with the **Sun Valley** carriers and their representation. Whatever the decision is it still has to come from National President Fred Rolando. When I spoke to John Collins from NALC Headquarters just recently he was in the process of writing the proposal to send to President Rolando. Right now we are waiting for that decision.

The move of Reseda to Tarzana is currently on hold and according to the MPOO for that office it may not happen at all as he doesn't seem to think it will fit. It also appears that the District Manager is leaning toward that move not happening as well.

Route Inspections

I recently received a new route inspection schedule last week and Route Inspections are still coming this spring but the schedule has slightly changed for Van Nuys main office 91405 that zone is now scheduled for route inspections on May 1, 2014, 91406 is still scheduled for March 22, 2014, and Tarzana is still scheduled for April 12, 2014. We will plan route inspection classes for these offices.

Cost-of-living adjustment news

There will be no third cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement because the Feb. 20 release of the January Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed no increase in the CPI between July 2013 and January 2014.

This morning's release of the January 2014 CPI-W (1967=100), 685.220, showed no increase over the July 2013 index number, 685.350. As there was no increase in the index, the third COLA for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement is \$0—i.e., there is no third COLA. The COLA calculation is based on the increase in the CPI-W between July 2013 and January 2014.

However, under the terms of our agreement, the deferred payment of the previously announced *first* COLA, \$146 annually, will take effect in the second full pay period after today's release of the January CPI—that is, in Pay Period 07-14, which runs March 8-21, pay date March 28.

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.

This COLA will be added to the Step O pay rates in Table 2 of the Pay Schedule, which applies to city carriers hired in career positions on or after January 13, 2013. The pay rates of steps A through N of Table 2 will be increased proportionally, as provided by the contract. (For example, Step A is set at 61.5% of Step O, so the COLA for Grade 1, Step A is \$90 annually.)

Letter carriers with questions should speak with their shop stewards and branch leaders.

The COLA info above was reprinted from the NALC website FYI.

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ELECTION

The election shall be conducted by secret mailed ballot. All ballots will be mailed First Class to the home addresses of eligible members no later than May 9, 2014. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Executive Board of Branch 2462, NALC, which shall not be in violation of the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Rules of the National Executive Council. Ballots must be mailed back to the Election Committee, P. O. Box 55481 Sherman Oaks, California 91413 and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2014. The counting of the ballots will take place on Thursday, May 29, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave., # 101 Van Nuys, California. All candidates and members may observe the counting.

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	4	4	8								
ENCINO	2	3	4								
PANORAMA CITY	2	1	7								
SHERMAN OAKS	5	6	6								
SUN VALLEY	2	4	1								
TARZANA	3	2	1								
RETIREE'S	4	5	6								
TOTAL	22	25	33								

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**APRIL
1st
"2014"**

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

April 1, 2014

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"RETIREE CORNER"

ATTENTION: !!!

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 dates will be Mar 22nd, & April 26 2014 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You
Frank Brash



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 & 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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The Postal Service From Disaster and
Extinction. Do Your Part. A Little Now Can
Make A Big Difference Later.
Don't Wait Till It Is Too Late.
SIGN UP NOW AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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SECOND CONTRACT COLA:

Following the Aug. 15 release of the July 2013 Consumer Price Index, the second cost-of-living adjustment for letter carriers under the 2011-2016 National Agreement was \$541 annually. This second cost-of-living adjustment was based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index between January 2013 and July 2013. It amounts to 26 cents per hour, the equivalent of \$20.80 per pay period or \$541 annually. Note that under the terms of the 2011-2016 agreement, payment of this second cost-of-living adjustment will be deferred for one year and will take effect in the second full pay period after the release of the July 2014 Consumer Price Index.

Quarterly Report Reveals \$765 Million Profit

The U.S. Postal Service released its financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2014, which covers the last three months of 2013. This is a good reason as to why the Postal Service network should stay in place and why it is necessary to do what needs to be done to strengthen it, not break it apart as some seem to want to.

This will help in future arguments to show why the USPS should continue with the service that it provides and why the network we have should be protected and continued. Our network and you the employees have made this possible.

Package revenues resulting from online shopping rose by more than 14 percent this quarter more than offsetting the small decline in letter revenue. I'm sure the delivery of Amazon Parcels played a role in the revenue. However, we still need Congress to address the remaining problem of the congressional mandate to pre-fund future retiree benefits.

FYI

In the District Manager's message that he recently put out to his management staff in the field, he is emphasizing regular attendance and the importance of being regular in attendance and the importance of his management staff closely monitoring employee's attendance. So if you are calling in sick a lot or reporting to work late, don't be surprised when your supervisor starts to talk to you about it.

For the Good of the Association

On behalf of Branch 2462 Executive Board and the complete membership I would like to thank the following Letter Carrier for giving to COLCPE through automatic payroll deductions.

Karen Aguilar
Tracy Mullinax
Analia Garcia
Roger Askew
Sandra Padilla-Artero
Kevin Godin
Frank Brash
Daniel Rathbone
Jose Jimenez
Debbie Burruel
Stephen Seyfried
JoAnn Lobenberg
Edward Carlin
Greg Weeks
Guillermo Mariscal
Larry Dolabson

Robert Enz
Sandy Anger-Barrett
Khanh Nguyen
Andrew Goacher
Arthur Bocek
Rafael Perez
Jeffery Jackson
Calvin Brookins
Julius Ribas
Robert Johnson
John Burton Jr.
Sean Tindall
Betty Low
Janette Dolabson
Tia Wilson
Janet McKeiver

Jack Winkel
Ramon Mola

Raul Dozal
Craig Wood

Contributing to COLCPE is the easiest and most important way to support the candidates who will stand up for us. So for those of you who do not give to COLCPE I would encourage you to start because what you give today could very well play a role in saving your job in the future.

If you would like to give just \$5.00 per pay period through automatic payroll deductions please see your shop steward or call the Union office. We will be glad to assist you in signing up.

In Unionism

Vice President's Report

By

Janette Dolabson

It is that time of year again when we are gearing up for the next food drive on May 10th. This will be our 22nd year doing the food drive. You all do such a wonderful and important community service helping feed those who need help feeding their families by picking up food along your routes. Our food will again go to the MEND food bank in Pacoima. Last year Letter Carriers across this nation collected 74.4 million pounds of food. It was the 10th consecutive year that we have collected over 70 million pounds in one day. This brings our total amount collected in the 21 years to 1.3 billion pounds of food that goes directly into our local communities. Our district collected 1,298,140 pounds of food last year. That is an incredible number but we can do better with all of our help. That was a 5% increase over the last years total. Val Pac is doing a mailing in April and Red Plum is doing 2 ads in their mailer one on the outside and one on the inside. Campbell Soup is again donating the cards for us to deliver and luckily this year we will have enough cards to cover all deliveries in every city registered to do the food drive. We will also have bags again this year donated by Ralph's markets. Unfortunately they were not able to donate as many bags so we will have to cut the amount that goes to some cities but our branch will be fully covered for all residential mounted, hop out and park and loop deliveries. We need to make sure that all the cards and bags are delivered as instructed. They contain G10 permit postage and must be delivered. There is no one who will be allowed to cut them and no one is allowed to decide not to deliver them. We also must make sure that all CCA's know what to do with the cards and bags and make sure that they are aware of how important it is to get these delivered properly and that the food needs to be picked up and brought back to the office on Food Drive Day.

We will be having another kick off Media Event on Tues. May 6th at MEND at 10:30 am. If you are able to make it to that event, please wear your uniforms because it will be televised and we want all viewers to equate food drive with Letter Carriers when they see us on camera. We have sent out all the T-Shirt order forms to the stations with the color and pricing of each size. Please order one and wear it on Food Drive day. You may also wear other Food Drive t-shirts during the week of the food drive beginning the Monday before. Make plans to bring in food to your stations also. If every person in each office brought in a bag of food our totals would go up over 20%. Thanks so much!!

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Branch Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2014

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 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—Retired member **TOM FLAVIN**, who worked out of Civic Center Station

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ALI AHEMCHEM, JOSE SAINZ JR., COLONEL BURNLEY III, JONATHAN FLORES, JO ANNA MARTINEZ, MICHAEL GONZALEZ.

TRUSTEES No Report
SAFETY & HEALTH Be safe
RETIREEES—BRASH 6 attending tonight, and there were 10 who attended the breakfast.

MBA--ENZ Still working on the mailing info to new CCA's

HBR—L. DOLABSON We had 6 new members sign up for the health plan this last open season. If you have not received your new Health Plan card contact Larry.

MDA FUND--ASKEW \$ 1901.00 in the fund.

LEGISLATION REPORT—ASKEW Senate bill 1486 was marked up in the senate this week, if passed it would eliminate 6 day delivery and mandate the Postal service to declare bankruptcy and reorganize and renegotiate our contract. Contact your Representatives and tell them to vote no.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON

MOTION—Accept report as read
M/S/C

VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON Food drive planning has begun. Media day will be on May 6th, and the food drive on May 10th. The order sheets for the Food Drive Tee Shirts is in the stations, contact your shop steward or Food Drive Coordinator to purchase a shirt.

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 pay the members who attend the State Training session \$ 260.00

for all expenses.

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch purchase \$ 45.00 in raffle

Tickets for the Mend fund drive

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch donate \$ 100.00 to the Labor

Community Services Easter Baskets for Kids

M/S/C

UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

MOTION—Accept the Bylaw Committees Recommendation , which was DISAPPROVAL on Bylaw # 1 as printed in MailCall, dealing

with Article III, Section 1.

M/S/C

MOTION—Accept the Bylaw Committees

Recommendation , which was APPROVAL

on Bylaw # 2 as printed in MailCall, dealing

with Article VI, Section 1.

M/S/F

CALL FOR DIVISION---FOR 14, AGAINST 16

CHAIRS RULING IS UPHELD MOTION

FAILS

MOTION—Accept the Bylaw Committees

Recommendation , which was APPROVAL

on Bylaw # 3 as printed in MailCall, dealing

with Article XII, Section 7.

M/S/C

MOTION—Accept the Bylaw Committees

Recommendation , which was APPROVAL

on Bylaw # 1 as printed in MailCall, dealing

with Article IV, Section 12a.

M/S/C

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Branch would like to extend our condolences to the RICHARD REIMER FAMILY on the loss of their son.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 4 ANA RUIZ—MAIN OFFICE
\$ 6 JOSE JIMENEZ—SHERMAN OAKS
\$ 10 ELIZABETH BOCANEGRA—MAIN OFFICE

ADJOURNED 8:34 pm

IN MEMORY OF

TOM FLAVIN RETIREE BRANCH 2462