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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

DUO's

The move of Sun Valley to Burbank that has already taken effect. Further update I spoke to President Rolando at the COP meeting about this, and he informed me that it was recommended by Lew Drass that a co-exist system be put in place and that is most likely what will happen. We should be getting a decision soon. I will give everyone involved an update as I get it. Meanwhile, the move of Reseda to Tarzana is currently on hold and looks like it is not going to happen.

Route Inspections

As of right now all route inspections for Van Nuys main office and Tarzana has been canceled.

NALC stands with APWU to 'Stop Staples

NALC President Fredric Rolando encourages all NALC members to join with the members of the American Postal Workers Union and the other postal unions in a national day of action on **Thursday, April 24**, to protest the privatization of postal retail services at Staples stores. As we proved in our successful 2007 campaign against the contracting-out of mail delivery. Americans value and deserve postal services provided by highly trained, uniformed and accountable employees who work directly for the Postal Service, not for an office-supplies retail chain. Just as the members of the APWU stand with the NALC in our battle to preserve six-day mail delivery service, so do letter carriers stand with our brothers and sisters in this fight against privatization.

USPS announces new scanning device

The Postal Service has announced the deployment of a new Mobile Delivery Device (MDD) to be used by letter carriers. The device, from Honeywell, will transmit scan data in real time and will replace the current Intelligent Mail Device (IMD) and paired cell phone. There will be more detailed information on the new scanners in the Director of City Delivery Brian Renfro's April 2014 Postal Record article. See the latest NALC Bulletin for a picture of the device.

The first phase of the deployment will take place this summer and the new scanners will be assigned to approximately 75,000 city and rural routes, mostly in major metropolitan areas and other areas involved in the same day and Sunday parcel delivery areas. (Amazon)

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.

With the recent 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, did take effect in Pay Period 07-14, which was March 8-21, pay date March 28.

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.

COLCPE Join Now

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.

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Vice President's Report

By
Janette Dolabson

Food Drive update. May 10th. Media Event May 6th at 10:30. If you are off please come in uniform to MEND in Pacoima. Also there will be an event on May 5th at MEND with Gayle from KT LA starting at 5 am. We will be handing out KTLA coffee mugs to anyone who drives to MEND and drops off food. We will need carriers there in uniform to be on camera. If you are off on May 5th please come be part of this event. It is the C schedule and Red on the calendar. If you want to drive by on the way to work and bring food and get your mug that would be GREAT!!!.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

MAIN OFFICE	4	4	8	6
ENCINO	2	3	4	3
PANORAMA CITY	2	1	7	2
SHERMAN OAKS	5	6	6	6
SUN VALLEY	2	4	1	1
TARZANA	3	2	1	2
RETIREE'S	4	5	6	5
TOTAL	22	25	33	25

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

NEXT MEETING

*****6:30 PM*****

**MAY
6th
"2014"**

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

May 6, 2014

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"RETIREE CORNER"

ATTENTION: !!!

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCels). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be April 26th, & May 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 & DeCels).
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 !!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Postal unions form alliance

Declaring that "the U.S. Postal Service is under unprecedented attack," the four postal unions have formed an alliance to fight back to preserve America's postal service for the benefit of the public. "A congressionally manufactured financial crisis drains the USPS of vital resources," the union presidents wrote in a proclamation. "We stand with the people of our country in defense of their right to a universal postal service operated in the public interest. (See Declaration below)

In Unionism



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Branch Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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 6:39 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ROGER ASKEW

MOMENT OF SILENCE—Retired members GEORGE DEARING, who worked out of Civic Center Station, and GEORGE THOMPSON

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

HYUNJOO SHIN, STARLETTE VINCENT, DAVID PANIAGUA, ALICIA PANIAGUA

TRUSTEES No Report
SAFETY & HEALTH Committee met and discussed dog bites and possible bite avoidance classes

RETIREEES—BRASH 5 attending tonight, and we had largest crowd ever attending the breakfast.

MBA--ENZ Mailing info to new CCA's

HBR--L. DOLABSON Received reimbursement check, free quit smoking classes available and also a discount dental plan. Contact Larry for information

MDA FUND--ASKEW \$ 1947.00 in the fund.

LEGISLATION REPORT—ASKEW HR 630, HR 961, HR 30 are still stalled in Congress as Speaker will not allow a vote. Contact the Speakers office in DC and tell them to allow a vote

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON
MOTION—Accept report as read

M/S/C
VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON Food drive shirts are now on order. May 6th will be Media Day at MEND. KTLA will be at MEND on Monday May 5th, at 4:30 am to film live for TV, stop by on the way to work to be seen and get free coffee & donuts.
PRESIDENT BROOKINS Gave his report on the latest important items which he will cover in his article in the Mailcall.

ELECTION COMMITTEE—SEYFRIED Thanks to JANETTE DOLABSON, LARRY DOLABSON, ROGER ASKEW, TIA WILSON & BOB ENZ for serving admirably on the committee. The committee is released of their duties.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION—Branch provide coffee and donuts to all Stations as a thank you for working the Letter

Carrier Food Drive.

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MOTION—Branch donate \$ 200.00 to the Saxemeyer Scholarship Fund. Donation to be made at the State Convention

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MOTION—Branch donate \$ 100.00 to the American Lung Cancer Society

M/S/C

UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

We received confirmation from National that the By-law changes that were passed at the February meeting were accepted.

NOMINATIONS FOR BRANCH OFFICERS

PRESIDENT— CALVIN BROOKINS - JEFF JACKSON

VICE PRESIDENT— JANETTE DOLABSON *

RECORDING SEC— STEVE SEYFRIED *

FINANCIAL SEC/TRES- ROBERT JOHNSON *

SGT-AT-ARMS— ANALIA GARCIA - ELIA VIVEROS

PAUL JEFFREY

HBR-- LARRY DOLABSON *

MBA-- BOB ENZ *

TRUSTEE-- TRACY MULLINAX - JOHN BURTON

ANDY GOACHER - TIA WILSON

* DENOTES CANDIDATE WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT BROOKINS has appointed **STEVE SEYFRIED** to the position of Chairman of the Election Committee. Steve will announce the full committee at the next Branch Meeting.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 4 FRANK BRASH--RETIREE

\$ 6 BOB ENZ--RETIREE--DONATED \$ 3

\$ 8 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS

ADJOURNED 8:00 pm

IN MEMORY OF

GEORGE DEARING
RETIREE BRANCH 2462

GEORGE THOMPSON
RETIREE BRANCH 2462