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Workers at particular risk are those in outdoor industries, such as agriculture, construction, landscaping and transportation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Calvin Brookins

As I began my article for this month I would like to start with giving a sincere Thank You to the membership for having the confidence in me and electing me to another term as your President. As in the past I will represent the membership of branch 2462 to the very best of my ability and within compliance of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Handbooks and Manuals. I also want to congratulate all of the others who were elected to an office to represent the members of branch 2462, whether it was by acclamation or through the election process.

Now that the elections are over we now have to get back to the business at hand so let start with PTF's.

PTF's Conversions

As of May 31, 2014, there was 138 PTF's converted to full-time regular in the Sierra Coastal District. In the 3 installations that we represent there was 12 PTF's converted to full-time regular. Congratulations to Steve Rushton and Blanca Zometa in Sun Valley, Michael Sandan in Tarzana, Andy Goacher and Jemmayen Macaraeg in Panorama City, Jose Verdugo in Encino, Manny Ung in Sherman Oaks, and Yohana Acosta, Analia Garcia, Jora Moradimasih, Ervin Carrera, and Ricardo Villacana in Van Nuys Main. It took eight (8) years for most of these letter carriers to become full-time and it is well deserved. Hopefully, we will see more PTF's make regular soon and hopefully we will see some CCA's become career letter carriers soon.

Annual summer campaign to prevent heat-related illnesses launched by US Labor Department "Water. Rest. Shade." and acclimatization are critical in preventing heat illness and fatalities

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has announced the launch of its annual Campaign to Prevent Heat Illness in Outdoor Workers. For the fourth consecutive year, OSHA's campaign aims to raise awareness and educate workers and employers about the dangers of working in hot weather and provide resources and guidance to address these hazards.

"Heat-related illnesses can be fatal, and employers are responsible for keeping workers safe," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "Employers can take a few easy steps to save lives, including scheduling frequent water breaks, providing shade and allowing ample time to rest."

Thousands of employees become sick each year and many die from working in the heat. In 2012, there were 31 heat-related worker deaths and 4,120 heat-related worker illnesses. Labor-intensive activities in hot weather can raise body temperatures beyond the level that normally can be cooled by sweating. Heat illness initially may manifest as heat rash or heat cramps, but can quickly escalate to heat exhaustion and then heat stroke if simple preventative measures are not followed. Heat illness disproportionately affects those who have not built up a tolerance to heat (acclimatization), and it is especially dangerous for new and temporary workers.

"Acclimatization is a physical change that the body undergoes to build tolerance to heat, and it is a critical part of preventing heat illnesses and fatalities," said Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health. "Over the past three years, lack of acclimatization was the cause in 74 percent of heat-related citations issued. Employers have a responsibility to provide workplaces that are safe from recognized hazards, including outdoor heat."

Last year, OSHA issued 11 heat-related citations. In some of these cases, the employer and staffing agency were cited because they involved temporary workers. In preparation for the summer season, OSHA has developed heat illness educational materials in English and Spanish, as well as a curriculum to be used for workplace training, also available in both English and Spanish. Additionally, a Web page provides information and resources on heat illness — including how to prevent it and what to do in case of an emergency — for workers and employers. The page is available at: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html>.

OSHA also has released a free application for mobile devices that enables workers and supervisors to monitor the heat index at their work sites. The app displays a risk level for workers based on the heat index, as well as reminders about

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

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**JULY
1st
"2014"**

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

July 1, 2014

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"RETIREE CORNER"

ATTENTION: !!!!

Our Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelsis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be June 28th & July 26, 2014 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You
Frank Brash

BRANCH 2462 2014 OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

*** DENOTES WINNERS
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TOTAL BALLOTS MAILED		494
TOTAL BALLOTS RETURNED	256	52%
BALLOTS NOT COUNTED (Spoiled)	11	
ACTIVE MEMBER BALLOTS MAILED	371	
ACTIVE MEMBER BALLOTS COUNTED	176	47%
RETIRED MEMBER BALLOTS MAILED	123	
RETIRED MEMBER BALLOTS COUNTED	69	56%

RESULTS

PRESIDENT

JEFF JACKSON	76	31%
CALVIN BROOKINS	169	69% *

TRUSTEE

ANDY GOACHER		91	*
TRACY MULLINAX	181		*
TIA WILSON	173		*
JOHN BURTON	162		*

SGT-AT-ARMS

PAUL JEFFREY	96	40%
ANALIA GARCIA	101	43% *
ELIA VIVEROS	39	17%

SHOP STEWARDS

PANORAMA CITY

JAMMAYEN MACARAEG	3	
ANDY GOACHER		24
*		
DON ANDERSON		2
LUZ VILLA	0	

MAIN OFFICE

JOHN BURTON—MIGUEL MALDANADO—ANALIA GARCIA
**

TARZANA

SANDY ANGER-BARRETT
**

ENCINO

TRACY MULLINAX—PAUL JEFFREY
**

SHERMAN OAKS

JOSE JIMENEZ—GUILLERMO MARISCAL
**

SUN VALLEY

ELIZABETH KANE
**

ELECTION EXPENSES

STEVE SEYFRIED (Chairman)	\$ 450.00
ROBERT ENZ	\$ 270.00
ROGER ASKEW	\$ 235.00
ROBERT JOHNSON	\$ 100.00
JANETTE DOLABSON	\$ 235.00
LARRY DOLABSON	\$ 235.00
POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL	\$ 50.00
SUPPLIES (STAPLES)	\$ 80.07
ENVELOPES (KRYSTAL GRAPHICS)	\$ 138.00
STAMPS	\$
490.00	
TOTAL SPENT	\$ 2283.07
BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$ 3000.00
UNDER BUDGET	\$
716.93	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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protective measures that should be taken at that risk level. Since its 2011 launch, more than 130,000 users have downloaded the app. Available for Android-based platforms and the iPhone, the app can be by going to www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/heat_app.html.

In developing its inaugural national campaign in 2011, federal OSHA worked closely with the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration and adapted materials from that state's successful campaign. Additionally, OSHA is partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to incorporate worker safety precautions when heat alerts are issued across the nation. NOAA also will include pertinent worker safety info on its heat watch Web page www.noaawatch.gov/themes/heat.php.

H.R. 4670, Secure Delivery for America Act of 2014

In yet another move to attack the Postal Service Chairman Issa orchestrated, in his one sided committee, the mark-up of H.R. 4670, Secure Delivery for America Act of 2014. This bill, also introduced by Chairman Issa on his own, will require the Postal Service to convert 1.5 million addresses per year over the next 10 years from "to the door" delivery to other modes of delivery, including centralized delivery (cluster boxes).

President Rolando has responded and stated the follow; after the committee moved the bill out of committee on a strict Party Line vote.

"This irresponsible bill, H.R. 4670, is bad for the American public, bad for businesses, bad for the economy and bad for the U.S. Postal Service. And it simply ignores reality. Postal finances are steadily improving as the economy recovers from the worst recession in 80 years and as increasing online shopping sends package revenue soaring. This year, the Postal Service has reported a \$1 billion operating profit."

He further went on to say "We are confident that the majority of lawmakers will understand that degrading a now-profitable postal network not only makes no sense, it would stop the postal turnaround by driving mail and revenue out of the system. It would inconvenience millions of Americans and small businesses. And it would weaken the personal contact between residents and letter carriers a bond that not only has led the public to name letter carriers the most trusted federal employees year after year, but also has resulted in the saving of countless lives as letter carriers deliver the mail".

While the bill moved out of committee it is still questionable that it will move to full floor for a vote, but we must be ready to act if it does. FYI

POM Revision re: Smoking

Effective May 1, 2014, the Postal Service is revising the Postal Operations Manual (POM) Section 124.532 to clarify the definition of smoking. The revised text read as follows;

Smoking (having a lighted or activated electronic cigar, cigarette, pipe or other smoking material) is strictly prohibited in all buildings or office space (including service lobbies) As you can see this revision is being put in place to address the electronic cigarette.

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.

In Unionism

Vice President's Report

By

Janette Dolabson

Hi All, I would like to update you on the food drive totals for the branch. We did a total of 77,925 pounds of food. Here is the break down by office. Sherman Oaks did 14,939 lbs, Encino did 15,339 lbs, Van Nuys did 25,669 lbs, Panorama City 2,687 lbs, Sun Valley 7,014 lbs and Tarzana 7,964 lbs. The rest was residual food picked up the week following the food drive. It was a much lower total than last year. I know that some offices did not take the cards and bags out the day there were supposed to go and that will be addressed at the national level. Not delivering them on the right days will effect the amount collected. Still, we all collected a lot of food in one day and that food will feed families all through out the Summer months when food donations are at their lowest.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. I would especially like to thank my coordinators that work to make this food drive successful, John Burton and Analia Garcia in Main Office, Tracy Mullinax in Encino, Steve Soto in Sherman Oaks, Andy Goacher in Panorama City, Tia Willson in Sun Valley and Sandy Anger Barrett in Tarzana. Thanks so much for all you do.

Calvin and Linda Brookins, Roger Askew, Rober Melcon thanks so much for volunteering to come out and help drive the routes and pick up food. I know there are others that volunteered and I am hoping your office coordinator will acknowledge you personally. Love all of you for your generous hearts.



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Branch Meeting Minutes

June 3, 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—All who have passed

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT—J. DOLABSON

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MICHAEL BROCHU, JONATHAN LANG, LUCY GUTIRREZ, KIERRA LILLIE, TANOSHA RAINEY

TRUSTEES Audit will be held at the Union office on Tuesday July 29th at 6:30 pm.

SAFETY & HEALTH Weather is getting hot, be sure to stay hydrated and be alert for signs of heat stroke.

RETIREEES—BRASH 4 attending tonight, and there were many who attended the breakfast.

MBA--ENZ New brochure available to CCA's with policy information.

HBR—L. DOLABSON Heat related problems are serious for Letter Carriers. Make sure that at the least you wear sunscreen and a hat, these simple steps can help you prevent skin cancer. Don't forget to schedule a yearly physical, most serious illness can be successfully treated if found early enough.

MDA FUND--ASKEW \$ 1986.00 in the fund.

LEGISLATION REPORT—ASKEW Issa has introduced new bill HR 4670, in the house, it would eliminate 6 day delivery and end door to door delivery. Congressman SHERMAN has signed on to HR 630 as a co-sponsor, we appreciate his support. New Highway bill has a rider attached which would eliminate 6 day delivery. Contact your Representatives and tell them to vote no.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON

MOTION—Accept report as read
M/S/C

ELECTION—SEYFRIED Thank you to all the members of the Election committee for an outstanding job conducting the 2014 Officer and Shop Steward elections. The results have been counted and a special report will be printed in the July Mailcall. Congratulations to all who ran for office for conducting a fair and professional campaign and a special congrats to those who were successful.

MDA—ANGER-BARRETT July 17th will be Camp Day for MDA. Anyone who is off that day and would like to attend to see what goes on is invited to contact Sandy for further info.
VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON No Report
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 send one child to the MDA Camp in Irvine. Cost to the Branch \$ 800.00
\$ 400.00 to come from MDA fund and \$ 400.00 to come from the General fund.
M/S/C

UNDERLINED= UNANIMOUS VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

Election Chairman Seyfried read full election report.

MOTION—Branch accept the election report as read by the Chairman
M/S/C

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

There will be a short Convention Delegate meeting following the Regular July Union meeting on July 1, 2014. All Delegates should plan on attending.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 TIA WILSON—SUN VALLEY

\$ 4 BOB JOHNSON--RETIREE

\$ 6 TIA WILSON—SUN VALLEY

ADJOURNED 7:51 pm

