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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **By Calvin Brookins**

By the time you read this the remaining PTF's in Van Nuys Installation will have been converted to full-time. Also the three (3) senior CCA's will be converted to career full-time carriers. Congratulations to all of these PTF's, I know it has been along time coming and that wait has now come to an end. Also congratulation to the three (3) CCA's on their career status to full-time.

I spoke with the Postmaster in Van Nuys and his managers at the safety meeting about the Beat the Heat, Stay Cool stand-ups that should be taking place in the stations; he could not confirm that the stand-ups had been given in the four (4) carrier stations. However, he did commit to making sure that the heat related stand-ups are given in the stations. I will be having this same conversation with the other two (2) Postmasters on this same issue.

#### **Cost-of-living adjustment news**

##### **FOURTH CONTRACT COLA:**

Following the June 17 release of the May Consumer Price Index (CPI), the accumulation toward the fourth cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) under the 2011-2016 National Agreement is \$645 annually. This COLA will be based on the increase in the CPI between January 2014 and July 2014 and will be effective in the second full pay period after the scheduled Aug. 19 release of the July 2014 CPI—that is, Pay Period 20 (pay date Sept. 26).

##### **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.

#### **Parole Hearing Scheduled for Killer of Huntington Beach Letter Carrier**

I would like for the members of Branch 2462 to give full support to Branch 1100 and their efforts to prevent the potential release and parole of a convicted criminal Gabriel DeLuca from jail.

On January 3, 1984, Huntington Beach Letter Carrier Ida Jean Haxton, a 30 year old mother of two, was brutally murdered while delivering mail on her route. Gabriel DeLuca was convicted of her murder and sentenced to 26 years to life in prison. On September 4, 2014, DeLuca will be up for parole.

Those who wish to submit a letter to the State of California Parole Board, the letter must reference the inmate's name (Gabriel DeLuca), inmate's CDC number (D38567) and the date of the hearing (September 4, 2014)

All letters must arrive two weeks prior to the September 4, 2014, hearing date and should be mailed to:

Attn: Classification and Parole Representative  
California Health Care Facility  
7707 Austin Road  
Stockton, CA. 95215

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Let's do our part to keep this dangerous person in prison.

Here is a sample letter that can be used.

Attn: Classification and Parole Representative C&PR/BPH Lifer Desk

California Health Care Facility  
7707 Austin Rd  
Stockton, CA 95215

RE: Gabriel DeLuca  
CDC: D38567  
Hearing date: September 4, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Letter Carrier in \_\_\_\_\_ I am writing to express my concern over the possible parole of Gabriel DeLuca.

Although it's been over 30 years since Ida Jean Haxton was viciously murdered while in her performance of her duties as a Letter Carrier, the wounds still run deep. As her co-workers retire they are constantly reminded that her family lost her too soon and will never have the luxury of a retirement with her.

As we deliver our appointed rounds we face daily challenges from gangs, dogs and distracted drivers. But we are all haunted with the image of the brutality of Ida Jean's rape and murder and fear it will happen again. The thought that someone who raped, stabbed and beat to death a mother and public servant, would be allowed back into the community is simply unbearable. To parole a sadistic killer would endanger the general public and those that serve the American public.

Therefore, we ask and pray that you reject any application for parole of Gabriel DeLuca.

Sincerely,

Your signature and printed name

**In Closing I hope everyone had a happy 4th of July, In Unionism**

## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

MAIN OFFICE	4	4	8	6	5	4	5			
ENCINO	2	3	4	3	3	2	3			
PANORAMA CITY	2	1	7	2	2	2	2			
SHERMAN OAKS	5	6	6	6	4	6	7			
SUN VALLEY	2	4	1	1	1	2	2			
TARZANA	3	2	1	2	2	2	3			
RETIREE'S	4	5	6	5	5	4	7			
TOTAL	22	25	33	25	22	22	29			

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

### NEXT MEETING

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

**AUGUST  
5th  
"2014"**

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

**Aug 5, 2014**

**WEB PAGE.... WWW.NALCBRANCH2462.ORG  
BRANCH OFFICE.....818-786-8505  
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E-Mail.....NALCBRANCH2462@sbcglobal.net**

## "RETIREE CORNER"

**ATTENTION: !!!!**

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 dates will be July 26th, & August 23 2014 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.

Thank You  
**Frank Brash**



## Vice President's Report

By  
**Janette Dolabson**

I would like to let you know what the National food Drive Totals are from this years Food drive. Nationally Letter Carriers across the country collected 72.5 million pounds of food. Since 1992 we have nationally collected 1.3 BILLION pounds of food. This year marked the 11th consecutive year that Letter Carriers have collected over 70 million pounds of food in one day.

Our Sierra Coastal District collected 1,352,979 pounds of food. Last year we did 1,298,140 pounds. our totals were up this year in the district due to many of the areas getting paper bags rather than plastic bags. It seems paper bags will get us 2x the amount of food collected over the plastic bags. We will be looking into getting paper bags next year for sure. That should help us collect even more food than we do now.

Thanks again for all your help and dedication to making our Stamp Out Hunger annual Letter Carrier Food Drive such a success every year.

**TIRED OF NOT  
KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON ???  
SICK OF LISTENING TO YOUR CASE  
NEIGHBOR GOSSIP ABOUT THE  
POSTAL SERVICE !!!!!**



Join E-ACTIVIST. It is simple go to the NALC website at <http://nalc.org/> and Click on the Logo you see above on the page. Fill out the easy form and you will get updates on a regular basis and then you won't be left in the dark when new information comes in. Don't want to go on line ?? Just contact your Shop Steward at your station or call the Union office leave your number and we will call you and walk you through the process. It only takes a couple of minutes and then you will be able to stay up to date on what is happening in Washington and how it effects your job and your paycheck. DON'T WAIT—DO IT TODAY !



**HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY**

## What's The Best Way To Protect Your Job

**For as Little as \$ 5 Per Pay Period You Can  
Help Support Our Legislative Efforts To Save  
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**



## 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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**Steve Seyfried, Editor**

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### Branch Meeting Minutes

**July 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 6:45 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, J. DOLABSON, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, MULLINAX, JACKSON, WILSON, ASKEW, L. DOLABSON, ENZ

**ABSENT**—NONE

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND BUSINESS** M/S/C

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Branch presented HENRY from TARIX PRINTING with a plaque and honorary membership pin, for support and printing donations over the last 10 years to the Letter Carrier Food Drive. RAA JAMES HENRY and PAST PRESIDENT ROGER ASKEW presided over the installation of the new Branch Officers and Shop Stewards

#### CORRESPONDENCE READ

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

STEVEN ALEXANDER

TRUSTEES

Audit will be held at the Union office on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The Trustee's also want to say special thanks to outgoing trustee JEFF JACKSON for over 10 years of service on the Executive Board.

**SAFETY & HEALTH** Weather is getting hot, be sure to stay hydrated and be alert for signs of heat stroke. Heat stand up should have been given at all stations, if not, contact the Union office .

**RETIREEES**--BRASH 7 attending tonight, and there were 12 who attended the breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat.

**MBA**--ENZ Still actively working with CCA's to educate and sign them up for MBA policies. I will be attending a special workshop at the National convention and will report on what I learn.

**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. Caremark/CVS has some special deals for NALC Health plan members. Contact Larry for information.

**MDA FUND**--ASKEW \$ 1602.00 in the fund.

**LEGISLATION REPORT**--ASKEW Issa bill HR 4670, still kicking around 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. Happy to say the Highway bill rider, which would have eliminate 6 day delivery has been defeated, and six day

delivery guarantee has been included in the upcoming budget, and is expected to be approved. HR 30 (good bill for Letter Carriers) now has 240 co-sponsors. This is more than enough votes to pass the bill, however the Republican majority continues to refuse to all the bill to come to the floor. Now that Rep Cantor, a long time post office hater, has been defeated in the primary election, we will see if any movement happens. Continue to keep in contact with your Representatives and tell them to vote yes on Letter Carrier issues.

**FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ** by JOHNSON

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

**MDA**--ANGER-BARRETT July 14<sup>th</sup> 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** Final totals for food drive are in, National total was 72.5 MILLION pounds. Total collected since food drive started is now up to 1.3 BILLION. While we here in Van Nuys collected a little less than we did last year, Sierra Costal actually increased the total in the district. We hope to have better bags and more cooperation on getting the food cards out next year. Again Thanks to all who worked and collected for the Food Drive.

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

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

The Executive Board has reappointed STEVE SEYFRIED as the Editor of the MAILCALL.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION**--Branch purchase 380 Letter Carrier Six Day Calendars from Bass. Total cost \$ 1520.00 M/S/C

#### UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE

#### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT BROOKINS thanked JEFF JACKSON for his dedicated service as both a Trustee & Shop Steward and also to Past President ROGER ASKEW for his 40 years of service in many capacities on the Executive Board.

#### MDA DRAWING

\$ 5 GUIERRMO MARISCAL--SHERMAN OAKS  
\$ 6 STEVE SEYFRIED--SHERMAN OAKS DONATED \$  
3  
\$ 10 RICHARD MORENO--SHERMAN OAKS DONATED

ADJOURNED 8:07 pm