

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

Recently the NALC Branch Presidents here in the Sierra Coastal District had a meeting with District Manager Kerry Wolny. He basically laid out the district plans to deal with the potential on slot of parcels that are expected during this up coming peak season or Christmas season. Last year there were 236,074 packages delivered per day in the district, they are expecting close to a 40% increase for Amazon this year. They are also expecting to deliver more parcels this peak season than last season.

Last year Fed-EX and UPS failed during the holiday delivering period, remember it was all over the news. Well this year the USPS here in Sierra Coastal district believes that all the parcels that those 2 companies can't get delivered this year will get pushed to the Postal Service at the very last minute. The USPS will try to hire more PSE's to get the parcels sorted and processed and ready for delivery.

Amazon is asking Post Offices to be open 24 hours to receive packages. They are expecting so many parcels during the peak season that some parcels may have to be staged in the parking lot behind vehicles in the morning. This could raise a security issue in some offices. Also extra hampers are supposed to be stored at the offices so that it can be replaced once it fills up.

New MOU on Holiday Carrier Assistants in 2014

The NALC and USPS have entered into the Memorandum of Understanding *Re: Holiday Carrier Assistants – 2014* ([M-01844](#)). This MOU allows the Postal Service to begin hiring retired employees that wish to work during the upcoming four week December period. However, such employees shall not perform city letter carrier craft work prior to the four week December period in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding *Re: Additional Resources - Holiday*

Carrier Assistant. Retired letter carriers in areas in need of holiday carrier assistants will be notified of these opportunities in the near future.

Therefore, USPS is also looking to hire retirees for the peak season; some may have already received something in the mail from the Post Office. Those that are hired must be on the rolls by October 27, 2014, but can't start working until December 6, 2014, and can work through January 7, 2014.

In regards to vehicles, management plans to get LLV's from their maintenance reserve and lease cargo vans. The Union is asking that those vans be equipped with side doors for safety reasons. The next day the District Manager Kerry Wolny had his secretary send us an example of the type of van and it is similar to the UHAUL cargo van with side doors.

He also stated that the 5 o'clock window very likely will change, because we will be delivering packages until 8 or 9 at night. The landscape is changing. They also plan to have CCA's report to work at 4:00 to start delivering packages. The way it was stated to us the CCA's will start at 4:00 a.m. go out to deliver packages using the regular carrier vehicle and be back by the time the regular carrier is ready to leave for the street.

They are also looking for equipment ideas, such as Hats with lights built into the bib. Light weight Dollies and reflector vests for safety since we will have carriers out there in the dark morning and night. He also stated that they would like for the T-6's to agree to come off their assigned route for that day to deliver parcels only and have a CCA cover the route. This is because the T-6 knows the routes on their string and can get the packages delivered more efficiently for those routes.

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Vice President's Report

By
Janette Dolabson

We have an election coming up next month. "When you cast your ballot on Nov. 4, it will be important for you to know who in Congress supports a strong USPS and who understands the value that letter carriers bring to the communities we serve. NALC's Government Affairs Department has been keeping a watchful eye this election season, determining which candidates have fought to keep six-day mail delivery throughout the repeated attacks on it during the 113th Congress, which candidates are on the record in support of maintaining door-to-door mail delivery, which candidates support postal reform legislation that protects letter carrier jobs and preserves USPS' unique delivery network, which candidates have worked with NALC members at the national and local levels to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones, and where there is a challenger running against a current member of Congress who has actively worked against the interest of letter carriers." Know who you are voting for. Know how they stand on issues involving your job and you and your families future. It is important.

Thank you for the many well wishes on my recovery from surgery. I am hoping to be back to carrying mail soon. This has been a long and painful process and I appreciate all my fellow union brothers and sisters continued support.

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	5	4	6	
ENCINO	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	
PANORAMA CITY	2	1	7	2	2	2	2	1	0	2	
SHERMAN OAKS	5	6	6	6	4	6	7	5	4	6	
SUN VALLEY	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	
TARZANA	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	
RETIREE'S	4	5	6	5	5	4	7	6	4	4	
TOTAL	22	25	33	25	22	22	29	25	18	24	

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

NOVEMBER
4th
"2014"

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

Nov 4, 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 October 25th & November 22, 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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Of course this will depend on language in the LMOU's. They are anticipating needing about 600 CCA's to get the packages delivered during the peak season. Also each station will become a hub as opposed to having a centralized hub. Amazon fresh is currently being tested in San Francisco, that will be expanded to southern California in November, that type of delivery takes place between 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The Postal Service also have parcel lockers in several 7/11 stores for Amazon packages. The way this works is the customer receives an email with a code to get into the locker where the carrier has delivered the package earlier in the day.

Management is also plans to get new vehicles and they will be closer to the 2 ton type vehicle. We were also told that we are scheduled for new scanners sometime in October maybe around the 24th.

The District Manager also asked us to go to MYUSPS.com and sign up for this program. This is a program that is available to customers and it basically works when you scan a parcel for delivery it will tell the customer that you have just delivered their parcel. Keep in mind you will not be able to scan that parcel at the back of your vehicle at the beginning of the loop before you get to the house or delivery point. You also will not be able to scan the packages in the parking lot before you leave for the street. Therefore, I remind all letter carriers not to scan a parcel as delivered until you are at the actual delivery point.

At this time I would like to wish every member and their family a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. Remember be thankful for all you have been blessed with.

In Unionism:



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 !

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



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Branch Meeting Minutes October 7, 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 6:40 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS ANALIA GARCIA
MOMENT OF SILENCE-----All NALC members who have passed this year.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT---BROOKINS, SEYFRIED, JOHNSON, WILSON, BURTON, GARCIA, L. DOLABSON, ENZ

ABSENT---J. DOLABSON, MULLINAX

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

BILLS RECEIVED

None

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

TRUSTEES

No Report

SAFETY & HEALTH

Always work in a safe

manner, remember Management is out on the street watching.

RETIREEES---BRASH

4 attending tonight, and

breakfast on the 4th Sat was well attended. Special thanks to BOB JOHNSON for coordinating another wonderfully successful Retiree Luncheon. We had RAA JAMES HENRY, his fiancé JANICE & JACKIE WHITE Director of Education from the State Association as special guests.

MBA--ENZ

No Report.

HBR---L. DOLABSON

Make sure that if you are having a surgery scheduled, that you contact the Health Plan for Pre-Certification to avoid paying a penalty fee.

MDA FUND--GARCIA

\$ 1707.00 in the fund.

MDA--ANGER-BARRETT

Bowl-a-thon will be on November 2nd at the Matador Bowl in Northridge, It will start a 11 am and conclude around 2 pm. Cost to bowl is \$ 25, plus any pledges or donations you can get.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT READ by JOHNSON

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

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 2 people to be chosen by the President, to the NALC Washington DC Lobby Trip in March 2015. Cost not to exceed \$ 6000.00
M/S/C

MOTION--Branch purchase 5 NALC watches.

Cost not to exceed \$ 450.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch donate \$ 100.00 to the Turkeys & Toys program

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch purchase 12 J-Cams

Cost not to exceed \$ 240.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch renew the Payroll software (Quicken). Cost not to exceed \$ 530.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch purchase Update for the Quick Books financial program. Cost not to exceed \$

430.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch cancel the December meeting, and hold a Branch Open house at a place and time to be announced.

M/S/C

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

UNDERLINED= UNANOMOUS VOTE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Branch will hold Christmas Party on Friday December 12th. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of Valerio and Van Nuys Blvd. in Van Nuys. The time will be posted at all Stations and the Retirees can watch for the notice in next months Mailcall. All Members and their family members are invited, admission is free. There will be drawings for prizes \$\$ and Santa will be making an appearance as usual.

TIA WILSON was presented with her 25 year membership pin

ROGER ASKEW received his 45 year membership pin and was also honored for his years of service on the Executive Board.

JOHN BURTON was honored with this years RAY KREYER AWARD for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Branch.

PAUL JEFFREY was honored with this years HARRY BRENNEMAN AWARD as Outstanding Shop Steward for his work at the Encino Station.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO WERE HONORED

MDA DRAWING

\$ 5 RAPHAEL PEREZ--PANORAMA CITH
\$ 6 BOB ENZ--RETIREE
\$ 8 BOB ENZ--RETIREE--DONATED \$ 7

ADJOURNED 8:39 pm

