

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Calvin Brookins

National Elections

Now that the National Election has been completed and the National Officers has been installed, now the election is being challenged through an appeal by the other candidates that did not win. As part of the election committee I was summoned back to Washington DC to review and respond to the appeal of several of the candidates that did not win in the recent national election.

The election committee reviewed all of the issues raised in the appeals and properly responded to each issue identified. After thoroughly reviewing each issue and following extensive discussion between the members of the election committee, the committee decided to deny each of the appeals. It was decided that all protocols and rules as per the Department of Labor or the NALC Constitution was followed or complied with.

NALC files NLRB charge over USPS response to hacking

As previously reported, NALC is continuing to monitor the Postal Service's response to the cyber breach that compromised a Postal Service computer file containing employees' personal and employment information. NALC has filed a charge with the National Labor Relations Board protesting the Postal Service's failure to provide NALC advance notice of, and an opportunity to bargain over, the Postal Service's response to this breach. Pending resolution of this dispute, individual letter carriers may elect to enroll in the credit monitoring service offered by the Postal Service, with the knowledge that NALC may seek different or additional remedies.

Overtime equitability test extended

The parties agreed to extend the June 3, 2013, Article 8 Task Force Equitability Test agreement through March 31, 2015. This agreement is applicable to the 22 districts currently participating in the test. Sierra Coastal district is not currently

participating. Only Santa Ana and San Diego districts are participating.

Congratulation CCA's

Congratulation to Rajbir Singh, Gayane Badoyan and Shop Steward Sandra Delgado all who were CCA's at Sun Valley, who recently became career letter carriers.

Legislative Update

The following is provided for your information courtesy of NALC Headquarters.

The 114th Congress convened and all 535 members of the House and Senate were sworn in. In the house, there are 247 Republicans and 188 Democrats; in the Senate, 54 Republicans and 44 Democrats, plus two Independents who will continue caucusing with the Democrats. With 74 new members of Congress coming in, letter carriers have a lot of work to do as we prepare for this session and the proposals that are sure to come quickly. With regard to letter carrier issues, our continued emphasis will be on addressing the pre-funding burden, the importance of maintaining services such as six-day mail delivery and door delivery, and fighting against operational cuts while promoting initiatives that would allow the Postal Service to innovate to serve the needs of residential and business customers. If your member of Congress is new, we encourage you to make contact and apprise him or her about the importance of the U.S. Postal Service in your district.

Six-day mail delivery

Once the 114th Congress was sworn in, in the House of Representatives Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO) and Gerry Connolly (D-VA) wasted no time in renewing their commitment to preserving six-day mail delivery by quickly introducing H.Res. 12. One of the first pieces of legislation introduced in this session of Congress, H.Res. 12 is identical to previous sessions' resolutions that called on Congress and the Postal Service to take all appropriate steps to continue six-day mail delivery. The current resolution already has 45 co-sponsors. The last version, introduced early in the 113th Congress (2013-2014), wound up with 228 co-sponsors from both political parties.

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE		6									
ENCINO		3									
PANORAMA CITY		2									
SHERMAN OAKS		7									
SUN VALLEY		2									
TARZANA		3									
RETIREE'S		4									
TOTAL		27									

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

FEBRUARY
3rd
"2015"

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

Feb 3, 2015

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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 Jan 24th & February 28, 2015 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You



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 !!



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

2015 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BRANCH 2462

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Regular Members	340 at \$ 697.84	(\$ 26.84 - ppp)	\$ 237,265.60
Retiree's	110 at \$ 36.00 (per year)		\$ 3,960.00
NALC Health Benefit Reimbursement			\$ 150.00
Interest			\$ 50.00
Other Income			\$ 300.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 241,725.60

JANUARY 2015 THRU DECEMBER 2015

ESTIMATE EXPENDITURES	BUDGET 2014	SPENT 2014	BUDGET 2015
NALC Per Capita Tax:			
Regular Members 340 at \$ 211.12	\$67,009.80	\$71,757.21	\$71,780.80
Retiree's 110 at \$ 7.00	\$770.00	\$765.30	\$770.00
State Per capita Tax:			
Regular Members 340 at \$ 10.40	\$3,432.00	\$3,695.60	\$3,536.00
Retiree's 110 at \$.50	\$55.00	\$64.25	\$55.00
1 Contingency Fund (regular members) (340 @ 2.00 x 26 pay periods)	\$17,160.00	\$18,028.00	\$17,680.00
2 Contingency Fund (retired members) (110 @ .50 x 26 pay periods)	\$1,430.00	\$1,401.00	\$1,430.00
3 Branch Officers Salary	\$32,100.00	\$33,300.00	\$36,000.00
4 The Mail-Call	\$6,000.00	\$5,956.67	\$6,300.00
5 Mail-Permit (includes postage)	\$1,300.00	\$1,425.75	\$1,500.00
6 Postage Expense	\$700.00	\$1,367.12	\$500.00
9 Harry Brenneman Award	\$250.00	\$227.20	\$250.00
10 Office Expense	\$5,000.00	\$9,234.09	\$6,000.00
12 Retiree's Dinner	\$2,500.00	\$2,083.19	\$2,500.00
13 Installation of Officers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14 Branch Telephones	\$2,500.00	\$2,053.29	\$2,200.00
15 Bond for Officer's	\$300.00	\$210.00	\$300.00
16 Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$354.67	\$750.00
17 Labor-Management Meetings	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
18 Refreshments	\$750.00	\$583.48	\$700.00
19 Donations	\$700.00	\$720.00	\$800.00
20 Equipment Repairs	\$900.00	\$229.93	\$500.00
21 Equipment Purchase	\$2,000.00	\$2,061.75	\$2,000.00

ESTIMATE EXPENDITURES	BUDGET 2014	SPENT 2014	BUDGET 2015
22 Election Expense	\$3000.00	\$2,295.49	\$0.00
23 Miscellaneous Expense	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$150.00
24 Public Relations	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
25 Station Expense	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
26 Educational & Training	\$18,500.00	\$10,058.66	\$17,000.00
27 Publications	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
28 Local Negotiations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29 Branch Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30 Lost Time Account	\$15,000.00	\$10,750.00	\$17,000.00
31 Insurance cost	\$900.00	\$780.00	\$1,000.00
32 Office Rental	\$23,000.00	\$22,938.00	\$23,500.00
33 Gas Utility	\$300.00	\$242.67	\$300.00
34 Food Drive	\$2,500.00	\$3,101.55	\$3,000.00
35 Ray Kreyer Award	\$600.00	\$535.37	\$600.00
36 C.O.A. Mail Call	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
37 Route Inspection Expense	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
38 Mileage (.58 per mile)	\$1,700.00	\$2,028.67	\$2,000.00
39 Scholarship Expense	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
40 Electric Utility	\$1,500.00	\$1,705.87	\$1,800.00
41 Dues & Membership Expense	\$700.00	\$666.60	\$700.00
42 Janitorial Expense	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
43 MDA Expense	\$800.00	\$413.60	\$500.00
44 Membership Drawing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
45 Bass Calendars	\$1,500.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,600.00
46 Christmas Open House	\$6,000.00	\$5,494.75	\$6,000.00
47 Independent Medical Exam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
48 Organizing Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
49 Cellular Phone	\$1,400.00	\$1,290.42	\$1,300.00
50 Greeting Cards	\$15.00	\$2.18	\$15.00
51 On-Line Service	\$850.00	\$962.64	\$1,200.00
53 NALC Store Expense	\$700.00	\$340.00	\$800.00
54 Deaf/Inter-Sign Language	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
55 General Taxes	\$400.00	\$445.36	\$500.00
56 Cable Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,106.37	\$1,200.00
57 Retiree Breakfast Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,520.17	\$1,500.00
99 Non-Numbered Items	\$0.00	\$309.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$240,541.80	\$227,347.38	\$240,786.80

JANUARY 2015 THRU DECEMBER 2015
BALANCE SHEET

INCOME	\$241,725.60
EXPENDITURES	\$240,786.80
BALANCE	\$938.80

The above report will be submitted to, and voted on by the general membership of Branch 2462 at the regular meeting to be held in the month of February 2015.

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Door delivery

Reps. Susan Davis (D-CA), David Joyce (R-OH) and Peter King (R-NY) are reintroducing their door-delivery resolution for the 114th Congress, calling on the House and Senate to "take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers."

The resolution will be identical to H.Res. 711, which was introduced last August during the 113th Congress and which ended up with 75 sponsors from both parties. In the 113th Congress, proposals to cut mail services such as door delivery were common. The NALC and our allies in Congress and among postal stakeholders have been instrumental in the so-far successful fight against these and other service cuts that, if implemented, would be detrimental to postal customers, especially to senior citizens (who rely on prescription medications being delivered to their door) and to disabled customers.

For businesses, eliminating door delivery would undercut the success of the Customer Connect program, where letter carriers use their personal connections to solicit new business in person. Besides, a Government Accountability Office report found that cluster boxes were so unpopular that less than 0.8 percent of business door-delivery customers last year opted to make the switch. (The report found the percentage was even lower for residences: 0.1 percent.)

Note: Although the resolution has not been assigned a number yet, Rep. Davis, Joyce and King already have begun collecting co-sponsors.

In Unionism.

Health Report

By
Larry Dolabson, HBR

This years Open Season for changing or signing up for a health plan is Nov. 10th- Dec. 8th. I urge you to consider the NALC Health Benefit Plan. Here is the costs this coming year.

For Postal Employees Bi-weekly premium for self only is \$62.91 and increase of \$4.89'over last year. Self and family is 124.55 + 9:96 over last year.

The value option plan CDHP self only is \$39.55 +3.36. Self and family is \$89.87 + 7.29.

Annuitant's monthly costs are for self only \$166.76 and for self and family \$337.35.

Vice President's Report

By
Janette Dolabson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who helped make the NALC Branch 2462 Christmas Party a success. Without you people I we would not be able to pull it off. First I want to say thanks to Steve Seyfried. Your help and support is essential to me to make sure everything runs smoothly. I could not do this without you. Thank you to Bob Enz and John Burton for coming in an spending the day setting up with us. It's a lot of work and your help was very appreciated. Thanks to Larry Dolabson, Bob Johnson and Sandy Anger-Barrett for selling tickets, signing in people and taking care of the drawings. Thank you also to the kitchen staff and servers, Marta Mihich, Tracy Mullinax, Paul Jeffrey and Analia Garcia. You all rock! Thanks to John Wilson for making all the desserts. They were delicious. Thanks to Tia Wilson and John Wilson for getting us Santa and Mrs. Claus to participate meeting the kids and passing out the gifts. I know it was a busy time of year for them.

I know we were low in attendance compared to past years so next year we will look at having it on a Saturday night so more might come because they don't have to get up early and go to work the next day. We will look at doing it a week earlier also since the packages will not be as heavy then too. Thanks for coming out and having a great time with us. Hope you all have a happy healthy 2015.

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 !

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Branch Meeting Minutes

January 6 , 2015

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 VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON at 6:42 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms ANALIA GARCIA

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of All Union Members who have passed away.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT---BROOKINS

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL
CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

LAURYN CARTER, CARLETTA GARBUTT, DIONNE JOHNSON, DARREN REED, SPENCER GRAZIANO

BILLS READ--NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH & SAFETY Vehicle accidents the worst they have been in years. Expect to see more on street supervision and observations. Stay on your line of travel and drive defensively.

TRUSTEES Budget meeting will be on Jan 8, 2015 and the Audit will be announced later. Budget meeting will be at the Union office and will begin at 6:30 pm

RETIREES 4 retiree's present tonight. Saturday Breakfast meetings will begin again starting with the January 24th. breakfast.

MDA FUND--GARCIA Currently \$1950.00 in fund
HBR--L. DOLABSON Still waiting for latest membership statistics from national. New Health Plans begin on January 10th. If you have not received your NALC membership card, contact Larry Dolabson.

MDA--ANGER Watch for more fund raising info soon !!!!!!!

MBA--ENZ Working to help a couple of members.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT---JOHNSON

MOTION---Accept Financial reports as read M/S/C
VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Christmas party was huge success, Thanks for all who helped. PAULA MILLER has resigned as Region 1 Food Drive Coordinator. JILL LEMON has been appointed to take her place.

PRESIDENT BROOKIN VICE PRESIDENT DOLABSON read the Presidents report. Full report will be printed in his article in the MailCall.

OLD BUSINESS

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following actions were taken by the Board during the holiday recess.

1. Branch donate \$ 75.00 to MEND M/S/C
2. Branch purchase & install the Carbonite On-line automatic backup system on the 2 main computers in the office. Cost to the Branch is \$ 120.00 for 14 months M/S/C
3. Branch purchase 15 copies of the new NALC Constitution. Cost to the Branch is \$ 45.00 M/S/C
4. Branch renew the membership in the L A County Federation of Labor for 1 year. Cost is \$ 666.60 for 101 members, 2 delegates. M/S/C
5. Branch renew the bulk mailing permit fee for the MailCall. Cost is \$ 220.00 for 1 year. M/S/C

NEW BUSINESS--NONE

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Branch presented a special recognition award to Brother JEFF JACKSON, to honor his years of service as a Shop Steward and Executive Board member.
CONGRATULATIONS JEFF and THANK YOU !!

MDA DRAWING

- \$ 4 ANALIA GARCIA--MAIN OFFICE--DONATED
- \$ 5 MIGUEL MALDANADO--MAIN OFFICE--DONATED
- \$ 8 FRANK BRASH--RETIREE

Meeting Adjourned 7:31 PM

