

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

Greetings Members! I want to introduce myself to you just in case you may not know me yet. I am the new NALC Branch 2462 President. Calvin has been promoted to the National Business Agents office as a Regional Administrative Assistant. I served under Calvin for many years as Vice President, Health Benefit Plan Representative, Shop Steward, and Food Drive Coordinator. I learned a great deal from him in those years. I am going to miss him dearly and wish him well in his new position. I know he will be fabulous representing Letter Carriers in a much larger way.

With Calvin moving on and me moving into this new position there is a shift in our officers that needed to take place. Trustee Tracy Mullinax is the new Vice President. Tracy has served the branch diligently for many years as a Shop Steward in Encino and a Trustee on the Executive Board. He is smart, talented and dedicated and will be a wonderful Vice President. With his moving into the VP spot Sgt. At Arms Analía Garcia has been appointed as a Trustee. Analía is a shop Steward out of Main Office. She will excel at any task she is given. She is a blessing to the branch and our members will benefit from her knowledge and willingness to take on new things. As she moves into her new position I have appointed Paul Jeffrey as the new Sgt. At Arms. Paul is a shop Steward out of Encino. He is going to be a great addition to the Executive Board and I am looking forward to working with him. John Burton will now be Chief Shop Steward. John is a Shop Steward and a Trustee out of main office. He is a recent graduate of the Leadership Academy. He will be a very busy man. John is knowledgeable and a fighter for the rights of our members. You will probably be seeing a lot of him.

Legislative Update:

NALC supports H.Res. 12, which calls on Congress and the Postal Service to take all appropriate steps to continue six-day mail delivery.

"Saturday delivery makes the USPS unique. At a time when e-commerce is creating a package shipping and delivery

boom, it would be a short-sighted, strategic blunder to end Saturday delivery. Ending Saturday delivery would do more harm than good, driving away business and revenue. A delivery study commissioned by the PRC provided a model that showed there might be little to no net savings associated with cutting Saturday delivery. In fact, cutting Saturday delivery might cost the Postal Service money. Ending Saturday delivery would hurt jobs, the industry and prices."

NALC supports H.Res. 28, which protects door delivery for all business and residential customers. "Customer preference for door delivery service. In some locations, USPS has been soliciting customers to convert to a cluster box that could be placed anywhere—a sidewalk or a location at the end of the street—meaning customers would have to retrieve mail from a cluster box. But postal regulations make it very clear: Customers and property owners have the right to retain their existing mode of mail delivery. Cutting service should always be a last resort because it's a highrisk, high-stakes move. If the Postal Service realized after the fact that a service cut had not been worth the revenue decline, by then it might be impossible to regain all of that lost revenue by restoring the former service. Some customers would likely move on from using the USPS permanently; others would move to use it less. Letter carriers use Customer Connect to encourage commercial customers to ship using the Postal Service rather than with a private delivery service. At the same time, letter carriers interact with business owners, creating relationships as well as revenue opportunities. The very nature of letter carriers' jobs puts them in constant contact with the public. As a result, countless letter carriers are often the first to arrive at the scene of a crisis, or perhaps they are the first to recognize some sort of problem within their neighborhoods.

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IN MEMORY OF
KENNY LORRAINE
BRANCH 2462 RETIRED MEMBER

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

MAIN OFFICE	6	6
ENCINO	3	5
PANORAMA CITY	2	2
SHERMAN OAKS	7	4
SUN VALLEY	2	3
TARZANA	3	3
RETIREE'S	4	8
TOTAL	27	31

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

MARCH
3rd
"2015"

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

Mar 3, 2015

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"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 Feb 28th & March 28, 2015 (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



HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES HAD A SAFE AND HAPPY
PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

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NALC publishes stories about letter carrier heroism in its monthly membership magazine, The Postal Record, and each fall the organization pays public tribute to outstanding examples of letter carrier selflessness with an annual Heroes of the Year awards ceremony. Millions of households across the country would be negatively affected by losing door-delivery service to cluster boxes. Customers would be required to walk

inconvenient distances to get to these centralized neighborhood delivery locations to retrieve their mail and packages. The elderly and sick would have to walk these distances in sometimes harsh weather to collect their mail and retrieve crucial deliveries of medicine and other packages. Creating a burden such as this would be a disservice to all Americans.

The U.S. Postal Service should not be drifting away from its universal service obligations at a time when the e-commerce boom is resulting in customers expecting increased deliveries with increased frequency."

In General:

I just want to take a minute and mention something that has come to my attention. There are a few folks who have been taking advice from an EEO representative telling them to write a letter to their Station Manager and/or the District manager about their pending disciplinary action. I strongly suggest that you do not do that. Please do not write any letters to anyone without first contacting your shop steward or, better yet, me before. Those letters can hurt our ability to represent you the best possible way.



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

Branch Meeting Minutes

February 3 , 2015

By

Steve Seyfried, Secretary

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GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

GUEST SPEAKER--Branch 4006 President JILL LEMON spoke on a MDA fund raiser on March 21st at the Toyota Sports Center with the L A Defenders, Lakers minor league team. Cost will be \$ 25. Flyers will be posted at all stations and Retirees may call the Union office for further information.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 6 KEVIN DONOHUE--RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 8 ELIA VIVEROS--TARZANA
\$ 10 STEVE RUSHTON--SUN VALLEY--\$ 5 DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 9:08 PM

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

February 3 , 2015

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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 7:11 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms ANALIA GARCIA

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of KENNY LORRAINE Retiree out of Sherman Oaks/Encino

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT---NONE

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL WITH CORRECTIONS.

Budget Item # 22 should have read \$ 2295.49 & Dates should have been 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ARCHI ALCAZAR, MICHAEL GONZALEZ, JULIO MARES, TIAN LIU, EDUARDO DAVALOS, SUSAN BURROUGHS

BILLS READ---NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH & SAFETY

Street observations go on.

TRUSTEES

Audit will be at the Union

office on Feb 10th and will begin at 6:30 pm

RETIREEES

8 retiree's present tonight.

MDA FUND--GARCIA

Currently \$2012.00 in fund

HBR---L. DOLABSON

Nothing new

MDA--ANGER

Our friend Justin is feeling better. Watch for upcoming events, plans are in the works.

MBA---ENZ

Helped a few members.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT---JOHNSON

MOTION---Accept Financial reports as read

M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Proceeding with Food Drive plans. We will be working with KTLA on commercials & Media events. Looks like we are getting paper bags this year. Looking into Santa Anita for a possible Picnic. Tarzana is first station scheduled for Route adjustments this year.

PRESIDENT BROOKIN I am happy tonight to present KEVIN GODIN a NALC Watch to commemorate his recent retirement. I am also happy to present STEVE SEYFRIED with his 1992 RAY KRYER PLAQUE, which was inadvertently not presented previously. I wish to take this opportunity to say special thanks to FRANK BRASH, ROGER ASKEW, ART BOCEK, STEVE SEYFRIED, BOB JOHNSON, the EXECUTIVE BOARD, SHOP STEWARDS, ALTERNATES and the entire membership for your support and encouragement over the last 14 years as your President. As many of you already know I have been appointed as an RAA at the National Business Agents office and will be assuming that

position immediately. Because of this new appointment I am hereby submitting my resignation as Branch 2462's President and I wish to present the new President JANETTE DOLABSON with this gavel, so that she may preside with firmness and fairness in the years ahead. Lastly I want to say thank you to my lovely wife LINDA for her patience, understanding and support she has given me, so that I might pursue my Union activities. New President JANETTE DOLABSON accepted Calvin's resignation and presented him with a Plaque and gift certificate for a well deserved holiday with his wife. President DOLABSON then appointed the following officers.

VICE PRESIDENT

--TRACY MULLINAX

TRUSTEE

-- ANALIA GARCIA

SGT-AT-ARMS

-- PAUL JEFFREYS

CHIEF SHOP STEWARD -- JOHN BURTON

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--Accept the 2015 Budget as printed in MailCall with corrections noted in minutes, with the exception of line # 29

M/S/C

MOTION--Accept Item # 29 as printed in MailCall

M/S/C

MOTION--Send the President to the COP meeting on April 19-20 2015, in Honolulu HI. Cost not to exceed \$

1900.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch send the President, Vice President Financial Sec/Treasurer, Shop Stewards & Alternates to the Cal State Training in Pasadena, CA on

April 24-26, 2015. cost per member \$ 225.00 for all expenses. Total Cost not to exceed \$ 7200.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch send President and 2 other members, to be chosen by the President, to the Congressional Breakfast in Pasadena, CA on

M/S/C

Sunday April 26th. Cost to the Branch \$ 75.00
MOTION--Branch will pay for parking to the Cal Training sessions, provided the attendee submits a validated parking receipt. Amount will not

exceed \$ 18.00 per day.

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch hold a Picnic in 2015 at a time and place to be announced.

Cost will not exceed \$ 10,000.00

MS/C

MOTION--Budget item # 29 be deleted from any future

Budgets

M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

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