

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

From President's meeting with Kerry Wolny

At the President's meeting with the District Manager, we learned the Postal Service had a profit of \$1.4 billion in controllable income in fiscal year 2014. They have had a profit of \$1.1 billion during the first 3 months of this fiscal year. Of course, with the pre-funding mandate on paper it will show the Postal Service at a loss.

Sierra Coastal is authorizing 22 more CCA's to be hired. Right now none of those will be coming to any of our offices.

The rate of retirement is 20 carriers, 6 clerks, and 4 mail handlers per month with 83 total pending that have been submitted.

With those moving into retirement it frees up positions for our remaining PTF carriers, RC's and CCA's to these openings. Also with the route adjustments we are seeing that offices are getting routes put back in that had been taken out last adjustments. These also create full time position opportunities.

Here are some of the Power point items he shared with us from the State of the Business presentation. The USPS wants to make Medicare a requirement option for employees 65 or older. We have 400,000 total retirees and 12% of Postal money goes to pay their Health Benefits.

This peak season we delivered 524 million packages. That is an increase of 18% over last year. 28 million packages were delivered in one day, 12/22/14, most ever one day delivery. That comes out to 1 package for every 15 people delivered in one day. 20 million packages were delivered on the 5 Sundays during peak season. It was a very successful peak season. We had the Highest Service levels and we delivered 7 days a week.

We have 95% of the retail market but we don't have the business to business market. The USPS is looking to get into the freight business and to capture more of the package pick-up business.

Our first class mail volume continues to decrease every year. Our first class letters fell 14% last year and periodicals fell 10%. But we had double digit increase in parcels for the past 2 years, over 1 billion more pieces in the network. The USPS is looking at increasing their most profitable and popular parcel product, Priority and Commercial Parcel Select. It costs \$2.16 per pound. The price increased 8% last year and they are increasing it again 8% in April 2015. The UPS pays the parcel select rate for us to deliver their parcels. We deliver about 1/3 of UPS parcels. I am sure you have noticed that increase in your daily deliveries.

The Postal Service is spending 2.2 billion on capital expenses a year. They are purchasing new scanners, mPOS systems, package sorting machines, and new vehicles. The new vehicles will most likely be electric, or solar with side door access and perhaps AIR CONDITIONING.

Food Drive

Our food drive post card sponsor pulled out so all the branches have been tasked with getting a sponsor for our food drive post cards. Luckily, our branch has decided we will sponsor our own cards. We have been blessed with \$50,000 from Ralphs, and Anthem Blue Cross donations to purchase food drive bags. That will get us 969,500 paper bags this year to deliver and pick up food. We are looking had large increases in food donations.

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IN MEMORY OF

JOHN STARK

BRANCH 2462 RETIRED MEMBER
MAIN OFFICE

CHARLES FAULKNER

BRANCH 2462 RETIRED MEMBER
SHERMAN OAKS

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

MAIN OFFICE	6	6	2							
ENCINO	3	5	5							
PANORAMA CITY	2	2	2							
SHERMAN OAKS	7	4	5							
SUN VALLEY	2	3	2							
TARZANA	3	3	3							
RETIREE'S	4	8	6							
TOTAL	27	31	25							

MEETING PLACE OF BRANCH 2462, NALC
6910 HAYVENHURST AVE., SUITE 101
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NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

APRIL
7th
"2015"

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

Apr 7, 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 March 28th & April 25, 2015 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.

Thank You
Frank Brash



HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
EASTER HOLIDAY

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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Legislation

I would like to thank the branch for sending John Burton and myself to Washington DC to lobby our Senate and Congress about issues that are important to our jobs and the future of the Postal Service. It was a very successful trip and many of those we spoke with have signed on to our House Resolutions 12, 28 and 54. I wrote about H Res 12 and 28 last month. H Res 54 calls on the USPS to restore the service standards that were in effect on July 1st 2012. The USPS basically took our already slow delivery service and made it even slower by eliminating overnight first class delivery for local addresses. For instance now if you mail a letter from your house to your next door neighbor, instead of it getting there the next day it will now take 2 days. This is a really poor business decision. It will drive first class mail further away to online bill pay and electronic paperless statements. The Post office is planning closing or consolidating another 82 processing centers in 2015. They already did this in 48 plants in 2012 and 92 in 2013. This will slow mail delivery even further.



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



Vice President's Report

By
Tracy Mullinax

For those members who don't know me, my name is Tracy Mullinax and I am your new appointed Vice President of NALC Branch 2462. I have been an active, union letter carrier for almost 30 years. I have served over 10 years on the Executive Board as a trustee and a shop steward in Encino. I look forward to serving all of the members of this great branch over the next 2 years. What I hope to achieve in that time is to:

- 1) Work on becoming 100% organized from the current 97.4%.
- 2) Continue to build the infrastructure of this branch through enhanced education and training.
- 3) Increase the COLCPE contribution rate to 20% from the current 10%.
- 4) Work with all of our shop stewards to educate more which will help them become more efficient in their grievance writing and give them the ability to be in a better position to get carriers more favorable outcomes.

The challenge will be great and working with Janette will be rewarding, but I need all carriers to remain gainfully employed, follow the instructions of your supervisors, work safely and report any contract violations to your shop steward! We will do the rest.

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 !

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Branch Meeting Minutes February 3, 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 PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON at 6:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms PAUL JEFFREY
MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of CHARLES FAULKNER Retiree out of Sherman Oaks & JOHN STARK Retiree out of Main Office.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT---GARCIA

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

OBDULIO WITRIN, MELVIN VELASQUEZ, PERLA LANDEROS, HAROUT ATAMIAN, HEATHER BLUM, JASMIN JUAREZ

BILLS READ---NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH & SAFETY

Street observations go on.

TRUSTEES

Audit was held on Feb

10th. All books were reviewed and found to be in good order.

RETIREEES

6 retiree's present tonight.

16 attended the last Breakfast.

MDA FUND--GARCIA

Currently \$2067.00 in fund

HBR---L. DOLABSON

Waiting for reimbursement

check from National. There were 83 new members added to the Health Plan during last open season.

MDA--ANGER

L A Defenders fund raiser

is on March 21, 2015. Contact your Shop Steward or call Union office for tickets.

MBA---ENZ

Helped a few members.

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT---JOHNSON

MOTION---Accept Financial reports as read

M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT MULLINAX

Welcome to 2 new CCA's

at tonight's meeting. Carriers who are having trouble calling into their stations in the afternoon, should contact their Shop Stewards. Post Office posted a 1.1 BILLION profit for the 1st quarter of the year 2015. They now have over 7 BILLION surplus in the bank. Of course due to the prefunding obligation mandated by Congress, the Post office is still saying they are in the red, in spite of the fact they have said they have no intention of paying the prefunding mandate.

PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON

Gave her report which will

be published in the MailCall

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS--NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION--Each authorized member who attends the California State Training in Pasadena, will receive \$ 225.00 for all expenses for each day.

Total for each member is \$ 450.00. Total cost to the Branch not to exceed \$

7200.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch purchase Food Drive cards

Cost not to exceed \$

900.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch renew the Officer Bond for the 4 Line Officers who hold Branch credit cards, for 1 year. Bond coverage is \$ 35,000.00 and the cost to the Branch is \$ 210.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch pay Van Nuys Knights of Columbus a security deposit of \$ 400.00 for the 2015 Christmas Party on Saturday December 5, 2015.

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch donate \$ 100.00 to the Labor Community Services 21st annual Spring Project

M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Brother JOHN BURTON gave a report on the recent Washington D.C. Legislative Lobby trip he and President J. DOLABSON took on behalf of the Branch. JOHN then gave a presentation on the history of the NALC, which is part of his current on going NALC Leadership Academy program.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 4 JOAN STALBOERGER--RETIREE
\$ 5 JOAN STALBOERGER--RETIREE
\$ 7 SANDRA DELGADO--SUN VALLEY--\$ 5 DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:01 PM

