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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT By JANETTE DOLABSON

Food Drive Update

Food Drive cards are in and the bags have been ordered. The cards will be going out Wednesday May 6th and the bags go out Thursday May 7th. The bags will only be going to residential deliveries that are mounted, park and loop or hop outs. They will not be going out to apartments or condos or NDCBU's unless requested by the carrier. Apartment routes should have flyers posted in them. We have a limited amount of Spanish language flyers. If you have a predominately Spanish Speaking building and would like a Spanish flyer let your food drive coordinator know so you can post that in your buildings. Help make this the best food drive ever!!

### Legislative Update

Budget Resolutions- House H. Con. Res. 27 was passed with the highest score. This House proposal cuts overall spending by 5.5 trillion dollars over 10 years. There is an additional \$318 billion cuts in the benefits of federal and Postal employees who've already contributed over \$150 billion in deficit reduction efforts. The House passed Proposal requires all Federal employees to pay an additional 6% towards their retirement with not increase in benefits. This amounts to a permanent pay cut that would equal working 3 weeks a year without pay or if you are a top O step Letter Carrier it would be more than \$3,500 less a year. They are also intending to replace the FEHB Program with a fixed voucher based on the Consumer Price index. This goes even further, this proposal also would reduce the interest rate on the TSP contributions to the G Fund.

that would save \$140 billion over 10 years by cutting the frequency and type of mail delivery. What it would do is basically eliminate a day of delivery.

It would also strip Postal employees of the right to negotiate our contributions to our health and life insurance. None of this will change any laws but it does mean that middle class public servants are fair game and will continue to be unfairly forced to shoulder a disproportionate burden of proposed cuts, as usual. NALC employees must speak out against these proposed cuts that jeopardize the benefits of every federal employee.

#### New Alliance

The NALC has joined a coalition known as "A Grand Alliance to Save our Public Postal Service." This alliance's purpose is to fight for the protection and enhancement of a vibrant Postal Service. It is made up of unions, civil rights, religious organizations, and progressive policy advocates that support keeping high quality public services for all Americans. This alliance will work nicely together with the NALC and other Postal Unions and the mailing industry that wish to lead Congress into a strategy that would include solutions to our Pre-funding mandate, the ability to seek new services and products, fair pension valuations and return to our service standards by stopping the closing of our processing centers and Post Offices.



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## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

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

 MAIN OFFICE
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 ENCINO
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 PANORAMA CITY
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 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 VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

NEXT MEETING
\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\*

MAY 5th "2015"

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

May 5, 2015

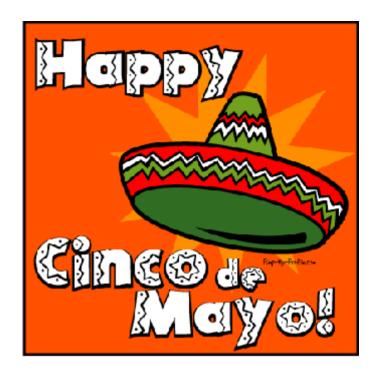
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### "RETIREE CORNER"

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 April 25th. & , May 23, 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 CINCO de MAYO

### 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 !!

# Vice President's Report Tracy Mullinax

I would like to take this opportunity and thank all the Executive Board members, the Shop Stewards and the Carriers of Branch 2462 for their prayers and support on behalf of my daughter, Christina Mullinax who passed away from brain cancer at the age of 14 on March 16th. While she overcame many months of treatment and rehabilitation in beating the 1st tumor, the 2nd tumor proved to be to much! While there were over 200 people who came to the viewing on the afternoon of the 25th of March, there were over 1200 people at the "Celebration of Life, A Night to Remember" Funeral Mass that evening! It was an honor to give those who attended a program and a prayer card; it was even more of an honor to do the eulogy and present you with a video/picture slideshow presentation that encompassed her entire life.

She lived each day to the fullest and will continue to inspire myself and many others for many years to come. She lived with the motto "Live Love Laugh" and showed all of us what honor, dignity and character is all about. The members of this branch have showed my family generosity, compassion and continued love and support; for that, I want to thank all of you from the bottom of the Mullinax family's hearts! May TEAM CHRISTINA live forever and God Bless all of you!

Sincerely, Tracy Mullinax



"Well, at least the penny postcard is still only 20c."

### 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 <a href="http://nalc.org/">http://nalc.org/</a> 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 April 7, 2015

Ву

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 6:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms PAUL JEFFREY

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of All Members who have passed this year.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT-WILSON

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

WITH CORRECTION DATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MARCH 3, 2015 MOTION TO SUSPEND MEETING M/S/C

State Association President JOHN BEAUMONT gave a short update on what is going on in Washington, D.C. regarding Postal Legislation and Carrier concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

AMY WILLIAMS, JESSE VALLES, ASHRAF HOSSAIN, WINDELL DEL VALLE, TERRY BLAND, KEN SUN, ANDREW BALDONADO, MARIO ORTIZ

BILLS READ—NONE COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITEE No Report

HEALTH & SAFETY Street observations go on. Postal shoes now do not have to have the "green tag" on them. They must, however, be Black, Leather and have a Non-Slip sole. Safety walk through's should be done on a weekly basis in all offices. If this is not being done in your office contact the Union office and let us know. Red Zone should only be used to park when there is no other available parking spot.

TRUSTEES No Report

RETIREES 4 retiree's present tonight.

16 attended the last Breakfast.

MDA FUND--JEFFREY Currently \$2088.50 in fund HBR—L. DOLABSON During the last open season there were 3940 new members who signed up. Health Plan members can get a discount at CVS Pharmacies by

showing your NALC Health Card when you check out.

MDA--ANGER

No Report

MBA—ENZ All is well EDITOR--SEYFRIED No Report

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON MOTION—Accept Financial reports as read

M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT MULLINAX Several Encino Carriers were given Performance Awards last month. Coincidently each of these individuals either works off the clock, cases their DPS mail, cases their FFS mail or all three. It is easy to look good when you don't follow any of the required procedures.

PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON be published in the MailCall

Gave her report which will

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ** 

**OLD BUSINESS--NONE** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

MOTION--Branch purchase 3 locking file cabinets

Cost not to exceed \$ 1000.00

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch pay the Los Angeles County unsecured Property Tax bill for June, 2015 thru

July, 2016.

Cost to the Branch 189.50

M/S/C

MOTION--Branch pay the Use Tax for 2014

Cost to the Branch \$ 244.00

M/S/C

**UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE** 

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Special Thanks to ROGER ASKEW, BOB ENZ, BOB JOHNSON & STEVE SEYFRIED for helping clean and reorganize the Union Office. We still have a ways to go, but they have made a big dent. Food Drive cards have arrived in the office. Food Drive Bags have been ordered and are on the way. We will be having Stand ups soon.

### MDA DRAWING

- \$ 3 SANDY ANGER-BARRETT--TARZANA--DONATED
- 5 SANDY ANGER-BARRETT--TARZANA
- \$ 5 SANDRA DELGADO--SUN VALLEY

Meeting Adjourned 8:51 PM