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In Sun Valley, thanks Coordinator Tia Wilson and carrier Sandra Delgado. Encino, thank you Coordinator Tracy

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

### Food Drive Update

Here are the totals as we know them right now. From the KTLA event on May 12th we collected a total of 47, 528 pounds. (45,328 from a semi- truck of food donated by Help the Children from the Tarzana Post Office).

Food Drive day: Encino- 21,738 lbs., Tarzana- 9,273 lbs., Sun Valley- 7,120 lbs., Van Nuys- 25,729 lbs., Sherman Oaks- 16,619 lbs., and Panorama City- 3,554 lbs.

We collected 10,061 pounds of residual food for a grand total of 151,615 pounds of food. That is the highest number of pounds collected for the branch in the entire 24-year history of the food drive!!

Thank you all for all your hard work and dedication. I know it's a lot of work and you all did such a wonderful job! Special thanks go out to Calvin Brookin's for all his help over the entire food drive period from the beginning last year all the way through and continuing still today getting all the totals from the region together. Thank you Steve Seyfried for all your help and support. You are truly a blessing to me and the branch. To all our hard working Food Drive Coordinators, especially John Burton, who helped separate and send out all the food drive cards and bags to branches all over Southern California. Your help to me was invaluable! I want to also thanks some folks who helped separate and send the bags out, Jill Lemons, David San Augustine, and Art Bayardo from branch 4006, and retiree Bob Enz from our branch. These truly are Food Drive Warriors!!

Thanks to the Food Drive Coordinators and co-coordinators in the offices, John Burton and James Weber from Main Office, also thanks to Supervisor DeAngelo Johnson who helped on food drive day! From Panorama City, thanks to Coordinator Jemayen Macareag and to Station manager Ed Gilbert and carrier Rafael Perez for all your help!

Mullinax and co-coordinator Paul Jeffrey and carriers Dennis Teubner, Cheuk Lee, Larry Dolabson, Jeff Auslander, and retiree Bob Enz! Tarzana, thank you Coordinator Sandy Anger-Barrett and Supervisor Audrey Clemons and Postmaster Rob Garfinkle and carriers Alex Garcia, Danny Carrera, Sergio Garcia, Robert Melcon, Luis Garcia and his son Luis. Thank you Coordinator Jeff Jackson in Sherman Oaks and Supervisors John Gonzales and Mike Baker.

Thanks to David Shapiro and Rick West for allowing us to use the Van Nuys facility to stage all the cards and bags. We greatly appreciate your help and support. Thanks also to our District folks, Larry Munoz and to Rachel Ivory for their wonderful support and working together to make this our best year yet!

### Convention

Calvin and I have been asked to help with the food drive class given at the convention by our National Community and Membership Outreach Coordinator, Pam Donato. We along with other folks from across the country will serve on a panel and talk about what works best and what needs improvement for next year's 25th anniversary Food Drive. It should be interesting and informative.

Thursday at the Convention will be our Community Service day. That day they will be handing out awards to branches from across the country for their food drive and MDA events. They have invited Actor and our National Food Drive Spokesman, Edward James Olmos to be present that day and speak. They have also asked him to introduce Presidential nominee Hilary Clinton who will be addressing the delegation that day. We hope he is available to participate.

### Legislation

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government has passed an appropriations measure for Fiscal Year 2017

preserving six-day delivery for the millions of businesses and households that depend on it.

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## Vice President's Report

By  
Tracy Mullinax

### Reasons For Expansion of Street Time Which Could Cause Use of Overtime

## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	4	4	3	3	3					
ENCINO	3	4	4	4	4	2					
PANORAMA CITY	4	6	4	4	3	1					
SHERMAN OAKS	3	3	3	4	3	3					
SUN VALLEY	2	3	2	2	3	1					
TARZANA	2	4	3	7	3	5					
RETIREE'S	4	7	6	7	7	6					
TOTAL	23	31	26	31	26	21					

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

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

JULY  
5th  
"2016"

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

July 8, 2016

WEB PAGE.... WWW.NALCBRANCH2462.ORG  
BRANCH OFFICE.....818-786-8505  
O P C PERSONNEL OFFICE.....818-374-5600  
E-Mail.....Branch2462nalc@gmail.com

### "RETIREE CORNER" ATTENTION: !!!!

Our next 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 June 25<sup>th</sup> & July 23, 2016 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.  
Thank You

**Frank Brash**

- 1) Have to get gas.
- 2) Excessive DPS.
- 3) Excessive FSS.
- 4) Excessive residual or caseable mail.
- 5) Excessive Parcels and/or SPRS.
- 6) Political Mail (if election year).
- 7) Excessive Accountables.
- 8) Registered and/or Signature confirmation items not signed for.
- 9) Upside down letters in DPS.
- 10) Upside down or backward flats in FSS.
- 11) Vehicle breaks down.
- 12) Parcel pick-ups with pre-paid acceptance scans.
- 13) Scanner breakdowns, write down delcon #s until new scanner is brought out.
- 14) Scanner stopping you at particular address to scan up to 15 pieces per address.
- 15) Trash days on mounted/hop out routes where trash bins are in front of boxes.
- 16) Deviate for Express Mails by noon or 3pm.
- 17) Deviate for Amazon Fresh to deliver it within a certain time window.
- 18) Excessive traffic to and/or from route.
- 19) Road closures! Street Repairs and Repaving of streets.
- 20) Extreme weather, heat or rain.
- 21) Carrier unfamiliar with route.
- 22) More than one coverage, especially on apartment routes
- 23) Go back to deliver missed parcels on route because of no organized parcel set=up.

All of the aforementioned reasons for expansion of street time may be in combination or apart.

Some days carriers can absorb some of these if the mail is manageable and on other days there are just too many variables that can cause you to expand your street time and most likely force you into an overtime situation.

While it seems that our duties are expanding beyond what is built into our route times, it is still our responsibility to call management by the designated time to let them know how much extra time we need and why?

In Unionism

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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All 435 House members and 1/3 of the Senators are up for re-election this year. I hope you all voted in the primary! 2016 Elections are probably the most important we have seen in years. Make sure you support Candidates that were working people friendly. Don't be fooled by the smoke and mirrors of those who are not qualified. It can be very dangerous. Please do your homework and read all sides of the issues and know just where a candidate stands on labor and working conditions and unions before you jump on any band wagon. It could mean your job in the future.

The House has passed the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act, which calls for selling and consolidating nearly 254,000 federal properties- including Postal Properties – deemed to be underutilized.

We have 3 district in So Cal that we will be focusing on in this Election. One of them is District 25, Congressman Steve Knight's district. We have a Labor Friendly Candidate running against him named Bryan Caforio. Congressional District Liaison, John Burton will, most likely be released by National to work on his campaign to help get him elected. We need Steve Knight gone. Other Districts that we are focusing on are District 26, Congresswoman Julia Brownley's district and District 24, Lois Capps district. Lois is not seeking re-election.

### Retirement

Lots of folks are contemplating retirement. Here is some information you will need that might help you. You can also go online at [www.NALC.org](http://www.NALC.org) and download Director of retirees Ron Watson's PowerPoint presentation from the 2015 RAP session that is very informative.

"The NALC Retirement Department can be reached by calling 800-424-5186 (toll free) Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 10 a.m.-Noon or 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (Eastern time), or by calling the NALC Headquarters switchboard at 202- 393-4695 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) and asking for the Retirement Department.

The USPS HR Shared Service Center (HRSSC) can be reached by current employees who are planning or applying for retirement by calling 877-477-3273, option 5.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) acts as the personnel office for retired letter carriers, and is the agency responsible for administering retirement, health and life insurance benefits. Before you call or write to OPM, be sure to have your Civil Service Annuity (CSA) number ready. OPM can be reached by retirees who have a CSA number by calling 888-767-6738 or 724-794-2005, 7:40 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday (Eastern time), or 202-606-0500 in the Washington, DC, area. Mail your written inquiries to Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Operations Center, Boyers, PA 16017 (unless OPM has specified a different address for a specific action such as health benefits open season).

Letter carriers approaching retirement eligibility have a contractual right to individual pre-retirement counseling from the Postal Service, upon request. The purpose of the counseling is to promote fully informed retirement decisions by employees.

The Postal Service individual counseling is provided telephonically by a retirement specialist at the USPS Human Resources Shared Services Center (HRSSC). Letter carriers initiate and schedule the counseling session by calling HRSSC at 877-477-3273 option 5, or online at the Liteblue eRetire application.

Letter carriers have a right to this individual counseling on the clock, if desired. When a letter carrier wishes to receive the counseling on the clock, local management must arrange reasonably private space. The letter carrier has the right to have his or her spouse and/or an advisor present during the counseling. The counseling will include (but not be limited to) assistance with completing forms (e.g., StandSF2801 and any other forms related to FEGLI, FEHB, and TSP) and military and civilian service deposit issues.

If a letter carrier is unable to begin or complete a scheduled individual retirement counseling session, that issue will be addressed at the local level jointly by the union and management.

The Postal Service is required to provide individual and group retirement counseling. That obligation flows from law (the Civil Service Retirement Act and Federal Employees Retirement Act), Office of Personnel Management guidance (OPM is the federal agency that has authority to administer the CSRS and FERS), USPS Employee and Labor Relations Manual provisions (click [here](#) and [here](#) for the provisions), and national level settlements with the NALC.

Should you encounter any difficulties obtaining individual retirement counseling, contact the NALC Retirement Department for assistance."

## 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 & DeCielis).  
Time 9:00 AM

If you have trouble with transportation contact BOB JOHNSON 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 !!

# BY-LAW CHANGES

The follow By-Law Changes were submitted at the Regular Branch Meeting on June 7 2016. They will be voted on at the Regular Branch Meeting on August 2, 2016.

Proposed Changes to the By-laws are marked in Bold and Underlined

## PROPOSED CHANGE # 1

Proposed to change Article VII, Section1, which currently reads:

Section 1. The elective officers of this Branch shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, MBA Representative, Health Benefit Representative and a Board of Trustees composing of three (3) members.

Proposed to change to:

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Signed by Members in Good Standing

PAUL JEFFREY      TIA WILSON  
TRACY MULLINAX      ROBERT ENZ  
LARRY DOLABSON      ROBERT JOHNSON  
ROGER ASKEW

## PROPOSED CHANGE # 2

Proposed to change Article X, Section4 (A), which currently reads:

Section 4. (A) A committee to be known as the Budget Committee, and comprised of the Financial Secretary/Treasurer and three (3) Trustees shall allot the financial obligations for each calendar year. They shall make a report to be published in the February issue of The Mail Call and acted on at the February Meeting of all obligations for the current calendar year. The fixed expenses shall include:

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LARRY DOLABSON      ROBERT JOHNSON  
ROGER ASKEW

## PROPOSED CHANGE # 3

Proposed to change Article XII, Section 7, which currently reads:

Section 7. The salaries shall be as follows

President.....\$350.00 per month  
Vice President.....\$150.00 per month  
Recording Secretary.....\$150.00 per month  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer.....\$150.00 per month  
Trustees (3) (each) ..... \$50.00 per month  
Shop Steward (each).....\$100.00 per month  
Sgt-at-Arms.....\$50.00 per month  
Health Benefit Representative.....\$50.00 per month  
Editor.....\$50.00 per month  
M.B.A.....\$35.00 per month

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## PROPOSED CHANGE # 4

Proposed to change Article XII, Section 3, which now reads:

Section 3. The following monies shall be paid out by the Financial Secretary/Treasurer immediately on receipt on a warrant ordered and signed by the President and the Recording Secretary.

Proposed to change to:

Section 3. The following monies shall be paid out by the Treasurer immediately on receipt on a warrant ordered and signed by the President and the Recording Secretary.

Signed by Members in Good Standing

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TRACY MULLINAX	ROBERT ENZ
LARRY DOLABSON	ROBERT JOHNSON
ROGER ASKEW	

## PROPOSED CHANGE # 5

Proposed to change Article VI, Section 1, which currently reads:

Section 1. Shop Stewards shall be elected by the membership of their respective stations and elections shall take place at the stations by the members, at a time and place to be determined by the Election Committee.

Proposed to change to:

Section 1. Shop Stewards shall be appointed by the President.

Signed by Members in Good Standing

PAUL JEFFREY	TIA WILSON
TRACY MULLINAX	LARRY DOLABSON
ROBERT ENZ	

# BRANCH 2462 DELEGATES TO THE 2016 NALC NATIONAL CONVENTION & STATE CONVENTION

JANETTE DOLABSON **	TRACY MULLINAX **
STEVE SEYFRIED **	ROBERT JOHNSON **
TIA WILSON **	JOHN BURTON **
PAUL JEFFREY **	RAUL DOZEL **
LARRY DOLABSON **	ROBERT ENZ **
CALVIN BROOKINS	JACK WINKEL
SANDY ANGER-BARRETT	GUILLERMO
MARISCAL	
JEFF JACKSON	JEMMAYEN MACARAEG
JOSE JIMENEZ	JANET McKEIVER
ART BOCEK	ROGER ASKEW
ELIA VIVEROS	RAFAEL PEREZ
FRANK BRASH	

\*\* Denotes Automatic Delegate (Executive Board Member)

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 !



# "THE MAIL CALL" BRANCH 2462, NALC

Steve Seyfried, Editor  
6910 Hayvenhurst Ave., # 101  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Address Service Requested

## Branch Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016

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 6:54 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms RAUL DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of all Letter Carriers who have passed this year.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TRENTYNE JONES, DANIEL SERRATO, ANTHONY WEBLEY, MARLEY WARREN

BILLS READ---Pay JOHN WILSON \$ 86.99, for the cost and maintenance of Branch website  
M/S/C

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE The audit will be in July, time and date will be announced.

HEALTH & SAFETY Same as always, safety meeting was cancelled.

TRUSTEES

No Report

RETIREES

6 retiree's present tonight.

There were 18 attending the Breakfast last Saturday.

EAP

GAY DANIELS spoke on

the programs available to all Postal employees. Free Counseling-Private and completely confidential.

MDA FUND--DOZAL

Currently \$1963.00 in fund

HBR---L. DOLABSON

New Disease

Management Program now available to members of Health Plan. One on One program to help with medical problems.

New figures for enrollment show 1808 more Active Carriers and 1589 Retired members now enrolled. Minute Clinics are now available at selected CVS Pharmacy to help with minor medical conditions and physicals. Call your local CVS store to see if this service is available at your location.

MDA--ANGER

MDA Summer camp date

has been changed to July 13 (Wed). Still in Irvine, CA and we are still looking for volunteers who would like to help on that date. Contact Union Office and leave your name and number.

MBA--ENZ

No Report

EDITOR--SEYFRIED

No Report

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT---JOHNSON

MOTION---Accept Financial reports as read

M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT MULLINAX 2 newly converted Regular Carriers out of Main Office this past week. Congrats! Amazon Fresh is still a problem, especially in Sherman Oaks and Encino offices. Poor scanning is still the problem. Mail, including coverages, cannot be ignored or tossed away !!!! If you must curtail ANY MAIL it must be marked with a "cut slip", filled out and authorized by your supervisor. NO EXCEPTIONS. The mishandling of mail is grounds for DISMISSAL. The Clerk Union contract arbitration decision should be out by the end of July, nothing new regarding our Contract Talks, other than both Postal Service and NALC have agreed to extend the time frame and continue to negotiate. We will let you know as soon as any new information is available.

PRESIDENT

Presidents Report will be

published in the upcoming Mailcall

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS--NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION---Branch purchase 400 Letter Carrier

Calendars to be given to each Active Member,

And any Retiree who requests one.

Cost to the Branch \$ 1600.00

M/S/C

MOTION---Branch sponsor 1 child to the MDA Summer Camp in Irvine, CA on July 13, 2016.

Cost to the Branch \$ 800.00. Money to come

from the MDA Fund, which was donated by

DAN

RATHBONE.

M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

BY-LAW CHANGES

There were 5 By-law changes presented at tonight's Meeting. They will be published in the July Issue of the MailCall and will be voted on at the August Regular Branch Meeting on Tuesday August 2, 2016.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Past President ROGER ASKEW thanked all of the Members of Branch 2462, The Executive Board and everyone else for their good wishes, support and prayers during his recent illness. We were all very happy to see Brother ASKEW back at our meeting and recovering !!!

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 DAN RATHBONE---RETIREE--DONATED

\$ 4 CALVIN BROOKINS—MAIN OFFICE--DONATED  
\$ 5 CALVIN BROOKINS---MAIN OFFICE

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM