

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

Food Drive

Our 24th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive was a huge success. The final totals are in. We nationally collected 80.1 million pounds of food. The highest previously collected total was 77 million pounds. This is a new record! So this is a new record! Our Region 1 total is over 8,300,000 pounds! That is also a new record for our region. Great job everyone! I am very proud of all your hard work! We have been able to help a lot more people who are food insecure with this food! Congratulations! Over the 24 year history of the food drive we have collected well over 1.5 BILLION pounds of food.

For the first time our region has 4 branches in the largest branch category in the top ten branches who collected the most food. Los Angeles Branch 24, who was number 1, Garden Grove Branch 1100 who was number 3, San Diego Branch 70 number 6 and Sacramento Branch 133 was 7th! Congratulations to all these Branches! Great job!

In our size of Branches we, for the first time, were in the top 10 nationally at number 7. Yay! We did real good.

Legislative

The House has voted to approve a 21.7 billion Fiscal Year 2017 spending package which cuts spending at more than 2 dozen agencies. During considerations of the bill a "point of order" was made to take out an amendment that would restore USPS delivery standards back to before July 1, 2012. Since that language is not in the House passed bill, the service standards will not be addressed through the appropriations process this fiscal year.

John Burton, President Branch 4006, Jill Lemons, President Branch 2902, Frank Salazar and California State Association of Letter Carriers President, John Beaumont and myself met with District 25 Congressional Candidate, Brian Caforio last week to talk about his run for the seat in that district to oust Republican Congressman Steve Knight. Congressman

Knight is no friend to labor and has not supported any legislation in support of Letter Carriers. He has made statements in public suggesting that social security should be privatized. He needs to go! The NALC has been requested to approve release staff to help elect Brian Caforio in that district. (Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster, just to name some of District 25). We will be asking for volunteers to help us do phone banking and precinct walking to help with this effort.

Contract Negotiations

The APWU has a New Contract! We have been waiting to see what their new contract Looks like because it might have a huge barring on what we may be receiving in our contract that is still being negotiated. Below are a few of the high lights.

- 40 month length contract from May 21, 2015- Sept. 20, 2018
- Across the board pay increases of 3.8% for career employees over the life of the Agreement.
- 1.2% retroactive from Nov. 26th, 2015
- 1.3% effective Nov. 26th, 2016
- 1.3% effective Nov. 25th, 2017
- Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) will be made for career employees in March and Sept. Of each year old contract.

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IN MEMORY OF

ROBERT DeMARTINI
RETIREE BRANCH 2562

JOSEPH TANTILLO
RETIREE BRANCH 2462

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Vice President's Report

By
VICE PRESIDENT REPORT
Tracy Mullinax

AMAZON---Groceries and Parcels

Amazon is just that! A gigantic multi-billion dollar company that sells everything and ships all of their goods to businesses and residences all over the world. Even though Amazon is building out their own network of hubs and delivery trucks, we are still the only company that delivers to every delivery point in the country. We are still receiving a large amount of packages and Amazon Fresh each day. There are areas of the country that have lost Amazon Fresh and the package business for the inability of our workforce to scan packages and deliver their groceries within the allotted time.

Unfortunately, carriers are continuing to not scan packages and not deliver the Amazon Fresh within the time they are expected and thus, discipline is up. We should be focused as carriers on customer satisfaction by scanning and delivering these products in a safe place and give the customers and shippers the service they are paying for.

We are in competition for a large portion of the growing package business with UPS, Fed Ex, On-Trac, Amazon and others. Why can we not be #1? We can, if we can show our customers and shippers that we can do the job in the most cost effective and efficient way possible. We must protect each package by scanning all of them and placing them in a safe place where only the customer can retrieve them. Amazon Fresh must be treated with the importance of Express Mail by scanning each bag, putting sticker on 3996, bringing back empties by scanning keychain and doing so within the time frame asked for.

We can only hope heading into the heavy fall season that we continue to increase market share in the package business and keep up with the demand. Take the time to deliver packages in a correct fashion. The future of our business depends on the volume of packages we continue to get. We need to make sure that Amazon continues to be a big part of what we do. I can assure you that failing Amazon Fresh and Amazon packages over time does not reflect well on our customers nor the companies shipping them.

The consequences of losing the Amazon part of our business would be felt all across our company, especially in the carrier craft. If you remember back 3-4 years ago when we had a handful of packages per day per route; management was eliminating routes and there was talk of excessing and layoffs. When our package business then took off, CCA's were hired in large quantities to keep up with the demand. Unfortunately, if we were to lose Amazon, we could be looking again at larger routes, loss of jobs, less revenue and profit and less negotiating leverage when it comes to negotiating local and national contracts.

I urge every letter carrier in this great union to scan every package every day and deliver Amazon Fresh in a timely manner. Help protect our revenue, our routes and our jobs so that we can all continue to support our families and look forward to that day we can retire in comfort. In Unionism

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	4	4	3	3	3	3				
ENCINO	3	4	4	4	4	2	3				
PANORAMA CITY	4	6	4	4	3	1	2				
SHERMAN OAKS	3	3	3	4	3	3	4				
SUN VALLEY	2	3	2	2	3	1	2				
TARZANA	2	4	3	7	3	5	5				
RETIREE'S	4	7	6	7	7	6	6				
TOTAL	23	31	26	31	26	21	25				

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

NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM

AUGUST
2nd
"2016"

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

August 5, 2016

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"RETIREE CORNER" ATTENTION: !!!!

Our next 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 July 23rd & August 27, 2016 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.
Thank You

Frank Brash

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- PSE (clerk version of our CCA's) will receive wage increases but no COLA 2.2% retroactively from Nov. 14th 2015 2.3% effective Nov. 26th, 2016 2.3% effective Nov. 25th, 2017 - PSE's wages will be increased by .50 per hour the life of the contract

0.09 per hour retroactive from 2015

0.20 per hour in Nov. 2016

0.21 per hour in Nov. 2017

-Career employees have retained their no layoff protection - PSE's will now have Health Benefits and Holiday pay.

-PSE's will receive an annual uniform allowance We would like to Congratulate our brother and sister clerks, maintenance workers, and motor vehicle craft folks on their new contract.

We are hopeful our CCA' s will be considered generously in our next contract. They deserve it!

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 !



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 & 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 !!

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)

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Branch Meeting Minutes

July 5, 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 at 6:51 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms RAUL DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----MICHAEL NIETING, ROBERT DeMARTINI & JOSEPH TANTILLO, members of BRANCH 2462, and 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 WITH FOLLOWING CORRECTION

In the BILLS READ section it was printed that \$86.99 be paid to JOHN WILSON for the cost and maintenance of the Branch Web site. It should be noted that this amount is only for the cost of the Web site. We are lucky to have JOHN as our "Webmaster" and thankful that he donates his time and maintains the site free of charge to the members. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Branch.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MARIANA GERMAN, JAGDEEP THIND, JESSENEY FIGUEROA, ANDREW PINCHON, ROWENA NONES

BILLS READ—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EAP Available counselors are on staff to provide confidential counseling for all Carriers and their family members, for no charge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE The audit will be on July 26th, at 6:30 pm in the Union Office

HEALTH & SAFETY Safety meeting was held, Safety accidents so far this year 22, Vehicle accidents 31. So far we are below the last 3 years at this time, however, our goal is to have no accidents and a safe environment to work in. Keep alert and work safely. Letter Carriers at stations should not be using wire cages to load vehicles, under any circumstances. Some Managers have been telling Carriers it is ok to use them, but they are extremely dangerous when used as loading equipment. The Postal Service says that Safety is their No 1. priority, they need to prove it by not putting

Carriers in danger, just to save a few minutes. Be aware of the dangers of extreme heat when working, stay hydrated.

TRUSTEES No Report

RETIREES 6 retiree's present tonight.

There were 14 attending the Breakfast last Saturday.

MDA FUND--DOZAL Currently \$1782.00 in fund

HBR—L. DOLABSON NALC Health Plan has been named as one of the BEST plans in the nation, by an independent source. When Open Season comes, Give us a Look, we are very competitive for health plans

MDA--ANGER MDA Summer Camp will be in Irvine, CA on Wednesday, July 13th.

MBA—ENZ Working with a member, many Plans available to help with insurance and financial security issues.

CSALC PRESIDENT—BEAUMONT Gave brief update on ongoing Election and Legislative items

FINANCIAL/TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

MOTION—Accept Financial reports as read M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT MULLINAX Amazon scanning and delivery continues to be a problem, read my article in the August Mailcall. Scanning is the number one disciplinary problem in the Van Nuys Post office's. Be aware that if you have been removed from the Postal Service and are awaiting arbitration, you are probably eligible for Unemployment compensation. National Contract negotiations are still on going, hopefully we will hear some information at the National Convention at the end of August.

PRESIDENT DOLABSON Read her report which will be published in the MailCall

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS--NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION—Branch send the President to the COP meeting in Las Vegas on September 18 – 19

Cost not to exceed \$ 1100.00

M/S/C

MOTION—Branch donate \$ 200.00 to the

Saxenmeyer Scholarship Fund

M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

There will be a Convention Delegate Meeting following the Regular Branch meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. All Delegates to the National Convention should plan on attending to receive Information and your Convention Funds

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 STEVE SEYFRIED--RETIREE—DONATED

7 JOHN BURTON—MAIN OFFICE—DONATED \$ 3.00

\$ 10 STEVE SEYFRIED--RETIREE—DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:23 PM