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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
By JANETTE DOLABSON

Food Drive update

Final food drive total nationally is 75 million pounds. With last year's total over 80 million pounds that 2 year total is at 155 million pounds, the highest 2 year total in the history of the food drive. The key to success is getting the bags. We are looking at new innovative ways to get bags using a national sponsor such as red plumb but it is in the development stages and are looking at some test sights next year to see how that might work if possible. The region 1 total is 9,202,981 pounds, our highest ever. Sierra Coastal total is 1,697,626 pounds. We were down about 4% from last year due to loss of some bag donors but we still collected, just barely the most food in the Region. Great job by everyone as usual.

I have been assigned to a food drive materials committee to see how we can help stream line what we need to and add or eliminate what we don't need or use. One of our Region's Food Banks has been selected by Fred Rolando to receive a \$10,000 award from CVS for their participation in the food drive and that Food bank is the Food Bank of Northern Nevada in Reno for their help and participation in the Ameri-Stamp EXPO in Reno last September. Great news for them and Region 1. Also, Santa Ana District has been selected to receive one of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County's Founders Legacy Awards. They do a wonderful job in Santa Ana District regarding the food drive and it's nice to see them recognized.

NBA Changes

Fred Rolando has announced that LBA Jeff Frazee from Branch 2502, Las Vegas as our new RAA for Region 1 to fill the position vacated by the promotion of Bryant Almario to National Business Agent for Region 1.

Congratulations to Jeff Frazee for his well- deserved position. Another Regional change is the retirement of our current OWCP guru Jeff Foltz. We wish him all the best in his new adventure. No word on his replacement.

Contract Ratification

The law suit to halt the ballots from being counted has been thrown out of court and the counting of the ratification ballots moves forward. Once ratified we will head

into local negotiations. We have a negotiation committee ready to move forward with local negotiations. There should be an announcement soon where and when we will be having classes on local negotiations.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Article V of the NALC Constitution and Article V of the By-Laws of Branch 2462, NALC, notice is hereby given for the Nomination and Election of Delegates to the State and National Convention, Nominations will be held at the October Meeting on October 3, 2017. Election, if needed, will be held in November 2017 and will be conducted by mail, as provided in Article IV of the By-Laws of Branch 2462 NALC. All members, in good standing, are eligible to be nominated. Any member, not in good standing or who has not attended at least eighteen (18) regular meetings during the twenty-four (24) months prior to their nomination as a Delegate shall not receive any expenses from *the Branch*. Any member who has less than one (1) year membership in this Branch who shall have attended at least three fourths (3/4) of those regular meetings, from his/her acceptance into membership, prior to their nomination as a Delegate or Alternate may receive expenses. All members of the Executive Board, by virtue of their office, shall be Delegates to all National and State Conventions. This Branch shall elect a Full Delegation to all National and State Conventions.

IN MEMORY OF
SANDRA VELASCO
ACTIVE CARRIER—ENCINO STATION

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Vice President's Report

Tracy Mullinax

As I am writing my last Vice President's report, I would like to thank all of the members of Branch 2462 for their support of me over the last 2 1/2 year term as your appointed Vice President. When Calvin moved up to the National Business agents office in 2015, I was asked to take on this role and agreed to finish out this term of office. While I would have filled in as President if the need arose, it was not my intention to become President of the branch on a longer term basis. After many questions from members as to why I did not run for Vice President again, I want to clarify that it was my decision and my decision only to run for the Financial Secretary job. I nominated John Burton for the office of Vice President because I believe he is well qualified and capable of doing a great job at it! I have worked with John for many years on the Executive Board and gone through many training programs with him. He has served as the Chief Shop Steward, Formal 'A' Representative for Van Nuys and Panorama City and District Liason for the Branch. He is well versed in contract language and a graduate of the NALC Leadership Academy. His intention is to one day take over as President of this branch and I did not want to stand in the way of his future goals.

I have been challenged in many ways being your appointed Vice President over the last 2 1/2 years. While handling Formal 'A' s in Sherman Oaks and the entire grievance process up to and including Arbitration Hearings along with a large amount of grievances in Encino. My record speaks for itself and I have never done less than my best and never given less than 100% on anything I have done for this branch! While I am moving to the financial side of things for the branch which is where my educational background is, I will be handling the Chief Shop Steward job and working on steward work in Encino and Sherman Oaks! My goals have not changed and I will continue working on them until they have been met.

Among my goals which are, including but not limited to, attaining 100% unionized branch from the current 96.7% currently. Tripling our current 10% LCPF to 30% participation rate in the branch. Also, I want to help recruit and train new and current shop stewards into developing the necessary skill set to best represent all letter carriers. Lastly, defend all letter carriers against management injustices and the contract itself! Every letter carrier deserves to be treated with dignity and respect and be free from bullying, harassment and discrimination.

I would especially like to thank Calvin Brookins, Regional Administrative Assistant, and Janette Dolabson, President of our Branch 2462, for their belief in me and my abilities to represent the letter carriers of this branch and carry on the great tradition of past Vice President's .and am sure that John Burton will carry this torch proudly and serve our members with honor!

God Bless all of the officers and members of this great branch and may we all stick together through good times and bad!

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	3	6	5	3	6	6	X	5			
ENCINO	4	4	3	4	3	4	X	4			
PANORAMA CITY	3	4	3	3	7	3	X	3			
SHERMAN OAKS	3	5	4	4	4	4	X	5			
SUN VALLEY	2	2	3	3	2	1	X	1			
TARZANA	4	3	1	3	5	3	X	4			
RETIREE'S	5	5	7	8	6	6	X	6			
TOTAL	24	29	26	28	33	27	X	28			

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**SEPTEMBER
5th
"2017"**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT
ISSUE OF "THE MAIL CALL" IS
Sept 8, 2017**

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"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 Aug 26th & Sept 23, 2017 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there. Thank You

Frank Brash

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Excessing

We have received notification that all districts except Sierra Coastal will be with holding positions and excessing employees from their offices. This does affect us since we fall within the 100- mile radius that they can be excessed into. Make sure that you look at M-01796 when filing a grievance for the improper reversion of an established city delivery route or t-6 String without current route inspection data.

That brings me to the subject of route inspections

We know that District intends on doing route adjustments in our offices this fall. We do not have a joint process in place so don't think that management will be having the union as part of these inspections and adjustments. Here are some things you should be aware of before they post a schedule for them and after the schedule is posted. They will be using COR to do the adjustment. They will not be using DOIS this time to adjust the routes. I know that being lead on the last RAP that the data prep here in Sierra Coastal was awful and would never work in COR, nor was the 3999 data prep clean and done properly. Do you think that they have fixed all those issues? Nope. I am confident they have not. Do you think they will still use COR with all those errors? I believe they will.

There are a lot of ways we can find them doing things that jeopardize the integrity of the adjustment. First it begins with the route unit reviews. They must be done prior to scheduling inspections. Look at the M-39 Chapters 1 and 2. Make sure this is followed. Make sure everything matches up. We will be having a class for the stewards that will go over all these things to help safe guard from them using COR improperly. Tell the carriers in your office to follow their flow charts, handle mail on the proper functions. Do their entire vehicle inspections in the morning, use their wash up time in the PM, stop working off the clock. Every single thing we do affects the time we get for our routes. Things done on the office function that are a street function will disappear as time spent for our routes. Cleaning up your routes off the clock is time we will lose. Coming early and setting up routes, going to move flats and parcels and coverages off the clock or on office time will not count on your routes. Working through your office break will not count as time on your routes. Bring these issues to their attention in a professional way. Let them know why they should not be doing this. Do you think your manager is going to tell them this? No way. Even when this will affect the hours their office gets many do not understand that allowing these things hurts their office in the long run.

Heat Injuries

We have been talking a lot about heat and what to do when its hot outside. What the warnings are and how to keep from becoming over heated and dehydrated. All office should have the OSHA heat index paperwork posted in your offices. If you do not, get a copy of it from me. Stewards, if you have a heat related injury in your office, please fill out heat injury incident forms and give it to me so I can send a copy to Manny Peralta at National.

Tracy

I want to thank Tracy Mullinax for his excellent job at being our Vice President. He is one of the most conscientious and dedicated union representatives I have the pleasure of working with. I appreciate him moving over to the financial side of the house to use

one of his many talents in that job. He will remain very involved in the grievance process being our chief shop steward so now he will have yet another hat to wear and we are so very grateful for him and all his hard work for this branch.

Congratulations to all the elected officers and I am looking forward to working with you all. You are all hard working and dedicated to this union and to this branch and moving us into the future.



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 !!

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Branch Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2017
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 6:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms RAUL DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of SANDRA VELASCO, ACTIVE CARRIER OUT OF ENCINO STATION
ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT—NONE

SPECIAL GUEST—BRYANT AMARIO, NATIONAL BUSINESS AGENT, REGION 1.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL
CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

DAVID PROCTOR, BRENDA JAUREGUI, ULISES HERNANDEZ, ADAM ABDELAAL, SUNG KIM, RICHARD MAZA, JARICHO WORTHY, ALFONSO RAMIREZ, AARON CARDINES

BILLS READ—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit was held and all books were found to be in good order.

HEALTH & SAFETY

While management talks about the importance of safety, they have cancelled the last two meetings, so we wonder how important it really is to them. However Carriers continue to be vigilant in their jobs, and are doing the best they can to work in a safe manner.

TRUSTEES

No Report

RETIREES

6 retiree's present tonight.

Saturday breakfast had 16 in attendance, including JOHN MIKAN from Texas. Retiree luncheon will be held on Oct 29th. at Encino Golf Restaurant.

MDA FUND--DOZAL

Currently \$2646.00 in fund

HBR—L. DOLABSON

Carriers must wear authorized work shoes (green tag) unless they have a doctors note. High option plan allows for up to \$ 400 toward orthodontics.

MDA--ANGER

Selling T shirts \$ 13 - \$ 15, contact your Shop Steward or Sandy at Tarzana Station.

MBA—ENZ

New Plans coming out soon watch for information.

EAP—DANIELS

Our EAP Representative Gaye Daniels was back at tonight's meeting and reminded us that EAP is Totally confidential, On the Clock and free to all employees.

FINANCIAL SEC—WILSON

No Report

TREASURER—JOHNSON

Read Financial Report

MOTION TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT AS READ M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT MULLINAX Found 7 Carriers working off the clock, this will stop. If you work through your breaks and lunch, you will have lost over \$ 7500 at the end of the year

PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Gave her report which will be published in the MailCall

OLD BUSINESS—The following actions were taken by the Executive Board since the last meeting.

Authorized the Branch to send the President to the Region 1 route inspection training in San Jose. July 29-30. Cost not to exceed \$1200.00

Authorized the Branch to send 4 members to be chosen by the President, to the Route Inspection Training at Branch 24 L.A. July 22-23. Cost not to exceed \$ 2000.00

Authorized the Branch to send the President to the Committee of Presidents meeting in Portland, Ore Sept 9-12. Cost not to exceed \$ 1500.00

Authorized the Branch to send the HBR to the Health Benefits Seminar in Orlando, FL on Oct 14-19th. Cost not to exceed \$ 2800.00

Authorized the Branch to send 1 member to be chosen by the President, to the Financial Secretary officer training in San Diego Oct 16-19th. Cost not to exceed \$ 2500.

Authorized the Branch to pay the Liability Insurance policy for the Branch office from Sept, 2017-Sept 2018. Cost to the Branch \$ 942.00

National Business Agent BRYANT AMARIO and RAA and Branch 2462 member CALVIN BROOKINS, OFFICIALLY SWORE IN THE NEW ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE BRANCH.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Sherman Oaks Carrier JOSE JIMENEZ was presented with his 30 Year Membership Pin, and President JANETTE DOLABSON received her 25 Membership Pin. Congratulations to you both.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 5 ROGER ASKEW—RETIREE--DONATED

\$ 5 RICHARD DUENEZ—MAIN OFFICE

\$ 10 CALVIN BROOKINS--MAIN OFFICE

Meeting Adjourned 8:49

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED TO HONOR THE NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS AND ALL THE HARD WORKING MEMBERS OF BRANCH 2462 WHO ATTENDED TONIGHTS MEETING