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PRESIDENT'S REPORT By JANETTE DOLABSON

President's Report

Route Inspections in the Spring scheduled for the following zip codes 91401, 91316, 91436. We do not have the dates yet but make sure they follow protocol. IE they must do an office unit review. M-39 Chapters 1 and 2. Look at M-39 Section 211.1 of the handbook.

Workhours, volumes, possible deliveries, and other items are part of the unit review. This MUST be shared with the Branch President or designee and the regular carrier serving the route which is out of adjustment.

They must have current 3999's and those must be accurate, and all mistakes fixed.

They will be using COR. Stewards-Please pull out your materials on Route adjustments and bone up on the process for MO and Encino.

USPS Proposed Safety Ambassador Program:

NALC advises all NALC activists to not volunteer to serve as a Safety Ambassador or participate in the newly developed Safety Ambassador Program.

The Postal Service advised NALC that it intended to establish national guidelines for the existing Safety Captain Program and rebrand it as the Safety Ambassador Program. Meetings were held with the Postal Service regarding the guidelines. After these meetings, NALC filed a national level grievance as we believe replacing the Safety Captain Program with the Safety Ambassador Program creates changes in working conditions that are not fair, reasonable, or equitable. It puts these Ambassadors in a position that may result in discipline for fellow carriers. For additional information see Lew Drass' article in the April Postal Record.

Food drive:

We are getting 550,000 bags for Sierra Coastal. That is not enough to cover every branch and office in the District. We will make decisions on where they go many will be going there. We will cover all of our offices and Sylmar and Pacoima because those office's food goes to MEND.

KTLA event is going to be Saturday May 12th from 6:00-11:00 am at MEND. Those who are off please participate. I will not be able to help in any office of ours that day because I have been assigned to work for Branch 2902 that day in Sylmar. John Burton will be my lead coordinator in our branch to make sure things run smoothly. If you ordered t-shirts you can wear them from the Saturday before to food drive day. Cards go out Wednesday May 9th and the bags go out on Thursday May 10th. Please post flyers in the apartments and condos. Make sure you take the thank you cards with you that week and put them in the boxes of those who donate food. Post a thank you card in apartments and condos that leave out food.

IN MEMORY OF

ROGER ASKEW

RETIREE PAST TREASURER PAST SGT-AT-ARMS BRANCH 2462 PRESIDENT 1993 – 2000

LEWIS HERNANDEZ

RETIREE

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ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH FMAMJJASO Ν **MAIN OFFICE** 5 6 4 6 **ENCINO** 5 4 4 4 **PANORAMA CITY** 2 3 3 4 SHERMAN OAKS 4 1 24 **SUN VALLEY** 1 101 TARZANA 201 1 **RETIREE'S** 4 5 5 4 TOTAL 19 2419 25

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

> NEXT MEETING ***6:30 PM***

MAY 1st '2018''

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

May 4, 2018

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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 May 26th & June 23, 2018 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there. Thank You

Bob Johnson

Vice President's Report ^{By} John Burton

I would like to take this opportunity to express my condolences to the Askew family. Roger Askew recently passed away due to an illness. Roger was a friend to me and was a great friend to this union. Roger dedicated his life to this union for 50 years and was involved in this union even after retirement. Roger was a great help to me and was always there when I needed help on an issue. He always gave me advice which I greatly appreciated. he will be greatly missed.

There was an eeo filed against the postal for the postal services nrp (national service reassessment program) which was between 2006 and 2011 where the postal service was sending home carriers who were injured on the job claiming there was no work available there were grievances filed and won on this, now the eeo judge ruled against the postal service and claim forms were sent out to the effected carriers. There are two claims for this one from the postal service and one from the lawyer representing the class action. The forms must be received from the postal service within 30 days from when you receive them. Be aware that if you use the lawyers form the lawyer will represent you in this settlement but the lawyer will take 30% of any money awarded to you. If you use the postal service claim form, you will not receive any representation. There is contact information on the letter sent by the lawyer if you have any questions or concerns.

IN UNIONISM



MEMORIAL DAY 2018 WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



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 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 !!



M.D.A. BINGO NIGHT

On Sunday May 20th

Branch 2462 union office: 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave # 101 Van Nuys, CA 91406

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

One card for \$4 Two cards for \$6

Come have fun and help out someone in need. All proceeds will go to support the M.D.A #Live Unlimited



WE ARE ASKING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION BY DONATING YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES FOR THE UPCOMING YARD SALE.





FOR SOMEBODY THAT LIVES WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CAN TREASURE THEIR LIFE MORE

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT TO SCHEDULE A PICK UP FOR YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES Mayen (818)205-6749 or Francisco (818)606-9384 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

"THE MAIL CALL" BRANCH 2462, NALC

Steve Seyfried, Editor

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Address Service Requested

Branch Meeting Minutes April 3, 2018 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 6:49 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE--In Memory of ROGER ASKEW, PAST PRESIDENT BRANCH 2462

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT-NONE

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL CORRESPONDENCE READ APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP JESSE ALFARO, EDWARDO PONCE

BILLS READ—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS AUDIT COMMITEE

No Report

HEALTH & SAFETY--DOZAL Santa Clarita held a Safety Symposium. Sherman Oaks has had 5 accidents in the last couple of weeks. Calvin spoke on an issue regarding the Safety Ambassador Program, and urged Carriers to not participate, until various details can be worked out. Wear your seat belts at all times when inside of your vehicle and always be aware of your surroundings.

RETIREES 5 retiree's present tonight. 11 were at the Breakfast. Tentative date for the Retiree Luncheon is October 28th.

MDA FUND--DOZAL Currently \$1258.00 in fund MDA REPORT—MACAMAEG Results of MDA Bowl-athon, teams from Encino won First prize, and the 2 teams from Main Office placed Second and Third. Last months year sale raised \$ 659.00. We will be having another yard sale and a Bingo Tournament at the Union office on May 20th.

HBR—L. DOLABSON Branch has 93 members participating in the NALC Health Plan.

FINANCIAL SEC REPORT--MULLINAX

TREASURERS REPORT—JOHNSON

Motion—accept financial report as read<u>M/S/C</u>VICE-PRESIDENT BURTONCarrier killed in Detroitwhen vehicle rolled away and pinned her underneath.Anytimeyou are out of vehicle, Key off, Transmission in Park and Brakeset.NO EXCEPTIONS—IT MIGHT JUST SAVE YOUR LIFE.Law suit regarding improper termination of Carriers in pastyears has been settle.131,000 Carriers will be contacted ifthis suit affects you, watch for information in the mail.



Gave her report which will

PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON be published in the MailCall **OLD BUSINESS—NONE**

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION—Branch donate \$ 200.00 to the CabritoFoundation "A Sober Living House", in memory ofPastPresidentROGERASKEW<u>M/S/C</u>MOTION—Branch purchase a new Xerox andscanning machine. Cost not to exceed \$ 8,000.00UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE

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MDA DRAWING

\$ 4 BOB JOHNSON--RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 7 STEVE SEYFRIED--RETIREE--DONATED

\$ 10 BOB JOHNSON—RETIREE—DONATED \$ 7

Meeting Adjourned 8:26 PM

A Tribute to Roger Askew

What can be said about Roger that isn't already known by friends, family, and fellow union members?

In the late seventies, while just starting as a letter carrier our paths crossed. I met Roger at a Branch 2462 meeting as he was the Branch Treasurer. As time passed by, Roger wore many hats in support of Letter Carriers, Branch 2462 Treasure, EI Facilitator, Political Advocate for Branch 2462, Sergeant of Arms, and Branch 2462 President.

Through many years, as a visionary, Roger was able to help, design, and make Branch 2462 what is today, a financially strong, independent branch of the NALC, able to weather the storms of hostile takeovers and Unfair Labor Charges.

With his wit and charm, and I would be a bit remiss if I did not mention his great golfing skills, rumors are and have been confirmed on many occasions, Roger was able to build a strong bridge linking Branch 2462 to NALC Headquarters and to also lighten the wallets of many a NALC National Officers on the golf course. Knowing Roger, I am sure Roger has already setup Tee Off Times with both Johnny Mack and Sam Hippa.

Farewell to a friend and fellow unionist, Roger was truly a man of great character and dedication and will be missed by all that knew him.

Art Bocek Past Vice President, Branch 2462, Retired