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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By JANETTE DOLABSON**

### **Remembering Frank Brash**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we lost a great friend and union activist, Frank Brash 9/6/1922-5/15/2018. Many of our members attended his viewing and memorial services. Frank was a plethora of knowledge and history of the branch. He will be deeply missed by all of us who knew and loved him. I could sit and listen to his wonderful stories of the good old days when he was a Letter Carrier and union officer. He had great stories. His son Frank Jr. told us that his dad had a ton of union memorabilia from his nearly 70 years as a union member, that he will give to us to preserve Frank's legacy to the branch. My personal favorite memory of Frank and his wife Katherine was from Larry and I's first convention in Orlando Florida 1996. We spent the day with them at the Warner Brothers Studio lot tour there and had such a wonderful day getting to know them and listening to his stories. We are very grateful and blessed to have known Frank and feel sure that he is so happy to be reunited with the love of his life in heaven!

### **Food Drive**

Here are the totals for the food Drive 2018. Van Nuys Main office 23,566, Tarzana 18,438, Encino 18,002, Sherman Oaks 15,596, Sun Valley 4,920, Panorama City 4,512, MEND KTLA event 2,752, Residual pick up 7,871, Money collected equals pound 1,824. Grand total is 97,781 pounds of food. Last year we did 115,939 pounds. We are lower by 18,458 which equates to about 16% less pounds of collected food from last year. Even though we are lower you all did an exceptional job collected food donations for those families in need. Thank you all for the wonderful dedication and hard work! Special thanks go out to John Burton, who helped coordinate our bags and cards for the whole district and region for the branch and the hub, Steve Seyfried and Bob Enz, who helped with separating the bags, Tracy Mullinax, Mayen Macaraeg who also helped separate the bags and coordinated the PC office, Francisco Valenzuela, Larry Dolabson who helped separate the bags and pick up food, Alex Garcia, Guillermo Mariscal, and Tia Wilson. All of you worked so hard helping coordinate the food drive in your offices and pick up food on food drive day. Also thank you Sandy Anger Barrett for coming in and helping out on food drive day. Also thank you to Jill Lemons from Branch 4006 and Rob Burskey from Branch 2200 for coming out and helping

separate the 340,000 bags for Sierra Coastal. Thanks also to the Supervisors, Postmasters and volunteers who helped make this year's food drive week run smoothly.

### **OPM proposes Retirement cuts From Postal Bulletin**

"On May 4, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Director Jeff Pon sent a letter to Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) making four legislative recommendations that, if enacted, would require current and future federal employees to make larger pension contributions, and also would scale back retirement benefits for current retirees. The proposals would mainly affect Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) participants; Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) employees would be affected to a lesser extent. OPM's proposals reflect the White House's last two budget requests, which called for:

- Increasing FERS federal employee pension contributions to 7.25 percent. Currently, for the exact same level of FERS benefits, federal and postal employees contribute differing amounts each pay period, depending on when they were hired: Those hired before 2013 contribute 0.8 percent of pay; those hired in 2013 contribute 3.1 percent; and those hired in 2014 or after contribute 4.4 percent. This proposal calls for raising FERS pension contributions for all federal and postal workers, both current and future, by 1 percent more each year until all such employees are contributing 7.25 percent of their basic pay into the pension. These increases come without any corresponding pension increase, representing a significant pay cut for postal and federal employees.

- Replacing the high-3 with the high-5 in the FERS annuity formula. This would significantly cut the retirement annuity of postal and federal employees.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**FRANK BRASH**

**RETIREE  
BRANCH 2462 PRESIDENT**

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## Vice President's Report

By

**John Burton**

We pay our union dues to ensure that we can be as well prepared as possible to attain a fair deal for letter carriers. We've always been successful. This also goes for our fight with Congress. The contract oversees every day operations, but Congress has the ultimate say over the longevity of the USPS. NALC has been successful in our fight for:

A strong middle-class job, Leave (annual and sick), Overtime, Affordable healthcare, TSP (thrift savings plan), Workers compensation, Dependent care, and collective bargaining to name a few. We have done this through our union's PAC, Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF). But the fight is not over. While the USPS negotiates the contract, Congress has the right to take collective bargaining away with ONE vote.

Are you willing to sit back, and hope that Congress does the right thing, or are you willing to stand up and fight for your future? If you are ready to fight, there are some things that you may not be aware of. For example: how do we finance our struggle? Not with dues money, but with LCPF contributions. Not one single dollar from dues goes into Political Activity. I hope you will find all the information you need to convince you of the importance of becoming a LCPF contributor. The \$5 per pay period is your willingness to help continue to fight to keep the benefits that our brothers and sisters who came before us fought so hard to earn

### LCPF is here in order to:

- o Allow NALC to support political leaders and groups in both parties who defend Letter Carrier benefits and protect Letter Carrier jobs.
  - o Give NALC the opportunity to show our friends in Congress who have supported us in the past that we appreciate the work they have done and encourage their continued support.
  - o Provide NALC the opportunity to support policies that are favorable to all working people – defending social security, improving health care benefits, and strengthening collective bargaining rights.
- LCPF is a Non-Partisan PAC
- o That contributes to candidates that are friendly to Letter Carriers regardless of their party.

The interests LCPF protects are:

- o A strong USPS.
- o Job security for Letter Carriers.
- o Affordable health care benefits.
- o Fair and livable wages.
- o Safe and secure pensions

### LCPF Disclaimer

By making a contribution to the Letter Carrier Political Fund, you are doing so voluntarily with the understanding that your contribution is not a condition of membership in the National Association of Letter Carriers or of employment by the Postal Service, nor is it part of union dues. You have a right to refuse to contribute without any reprisal. The Letter Carrier Political Fund will use the money it receives to contribute to candidates for federal office and undertake other political spending as permitted by law. Your selection shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled. Contributions to the Letter Carrier Political Fund are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law prohibits the Letter Carrier Political Fund from soliciting contributions from individuals who are not NALC members, executive and administrative staff or their families. Any contribution received from such an individual will be refunded to that contributor. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 per calendar year. Any guideline amount is merely a suggestion, and an individual is free to contribute than the guideline suggests, and the Union will not favor or disadvantage anyone by reason of the amount of their contribution or their decision not to contribute.

## ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	6	4	6	5	6					
ENCINO	5	4	4	4	4	3					
PANORAMA CITY	2	3	3	4	2	3					
SHERMAN OAKS	1	4	2	4	5	3					
SUN VALLEY	1	1	0	1	1	1					
TARZANA	1	2	0	1	1	2					
RETIREE'S	4	4	5	5	4	3					
TOTAL	19	24	19	25	22	21					

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

### NEXT MEETING

**\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\***

**JULY  
3rd  
"2018"**

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

**July 6, 2018**

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### "RETIREE CORNER"

**ATTENTION: !!!!**

Our next Breakfast Meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant, (Corner of Sherman Way & DeCelsis). It will begin at 09:00 AM. The next 2 dates will be July 28<sup>th</sup> & Aug 25, 2018 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar.....We hope to see you there.  
Thank You

**Bob Johnson**

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- Eliminating or reducing the federal retiree cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs). This proposal would eliminate the COLA for FERS participants and cut the COLA for CSRS participants, preventing postal and federal retiree pensions from keeping pace with inflation and slashing the future incomes of all federal annuitants.

- Eliminating the FERS annuity supplement for employees who retire before qualifying for Social Security. This proposal would take away the possibility for many postal and federal workers to retire before the age of 62. It also needlessly harms firefighters, law enforcement officers and others who must retire before age 62. The White House has called on Congress to adopt these changes and, while it has yet to do so, these proposals can come up throughout the remainder of the 115th Congress, so letter carriers should be prepared. "These drastic and unfair proposals are nothing but a blatant attack on postal and federal workers," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "We will do everything in our power to prevent the administration and Congress from putting the burden of reducing the federal deficit they exploded last year on the backs of letter carriers, other federal employees and retirees."

### **Saxsenmeier Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to 2 of our members who's sons both won one of the CSALC Saxsenmeier Scholarships. Ji Bao Fu's son Xue Bao Fu and Fermin Martinez's son Andrew Martinez. Congratulations for a job well done!!

### **City Delivery from Postal Record**

"The Postal Service has entered into a partnership with a major retailer to begin testing same-day parcel delivery. Initially, USPS will pilot test this service at four of the retailer's stores, located in Kennesaw, GA; Somerdale, NJ; Gilbert, AZ; and Scottsdale, AZ. These locations were chosen based on estimated volume within the delivery area. Customers who live or work in ZIP codes within three miles of the Destination Delivery Unit (DDU) that service the participating stores will be eligible. This service will be provided Monday through Saturday, with pickups from the stores starting at 1 p.m. and delivery completed by 6 p.m. the same day. Customers can place orders online; the orders will then be collected from the store, sorted at the DDU and ultimately delivered by letter carriers. The Postal Service has informed NALC that if the pilot sites are successful, it intends to expand this partnership across the country. With this retailer having more than 5,000 stores nationwide."

"In addition to that partnership, the Postal Service also has begun a retail pharmacy next-day delivery program with a major nationwide retail drugstore. When fully implemented, the program will provide next-day prescription delivery service from 9,800 retail store locations. The pharmacies will use Priority Mail for local shipments of retail prescriptions and other store products. This service will include USPS employees performing late afternoon pickup of the packages at the pharmacy counters Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and then delivering them to customers the next day. It's obvious how such a service would be very beneficial to our customers as well as to the Postal Service's bottom line."

### **WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO**

## **PROTECT YOUR JOB ? MAKE A SIMPLE DONATION TO THE**

### **LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND**

**ALL IT TAKES IS \$ 5.00  
A PAY CHECK, LESS THAN A  
STARBUCKS COFFEE  
CONTACT YOUR SHOP STEWARD  
& THEY WILL HELP YOU START**

**YOU WON'T EVEN KNOW IT, BUT IT  
WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN  
THE WORLD**



## **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 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 !!

# "THE MAIL CALL"

## BRANCH 2462, NALC

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## Branch Meeting Minutes

**June 5, 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 6:56 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS DOZAL

**MOMENT OF SILENCE--In Memory of FRANK BRASH, Retiree and Past President, of Branch 2462, NALC.**

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

**ABSENT**--MULLINAX, ENZ

### MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

### CORRESPONDENCE READ

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**DAVID ACEYES, MARELLA LUNA, BRIAN NESS, ENRIQUE ORANTES, DARRON GREEN, ALICIA MURILLO, CESAR CRUZ**

### BILLS READ--NONE

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** Audit will be on July 31, 2018, at 6:30 at the Union Office

**HEALTH & SAFETY--DOZAL** Focusing on eliminating the increasing numbers of vehicles hitting fixed object., number one on accident list. Carriers should be aware that there are videographers out on the street attempting to bait carriers into altercations, so they can post them on social media. You should not speak or engage these people, just move on.

**RETIREEES** 3 retiree's present tonight. 13 were at the Breakfast.

**MDA FUND--DOZAL** Currently \$1934.00 in fund  
**MDA REPORT--MACAMAEG** Bingo Nite was great success with many winners. Thanks to FRANCISCO, JOHN & TIA for helping. Special Thanks to LESLIE MICHELSON & CALVIN BROOKINS who donated \$ 40 each, and to JOSE JIMENEZ who donated \$ 20.

**HBR--L. DOLABSON** Medi-Care is sending out new cards to all recipients, be on the lookout as this will take to the end of the year to complete. June is BLOOD PRESURE month, be sure to see your doctor yearly to stay healthy.

**EAP--DANIELS** Spoke on the symptom, causes, and risks of depression. Important to stay connected with friends and family to help cope with this problem. EAP is Free, Confidential and always there for your and your family.

**MBA--ENZ** No Report

**EDITOR/ELECTION--SEYFRIED** No Report

**FINANCIAL SEC REPORT--MULLINAX**

**TREASURERS REPORT--JOHNSON**

**Motion**--accept financial report as read M/S/C  
**VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON** The National NALC has a Veterans Group, if you are a Vet and are interested in joining contact the Union Office. Do not park in Red Zones despite standups being given by Station Mgrs. that it is ok. We have had several carriers issued discipline after receiving these instructions. If this has happened to you contact your Steward  
**PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON** Gave her report which will be published in the MailCall

**OLD BUSINESS**--There will be a Convention Delegate meeting immediately following the July Regular Meeting. All delegates should plan on attending to receive your credential cards and travel expense checks.

### NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION**--Branch send the President to the Committee Presidents meeting in Cincinnati Ohio from Sept 22-25

Cost not to exceed \$ 2,000.00

M/S/C

**MOTION**--Branch have the Union Office painted

Cost not to exceed \$ 3,000.00

M/S/C

**MOTION**--Branch spend up to \$ 150.00 for sodas for the Texas Hold'em Tournament at Branch 2902 on June 23, 2018.

M/S/C

**MOTION**--Branch donate \$ 200.00 to the State's Saxenmeire Scholarship Fund

M/S/C

### UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

### **GOOD OF ASSOCIATION**

Several members spoke in remembrance of FRANK BRASH. Frank was a 70-year member of the NALC and served this Branch as President, Vice President, Secretary, Trustee and in many more capacities. He organized and was in charge of the Branch's Retiree activities for over 40 years. We shall miss his stories, his smile and his guidance.

### **MDA DRAWING**

\$ 2 JOHN BURTON--MAIN OFFICE--DONATED  
\$ 5 ROD GODDARD--SHERMAN OAKS--DONATED \$  
3  
\$ 8 NO WINNER PRESENT--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM



**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**