

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By JANETTE DOLABSON**

### **NALC Disaster Relief Foundation:**

As announced at the 2018 NALC Convention in Detroit, the union has established the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation to alleviate the suffering of members affected by natural disasters, including earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and wildfires. The foundation was created to fill a need identified by many branches in the face of the disasters last year, including the wildfires that ravaged northern and southern California, as well as the hurricanes that swept through South Texas, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Florida Keys. "Branches wanted to know where they could send desperately needed supplies and money, but there wasn't a central location," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "That's why we created this foundation, to reflect the will of the members and make it easy for them to help others in need quickly and efficiently." The foundation has been set up to function in two ways: by providing hands-on relief and by receiving donations as a means to offer financial grants. NALC is in the process of creating response teams throughout the country. People on the teams will receive disaster relief training from charitable organizations and government agencies, including the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

With the recent wildfires here in California, we may have members or members families that need assistance. Branches or members that would like to make a donation now may send a check or money order to: NALC Disaster Relief Foundation, 100 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144. that need help.

### **MDA**

I would like to thank those folks who came out to our MDA Bowl-a-Thon to help raise money for MDA. It was a lot of fun and we had a great turn out! We raised \$1,300 for MDA in one night. That's fantastic! Congratulations to the winning teams and to those who won gifts. Special thanks to Mayen

Macaraeg and Francisco Valenzuela for all your hard work putting this event together. They also raised over \$1,600 for MDA putting together a muscle walk donation. Thank you to the muscle walk team, Mayen, Francisco, Tia Wilson and Calvin Brookins.

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## **--SPECIAL-- NOTICE NO BRANCH MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**BRANCH 2462 HOLIDAY OPEN  
HOUSE**

**SATURDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 15, 2018**

**AT**

**MASONIC LODGE  
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA**

**DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM-DINNER 7:00 PM**

**ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**FREE FOOD - FREE DRINK - FREE FUN**

**DOOR PRIZES FOR MEMBERS**

**FOOD WILL BE CATERED BY  
STONEFIRE GRILL**

**SANTA WILL BE THERE !!**

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## Vice President's Report

By  
**John Burton**

### ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	5	6	4	6	5	6	5	5	5	7	8
ENCINO	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	5	6	3	5
PANORAMA CITY	2	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	4
SHERMAN OAKS	1	4	2	4	5	3	4	7	4	4	3
SUN VALLEY	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TARZANA	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1
RETIREE'S	4	4	5	5	4	3	4	2	3	4	3
TOTAL	19	24	19	25	22	21	23	24	25	23	25

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

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

**January  
3rd  
"2019"**

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

**Jan 7, 2019**

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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 date will be January 26, 2019 (4th Saturday) Please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there. Thank You

**Bob Johnson**

### LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND

The Letter Carrier Political Fund is a non-partisan political action committee (PAC) established for electing qualified candidates who support letter carriers and who are committed to maintaining a strong Postal Service.

Each year, NALC fights to fend off attacks in Congress that threaten letter carriers' collective-bargaining rights, retirement benefits and livelihood. We've been successful so far, and we want to continue helping to elect House and Senate candidates who will protect us, promote our issues and deliver our message to Washington.

Since union dues can't be used to support candidates for political office, NALC relies 100 percent on member contributions to the LCPF, which in turn helps us support those on Capitol Hill who defend the issues that matter most to us. Our PAC brings together in Washington strong letter carrier advocates—from all political parties—who are dedicated to helping to defend a strong USPS that provides universal, innovative and affordable service

THE LETTER CARRIER POLITICAL FUND IS OUR JOB INSURANCE. SO HOW MUCH ARE WE ASKING YOU TO GIVE? JUST \$5.00 A PAY PERIOD FOR REGULARS THAT COMES OUT TO BE ABOUT 1 MINUTE OF PAY PER DAY WORKED JUST 50 CENTS PER DAY. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT NOW THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PRIVITIZE THE POSTAL SERVICE.

IF YOU WERE GIVING TO COLCPE (NOW KNOWN AS LCPF) AND YOU RETIRED YOU MUST SIGN UP AGAIN THRU YOUR ANNUITY CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE TO SIGN UP AGAIN.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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### **Letter Carrier Political Fund:**

With the current administration in Washington DC looking to take away much of what we have as Federal Employees and Postal Workers, it is now, more than ever so very important that we as Letter Carriers and Retired Letter Carriers to have a say in what happens to our wages and benefits we have worked so hard to gain. The only way we can have skin in the game of politics is by donating to our PAC called the Letter Carrier Political Fund.

Even though we gained the majority in the House in this past election, it does not mean that our 45<sup>th</sup> POTUS will end his attempt at taking away from us. He wants to privatize the Postal Service end or reduce Social Security, Medicare and take away our COLA' s for active and retired Letter Carriers. We must work to elect candidates who will stand with working families and Letter Carriers. Whether they are Democrats or Republicans, it doesn't matter as long as they support our issues. Look at a donation to LCPF as job insurance because that is just what it is. Without money to help us lobby, precinct walk, and campaign for labor friendly candidates, we don't have a voice in the game of politics. No Branch dues ever go to LCPF.

As a member of the NALC, there are several easy ways to give to the Letter Carrier Political Fund:

1. **Payroll deduction:** Contribute automatically, using PostalEase (either online or by phone) to set up an allotment deduction from your USPS paycheck.
2. **Direct bank withdrawal:** You can authorize the fund to withdraw a monthly electronic contribution directly from your personal checking account
3. **Annuity deduction:** Retired letter carriers can elect to give monthly via an automatic deduction from your monthly annuity.

If you need help getting signed up, please fill out the form on the left and NALC will contact you to assist you in signing up to contribute.

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 more or less 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.

**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 our job and your paycheck. DON'T WAIT—DO IT TODAY !

**PLEASE REMEMBER !!!!!**

**There is no Regular  
Meeting in  
December 2018**

**The January 2019 Regular**

**Meeting has been moved to**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 3, 2019**

**Due to the New Years Holiday**

**See You at the Meeting !!!!**





## Heart of the Valley Team





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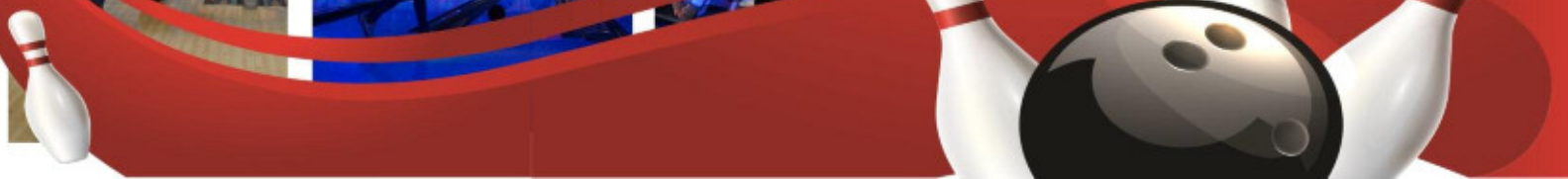


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Thank You!



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**Branch Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 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 6:44 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SGT-AT-ARMS DOZAL

**MOMENT OF SILENCE--In Memory of All Letter Carriers who have pasted in 2018**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

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

**ABSENT**—SEYFRIED

**MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**VIVIAN MOORE, SAMANTHA MARTINEZ, EDWIN BORJAS-TURCIOS**

**BILLS READ—NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT & BUDGET**—TRUSTEES There will be a budget meeting and full audit of the books shortly after the new year. Exact date and time will be posted.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**--DOZAL There will be a safety meeting on Thursday Nov. 15 at 11:00 am. Safety members from each station should be allowed to attend by their Mgrs. Never get out of the vehicle with the engine running for any reason, if the engine is on, you should be sitting at the wheel. No exceptions are being tolerated and discipline and removals have been issued for violating this policy.

**RETIREEES** 3 retiree's present tonight. We had 12 at the breakfast. There will be no Retiree Breakfast until January.

**MDA FUND**--DOZAL Currently \$2378.00 in fund  
**HBR**—L. DOLABSON November 12 through December 10<sup>th</sup> will be Open Season. During this time Carriers may change their Health Plans. New rates have been announced. Active carrier High Option for single is \$81.43 p/pp, Plus One \$193.86 p/pp, and Family is \$174.31 p/pp. This does reflect an increase for this year, however, it is in line with other increases in similar plans.

**MBA**—ENZ Took a call from member  
**MDA**—MACARAEG Glad to report that the Muscle Walk raised \$ 1,631 and the Bowl-a-thon raised \$ 1,300. Congrats to Main Office for 1<sup>st</sup> place, Encino for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the mixed team for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to all who helped make these events an unqualified success.

**FINANCIAL SEC REPORT**—MULLINAX Trustee TIA WILSON and myself attended the Quickenbooks seminar. Very informative and we learned a lot from it.

**TREASURERS REPORT**—JOHNSON

Motion—Accept financial report as read M/S/C  
**VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON** Watch for my article in MailCall

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RAA BROOKINS** reiterated the need for all members to give to the LCPF

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION**—Branch send 3 people, to be chosen by the President, to the NALC Officers Training class in Orlando, FL on January 6 -11, 2019. Cost not to exceed \$ 7500.00

M/S/C  
**MOTION**—Branch cancel the December 2018 Regular Meeting M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch empower the Executive Board to conduct any and all business of the Branch from November 7, 2018 through January 3, 2019 M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch change the date of the January 2019 Regular Meeting from Tuesday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday January 3, 2019 M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch donate \$ 50.00 to the Toys for Tots Christmas fund M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch donate \$ 100.00 to the Van Nuys Salvation Army for Thanksgiving M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch donate \$ 100.00 to the Van Nuys Salvation Army for Christmas M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch donate \$ 50.00 to the American Cancer Society in the name of ROGER ASKEW M/S/C

**MOTION**—Branch purchase NALC Retiree hat for all new Retirees, beginning in January 2019 M/S/C

**UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**GOOD OF ASSOCIATION**

Newly accepted member KENNETH BALDLOMAR was sworn in as a NALC Branch 2462 member. He was presented with his NALC membership pin and welcomed by all in attendance. Congratulations to Brother BALDLOMAR Cruz on joining the finest Labor Union Organization in the Country! Special Thanks to National Officer JUDY WILLOUGHBY for attending the Frank Brash Memorial Luncheon. Thanks to Brother

JEFFREY for taking minutes in the absence of the Branch Secretary.

**MDA DRAWING**

\$ 3 JOSE JIMENEZ—SHERMAN OAKS--DONATED  
\$ 5 ART BOCEK--RETIREE--DONATED  
\$ 8 ART BOCEK--RETIREE--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM