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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

Customer and employee rights when USPS solicits customers to change the mode of mail delivery

The Postal Service has recently solicited customers to change the way they receive their mail. For the most part, USPS has solicited customers to change from receiving mail to their home or business door to a centralized location where a number of deliveries are made into a cluster box. The cluster box could be placed anywhere, from a sidewalk to a location at the end of the street. In such cases, customers must go to the cluster box to retrieve their mail. The Postal Service refers to this as "conversion of mode of delivery." It is important that postal customers understand their rights and the rules and regulations that govern such changes. The regulations and restrictions are contained in an internal Postal Service manual called the *Postal Operations Manual* (POM). Specifically, they are found in Section 631.7 of the POM. This section is printed on the second page of this document.

- In new developments, delivery must be established for over one year before the USPS solicits to convert the mode of mail delivery.
- Customer signatures must be obtained prior to any conversion of the mode of mail delivery
- Where residences and lots are owned, property owners must agree to the conversion in writing and those who do not agree must be allowed to retain their current mode of delivery
- In communities controlled by an owners' association, it controls the mode of delivery
- In rental areas, such as apartment complexes or mobile home parks, the owner or manager controls the mode of delivery
- When a residence is sold, the existing mode of delivery cannot be changed prior to the new resident moving in.

- Owners who do not agree in writing must be allowed to retain their current mode of delivery

These regulations make it very clear that property owners are in control of where they receive their mail. If property owners wish to retain their existing mode of mail delivery, they have the right to do so. NALC is aware of an effort by the Postal Service in different parts of the country to convince customers to agree to change their mode of mail delivery to cluster box or centralized delivery. This page contains the latest information detailing the rights of both postal customers and letter carriers, and we have created a fact sheet outlining customers' rights when USPS solicits to change the mode of mail delivery.

Food Drive

May 11th will be our 27th Annual Food Drive. We have a kick off on May 7th at MEND if you get this in time go to it starts at 10:00 am in Pacoima 10641 San Fernando Road. Actor Nick Turturro will be our celebrity speaker along with Edward James Olmos (schedule permitting).

Our KTLA event will be the Morning of the food drive at MEND beginning at 5:00 am where they will be broadcasting live until 10:00 am. If you are available to go, you will be on air several times that morning. Please wear a Postal uniform for camera purposes. It is a lot of fun!

Food Drive t-shirts can be worn from the Monday before the food drive including window clerks. The cards go out Tuesday or Wednesday and the bags go out Wednesday or Thursday. There is not an option to not deliver the cards and the bags. They are considered first class mail and must be delivered until they are gone. We have a fiduciary responsibility to Ralph's/ Food For Less who paid for them to be delivered inside the mailboxes. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and hard work. We hope this is our best year

IN MEMORY OF

**JOHN MIKAN
RETIREE BRANCH 2462**

**TED DeMAIRE
RETIREE BRANCH 2462**

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Vice President's Report

By
John Burton

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.
- o LCPF is a Non-Partisan PAC that contributes to candidates that are friendly to Letter Carriers regardless of their party.

o LCPF contributions have gone to a diverse group of elected officials from both parties

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 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.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
MAIN OFFICE	4	5	5	5							
ENCINO	4	5	3	4							
PANORAMA CITY	4	3	2	2							
SHERMAN OAKS	3	3	3	2							
SUN VALLEY	1	1	1	1							
TARZANA	1	1	1	0							
RETIREE'S	3	4	6	5							
TOTAL	2022	21	19								

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**MAY
7 th
"2019"**

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

May 10, 2019

**WEBPAGE.....WWW.NALCBRANCH2462.ORG
BRANCH OFFICE.....818-786-8505
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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 May 25th & July 27, 2019 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there.
Thank You

Bob Johnson



MDA BOWL-A-THON

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 8 P.M.
SANTA CLARITA LANES**

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND,
GET YOUR TEAMS ORGANIZED
AND READY TO GO.
TROPHIES AND PRIZES.**

**YOUR \$ 40 DONATION INCLUDES 2 HOURS
OF BOWLING WITH RENTAL SHOES. FREE
PIZZA AND SODA. BEER, WINE AND
MIXED DRINKS MAY BE PURCHASED.**



**REMEMBER ALWAYS WORK IN A SAFE &
PROFESSIONAL MANNER AT ALL TIMES.
SEAT BELTS ON & DOORS CLOSED.**



**LETTER CARRIERS'
FOOD DRIVE
SAT., MAY 11, 2019**

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.

When 4th Saturday of Every Other 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
April 2, 2019

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 VICE PRESIDENT BURTON at 6:47 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms RAUL DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory of JOHN MIKAN, RETIREE & TED DeMAIRE, RETIREE.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT---J DOLABSON

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

JUAN SANCHEZ SOTO, ANDREW DAVIS, WILBER FAJARDO SR, LESLY GONZALEZ, FRANK CAMARGO, ANDREW SERRANO, VINCENT BARBA

BILLS READ---NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE Audit finished all books balanced and were found to be in good order.

HEALTH & SAFETY Accident in Sherman Oaks involving Bicycle vs Postal Vehicle, Carrier was not at fault.

TRUSTEES No Report

RETIREES 5 retiree's present tonight. 15 attended the Breakfast. No breakfast till May.

MDA FUND--DOZAL Currently \$1513.00 in fund

HBR---L. DOLABSON Waiting for reimbursement check from National. Pharmacy info is available on HB website

MDA--MACARAEG Bowl-a-Thon will be held on Sat, June 15th at Santa Clarita Lanes. Branch MDA team will be participating in Walk-a-Thon on May 18th.

MBA---ENZ No Report

FINANCIAL SEC---MULLINAX One new retiree has joined and we continue to work towards 98% organization.

TREASURERS REPORT---JOHNSON READ
MOTION---Accept the Financial Reports as read
M/S/C

VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON Food Drive will be on Sat May 11, 2019. KTLA will be broadcasting from MEND the morning of the Food Drive, anyone wishing to be on TV be at mend by 6 AM in UNIFORM. Bags this year will be plastic. Food Drive T-Shirts are now on sale, contact your Shop Steward to order. Postal Resolutions continue to gain support in Congress and we are hopeful for the future. EAP is adding text messaging to its program.

PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Will give her report in the MailCall

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO RESCIND was offered by SEC SEYFRIED it was:

Move to rescind motion taken and read at the March 2019 Regular Branch meeting to send 3 members, to be chosen by the President, to attend the Region 1 Shop Steward Training class in Las Vegas, April 11-14, 2019. Cost not to exceed \$ 5,500.00.

M/S/C

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION---Branch send 4 members, to be chosen by the President, to attend the Region 1 Shop Steward Training class in Las Vegas, April 11-14, 2019.

Cost not to exceed \$ 5,500.00.
M/S/C

MOTION---Branch pay the unsecured property tax bill for July 2019 -June 2020. Cost to the Branch \$ 185.98
M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANIMOUS VOTE

Good of the Association

New member JUAN SANCHEZ SOTO was sworn in and presented with his NALC Membership pin by Brother's BURTON & MULLINAX. Congratulations JUAN, and welcome to the NALC Branch 2462.

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 STEVE SEYFRIED--RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 4 DAN RATHBONE--RETIREE--DONATED
\$ 8 RICHARD DUENEZ--ENCINO--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 7:24 pm

