

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By JANETTE DOLABSON

Consolidated Casing Sherman Oaks

We are filing a lot of grievances for Sherman Oaks regarding Consolidating casing. Some of the issues we are not going to be able to come to any agreement on so those are being appealed. The Article 8 grievances are mostly being settled at the local level. Some of the issues we are seeing in the office that continue to happen that can be fixed by the carriers is the continuous working off the clock. We know there is a lot of pressure for carriers to get off the clock in the afternoon. But some folks are clocking in from the street and then immediately clock out end tour and continue to work off the clock. Some are coming in early and working at the cases off the clock cleaning up from the day before. Some are working during their breaks and not taking your lunches. Some are not doing their vehicle inspections. Some are doing the vehicle inspections off the clock before they begin tour. We know this process stinks. It's frustrating. Your routes are not 8 hours. This process is considered, by the Postal Service as a "test" but our contract is not a test. They still must follow the contract. When they don't, we file a grievance. If you don't want this process to succeed, then don't give them free time. Stop working off the clock. Every minute you give them helps them make this ridiculous process look better for them. The working conditions are rough. You are all working hard and doing your best to get through it. We know you just want to get off and go home. We do understand that. Hopefully the NALC at the National Level will win in arbitration and the USPS will have to end this consolidating "test". But as you know by now, arbitration cases can take a long time to be heard and a long time before there is a decision. We ask that you have patience. We can't just wave a magic wand and make it all go away. I wish we could.

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS OF BRANCH OFFICERS

This is official notice to members of Branch 2462 that nominations for the following offices will be held at the regular branch meeting April 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the Branch Union Hall 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave # 104, Van Nuys California. The Offices are President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt-at-Arms, Three (3) Trustee's, Editor, Health Benefits Representative, and Mutual Benefits Representative. No one may be nominated for more than one (1) office. Candidates must accept nomination at the time made or, if absent, in writing to be received by the Branch Secretary no later than April 10, 2020. The terms of Office shall be for a three year period. Candidates elected shall be delegates to the National and State Conventions as stated in the Branch By-Laws.

ELECTION

The election shall be conducted by secret mailed ballot. All ballots will be mailed First Class to the home addresses of eligible members no later than May 11, 2020. The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Executive Board of Branch 2462, NALC, which shall not be in violation of the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Rules of the National Executive Council. Ballots must be mailed back to the Election Committee, 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave # 104, Van Nuys, California 91406 and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020. The counting of the ballots will take place on Thursday, May 28, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave., # 104 Van Nuys, California. All candidates and members may observe the counting.

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VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

By

John Burton

Today, the House of Representatives passed the USPS Fairness Act (H.R. 2382) in a 309 to 106 vote. As letter carriers know, this bipartisan bill seeks to end the mandate for the Postal Service to prefund retiree health care decades in advance.

Passage of H.R. 2382 is a tremendous achievement for letter carriers and the broader postal community. This is the first major piece of legislation tackling postal issues that has passed the House of Representatives since the 2006 passage of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, which forced the disastrous prefunding mandate onto our employer.

"Letter carriers should be proud of their hard work to educate members of Congress and gain their support on this very important issue," said NALC President Fred Rolando. "House passage is a major victory in the battle to end this disastrous mandate, but our work is not done. We must now turn our attention to the Senate."

NALC asks letter carriers to please thank their Members of Congress who voted in support of the bill. The roll call vote of yea's and nay's may be found here. Now that the bill has advanced through the House, it will be up to the Senate to act on S. 2965, the bipartisan companion bill. Letter carriers should be ready to engage and educate their Senators and staff on the need to repeal the prefunding mandate.

Our union has endorsed Dem. Christy Smith for Congress for the 25th congressional district which includes antelope valley, Santa Clarita valley, parts of Simi Valley and Porter Ranch. Christy will be an advocate for the NALC, and I encourage everyone in the district to vote for her twice one for the remainder of this term and second for the next term.

ATTENDANCE CHART BRANCH MEETINGS

MONTH J F M A M J J A S O N

MAIN OFFICE	1	6
ENCINO	4	8
PANORAMA CITY	3	4
SHERMAN OAKS	4	3
SUN VALLEY	1	0
TARZANA	1	1
RETIREE'S	4	5
TOTAL	18	27

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

**NEXT MEETING
6:30 PM**

**MARCH
3rd
"2020"**

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

Mar 6, 2020

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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 date will be March 28, 2020 (4th Saturday) So, please mark your calendar....We hope to see you there. Thank You

Bob Johnson



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Are Used For This Fund
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Route Inspections

Starting at the end of February we are having some of our zones scheduled for route inspections. First will be Encino 91316 zone. We held an inspection class for them at the end Feb. The next class will be for Panorama City in March. They are scheduled for inspections the week of March 21. We will hold an inspection class the week before. I will send out a sign-up sheet for that class. The last zone scheduled for inspections will be Encino 91436 zone the week of May 16th. We will hold a class for that one the week before that inspection. I can not stress enough how important it is to attend the inspection classes held at the union office especially if you are a regular carrier on a route, a CCA on an opt or anyone who has not gone through an inspection before. CCA Conversion from Postal Record

Up Dates

NALC and USPS have settled a national-level grievance regarding non-compliance with the contractual caps on the employment of City Carrier Assistants (CCAs). This settlement (M-01906) provides that all city carrier assistants in any size office with 30 months of relative standing on February 15, 2020, will be converted to career status within 60 days from the signing of the agreement on January 22, 2020. CCAs meeting this criteria in 200-workyear offices or larger will be converted to full-time regular, and CCAs meeting this criteria in all other offices will be converted to part-time flexible.

Select districts will make conversions to career status in addition to those described above. The districts where these conversions will take place and the number of months of relative standing to be used are identified in the settlement. The criteria for these additional conversions will otherwise be the same. All CCAs converted to career status in accordance with this settlement will be converted within their current installation. NALC projects this settlement will result in almost 4,800 CCA conversions to career status, including approximately 3,000 conversions to part-time flexible in smaller offices.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Steve Seyfried

In an effort allow more members to serve in the Branch, I have voluntarily resigned my position as Editor of the MailCall. I have enjoyed my 20 plus years as Editor and have the utmost confidence that the quality and integrity this publication has strived to maintain will continue. At the February Regular Meeting the membership concurred with the recommendation of the Executive Board, and appointed FRANCISCO VALENZUELA, of Panorama City Station, to act as Editor until the elections.

Health Benefit Report

By

Larry Dolabson, HBR

NALC Health Plan Members there is a few Hospitals that are no longer within in your network. One of them is Northridge Hospital. They have terminated their Cigna Open Access Plus contract. The following PPO facilities DO have access. Please make sure that you go to one of these Hospitals and Medical Centers for care:

Providence Tarzana Medical Center, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, West Hills Hospital and Medical Center, Providence Holy Cross, Pacifica Hospital of the Valley, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.

To be sure there is no interruption in your medical care, the Plan does provide transitional care for those members who are being treated by specialists for chronic and disabling conditions and will lose access to their physicians. This allows the patient to continue care with their current provider, for 90 days from January 31, 2020. It also allows time to transition to another provider who is a PPO participant.

If you have questions about whether your Hospital that is not on the list above is within network please call 1-877-220-6252.

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 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

February 4, 2020

By

Steve Seyfried, Secretary

The Meeting was held at ASKEW HALL 6910 Hayvenhurst Ave 104, 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 RAUL DOZAL

MOMENT OF SILENCE-----In Memory All members of the NALC and U S Military who passed this year. Thank you all for your Service

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

ABSENT---NONE

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN MAIL CALL
CORRESPONDENCE READ

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

KELVIN GREENLEAF, COLEMAN SCHULTZ, ESMERALDA GUZMAN, HUGO REYES, LUISA RAMON, SERGIO RANGEL, GABRIELLA SANDOVAL, BARRY JOHNSON

BILLS READ---NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE Budget is done, Audit will be finished before next meeting, date to be announced soon.

HEALTH & SAFETY Next meeting Feb 14th. Dog bite incident in Main Office. Always treat dogs as a threat, even if you have interacted with them in the past.

TRUSTEES No Report

RETIRES 5 retiree's present tonight.

Saturday breakfast. will be on Saturday, March 28th.

MDA FUND--DOZAL Currently \$1320.00 in fund

HBR--L. DOLABSON We had 7 new members join the plan this year, there are now 100 of our Branch members in the NALC Health Plan. Watch for article in MailCall next month regarding important changes being made.

MDA--MACARAEG The L A County MDA is combining the Southern California Muscle Walk into one big event this year on October 24, 2020. Watch for further information and plan on attending. Bowl-a-Thon plans are being worked out, hopefully we will be having another soon.

MBA--ENZ I will not be running for reelection. Any member with an MBA plan may seek office.

EPA--DANIELS GAYE spoke on suicide prevention and the signs to help prevent it. As always EAP is free and confidential to all Active Carriers and their families.

FINANCIAL SECT REPORT--MULLINAX Over 20 CCA's have quit over the last several months. As of February 15th any CCA with 30 months or more will be converted to Regular Carrier. Sending out calendars to retired members who requested them.

TREASURERS REPORT--JOHNSON READ

MOTION—Accept the Financial Reports as read M/S/C
VICE-PRESIDENT BURTON HR 2382, prefunding revocation bill, now has 301 sponsors and will go to the House floor this week for a vote. 25th Congressional Candidate Kristy Smith has been endorsed by the NALC
PRESIDENT J. DOLABSON Gave her report which will be published in the MailCall

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES READ

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed By-Law changes published in Feb MailCall will be voted on next Regular Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION—Branch purchase 10 men's and 5 women's NALC watches. Cost \$ 1275.00 M/S/C

MOTION—Branch endorse Congressman BRAD SHERMAN for reelection in the 30th Congressional District M/S/C

MOTION—Branch purchase a new television Cost to the Branch \$ 717.74 M/S/C

MOTION—Branch accept the 2020 Budget as printed in the MailCall, with notation the Item 1 should read 365 (Regular Members) M/S/C

UNDERLINED INDICATES UNANAMOUS VOTE

Good of the Association

There is a Letter Carrier Resource Guide available to all active members on the NALC website at NALC.ORG. Go to site and in the upper righthand corner you will see MEMBERS PORTAL. Click on that button and follow the instructions. This section is full of informative and interesting items that you will find helpful and interesting. Refreshments are provided tonight to celebrate TIA WILSON's RETIREMENT from the Postal Service. We are very happy for TIA and wish her well. Now she will have more time to donate to the Branch, just kidding, TIA does, has, and always will work for the benefit of Letter Carriers. CONGRATULATIONS TIA !!!!!!!

MDA DRAWING

\$ 3 MIGUEL MALDANALDO—MAIN OFFICE--
DONATED

\$ 5 TIA WILSON—RETIREE

\$ 9 RAPHAEL PEREZ—PANORAMA CITY--DONATED

Meeting Adjourned 8:15