

# MAIL CALL

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

**Greetings Brothers and Sisters** - Those special holidays are right around the corner as we prepare to conclude another year in our postal careers. Mail volume seems to be picking up a little in most of our offices. Parcel business is steady throughout, even though Amazon is developing their own delivery drivers more and more in our area as well as using Uber/Lyft drivers to deliver some parcels. So now it looks like Amazon is testing their ability to deliver their own parcels. We will have to see how that all pans out for our future.

**DISCIPLINE** - Discipline is on the rise for what management calls stationary events. This means that anytime your scanner is not moving for a period of 5 or so minutes or more, management is given an alert that is being monitored in the district offices in Santa Clarita. They in turn send out an email advising our station management to investigate and see what the carrier is doing while stationary. Management is also using the scanner to determine whether or not carriers are expanding their lunch breaks. Don't forget, you now have a GPS device attached to your person or satchel while you are on the street, except during your lunch break and comfort stops. We all need to realize this and keep our scanners on us while we are working. We also have an obligation to be gainfully employed while on the clock.

**OVERTIME** - Based on language in the new collective bargaining agreement, ALL overtime worked will now be counted towards equitability. In the past only overtime worked OFF of your assignment counted towards equitability. Management finally saw the light and agreed with the union to count overtime

worked on one's own assignment towards equitability which now allows OTDL carriers to work overtime on their assignment instead of carrying overtime on some other assignment.

**CELL PHONE ABUSE BY MANAGEMENT** - Once again management is using pressure to force letter carriers to use their personal cell phones for USPS business. Unfortunately, letter carriers are going along with this by providing management their cell phone numbers. Now management can call you 24/7. They can text you 24/7. They can ruin your off work time/days off. There is no need for this. Carriers ARE NOT required to provide management with any phone number EXCEPT an emergency contact. Management told me, as well as other carriers, that they needed my cell phone number. I told them they were not paying that bill and were not going to get my cell phone number. They in turn stated that they needed my cell phone number for an emergency contact. I said "so when I am lying dead on the street you are going to call my cell phone to notify me?" That idiot manager walked away with no cell phone number. Brothers and Sisters, this is a true story dealing with my supervisor in the office. Unfortunately, this line about an emergency contact has fooled many carriers. We really need to pay attention whenever management is speaking to us so we don't get fooled. For those of you that are constantly being harassed on your cell phone by management, I would highly recommend that you change your number, and don't ever give the new number to management or use it to call management.

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**Desk of the President – Continued**

**HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OPEN SEASON** - Open Season for enrollment in a Federal Health Benefit Plan is also upon us from November 13, 2017 to December 11, 2017. It is most important that all eligible letter carriers take advantage of this time to enroll in a health benefit plan or change from an existing plan to another one. I would highly recommend that each and every member be a part of the NALC Health Benefit Plan. When I started as a carrier, I selected Blue Cross/Blue Shield because that was a very well recognized organization and I thought it would be best. After a few years I reviewed the available plans and elected to join the NALC Health Benefit Plan. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. This plan has been extremely helpful in dealing with all of my own and my family's health issues.

As a member of the NALC High Option Plan, you can use any doctor/provider that you want. However, the savings grow even higher if you go the extra step and make sure your doctor, hospital, or urgent care center is in the plan. As for lab work, you will pay a premium price for that if you go outside the plan.

However, it is free if all your lab work is done at either Labcorp or Quest. That in itself is a great savings.

This plan is owned and operated by letter carriers, so why would a member not use this plan? Because we own it, when we call the company we are immediately talking to a human being that is located in the United States. We are not dealing with a computer or some random person overseas. Because we own the plan we are able to recommend that if our doctor or medical facility is not in the NALC network, the insurance company will reach out to the provider and see if they can sign them up. What more service could you ask for? Oh yeah, the price is also very competitive for health insurance. Just check and see what any of your friends or family is paying for their health benefits. So don't think about this too long, you might miss the deadline. You need to do your own investigation right now.

Mike Wylly  
President

Listed are the basic costs for our Health Plan:

Type of Enrollment	Enrollment Code	Non-Postal Premium				Postal Premium	
		Biweekly		Monthly		Biweekly	
		Gov't Share	Your Share	Gov't Share	Your Share	Category 1 Your Share	Category 2 Your Share
High Option Self Only	321	\$229.25	\$78.79	\$496.71	\$170.71	\$72.42	\$66.06
High Option Self Plus One	323	\$491.00	\$187.06	\$1,063.83	\$405.30	\$173.42	\$159.78
High Option Self and Family	322	\$518.78	\$172.93	\$1,124.03	\$374.68	\$157.36	\$143.53
CDHP Self Only	324	\$160.70	\$53.56	\$348.17	\$116.06	\$48.74	\$44.46
CDHP Self Plus One	326	\$347.62	\$115.87	\$753.17	\$251.06	\$105.44	\$96.17
CDHP Self and Family	325	\$353.37	\$118.45	\$769.96	\$256.65	\$107.79	\$98.32
Value Option Self Only	KM1	\$131.89	\$43.96	\$285.76	\$95.25	\$40.01	\$36.49
Value Option Self Plus One	KM3	\$285.28	\$95.09	\$618.11	\$206.03	\$86.53	\$78.93
Value Option Self and Family	KM2	\$291.77	\$97.26	\$632.18	\$210.72	\$88.50	\$80.72

**Postal Category 1** rates apply to career bargaining unit employees who are represented by the following agreements: APWU, IT/ASC, NALC, NPMHU, NPPN and NRLCA.

**Postal Category 2** rates apply to career bargaining unit employees who are represented by the following agreements: PPOA.

**Non-Postal rates apply to all career non-bargaining unit Postal Service employees.**

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Wyly. The pledge of allegiance was led by Shop Steward Rob Burskey and there was a moment of silence for recently departed brothers and sisters. The roll call was answered by twelve officers and stewards in good standing. The order of business was suspended to allow introduction of Jasmine Correa, Congressional District Liaison, from NALC Branch 4430, who introduced Bryan Caforio, running for Congress in District 25. Candidate Caforio addressed the membership and shared his support for the Postal Service and his interest in letter carrier issues. Motion passed that the Branch go on record as endorsing Candidate Caforio for Congress (Collier/Zorn). Motion passed to waive the reading of the minutes and to have them stand corrected as recorded in the Mail Call (Collier/Costanzo). Motion passed to excuse Chuck Sheets from the meeting (Temblador/Costanzo). HT Tran resignation letter from Trustee/Steward position was read. Motion passed to accept the following new members: Kenneth Baldelomar, Tierra Hall, Raphael Moreno, Zean Parchamento and Michael Tannan (Siechert/Temblador). Bills read, motion passed that warrants be drawn and bills be paid (Siechert/Costanzo).

MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn updated on the MDA Walk on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Taking donations, T-shirts for sale and volunteers for the walk are encouraged. Sister Zorn also reported on legislative updates and Senate/House budget issues were read by President Wyly. HBR Washington reported on the importance of flu shots and our upcoming open season for choosing a health plan. Leroy Collier read the audit report and a motion passed that the report be accepted as read (Collier/Burskey). Motion passed that proposed By-Law changes be approved in block (Zorn/Siechert) Yes:16. No: 0. Motion passed to accept the recommendations from the Executive Board 1) That the Branch pay mileage and up to \$20 receipted meal allowance for a maximum of six attendees to the LMOU training on 9/24/17. Vice President to be paid up to 8 hrs @ \$20/hr and all other attendees will be on a volunteer basis (Burskey/Siechert) 2) That the Branch host the annual retirement banquet to include complimentary dinner for retirees and a guest. Active members/guests will deposit \$25 to reserve a space and deposit will be refunded, for active members only, upon attendance at the banquet. Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. (Siechert/Costanzo).

Submitted by,

*Nancy Norman*

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Secretary-Treasurer

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Wyly. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Ric Roldan and there was a moment of silence for recently departed brothers and sisters and for victims of recent tragedies world-wide. Roll call was answered by thirteen officers and stewards in good standing. Motion passed to waive reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, to be printed in the Mail Call (Costanzo/Burskey). Motion passed that minutes from previous meeting be printed for members prior to voting on acceptance at the membership meeting (Zorn/Burskey). Bills read, motion passed that warrants be drawn and bills be paid (Burskey/Munoz). Treasurer's Report was read and motion passed to accept the report (Kasenko/Costanzo).

The following members were accepted and welcomed on the first reading: Kenny Aguilar, Narinderjit Banga, Jovante Benton, Joshua Cuevas, Jose Diaz, Frank Hernandez, Amber Meade, Keyra Moore, Patrik Moosakhanian, Freddy Prieto, Oliver Samaco, Andres Sandoval, Joseph Sheskey, (Siechert/Kasenko). **Welcome!**

MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn reported on Walk-a-Thon and funds raised. Sister Zorn also reported on the Letter Carrier Political Fund requesting more participation and on the upcoming Retiree Banquet on November 5<sup>th</sup>. HBR Walter Washington reported on health benefit plan reminding members of open season and the fact that the NALC was able to negotiate a limited rise in premiums. Food Drive Coordinator Rob Burskey reported on Salvation Army/Glendale Grand Opening and presented the Branch with a Food Drive 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration plaque. President Wyly gave the Hurricane Harbor picnic report and ticket sales of \$5510 – motion passed to accept the report (Burskey/Siechert).

Announcement that By-Law changes were approved by National office. Discussion on excessing and for members to contact President Wyly immediately with any issues. It was also announced that Donald Smith, former Trustee and long-time union activist, was finally laid to rest at sea on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. (Temblador/Siechert).

Submitted by,

*Nancy Norman*

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Secretary-Treasurer

# TREASURER'S REPORT SEP/OCT 2017

INCOME	SEP	OCT			
Active Rebate	23,671.40	35,370.25	<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>		
Retiree Rebate	0.00	275.11	<b>9/30/2017</b>		
Direct Dues	53.58	375.27	General Checking	\$141,481.67	
Interest-Dividend	213.98	216.54	Mikita Scholarship	\$5,124.27	
Branch Picnic - Ticket Sales	5,510.00	0.00	Building Fund	\$250,165.02	
Other Income	0.00	50.00	Convention Fund	\$37,419.14	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$29,448.96</b>	<b>\$36,287.17</b>			
			<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$434,190.10</b>	
EXPENSES	SEP	OCT			
Branch Picnic	8,006.25	0.00	<b>10/31/2017</b>		
Car Allowance	400.00	400.00	General Checking	\$142,874.28	
COP Meeting	743.14	0.00	Mikita Scholarship	\$5,174.49	
Food Drive	0.00	0.00	Building Fund	\$250,333.44	
Gardening	0.00	0.00	Convention Fund	\$39,348.21	
Insurance	0.00	0.00			
Internet	90.00	90.00	<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$437,730.42</b>	
Mail Call	122.05	0.00			
Mileage	0.00	33.17			
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00			
National Convention	0.00	0.00			
Office Expenses	85.30	718.57			
Office Supplies	439.74	550.77			
Officer Benefits	1,965.46	2,077.95			
Officer/Steward Salary	15,468.79	15,719.00			
Payroll Taxes	1,225.55	1,244.96			
Per Capita Tax	27.50	27.50			
Postage	78.42	67.99			
Professional Fees	0.00	1,850.00			
Publications & Newsletters	0.00	0.00			
Retiree Banquet	0.00	300.00			
Retiree Bonus	0.00	100.00			
Seminars & Education	100.73	338.53			
State Convention	0.00	0.00			
Telephone	134.07	207.87			
Utilities	352.06	10.48			
Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$29,339.06</b>	<b>\$23,836.79</b>			
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$109.90</b>	<b>\$12,450.38</b>			



*"Now, keep in mind that these numbers are only as accurate as the fictitious data, ludicrous assumptions and wishful thinking they're based upon!"*

## NON-MEMBER ROSTER - BRANCH 2200

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POST OFFICE	PL	REG/CCA	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POST OFFICE	PL	REG/CCA
Choi	Mong	Altadena	10	R	Galen	Joe	Pasadena	8	R
Gonzalez	Heather	Altadena	10	R	Garcia	Johnny	Pasadena	4	R
Ragay	Edwin	Altadena	10	R	Germann	Daniel	Pasadena	3	R
Syavong	Norkham	Altadena	0	R	Ho	Raymond	Pasadena	7	R
					Kim	Sung	Pasadena	3	R
Banh	Kelly	Glendale	121	R	Lam	Tung	Pasadena	8	R
Bilemjian	Ara	Glendale	161	R	Lennick	William	Pasadena	999	R
Diep	Cuong	Glendale	104	R	Manju	Mohammed	Pasadena	6	R
Duran	Maria	Glendale	161	R	Mejia	Gerald	Pasadena	5	R
Esguerra	Benito	Glendale	141	R	Monell	Westley	Pasadena	6	R
Garcia	Raymond	Glendale	104	R	Moreno	Jose	Pasadena	4	R
Gasparian	Meridjan	Glendale	151	R	Morgan	John	Pasadena	4	CCA
Hovhannesian	Azad	Glendale	104	R	Nguyen	Minh	Pasadena	6	R
Isajani	Derik	Glendale	161	R	Phan	Johnny	Pasadena	5	R
Jung	Eddie	Glendale	121	R	Trac	Tam	Pasadena	1	R
Khuu	David	Glendale	141	R	Valdez	Ruby	Pasadena	7	R
Nguyen	Hung	Glendale	107	R	Victorio	Rodel	Pasadena	5	R
Nilluang	Noppadol	Glendale	141	R	Wang	David	Pasadena	1	R
Phung	Phan	Glendale	161	R	Xu	Bing	Pasadena	7	R
Rodriguez	Linda	Glendale	161	R					
Sanchez	Andrea	Glendale	141	R	Amado	Christopher	Santa Clarita	740	R
Soldatenko	George	Glendale	104	R	Davinroy	Andrew	Santa Clarita	320	R
Suh	Uk Sun	Glendale	141	R	Dominguez	Rocky	Santa Clarita	0	R
Sung	Peilang	Glendale	161	R	Frasca, Jr.	Carmine	Santa Clarita	320	R
Tang	Danny	Glendale	161	R	Froerer	Michael	Santa Clarita	120	R
Wen	Raymond	Glendale	104	R	Heath, Jr.	Howard	Santa Clarita	320	R
					Lartigue	Kim	Santa Clarita	120	R
Trang	Chinh	La Canada	101	R	Lartigue	Peter	Santa Clarita	120	R
					Navarro	Junzky	Santa Clarita	120	R
Arvizo	Aurora	Pasadena	4	R	Safarians	Alvat	Santa Clarita	620	R
Asuncion	Joel	Pasadena	6	R	Spasoff	Carl	Santa Clarita	620	R
Barsamian	Razmik	Pasadena	6	R	Wieczorek	Paul	Santa Clarita	520	R
Chau	Sy	Pasadena	3	R	Ybarra	Jose	Santa Clarita	120	R
Chavez	Anthony	Pasadena	10	R					
Chen	Juo Luen	Pasadena	7	R	Helstrom	Paula	Sunland	320	R
Frigillana	Abraham	Pasadena	0	R	Srirathu	Rawat	Sunland	320	R

Branch 2200 will pay \$100 to the first member (President not eligible) to sign up a non-member in a pay status on this list, with a completed, signed Form 1187. Payment processed upon completion of probation and first successful deduction. See your shop steward for forms or contact the Branch office at 626-798-6122. Our goal is 100% Membership!!

**Meeting Attendance**

**September/October 2017**

**Officers:**

- President Mike Wyly - P/P
- Vice President Serop Karchikyan - P/P
- Secy-Treas Nancy Norman - P/P
- Financial Secy Frank Costanzo - P/P
- Sergeant at Arms Ric Roldan - E/P
- Health Benefits Rep Walter Washington - P/P
- Trustee Carolyn Zorn - P/P
- Trustee Leroy Collier - P/P
- Trustee Artur Aghakhanyan - P/P
- MBA Representative Vinh Trieu - P/P

**Stewards:**

- Verdugo Viejo 05/08 - Serop Karchikyan - P/P
- Verdugo Viejo 06 - Thor Kasenko - P/P
- La Crescenta: Artur Aghakhanyan - O/P
- Pasadena GMF 01: Kevin Nguyen - A/A
- Jackie Robinson 03/04: Carolyn Zorn - P/P
- Tujunga: Rob Burskey - P/P
- South Pasadena: Vinh Trieu - P/P
- La Canada/Montrose: Tina Giancanelli - P/P
- Canyon Country: Chuck Sheets - A/A

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.\*\***

**Union Office - 1310 N Oxford Ave in Pasadena**

\*\*In celebration of the holidays, the Branch will be serving a light meal beginning at 6 p.m. before the December membership meeting. Special thanks to Pasadena Letter Carrier Alan Yang for his contribution.

**FEDERAL HEALTH BENEFIT**  
**OPEN SEASON**

**NOVEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 11**

Our Health Benefits Representative Walter Washington is back from last month's 33<sup>rd</sup> National Health Benefit Plan Seminar.

You will not want to miss our next General Membership Meeting, November 14<sup>th</sup>, to learn more about the NALC Health Benefits Plan.

**High School Senior???**

See inside for Saxsenmeier Scholarship Application **due Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

Call 626-798-6122 for copies of application or download at [csalc.org](http://csalc.org)

The Mikita Scholarship Application will appear in the next issue

**A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR**

It's been one year since we had a major national election. As letter carriers, we have flown under the current presidential administration's radar, but this can change in an instant. It is not enough to vote every four years, or even every two. Take a moment to consider the dirty work of politics. Well, do not dwell too long, just give thanks to the Letter Carrier Political Fund. Every day, our Political Fund is lobbying, advocating, and fighting for us in Washington.

Come to the next meeting and find out how the Letter Carrier Political Fund is fighting for our jobs and livelihood every day.



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